



Capitol Preservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol Building,
Senate Conference Room 4S.9
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nancy Leonard	Bruce Fisher	Janet Morrow
Cliff Branan	Brent Gibson	Victor Pozadas, Sr.
C.J. Cavin	Keith Jones	Duke Ligon
Aaron Cooper	Duane Mass	

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Tracie Chapman
Lou Kerr

GUESTS:

Beverly Hicks, OMES	Amber Sharples, OAC
Karl Kramer, OAG	Jarica Walsh, OAC

Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) ♦ Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC) ♦ Oklahoma Attorney General Office (OAG)

1. Announcement of filing of the meeting notice and posting of the agenda in accordance with the Open Meeting Act: [Nancy Leonard, Chair]

Chair Nancy Leonard was advised that notice for this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State, and an agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

2. Call to order, Roll Call, and Determination of Quorum: [Chair]

Ms. Leonard called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.

3. Welcome/Introductions:

Ms. Leonard welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action to complete plans and install new, taller, more secure black ornamental fencing at the Mansion perimeter between the limestone pillars: [Duane Mass, Capitol Architect and Curator]

Mr. Mass informed members why this special meeting was necessary due to a clawback provision on the funds made available for security upgrades to the mansion, where funds must be used by November 1, 2023.

Mr. Mass reported this project was brought forth to the Architecture and Grounds Committee to bring to the Commission for consideration and approval of the proposed project. He referenced an incident that occurred on the mansion grounds in the recent past, where a vehicle crashed the fence, which is the reason for the critical need for this item being addressed today.

Mr. Mass gave a presentation on the proposed fence project and lighting scheme recommended by the Department of Public Safety for the Commission's consideration. The new fence will be installed between the existing limestone columns, replacing the original cast iron panels and other fencing materials with a high-security steel palisade fence surrounding the Mansion Complex. The new fence is to be about the same height as the limestone columns.

Mr. Mass reported that all limestone columns are to remain and believes that the existing original fence panels should be retained and repurposed for historical significance. The project's concept comes at the request of the First Lady's Office and from the Department of Public Safety through the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Mr. Mass believes this is a necessary requirement in today's society and addresses the need for a security fence upgrade at the mansion.

There was concern among the members that the proposed fencing not being compatible with the historical character of the mansion and the possibility of damage to the limestone columns during and after the installation process.

Chairwoman Leonard made known that the Commission is approving the concept and will go to the other entity to be approved and then finalized by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) for the project's completion. OMES is to report back on the ongoing status of the project. There was \$2 million allocated for the project, and the reason for the urgency of a decision to be made now was that the money would expire after November 1st.

The Architecture and Grounds Committee met before the commission meeting and recommended approval to replace the existing cast iron fence, chainlink fence, barbed wire fence, and black ornamental fence with an increased security fence and proposed lighting scheme for the areas as shown for the first drawing at the Capitol Mansion Complex.

Duane Mass moved approval of the project as presented. C.J. Cavin seconded the motion. The following votes were recorded, and the motion passed:

Mr. Branan, yes; Mr. Cavin, yes; Mr. Fisher, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Ms. Leonard, yes; Mr. Mass, yes; Ms. Morrow, yes; Mr. Pozadas, yes; Mr. Ligon, yes.

Mr. Gibson entered the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

5. Discussion and possible action to complete plans and installation for future exterior improvements for seating and public spaces at the Capitol exterior grounds. [Duane Mass, Capitol Architect and Curator]

Mr. Mass apologized for the wording of the agenda item and reported that this is only a discussion of potentially adding exterior seating for eating areas outside on the Capitol grounds. He reported as chairman of the Architecture and Grounds Committee, and because other entities are involved, he would like for the committee to have further discussion and to come up with some potential concepts to bring to those in the Senate who would like to sponsor the project, and for the committee to work with the Senate to come up with a plan to bring back later to the Commission members for further discussion and consideration.

Discussion only. No action taken.

6. Adjournment:

There being no further business, C.J. Cavin made the motion to adjourn. Duane Mass seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.