

MINUTES
Approved by the Committee
Capitol Services Committee
Friday, June 15, 2018
8:00 am to 8:50 am
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Boise, Idaho

Co-chair Steve Vick called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.; a silent roll call was taken. Capitol Services Committee members in attendance: Co-Chair Senator Steve Vick, Pro Tem Brent Hill, Senator Patti Anne Lodge, Speaker Scott Bedke, and Representative Wendy Horman. Absent and excused: Senator Cherie Buckner-Webb and Representative Brent Crane.

Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff present were: Eric Milstead, Michelle O'Brien, and Ana Lara.

Other attendees: Barry Miller - Division of Public Works; Mary Sue Jones - Senate Staff; MaryLou Molitor - House of Representatives Staff; and Director Bob Geddes and Deputy Director Keith Reynolds - Dept. of Administration.

Co-chair Vick called for the approval of the June 15, 2017 minutes. **Pro Tem Hill made a motion to approve the minutes. Speaker Bedke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Discussion of Statehouse Facility Maintenance Projects

Barry Miller, Deputy Administrator for the Division of Public Works (DPW), provided an update on statehouse repairs.

Projects Resolved

- **Legislative dome roofs** - Roofs on both the Senate and House of Representative domes were reroofed with new 20 pound copper sheets.
- **Electrical transformer replacement** - The air-cooled step-down transformer that serves the emergency services electrical panel was found to be failing. A replacement was installed the weekend before the 2018 legislative session began. Upon removal, it was discovered that the electrical arcing had melted approximately eight feet of the protective insulation on the electrical conductors connecting the transformer.
- **Hearing room doors** - The double doors in the hearing rooms were restructured due to sagging that did not allow them to close properly. The doors were remounted to the framing with additional anchors. After being reinstalled, while adjusting the hardware to operate correctly, it was discovered that the doors have begun warping; it may be necessary to address the doors in the future.
- **Bell yoke** - The decorative wood yoke on the bell (Jefferson Street) had weathered and split allowing water intrusion into the steel yoke assembly from which the bell is suspended. The rust was removed from the steel yoke and a rust inhibited paint was applied.

Projects Currently Being Worked On

- **Fire alarm system** - The fire alarm system is starting to show signs of aging and the annunciators are failing. This has resulted in an increasing number of false alarms and resetting issues after an alarm event has occurred. Unfortunately, the company no longer manufactures the system, but repairs have been made to the existing parts.
 - Remedy - DPW is working on an upgrade to the entire fire alarm system; some components will be kept and others will be replaced. The fire alarm system will also be brought to current fire alarm code.
- **Lighting control system** - The lighting control system has experienced system failures on an increasingly frequent rate.
 - Remedy - Install a new lighting control system and exterior wall wash lighting.

- **Window glazing** - The window glazing is delaminating and has produced single or multiple bubbles in the panels. During the Statehouse renovation, there were 160 panels replaced; 70 of those panels have some bubbles. The State's glazing expert opined that, with time, they could expect all the replaced glazing to begin delaminating.
 - Remedy - Three glazing experts examined the glazing and opined it was a manufacturing defect. Due to the pending litigation, Mr. Miller was advised by legal counsel to limit the discussion on this matter.
 - Updates from DPW on this matter will be forthcoming.
- **Exterior stairs/porticos** - During the winter of 2016 and 2017, significant moisture intrusion occurred in the porticos under the three exterior entry stairs. This was evidenced by significant leaching of lime to the surface of the sandstone in all three areas and deterioration of the plaster ceiling of the Jefferson Street portico.
 - Remedy - The initial evaluation determined that the caulking at the joints that occurs in various locations, but primarily from the concrete/granite stair treads to the sandstone, had failed. The caulking was replaced during the summer of 2017. The sandstone was to be cleaned and plaster replaced after the surfaces had completely dried. However, those surfaces have never completely dried and are continuing to take on moisture during rain events. Numerous experienced craftsmen have examined the areas; no one has yet been able to determine the path that allows moisture to reach the porticos. DPW is trying to find a method to track the moisture back to the source so that necessary repairs can be made.
- **Tunnel doors** - The doors leading from the capitol into the pedestrian tunnel are missing vision panels.
 - Remedy - The doors and frame will be replaced with code compliant fire-rated doors with vision panels.
- **Roof fall protection** - The Division of Building Safety cited the roof for inadequate fall protection. Maintenance workers routinely need to cross the roof to service various pieces of equipment and during the legislative session to raise and lower flags over the domes.
 - Remedy - The Capitol Commission approved a project to determine how to provide fully code compliant fall protection while minimizing the visual impact for those approaching the capitol. An architect is currently working on the investigation and design. Once an acceptable solution has been identified and a construction cost estimate has been established, approval of the Capitol Commission will be sought to make the improvements.

Projects for the Future

Mr. Miller explained that the Capitol Commission formulated a 15 year plan for projects in the future.

Discussion on the Projects

Director Milstead inquired about the timeframe for the fire alarm system upgrade. Mr. Miller responded that bid specifications were being put in place. He expressed concern that, due to the high demand of contracting work being done in the Treasure Valley, DPW could have a difficult time finding a vendor that could complete the project prior to the next legislative session.

Pro Tem Hill inquired how major capitol projects were financed. Mr. Miller responded that they were financed through the Capitol Commission. Pro Tem Hill asked Mr. Miller to research the cost of installing bollards in front of the capitol building to be used as a deterrent from attacks.

Representative Horman expressed a safety concern regarding the low railings in the chamber galleries.

Discussion of Miscellaneous Topics - Director Eric Milstead, LSO

Director Milstead stated that the dining room vendor had not renewed his contract for the legislative dining room. He explained that LSO would work on obtaining a new contract vendor. Director Milstead informed the committee that a second monitor for the Senate chamber would be installed before the end of the summer.

Director Milstead provided a brief update on the Idaho flag in the rotunda. He explained that the vendor rebuilt the flag to correct the two-tone blue colors that were inadvertently placed in the flag.

Representative Horman inquired about when others, with a cellphone carrier besides Verizon, would have cell phone access in the building. Director Milstead explained that the system Verizon installed has the capacity for other carriers to plug-in. He stated that AT&T was looking at plugging into the system as well.

Senator Lodge suggested that the page room be turned into another office for the Senate in order to elevate the professionalism in the area. Senator Lodge inquired about the status of the ADA compliancy. Mr. Miller responded that all the ADA deficiencies had been resolved with the exception of the Office of the Attorney General's door.

Discussion on Topics for Upcoming Committee Meetings

Director Milstead stated that, at the next meeting, Mr. Miller would provide the committee with an update on the status of maintenance projects at the capitol building. He added that the relocation of the page room could serve as another follow-up item as well.

The committee adjourned at 8:50 a.m.