

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENTAL MALL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2002
Mines and Minerals Building -- 3:30 p.m.

(Tape 1, Side A)

Chairman Knapp called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. and the secretary noted attendance.

Members Present

Senator Tom Smith	Elliott Hibbs	David Richert
Leroy Brady	Norman Hintz	Polly Rosenbaum
William McMullen	Donald P. Keuth, Jr.	Tom Knapp, Chair

Members Absent

Representative Roberta Voss	John Clements	Joy Rich
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Speakers Present

Doug Sawyer, Director, Arizona Department Mines and Mineral Resources
Roger Burna, Planning Director, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA)
Mike Wharton, Architect, OPUS

Opening Remarks

Chairman Knapp asked the members to introduce themselves. He provided a copy of a suggested presentation format for the committee (Attachment 1).

Review of Mines and Minerals Museum's master plan for outdoor exhibits

Doug Sawyer, Director, Arizona Department Mines and Mineral Resources, addressed the committee. He explained that the department was created in 1939 and was part of the war effort and included aid to small mining companies. He discussed the existing mining companies and pointed out that the mining industry has changed over the years. He explained that another mission is to promote mining and mineral development in Arizona and part of that is to educate Arizonans about the importance of mining.

Mr. Sawyer offered a PowerPoint presentation (Attachment 2) and discussed the proposed outside exhibits.

Mr. Sawyer informed the committee that all of the work done to date was done without any assistance from the state general fund. It was all completed through donations and volunteer effort. He discussed the proposed new displays and explained that the intent is to educate Arizona's students about mining and point out that there is still viable mining going on in parts of rural Arizona. He explained that one of the proposed displays involves an off road tire from a haul truck. The tire is 13 feet across and weighs 10,000 lbs. and was donated by Phelps Dodge. Mr. Sawyer discussed another proposed display involving a large mining shovel bucket donated by Asarco. He discussed the proposed location for the bucket, explaining that it will be sandblasted and painted and he pointed out that it weighs 50 tons and measures 27 cubic yards.

Mr. Sawyer explained that the third proposed exhibit is a mural on the building and the fourth proposed exhibit is a stamp mill. He discussed the proposed location for the stamp mill and pointed out that the four new outside exhibits being proposed would require no state general funds, the items were donated by the industry and volunteers and industry representatives perform the work. Mr. Sawyer offered to take questions from the committee.

Discussion was held regarding the placement of the equipment. It was suggested that the design reflect more integration between the landscape, the pedestrian area and the entrance of the building, similar to what was done with some of the city and county buildings. Suggestion was made that the murals are painted using the same method that was used when the murals were painted in the downtown area.

Mr. Sawyer responded to inquiry from the committee and explained that many of the volunteers are winter visitors and are anxious to begin work on the renovations. He pointed out that because it is a volunteer effort, it would not be completed as quickly.

Roger Burna, Planning Director, Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), discussed the plans for the proposed changes (Attachment 3).

Mike Wharton, Architect, OPUS, addressed the committee. Mr. Wharton directed the committee's attention to the plans for the proposed landscaping (Attachment 3) and explained that much of the parking lot will remain as is with landscape enhancement. He discussed the proposed changes regarding the bus drop off, the retention walls and the changes to the existing parking structure. The committee discussed the placement of the proposed plants.

Motion was made to add the four items to the landscape design.

Motion was made to amend the motion to add the four items to the landscape design. Motion was seconded. Elliott Hibbs recused himself from the vote. The motion carried.

Discussion continued regarding the proposed landscaping changed to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) building (Attachment 4).

Motion was made to provide conceptual approval to the expansion of the outdoor exhibits to include the four items as outlined recognizing that they will be coordinated with the Department of Administration

landscape plan and will meet all the requirements of the City of Phoenix. Motion was seconded. Elliott Hibbs recused himself from the vote. The motion carried.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Robyne Richards, Committee Secretary
January 28, 2002

(Original minutes, attachments and tape on file in the Chief Clerk's Office.)