

**State Capitol and Executive Residence Board
Governor's Conference Room
March 12, 2018 Minutes**

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Risser, at 1:00pm in the Governor's Conference Room.

2. Roll Call

SCERB Recording Secretary, Jillian Vessely, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Senator Risser, Senator Olsen, Representative Loudenbeck, Representative Berceau, Representative Born, Ms. Alton, Ms. Brown, Mr. Fernholz, Mr. Kay, Ms. Neitzel, Ms. Reed, Mr. Siggelkow, Ms. Torstveit, and Ms. Veltum.

Members Absent: Senator Roth and Mr. Draeger.

Guests Present: Mrs. Walker, First Lady; Madeline Henry, Office of Mrs. Walker; Danielle Zimmerman, Office of Representative Loudenbeck; Kate Pabich, Office of Speaker Vos; Jason Rittel, DOA-DFDM; John Schroeder, WisconsinEye; Matthew Peters, WisconsinEye; Kathleen Ferrero, Ken Saiki Design, Inc.; Ken Saiki, Ken Saiki Design, Inc.; Jamie Patrick, Madison Area Sports Commission; Janine Wachter, Madison Area Sports Commission; Jordan Lamb, DeWitt Ross & Stevens.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (October 16, 2017)

Motion #1: Representative Olsen moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Fernholz.

Motion #1 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. Subcommittee Reports

The Furniture and Finishes subcommittee report is tied to agenda item #7; therefore, discussions began with the Garden Master Planning and Capitol Park subcommittee. Mr. Fernholz, Subcommittee Chair, introduced the main topic of review which was the Capitol Promenade Tree Study.

After the August 2017 SCERB meeting, a DOA-DFDM led work group was formed between Mr. John Fernholz, DOA-DFDM staff, and outside experts (landscape design, arborists, etc.) to examine the promenade's tree decline. The work group met on six different occasions to study the park's current tree plan, establish the inadequacies it's currently facing, and develop recommendations moving forward. The report that was presented to the board as a result of this study was put together by Ken Saiki Design, Inc. The report included current condition results, a scoring matrix, and recommendations on new tree species and groupings. Mr. Rittel, who is a member of DOA-DFDM staff and this work group, further explained the current conditions and the process desired moving forward to help regenerate growth around

the promenade.

Under the current design, the soil trenches and iron gates that were constructed to promote root growth are no longer producing results. Core sampling conducted in December 2017 indicated very little to no root migration to the Capitol Park. In addition, regular soil samples and root analysis show continued signs of chlorosis of the promenade trees. Despite the state's continued efforts to monitor pH levels, use environmentally friendly de-icing products, perform macronutrient infusion and more, the trees have struggled to absorb the proper nutrients and flourish.

The work group has requested approval of a multi-phase replacement process. Based on an analysis conducted in 2016, the promenade trees were scored into three categories: Good (green), Fair (yellow) and Poor (red). As indicated in the tree condition report, there were five promenade trees that fell into the poor (red) category and are recommended for immediate replacement in the spring. It is the intent of this work group to review the trees three times per year – in the spring, summer and fall. Based on the matrix, trees will need to score into the poor (red) category for two consecutive evaluations in order to qualify for replacement, unless there is an emergent situation that requires immediate removal. Re-plantings will take place in the spring growth season. When it is designated which trees will require replacement, DOA-DFDM will put together a bid specification and send it out to various vendors.

The board praised the work group on their efforts and findings, and while they agree with the proposed process, they would like continued updates year-to-year on how the replacement plan is going.

Motion #2: Senator Olsen moved to approve the Capitol Promenade tree replacement plan as proposed by the subcommittee. Seconded by Mr. Fernholz.

Motion #2 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5. State Capitol Updates

Ms. Veltum and Mr. Rittel provided brief updates regarding the following projects at the State Capitol:

- **Dome Envelope Study:**
The dome study and minor repairs to the dome were completed last fall. The project to complete all necessary repairs will proceed to design and later Building Commission for approval.
- **Assembly Chambers Ceiling Restoration:**
Laura Davis with Isthmus Architecture was selected as the A/E for this project. The project is anticipated to proceed to Building Commission in April 2018. Decorative painting and stenciling will be completed by State staff anticipated for the summer of 2018 if approved.
- **Security Upgrade:**
Design is ongoing for this project and will begin construction in summer through spring of 2019.

- **Flagpole Refinishing:**
This project is anticipated to begin this summer into fall of 2018.
- **Bucky on Parade:**
Originally approved at the August 2017 meeting for a maximum of 20 statues to be placed at the Capitol, the quantity has been reduced to potentially eight statues instead. The current plan is that four Bucky's will be placed at each exterior corner of the Capitol, and two inside the Capitol Rotunda. Two additional Bucky's are currently in consideration for placement at the Capitol. The Bucky's will be on display from May until September 2018.
- **Concerts on the Square:**
Mr. Rittel provided information regarding the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra (WCO) canopy indicating that WCO used a SOSONIC canopy throughout the previous two seasons of Concerts on the Square. There is now a new proposed Stageline canopy they will be using instead that is less timely to assemble and tear down; quicker to lower in case of inclement weather; and has a lower weight impact on the Capitol grounds (going from four posts to 16).
- **Wisconsin Eye Camera Upgrade Project / Mr. John Schroeder:**
Mr. Schroeder provided an update to the board on the latest meetings with DOA-DFDM regarding installation recommendations, as well as indicating that WisconsinEye has hired an integrator for this work. Tally lighting and camera protocol were also discussed.

6. Executive Residence Updates

Ms. Veltum provided brief updates regarding the following projects at the Executive Residence:

- **Sound System Upgrade:**
The intent was for this project to already be in construction, but DOA-DFDM found lead in the ceiling paint, as well as a lining cloth installed on the Dining Room ceiling that needed to be considered prior to proceeding with installations. The project has started and will be completed by the end of April 2018.
- **Dining Room Refinishing:**
The work has started with design per Frank Riley's 1919 drawing as presented to SCERB last year. Lead abatement was also necessary in this room. The project plan is to be completed by the end of the year.
- **Dumbwaiter Replacement:**
The dumbwaiter project is moving ahead as anticipated and will take approximately two weeks for installation once the unit has arrived onsite.
- **Insulation Upgrades:**
The insulation project bid over budget. DOA has put this project on hold until further notice.

7. State Capitol & Executive Residence Items for Approval

Ms. Veltum and Mr. Rittel provided an overview of the items seeking approval from the full board.

State Capitol Governor's Office Chair Purchase:

Frank Remington is a public citizen who is in possession of an original Governor's office chair that he would like to sell to the state. The chair would be purchased from the restoration fund for the cost of a replica chair minus any restoration fees. Representative Born inquired as to how he came to own the chair and Ms. Torstveit explained that many years ago, the Capitol had sold its furniture. As they are now considered historic pieces, it has since been the goal for the state to buy back any original items, over creating additional replicas, that may be presented or found.

Motion #3: Representative Loudenbeck moved to approve the purchase of Frank Remington's original Governor's office chair utilizing Restoration Funds. Seconded by Senator Olsen.

Motion #3 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

State Capitol Dome Lighting Upgrade:

The Capitol dome lighting upgrade project proposes to replace the 48-existing metal halide exterior dome light fixtures with 40 new LED light fixtures. The existing lighting controls and wiring will remain the same. The new, reduced number of LED fixtures will improve energy efficiency, lower maintenance costs, and help improve the uniformity and coloring when lighting the dome and statue.

As many have recently observed, the existing metal halide lights make the dome appear a greenish color and do not hit high enough to light the statue. Additional lights that would be required to capture the statue are now obsolete. The new LED lights were tested over several viewing assessments to determine the exact light temperature, size and quantity that were needed for this project. They are easy to install/replace, show a truer color representation, have effective bounce to hit off the dome and light the statue, and have an instant on/off vs. the current metal halide that have a significant delay when lighting up. Representative Berceau asked if the dome was lit other colors if approved by the board and if these new lights were able to do this. Mr. Rittel informed the board that these fixtures do not have the ability to be lit other colors without custom frames for the gels. The existing fixtures have a difficult time utilizing the custom frames and gels due to their greenish color as noted at the most recently approved Capitol 100th Anniversary event.

Motion #4: Senator Olsen moved to approve the dome lighting upgrade project. Seconded by Ms. Alton.

Motion #4 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

State Capitol King Street Vegetable Garden:

The approval for the continued use of one of the exterior circular planters at the Capitol for a community vegetable garden dates back to 2010. Community GroundWorks is seeking approval for the upcoming 2018 growing season at the King Street/East Wing circular planter. It was previously moved from the King Street entrance to the South Hamilton entrance so that it would not interfere with the Centennial celebration garden. The King

Street location has performed well in the past and they hope to switch it back to this location. Ms. Torstveit mentioned that for the upcoming growing season, it is recommended that Community GroundWorks continue to work with DOA-DFDM to ensure the garden is maintained properly.

Motion #5: Representative Loudenbeck moved to approve continued use of the vegetable garden at the King Street location. Seconded by Representative Berceau.

Motion #5 was approved by majority voice vote. Representative Born opposed.

Executive Residence Dining Room Furnishings:

As discussed in previous SCERB meetings, the dining room is being transformed to mimic Frank Riley's 1919 drawings. To coordinate with the wall paneling/moldings, wall sconces have been proposed that mimic the style, location and quantity depicted in the drawings. There will be two wall sconces per wall for a total of eight sconces in the dining room. Ms. Alton, Furniture and Finishes Subcommittee Chair, raised some concerns regarding the two wall sconces that are proposed for the fireplace wall. Since a mirror was previously approved to hang above the fireplace, the subcommittee has yet to see a final design sketch of how the mirror, moldings and wall sconces will fit. Upon clarification of this one wall, the subcommittee does not object to the proposed sconces. If they deem the sconces to be appropriate for this location, the board could call a special meeting via conference call to record the final vote on these two sconce locations.

Motion #6: Ms. Alton moved to approve placement of six of the proposed wall sconces with the remaining two locations to be determined pending final review of the fireplace wall drawings. Seconded by Ms. Torstveit.

Motion #6 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

In addition to the wall sconces, the Frank Riley drawings also depict window drapery in the dining room. On hand were fabric samples for the board to view. Approval is needed to mimic the design of the drapery in shape, size and style. Ms. Alton pointed out that her only concern was that the fabric presented was both a mix of silk and cotton, which can deteriorate over time. Mr. Rittel clarified that the windows have UV protectant film applied and therefore should not be a problem for the fabric proposed.

Motion #7: Ms. Neitzel motioned to approve the dining room drapery as proposed. Seconded by Ms. Torstveit.

Motion #7 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Executive Residence Reception Room Furnishings:

The board reviewed two items that needed approval for the reception room – two table-top lamps and a new rug. The two lamps would be placed one to a console table and are antiqued solid brass with oval pleated fabric shades. The new rug is being designed and will have cream and gold tones with a border and medallion in the center. The existing rug in the

reception room has red and blue tones and is much too dark for the revised design concept. This rug was originally a rug for the dining room prior to replacement. The vendor will buy back the current rug and replace it with the newly designed rug for the reception room if approved.

Motion #8: Ms. Alton moved to approve the proposed lamps for the reception room. Seconded by Ms. Neitzel.

Motion #8 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion #9: Ms. Neitzel moved to approve the reception room rug pending review of the medallion. Seconded by Senator Olsen.

Motion #9 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. 100th Anniversary of State Capitol Update

Ms. Torstveit & Ms. Veltum gave a brief overview of the Centennial Gala. The event was quite successful with 700-800 guests. Pamphlets were passed out at the event that noted the SCERB members. Ms. Torstveit noted that about 600 pounds of leftover food were donated to a local food pantry through Healthy Food For All. A net profit of approximately \$88,000 was generated for the restoration fund. Representative Loudenbeck didn't know what all has been considered at this point but suggested doing a kiosk-style gift shop versus a permanent structure if a gift shop was still being proposed for the Capitol.

9. Other Business

The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 2018 at the Executive Residence, with a confirmed date to come as a later time.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.