

CAPITOL COMPLEX RESTORATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting Wednesday, July 16, 2014 Legislative Conference Room # 1, State Capitol

Commission Members Present: Don Zeller, Patricia Harding, Carla Sahr, James Hansen, Tim Engel, Dr. John Miller and Laurie Gill Mayor of Pierre

Guests Present: Jeff Holden, Bureau of Administration; Mike Mueller, Bureau of Administration; Chuck Schroyer, Rick Jensen, and LeRoy Foster, Trail of Governors Foundation.; Tom Farnsworth, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Pierre.; David Smith, Bureau of Information and Telecommunications.; Matthew Reitzel, State Historical Society.; Tony Mangan, KCCR.; Bob Mercer, newspaper reporter. Brenda Lemburg, Bureau of Administration, was the recording secretary.

Chairman Tim Engel called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Brenda Lemburg called the roll, and a quorum was determined present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Tim Engel called for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion by Commissioner Jim Hansen; seconded by Commissioner Patricia Harding. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Newly appointed Commission members Dr. John Miller and Sandra Zinter (not present) were introduced, as was Brenda Lemburg, Bureau of Administration, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Miller introduced himself and gave a background of his life, experience and interests. Commissioner Kinsman was unable to attend and asked that Mike Muller, Special Projects Coordinator for the Bureau of Administration and also Deputy Commissioner Jeff Holden staff the meeting.

Mr. Mueller, “ Mr. Chairman I also thought it would be appropriate that we recognize that since the last meeting in August, long time Commissioner John Day from the University of South Dakota had passed away. The BOA and commission sent a flower arrangement to the family and honoring ceremony. We want to recognize his long time contribution. He was appointed commission in 1984 and served until his passing. We appreciate the amount and time and effort he put into caring for the Capitol Complex.

“Note that former Chief Justice Robert Miller sent in his resignation as he and his wife are moving to Arizona. As Mayor Gill pointed out that Sandy Zinter, is our new member that she could not be here. But she comes to us after retiring from state government last year for 18 years and she served for 3 different governors.”

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR PERSON

Commissioner Jim Hansen nominated Tim Engel to remain as the Chair. Commissioner Don Zeller seconded the nomination No other nominations were made. Commissioner Pat Harding moved to elect Tim Engel; Commissioner Don Zeller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Engel called for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Jim Hansen moved to approve the minutes, motion seconded by Commissioner Pat Harding. Motion carried unanimously.

4TH STREET TRAIL

Special Project Coordinator Mike Mueller stated that before Tom Farnsworth describes the 4th Street Trail. Mr. Mueller wanted to note that over the last few years that there has been considerable development in the City of Pierre along that 4th Street area, to the Northeast of the Capitol campus. “We are finding that the development there impacts the campus in a number of ways, especially at that intersection point with Hilger’s Gulch in the Northeast corner. One feature is the development of the 4th Street trail and recreational area that begins next to Hilger’s Gulch and the Health Lab. I thought it would be a good idea for Tom Farnsworth come today and explain the recreational trail as it intersects with the Hilger’s Gulch and the other development in the 4th Street area.”

Tom Farnsworth – Division Director for the Parks and Recreation - City of Pierre

Mr. Farnsworth showed a trail diagram to the commission.

The trail project was completed in 2012. Since that time we have placed play pods on the trail and there are 4 on the south side and one near the historic bridge. The community has received them well and each of the play pods will have a theme with an activity for parents to interact with their children..

One project is taking place at Mickelson Park on the eastside of the pond a park shelter has been purchased and it will be 24x24 feet in size, octagon shape.

Grant of \$24,000.00 is to complete this year the park shelter, trash, no water or sewer there. The parks are thinking fishing capabilities of Mickelson pond will be impacted with the park shelter there. We feel it will be a gather place for families to picnic, ADA accessible and a nice gathering spot.

Another grant that came from the wildlife division of Game, Fish and Parks was to develop the Mickelson pond as a fishing habitat for all people to use it but for mostly young children to have fun as well. The plan is to develop fishing access points around the pond the depth will be 13 ft. the have dredged under the bridge this will become a handicap access location and develop a parking area for fishermen fit about 6- 10 cars. And another part of the grant is a vault toilet that

will be installed on this side of the bridge, right by the parking.

The grant opportunity is \$75,000 State and \$25,000 City. Our share is to build the parking area, gravel it and seal it. The state share was to have fishing access, pod or pads around the pond and install the vaulted toilet. No completion date, hoping for later this fall in dialogue with engineers.

Wildlife division will stock on an annual basis with what they want for fish, they will try to stock with different kinds of fish.

PILC offered funds to the park to put up signs you need signs to be informed on how to use the park. Funds will come from AARP and the PILC. This is a wonderful project so our goal is to have this going this fall. This will be a magnet for young children.

Also lights are going to be put in. Right now we have test lights at the play pod. We are working to find a solar light that is especially pleasing and the cost is about \$1,400.00 per light. We will continue to evaluate the lights for the best placement. We have discovered with our massive rains here and this has caused some erosion here along the trail. We are addressing this so we can help stop it as much as possible.

Through our work with the Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control we are to receive funds to enhance the healthy outdoors activities. A \$14,000.00 community transformation grant to place exercise equipment out along the trails. Some examples are pull up bars, sit up mats, and dip bars along the trail. We had request specifically by mothers with young children want are benches to sit on so they can watch their children play and as the trails are over a mile long. Commissioner Don Zeller asked about the exercise equipment near McKinley school now that McKinley school is closing. Is that city property or school property? And do you know what will happen to them the exercise equipment when the McKinley school closes?

Tom Farnsworth explained that it's not city property, so he didn't know.

Mayor Gill suggested that equipment maybe something that could be thought of along the play pods. I do think that I know the play pods at least 2 of them were sponsored by Avera.

Tom Farnsworth replied that Avera did.

Mayor Gill added that it might be something to health related and that Avera maybe interested in moving or partnering to continue to keep the viability for playfulness in kids of all ages.

Commissioner Jim Hansen asked about the usage? Do we have any recordings of how many times it is being used?

Tom Farnsworth stated there isn't a system to do this like a highway where we can put strips down to measure activity. But we do see a lot of moms with children there now and you see them out walking running and playing. Also there is no motor vehicle travel allowed on the trails. I do

feel that the usage will really grow once this opens up and with the fishing access.

HILGERS GULCH

Special Project Coordinator - Mike Mueller states the attraction of 4th street trail and its popularity really opened up the Northern part of the walking trail thru Hilgers Gulch. This has opened up a lot of interest in a connecting point to Hilgers Gulch at the soccer fields. This would be a hard scape connection instead of the gravel that is there now.

We can tell there is an increased amount of traffic there and there needs to be a safer and enticing route to get those two points connected for everyone. The budget for this project would be \$40,000.00 with possible funding from the Maintenance and Repair Fund or from possible DOT grant funds.

TRAIL OF GOVERNORS

Special Project Coordinator Mike Mueller gives a brief introduction of the project. It was 2 years ago when the Trail of Governors was completing the first statues and approached the Commissioners about the project and the placement of the statues on the Capitol campus. Since then the Trail of Governors have completed 6 statues, one of which so far is Governor Janklow located at the corner of Broadway Avenue and on the North side of the Capitol campus entrance to the parking lot. This year 3 statues will be revealed as part of the 125th Anniversary Statehood activities on Saturday, November 1st. Mr. Mueller thought it would be a good idea to hear an update from the Trail of Governors Foundation and about the overall project and possibly placement for the current class of statues.

Mr. Mueller introduces Rick Jensen, Trail of Governors Board President.

Mr. Jensen talks about the project and appreciates the partnership with the city and the Commissioner. Mr. Jensen introduces other Board members Mr. Chuck Schroyer and Mr. LeRoy Foster.

Mr. Schroyer gives a brief history of the Trail of Governors project and how the project was started with 2 local business owners Rick Jensen and LeRoy Foster. They recognized the visual impact of the project in Rapid City with the statues of the Presidents. And thought it would be nice to recognize our Governors in Pierre and have that connect the business community with the Capitol complex. The first 3 Governors statues are Arthur Mellette, Harlan Bushfield and Walter Dale Miller and those statues have been in place in the last 2 years and are located off the Capitol area. Last year Governor statues Frank Farrar and Bill Janklow and Harvey Wollman. Governors Farrar and Wollman are located in the downtown businesses of Pierre and Governor Janklow is located behind the Capitol building by the capitol lake on Broadway Avenue.

Mr. Schroyer states that they have always done the presentation in June at Flag Day and was very successful. We've found that everyone liked the fact the living Governors were all there for the first presentation. And we really need to take advantage and the opportunity of the living

Governors and get their statues completed before they are no longer with us and this also allows their families, friends and colleagues to be part of the effort. We have changed our plan a little bit and you can see that this next year we are going to have Governors Robert Vessey, Peter Norbeck and George S Mickelson. Mr. Schroyer explains in a photo of where the placement of the statues will be and the connections it had with the Governors. Mr. Schroyer talks about where the statue of Governor Mickelson will be close to the Fighting Stallions memorial and located on Capitol Avenue, facing the street in some fashion. Mr. Schroyer states that they are trying to incorporate the statues with the Capitol building so that when people will take a photograph, they will take a photo of the front of the statue with the Capitol building in the background. We have identified several areas around the Capitol complex that could be future for some of the Governors and that Governor Foss will be near the Foss building and that Governor Anderson will be by the Anderson building because they have connections to those locations as Governor. And as you may know that Governor Mellette is located in front of the Hughes County Courthouse which is the location of the original Governor's office and Legislator before they built the first the Capitol on the corner of this property. And he looks down Pierre Street and that was done in conjunction with Hughes County granted an easement and built an alcove. Mr. Schroyer talks how the project has been successful in contacting family members from almost all of these Governors.

The statue of Governor Kneip is set for next year 2015 and this year Governor Vessey was the founding member of the Board of Directors and the very first board of the South Dakota Retailers Association. The South Dakota Retailers Association and other members have donated money to put that statue up. Governor Vessey will be put in front of the South Dakota Retailers Association. Governor Norbeck will be placed in the downtown of Pierre and George S. Mickelson on the edge of the Capitol complex.

LeRoy Foster explained about the financial side of the statues and that each statue costs in the amount of \$68,000.00. LeRoy Foster stated that they have recently started an endowment for the maintenance on the statues just a few days ago so if people wanted to donate to that they can. It is a 2.1 million dollar project. You can sponsor a statue in the amount of \$17,000.00 and you can get your name on a plaque in front of a statue. We are the only city on the country that has all of their governors in statues. Rapid City's downtown they have come a long ways with their downtown so we are hoping to revitalize our downtown and we have one of the most beautiful capitals in the country; this can then help bring in tourism and show what we do have to offer. We want to evenly spread out the statues through the town and trails.

This is a great project in the city of Pierre it is taking us a long way to help us move along with the capital. But will you stay in the touch with the city so that if we have street projects is doesn't interfere with the statues in the placement of those to have to move them.

Commissioner Tim Engel made a motion to approve the proposed placement of the statue of Governor George S Mickelson. Commissioner James Hanson moves the motion and Commissioner Pat Harding seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously

CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

Special Project Coordinator - Mike Muller noted the Civil War monument is almost forgotten and that we need to talk about enhancements. Most people do not know that it is there or may not know why it is here.

David Smith who is a Pierre resident and veteran was wondering what it was and why it was placed there. He and Mr. Mathew Reitzel, State Historical Society put a presentation there what it was and why it was place there.

To make the civil war monument more accessible and information about what it is and memorializes our veteran's that served. Place the flagpole in the original position and add benches to the memorial. We would also add interpretive panels to explain the monument. Estimated cost of \$15,000.00 from the Maintenance and Repair Fund.

David Smith talked about how he and Mathew Reitzel from the State Historical Society talked about the civil war monument, how he didn't even know what the GAR (Grand Army Republic) stood for and what it did. Mr. Smith stated that he would think this will be a great asset to the city and it was one of the first memorials on the Capital Campus. This will educate the community and how great our history is and how history can get lost and we can now tell it as well as show and be proud of our history. How big the sign will be 3x4 or 3x5 this will enhance the area and also important installing the flag. Commissioner John Miller talks about the benches and where to put the benches. Mr. Mueller talks about need for ease of snow removal and landscape care. The Commissioners and Mr. Mueller discuss about the issue of the sprinkler system and how to preserve the statue and sign.

The committee is excited to bring it back to the community so they know what it is and why it's there.

Commissioner Tim Engel made a motion to approve the Civil War monument site enhancement and as presented with the understanding that the Bureau of Administration will take another look at the site lines. Commissioner Carla Sahr moves the motion and Commissioner Pat Harding seconded. Motion carried unanimously

STAINED GLASS RESTORATION PROJECT

Special Project Coordinator - Mike Muller talks about updating the progress to date in the project with Conrad Schmitt Studios and Sharpe Enterprises

Mr. Mueller talks about the assessment that was about the structural integrity of those large panels of stained glass and if they deteriorated much longer they would become a danger.

Mr. Mueller states how we have exhausted all spot repairs on site and most were low tech to maintain it and add some additional support when needed. With the Commissioners approval last August we embarked on a \$3 million restoration project and intended to preserve the stain glass in the capitol for well more into the next 100 years.

Mr. Mueller explains the detailed work of the removing all of the stained glass, replace and to clean the pieces of stained glass. He was told that it all total to the amount of 4,400 square feet of stained glass was being removed and restored. Because it was a specialized artistry and its delicate work on the antique glass it requires a considerable number of man hours to work estimation it would take about 30,000 worker hours to restore the stained glass.

They are undergoing a complete restoration and Mr. Mueller explaining in detail and walking through process shown in the diagram of how the stained glass panels are installed and how they reinforce the panels.

Commissioner Carla Sahr asked how do you clean the actual stained glass?

Mr. Mueller answered just water.

Commissioner Don Zeller asked a question of how are you documenting all of this?

Mr. Mueller stated that they made a very conscientious effort to require a part of our contact with Conrad Schmitt Studios, Inc., that they preserved all documentation along the way. And so they have the complete files including the original rubbings and all of their cataloging of pieces broken as well as the restoration methods they applied to each panels. And they are assembling that into a binder of documentation that we will soon get in printed form as well as in electronic form to be submitted to the State Archive so future people can get an explanation of how we found it, what we did to it and why it looks the way it does. Photographs are included.

FIRST LADIES GOWN EXHIBIT

Special Projects Coordinator - Mike Mueller talks about the First Ladies Gown Exhibit on the first floor. This Spring and Summer it has been restored. The exhibit was a gift to the Federation Republic of Women on the 75th Anniversary of Dakota Territory in 1964. On the occasion of its 125th Anniversary of Statehood has undergone a spruce up. Mr. Mueller invites Commissioner Harding and Commissioner Sahr because they are members of the Federation Republican of Women and they can give us an update of work they have done.

Commissioner Sahr gives a little history of the project. It was started by a Mrs. Caldwell from Sioux Falls in the late 1960's and it was her idea that to make replica gowns of the First Ladies. And she took and gave a doll to each county that had a First land and told them to make a gown for the Republican Women group. And then when they were redoing the Capitol building in the 1989 for the 100th year they took the display down. Commissioner Sahr explains how they worked closely with the Heritage Center and how they decided to take the heads off because they were so goofy. She talked about how they would focus on the woman herself. They found very little written information about these women, not even pictures of all of them. Had lots of fun doing this project and learned a lot of the each First Lady. There was a dedication to the 1989 First Lady Display and there were 50 of the direct descendants and they have 5 former First Ladies there. The Cultural Heritage Center did a book of this project.

Commissioner Sahr talked about working closely with the Heritage Center to help reprint the pictures. There was new LED lighting added as well as new glass to help display the First Lady dolls better. Commissioner Sahr stats about how many come to visit the Capitol and enjoy seeing the First Lady dolls display.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD ACTIVITIES

Special Project Coordinator Mike Mueller discussed activities in Pierre and Fort Pierre related to the 125th Anniversary going on as well as things here in the Capitol over the course of the coming months. The weekend of the 13th and 14th, the Dakota Western Heritage Festival in Fort Pierre will be occurring and those activities at the Casey Tibbs Center and Expo Center. That same weekend there are three Volksmarch activities that will bring from around the State. There is also a statewide history challenge race.

September 20th will be the wagon train that will arrive here to the State Capitol from the Territorial Capitol of Yankton. Mr. Mueller hands out the route of the wagon train.

In the addition to the stained glass and Trail of Governors unveilings, there are some things on campus that are related to the 125th Anniversary. You may have notice the banners that we had on campus and to a very unique event that will be beginning this weekend in Hilger's Gulch. As you will recall there are two stone gate houses at Governor's Grove. In the early 1950's as the Governor's Grove project was under way they solicited a stone from each county that was gathered to create a gate houses for Governor's Grove. Mr. Mueller talks about how a Plankinton artist name Mr. Altman Studeny went to every county and brought back soil in a bucket from that county and planted a Bur Oak tree in each one of the buckets and symbolically the mixed soil and the trees will be returned to that county for planting. But first, those the 66 trees will be displayed in Hilger's Gulch for about a month. Mr. Mueller explained that starting Friday we will see Bur Oak saplings for the Grove 66 125 Project.

While statehood is actually November 2nd but since Saturday is November 1st, we thought we would capitalize on the Saturday for celebration events here at the capitol. In the morning at 10:30 a.m. we will do the re-dedication of the gowns of the First Lady exhibit, at 1:00 p.m. the Trail of Governors will unveil their newest 3 statues and then at 7:00 p.m. we will host our Celebration event in the capitol with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra. Most will be a re-dedication ceremony for the stain glass. Mr. Mueller also mentions is the new LED lighting system and how much more efficient it will be and less maintenance.

Mr. Mueller makes mention if anyone would like more information about the 125th Anniversary there is a website.

Commissioner Tim Engle made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Don Zeller moves to adjourn and seconded by Commissioner Carla Sahr. Hearing no further discussion, motion was carried unanimously and meeting was adjourned.