



Minnesota State Capitol Restoration Project

Planning for 2017 Re-opening

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Structure/Governance

Establish Capitol Re-opening Committee

- Reports to the Capitol Preservation Commission (which maintains ultimate sign off authority).
- Membership of 21 individuals pulled from Commission, business, community and the public.

Planning Work Group

- A subgroup of the Re-opening Committee, staff from the Department of Administration and other stakeholders.
- Responsible for ensuring coordination and execution of Re-opening activities.

Governance Structure

Capitol Preservation Commission

- Oversight body
- Approving budget and schedule of events

Capitol Re-opening Committee

- Fundraising
- Promote and market events, develop budget and recommend schedule of events

Planning Work Group/Admin

- Coordination and execution of Grand Re-opening activities work
- Responsible for day-to-day activities and supporting the work of the overall Committee
 - Generate/research ideas, provide administrative support, logistics, contracting, safety and security.

Grand Re-opening

- “Welcome Back to the Building” celebration at the beginning of the 2017 session for legislators and building tenants.
- A Grand Re-opening event. Dramatic turnover of the restored State Capitol back to all branches of state government and to the people of Minnesota with a spectacular week-long celebration.

Possible Celebration Activities

- Important to hand over a key to officially return the Capitol back to its “owners” – could include representatives from education, business, Native American tribes, etc.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Fireworks
- Tours of the Capitol
- Games, foods, activities popular 100 years ago (baseball MNHS) on upper mall
- Recognition Wall – handprints of people who worked on the project
- Art exhibit opening (new and conserved)
- Saturday afternoon/evening concert of MN musicians
- Minnesota State Band concert
- Unveil worker’s memorial, workers family day, ancestors day for original builders of the Capitol
- Stone Carving exhibition
- Cocktails on the loggia
- Dance party
- Showcase spaces large and small, Rathskeller beer event
- Supreme Court – ceremonial session
- Multi-media exhibit that showcases images/video of the restoration process over the last four years (PR firm)
- Supreme court dining room event

Next Steps

- Does the Capitol Preservation Commission support the general concept?
- Establish organizational structure
- Begin planning
- Pursue legislative authorities as needed