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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Interested Persons  
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**SUBJECT:** Capitol Building Advisory Committee FY 2009-10 Activities

This memorandum reports the activities of the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee in FY 2009-10. The advisory committee, established pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S., serves in an advisory capacity to the Capital Development Committee (CDC) and the Governor on certain issues regarding the State Capitol Building (Capitol) and its grounds.

**Summary**

The first section of the memorandum contains background information about the advisory committee, its membership, and duties. Next, it summarizes the advisory committee's FY 2009-10 activities and recommendations. Finally, the memorandum provides detailed information about Capitol improvement projects discussed by the advisory committee, advisory committee activities around publications and memorabilia, and advisory committee activities related to Visitor Services.

**Background**

**Membership.** The advisory committee, established pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S., has 12 members. Four members are appointed by the Governor, three are appointed by the President of the Senate, three are appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members serve *ex officio*. Of the members appointed by the Governor, one is to be an architect knowledgeable about the historic and architectural integrity of the building. The *ex officio* members are to be the president of the State Historical Society or the president's designee, and the Executive Director of the Department of Personnel and Administration or the executive director's designee. Appointed members serve a term of two years, while *ex officio* members serve as long as their office is held.

Table 1 contains a list of members of the advisory committee for FY 2009-10, as well as the appointing authority and the members' term expiration dates.

**Table 1**  
**Capitol Building Advisory Committee Membership**  
**FY 2009-10**

Member Name	Appointing Authority	Term Expiration Date
Georgianna Contiguglia, Chair	Governor	7/1/2011
Senator Bob Bacon, Vice-Chair	President of the Senate	1/1/2011
Karen Goldman	President of the Senate	1/1/2010*
Sharon Nunnally	President of the Senate	1/1/2011
Marilyn Eddins	Speaker of the House	1/1/2011
David Hite	Speaker of the House	1/1/2011
Representative Paul Weissmann	Speaker of the House	1/1/2011
Kathleen Hoeft	Governor	7/1/2012
John Rogers	Governor	11/20/2009**
Diann Sill	Governor	7/1/2011
Richard Weingardt	Governor	7/1/2011
Richard Lee	<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Ed Nichols	<i>Ex Officio</i>	

\* The statute creating the advisory committee provides that members serve until a successor is appointed. The President of the Senate is aware that Ms. Goldman's term has expired and that a new appointment or reappointment is necessary.

\*\* Mr. Rogers served on the advisory committee from September 2008 until November 2009, when he resigned his position.

**Meetings.** The advisory committee is required to meet at least three times per year at the call of the chair. One meeting is to be designated as the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, members elect a chair to serve a one-year term.

**Duties.** State law directs the advisory committee to review plans to restore, redecorate, or reconstruct space within the public and ceremonial areas of the state Capitol buildings group, the Legislative Services Building and its surrounding grounds, and the grounds surrounding the State Capitol Building. The advisory committee is required to make recommendations to the CDC, and in some cases the Governor, based on such plans. In addition, the advisory committee must evaluate proposals for use of the Capitol driveways and evaluate proposals for the gift or loan of objects of art to the building and its grounds.

The advisory committee is also authorized to:

- engage in long-range planning for modifications and improvements to the Capitol and its grounds;

- accept gifts, grants, or donations from private or public sources to develop publications and memorabilia;
- expend moneys from the advisory committee's special account to publish and develop memorabilia; to restore the Capitol, the Legislative Services Building, and the Capitol grounds; and for other related and necessary purposes; and
- call upon Legislative Council Staff and the Department of Personnel and Administration for necessary assistance.

In addition, the advisory committee has occasionally been called upon by the CDC, the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Council Staff, the Office of Legislative Legal Services, the Governor's Office, and the public to consider other issues regarding the Capitol.

### **Summary of FY 2009-10 Activities**

The advisory committee held nine regular committee meetings during FY 2009-10. Advisory committee activities included:

- recommended approval of an application for a "Colorado's Most Endangered Places" designation for the Capitol dome and recommended that Colorado Preservation, Inc., be allowed to raise private moneys for dome renovations;
- recommended approval of the Colorado Quilting Council exhibition at the State Capitol in the summer of 2011;
- recommended approval of a plan by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to use "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" funds to replace the tables and chairs and refinish and reupholster the booths in the Capitol Café;
- recommended approval of a proposal to replace the damaged planters at the base of the north and south Capitol steps with bollards;
- approved the design and siting of the Fallen Heroes Memorial pursuant to Senate Bill 07-086;
- continued review of Capitol art acquisitions, specifically, the advisory committee discussed obtaining portraits of President Clinton and President Obama for the Presidential Portrait Gallery. It was reported that the portrait of President Clinton, which was on loan from the Clinton Library for many years, will be permanently donated to the Capitol. The advisory committee also continued its discussions of the status of the gift of the statue of Enos Mills;
- continued oversight of Capitol publications;

- formed a committee to study issues related to a Capitol gift shop based on a proposal by Representative Amy Stephens;
- continued updates on capital needs including plans to improve the lighting in and around the Capitol, plans for ground source heating and cooling for the Capitol, damage to the rose onyx throughout the building, and the replacement of the Capitol elevators;
- continued updates on the status of interactive educational exhibits in the Capitol, including the exhibit located in the basement and the solar panel display and recommended approval of a voting desk exhibit for Mr. Brown's Attic;
- oversaw repairs to Mr. Brown's Attic and the historic exhibits housed therein; and
- continued discussion of Capitol landscaping, specifically the Armenian Gardens and the problems related to vehicles parking on the granite pavers on the west side of the Capitol.

### **Summary of Advisory Committee Recommendations**

During FY 2009-10, the advisory committee forwarded a number of recommendations to the CDC. Among the advisory committee's recommendations were the following:

- a recommendation that an application for a "Colorado's Most Endangered Places" designation for the Capitol dome be submitted. The CDC approved this recommendation;
- a recommendation that Colorado Preservation, Inc. be allowed to raise private moneys for dome renovations. The CDC approved this recommendation. Two pieces of legislation concerning renovation of the dome, House Bill 10-1402 and Senate Bill 10-192, were adopted by the General Assembly. Colorado Preservation, Inc. was asked to submit a detailed proposal for review by the advisory committee and approval by the CDC;
- recommended approval of a plan by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to use "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act" funds to replace the tables and chairs and refinish and reupholster the booths in the Capitol Café. The CDC approved this recommendation;
- recommended acceptance of a working replica of a House member's desk to be placed in Mr. Brown's Attic. The desk will allow visitors to vote yes or no on a series of ten questions displayed on a monitor above the desk. The CDC approved this recommendation;

- recommended approval of the Colorado Quilting Council exhibition at the State Capitol in the summer of 2011. The CDC is scheduled to consider this recommendation in September 2010; and
- recommended approval of a proposal to replace the damaged planters at the base of the north and south Capitol steps with bollards. The CDC approved this recommendation as a controlled maintenance project prior to the advisory committee's consideration.

## **Art and Memorials**

The advisory committee considers proposals for donated or loaned art or memorials to be placed in the public areas of the Capitol and its surrounding grounds. Under current criteria, the advisory committee may recommend no more than one proposal per year to the CDC. The advisory committee did not receive any proposals for a gift or loan of art or a memorial during FY 2009-10.

***Enos Mills statue.*** In FY 2007-08, the advisory committee recommended, and the CDC, the General Assembly, and the Governor approved, the donation of a statue of Enos Mills, who is recognized as the father of Rocky Mountain National Park. The placement of the statue, as proposed and accepted, was dependant upon the Cultural Arts Council of Estes Park raising funds for the statue. It became clear early in 2009 that the funds were not being raised. The artist, Ms. Bonnie Fulford Stewart, has indicated she intends to try to raise funds and the advisory committee has been updated on her efforts.

***Fallen Heroes Memorial.*** In 2007, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 07-086, which created a five-member commission to oversee the design and construction of a war memorial to honor the lives of Coloradans who died during World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the War on Terrorism, and future wars. The bill charged the advisory committee with approving the design and siting of the memorial. After discussion spanning two advisory committee meetings, the design was approved, as was the site at Lincoln Park.

***Presidential portraits.*** The advisory committee discussed obtaining portraits of President Clinton and President Obama for the Presidential Portrait Gallery. Representative Paul Weissmann reported that the portrait of President Clinton, which was on loan from the Clinton Library for many years, will be permanently donated to the Capitol. The paperwork formalizing the donation is pending. Representative Weissmann also agreed to raise funds for the purchase of a portrait of President Obama. With the assistance of the Colorado Council on the Arts, Colorado artist Sarah Boardman was selected to paint the portrait once the funds are raised.

## Capitol Improvement Projects

The advisory committee is statutorily required to review plans to restore, redecorate, or reconstruct space within the public and ceremonial areas of the Capitol buildings group, the Legislative Services Building, and the Capitol driveways and surrounding grounds and to make pertinent recommendations to the CDC.

***Other construction and landscape improvement plans.*** The advisory committee learned of a number of improvements planned for the Capitol grounds, including:

- exterior lighting improvements;
- plans for ground-source heating and cooling for the building;
- plans for improvements to the Armenian Gardens;
- in response to concerns raised by the advisory committee, proposed amendments to the rules related to event permits that will disallow parking on the granite pavers on the west side of the building to avoid further damage to the hardscape;
- replacement of the elevators; and
- in response to concerns raised by the advisory committee, information on how damage to the rose onyx throughout the building might be addressed.

***Projected repairs to the Capitol dome.*** The advisory committee kept abreast of the pending need for major repairs to the infrastructure supporting the Capitol dome. According to the Department of Personnel and Administration, repairs to the dome could cost between \$11 million and \$12 million and could take up to 18 months to complete. The Capitol dome stabilization project is important because the fasteners inside the dome are 20 to 30 years beyond their useful life, according to experts with the Real Estate Division. The project would require the closure of the dome and the east side of the Capitol circle.

Recognizing that the deterioration of the dome has reached a critical stage, the advisory committee requested approval from the CDC to nominate the Capitol dome for designation as one of "Colorado's Most Endangered Places 2010." The CDC approved the request, the nomination was submitted, and the Capitol dome was one of six historical sites chosen for the designation.

In addition, the advisory committee heard a proposal from Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI), a nonprofit, statewide historic preservation organization, to raise private moneys to fund the repairs to the dome. CPI retained Creative Strategies Group to assist with the development of a cause-related marketing and sponsorship campaign to raise the needed funds. The campaign is likely to be comprised of several components: cause-related marketing and corporate sponsorship; a children's campaign; a public campaign; and grants and gifts. CPI was asked to submit a detailed proposal for review by the advisory committee and approval by the CDC early in FY 2010-11.

Two pieces of legislation concerning renovation of the dome, House Bill 10-1402 and Senate Bill 10-192, were adopted by the General Assembly. House Bill 10-1402 authorizes CPI to raise money. Senate Bill 10-192 directs the transfer of up to \$12 million from the State Historical Fund to the Capitol Dome Restoration Fund for repairs to the

dome over the course of three fiscal years beginning in FY 2010-11, or \$4 million annually. The moneys transferred in FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 are to be reduced by the amount donated by CPI and/or the amount granted for the dome repair project by the Colorado Historical Society. As moneys are needed for discrete phases of the project, CPI and the Department of Personnel and Administration are directed to coordinate the timing and amount of the donations of moneys raised through the fund-raising efforts.

## **Publications and Memorabilia**

The advisory committee is statutorily required to present a plan to the CDC for developing publications on the history of the Capitol and for developing Capitol memorabilia for sale to the public. These publications and memorabilia are to promote historic interest in the state Capitol and to raise money for the preservation of original and historic elements of the building. All proceeds from the sale of publications and memorabilia are credited to the advisory committee's special account within the Public Buildings Trust Fund.

Pursuant to the original plan adopted in 1991, the advisory committee published "The Pride of the People" in 1992, a color booklet on the history of the Capitol, and "Women's Gold," a color brochure on the history of the Women's Gold tapestry displayed in the Capitol.

The advisory committee subsequently developed a color video tour of the Capitol, a framed photo of the Capitol with authentic gold flakes from the dome, sets of note cards displaying the images of the state's symbols and emblems, brass replicas of the mile high elevation marker, and the State Symbols and Emblems brochure.

## **Visitors Services**

The tour services provided to Capitol visitors are facilitated by one full-time Manager of Visitor Services and one part-time Assistant Manager of Visitor Services. Hourly summer assistants and year-round volunteers assist the manager with Capitol tours and special events. An estimated 250,000 persons visit the Capitol annually, of whom approximately 50,000 join guided tours of the building. The Manager of Visitors Services supervises a volunteer force of approximately 45 persons to facilitate the guided tours. Special tours of the dome and "Mr. Brown's Attic" are supervised by the Manager of Dome Services, an employee of the Joint Chambers, who also supervises work-study students and some volunteers.

***Gift shop proposal.*** Representative Amy Stephens appeared before the advisory committee to suggest that a new or expanded gift shop be considered. In response to her presentation, the advisory committee approved the formation of a gift shop committee to examine objectives of gift shops, business models, space, types of inventory, use of profits, and other pertinent questions. The committee is to consist of seven or eight members, including representation from the advisory committee. The gift shop committee did not meet during FY 2009-10.