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LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENTAL MALL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting
Friday, September 19, 2008
SHR 1 -- 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Honorable Tom Smith, Chairman
Representative John Kavanagh
Nola Barnes (for Bill Bell)
Thomas Chapman
Lynn Favour

Jamie Hogue
Donald Keuth Jr.
Wellington Reiter (teleconference)
David Richert

Members Absent

LeRoy Brady

Kevin DeMenna

Speakers Present

Steve Gervais, Public Affairs, Pinnacle West and Chair, Phoenix Community Alliance Capitol Mall Revitalization Committee
Patrick Panetta, Section Chair, American Institute of Architects (AIA), Metro Chapter
Mayor John Driggs, Capitol Centennial Committee
Catherine May, Arizona Historical Advisory Commission
Karen Churchard, Interim Deputy Director, Arizona Office of Tourism and Director, Arizona Centennial Commission

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Smith announced there are no minutes to approve because the Committee did not have a quorum at the last meeting.

FAVORABLE REVIEW: ARIZONA CENTENNIAL 2012 PLAN AND 2020 VISION:

Steve Gervais, Public Affairs, Pinnacle West and Chair, Phoenix Community Alliance Capitol Mall Revitalization Committee, announced that this action is a ratification of the June presentation.

Patrick Panetta, Senior Chair, American Institute of Architects (AIA), Metro Chapter, presented the Centennial Capital Vision that was developed by AIA for the Capitol Mall Area. Copies of the plan were made available for review (Attachment 1).

Mr. Richert, seconded by Ms. Barnes, moved that the Legislative Governmental Mall Commission give a favorable review of the Arizona State Capitol Centennial 2012 Plan and 2020 Vision that was presented to the Commission on June 20, 2008 with the understanding that the proponents of the plan must seek written approval from the Commission as required by statute when the proponents are ready to implement the plan. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Smith noted that with the adoption of the motion, members are giving a favorable review of the Plan. He pointed out that if members had approved the Plan, there could be no modifications. He told Mr. Gervais and Mr. Panetta that a favorable review means that the Commission agrees with the Plan and he told them to keep moving forward.

Steve Gervais, Public Affairs, Pinnacle West and Chair, Phoenix Community Alliance Capitol Mall Revitalization Committee, praised Wellington Reiter, former Dean for the Arizona State University College of Design, for his work relating to the Capitol Mall.

Chairman Smith stated that someone can be appointed to take Mr. Reiter's place on the Commission. Mr. Reiter said he will recommend someone and send his recommendation in writing.

Mr. Gervais gave an update on the revitalization of the Capitol Mall and recognized the late Senator Jake Flake for all his contributions. He advised that about five years ago, Senator Flake asked Mr. Reiter, Dean of the College of Design, for ideas for new capitol facilities. When the year-long study was completed, this Commission reviewed and approved the Revitalization Plan. The next step was to prepare a plan of development to effectuate change. The Phoenix Community Alliance worked in conjunction with the College of Design and came up with the Arizona Centennial Capitol Plan which received support by this Commission. One of the projects in the Plan was the Flag Walk which created a walk of Arizona flags along Washington Street to the State Capitol, to mark the start of the Centennial celebration (Attachment 2). He advised that the first two flags have been hung by Wesley Bolin and at the Department of Administration office; there will be 55 additional flags. It is hoped that the money to complete the project will be available by February 12, 2009 to mark the start of the Centennial celebration. He further advised that the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate created the Capitol Mall Committee. A study to re-employ the existing historic Capitol for legislative functions was undertaken resulting in a legislative appropriation of \$450,000.

Mayor John Driggs, Capitol Centennial Committee, related that September 26, 2008 is the day that the funds become available. Legislative Council will be communicated with so that the Chairman will convene a meeting this Fall to release some or all of the money.

Chairman Smith noted that several different groups are working on the Centennial project. He wondered whether there is communication between the various groups, and said he would like to ensure that everyone is communicating and not duplicating efforts, going off in different directions. Mayor Driggs answered that as far as he knows there are no gaps in communication.

Mr. Chapman agreed with Chairman Smith's comments.

Catherine May, Arizona Historical Advisory Commission (AHAC), provided a handout (Attachment 3). She related that the Commission was formed many years ago but it was five years ago that the Commission was given more statutory responsibility on how the State of Arizona would develop its Centennial Program. She reviewed AHAC's mission and its vision for Centennial projects. She noted that the Centennial Plan is available on AHAC's website. She stated that one of the key elements of the Plan is the Legacy project, whereby people and organizations across the State can present projects that can be labeled Legacy projects and become a part of the Centennial Commemoration Program. It is hoped that a mechanism to provide grants can be found to support some of the work.

Mr. Kavanagh asked whether the Legacy projects have to specifically relate to statehood or whether they can relate to an historical event. Ms. May answered that it can be anything that relates to Arizona.

Mr. Kavanagh queried whether a pre-existing project that meets the criteria would be eligible for funding or whether a new project would have to be created. Ms. May replied that as long as it contains an educational component, it would qualify. She pointed out that all Legacy projects are on the website and information is available to people across the State.

Karen Churchard, Interim Deputy Director, Arizona Office of Tourism and Director, Arizona Centennial Commission, reviewed The Arizona Centennial handout (Attachment 4). The differences between the Arizona Centennial Commission and the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission are shown on page 2 of the handout. The Arizona Centennial Commission is working on the following: fundraising/business management; community outreach; marketing and merchandise; media, public relations and website; signature projects; and special events and volunteers. These six key areas are being done in collaboration with the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission.

Chairman Smith asked whether it is possible every few months to get the press to do an article on what has been accomplished. Ms. Churchard related that the publisher of the Arizona Republic has already established three people on his staff to begin work with the Commission to establish how to better communicate with the public. Chairman Smith said he thinks that all media should be used.

Chairman Smith updated members on the status of the memorials:

Enduring Freedom Memorial:

He said this project has been going on for five years. He hopes that legislation will be passed to provide the necessary funding to complete the project. The memorial is completed, in storage in Sedona and a site has been selected. It is hoped that the memorial will be dedicated next year on Veterans Day.

Navajo Code Talkers Monument:

This project is complete.

Battle of the Bulge Monument:

This project is complete and has been put in place.

State Monument and Memorial Repair Fund:

He informed members that a bill passed by the Legislature dedicated ten percent of the funds raised for a memorial to go into the Memorial Repair Fund. Application for the funds must go through the Legislature and can be used for any memorial. He noted that people who have raised money for their memorial want the funds to be used solely for their memorial and advised that a bill will be introduced that states that money collected for a particular memorial will only be used for that memorial; it also removes the Legislature from the appropriation process. He said he questions whether the bill will be passed in that form and said he thinks it probably will be amended.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Joanne Bell, Committee Secretary
March 7, 2017

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