



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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State Capitol Management Committee (SCMC) Meeting
Friday, April 13, 2018
1:30 p.m.
State Capitol Building, Conference Room 016
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

MINUTES

Members Present

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chairperson, Senate
Representative Cindy Evans, Member, House of Representatives
Mike McCartney, Member, Office of the Governor
Dean Shimomura, Member, Department of Accounting and General Services
Carol Taniguchi, Member, Senate
Rod Tanonaka, Member, House of Representatives

Other Attendees

Stella Kam, Deputy Attorney General, Department of the Attorney General
Roderick Becker, Department of Accounting and General Services
Lt. Al Cummings, Department of Public Safety
Jessie Faige, Senate
Park Kaleiwahea, Senate
Chris Kinimaka, Department of Accounting and General Services
Emily Sampson, Senate
Allison Uchima, Senate
Keanu Young, Legislative Reference Bureau

1. Call to Order: 1:36 p.m.
2. Introductions and Public Comments
Committee members and guests introduced themselves
3. Review and Approve Minutes of the March 7, 2018 Meeting
No quorum – deferred.
When quorum achieved:
Mr. Tanonaka made a correction to Item No. 7.d.: The bill addressing different elements to enhance Capitol security had died but was reintroduced as a resolution.
Senator Rhoads suggested adding names and roles of attendees to the beginning.

Mr. McCartney moved to approve the minutes with recommended amendments.

Ms. Taniguchi seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Report

a. Current Project – 5th Floor Roof Renovation

Mr. Shimomura reported that the total cost is \$6,638,793, although the contract is not yet closed. The scope of the project includes replacing the upper roof and the part underneath as well as parts associated with those areas (e.g., roof drains, door, hatches). He confirmed that the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) was consulted during the design process and that the project should be completed around September.

b. Future Projects

i. 4th Floor Lanai

Mr. Shimomura reported that the contract is currently \$6.48 million and that the scope includes repairs to the 4th floor exterior perimeter lanai and concrete spalling and cracks as well as replacement of the lanai walkway paving, waterproofing, handrails, drains, and lighting system. He noted that the perimeter lighting would be removed temporarily but that they haven't been turned on in about 20 years.

ii. Reflecting Pond Water Feature

Mr. Shimomura noted that the design consultant has been selected and that the contract is still being negotiated. Ms. Kinimaka reported that the main objective is to re-establish the scope of the project and that there had been a meeting with SHPD and the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to get an idea of the project's flexibility. She added that SHPD prefers the presence of water because it's a character-defining feature of the building but is willing to examine different ways of representing water.

Ms. Kinimaka suggested that a possible solution could be found by looking at the former Hemmeter Building, which had a pool behind it that is still preserved under a layer of sculpture; the historical aspect remains because the sculpture is removable. For the Capitol, this might mean that a new bottom could be built over the pool, forming a solid roof on top of the offices below. She reported that a consultant would be brought in by early May to look at the possibilities. She also explained that when the Capitol building was first constructed, the pool water was replenished by on-site wells and was also run through the AC system; as the wells were tapped deeper, more brackish water appeared, which was harmful to the AC system, so that usage was stopped. The brackish water also became a feeding system for algae, which is why the pools are as they are now. Because of the poor water circulation, the pools must be scrubbed manually. Ms. Kinimaka added that another possible solution would involve making the pools shallower: An example in Santa Clara,

California, looks like a pool of water but is actually water sheeting across a ceramic or ceramic-like surface. Representative Evans remarked that, inevitably, if there were flowing water and it were open to the public, people would splash in it and it would become a playground. She emphasized that a lifecycle analysis on the options should be completed, and that it may be worth the cultural integrity to keep the pools if the lifecycle is long enough. Representative Evans added that, according to statute, the power of final decision probably lies with this committee. Mr. Shimomura commented that the primary focus of the project is structural stability, so the pools are affected because they'll be removed to get repair work done beneath them, but the issue is what should be put back. Mr. McCartney noted that issues related to safety, cost, and design all need to be examined. Senator Rhoads suggested that the consultant be requested to give several options: the pools remain the same, the pools are removed completely, and perhaps two possibilities where there is less water or water flows through. He reiterated that there are issues with cost and safety as well as historical concerns. Mr. McCartney moved that these options be requested of the consultant; Representative Evans seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

iii. Other Projects

Mr. Shimomura reported that another project involves the ceiling tiles that fell into the pond and looking at what needs to be fixed. Ms. Kinimaka noted that because the Capitol is a historic building, the appearance of the tiles should be kept as similar as possible.

Mr. Shimomura then provided a list of projects in the Department of Accounting and General Services' (DAGS) backlog and explained that the list is reviewed annually so that adjustments can be made – projects could be pushed higher up the list in priority. Representative Evans asked about the building elevators, which were item no. 4 on the list, and Mr. Shimomura reported that elevators are often upgraded rather than replaced and that, as they are examined, the elevators could be moved up the list. Mr. Tanonaka explained that the elevators have been breaking down, trapping people inside. Mr. Shimomura reiterated that before projects are finalized, the backlog is examined and projects are re-prioritized as needed. Mr. Tanonaka commented that a letter addressed to the Comptroller from the House Speaker, Senate President, and the chairs of Finance (FIN) and Ways and Means (WAM) asked about the possibility of elevator replacement, and Senator Rhoads noted that, because the Speaker and President were already working on the issue, the committee need not worry about the elevators. He added that the committee would coordinate with Mr. Cummings to discuss a report to be provided by PSD.

Mr. Tanonaka reported that the capillary reader that had been located at the loading dock and which was rarely used was moved to the entry level by the service elevator to replace the reader that had been vandalized previously. Mr. Cummings reported that the Department of Public Safety (PSD) would be looking into replacing or moving cameras to accommodate building security measures. He added that this was not a line item for PSD and that the money would be coming out of its own budget. Representative Evans and Senator Rhoads remarked on the challenging issue of funding.

6. Emergency Electrical Backup Discussion

Mr. Shimomura reported that when the lights went out about a month ago, it was the breaker that failed, not the generator, and that the breaker has since been repaired. He added that the generators are tested quarterly, which is the standard, but that to test the entire system, the building would have to be shut down for a short period, which is why these tests are not run regularly. He explained that contractors have come in to test the generators and have reported nothing wrong. He noted that in areas of the building where the breakers fail, there is no power. Mr. Shimomura then explained that electricians exercise the breakers so that they do not freeze into place and that they try to do this at least once a year. Representative Evans remarked that during the incident several weeks ago, the stairwells were black – no light – and that they need to be lit for emergencies. Mr. Shimomura said that Central Services is looking into installing battery backup, which Mr. McCartney noted should be encouraged. Mr. McCartney added that all areas of the building need to be considered in relation to this issue, including the basement. Senator Rhoads concluded that this should be put back on the agenda so that Mr. Shimomura can report any updates.

7. Report on Janitorial Services Request

Senator Rhoads reported that he had sent a letter about this agenda item to the chairs of FIN and WAM but had not heard back yet. Representative Evans said that employees of various agencies work in the building on Saturdays during the legislative session and that they were asking if any janitors could go through the bathrooms on Saturday mornings to replace toilet paper as needed and take care of any issues. Mr. Shimomura responded that DAGS does not have enough staff for that and would have to pay overtime; he added that he would check on the possibility of the staff looking into the bathrooms at the end of the day on Fridays. Mr. Becker noted that the latest draft of the state budget cuts \$250,000 and six janitors, further impacting the ability of DAGS to service its buildings.

8. SCMC Mission Statement Discussion

The proposed mission statement drafted by Representative Evans was circulated. Mr. McCartney moved that the committee approve the mission statement as drafted; Mr. Tanonaka seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously passed.

9. Other Business

It was noted that H.C.R. No. 28, Urging the State Capitol Management Committee to Consider Security Improvements for the State Capitol, was scheduled for a hearing on

Monday, April 12. Senator Rhoads proposed placing the issue of security on the agenda regardless of what happened with the resolution.

Senator Rhoads added that Senator Riviere had suggested that designs be etched onto the large concrete bases of the outside flagpoles: the magnetic compass on that of the American flag and the Hawaiian star compass on that of the Hawaiian flag.

Senator Rhoads also mentioned the possibility of adding a new right-hand turning lane at the Miller Street / Punchbowl exit to help traffic flow but noted that the committee probably does not have jurisdiction over that. He concluded that the issue should be put on the agenda, but commenting that we may only be able to ask the City for help in this arena.

10. Next Meeting Date

TBD – suggested for first week after legislative session adjourns.

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.



The Senate

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 208

The Honorable Sylvia Luke
Chair, House Committee on Finance
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 306

Dear Donovan and Sylvia:

As you may recall in 2014 we passed a bill (Act 097) that created the State Capitol Management Committee (SCMC). This committee's responsibilities include oversight and management of the State Capitol grounds and facilities. I was recently elected Chairperson.

One duty of the SCMC is to recommend to the Legislature priorities for the benefit of the Capitol property. In this capacity, the SCMC is formally requesting the inclusion of two (2) temporary additional janitorial positions effective for the 2019 Legislative session and during each legislative session in the future. Like us, you may have noticed that basic functions are not being covered, particularly on weekends. Many people visit the Capitol during session and not having basics like toilet paper in the dispensers reflects poorly on the Legislature and the State in general.

Thank you for considering this request. The SCMC looks forward to working with you in improving our Capitol building and grounds.

With warmest aloha,

Karl Rhoads

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Memo

To: Mike McCartney

From: Representative Cindy Evans

✓ Cc: Senator Karl Rhoads

Date: March 8, 2018

Re: Draft Mission of the State Capitol Management Committee

*Aloha Karl -
Cindy*

OUR MISSION

To steward the facilities and grounds of the Hawai'i State Capitol through oversight of maintenance and operations ensuring the continuance of its unique and special architecture and spirit of aloha where the State's constitutionally-established democratic process is exercised.

We will create a welcoming environment that serves all people and ensures facilities and grounds are operated in a manner that welcomes the public and supports those who work side by side. Our principles of safety, security, and cleanliness guide us in all that we do.