

MINUTES OF THE JULY 17, 2018, FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Facilities Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Regents (“Board”) of the Smithsonian Institution (“Smithsonian”) held a meeting on July 17, 2018, at the Smithsonian Castle in Washington, D.C. Participating were Committee Chair John W. McCarter, Jr. and Committee members Michael Govan,* Risa Lavizzo-Mourey,* Robert P. Kogod,* Robert MacDonald,* and Lawrence C. Nussdorf.*

Also present by invitation of the Committee were Secretary David Skorton, Director of Smithsonian Facilities Nancy Bechtol, Associate General Counsel Craig Blackwell, Architect/Program Executive Maria Delsasi, Deputy Director for Smithsonian Facilities Walter Ennaco, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Regents Kate Forester, Office of the Regents Special Assistant Mallory Gianola (recorder), Inspector General Cathy Helm, Under Secretary for Finance and Administration/Chief Operating Officer Albert Horvath, Assistant Secretary for Communications and External Affairs Julissa Marengo, Senior Advisor to Senator Leahy Kevin McDonald,* and Deputy Director for Planning and Program Management Debra Nauta-Rodriguez.

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair John W. McCarter, Jr., called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 3, 2018, COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the May 3, 2018, Committee meeting were approved without modification.

REVIEW OF COMMITTEE CHARTER AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Committee reviewed its Charter per its mandate to annually review and assess the Charter and evaluate its own performance with respect to its responsibilities. One grammatical amendment and four routine modifications were proposed, which would revise the Charter’s language to accurately reflect current Committee practices and conform to language used by other Regent Committees. The routine modifications included: (i) specifying that preferred membership and chairmanship for the ensuing calendar year is not limited to the month of November, (ii) indicating that a Committee roster is proposed for the full Board’s consideration at each January meeting, and (iii) clarifying the role of consultants and other advisors as necessary.

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

VOTED that the Facilities Committee recommends that the Governance and Nominating Committee recommends approval by the Board of Regents of the proposed amendments to the Facilities Committee’s Charter.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Director of Smithsonian Facilities Nancy Bechtol and Deputy Director for Smithsonian Facilities Walter Ennaco presented the Facilities Capital and Maintenance programs and funding update. Ms. Bechtol reviewed the current facility condition index and reminded the Committee of the Smithsonian's target funding levels. For fiscal year 2018, the Smithsonian requested \$228 million in facilities capital, but received final appropriations of \$311.9 million, which included \$198 million for the revitalization of the National Air and Space Museum ("NASM"). For fiscal year 2019, the Smithsonian's budget request to Congress for facilities capital is \$219.5 million, which was requested prior to receiving the fiscal year 2018 appropriations. The Committee assessed the Smithsonian's projected ten-year capital plan based upon federal funding levels and the impact on the revitalization and maintenance programs.

NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM REVITALIZATION UPDATE

Under Secretary for Finance & Administration/Chief Operating Officer Albert Horvath updated the Committee on the NASM revitalization efforts. With the appointment of Ellen Stofan, the John and Adrienne Mars Director of the National Air and Space Museum, and with Smithsonian management awaiting action on the fiscal year 2019 appropriation bills, there have been no substantive updates to report since the Committee's last meeting in May. Construction of the Dulles Collections Storage Module 1 at the Udvar-Hazy Center ("UHC") in Chantilly, Virginia, is approximately 65 percent complete, and is progressing on schedule for January 2019 completion. With the release of the final construction documents for NASM on the National Mall in January 2018, the Construction Manager as Constructor ("CMc") submitted a Guaranteed Maximum Price ("GMP") in May 2018. Smithsonian and the CMc plan to finalize the cost structure and award the GMP for the NASM revitalization by mid-August 2018.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Ennaco, Ms. Bechtol, and Deputy Director for Planning and Program Management Debra Nauta-Rodriguez briefed the Committee on the status of the Smithsonian's major capital projects. The South Mall Campus Master Plan received unanimous approval from the National Capital Planning Commission in June 2018, completing the public process and agency review that began in 2014. Renovation of the Fossil Hall exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History ("NMNH") is finished and exhibit fabrication is more than halfway complete. Planning and design of the revitalization of the West Court at NMNH was finalized, and construction has begun. The reopening of the West Court and the South Entrance at the NMNH will coincide with the debut of Fossil Hall in June 2019. The first phase of the renewal project at the National Zoological Park ("NZIP") has concluded, which included permanently relocating the public restrooms and event space to a newly constructed two-level building. The construction award for the Bird House and Great Flight Aviary at NZIP is on track to be awarded in September 2018. The construction contract for the bio-repository at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, VA, was awarded in June. Buildout of the Smithsonian Astrophysical

Observatory Chandra Operations Control Center began in April and is 20 percent completed. The Gatun Lake elevation project at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama is in the final construction phase and has a completion date scheduled for August 2018, originally June 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no request for an executive session and with no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. McCarter, Jr., Chair