

## **MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2015, FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Facilities Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) conducted a meeting in the Regents’ Room of the Smithsonian Castle on May 18, 2015. Participating were Committee Chair Robert P. Kogod and Committee members Representative Tom Cole\*, Representative Sam Johnson\*, Sakurako Fisher\*, and George Hartman. Committee members Senator Patrick Leahy, Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, and Roger Sant were unable to participate.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Acting Secretary Al Horvath; Director of the Office of Facilities, Engineering, and Operations Nancy Bechtol; Acting Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy; Office of the Regents Writer-Editor Julie Bindelglass (recorder); Assistant to Senator Leahy Lindsey Cope\*; Director of the National Air and Space Museum General Jack Daly; Associate General Counsel Farleigh Earhart; Deputy Director of the Office of Facilities, Engineering, and Operations Walter Ennaco; Director of the Office of Facilities Management and Reliability Kendra Gastright; Assistant to Representative Johnson Dave Heil; Inspector General Cathy Helm; Acting Under Secretary for Finance and Administration John K. Lapiana; Senior Advisor to the Secretary Evelyn Lieberman; Deputy Director of the Office of Planning, Design, and Construction Debra Nauta-Rodriguez; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Rachel Parker; Director of Government Relations Nell Payne; and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Robert Kogod called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 11, 2014, COMMITTEE MEETING**

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the December 11, 2014, Committee meeting were approved without modification.

### **PROPOSED REAL ESTATE LEASE RENEWAL FOR 160 CONCORD AVENUE, CAMBRIDGE, MA FOR THE SMITHSONIAN ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY**

Deputy Director of the Office of Facilities, Engineering, and Operations Walter Ennaco outlined Smithsonian management’s request to renew the lease for 160 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. The proposed sixth lease renewal has a rental rate of \$37.10 per square foot, a \$0.10 increase from the prior five years.

\* *participated by telephone*

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion was approved:

**VOTED** that the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approves the Acting Secretary's request to renew the lease for the above referenced space located at 160 Concord Avenue in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for an additional five year term commencing on January 1, 2016.

#### **FACILITIES CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Mr. Kogod presented the Facilities Capital and Maintenance report. At each Committee meeting, Smithsonian management presents this report to assist the Committee to focus on the responsibilities assigned to it by the full Board of Regents, streamline the information being presented, and report on the progress for key substantive and performance metrics. The report also allows the Committee to consider both worst and best-case funding scenarios and track project progress. The current report highlights the increased request for Facilities Capital, in response to a need for larger maintenance projects.

#### **NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM AND COLLECTIONS SPACE FRAMEWORK PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Director of the National Air and Space Museum ("NASM") General John R. Dailey updated the Committee on the scope, schedule, budget, and risk analysis of NASM renovations. The Committee concluded that the revitalization of NASM is the Smithsonian's top facilities priority.

Deputy Director of the Office of Facilities, Engineering, and Operations Walter Ennaco then reviewed the near-term implementation of the *Collections Space Framework Plan* ("Plan"). The Plan was presented to the Board of Regents in January 2015 and calls for the construction of new facilities, as well as renovations and improvements to equipment in existing facilities. The new facilities proposed in the Plan will be concentrated at the Dulles Collection Center in Chantilly, VA, and the Suitland Collections Center in Suitland, MD.

#### **PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION FOR COLLECTIONS STORAGE**

Deputy Director of the Office of Planning, Design, and Construction Debra Nauta-Rodriguez presented the Acting Secretary's request to seek congressional authorization to construct new collections-storage facilities. The two facilities being considered are a collections-storage module adjacent to NASM's Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia and the addition of Pod 6 at the Museum Support Center at the Suitland Collections Center in Suitland, Maryland. Both facilities are part of the *Collections Space Framework Plan*.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following motion was approved:

**VOTED** that the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approves the Acting Secretary's request to seek Congressional authorization to construct new Collections-Storage facilities adjacent to the Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia and at the Museum Support Center in Suitland, Maryland.

#### **FACILITIES CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE – FISCAL YEAR 2017**

The Committee reviewed the requirements and appropriations for Facilities Capital, focusing on the National Museum of American History; National Museum of Natural History; Renwick Gallery; Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum; Anacostia Community Museum; Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden; National Air and Space Museum; Smithsonian Environmental Research Center; and Museum Support Center in Suitland, Maryland. These buildings operate with systems that are approximately 30 years old and will likely require maintenance in the upcoming years. Some of the potential challenges that the Committee considered include attaining \$200 million in funding for Facilities Capital, the evolving requirement scope and schedule for the NASM project, the implementation of the *Collections Space Framework Plan*, and a delay in maintenance fund increases.

#### **MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Enaco and Ms. Nauta-Rodriguez updated the Committee on Major Capital Projects, including the Arts and Industries Building; the West Wing of the National Museum of American History; the Paleo Hall at the National Museum of Natural History; the general services building at the National Zoological Park; the Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum; the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Gamboa Laboratory; the National Museum of African American History and Culture; the South Mall Campus Master Plan; and the consolidated administrative headquarters initiative.

#### **LONDON PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Horvath then updated the Committee on the London project, where the Smithsonian has the opportunity to be a part of a cultural and educational corner in Olympic park. He informed the Committee that Smithsonian management continues to work on the elements of a term sheet for the project.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no request for an executive session and with no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

## EMAIL BALLOT

The following motion was approved by email on June 1, 2015:

**VOTED** to recommend the Crystal City lease extension to the full Board of Regents for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Kogod, Chair