



**STATE CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2018
Conference Room 412-C
State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

A meeting notice was filed with the Secretary of State and agenda posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chip Mullens, Chair
Nancy Leonard, Vice-Chair
Jack Baker
Jonathan Fowler
Doug Kellogg
Lou Kerr
Duane Mass
Chris Morriss
James Pickel
Dan Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Fisher
Joel Kintsel
Mariana Lloyd
Ann Neal

GUESTS: Beverly Hicks, OMES
Karl Kramer, Attorney General's office
Amber Sharples, OK Arts Council, Executive Director
Dr. Alan Atkinson, OK Arts Council
Trait Thompson, OMES
Shawn Ashley, ECapitol
Janelle Stocklein, CNHI
Holly Kincannon, Kincannon Studios, BOR
Chris Bliss, Director of My Bill of Rights.Org
Barbara Hoberock, Tulsa World

1. Determination of quorum and call to order. [Chip Mullens]

Vice-Chair Mullens called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established. Mr. Mullens was advised that notice of the meeting had been given and an agenda posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

2. Discussion and possible action on minutes of June 21, 2018. [Chip Mullens]

Mr. Mass moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 2018. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed and the following votes were recorded:

Mr. Baker, yes; Mr. Fowler, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

3. Discussion and possible action on the election of a new Chair of the Capitol Preservation Commission. [Chip Mullens]

Mr. Pickel motioned to elect Chip Mullens as the Chairman. Mr. Ross seconded the motion. The motion passed and the following votes were recorded:

Mr. Baker, yes; Mr. Fowler, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, abstain; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

4. Discussion and possible action on the election of a new Vice-Chair of the Capitol Preservation Commission. [Chip Mullens]

Mr. Mullens motioned to elect Nancy Leonard as Vice-Chair. Mr. Mass seconded the motion. The motion passed and the following votes were recorded:

Mr. Baker, yes; Mr. Fowler, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

5. Update on placement site, discussion and possible action on the design and location of the Bill of Rights monument. [Duane Mass]

Mr. Mass reported that prior to the Commission meeting the Architecture and Grounds Committee had met, discussed and reviewed the two proposed designs. A decision could not be reached to bring forth a recommendation to the Commission. Mr. Mass suggested for the Commission to assign an ad-hoc advisory committee, consisting of six commission members chosen by the Chairman, to meet and evaluate on both designs and to come back before the Architecture and Grounds next committee meeting with a written report as to why one design was chosen over the other to help assist the Architecture and Grounds Committee in their decision to recommend to the Commission for final decision.

Chairman Mullens appointed the following members to serve on the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee: Duane Mass, Doug Kellogg, Jack Baker, Chris Morriss, Lou Kerr and Nancy Leonard.

A presentation was given on both designs by Chris Bliss, Director of the My Bill of Rights.org.

No action was taken.

6. Discussion and possible action on relocating the “Spirit of the 45th” Memorial in the Capitol. [James Pickel]

Mr. Pickel introduced Trait Thompson, State Capitol Project Manager, who gave a presentation and background on the etched glass backlit memorial to the 45th Infantry Division of the Oklahoma National Guard, currently located at the north end of the north corridor on the 4th floor of the Capitol.

It was installed utilizing an existing historic Capitol door frame in 1994 by the Nigh Institute. In the interest of historic preservation and as part of the restoration of the State Capitol it is desired that the current corridor be restored back to its original purpose and to re-utilize the doorway as an opening into the press room.

The proposed location of the memorial will be placed at the north corridor of the ground floor, near the food service and overall dining area, where it can be seen from multiple vantage points. An architectural rendering was provided to Commission members. The area is currently under construction and the brand-new renovated space is set to open sometime in February 2019.

Mr. Thompson made known that he had emailed former Governor George Nigh and Adjutant General, Michael Thompson to see if they had any issue with the memorial being moved to the new location, in which, both had none and gave their approval.

Dr. Atkinson said that the new location does not interfere with any future plans of artwork going forward.

The Art Standards Committee met prior to the Commission meeting and the committee unanimously recommended the item be moved forward for approval from the Commission.

On behalf of the Art Standards Committee, Mr. Pickel made the motion to move the memorial from the fourth floor down to its new location. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed and the following votes were recorded:

Mr. Baker, yes; Mr. Fowler, yes; Mr. Kellogg, yes; Ms. Kerr, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morriss, yes; Mr. Mullens, yes; Mr. Pickel, yes; Mr. Ross, yes.

7. Collections Manager Report. [Dr. Alan Atkinson, Director of Visual Arts and Capitol Collections]

Brief update on the unveiling ceremony of the “*Tribute to the Range Riders*” statute and a Portrait of the Oklahoma State Capitol, “A Century of Services (1917-2017).”

Dr. Atkinson gave a brief report on the success of the ceremony that took place on July 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., on the South Plaza and in 2nd Floor Rotunda area.

Report only. No action taken.

8. Chair updates and Discussions. None.

9. New Business. None.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Pickel made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Mass seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.