

Capitol Complex Advisory Council
December 2, 2015
Room 152 Capitol Building
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Sheila Hogan, Chairperson, Department of Administration
Denise King, Montana Historical Society
Senator Bradley Hamlett
Senator Debbie Barrett (via telephone conference call)
Representative Wendy McCamey
Representative Jean Price (via telephone conference call)
Liz Gans, Montana Arts Council
Carol Williams
Sheena Wilson

Staff: Angie Gifford, Department of Administration
Monica Abbott, Department of Administration
Jennifer Bottomly-O'looney, Montana Historical Society
Kim Hurtle, Montana Arts Council

Public: Kevin Keeler

Call to Order and Introductions – Chairperson Sheila Hogan

Sheila Hogan called the meeting to order and asked for introductions from those in attendance, including those calling into the meeting.

Review of Operating Procedures – Angie Gifford, CCAC Staff

Angie Gifford reviewed the [Operating Procedures](#).

Approval of November 10, 2014 minutes – Chairperson Sheila Hogan

Denise King offered a motion to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2014 meeting. Sheena Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Overview of Role of the Capitol Complex Advisory Council (CCAC) – Angie Gifford, CCAC Staff

Angie Gifford summarized the role of the advisory council. She also listed the recent legislative bills that placed new art in the Capitol and on the complex.

She spoke of the [CCAC Master Plan](#) and the [Art and Memorial Plan](#) that was established by the council.

Women's Mural presentation – Denise King, Montana Historical Society

- Location
The mural is on the third floor of the capitol on the east and west walls at the top of the grand staircase.

- Design
The artist was Hadley Ferguson from Missoula.
- Procuring and Choosing an Artist
The CCAC established a subcommittee. The subcommittee developed the medium and size, the location, and the budget for the project.
- Fundraising
The Montana Historical Society managed the money for the project and installation. The Montana History Foundation managed the money used for the fundraising, which was public.

HB 431 Sidney Edgerton Memorial – Denise King

Project process and parameters

- Location
Will it be in Capitol or on the complex? The work must be installed by July 1, 2020. The last remaining niche of the Rotunda was discussed as a possible location for the memorial
Historical background on Edgerton: President Lincoln appointed Sidney Edgerton in 1863 as the territorial governor of MT, which was part of the Idaho territory. Sidney Edgerton lived his last years in Ohio. He moved back to Ohio because of differences over slavery issues. He was a prominent lawyer in Ohio.
- Design
Kim Hurtle advised to do an art call but we need to have some funds raised so there will be funds for the selection process.
- Procuring and Choosing an Artist
Need to raise funds before we can sign a contract with an artist. There was discussion about the selection process and number of artists. Carol Williams asked how was the amount determined. For the mural an amount was decided from a comparable work. Costs to install and maintenance need to be estimated also because nothing is indestructible.

It was asked if there is more than one picture of Sidney Edgerton. There are several photos at different ages.

The cost of metals go up and down every few months. The cost of the mold is the same as the first casting. Sen Hamlett is familiar with bronze castings and he suggested about \$2000 once the mold is made. He recommended contacting foundries to get estimates.

Kim Hurtle said she would research to see what the genre is selling for currently to help determine the price. Contact artists in Montana to see if any are interested.

Bronze is more formal For consistency with other busts in the Capitol, either bronze or marble would be the best choices.

- Fundraising
 - The Montana Historical Society will be fiscal sponsor They will oversee the installation of the project. Fundraising needs to be in place before a call for artists
 - Role of Subcommittee Members
- Fundraising as a private citizen
 - Fiscal Sponsor

Potential Action Items – Chairperson Sheila Hogan

Approval of Subcommittee Members

Sheila asked who was interested in working on the subcommittee. Rep. Jean Price, Rep Wendy McCamey, Sen. Brad Hamlett, Carol Williams, Denise King, Jennifer Bottomly – o’looney, and Kim Hurtle all stated they were interested.

Kevin Keeler addressed the council. He spoke of his interest in Sidney Edgerton and that he is not well known in Montana History. Lewis and Clark County was formerly called Edgerton County. Kevin Keeler spoke with Rep Dunwell about honoring Sidney Edgerton. MT should be proud of him as part of MT history.

Sheena Wilson offered a motion to approve subcommittee with Denise King seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about the location. Rep McCamey said it was immediately suggested during the bill discussion to place it in the alcove in the rotunda that is available.

Sheena Wilson offered a motion to place the bust in the rotunda with Denise King seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – Chairperson Sheila Hogan

Kevin Keeler has questions about artist call. He would like to have an idea of the total budget. Some breakdown including how much for artist call, how much for selection process, and how much for project. He asked these specific question because he knows of people interested in every few months donating. He thought it would be helpful to say this amount of money will be used for the artist call; this amount is needed for the selection process; and this amount for the project. Breaking it into chunks might help getting funding as necessary to keep the project progressing.

Next meeting – Chairperson Sheila Hogan

Sheila Hogan asked for a member of the subcommittee to be the chair. Carol Williams and Senator Brad Hamlett volunteered to be co-chairs

Senator Hamlett has a life size bronze of Native American titled "The Guardian of the Nation" which he would like to donate to the State of Montana to be installed outside. He thought the south lawn would be a nice location.

Sheila Hogan suggested to build the agenda and then set the meeting after the agenda is set. The next agenda will include Senator Hamlett's bronze statue and research on the flag circle that has been mentioned in the past. A date in March of 2016 was the recommendation for the next meeting of the council.

Adjourn – Chairperson Sheila Hogan

Sheena Wilson offered a motion to adjourn. Denise King seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.