

# MINUTES

## STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION

May 25, 2017

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### 1. Introductions/Roll Call

Chairman Larry Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. State Architect Ann McGuaran called the roll and a quorum was established with the following in attendance:

- Commissioner Larry Martin
- Commissioner Bob Oglesby
- Commissioner Bob Martineau
- Treasurer David Lillard
- Richard Wilson (designee by letter) on behalf of Comptroller Justin Wilson
- Representative Curtis Johnson
- Dr. Reavis Mitchell
- Howard Gentry
- Tammy White
  
- Secretary of State Tre Hargett (absent)
- Senator Jack Johnson (absent)
- King Rogers (absent)

### 2. Approval of Minutes from the November 3, 2016 Meeting

A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Commissioner Oglesby, seconded by Commissioner Martineau and motion carried.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Entrepreneurs' Organization of Nashville

- i. Thad Watkins, Counsel for the Capitol Commission, gave a brief overview of the request to gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Capitol.
  1. The event had previously been approved by the Speaker's Office. Capitol Commission approval was necessary, because the organization requested valet parking on the west side of the Capitol.
  2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor common area falls within the jurisdiction of the Capitol Commission.
- ii. Marla Armstrong was present to speak on behalf of the Entrepreneurs' Organization.
  1. 100-150 guests are expected at the function. It will kick off at 5:00 p.m. and will be considered EO's *Year in Review*.

- iii. Commissioner Martin expressed concerns with security and the bollards for valet type events.
  - 1. He suggested valet parking occur on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue or Charlotte Boulevard.
  - 2. He reiterated to the Commission that the group had already received approval for use of the Chambers, but the overflow into the common area opened up more discussion for the Commission.
  
- iv. Commissioner Oglesby asked what is considered an approved use of the Capitol.
  - 1. Mr. Watkins stated that the Commission limits large non-governmental events in order to reduce wear and tear on the Capitol.
  - 2. Howard Gentry asked if the request were to be declined, how it would impact the group.
  - 3. Ms. Armstrong responded that the organization would have to try and find another venue.
  
- v. Commissioner Martineau asked if this would be a sit-down dinner in the hallway or a social function in the library.
  - 1. Ms. Armstrong stated it was Hors d'oeuvres only and the food could be set in and remain inside the library.
  
- vi. Treasurer Lillard inquired about charges imposed for use of the Capitol.
  - 1. David Lee Carpenter, Facilities Manager for the State Capitol, stated that generally with events this size there would be a \$652 cleaning fee to ensure the building is ready the next business morning. There are also additional charges for any necessary troopers or facility staff.
  - 2. Mr. Carpenter added that there are two construction items that will affect this event and others; 1 elevator will be off line and on June 19, cupola renovations will impact parking and traffic flow.
  
- vii. Treasurer Lillard asked if the group was tax exempt.
  - 1. Ms. Armstrong responded that EO is not tax exempt and it is not for profit.
  
- viii. Commissioner Martin moved approval of the event.
  - 1. Mr. Gentry seconded, the motion was carried with the understanding that valet will NOT be allowed on the Capitol Grounds.
  - 2. The Commission requested that Mr. Carpenter report back to the Commission following the event on the group's use of the space and expenses.

**b. Film-Com**

- i. Ann McGauran, State Architect, gave a brief overview of the request to host it's annual industry party on the 2nd floor of the Capitol and to utilize all 157 of the Capitol parking spaces.
  1. The 2nd floor common area and the parking at the Capitol falls within the jurisdiction of the Capitol Commission.
- ii. Gisela Moore was present to speak on behalf of the Tennessee Entertainment Commission and Andy Van Roon, the Chairman of Film-Com, was present to speak as well.
  1. The group requested to host a networking event on the 2nd floor public area of the Capitol.
  2. Ms. Moore stated that the main goal of TN Entertainment Commission is to promote TN locations and TN Crew in the entertainment industry.
  3. The Film-Com event will be attended by high-level executives in the industry – the general public will not be allowed to attend.
  4. Mr. Van Roon shared that the event is an economic development and educational event.
  5. There are comprehensive panel discussions on how to conduct, support and develop opportunities in TN for all 95 counties through a State Grant.
  6. This will be the 8th year for Film-Com.
- iii. Commissioner Martin shared a letter from Commissioner Rolfe, TECD, supporting the event. The letter stated:

*“The department of Economic and Community Development (ECD) supports the TN Entertainment Commission (TEC) and their efforts in growing the film, television and interactive digital media industry in this state. Through the TEC the state has invested \$34M in film incentives since 2006 which has provided \$228.3M in income for Tennesseans (based on incentivized productions between 2007-2015). There has been a 12% growth in the entertainment industry since 2010 and TN ranks 7th in the nation for employment in motion-picture production. Film-Com is a part of that growth.”*
- iv. Commissioner Martin expressed concerns regarding valet parking and use of the 157 spaces around the Capitol.
  1. If the event is approved, valet would have to be off the Capitol grounds and the parking spaces around the Capitol would not be available.
- v. Commissioner Oglesby asked what other venues Film Com has used in the past.
  1. Mr. Van Roon said that the event was previously held at Riverfront Park, AT&T, Schermerhorn, The Frist, Titan's Stadium and Conservation Hall at the Governor's Mansion.

- vi. Treasurer Lillard asked if the group was tax exempt and Mr. Van Roon responded that the organization operates as a 501(c)(3).

- 1. Treasurer Lillard also noted an adequate COI would be required for any events with valet parking.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martineau to approve the event without valet parking, Reavis Mitchell seconded and the motion carried.

**c. Wachtler Wedding Exception**

- i. Commissioner Martin announced that the request was withdrawn.

**d. TGEI Leadership Luncheon**

- i. Mr. Watkins gave a brief overview of the request to utilize the 2nd floor of the Capitol for an Alumni Lunch in August.
- ii. Commissioner Martin stated that he asked Mr. Watkins to research what “alumni” meant as it pertains to this event.
  - 1. Mr. Watkins spoke with Commissioner Rebecca Hunter who is the Key Note Speaker for this event about TGEI alumni.
  - 2. A majority of the ‘alumni’ that attend are current or retired State employees.
  - 3. Mr. Watkins considered this to be a State Government event based on the participants.
- iii. Commissioner Oglesby asked if there were any additional expenses.
  - 1. Mr. Carpenter answered that this event is during a work day and normally scheduled staff would be present. When it is a State Event, the State incurs the associated expenses during normal business hours.
- iv. Commissioner Martin moved for approval, Treasurer Lillard seconded and the motion carried.

**4. Legislative Update**

- i. Mr. Watkins stated that Public Charter #61 passed on March 31, 2017, extending the Capitol Commission, 3-years.
- ii. Mr. Watkins stated that a Joint Resolution, regarding the relocation of the bodies of President and Mrs. Polk from the State Capitol to Columbia, TN passed in the Senate and is pending in the House, awaiting action when the Legislature reconvenes next year.
  - 1. Senator Henry sponsored a bill (T.C.A. § 4-11-209) that President and Mrs. Polk’s bodies would remain at the Capitol and could not be relocated without a joint resolution passed by both houses.

2. The President and Mrs. Polk's graves are located on the grounds, so it falls within the jurisdiction of the Capitol Commission.
  3. Mr. Watkins discourages any member from participating in meetings or having conversations at this time regarding this matter.
- iii. Commissioner Martin noted there are 3 steps that all have to pass in order to relocate the President and Mrs. Polk's graves:
1. A joint resolution passed in the Legislature (both chambers).
  2. Capitol Commission concurrence with the Legislature and request Historical Commission approval.
  3. Historical Commission approval by two-third's majority.

## **5. Other Business**

- i. There being no other business, Commissioner Martin moved for adjournment, Tammy White seconded and the motion carried.

## **6. Adjournment**

- i. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.