

## MINUTES

### KANSAS CAPITOL RESTORATION COMMISSION

July 9, 2008  
Room 123-S—Statehouse

#### Members Present

Representative Melvin Neufeld, Chairperson  
Senator Stephen Morris, Vice-Chairperson  
Senator Laura Kelly  
Senator Derek Schmidt  
Senator Dwayne Umbarger  
Representative Bill Feuerborn  
Representative Joe Humerickhouse  
Representative Dennis McKinney  
Representative Don Dahl  
Representative Sharon Schwartz  
Carol Foreman, Department of Administration  
(Representing Secretary of Administration Duane Goossen)  
David Fritchen, Manhattan  
Steve Porter, McPherson

#### Members Absent

Senator Greta Goodwin  
Senator Anthony Hensley  
Representative Ray Merrick  
Lynn Jenkins, State Treasurer  
Ronald Chandler, Professional Engineer

#### Staff Present

Jeff Russell, Legislative Administrative Services  
Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J.G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jennifer Thierer, Kansas Legislative Research Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neufeld at 10:15 a.m. Chairperson Neufeld called upon Barry Greis, Statehouse Architect, to provide the Commission with an update on the renovation and reconstruction process. Mr. Greis distributed a handout that outlined major points and included a project timeline and financial reports (Attachment 1). Beginning with the East Wing, Mr. Greis discussed the continuing punch list work and the effort to access paint problems on limestone in the East Wing basement. He went on to say that new locks were installed on the first and second floors, and that new room numbers will be put into place before the next Session begins.

Mr. Greis described the work being done on the West and South Wings. He informed the Commission that work is continuing in the West Wing to install guard rails on the fourth and fifth floors directly below the skylight. Mr. Greis noted that construction on the South Wing has begun. Temporary space has been established in the Docking State Office Building to replace South Wing offices and committee rooms. Mr. Greis indicated that all relocations out of the South Wing will be completed by July 31.

Next, members were informed of the progress on the North Wing and Visitor's Center. Mr. Greis stated that the drawings for the Visitor's Center are under review. He went on to say the Americans with Disabilities Act Ad Hoc Committee has met to discuss the design of the Visitor's Center and that discussions will continue to address accessibility concerns. He concluded by saying there have been some changes to the plans for the Visitor's Center that impact the location of the snack bar and gift shop. Chairperson Neufeld then asked if there were any questions for Mr. Greis.

Members inquired about room numbering throughout the Statehouse and dropped ceilings in portions of the North Wing. Mr. Greis replied that room numbers will be installed as the legislature instructed and that the current dropped ceiling in portions of the North Wing is temporary. A member asked about the State Library and expressed his desire to see it remain near the Capitol. Mr. Greis answered that he is working with the State Librarian to find a temporary location close to the Statehouse. The final question for Mr. Greis was about the timeline for completing the South Wing. He indicated construction on the South Wing was on schedule to be completed in December, 2009 with no budgetary issues.

The Chairperson recognized Jim Miller, Executive Vice-President of JE Dunn Construction Company, to provide an inflation and cost update. Mr. Miller provided a handout detailing the quarterly building cost index (Attachment 2). He explained that inflation during the first quarter of 2008 was similar to that experienced in previous years, but the second quarter saw a significant increase. Chairperson Neufeld asked if there were any questions for Mr. Miller.

One member asked about the project's cost compared with the cost of the materials in other regions. Mr. Miller replied that the construction cost projections are regional and vary from area to area.

Another member asked about what caused the spike in prices in 2004 and about price increases in general. The primary causes cited by Mr. Miller for the 2004 increases were overseas demand and supply shortages. He noted that he expects prices to stabilize in the 7 percent inflation range.

Chairperson Neufeld recognized Mr. Greis to present the quarterly financial and timeline report (Attachment 1) and to update the Commission on the exterior masonry work. The members were informed that the cleaning of the South and West Wings is slightly ahead of schedule. Mr. Greis concluded his remarks by highlighting project expenditures to date.

The floor was opened for questions and members asked Mr. Greis about the exterior masonry work and its cost.

Chairperson Neufeld asked if there were additional questions or comments. There being none, Chairperson Neufeld adjourned the meeting.

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