

CAPITOL COMPLEX COMMISSION – MINUTES

- Date: July 16, 2018

OPENING:

- The meeting of the Capitol Complex Commission was called to order by Chair Shouldice at 10:34 AM on July 16, 2018 in the BGS Boardroom #410, at 133 State Street in Montpelier.

PRESENT:

- **Members:** Heather Shouldice, Chair; Jireh Billings, Rachel Feldman, Paul Carnahan and Christopher Cole, Executive Secretary to the Capitol Complex Commission
- **Also Present:** Jack Zeilenga, James Duggan, Tabrena Karish, Tricia Harper, Joe Aja, Stephen Frey, Roger Thompson, Susan Allen, Arne McMullen, Andrew Davis, AJ Lanphere, Louis Hodgetts, John Snell, and Stephen Mills
- **Minutes transcriber:** Judy Bruneau, Department of Building and General Services

PRIOR MINUTES APPROVAL:

- Item #1 – Jireh Billings made a motion to approve the February 20, 2018 meeting minutes as presented and Rachel Feldman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

DISCUSSION:

- Item #2 – Ice Rink at the State House Pilot Proposals – Susan Allen, Arne McMullen and Stephen Frey
- Stephen gave a quick overview of the ice rink proposal and highlighted a few proposed changes.
- Discussion was held on the dasher boards. Replacing the current model with plexiglass and aluminum.
- Lighting would be improved by using taller, hollow poles and they will reuse the existing lighting units. The lighting would be more accurate, and this would reduce glare outside the ice rink for vehicles passing by. The wiring would be invisible if hollow metal poles are used.
- Install under the ice a wedge of insulation to provide a level surface for the rink liner and compensate for the sloping lawn. Refrigeration could be installed to assist and reduce thawing but is very expensive and will be reserved for a future multi-season concept nearby.

- An alteration to the skating season was also proposed. Opening earlier for the Christmas and New Year holidays and ending sooner because of the uncertainty of changing weather in the spring.
- Multi-season plaza incorporating the City's seasonal rink will be proposed by BGS to the Administration and Legislature.
- The BGS Commissioner will propose the plaza/ice rink concept for the Capital Bill when the Supreme Court and 109 State Street entrances are redesigned as part of upcoming projects. This will not be part of this year's upcoming cycle.
- The City intends to apply for a \$25,000.00 Recreational Grant through the Buildings Communities Grants Program. Whether or not they are awarded this grant, the City of Montpelier plans to finance the ice rink project.

MOTION:

- Paul Carnahan made a motion for the Capitol Complex Commission to accept the concept for the ice rink redesign for 5 years, pending approval of the dasher boards and lighting poles. Jireh Billings seconded the motion. It was approved by all.

DISCUSSION:

- Item #3 – 120 State Street Cell Tower – Louis Hodgetts, Andrew Davis, and AJ Lanphere
- Verizon is requesting to place cell antennas on the roof of 120 State Street.
- 4 Site Plan options were developed by DuBois and King Engineering and presented for discussion for placement of three antennas on top or embedded in the walls at 120 State Street.
- Verizon acknowledged that CCC approval was the first step in the process and that they needed to successfully negotiate a lease with BGS.

MOTION:

- Paul Carnahan made a motion to accept the C-3D design for installation of antennas on the top of 120 State Street. On the west side, two antennas would be embedded in the penthouse wall behind the radio frequency screen. On the east side, and due to where the elevator is, one antenna would be mounted on the exterior of the building and painted to match exterior. Rachel Feldman seconded the motion. It was approved by all.

DISCUSSION:

- Item # 4 – 120 State Street Landscaping Redesign – Tabrena Karish
- The waterproofing foundation project will be commencing at 120 State Street soon. All the trees in front of the building, with potentially the exception of the red maples, will need to be removed to allow the construction equipment to be able to gain access to the foundation.
- Taller trees would be planted on the corners and shorter trees in the middle.
- The Commission would like to salvage as many trees as possible.

- John Snell, Chair of the Montpelier Tree Board, discussed several varieties of trees for the proposed replacement with pros and cons of each. Honey locust, hackberry, freeman maple, red maple, red and white oaks are better shade trees over elm trees due to Dutch Elm Disease. Commissioner Cole indicated some trees are messier than others and require more attention.
- John suggested air spading the two red maples that are currently there to try and preserve them.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chair Shouldice made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Paul Carnahan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.