

*Capitol Complex Advisory Council
August 9, 2017
Room 137 Capitol Building
10:00 – Noon
Meeting Minutes*

Members present:

Representative Walt Sales
Senator Diane Sands
Representative Jean Price
Senator Doug Kary
Denise King, Montana Historical Society Representative
Kim Baraby Hurtle, Montana Arts Council Representative
Sheena Wilson, Public Member
John Lewis, Department of Administration Director
Angie Gifford, Department of Administration, General Services Division

Members absent: Carol Williams, Public Member

Minutes: Monica Abbott of Department of Administration

Public: Kevin Keeler, Representative. Mary Ann Dunwell

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Department of Administration Director John Lewis. He asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Angie Gifford, staff for the Capitol Complex Advisory Council (CCAC), reviewed the Operating Procedures. Afterward, Ms. Gifford opened nominations for a chairperson.

Action Items

Denise King, Montana Historical Society representative, offered a motion nominating John Lewis, Department of Administration Director as chairman. Sheena Wilson, public member, seconded the motion. No other nominations were offered and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Lewis called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on December 2, 2015. Ms. Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. King seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Gifford gave a presentation regarding the role of the CCAC.

Sen. Kary asked for a list of all of the art. Ms. Gifford will send the list to the members. Ms. King explained the traveling book of art available for offices of the elected officials and legislative leadership.

HB 431 Sidney Edgerton Memorial – Ms. King – Montana Historical Society representative

Ms. King provided historical background of Sidney Edgerton. He is responsible for the shape of Montana. Lincoln appointed him as the territorial governor. Between 1863-1865 he returned to Ohio. He was against slavery and more progressive. Lewis & Clark county used to be called Edgerton County. Wilbur Sanders was his nephew, the fifth governor, and his full sized statue on the second floor. Sidney Edgerton passed away in the early 1900's.

HB 431 passed in the 2017 session. Ms. King gave a brief history as to why private funds are raised and no state funds can be used on these projects. Ms. King explained that there needs to be enough money to pay for the art call and pay for the project before proceeding with the project. Mr. Keeler has raised \$2000 for the project to date.

Procuring and Choosing an Artist – Kim Hurtle, Montana Arts Council representative
Ms. Hurtle spoke to the group regarding procuring and choosing an artist, and the estimated costs of the project. Signage is estimated at \$600. She reiterated Ms. King that money needs to be raised before an artist is selected and a design agreed to as the metals costs could fluctuate in price.

This bust has to match the other busts in the rotunda in color and size. Ms. Hurtle reminded the CCAC that there is a sunset date for the project and it needs to be installed by July 1, 2020. She recommended the funds would need to be raised by the end of 2018 or early spring of 2019.

Representative Dunwell spoke about carrying the bill for the project. She added it is important to honor the first territorial governor but this project doesn't have the support that the mural had behind it.

Mr. Keeler spoke about the time already spent on the project. Ms. Hurtle recommended to Mr. Keeler to speak with the Arts Council about fundraising. Ms. Hurtle gave reasons to have an experienced fundraiser work on the project.

Senator Sands offered Mr. Keeler numerous suggestions regarding fundraising and marketing.

Nominate new subcommittee members *Action Item – Chairman Lewis
Senator Sands offered a motion to **not** create a new subcommittee until it is needed. Ms. King seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other Business – Chairman Lewis

The CCAC receives numerous queries regarding statues and sculptures to be placed on the Capitol campus. Senator Sands suggested creating guidelines for a sculpture garden – size, style, and appropriateness.

***Action Item** Senator Sands moved that the staff creates a proposal of sculpture donations to add to the walking trail. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Ms. Wilson suggested to have someone from the Department of Administrator's Architect & Engineering

Division to assist with this discussion. It was suggested to contact Tom O'Connell, retired State architect, to act as an advisor.

Next meeting – Chairman Lewis

Ms. Gifford will work with Montana Historical Society staff to create an accession plan for the Capitol Complex.

Adjourn – Ms. King offered the motion to adjourn. Senator Sands seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:25.