

MINUTES
STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION
May 7, 2014

1. INTRODUCTIONS / ROLL CALL

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and introduced the new Commission members, Bill Cochran and Tootie Haskins, and acknowledged Senator Douglas Henry in the audience. State Architect Peter Heimbach called the roll and denoted a quorum with the following members in attendance:

- Chairman Larry Martin
- Commissioner Bob Oglesby
- Commissioner Bob Martineau
- Secretary of State Tre Hargett
- Comptroller Justin Wilson
- Treasurer David Lillard
- Senator Jack Johnson
- Helen “Tootie” Haskins
- Bill Cochran
- Howard Gentry (arrived late)
- Representative Gerald McCormick (arrived late)
- Norman Hill (absent)

Other Attendees:

Peter Heimbach, State Architect
Georgia Martin, State Architect’s Office
Thad Watkins, Dept of General Services
Cheryl Rudy, Dept of General Services
Jenny Charles, Dept of General Services
Senator Douglas Henry
Lois Riggins-Ezzell, TN State Museum
Jim Hoobler, TN State Museum
Leigh Hendry, TN State Museum
Bo Roberts
Jim Boce, Smith Seckman Reid
Attila Uysal, Susan Brady Lighting Design
Stephanie Burd, Dept of General Services
Chris Remke, Dept of General Services
John Schroer, Dept of Transportation

Angie Martin, Department of Transportation
Howard Wall, TISL
Jeff Wilson, TISL
Mark Proctor, TN Highway Patrol
Preston Donaldson, TH Highway Patrol
David Carpenter, JLL
Corky Wolczyk, Department of General Services
Alan Robertson, Office of the State Architect
Terry Mason, Comptroller’s Office
John Webb, Dept of Finance and Administration
Elise Dugger, YMCA Center for Civic Engagement
Susan Moriarty, YMCA Center for Civic Engagement
Jamie Arnett, TISL
Samuel Adkisson, TISL
Kristen Kovak, TISL

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 15, 2013 MEETING

The Minutes were approved as presented.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation and Approval of Capitol Lighting Plan Phases 1, 2 & 3

Peter Heimbach stated that the lighting plan was presented, in concept, to the Capitol Commission at its last meeting in May, and they were to return back with a recommendation once a final decision was made. He introduced Attila Uysal, Susan Brady Lighting Design, who presented the lighting plan. Mr. Uysal went into detail regarding the proposed LED light sources, increasing the quality of the fixtures to create diversity for special occasions, and having the ability to change colors and intensity. Citing the historic significance of the building, he said that distribution of the

light will be divided by being able to create overlaps and soften shadows. He mentioned the importance for security and the enhanced lighting of the flag atop the cupola.

Mr. Heimbach clarified that the lighting plan involves five separate pieces, but that they were only seeking approval for Phases 1, 2 & 3. He stated that Phases 1 & 2 are to light the building and the cupola, and Phase 3 involves changing wall lights and step lights around the perimeter as an energy saving measure. He said that having only the cupola change colors, while keeping the building white, worked better for security purposes. He added that it is also a safety measure since the color changing will be computerized and eliminate the need for facilities personnel to have to walk out on the roof to physically change out light gels. Mr. Heimbach said that Phase 4 involves the addition of the eight lights at the entry where the “Morning Noon Night” gas lanterns once stood. Phase 5 is to light the porches but, until the impact of the first three phases is known, they are not recommending Phase 5 until they know if it is needed.

Treasurer Lillard questioned the height and size of the proposed pedestal mounting fixtures and was told they would be similar in size to the current fixtures, except longer. Secretary Hargett expressed his preference to having the building lit in color and felt that the light in the cupola should be softened. Howard Gentry added that, in addition to having the opportunity to do colors, the project also provides for more updated technology. After further discussion about the intensity of the color proposed for the cupola, the Commission approved Phases 1, 2 & 3 of the Capitol Lighting Plan.

B. Report on Legislation

Thad Watkins reported on SB 2003/HB 1776 which (1) directs the Capitol Commission to study the feasibility of placing a depiction of the national motto “In God We Trust” in the tunnel leading from Charlotte Avenue to the Capitol; (2) recommends the Capitol Commission to consider placing the State motto opposite of the national motto; and (3) directs the Capitol Commission to report to the Speakers of the House and Senate by May 1, 2015 with recommendations as to the type and placement of the visual depiction and the estimated cost thereof.

Peter Heimbach stated that there was no appropriation associated with this legislation. He said that the Office of the State Architect (OSA) has two consultants under its direction—one for Signage and one for Monuments & Memorials—and suggested that it be allowed to utilize one of them to perform the study and report back to the Commission prior to Session to make a recommendation to the Speakers, contingent upon codification of the bill. The Commission voted on and approved Mr. Heimbach’s recommendation.

Thad Watkins reported on SJR 505 which requests the Capitol Commission to (1) initiate creation and placement of a monument honoring David Crockett; (2) allows the Capitol Commission to request the TN Arts Commission to sponsor a contest for artists to select a monument to honor David Crockett; (3) stipulates that the monument should preferably be a bust of comparable size to those currently on display in the Capitol; (4) provides that the Capitol Commission and the TN Arts Commission (TAC) will be responsible for judging the contest and selecting the final candidate; (5) stipulates that the monument shall be funded by specific State appropriation and displayed on the second floor of the Capitol; (6) authorizes the Capitol Commission to seek private donations to cover the cost of the monument and related expenses.

Peter Heimbach stated that there is a sum sufficient of \$25,000 in the FY 14/15 budget that will be available for proceeding. Discussion ensued regarding asking the TAC to do a contest prior to voting on doing a bust. The Commission approved requesting that the TN Arts Commission sponsor a contest for artists to select a monument to honor David Crockett.

C. Update on Capital Projects

i. Memorial & Monuments Master Planning

Peter Heimbach stated that, in response to requests to put monuments and memorials on the Capitol grounds, the War Memorial Plaza and the Bicentennial Mall, the consultant is studying to locate spaces within those areas and provide recommended materials, maintain consistency with the pieces already there and siting of the monuments. He stated that their study should be concluded this summer for presentation at the next meeting.

ii. Projects on Contiguous Grounds

Chris Remke, Director of Facilities & Capital Projects, updated the Commission by stating that (a) the land survey work is completed for the Landscaping Master Plan; (b) the Guard Shack was completed last December; and (c) work is underway for the Cupola Renovation & Lighting. Treasurer Lillard commented that, since the new bollard gates have been in operation, there have been no claims made to the Treasury Department's Risk Management Division.

iii. Projects on Adjacent Grounds

Chris Remke stated that (a) the Cordell Hull Decommissioning study is intense and continuing, with the second portion of the independent report expected soon; (b) Library & Archives Building, and (c) TN State Museum, are awaiting funding and there was nothing new to report. The Commission thanked him for the updates.

D. Presentation by Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL)

Before giving his presentation, Executive Director Jeff Wilson acknowledged Representative McCormick, Secretary of State Hargett and Treasurer Lillard as alumni of TISL. Larry Martin stated it is an impressive organization and impressive group of alumni, and he appreciates the work TISL does. The Commission thanked Mr. Wilson for his presentation.

E. Requests for Non-Governmental Use

Thad Watkins began a discussion seeking guidance regarding requests for use of the Capitol—both governmental and non-governmental—to see whether there is a trend that may undo the work that has been done to restore the Capitol. He said the statute that creates the Capitol Commission charges it with setting policy and approving non-governmental uses of the Capitol. He said there is a general rule against wedding and receptions, but in his opinion, most requests are governmental-related, such as the Tennessee Waltz, TISL, Financial Literacy, and SASHTO.

David Carpenter, Capitol Facility Administrator, responded to questions regarding his Special Events Coordinator who assists the tenants of the Capitol, primarily with State functions. Mr. Watkins stated that no entity is charged any fee other than for insurance and maintenance costs, and that he was against establishing any fee that sends a message that the Capitol is available for rent. Treasurer Lillard asked Mr. Carpenter to state his concerns over the increase in usage of the facility. Mr. Carpenter stated he works closely with the Tennessee State Museum regarding the historic artifacts, and they have seen a big increase in the number of requests. He said if large events are going to be approved, costs to maintain the Capitol need to be taken into consideration and planned for, such as general wear and tear, foot traffic, cooking on site, repainting and refurbishments. He cited damage that has occurred, and asked that the more structure the Commission can provide, the easier it will be for the stewards of the facility: Department of General Services, Tennessee State Museum, Office of the State Architect and Tennessee Highway Patrol. Secretary Hargett asked if capping the numbers would help. Mr. Carpenter responded that some

groups exceed the capability of its needs and, specifically, that bathroom facilities are inadequate for large groups.

Commissioner Martin offered that, while it is a decision of the Capitol Commission, it might be helpful if the OSA, DGS, TSM and THP got together and discussed how some of these issues might be addressed for the Commission's consideration. He noted the logistics, challenges, and capacity of the Capitol, what is good or not good, and how might the guidelines be improved. Howard Gentry said that the State Capitol needs to be protected and not abused. He said he understands the need for events that benefit the Capitol or State government, but they also know what they are supposed to do and not do.

Tootie Haskins stated that, in 1992, Senator Douglas Henry established the Tennessee Waltz as a fundraiser for the State Museum, and it was her understanding that it was to be the only major formal event held in the Capitol. Bob Martineau said they should recognize the difference between Government and non-Government functions and questioned it if there was a reason to have other State functions precluded from using the Capitol. Lois Riggins-Ezzell stated that the Tennessee State Museum has had the joy of being in a custodial oversight capacity of the Capitol and its artifacts. She said it has been an honor for the Tennessee Waltz to have the level of exclusivity it has had and she hoped that it would continue. Larry Martin charged Peter Heimbach with taking the lead, along with Thad Watkins, David Carpenter, and the TN State Museum, by putting together some recommendations for the Commission's consideration at its next meeting.

i. YMCA Center for Civic Engagement Dinner

Susan Moriarity, Executive Director, was recognized and provided justification to their request for use of the Capitol. Tre Hargett disclosed that he serves on the YMCA Board, and felt that this organization is the very heart of civic engagement and it an appropriate use of the Capitol building. Gerald McCormick asked if part of the process allowed for civic engagements, and in order to be consistent, can the Commission deny other groups. Howard Gentry asked if this was a fund-raising event, and was told "yes". He expressed concern stating that this would open the door and weaken the Commission's stance when it comes time to say "no". He said he didn't feel good about approving the request, but he did understand. The Commission discussed the definition of "civic engagement". Justin Wilson stated that it appears to be in the four corners of the policy and asked if the policy needed to be changed. He stated he was inclined to believe that this was an appropriate example, but suggested that the policy be examined and determined whether it is right. Thad Watkins added that he also gets put into a close situation, but thought this fell into the category of a government activity. He stated his real concern was with the large gatherings and that if they ever open it up, legally, they will not be able to close the door. He said it has been 13 years since the existing policy has been adopted, and the line should be drawn between governmental and non-governmental. Gerald McCormick suggested looking at having meals at the War Memorial Building and then gathering at the Capitol for large functions. Howard Gentry commented that fund raising might be one of the areas to use as a guideline where the line is drawn. The Commission approved the request as presented.

ii. Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Conference

The Commission approved the request as presented.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.