

MINUTES
(Subject to Approval by the Committee)
Capitol Services Committee
Thursday, November 08, 2018
3:30 p.m. - 4:25 p.m.
State Capitol
Boise, Idaho

Co-chair Brent Crane called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.; a silent roll call was taken. Capitol Services Committee members in attendance: Co-Chairs Senator Steve Vick and Representative Brent Crane; Senators Pro Tem Brent Hill and Patti Anne Lodge; Representatives Speaker Scott Bedke, Hy Kloc, and Wendy Horman by phone. Absent and excused: Senator Cherie Buckner-Webb. Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff present were: Eric Milstead, Michelle O'Brien, and Shelley Sheridan. Other attendees: Barry Miller - Division of Public Works; Director Bob Geddes and Deputy Director Keith Reynolds, Dept. of Administration.

Co-chair Crane called for the approval of the June 15, 2018, minutes. **Co-chair Vick motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Senator Lodge. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

DISCUSSION OF STATEHOUSE FACILITY MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Barry Miller, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Works provided an update on repairs to the Capitol.

Projects Resolved

- **Lighting Control System** - New control panel installed, conductors replaced, ethernet cable run and dedicated laptop has been set up. Software will be updated and project finished next week. Light bulbs will be replaced with LED bulbs for energy savings.
- **Exterior Stair/Portico Plaster** - Connection between treads and sandstone walls were re-caulked. Plaster under the portico will be replaced next week.
- **Tunnel Doors** - Vision panels were added to the pedestrian tunnel doors and wall was cut at a 45-degree angle to avoid being damaged by the doors. Tunnel will be shut down over the weekend to complete the project.
- **Monitors in Senate Chambers** - Monitors were mounted in the Senate chambers.
- **Exterior Elevator Planters** - Soil and liner removed and replaced with waterproof membrane and a copper drain inlet and filled with rock. Sandstone will be cleaned next.

Projects in Progress

- **Window Glazing** - Glazing is delaminating. Mr. Miller read a statement provided by Steve Olsen with the Attorney General's Office, which read, in part: The State filed its complaint against Jacobsen Hunt Joint Venture on July 26, 2018, seeking recovery against that company for the defective glass installed in the Idaho State Capitol. Jacobsen Hunt answered that complaint, denying an obligation to compensate the State and filed a third-party complaint against D&A Glass, contending, among other things, that D&A Glass is responsible to indemnify Jacobsen Hunt for the installation of defective glass in the Capitol. A 5-day trial has been set to commence on November 6, 2019. Jacobsen Hunt has expressed its interest in reaching a resolution to this dispute in mediation. We are currently discussing possible dates for the mediation, which would occur after the first of the year. D&A Glass was recently served with Jacobsen Hunt's third-party complaint. Once D&A Glass has answered the complaint, the parties will be in a better position to discuss a possible resolution to this matter.

Representative Crane asked what the cost was for repairs. Mr. Miller responded that there was no estimate, but it will be substantial due to the work and staging involved.

- **Fire Alarm System** - Parts for the current system are no longer manufactured, and the system is showing signs of aging, especially with the Voice Evacuation system, resulting in false alarms and resetting issues. A survey will be done, and the system will be replaced with a current, reliable, and serviceable system. Advertising for bids will take place in early 2019, with construction to start in summer 2019.
- **Roof Fall Protection**- The Statehouse roof was cited for inadequate fall protection. An architect is working on identifying areas, designing a solution, and preparing a cost estimate to be presented at the next meeting.
- **Jefferson Street Crowd Protection**- There are risks associated with vehicular traffic traveling along Jefferson and gatherings of large crowds. The Department of Homeland Security is preparing a risk-assessment analysis for the Capitol Commission to review for potential solutions and will report back at the next meeting.
- **Chamber Gallery Railings** - Railings do not meet current codes for safety protection. Adding to the existing railing was not feasible because of the risk of compromising its integrity. Railings on the steps and distance between the front row of seats and the railing were also issues. The Department of Public Works is exploring options and will report back at the next meeting.

Pro Tem Hill asked if the railings were currently code compliant. Mr. Miller responded that, technically, the railings are code compliant. He stated that a clause in the building code states that as long as you are not making it less safe, it does not need to be brought up to code. However, hazards have been recognized and should be addressed. Pro Tem Hill asked what options are being explored and if the gallery itself was a problem. Mr. Miller replied that the most viable option, which has not been vetted, was to install a brass railing. The result would be lost inches, but safety would be gained. He also suggested a plexiglass partition be added, although it would be more expensive and could have a glare. Mr. Miller stated he did not believe extending the depth of the platform was possible without reconstructing the entire gallery. Speaker Bedke agreed and stated that a remodel could not be started without redoing the entire balcony. The railing is made of masonry and screwing something in would be inadequate. Speaker Bedke added that a remodeled balcony would appear new in a historic building.

UPDATE ON NEW HOUSE OFFICE SPACE

Speaker Bedke stated that major complaints have been made about the House office spaces and the lack of security and privacy. During the remodel, the garden level, first, third, and fourth floors were allocated to the legislative branch; however, in deference to the State Treasurer, the allocation was postponed until the end of his tenure. Speaker Bedke stated that the current space within the Treasurer's Office and the LSO Audit Division is planned to be remodeled for additional House offices. He stated that bids for a "gut and rebuild" are high, but believes the estimated \$7 million for both the first floor and garden level remodel could be reduced. Selecting an architect is in process. Eric Milstead, LSO Director, added that the planning and design phase should be done by end of the year.

Co-chair Crane asked how many offices would be gained. Speaker Bedke responded that 49 offices would be added with space for additional staff and work areas. Co-Chair Crane asked if space would be allowed for future additional staff and what was the maximum capacity. Director Milstead replied that discussions were underway with architects and it was too early to know the capacity. Co-chair Crane asked if the Capitol Commission could vote on approving the remodel. Director Milstead responded that prior to Capitol Commission approval, it was up to leadership to approve. Speaker Bedke stated that a consensus was desired and requested input from the committee. Pro Tem Hill asked how the remodel would be funded. Director Milstead responded that leftover funds from the building fund were used for routine repairs and maintenance, but thought the House would ask for an appropriation to finance the renovation and that LSO and the Treasurer's Office would ask for an appropriation to finance their renovations and moves. Pro Tem Hill asked if the Governor's Office was aware and noted that the funds would have to come from somewhere. Director Milstead agreed

that a conversation was needed and that the Department of Administration has been kept up to speed, but numbers have not been discussed. Co-chair Crane asked if three separate appropriations were going to be requested, the costs of the moves, and where the Treasurer's Office was moving. Director Milstead responded that three appropriations were probable so people knew what was happening, and the cost for LSO Audit's move would be modest, but that he could not speak to the Treasurer's Office. Locations for the Treasurer's Office are being discussed. Representative Kloc asked if the offices would be fully enclosed. Director Milstead confirmed that the architect's intent is to construct fully enclosed offices.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS & ADJOURNMENT

Representative Horman asked if other cell phone providers' service would be added to the Capitol. Director Milstead replied that AT&T was close to plugging into what Verizon installed. Co-chair Crane noticed that Verizon's cell service in the tunnel had improved since last year and suggested that other providers should have the same capability. Director Milstead stated he would follow up. Representative Horman asked when AT&T would be plugged in. Director Milstead confirmed that AT&T would be plugged in by January.

Co-chair Crane acknowledged Representative Kloc's retirement, thanked and commended him for serving his constituents with integrity and honor, and wished him luck. Representative Kloc stated that the last six years have been the best and hopes the next six are just as good. He thanked the committee and expressed his appreciation for their friendship.

No additional business was before the committee, and the committee adjourned at 4:25 p.m.