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To Members of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly:

Submitted herewith is the final report of the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee). The advisory committee was created pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S., and serves in an advisory capacity to the Capital Development Committee and the Governor on certain issues regarding the State Capitol building and its grounds. The final report provides a complete summary of the activities of the advisory committee during FY 2013-14 and serves as a permanent record of the actions taken to preserve and protect the State Capitol building, its grounds, arts, memorials, and historic features. The report also serves as an informal document for any other entity or individual interested in the preservation of the State Capitol building.

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee 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 of Representatives, and two members serve *ex officio*. Of the members appointed by the Governor, one must be an architect knowledgeable about the historic and architectural integrity of the Capitol. The *ex officio* members are 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. The terms of members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House expire in January, while the terms of members appointed by the Governor expire in July, resulting in staggered terms.

Table 1 contains a list of members of the advisory committee for FY 2013-14, as well as the appointing authority and the members' term expiration dates.

Table 1
Capitol Building Advisory Committee Membership
FY 2013-14

Member Name	Appointing Authority	Term Expiration Date
Senator Linda Newell, Chair	President of the Senate	1/1/2015
Representative Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Vice-Chair	Speaker of the House	1/1/2015
Cindi Markwell	President of the Senate	1/1/2015
Jennifer Miklosi	President of the Senate	1/1/2015
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Douglas Walter	Governor	7/1/2016
Richard Lee	<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Ed Nichols	<i>Ex Officio</i>	

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. Historically, the annual meeting has been held in July



Committee 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 Capitol. The advisory committee is required to make recommendations to the Capital Development Committee (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 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.

Committee Activities

The advisory committee held four regular meetings during FY 2013-14, after agreeing at its annual meeting to move from monthly to quarterly meetings. Advisory committee activities included:

- approving illustrations by artist Thom Buchanan of the following new state symbols:
 - state amphibian (western tiger salamander);
 - state summer heritage sport (pack burro racing);
 - state pets (shelter pets); and
 - state cactus (claret cup cactus).
- approving a new poster format for the state symbols and emblems brochure, and turning over responsibility for the design and production of the brochure to Legislative Council Staff;



- adopting a supplement to the committee’s governing document, the Criteria and Procedures for the Gift or Loan of Objects of Art and Memorials Placed on a Permanent or Temporary Basis in the Colorado State Capitol or on its Surrounding Grounds (criteria and procedures), which establishes procedures for the additional committee tasks not covered by the criteria and procedures;
- reviewing expenditures from the committee’s “Gold Fund,” including the maintenance budget set aside for Mr. Brown’s Attic;
- receiving updates about the Creative Capitol exhibit and requesting further information about how Creative Capitol exhibitions are selected;
- receiving updates about audio/visual upgrades to the Old Supreme Court Chamber;
- discussing the restoration of the Armenian Garden by the Armenians of Colorado;
- approving language for a plaque accompanying the donated khachkar monument in the Armenian Garden;
- discussing landscaping issues, including a test use of blue grama grass in place of traditional bluegrass;
- recommending that a National Historic Landmark plaque, designating Denver Civic Center, be located on the center column of the north steps of the Capitol Building;
- reviewing the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mount Rosa Chapter, in restoring the replica Liberty Bell in Lincoln Park;
- recommending the placement of two electric vehicle charging stations, with the option of adding a third, in either the northwest or southwest quadrant of the Capitol parking circle, with the understanding that size and appearance of the stations be taken into consideration by the committee before final placement;
- authorizing the sale of the Governor’s mansion holiday ornament at the Capitol gift desk, with a reciprocal agreement to sell the Capitol holiday ornament at the Governor’s mansion;
- reviewing the 2013 Capitol Quilt Show and preparing recommendations to the Colorado Quilting Council regarding future shows;
- approving the relocation of several pieces of art on the first floor of the Capitol building, and allowing staff to solicit bids for an appraisal of the Capitol art collection, as recommended by the subcommittee on the Capitol art collection master plan;
- accepting from the William J. Clinton Presidential Library a giclée of the Clinton portrait, in place of the original portrait, to hang in the presidential portrait collection;
- approving the placement of new explanatory plaques in the Capitol rotunda to accompany the presidential portrait collection and the Hall of Fame windows;



- reviewing and denying a temporary art display in the Capitol building proposed by artist Randall Sinner;
- convening subcommittees to address the following issues:
 - Capitol Quilt Show;
 - electric vehicle chargers;
 - state symbol illustrations;
 - master plan for artwork in the Capitol building; and
 - exhibit designs for Mr. Brown's Attic.

receiving updates on capital projects in the building, previously approved projects in the building and grounds, and ongoing exhibitions and displays



Summary of Advisory Committee Recommendations

During FY 2013-14, the advisory committee forwarded the following recommendations to the CDC:

- a recommendation to install two dual electric vehicle charging stations in the Capitol circle parking lot, with the capacity to add a third. A CDC motion to support this recommendation failed on a tie vote.
- revisions and a new supplement to the criteria and procedures. The supplement outlines responsibilities of the committee not related to reviewing and approving the acquisition of new artwork, and no substantive changes were made to this process. No action was required of or taken by the CDC.
- revisions to previously approved language for an explanatory plaque to be placed in the renovated Armenian Garden adjacent to a replica Armenian khachkar. No action was required of or taken by the CDC.
- a recommendation to install a series of explanatory plaques in the Capitol rotunda area associated with the Presidential Portrait Collection and the “Hall of Fame” stained glass windows. The CDC approved this recommendation.

The advisory committee also wrote to the State Historical Fund in support of a grant application from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mount Rosa Chapter, to restore the replica Liberty Bell in Lincoln Park. The chapter received a nearly \$22,000 grant from the State Historic Fund.

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 consideration in FY 2013-14.

The advisory committee considered one proposal for a temporary display of art in the public areas of the Capitol building. Mr. Randall Sinner proposed a display of his artwork, “38 of 50,” which was originally a performance piece in which he stitched rope made from the flags of states that permit capital punishment. The committee denied the proposal and suggested that clear guidelines be developed for artists wishing to display their work in the Capitol, particularly art of a political nature.

The advisory committee also discussed a number of other arts- and memorials-related issues.

Capitol art collection master plan. The committee created a subcommittee to prepare a master plan for the Capitol art collection. This subcommittee met throughout the year and periodically made recommendations to the committee. Among the recommendations approved by the committee are:



- allowing staff to solicit bids for an appraisal of the Capitol art collection;
- consolidating all artwork regarding state military and veterans in the south wing of the first floor;
- relocating art and artifacts regarding the state's symbols and emblems to the tour guide area on the first floor; and
- relocating the bust of "Woman" to a niche near the "Women's Gold" tapestry.

Staff work to complete the approved relocations is ongoing, and work with the Office of Risk Management in the Department of Personnel and Administration on an appraisal is underway. The subcommittee will continue to meet and address art-related issues in FY 2014-15.

Creative Capitol. The committee received updates on Creative Capitol, a program of Colorado Creative Industries that provides rotating exhibits in the basement rotunda and Governor's and Lieutenant Governor's offices. The following exhibits were displayed in FY 2013-14:

- Talent for Teaching (June to October 2013), featuring artwork from faculty at the Art Students League of Denver;
- American Indian/Alaskan Native Heritage Month (November 2013 to January 2014), featuring handpainted skateboards by artist Walt Pourier;
- Artique (February to May 2014), featuring art quilts from the Artique Critique Group of Northern Colorado; and
- Paintings by Bruce Price (June to July 2014), temporarily relocated from the Joint Budget Committee hearing room.

Committee members have raised questions about how Creative Capitol exhibitions are selected and requested further discussion of this point in the future.

Presidential portrait collection. The committee agreed to accept a giclée (copy) of the Bill Clinton portrait to complete the presidential portrait collection. Clinton's portrait was painted by Lawrence Williams, as were the rest of the presidential portraits except President Barack Obama. Clinton's portrait was included in the Capitol's Gallery of Presidents from 1996 to 2012 but was not part of the state's collection due to a dispute with the artist. As a result, the portrait was on loan from the Clinton Library in Arkansas (run by the National Archives). The Clinton Library asked the state to send the portrait back for cleaning in 2012 when the gallery was moved to the first floor for the dome renovation. After staff unsuccessfully sought the portrait's return, the library agreed to provide the giclée, which now hangs with the rest of the collection in a matching frame.

Denver Civic Center National Historic Landmark. The committee supported the designation of Denver Civic Center as a National Historic Landmark in 2012. This designation includes the State Capitol building and grounds, Lincoln Park, the "Colorado State Museum" building (Legislative Services Building), and the State Office Building at 1525 Sherman Street. The committee approved locating a plaque to commemorate the designation on the center column of the north steps of the Capitol Building. An additional plaque was placed at the entry to the Legislative Services Building.



Capital 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 groups; and to make pertinent recommendations to the CDC. In FY 2013-14, the advisory committee was updated on several capital improvement projects in the building and on the grounds. This included audio/visual upgrades in the Old Supreme Court Chamber, the placement of a test segment of blue grama grass on the Capitol grounds, the completion of the dome renovations, and restoration projects in the Senate and House chambers.

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, known as the Gold Fund, within the Public Buildings Trust Fund. A report of FY 2013-14 account revenue and expenses is available upon request.

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 video tour of the Capitol, a framed photo of the Capitol with authentic gold flakes from the dome, and sets of note cards displaying the images of the state's symbols and emblems. The gift desk also sells select books and other gift items, which are generally approved by the committee prior to sale.

Governor's mansion ornaments. The committee authorized a reciprocal agreement with the Colorado Governor's Residence Preservation Fund that allowed the sale of the Governor's mansion holiday ornament at the Visitor Services gift desk, and the sale of the Capitol holiday ornament at the Governor's mansion.

Symbol and emblems brochure. For many years, the advisory committee published a state symbols and emblems brochure that is distributed to visitors and schoolchildren. The brochure includes illustrations of all the of Colorado's symbols and emblems. It is designed and illustrated by artist Thom Buchanan. To accommodate new state symbols adopted by the General Assembly, Mr. Buchanan proposed a redesign of the brochure that opens to a poster format with updated illustrations. The committee approved the new brochure format and illustrations for four new state symbols:

- state amphibian (western tiger salamander);
- state summer heritage sport (pack burro racing);
- state pets (shelter pets); and
- state cactus (claret cup cactus).

The committee also turned over responsibility for the design and production of the brochure to Legislative Council Staff, which provided funding for the new brochures. New brochures were completed in November 2014.



Visitor Services

The tour services provided to Capitol visitors are facilitated by one full-time Manager of Visitor Services and one full-time Assistant Manager of Visitor Services. Hourly summer assistants, year-round volunteers, and college work-study students assist the manager with Capitol tours, Mr. Brown's Attic tours, dome walks, and special events. The Manager of Visitor Services supervises approximately 45 volunteers and 10 part-time work-study students to facilitate the guided tours, perform receptionist duties, and staff the information and gift desks. In addition, the General Assembly employs two session-only visitor aides who conduct legislative orientations. An estimated 250,000 people visit the Capitol annually, of whom approximately 50,000 join guided tours of the building.

Mr. Brown's Attic. In 2012, the committee set aside \$1,500 of the Gold Fund annually, with unspent moneys carrying forward to the next fiscal year, for maintenance and operations of Mr. Brown's Attic. Visitor services continues to use these funds to restore and make small updates to displays in the museum. Additionally, a project was undertaken in 2014 to update the children's interactive display in the southern portion of Mr. Brown's Attic. A subcommittee worked with exhibit designers to create a new children's exhibit of the state's symbols and emblems, which was funded by the General Assembly.

Capitol quilt show. A subcommittee was convened to review the 2013 Capitol Quilt Show and make recommendations to the Colorado Quilting Council (CQC) concerning future shows. The subcommittee made several recommendations, all of which were approved by the committee, to improve the installation process for the quilt show. Notably, the subcommittee recommended that the CQC consult with experts in designing exhibits for historic spaces to establish a protocol for displaying quilts and installing and taking down quilts. The CQC has opted not to pursue a Capitol Quilt Show in 2015

