

MINUTES

KANSAS CAPITOL RESTORATION COMMISSION

March 19, 2008
Room 514-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Stephen Morris, Chairperson
Senator Greta Goodwin
Senator Laura Kelly
Senator Dwayne Umbarger
Carol Foreman, Department of Administration
(Representing Secretary of Administration Duane Goossen)
Steve Porter, McPherson
Ron Chandler, Salina

Members Absent

Representative Melvin Neufeld, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Anthony Hensley
Senator Derek Schmidt
Representative Don Dahl
Representative Bill Feuerborn
Representative Joe Humerickhouse
Representative Dennis McKinney
Representative Ray Merrick
Representative Sharon Schwartz
David Fritchen, Manhattan
Lynn Jenkins, State Treasurer

Staff Present

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mary Torrence, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jeff Russell, Legislative Administrative Services

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 12:16 p.m. Senator Morris called upon Barry Greis, Statehouse Architect, who proceeded to review an updated document dealing with various aspects of the Capitol Restoration Project. A copy of the updated document was provided to members ([Attachment 1](#)). The updated document contained information on activities in

the East Wing, West Wing, South Wing, North Wing/Visitor Center/Rotunda (interior), and the exterior masonry and north stair reassembly aspects of the Project.

Mr. Greis reviewed the Capitol Restoration Construction Timeline and noted the expected completion dates. Mr. Greis then discussed the Capitol Restoration Quarterly Report regarding the Budget and Expenditures. Mr. Greis noted that the expenditures in the last phases only have been for architects and consultants for planning purposes. Mr. Greis noted that the expenditures illustrated are those through February 29, 2008. Members were told that a similar presentation had been given to both the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the House Appropriations Committee. He informed the Committee that similar presentations had been given to civic organizations and before the editorial boards of the *Topeka Capital-Journal* and the *Lawrence Journal-World*.

One member noted that the presentation before the editorial boards of the two newspapers had been helpful in that it explained the expenditures and the purpose of the Project.

Another member commented that the CD containing examples of the restoration work being completed was helpful both to legislators and to the public. This member noted the presentation before the members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee was informative.

A question was then asked about the time frame for closure of the cage elevator. Mr. Greis responded that the cage elevator is scheduled to be closed from shortly after the 2008 Legislative Session and for the following eighteen months. Mr. Greis was asked if this included time during legislative sessions. He replied in the affirmative. Several members expressed concern about the response and expressed a desire for this decision to be revisited. One member stated that the cage elevator was used extensively by legislators to reach legislative activities during legislative sessions. Mr. Greis assured the members that this issue would be reevaluated.

Chairperson Morris asked if there were additional questions or comments. There being none, Chairperson Morris adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by Raney Gilliland

Approved by Commission on:

April 11, 2008
(Date)