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CAPITOL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting. The Capitol Planning Commission met on Thursday, July 19, 2018. The Commission received updates on multiple items, including the following:

- **K-9 Memorial Proposal.** Lt. Brent Kock of the West Des Moines police presented the Commission with plans for designing and building a memorial for service dogs killed in the line of duty. The K-9 memorial is planned to be built near the existing Peace Officer Memorial located next to the Oran Pape State Office Building on the State Capitol Complex. Currently, four dogs have met the requirements to be listed as “killed in action.” The memorial will be developed in collaboration with the United States K-9 Association. All law enforcement agencies in Iowa may be represented in the memorial. Currently, the plan is for the Department of Public Safety to be responsible for maintenance of the memorial. After discussing additional items such as funding, design, and scheduled updates, the Commission unanimously gave preliminary approval for the proposal with the condition that the Commission must continue to be informed of funding and design updates.
- **Capitol Dome Construction.** Facilities Manager Mark Willemssen updated the Commission on the Capitol dome restoration project. The project is now approximately 98.0% complete, with minimal sod, concrete, and sheet metal work still needing to be completed. The dome will have two heaters and two dehumidifiers installed, which will require some additional electrical work. The project is under budget by approximately \$2.5 million and is ahead of schedule. Mr. Willemssen also noted that approximately \$70,000 has been collected from the ongoing brick salvage and sale associated with the restoration project, with approximately 795 bricks having been sold as of this time.
- **Monument Fund.** Tour Guide Supervisor Joni Arnett of the Legislative Services Agency discussed plans to sell medallions displaying the Abraham Lincoln monument located on the Capitol grounds. The tour guides’ desk plans to sell approximately 350 medallions at \$15 each, with an overhead cost of \$10 per medallion. The remaining \$5 in revenue will be deposited into the Monument Fund. A total of approximately \$1,750 is expected to be collected from the sale of the medallions at the Capitol Gift Shop.
- **Major Maintenance Funding.** Bids for window repairs in the Ola Babcock Miller Building will be let soon. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) also reviewed funding provided by the General Assembly for major maintenance, routine maintenance, and Capitol Building maintenance. [Senate File 2414](#) appropriated \$104.5 million for major maintenance over five fiscal years and enacted two standing appropriations for maintenance. The standing appropriations include \$2.0 million per year for routine maintenance and \$500,000 per year for Capitol Building maintenance.

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