

**Capitol Complex Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 3, 2010  
5:30 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.  
Room 172, Capitol Building**

**Members Present:** Janet R. Kelly, Chairperson, Department of Administration  
Sandi Miller, Public Representative  
Representative Jill Cohenour  
Denise King, Montana Historical Society  
Senator Lynda Moss (by conference call)

**Members Absent:** Jim Poor, Montana Arts Council  
Representative Elsie Arntzen  
Senator Aubyn Curtiss  
Chas Van Genderen, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

**Staff:** Gretchen Bingman, Department of Administration  
Shannon Lewis, Department of Administration  
Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director, Department of Administration

**Public:** Sarah Etchart  
Doug Olson, Department of Administration  
Jennifer Bottomly-O'looney, Montana Historical Society  
Senator David Wanzenried

**Call to Order and Introductions:**

Chairperson Janet R. Kelly called the Capitol Complex Advisory Council (CCAC) to order at 5:35 p.m. welcoming members and visitors.

**Capitol Complex Advisory Council Operating Procedures:**

Janet reviewed the operating procedures that were adopted by the Council on February 19, 2009, and reviewed by Mike Manion, the Chief Legal Counsel for the Department of Administration.

**Approval of the April 29, 2010 Meeting Minutes:**

Representative Cohenour moved and Sandi Miller seconded a motion to approve the April 29, 2010, meeting minutes.

*The motion passed unanimously.*

**Overview of the Role of the Capitol Complex Advisory Council:**

Sheryl Olson, the Deputy Director of the Department of Administration, gave a presentation to the Council on its statutory responsibilities regarding the placement of art and memorials on the Capitol Complex.

**Senator Wanzenried's Proposal to the Capitol Complex Advisory Council:**

Senator Wanzenried proposed that the Council approve naming the first floor of the East Wing of the Capitol Building after Francis Bardanouve. Francis Bardanouve was a statesman and member of the Montana House of Representatives from 1958 – 1995. He served the citizens of the state of Montana for eighteen sessions with great distinction, and was held in high esteem by those with whom he served. Francis Bardanouve passed away on March 12, 2002. Senator Wanzenried volunteered to raise the money necessary to fund creation and placement of a plaque outlining Representative Bardanouve's contributions to Montana.

Because Francis Bardanouve hasn't been deceased for ten years, the bill proposed to the Legislature must have an effective date after March 12, 2012. A delayed effective date for legislation is acceptable by the Legislative Services Division.

The Council will take formal action on Senator Wanzenried's proposal at the November 17 meeting; however, during the interim, Senator Wanzenried will put in a placeholder for the legislative proposal. In addition, the Council agreed that while it is unconventional, Senator Wanzenried is the appropriate person to sponsor the legislation if it is approved to move forward.

**Public Comment:**

Sarah Etchart advised the Council to use caution when naming such large spaces, as the Council may become overrun with proposals.

**Motion:**

Representative Cohenour moved and Sandi Miller seconded a motion that Senator Wanzenried put in a bill draft placeholder for the legislative proposal. *The motion passed unanimously.*

**Senator Moss's Proposal to the Council**

Senator Moss presented a proposal to the Council for a mural in the Capitol Building commemorating women's contributions to the history and government of Montana. Currently, women are underrepresented in the artwork throughout the Capitol Building. In fact, throughout the Capitol Complex, there are 40 pieces of art or memorials depicting men and there are nine pieces of art or memorials depicting women. In the Capitol Building, there are 29 pieces of art or memorials depicting men and only seven depicting women. The women throughout the Capitol include: Lady Liberty (on the top of the Capitol), three pieces depicting Sacajawea (two of which she is depicted with a group), a bronze statue of Jeanette Rankin, a bronze statue of Maureen Mansfield (with her husband Mike Mansfield), and the bronze plaque honoring women legislators.

It is not intended that the mural be painted directly on a wall, but rather the mural could be painted on canvas or created using another technique. The mural

would be installed in a manner that maintains the integrity of the Capitol structure and allows it to be removed if necessary.

It was noted that Senator Moss has already submitted a bill drafting request for her proposal. Senator Moss is committed to carry the bill and to raise money to fund the mural project. She expressed her willingness to continue working with the Council on this project throughout the next few legislative sessions.

Senator Moss presented a similar proposal in the 2007 legislative session. She later had the bill removed from consideration. At the time, the Montana Historical Society was working on a proposed expansion and there was consideration that the Historical Society might be the more appropriate location for the mural.

**Public Comment:**

Sarah Etchart asked whether specific Montana women such as Governor Judy Martz and Supreme Court Justice Karla Gray would be represented on the mural. Senator Moss explained her idea was to honor "unsung heroines" rather than specific women.

No additional public comment on other issues was made.

**Set Next Meeting Date:**

The Council will meet on Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. to take action on Senator Wanzenried's and Senator Moss's proposals.

**Adjournment:**

The Capitol Complex Advisory Council adjourned at 6:50 p.m.