

**Capitol Complex Advisory Council
Report to the 66th Montana Legislature
August 2018**

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.

Council Meetings in 2017 and 2018

The full Council met once during 2017 and has not met during 2018.

The agenda for the August 9, 2017, meeting included electing a new chair, introducing the new members to the process, and procedures of the CCAC; discussing the progress of HB 431 – the Sidney Edgerton memorial. (See House Bill 431 below.)

Legislative Action

House Bill 431

During the 2015 session, the 64th Legislature passed House Bill 431, An act allowing a plaque, statue, or other item of tribute commemorating Montana's first territorial governor, Sidney Edgerton, to be placed in a state capitol complex building or on the grounds of the capitol complex; providing that the Montana Historical Society procure the item and administer funds for that purpose; requiring private funding; amending section 2-17-808, MCA; providing for contingent voidness; and providing an effective date.

Summary

Over the course of the biennium, the Council met once in 2017 and did not receive any proposals for temporary displays.

Minutes of all CCAC meetings are available at ccac.mt.gov.

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APPENDIX A
CAPITOL COMPLEX ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS
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