

MINUTES

CAPITOL RESTORATION COMMISSION

November 20, 2003
Room 123-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Dave Kerr, Chairperson
Senator Steve Morris
Representative Clay Aurand
Representative John Ballou
Representative Doug Mays
Representative Dennis McKinney
Representative Melvin Neufeld
Representative Joan Pottorff
Carol Foreman (for Howard Fricke)

Members Absent (Excused)

Senator Christine Downey
Senator Greta Goodwin
Senator Anthony Hensley
Senator Lana Oleen
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Lynn Jenkins, State Treasurer

Staff Present

Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jeff Russell, Legislative Administrative Services

Senator Dave Kerr, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. He explained the purpose of the meeting was to provide members with an update of the Capitol Restoration Project and to make a recommendation to the Legislative Coordinating Council regarding funding for Phase 2 of the project.

The Chairperson called on Barry Greis to begin the presentation. Mr. Greis called the members' attention to the booklet in front of each of them and to the agenda contained under Tab A. (See Attachment 1, Capitol Restoration Commission Presentation, November 20, 2003.) After reviewing the agenda, he asked Mike Treanor of Treanor Architects P.A., the architect for the restoration project, to continue the presentation of materials under Tab B of Attachment 1 relating to design updates. Mr. Treanor took the members through the drawings for each floor of the Capitol, pointing out that few changes have been made since the last meeting.

Following the design update, Mr. Treanor asked Greg Lynch, Project Manager for J. E. Dunn, to provide a construction update. Mr. Lynch called the members' attention to the photographs under Tab B, Construction Update, which trace the work flow from early in the project to the current level of completion. Realignment of utilities, construction of the northwest vault, construction of the parking garage, work on the northeast vault, and beginning work on the east wing exterior and interior were highlighted.

Barry Greis outlined the Capitol restoration construction timeline and the Capitol restoration financial budget presented under Tab C of Attachment 1. He reiterated that the project is both on time and on budget. At the Chairperson's request, Mr. Greis reviewed the elements of an earlier decision that allowed for certain specified transfers of funding within the project, as well as certain changes in the timeline for the project. The timeline and budget were further discussed, with the changes in the Preservation and Restoration Project and Program Funding Phases set out under Tab D of Attachment 1.

Having reached the final agenda item, *Senator Morris moved, seconded by Representative Neufeld, that the Capitol Restoration Committee recommend to the Legislative Coordinating Council \$19.8 million bond financing of Phase 2 of the Capitol Preservation Project, as presented at the November 20, 2003, Capitol Restoration Commission meeting. The motion carried unanimously among the members present.*

Parking issues for the 2004 Session were discussed with Mr. Greis and Mr. Russell. Off-street parking has been arranged with the City of Topeka to include the same parking spaces as last year. Additionally, those parking in the southeast quadrant of the Statehouse will move to the northwest quadrant of the building. The public access to the Capitol will change from the east entrance to the west doors on or about December 1, 2003. Mr. Russell also indicated he was in discussion with the Department of Administration to make an allocation of parking spaces in the new underground garage.

Don Heiman, Chief Information Technology Officer for the Legislature, addressed certain issues related to handling information in the restored building. He noted the previous Boeing Study had included wiring; however, technology has improved since that study to the point that wireless communication within the building may be possible. Alexander Open Systems, the entity that prepared the communication part of the Boeing Study, has agreed to review the information technology piece of the restoration project and report to the appropriate staff and legislative teams dealing with technology.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Prepared by William G. Wolff

Approved by Commission on:

April 28, 2004

(date)