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To the Members of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly,

Submitted herewith is the "State Capitol Building Advisory Committee Annual Report for FY 2003-04".

The purpose of the report is to provide an annual summary of the committee's activities, including an explanation of the significant issues considered by the committee; a review of Capitol improvement projects; updates on Capitol publications and memorabilia; a review of committee events; and an explanation of committee recommendations to the Capital Development Committee and the Governor.

The annual report also serves as an informational document for the Capital Development Committee, the Governor, the interested public, and any other entity or individual interested in the advisory committee's consideration of issues regarding the Capitol and its grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Mlinek, Director

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# STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## **Committee Charge**

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Section 24-82-108 of the Colorado Revised Statutes establishes the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee's authority to serve in an advisory capacity to the Capital Development Committee and the Governor on certain issues regarding the Capitol and its grounds.

There are twelve members on the advisory committee. 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 a designee of the president, and the executive director of the Department of Personnel and Administration or a designee of the executive director. Appointed members serve a term of two years, while ex officio members serve as long as their office is held.

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

## **Committee Activities**

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The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee was established by House Bill 91-1007, a measure signed by the Governor on May 16, 1991. Since its first meeting on July 26, 1991, the committee has met on a frequent basis to consider a wide variety of issues concerning the Capitol and its grounds. The committee has been involved in continuing deliberations regarding renovation of the Capitol, life safety provisions, improvements to the Capitol grounds, public use of the Capitol and its grounds, use of public space in the Capitol for the display of art and memorials, and controlled maintenance requirements for the Capitol.

The committee also serves as an effective agent and liaison of the General Assembly and the Governor. The committee is committed to spending necessary time to assist in implementing the broad policy decisions of the General Assembly as well as making recommendations upon proposals offered by citizens and citizen groups.

The advisory committee held two regular committee meetings during FY 2003-04. Committee activities included:

- selection and acquisition of a portrait of President George W. Bush;
- review and endorsement of a joint resolution to honor the life of Mr. Lawrence Williams;
- review and endorsement of a proposal by the Colorado State Patrol to install law enforcement signage in Lincoln Park;
- revisions to the state symbols and emblems brochure to include the state rock and state mineral;
- acquisition of 75,000 copies of the revised brochure;
- review of the committee's plan for publications and memorabilia;
- consideration of the development of a Capitol holiday ornament;
- acquisition of mile high elevation marker medallions to be sold by the Capitol tour guides; and
- review of the progress of the Capitol Life Safety construction project.

### **Committee Recommendations**

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During FY 2003-04, the committee submitted no recommendations to the Capital Development Committee, the Governor, or the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council.

# STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S., the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee was created to “ensure that structural changes and innovations do not injure or dramatically change the state Capitol building or the historic items contained within the building.”

## **Duties**

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The statute 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 surrounding grounds of the state Capitol building. The advisory committee is required to make recommendations to the Capital Development Committee and the Governor based on such plans. The statute requires the advisory committee to:

- create an inventory of furniture original to the Capitol and determine which pieces of damaged furniture are to be restored or renovated;
- present a plan for developing publications on the history of the Capitol and for developing Capitol memorabilia for sale to the public;
- 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.

## **Additional Authority**

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The statute authorizes the advisory committee 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 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 the staff of Legislative Council, the Office of Legislative Legal Services, and the Department of Personnel and Administration for necessary assistance.

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

# CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Capitol Building 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 Capital Development Committee and the Governor.

State law further authorizes the advisory committee, in conjunction with the Department of Personnel and Administration, to engage in long-range planning for modifications and improvements to the Capitol and its grounds.

## **Lincoln Park Improvements**

The advisory committee reviewed and endorsed a proposal by the Colorado State Patrol to place signage in Lincoln Park necessary to enforce vagrancy and illegal substance laws. The signage was installed at park entrances by the Department of Personnel and Administration.

## **Capitol Life Safety Project**

As a result of a joint effort of the advisory committee and the Department of Personnel and Administration, moneys were granted by the Colorado State Historical Fund in FY 2002-03 to fund a phase of the construction project. It was determined that a separate grant would be requested for each construction phase. By June 2003, the contractors had installed new fire sprinkler and alarm systems in the sub-basement and attic, had started standpipe installations, and had ordered critical long-lead construction materials.

During FY 2003-04, the committee reviewed the plans and progress of Phase Ia and Phase Ib to be completed by December 2004. The scope of work for these phases included installation of a fire command center, alarm control panels and systems, piping and sprinklers, smoke and fire detection systems, fire rated doors, emergency lighting, and the relocation of electrical and heating and ventilation systems.

The committee also reviewed preliminary plans for Phase II to be completed by December 2005. The scope of work includes installation of a new interior stairwell in the northwest quadrant of the building, an exterior stairwell from the sub-basement to the ground level, and additional detection and alarm systems in the basement, first floor, and second floor levels. The interior stairwell will provide access to, and emergency egress from, all building floors, including the attic and the sub-basement. The Colorado State Patrol informed the committee that public access to the Capitol dome will be prohibited until the completion of the new interior stairwell.

# PROPOSALS FOR GIFTS OF ART AND MEMORIALS

The Capitol Building 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. Current criteria limit the committee to recommending no more than one proposal per year to the Capital Development Committee.

## **Gifts of Art and Memorials**

The advisory committee received no proposal for a gift of art or a memorial during FY 2003-04.

## **Presidential Portrait**

As of June 2003, the advisory committee had resolved to commission a Colorado artist to paint a portrait of President George W. Bush to be included in the "Gallery of Presidents" in the third floor rotunda. At that time, the committee had selected a preferred artist and had received a gift of sufficient funds from the Stroehle Family of Black Hawk, Colorado, to cover the portrait cost.

However, due to difficulties in making final arrangements with the selected artist, the committee decided to reconsider other candidate artists. As a result, the committee elected to acquire a portrait from Mr. Lawrence Williams, the artist who painted all of the existing portraits in the "Gallery of Presidents".

The portrait was presented to the Senate and House of Representatives during their respective readings of House Joint Resolution 04-1048. The resolution was sponsored by Representative Paul Weissmann and Senator Steve Johnson to honor the life of Mr. Williams who passed away on July 30, 2003. The portrait of President Bush is one of the last portraits painted by Mr. Williams prior to his death. The "Gallery of Presidents" in the Colorado Capitol is believed to be one of few collections of portraits of the United States Presidents painted by one artist.

# PUBLICATIONS AND MEMORABILIA

## **Publication Plan**

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The advisory committee is statutorily required to present a plan to the Capital Development Committee 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 moneys for the preservation of original and historic elements of the building.

Pursuant to the original plan adopted in 1991, the advisory committee published "The Pride of our People," 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 committee subsequently developed a color video tour of the Capitol, a framed photo of the Capitol with authentic gold flakes from the dome, the *State Symbols and Emblems* brochure, sets of note cards displaying the images of the state's symbols and emblems, and brass replicas of the mile high elevation marker.

## **Revenues**

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These publications and memorabilia, except for the *State Symbols and Emblems* brochure, are offered for sale to the visiting public by the Capitol tour guides. Some items are also sold on a wholesale basis to the Colorado History Museum gift shop and the Columbine Deli in the Capitol basement for resale to the public. The brochure is distributed free of charge by the Capitol tour guides to school children visiting the Capitol.

Revenue from these sales has not only covered publication and memorabilia development costs, but has also funded the acquisition of oak benches, a presidential portrait, historic lighting fixtures and furniture original to the Capitol, plantings for the Closing Era Monument on the Capitol east lawn, and additional printings of the *State Symbols and Emblems* brochure.

The advisory committee has developed policies for the use of images contained within the committee's publications. The policies were based upon those of the Colorado Historical Society for the use of photographs from Society collections. The policies establish nominal fees for commercial use of the images.

All proceeds from publications sales and commercial use fees are credited to the committee's special account within the Public Buildings Trust Fund.

## Activities

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The General Assembly adopted House Bill 02-1346 to establish rhodochrosite as the state mineral of Colorado and House Bill 04-1023 to designate Yule marble as the state rock. As a result, the advisory committee employed graphics and publications designers to amend the *State Symbols and Emblems* brochure to include relevant information and color graphics of each. The committee then ordered a new printing of 75,000 copies of the brochure for free distribution to school children visiting the Capitol. Funding for the cost of the printing was donated by the General Assembly.

In September, 2003, the Department of Personnel and Administration informed the committee that the mile high elevation marker on the Capitol west steps was to be relocated as a result of new calculations by the United States Geodetic Survey and the Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado. A new brass marker was placed and dedicated on September 29. To commemorate the event, the committee acquired additional brass marker medallions to be offered for sale to the public as a memento of the Capitol. The medallions are exact replicas of the original elevation marker.

## Annual Sales

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The publications and memorabilia developed by the advisory committee are offered for sale to the visiting public by the Capitol tour guides. The following table provides a summary of the sales and remaining amount of each as of the end of the fiscal year.

Publication or Memorabilia	Original Inventory	Reorder	Sales	Remaining Inventory
Pride of the People	10,100	0	6,141	3,949
Women's Gold	5,000	0	3,901	1,099
Video Tour	500	0	500	0
Framed Photo	200	200	398	2
Gift Card Sets	1,350	0	293	1,057
Mile High Medallion	100	0	64	36
State Symbols and Emblems	15,000	125,000	70,000*	70,000

\* The brochure is distributed free of charge by the Capitol tour guides to school children visiting the Capitol.

# RESOURCE MATERIALS

The resource materials listed below were provided to the committee or developed by Legislative Council staff during the course of the meetings. The summaries of meetings and attachments are available at the Division of Archives, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, (303) 866-2055. For a limited time, the meeting summaries and materials developed by Legislative Council Staff are available on the Internet at:

[www.state.co.us/gov\\_dir/leg\\_dir/lcsstaff/2003/comsched/03CapAdvSched](http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2003/comsched/03CapAdvSched).

[www.state.co.us/gov\\_dir/leg\\_dir/lcsstaff/2004/comsched/04CapAdvSched](http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcsstaff/2004/comsched/04CapAdvSched).

## Meeting Summaries

## Topics Discussed

December 5, 2003

New committee members, presidential portrait, refund of unused portion of donation, a proposal for signage in Lincoln Park, publications and memorabilia, and status and tour of the Capitol Life Safety project.

March 26, 2004

Installation of the presidential portrait and plaques, draft of a proposed resolution to honor Mr. Lawrence Williams, election of officers, status of the Capitol Life Safety project, security improvements in Lincoln Park, and revisions to the state symbols and emblems brochure to include the state mineral and state rock.

## Memoranda

*Notification to Mr. Daniel Frazier of the Selection of a Presidential Portrait Painted by Mr. Lawrence Williams, December, 2003.*

*Notification to Ms. Sarah Boardman of the Selection of a Presidential Portrait Painted by Mr. Lawrence Williams, December, 2003.*

*Presentation of House Joint Resolution 04-1048 Honoring the Life of Portrait Artist Lawrence Williams, May, 2004.*

## Reports

*Colorado State Capitol Life Safety Project, Project Tour, December 5, 2003, Fentress Bradburn Architects, Ltd.*

*Colorado State Capitol Life Safety Project, March 26, 2004, Fentress Bradburn Architects, Ltd.*