

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2020, FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Facilities Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) held a videoconference meeting on November 13, 2020. Participating were Committee Chair David M. Rubenstein and Committee members Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard, Representative John Shimkus, Michael Govan, Dr. Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, Dennis Keller, and John W. McCarter, Jr.

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Director of Smithsonian Facilities Nancy Bechtol; Chief of Staff to the Secretary Greg Bettwy; Associate General Counsel Craig Blackwell; Acting Under Secretary for Science and Research Roger Brissenden; Chief of Staff to Representative Roybal-Allard Victor Castillo; Acting Deputy Director for the Office of Planning, Design, and Construction Maria Delsasi; Deputy Director for Smithsonian Facilities Walter Ennaco; Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Kate Forester; Special Assistant to the Regents Mallory Gianola (recorder); Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Administration Doug Hall; Inspector General Cathy Helm; Assistant General Counsel Bryan Hoynak; Assistant Secretary for Communications and External Affairs and Chief Marketing Officer Julissa Marengo; Under Secretary for Administration Mike McCarthy; Senior Adviser to Senator Leahy Kevin McDonald; Program Management Specialist for Smithsonian Facilities Tiffany Myers; Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer Meroë Park; Director of the Office of Facilities Management and Reliability Rick Petito; Chief of Staff to Representative Shimkus Craig Roberts; Director of the Office of Government Relations Vernon Simms; Assistant Secretary for Advancement Robert Spiller; and Chief of Staff to the Regents Porter Wilkinson.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair David M. Rubenstein called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reviewed the agenda. Mr. Rubenstein recognized the final Committee meeting for Representative Shimkus, whose Regent term will end in January 2021, and thanked him for his contributions to the Committee and the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 2020, COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the July 16, 2020, Committee meeting were approved without modification.

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE

Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Administration Doug Hall briefed the Committee on the Smithsonian’s ongoing response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. Eight Smithsonian museums in the Washington, D.C. region, including the National Zoo, have reopened to the public with enhanced health and safety procedures in place. Reopened facilities are carefully monitoring the number of daily visitors, controlling the flow of visitors using a timed-entry system, and limiting the size of groups that visit. Indoor restaurants, theaters, and interactive displays have remained closed. Mr. Hall reminded the Committee that given the rise in regional

and national COVID-19 cases, reopening may be halted, or regress, based on the Smithsonian's established gating criteria and guidance from local, state, and federal governments. The Committee reviewed the current operational status of non-public facilities and safety accommodations that have been made for onsite staff and contractors and high-risk employees, as well as the impact on ongoing construction and maintenance projects.

CONSOLIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

Under Secretary for Administration Mike McCarthy updated the Committee on the status of the Smithsonian's Consolidated Administrative Headquarters. Following the acquisition of the Capital Gallery building on June 25, 2020, the relocation of Smithsonian offices and staff is planned in multiple phases. The priorities are to address staff working in facilities with expiring leases and the highest cost, followed by relocation of staff in the Smithsonian Institution Building ("Castle"). Mr. McCarthy reviewed the projected cost estimate and timeline for design, construction, and moves.

PROPOSED REAL ESTATE LEASE RENEWAL FOR PENNSY DRIVE

Deputy Director for Smithsonian Facilities Walt Ennaco outlined a potential property acquisition for the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. Mr. Ennaco also presented Smithsonian management's request to execute a five-year lease extension agreement. The Committee voted to approve the Secretary's request for authority to execute a five-year lease extension for approximately 333,724 square feet of administrative office, collections, and storage space for several units and continued occupancy for Smithsonian Exhibits, the Office of Protection Services, Smithsonian Facilities, and the Office of Contracting & Personal Property Management at 3400 Pennsy Drive in Landover, Maryland.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee approved the following motion:

VOTED that the Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Regents approves the Secretary's request for authority to execute an extension of the lease for approximately 333,724 rentable square feet of administrative office, collections, and storage space at 3400 Pennsy Drive, Landover, Maryland.

SMITHSONIAN FACILITIES CAPITAL PROGRAM

Next, the Committee received an update on the facilities capital program and funding for fiscal years 2020 through 2022. Deputy Director for the Office of Planning, Design, and Construction Maria Delsasi reported that 88 percent of federal facilities capital was obligated for fiscal year 2020. On September 22, the House passed H.R. 8337, a short-term spending bill to fund the government through December 11, 2020. The bill provided funding for Smithsonian operations and facilities projects at the same rate as fiscal year 2020. The Smithsonian also submitted a request to the Office of Management and Budget for \$290 million in facilities capital for fiscal year 2022, including \$34.5 million for the National Air and Space Museum ("NASM") rebuilding. Priority projects for fiscal years 2020 through 2022 include revitalization efforts at NASM, in

addition to the Castle, National Zoological Park, and the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden.

SMITHSONIAN MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Director of the Office of Facilities Management and Reliability Rick Petito presented the facilities maintenance plans and funding for fiscal years 2020 through 2022. Mr. Petito reminded the Committee that in fiscal year 2020, the Smithsonian received an increase of \$35 million for deferred maintenance. The increase in funding enabled the Smithsonian to complete 215 total maintenance projects in fiscal year 2020. For fiscal year 2022, the Smithsonian requested \$130.5 million for the maintenance program, an increase in \$16 million over the fiscal year 2020 enacted amount, to continue addressing the Institution's deferred maintenance backlog.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

The Committee then received updates on the Smithsonian's major capital projects. Director of Smithsonian Facilities Nancy Bechtol gave an update on the status of the National Air and Space Museum ("NASM") revitalization, including the restaurant replacement. Construction on the building envelope and infrastructure has safely continued throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and is approximately 41 percent complete. Current project priorities include beginning the installation of stone at the Delta Solar Sculpture Pedestal. Ms. Bechtol also reported on the proposed timeline for the NASM restaurant replacement, which is planned from mid-2022 to early 2025, when the east half of the museum will be closed to the public. The target date to complete concept design for the new restaurant is April 2021.

Next, Ms. Bechtol provided an update on the scope of work at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Design construction for the sculpture garden is 35 percent complete and will include design modifications to suit the current programmatic needs for sculpture display, performances, and public events. The architect-engineer contract for revitalization of the building systems and infrastructure was awarded in October 2020. This contract will include both the planning and design phases through 2024. Design for the repair of the building envelope and roof is complete and phased construction on the building envelope deficiencies began in October 2020.

To conclude, Ms. Bechtol briefed the Committee on project plans for the Castle and the Arts and Industries Building, which make up the Smithsonian's Historic Core. Since August 2020, the facilities team has been working with the architects and engineers to discuss historic preservation goals, initiate coordination with the preservation and planning review agencies, and integrate the programs developed through a programming study and a food and beverage marketing study for the South Mall. The Committee reviewed the schedule highlights and federal capital funding stream for fiscal years 2020 through 2027.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee then moved into an executive session at approximately 10:50 a.m. to discuss confidential business matters.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Rubenstein, Chair