

## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 30, 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 September 30, 2015. Participating were Committee Chair Robert P. Kogod\* and Committee members, Representative Sam Johnson\*, George Hartman\*, Risa Lavizzo-Mourey\*, and Roger Sant. Committee members Senator Patrick Leahy, Representative Tom Cole, and Sako Fisher were unable to participate.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Regent and Executive Committee Chair John W. McCarter, Jr.\*; Secretary David Skorton\*; Director of the Office of Facilities, Engineering, and Operations Nancy Bechtol; Office of the Regents Senior Researcher & Writer Jennifer Ehlinger (recorder); Deputy Director of the Office of Facilities, Engineering, and Operations Walter Ennaco; Director of the Office of Facilities Management and Reliability Kendra Gastright; Undersecretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Albert Horvath; Deputy Under Secretary for Finance and Administration John Lapiana; General Counsel Judith Leonard; Liaison to Senator Patrick Leahy Kevin McDonald\*; Deputy Director of the Office of Planning, Design, and Construction Debra Nauta-Rodriguez; Director of Government Relations Nell Payne; Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson; and Assistant Inspector General for Audits Tom Yatsco.

### CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Robert Kogod called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2015, COMMITTEE MEETING

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the draft minutes of the May 18, 2015, Committee meeting were approved without modification.

### FACILITIES CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Kogod presented the Facilities Capital and Maintenance report. The current report highlights the fiscal year 2015 Facilities Capital program; provides detail on the fiscal year 2016 request to Congress; and outlines the fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2021 plan, which was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) in August. Funding requirements continue to be concentrated on the Smithsonian’s older museums, which are located on the National Mall, including the National Museum of American History (“NMAH”), the National Museum of Natural History (“NMNH”), and the National Air & Space Museum (“NASM”). Additionally, the National Zoological Park (“NZIP”) and the *Collections Space Framework Plan* (“Plan”) will both require funding.

\* participated by telephone

## **FACILITIES CAPITAL AND MAINTANENCE BRIEFING FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016 AND 2017**

Deputy Director of the Office of Planning, Design, and Construction Debra Nauta-Rodriguez and Director of the Office of Facilities Management and Reliability Kendra Gastright briefed the Committee on the status of the Facilities Capital and Maintenance plans. Ms. Nauta-Rodriguez provided details for fiscal year 2016, including the impacts of anticipated budget cuts. She also provided the Committee with an overview of the Facilities Capital and Maintenance components for the fiscal year 2017 budget request, which was recently submitted to OMB.

Planning priorities remain consistent and with limited federal funding due to budget challenges in Congress, the Smithsonian continues to use its resources wisely. Many of the Smithsonian's older museums, including NASM and the Smithsonian Castle are in need of major renovations and improvements. Although maintenance funding has not been able to keep up with growing needs, progress has been made as demonstrated by the recent renovations to the Renwick Galleries and the Cooper Hewitt in New York City. Management will continue to prioritize projects within the constraints of a limited budget.

## **NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM REVITALIZATION UPDATE**

Ms. Nauta-Rodriguez briefed the Committee on the status of the NASM revitalization project. She discussed major components of the plan including anticipated scope, schedule, and budget. A schematic design for the project has been completed and the Smithsonian is working with consultants to develop a risk analysis report, based on various construction costs and schedule scenarios. The Committee discussed possible impacts during the elongated revitalization period, and potential funding sources for the Smithsonian's largest renovation project to-date.

## **CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS INITIATIVE**

Undersecretary for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer Albert Horvath briefed the Committee on the Consolidated Administrative Headquarters Initiative ("Initiative"). Mr. Horvath presented the goals and objectives for the project, as well as the milestones that have already been reached. The Initiative will address the Smithsonian's need for more administrative space, while also working to consolidate these areas to make for better functionality. The Committee reviewed the list of potential properties and various proposals. Next steps for the initiative will include a comprehensive evaluation of each of the proposals and preliminary consideration and analysis of the implementation process.

## **MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES**

The Committee was provided with information about the Smithsonian's Major Capital Projects, which included updates and status reports for each that is currently underway.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee then conducted an executive session to discuss 2016 Committee membership.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to consider, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Kogod, Chair