



CAPITOL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting. The Capitol Planning Commission met on Wednesday, October 19, 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 requires a two-to-one match. The allocation must be expended by June 30, 2020. The Commission members discussed potential ways to raise the \$200,000 match including reaching out to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), the Iowa Historic Fund, and the Des Moines Community Foundation. Another idea discussed included placing a donation box at the State Capitol tour guide desk.

Legislative Update. The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) reported that maintenance budgets had not been finalized yet but DAS anticipates having discussions with the Department of Management (DOM) in November. The DAS also reported that the Capitol Tree Lighting Ceremony will be November 28. The Commission voted to approve its FY 2016 annual report.

Construction Updates

- **Ola Babcock Miller Building** – Repair of the limestone on the south entrance has been completed. Waterproofing of the Ola Babcock Miller Building is currently half done; however, due to winter approaching, activity will cease and continue in April when nicer weather returns.
- **Parking Ramp** – Stone on the outside of the parking ramp has been removed and will be reinstalled in April when nicer weather returns.
- **Capitol Step and Window Repair** – Work on the west drive is in the final phases of completion and the west steps of the Capitol have been completed. Work on the north Capitol windows is just beginning.
- **Court Avenue Hillside** – Work to repair the hillside of the Judicial Branch Building facing Court Avenue has been completed.
- **Capitol Lighting and the Dome Project** – Money was appropriated in July and the architects are in the process of working up drawings and specifications. Mark Willemsen, Capitol Complex Facilities Manager, stated that he anticipated the documents being completed around the end of the calendar year and bids to occur in January, with construction beginning in the spring.

Other Updates

- **Capitol Complex Farmers Market** – A weekly farmers market was held on the Capitol Complex on Tuesdays from 3-5:30 p.m. from July 19 to September 27. Plans are to continue this again next year.
- **Food Trucks** – The food trucks will be available in the Lucas Parking Lot through the end of November. Plans are to continue the partnership with the City of Des Moines in providing food truck vendors to the Capitol Complex again next year.
- **Walking Trail** – The DAS has put together maps for different walking trails on the Capitol Complex. Signage includes a Capitol Complex map developed by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the DAS. The launch for the new walking trails will occur on October 26, 2016.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Capitol Planning Commission is scheduled for January 4, 2017. The location has yet to be determined.

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

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