

**Capitol Complex Advisory Council
Report to the 64th Montana Legislature
July 2014**

Introduction

In 1997, the Montana Legislature enacted House Bill No. 123 (Chapter No. 476, Laws of 1997), an act creating the Capitol Complex Advisory Council (2-17-801, et al., MCA). This legislation was introduced at the request of the Department of Administration to establish a council to oversee the placement of art and memorials on the Capitol Complex and grounds.

The Capitol Complex Advisory Council consists of nine members:

- four legislators, two from each house, appointed every two years on a bipartisan basis;
- two public representatives appointed by the Governor; and
- the director or the director's designee of each of the following agencies:
 - the Montana Historical Society
 - the Montana Arts Council
 - the Department of Administration

A list of the Council's current membership is contained in Appendix A.

The statutory duties and responsibilities assigned to the Council include:

- reviewing proposals for long-term displays or the naming of State buildings on the Capitol Complex;
- advising the Legislature on the long-term display of busts, statues, memorials, monuments, or art displays within the Capitol Complex, including the executive residence and the original governor's mansion;
- advising the Department of Administration on interior decoration of the Capitol;
- advising the Department of Administration on grounds maintenance and displays;
- advising the Department of Administration on policies governing maintenance and beautification of the Capitol, executive residence, and original governor's mansion; and
- advising the Department of Administration on establishing and maintaining a long-range master plan for the orderly development of the Capitol Complex.

In addition, the Council must report to the Legislature by August 1 of each year preceding a legislative session on requests that it has reviewed for naming buildings and for long-term placement of items in the Capitol or on the Capitol Complex grounds. The report must include a recommendation on whether reviewed requests meet certain statutory criteria. If a request meets the criteria, the Council must recommend a time frame during which the project should be authorized.

Council Meetings in 2013-2014

The full Council did not meet during 2013, nor have they met to date.

Women's Mural Update

In 2011, the 62nd Legislature passed SB 59, An Act Providing for a Mural That Honors the History of Women as Community Builders, Amending Section 2-17-808, MCA.

The Women's Mural Subcommittee members include:

- Former Senator Lynda Moss
- Former Representative Diane Sands
- Representative Liz Bangerter
- Liz Gans – Montana Arts Council member
- Denise King – Montana Historical Society member

During 2013, the subcommittee met numerous times. Action items include:

- Selected three semi-finalists for the Women's Mural
 - Hadley Ferguson of Missoula, Montana
 - Robert Evans of Sherborn, Massachusetts
 - Janet McKenzie of Island Pond, Vermont
- Brought the semi-finalists to Helena for a walk-through of the State Capitol Building and the Montana Historical Society Library/Archives.
- The subcommittee created a *selection committee* to aid the subcommittee members in choosing an artist. The selection committee included:
 - The Legislative members of the Women's Mural Subcommittee
 - Kirby Lambert, Montana Historical Society
 - Tom O'Connell, Montana State Architect
 - Carolyn Anderson, Montana artist
 - G.B. Carson, renowned art and collection expert

On December 5, 2013, the selection committee awarded the commission of the Women's Mural to Hadley Ferguson of Missoula, Montana. Ms. Ferguson is on schedule to complete the mural in October of 2014. The installation will take place on November 13, 2014 and a formal dedication is scheduled for January 7, 2015. Money for the project, including installation and maintenance was privately raised.

Legislative Action

During the 63rd Legislature, the Department of Administration (DOA) asked Senator Terry Murphy to sponsor House Bill 36 – Revise the Membership of the Capitol Complex Advisory Council. At the request of the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP), DOA proposed to remove the FWP representative from the Council. This action was taken as responsibility for Capitol grounds maintenance was transferred from FWP to DOA in 2005. In place of the FWP representative, a second public

member, appointed by the Governor will be added. The law took effect October 1, 2013.

Senate Bill 258

During the 2013 session, the 63rd Legislature passed Senate Bill 258, titled *An Act Naming the Justice Building After Joseph P. Mazurek*; Revising the Capitol Complex Master Plan So That the State Building Naming Provisions and Other Restrictions Do Not Apply to the Justice Building; Allowing a Plaque and Memorial Commemorating Joseph P. Mazurek to be Placed on the Capitol Complex Grounds if Private Funds are Used to Construct and Maintain the Plaque and Memorial.

In addition to the building name change, the bill also authorizes the installation of a three-level water feature, artwork, and a memorial garden. Money for the project, including installation and maintenance was privately raised. The dedication of the Joseph P. Mazurek building took place on July 13, 2014.

The Council was not with involved with the passage of the bill or the resulting project.

Proposals

On March 15, 2013, Director Hogan, Acting Chair of the Council, approved a temporary display in the Senate chambers of the "When the Land Belonged to God" by Charles Russell. The timeframe was for one year.

In June of 2013, Council staff received a proposal from Representative Keith Reiger requesting a framed collection of photos of the 63rd Legislature House of Representatives.

Representative Reiger proposed the wall across from the elevator by the entrance to the House foyer. He suggested members of the Council choose the frame to maintain the historical integrity of the décor in the Capitol. Representative Reiger estimated the cost to be \$700 and identified legislator donations as the funding source.

January of 2014, Director Hogan, Acting Chair of the Council approved a temporary photo collage. Work on permanent placement and status will be taken up at a later date.

Summary

Over the course of the biennium, the Council received two proposals for temporary displays. The full Council has not met since December 14, 2011.

Minutes of all CCAC meetings are available at ccac.mt.gov.

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APPENDIX A
CAPITOL COMPLEX ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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