

Recommendations to the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee  
regarding the Capitol Complex Advisory Council

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In accordance with 2-17-804, MCA, the Capitol Complex Advisory Council (CCAC) reviews proposals for long-term placement of displays of art or memorials and the naming of state buildings, spaces, or rooms in the Capitol Complex; advises the Legislature on the long-term placement of statues, busts, memorials, monuments, or art displays within the Capitol Complex; and advises the Department of Administration on interior decoration of the Capitol and grounds maintenance and grounds displays; and on the long-range master plan for the Capitol Complex.

Two recent examples of the CCAC's efforts include the placement of a plaque on the first floor, east wing of the Capitol, honoring Representative Francis Bardanouve, and the installation of the Women's Mural.

The CCAC was established in law in 1997 under 2-17-803, MCA. CCAC membership consists of nine members as follows:

- two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker on a bipartisan basis;
- two members of the Senate appointed by the committee on committees on a bipartisan basis;
- two public members appointed by the Governor; and
- the director or the director's designee of each of the following agencies:
  - the Montana Historical Society established in 22-3-101;
  - the Montana Arts Council established in 2-15-1513; and
  - the Department of Administration established in 2-15-1001.

As of this writing, current members of the CCAC are:

- Representatives Wendy McKamey and Jean Price
- Senators Bradley Hamlett and Debby Barrett
- Department of Administration Director, Sheila Hogan, Chairperson
- Montana Arts Council – Kim Hurtle, representative for Director Arlynn Fishbaugh
- Montana Historical Society – Denise King, representative for Director Bruce Whittenberg
- Public members – Sheena Wilson and Carol Williams

Recommendations to SAVA Committee:

The CCAC provides a comprehensive filtering process to maintain the integrity of the Capitol building and grounds. The council responds to requests from numerous groups, each with a good cause and purpose. The CCAC upholds the Capitol Complex Master Plan with the understanding the Capitol Building and grounds must represent all individuals. The Department of Administration recommends the continued existence of the Capitol Complex Advisory Council, with no changes to the governing statutes.

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### **2-17-803. Capitol complex advisory council established -- membership -- staff services -- compensation.** (1) There is a capitol complex advisory council.

(2) The council consists of nine members as follows:

- (a) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker on a bipartisan basis;
- (b) two members of the senate appointed by the committee on committees on a bipartisan basis;
- (c) two public members appointed by the governor; and
- (d) the director or the director's designee of each of the following agencies:
  - (i) the Montana historical society established in 22-3-101;
  - (ii) the Montana arts council established in 2-15-1513; and
  - (iii) the department of administration established in 2-15-1001.

(3) The council shall select a presiding officer, who may call meetings to conduct council business. The department of administration shall provide staff services to the council.

(4) (a) A council member appointed under subsection (2)(c) is entitled to compensation not to exceed the daily allowance provided for in 5-2-301(3) for compensation of legislators for each day in which the member is actually and necessarily engaged in performing council duties and to travel expense reimbursement as provided in 2-18-501 through 2-18-503.

(b) A council member designated under subsection (2)(d) is not entitled to compensation for services as a member of the council.

(c) A council member appointed under subsection (2)(a) or (2)(b) is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in 5-2-302.

### **2-17-804. Council duties and responsibilities.** (1) The council shall:

(a) adopt an art and memorial plan for the placement of art and memorials in the capitol complex and on the capitol complex grounds;

(b) review proposals for long-term displays of up to 50 years, subject to renewal, in the capitol complex and on the capitol complex grounds and for the naming of state buildings, spaces, and rooms in the capitol complex;

(c) advise the legislature on the placement of busts, plaques, statues, memorials, monuments, or art displays of a long-term nature in public areas of the capitol complex and on the capitol complex grounds, including the executive residence and the original governor's mansion; and

(d) advise the department of administration on interior decoration of the capitol, grounds maintenance, and grounds displays.

(2) In advising the legislature on long-term displays, the council shall consider whether the bust, plaque, statue, memorial, monument, or art display:

(a) reasonably fits the long-range master plan for the capitol and adjacent grounds developed under 2-17-805;

(b) adversely alters the appearance of the capitol complex;

(c) unreasonably affects foot traffic on the capitol complex;

(d) adversely impacts existing maintenance programs or the utility infrastructure;

(e) recognizes a person or event of statewide significance and relevance;

(f) has artistic merit in design and construction;

(g) will be safely and aesthetically suited to the installation site; and

(h) has adequate funding for design, installation, and maintenance.

(3) By September 15 of each year preceding a regular legislative session, the council shall report to the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee on requests that the council has reviewed for naming buildings, spaces, and rooms and for placing items in the capitol complex or on the capitol complex grounds. The report must include a recommendation to the committee on whether reviewed requests meet the criteria established by this part and whether legislation is needed. If a request meets the criteria, the council shall recommend a timeframe during which the project should be authorized.