



CAPITOL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2017

Meeting. The Capitol Planning Commission met on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. The Commission took action on the following items:

- Elected Bill Dikis to a two-year term as chair.
- Elected Susan Elgin to a two-year term as vice chair.
- Declined to approve an application for an Iowa Governor Harold Hughes commemorative monument on the Capitol Complex.

A presentation from the Greater Des Moines Partnership regarding the Connect Downtown plan was canceled. At this time, there was no new information to be presented. The following items were also discussed:

- **Monument Fund.** A total of \$4,700 has been raised as matching funding for efforts to maintain monuments on the Capitol Complex. A total of \$100,000 was allocated in the 2016 Infrastructure Appropriations Act. Appropriated funds may be used once \$200,000 has been raised in matching funds.
- **Fleet Services Building.** The Fleet Services Building at East 7th and Walnut in Des Moines is being considered for demolition. The building is currently vacant and services have been relocated to the Facilities Management Center. The Department of Administrative Services will also partner with the City of Des Moines for certain vehicle services.
- **Capitol Dome Construction.** A brief update on the Dome construction project was given. Replacement of aging and degrading bricks will begin in the fall. The Commission discussed the potential to sell bricks from the Dome to raise funds for monuments. However, the feasibility of this sale/fundraiser will depend on the state of the bricks as they are removed. At this time, that is unknown.
- **Ola Babcock Miller.** Bids for window repairs in the Ola Babcock Miller Building will be let soon. Brief updates were given on the following items:
 - The Capitol Complex Farmer's Market will be on every Tuesday from now until September 26.
 - Food trucks will be available until November 30.
 - The cafeteria in the Lucas Building is also available.

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