



**CAPITOL PRESERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Capitol Hill Board Room, Capitol Building #240

Board Members in attendance:

Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson
Senate President Stuart Adams
Senator Gregg Buxton
Senator Gene Davis
Representative Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Representative Jim Dunnigan
SHPO Director Christopher Merritt
State Treasurer Marlo Oaks
Attorney General Sean Reyes

Board Members excused:

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant
Representative Mike Schultz

Capitol Preservation Board Office:

Dana Jones
Breanna Sibert
Lana Parker

Others

Steve Allred
Michael Ambre, DFCM
Megan Bolin, LRGC
Sarah Boll, DFCM
Lt. Wade Breur, UHP
Vicki Bourns
Mike Despain
Pat Gillins, DFCM
Brinton Gregory, DFCM
Captain Greg Holley, UHP
Ryan Hunter
Mike Kelly, AG Office

Karen Krieger
Holly Langton, GOPB
Nathan Leavitt, VCBO
Mike Lenahan
Michael Lesperance
Jill Love
Jennifer Ortiz
Katherine Potter
Jim Russell, DFCM
Whitney Ward, VCBO
Michael Wicai

Call to order

President Adams called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes from the December 07, 2021 Capitol Preservation Board Meeting.

A motion was made to approve the minutes for the December 07, 2021 Capitol Preservation Board meeting by Senator Buxton. The motion was seconded by Lieutenant Governor Henderson. No discussion to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Capitol Preservation Board Continuation of Rule R-131-3

Mike Kelley, Assistant Attorney General

Mike Kelley explained that the Capitol Preservation Board rules are reviewed every five years, and Rule R-131-3 was just amended last summer for magnetometers and procedures when there is a threat to the Capitol. Mike Kelley recommended that Rule R-131-3 be continued.

Chris Meritt moved to continue the Capitol Preservation Board Rule R-131-3, with Representative Dunnigan seconding the motion. No discussion to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Capitol Security

Captain Greg Holley, UHP

The concept for the Capitol grounds perimeter security has been approved, but feedback is needed on the design. With vehicle attacks being more prevalent at large scale events, approval has been given to install perimeter protection to the Capitol grounds, and a decision is needed on which design will be more aesthetically pleasing. The funds are available and everything is ready to proceed once the design has been determined. Two options are up for discussion (*referencing perimeter protection pdf document*):

- Cement benches with bollards on the corners
- A mix of cement benches and boulders with bollards on the corners.

Both options have the benefit of security, but it will also aid water conservation by taking out the grass on the park strip.

President Adams asked if the plan was to do the whole perimeter in two phases, and not just the red highlighted section. Captain Holley replied that the plan is to do the whole perimeter, but currently the red section is the higher priority to protect the south grounds for large group gatherings. President Adams followed up to confirm that the entire project had been funded, and Captain Holley replied that he believed it had been funded entirely. President Adams questioned if the bollards on the corners could be raised and lowered depending on the threat. Captain Holley explained that the bollards would not raise or lower; they are a permanent structure. Lieutenant Governor Henderson liked the functionality of the benches and asked for the timeline of the project. Dana Jones explained that everything is ready to proceed once the design has been approved, and could start before July.

Attorney General Reyes asked if the trees would be removed with Option A and have only benches. Captain Holley explained that both options would have trees. Senator Buxton asked if the red and short blue section would be installed now, with the remainder of the blue section installed after the completion of the North Building. President Adams anticipated that the perimeter protection would be installed as much as possible where it would not prohibit construction. Dana Jones confirmed that the project would proceed with minimal impact from the North Building construction, but would work with the project manager.

Representative Dailey-Provost asked how to keep skaters off of the concrete benches. Captain Holley explained that there are treatments that can be done to deter skating on the benches.

Representative Dunnigan made a motion to approve the perimeter protection with a solution to mitigate unwanted recreational activities. The motion was seconded by Senator Buxton. No further discussion to the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The second item concerning Capitol security was to choose the design of the fencing and gates in preparation to close off the plaza to a single point of entry, when necessary. The project has been approved, but input on the design is wanted. Captain Holley presented three design options for the fence (*referencing perimeter protection pdf document*):

- Option 1-Simple Spears
- Option 2-Port Cochere Match
- Option 3-East Driveway Match

Option 1 discussion points included: The design is patterned off of the fencing at the LDS temple. It is a simple design. It is more open and friendly, and will not look as if we are barring access to the plaza.

Option 2 discussion points included: The design is patterned off of the grand staircase south exit gates. It is the same design as the gates that will be installed for the underground parking, and in the North Building parking, once completed.

Option 3 discussion points included: The design is patterned off of the east and west fire gates installed on the walking path.

Lieutenant Governor Henderson asked if there was a difference in cost between the three options. Dana Jones replied that there was no difference in cost. The project is not yet funded, because it will not move forward until construction of the North Building is completed. A question was asked about the gate placement, and answered that the location of the gates are determined and will not change, but the style or appearance of the fencing is under consideration. President Adams asked if more time is needed to think about the design options, since installation will not occur for 3-4 more years. Consensus was to table the fence design for the time being.

Lt. Wade Breur, UHP

There is a new Capitol notification security system, recently rolled out at the Capitol, using an app called Aegix-DIR-S. A base user group will have access to Capitol notifications with the use of the app. UHP is having the company revamp the app to better suit the needs of Capitol security and presenting alerts in a timely manner.

Treasurer Oaks asked if the notification will be similar to an Amber Alert. Lt. Breur confirmed that it will be similar and will override the phone's silent feature in case of emergency. President Adams asked about the timeline for the use of the app. Lt. Breur responded that it will be in place by next session. President Adams requested presenting this notification system at caucus meetings.

North Capitol Building Update

Mike Ambre, Assistant Director DFCM

Mike Ambre, project manager for the North Capitol Building, presented updates on the materials and timeline:

- Stone has been procured for the North Capitol Building. Four different quarries were considered, and a quarry was found in Italy that is the best match. They are doing due diligence in selecting the correct color and finishes of the stone.
- A 3rd party review of the base isolation system is being finalized and it will go out to bid on June 10th.
- In order to ensure that the infrastructure is in place for power and A/V for future use in the North Capitol Building lobby, options for general concept ideas will be presented.
- The latest belvedere design will be presented and request feedback.

Michael Lesperance, The Design Minds

The goal is to look at a couple key areas in the lobby and want input to know how to proceed. The objective is to create a space that welcomes the public into the complex. It lets people know that they have arrived at the Capitol and they are welcome here. President Adams commented that there is no real entry way into the Capitol currently, so this will be our "grand entry" into the Capitol complex. Representative Dailey-Provost asked if those using the underground parking would be entering the same way? It is expected that public access will enter that direction from the underground parking.

As the public enter the North Capitol building, there are key areas to welcome them and show our state's heritage:

- Gallery entries
- Atrium
- East wall

The design concepts should match the finish and the look of the Capitol, using cohesive finishes, that is respectful of Capitol Hill. It is also a good way to introduce other elements of the Capitol, like the museum. Infrastructure needs to be in place in order to allow for different experiences, ie: media or static displays. Display elements could include a large object in the center, a word wall with monitors, cases for displays, or places for photo opps.

Discussion about the general design concepts for the North Capitol Building lobby included

Lt. Governor Henderson thought the basic design is good, and compliments the Capitol well. It was pointed out that the stair openings could infringe on women's privacy if wearing skirt attire. The preference is for static displays that can be changed, hanging something in the atrium, preserving the open space and flow, keeping it simple and not too busy, and not allowing school groups to congregate around touch screens.

Representative Dunnigan asked if the lobby concept with the platform would be permanent or temporary, and was hesitant about a permanent structure. Concern was voiced about having places to sit and drinking fountain options in the lobby, and did not like the word wall. Positively viewed the concept of multiple screens with changing landscapes of Utah, in order to sell what there is to offer in Utah.

President Adams asked if there would be a snack bar? Response was there was no plan for a snack bar, but food could be provided at the visitor retail space.

Representative Dailey-Provost asked for clarification about what is included in the visitor amenities location. The explanation was that it would be a place to get a wheelchair or to store a stroller. Representative Dailey-Provost followed up with an inquiry if there was any plan for something like a coffee shop or a cafeteria- a place for kids to sit down and eat.

Attorney General Reyes liked the idea of something hanging in the atrium adding diversity and integrating modern technology with traditional elements. To err on the side of providing more infrastructure makes sense, to support virtual reality and anticipating future needs will be beneficial for future potential and flexibility.

Senator Buxton expressed that the stairwell could be a premiere piece with videos displaying parts of Utah and what is available. Excited to have something that will make this museum stand out that no other museums have; incorporating new and exciting displays to represent Utah.

Attorney General Reyes said that there are many opportunities that we may want to consider in the future, which is a leap of faith to build beyond what is needed now. We should not build for today, but for future commerce, culture and coolness; just as the Capitol was over-built back in the day.

President Adams summarized that the general consensus is to over-engineer the infrastructure in the lobby in order to make the entry way into the Capitol an experience. For formal events and other meetings in the boardroom, the lobby should have a “wow” factor, but make sure it does not overshadow the Capitol.

Senator Davis added that the atrium should be open and inviting you into the museum, plaza or Capitol. The walls should be interactive to see Utah’s history, art and culture; not a place to hangout, but encouraging people to explore more.

Representative Dunnigan felt that adding teasers in the lobby of what you can view in the museum would be beneficial. He also expressed the need to provide food options in the North Capitol Building. People will want refreshment and it needs to be considered. Agreement that having food options is critical; it is a big draw, and should be included.

Attorney General Reyes recommended providing different languages for visitors coming from other countries. The function of more accessibility for people to interact in their own language helps to make Utah a gateway to the world.

Mike Lesperance asked for direction regarding the casework in the lobby. President Adams confirmed that it is wanted just as displayed in the mock-up.

Representative Dunnigan wanted clarification on what would be done to improve the acoustics in the North Capitol Building lobby. The response was that there will be acoustic treatments on the ceilings and other wall treatments put in place that will help with the sound. An acoustical engineer can also help with noise abatement.

Treasurer Oaks asked if a large window could be added to the design to add light to the space and showcase the Capitol. Nathan Leavitt responded that it’s an idea they are exploring, but it is difficult to add a large glass window and keep the historic aesthetic of the other buildings. President Adams wondered if the second floor was a possibility for the placement of a large window. Mike Ambre explained that it would entail relocating the boardroom and removing a small conference room.

Nathan Leavitt, VCBO Architecture

The belvedere structure was part of Kletting and Olmsted’s design, and was also part of the 2009 master plan. They were instructed to adhere as much as possible to the design plan. The belvedere will house the exit stairs from the parking garage, protecting the exits from inclement weather. It has gone through several reiterations of designs with the steering committee, and have tailored it in scale and design; keeping with the look of the surrounding buildings.

Access to the different levels is provided through stairways and paths, in a garden-type setting, which allows one to meander through the site. SHPO Director, Chris Merrit, asked about accessibility in the belvedere. Nathan Leavit explained that there is a sloping path that is

wheelchair accessible. There is no elevator from the parking garage into the belvedere, however there will be an elevator from the parking garage into the North Capitol Building.

Questions were asked about the grade and view from 5th North. The belvedere would be to grade with 5th North, and access the cherry tree path-bisecting the path at the top. The view from 5th North would show a tree canopy. The belvedere is not the main entry/exit but more of a pathway or street parking access to the North Capitol Building. School groups would enter the North Capitol Building from the bus loop.

Dana Jones, Executive Director CPB

Dana Jones provided a completed document of the grounds placement master plan for each of the board members, and gave a save-the-date for the upcoming time capsule ceremony on May 18, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Dunnigan placed a motion to adjourn. Senator Buxton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Capitol Preservation Board meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.