



CAPITOL COMPLEX ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT TO THE 68TH MONTANA LEGISLATURE

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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 September 15 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.

PROPOSALS

There were no formal proposals for naming buildings or long-term placements presented to the CCAC for action during the biennium. The Governor's Office of Community Service made a formal request for a temporary placement of the Tree of Life in the Capitol, not to exceed three years. This request was approved.

The Governor's Office of Community Service advised the CCAC that they would be presenting a formal request for a long-term placement of a memorial on the Capitol grounds at a future date. This was approved pending approval of the design by the CCAC. The CCAC held a meeting on 5 December 2022 and approved the long-term placement of a memorial on the Capitol grounds. The CCAC amends the biennial report to reflect action was taken by the CCAC during that meeting which requires legislative action.

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2021 AND 2022

The CCAC met on 19 November 2021. The following action was taken:

a. **Former Governor Judy Martz Statue / Bust (00:18:55) Dave Galt**

MOTION: A motion was made to have the statue placed on the second floor of the capitol outside the Governor's office. Denise King seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MOTION: Diane Sands moved to authorize the working group to go forward with soliciting proposals for the rest of the statue. Denise King seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

b. **Tree of Life Permanent Placement (00:39:44) Sarah Sadowski**

MOTION: Denise King moved that the temporary placement of the tree of life to be on the first floor on the northeast corner where the old historical society desk was located. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

SECOND MOTION: Denise King moved to discuss the outdoor permanent placement on the capitol complex. Diane Sands asked to amend the motion to have it pending approval of the design. Denise amended her motion to include this. Derek Harvey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

THIRD MOTION: Derek Harvey challenged the group to get creative with the design so it doesn't grow and take up a lot of space. Diane Sands called the question to go to motion. It passed unanimously.

c. **Art Review (01:04:01) Director Misty Ann Giles**

MOTION: Diane Sands moved to accept the art review schedule. Denise King seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The CCAC met on 1 June 2022. The following action was taken:

a. **Naming of Heritage Center Campus (00:28:55) Denise King**

MOTION: Denise King moved to have the council approve the naming of the Montana Heritage Complex as approved by the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society. Kim Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

The CCAC met on 5 December 2022. The following action was taken:

a. **Memorial to Organ Donor Sarah Sadowski**

MOTION: Denise King moved that the CCAC approve the Memorial to Montana Organ Donors for long-term placement on the Capitol Complex grounds, with the understanding that GSD's general responsibility and the CCAC's authority over this memorial project continue throughout the memorial's construction and during the duration of the display, according to the Capitol Complex Master Plan Act, Title 2, Chapter 17, Part 8. The motion was seconded and passed.

SECOND MOTION: Denise King moved that the CCAC amend the 2022 Report to recommended legislative

action - such that the legislature amend § 2-17-808 to include the Memorial to Montana Organ Donors for long-term placement on the Capitol Complex grounds. The motion was seconded and passed.

Recorded minutes of all CCAC meetings are available at ccac.mt.gov.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

During the CCAC meeting on 5 December 2022, the Governor's Office of Community Services presented a formal proposal for the memorial to Montana organ donors project and the Department of Administration, General Services Division, reported to the CCAC that the Montana organ donor memorial project meets the criteria established by § 2-17-808, MCA. The CCAC therefore reports to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee that the memorial to Montana organ donors project meets the criteria established by § 2-17-808, MCA. Legislative action is necessary to amend § 2-17-808, MCA, to include the Memorial to Montana Organ Donors for long-term placement on the Capitol Complex grounds.

SUMMARY

Over the course of the biennium, the Council met twice, and received one request for a temporary display, which was granted, and one proposal which was formally presented at the 5 December 2022 meeting. The formal proposal for a memorial to Montana organ donors was approved by the CCAC on 5 December 2022 and is recommended for legislative action.

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APPENDIX A

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