



STATE CAPITOL & EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE BOARD

State Capitol | Room 412 East

April 12, 2024

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board was called to order by Legislative Chairperson, Representative Lisa Subeck, at 11:08 am. The meeting was a hybrid meeting taking place both in the State Capitol as well as via video conference.

2. Roll Call

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

Members Present: Senator Kelda Roys, Senator André Jacque, Senator Van Wanggaard, Representative Lisa Subeck, Mr. Rafeeq Asad, Ms. Melissa Destree, Mr. Arlan Kay, Mr. Christian Overland, Senator Janis Ringhand (retired), Ms. Lesley Sager, Mr. Ron Siggelkow, Ms. Marcel Maul, Mr. Tom List, and Ms. Megan Wolf.

Members Absent: Representative Cindi Duchow, Representative Amy Binsfeld.

Guests Present: Darrin Smith, DOA-DFTS; Matt Siller, DOA-DFTS; Ted Crawford, DOA-DFTS; Mike Bath, DOA-DFTS; Sanjay Olson, DOA-DFTS; Cara Connors, DOA Secretary's Office; Charlene Malueg, Governor's Office; Jeanine Schneider, Office of Representative Subeck; Dave Endres, Vel Phillips Task Force Chair; Marilu Knode, Sculpture Milwaukee and Vel Phillips Task Force; Cory Ampe, Vel Phillips Task Force; Jake Brown, Boys and Girls Club of Dane County; Michael Phillips, Son of Vel Phillips; Chris Hanrahan, Jack Shainman Gallery; Michael Johnson, Boys and Girls Club of Dane County; Deputy Chief Christopher Litzkow, State Capitol Police; Nicholas Leete, Rooted.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (May 15, 2023 and Special Session on June 26, 2023)

Motion #1: Ms. Maul moved to approve the minutes from May 15 and June 26, 2023. Seconded by Senator Roys.

Motion #1 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Vel Phillips Statue Proposal | Mr. Christian Overland

Mr. Overland provided a thorough overview of the project's process to date and, along with members from the Vel Phillips Task Force and Mr. Hanrahan, an overview of the final statue proposal that was being recommended for approval by the subcommittee. Special thanks were provided to all active parties that have participated in advancing this project over the last four years. While the Task Force does not know the full extent of projects the artist, Radcliffe Bailey, had in the works before his passing, they are fairly certain that this statue will be the last installation of public art created by him and it is the Task Force's intention to honor his vision. A supplemental packet provided to the board included a history of the subcommittee's work and board's actions to date, along with several photos, renderings, and pertinent information regarding materials selected, installation, care, measurements, and details of the inscription. Mr. Hanrahan also walked the

board through a 3D rendering, and an in-person silhouette was provided in the room for scale. The goal is to install the statue before the end of June.

The Subcommittee recommends approval of:

- The final design of the statue as presented;
- The final base measurements and approach as presented;
- The chosen base material finish and color and that the base be a solid block as presented; and
- Engraving the dedication per the text and methods presented with the stipulation that if irreparable damage occurs, a replacement plaque be provided and adhere to the design and installation guidelines set forth by the Jack Shainman Gallery.

Ms. Destree and Senator Wanggaard both raised concern regarding the dedication and its legibility in terms of accessibility and ADA standards. A majority of the font on the dedication measures about ¾ inches high and the lowest line of text measures about 13.5 inches above grade. While it was acknowledged that the subcommittee, Task Force and Gallery reviewed options for the text in great detail and already recommended adjustments for these exact reasons, the 42-inch overall height of the base itself that was specifically requested by Mr. Bailey does limit additional options. Quora will be working with the Gallery to determine the final depth of the etching to ensure the most visible and legible text possible. Ms. Destree proposed an idea of providing a separate stanchion to sit next to the statue with the text or a QR code that could link users to clearer details of the dedication and information of the piece overall. Senator Wanggaard also referred to a free app that is produced by the University of Wisconsin that could provide this information for further assistance. Ms. Knode noted that Mr. Bailey's signature is not included on the statue and that an Object Label, which is commonly used on statues, may be considered in the future that could also include this information. The Task Force greatly appreciated this feedback and takes the comments seriously. Once the statue is put into fabrication, they will continue to work with DOA and the Subcommittee to explore options and bring back a recommendation for the Board to review.

Motion #2: Mr. Kay moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendations as presented. Seconded by Senator Roys.

Motion #2 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Furniture, Finishes & Art | Ms. Marcel Maul

Executive Residence Powder Room Chair Fabric – This project replaces the upholstery (not original) on two chairs and a bench in the women's powder room at the Residence as the current fabric has been damaged because of an attempt to remove a stain. The subcommittee reviewed two different fabrics and recommends approval of the Charlotte fabric (option #1) as proposed, with the application of a manufacturer approved moisture repellent.

Motion #3: Senator Roys moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Asad.

Motion #3 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

State Capitol North Wing Carpet Replacement – This project addresses the need to replace carpet (not original) in the corridors, Representative offices, and staff offices on all five floors, as well as in the basement, and in the GAR Hearing Room in the North Wing of the Capitol. The subcommittee reviewed three patterns (leaf and two diamond patterns) and two color variations and had a lengthy discussion regarding the ability to mask stains, continuity of shapes or patterns with the rest of the Capitol's finishes, and most importantly,

overall consistency with the other wings of the Capitol and more specifically to the Assembly's other West wing. The new carpet will be installed in 18"x18" tiles which will greatly assist any future replacement needs in the event of irreparable damage. The West wing is scheduled to be part of the 2025-27 Budget and it is intended that these selections would carry forward to provide consistency throughout the building.

The Subcommittee recommends approval of replacing the carpet in the GAR Hearing Room with the current color and pattern that currently exists; as well as approval of replacing the carpet in the Representative offices with a brown leaf pattern as shown and the carpet in the staff offices and corridors with the diamond pattern as shown with a solid carpet border in the corridors.

Senator Roys noted that there were a few members of the subcommittee that disliked the selections made and therefore recommended the board vote to see how the majority falls. Representative Subeck inquired about the other options originally presented to the subcommittee and Ms. Maul clarified that the patterns provided remain the same, but that the various options simply presented different installation layouts of them in the offices and corridors. Representative Subeck also inquired why the carpet is different between the Representative offices and staff offices and it was noted by the Capitol Historian in the subcommittee meeting that this, at one point, was decided to indicate a hierarchy structure between the staff. Mr. Asad noted from an aesthetic standpoint, having one carpet throughout all the offices is not good for any building and that is appropriate to break it up with at least two patterns. A lengthy discussion continued that addressed the various patterns, consistency throughout the Capitol, the dated appearance of the samples, how a decision impacts the timeline to complete this project, and when the other wings would be brought forward again for carpet replacement.

Motion #4: Senator Roys moved to approve the subcommittee's recommendation, except to change the Legislative Offices to brown diamond pattern A as opposed to the gold leaf. No second was provided and the motion failed.

Motion #5: Mr. List moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendation. Seconded by Senator Wanggaard.

Motion #5 was approved by majority voice vote (13-1-2).
Senator Roys opposed the motion.

State Capitol Revolving Door Entrance Stone - This project replaces the existing stone (not original) in all four wing revolving door entryways with the same stone types (various marbles and limestone) as the original design to the extent that they are available, as well as match the color palettes as close as possible. The revolving door panels and operating mechanisms will also be reconditioned. The Subcommittee recommends approval of the replacement plan as presented.

Ms. Destree noted that this plan incorporates less jointing in the design which will help with maintenance. Senator Wanggaard inquired about the downtime for each access point and Mr. List noted that once materials are in place and door reconditioning is done at same time, each revolving door would probably be out of order for 1-2 months; however, the end doors will still be usable.

Motion #6: Senator Roys moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Overland.

Motion #6 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

State Capitol LULA and Hallway Door Replacement - This project will replace the Limited Use Limited Application (LULA) elevator unit in its entirety in the Southeast wing. The doors viewed from the corridors will also change to look more like standard elevator doors versus a wood door. The Subcommittee recommends approval of the replacement plan as proposed.

There were questions from the board regarding the use and need for this elevator moving forward. Ms. Maul and Mr. Smith noted it is an ADA elevator that has previously been used for Joint Finance, or anyone with accessibility needs, to privately navigate between the third and fourth floors. Senator Roys noted that finance hearings do get congested and there is a current member who would need and benefit from this access, therefore it is important to keep to further meet inclusivity and accessibility standards.

Motion #7: Mr. Asad moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendation. Seconded by Senator Roys.

Motion #7 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Garden Master Planning Subcommittee | Vacant Chair

Ms. Wolf and Mr. Leete presented Rooted's circular garden plan for the 2024 growing season for the King Street Vegetable Garden. The focus of this year's garden is Southeast Asian vegetables and medicinal herbs that overlap with the large Hmong population in Madison, as well as a lot of the farmer's market providers. Rooted will once again share planting and maintenance duties with TradeRoots and Urban Triage and have a single sign with a QR code that will route viewers to a website with an updated map and planting details. Rooted is interested in bringing back the concept of offering individual plant labels in the future but will stick to the single QR code for this year. The Subcommittee recommends approval of Rooted's planting plan for 2024.

The Subcommittee would also like to option that SCERB delegate approval of Rooted's planting plans for the King Street Vegetable Garden to DOA-DFTS for the next five years. This is based on the positive feedback from DOA-DFTS on Rooted's much improved accommodations to provide proper plans and follow-through maintenance actions over the last two years. Should the Board deny this option, the Subcommittee and Board could resume the current standard which is to review the plans annually.

Motion #8: Mr. Kay moved to approve the Subcommittee's recommendation for the 2024 garden along with delegating plan approval to DOA-DFTS for the next five years. Seconded by Ms. Maul.

Motion #8 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The next time SCERB will review this item will be for the 2030 planting season.

Due to some members needs to exit the meeting by 1:00pm, the order of the agenda was changed just slightly to accommodate.

5. Executive Residence Items for Consideration

Front Fence and Gate Design – While the fence and gate replacement at the front of the property were approved as part of the security improvements package at the last meeting, this is being brought back to merely approve the design as requested at that time. The new fence proposal includes a 7-foot steel fence that would match the current north and south property fence. Additional stone piers would be added to break up the sight line of the fencing, increase aesthetic appeal, and help secure the gate openings. All fencing would fall in line with the current fence placement.

There was some concern from the board regarding the small size of the intermediate posts, which Mr. List noted as being 2.5 inches. The board recommended these be increased to fall somewhere between 3-4 inches instead. Ms. Destree also wondered if any consideration was given to including additional finials or an embellishment on the entrance gates, similar to what currently exists, as there is no added distinction from the gates to the rest of the fence. While this could be investigated, with consideration of sliding gate mechanisms and maintaining appropriate crash ratings, it was noted that the current proposal coincides and matches closely with other properties that were designed by Frank Riley. Ms. Maul also noted that the final design is subject to approval from the Village of Maple Bluff as well.

Motion #9: – Mr. Overland moved to approve the proposed fence design but increase the size of the intermediate posts to 3.5 inches, as well as review options of creating a distinction at the gates. Seconded by Ms. Maul.

The final design that is approved by the Village of Maple Bluff will be brought back as an update.

Motion #9 approved by unanimous voice vote.

6. State Capitol Updates | Mr. Darrin Smith

- Bird Netting & Exterior Cleaning - Replacements of the netting and cleaning of the granite behind the netting will require scaffolding and closure of half of the observation deck (one half at a time) during the project. Work is expected to be completed by August 2024.
- Drapery, Roller Shades, & Window Film - The project has been awarded and the next step is to install samples in four rooms in the Capitol. On-site fieldwork is to start in 2024.
- West Wing Carpet Replacement - This will be proposed for 2025-27 Capital Budget submissions.
- Ground Floor Plaster Ceiling & Decorative Painting Repairs - This is currently in progress.
- Rotunda Sound System - This project has been awarded and is expected to begin this summer.
- Exterior Door Locks - An Architect/Engineer is evaluating options for replacement of the manual locking system with electronic hardware. The new system will retain the original appearance but allow for greater security and emergency egress.
- Skylight Replacements – Documents are underway to bid in 2024.
- Lighting Controller Replacements – DOA-DFTS Controls and an electrical contractor are in the process of replacing the existing programming with an integrated lighting control system. The expected completion date is the end of 2024.
- Balustrade Cherry Grit and Storm Sewer Piping Replacement - A/E Selection is scheduled for May with work to commence and be completed in 2025. This project will significantly impact pedestrian flow and include periodic closures of drives and entrances.
- Communications Cabling Upgrades – This project encompasses the fiber backbone and cabling service to the offices. A State workgroup of stakeholders has been created and will consult throughout the study and project. The study is expected to go for A/E selection in May and the project funding will be requested in the 2025-27 Capital Budget.
- Exterior Masonry Repairs Phases 3-6 – Currently in Phase 3, the State Street and West Washington Avenue portions are 95% complete. The Martin Luther King grand staircase and King Street approach and sidewalk approach coping and benches are slated for this summer. Phase 4 includes the South Hamilton Street sidewalk approach coping and benches and is slated for Summer 2025. Phase 5 will encompass all four pavilion decks, membrane replacement, stone setting, and repointing. This part of the project will be submitted in the 2025-27 Capital Budget. Phase 6 is also slated for the 2025-27 Capital budget and includes the Observation Deck and 3rd Floor balusters, newel posts and railings.

- Promenade Tree Replacements - 10 additional Autumn Blaze Maple trees around Capitol Square will be replaced with Acer Miyabei 'Morton,' commonly known as the State Street Maple, as part of the Promenade Tree Revitalization project this summer.
- Star Memorial Garden Plaque - This project is complete.
- Irrigation System Repairs - A filter and new controller will be installed.
- Capitol Architectural and Park Lighting Upgrades – This project is currently being prepared to bid for and awarded this summer.
- Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Upgrade Projects – There are two electrical projects underway and the mechanical upgrade project is to be sent to A/E services.

7. Executive Residence Updates | Mr. Matthew Siller

- Window Sash Replacements - The two remaining sashes from the original project were installed in fall 2023. Five additional mahogany sashes have been ordered and are scheduled for installation this spring.
- Shoreline Fence - This project is still in progress as installation faced unexpected challenges that DOA-DFTS is working with an architect to resolve.
- Emergency Lighting Upgrade - An A/E has been selected and is currently in design. Installation is expected this fall.
- Native Shoreline Planting Phase 2 - This project is anticipated to be completed this fall.
- Pier Replacement Boat Lift - Installation is scheduled for April.

8. Other Business

A subcommittee signup sheet was distributed to the members.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Asad moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:34pm. Seconded by Mr. Kay.