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**CAPITOL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

**Meeting.** The Capitol Planning Commission met on Wednesday, July 20, 2016. Discussion included the following items:

- **Monument Maintenance Funding.** [Senate File 2324](#) (Infrastructure Appropriations Act) provided a \$100,000 allocation for monument maintenance. The allocation is part of a larger \$9.5 million appropriation from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for major maintenance. The allocation requires a two-to-one match. The Commission members discussed how they were planning to raise the \$200,000 match with more discussion anticipated at the next meeting. The allocation must be expended by June 30, 2020.
- **Iowa A Place to Grow Symbol.** Research was conducted regarding this monument that has stood on the corner of East 14th and Grand since 1984. Two other monuments were located at the State Fairgrounds and at the rest area in Waukee; however, both of those monuments no longer exist. The Commission voted to de-install the monument and allow the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) to take possession. The DCA stated that the monument will be removed in early August. A letter will be sent notifying the Governor's Office and the Senate and House of the monument's removal.
- **Monumental Journey Monument Application.** The [Greater Des Moines Art Foundation](#) has formally withdrawn its application for consideration of a monument on the Capitol grounds.
- **Legislative Update.** [Senate File 2324](#) also appropriated \$9.9 million from the State Bond Repayment Fund to repair the Capitol dome and to provide the installation costs of new lighting on the Capitol Complex. Per language in SF 2324, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is not allowed to use owner-representatives for the work. Rather the DAS entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Legislative Senior Facilities Manager and the \$9.9 million will be transferred into the General Assembly Joint Account for expenditure on both the dome repair and lighting installation.
- **Construction Updates**
  - **Ola Babcock Miller Building** - Repair of the limestone continues on the south entrance with the remaining limestone being provided from a quarry in Indiana. Bids are currently being reviewed for waterproofing the Ola Babcock Miller Building.
  - **Parking Ramp** - Repairs to the outside of the parking garage along Grand Avenue have been completed and the DAS is currently reviewing the design concept.
  - **Capitol Step and Window Repair** - Work continues to repair the west drive and west steps of the Capitol and the north Capitol windows.
  - **Court Avenue Hillside** - Work will begin to repair the hillside of the Judicial Branch facing Court Avenue on July 27, 2016.
  - **Oran Pape Building** - Window repair has been completed and the specs for the blinds should be completed by the end of October. The exterior drainage improvements will be sent out to bid by July 22, 2016.
- **Other Updates**
  - **Capitol Complex Farmers Market** - The DAS along with the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) and the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) will be offering a weekly farmer's market on the Capitol Complex on Tuesdays from 3-5:30 p.m. from July 19 - September 27.

- **Walking Trail** - The DAS has put together maps for different walking trails on the Capitol Complex. Signage will include a Capitol Complex map developed by IDPH and DAS. The signs will be placed close to buildings and will use existing posts.
- **Butterfly Garden** - The Blank Park Zoo approached the DAS about installing a butterfly garden on the northeast corner of the Capitol Complex grounds. The plants will be grown over the winter and planted next year.

**Additional Information.** Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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