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**Capitol Building
Advisory Committee**

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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. This committee was created pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S. The purpose of this committee is to serve 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.

Sincerely,

/s/ Senator John Morse
Chairman

Capitol Building Advisory Committee

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Committee Charge

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.

Committee Membership

Table 1 contains a list of members of the advisory committee for FY 2012-13, as well as the appointing authority and the members' term expiration dates.

**Table 1
Capitol Building Advisory Committee Membership
FY 2012-13**

Member Name	Appointing Authority	Term Expiration Date
Senator Linda Newell, Chair	President of the Senate	1/1/2015
Georgianna Contiguglia, Vice-Chair	Governor	7/1/2013
Cindi Markwell	President of the Senate	1/1/2015
Jil Rosentrater	President of the Senate	1/9/2013
Marilyn Eddins	Speaker of the House	1/1/2015
Friday Green	Speaker of the House	1/1/2015
Representative Dickey Lee Hullinghorst	Speaker of the House	1/1/2015
Kevin Patterson	Governor	7/1/2013
Diann Sill	Governor	7/1/2013
Douglas Walter	Governor	7/1/2014
Richard Lee	<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Ed Nichols	<i>Ex Officio</i>	
<i>Members who served partial terms in calendar year 2012</i>		
Sharon Nunnally	President of the Senate	1/9/2013
Representative Amy Stephens	Speaker of the House	1/9/2013



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 committee is also charged with reviewing, advising, and making recommendations to the CDC with respect to the fund-raising efforts for repair and restoration of the Capitol dome.

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 eight regular committee meetings during FY 2012-13. Advisory committee activities included:

- considering and approving a modification to the planned Fallen Heroes Memorial pursuant to Senate Bill 07-086, which charges the advisory committee with providing final approval of the design and siting of any memorials planned for Lincoln Park to commemorate the lives of Coloradans who died in specific military conflicts;



- recommending the acceptance of a replica khachkar, or gravestone, and accompanying explanatory plaque to be placed in the Armenian Garden in the northeast quadrant of the Capitol grounds;
- approving the redesign of the Armenian Garden;
- allocating an annual budget of \$1,500 for maintenance of Mr. Brown's Attic;
- recommending approval for a proposal from the Department of Personnel and Administration to place additional bicycle racks near the southwest entrance to the Capitol building;
- receiving updates about the timing, length, and planned method of installation of the 2013 annual quilt show from the Colorado Quilting Council;
- hearing about planned improvements in the House and Senate Chambers, antechambers, and meeting rooms, including:
 - ▶ the restoration of stained glass windows in the Senate Chambers;
 - ▶ the installation of television monitors in the Senate antechambers;
 - ▶ the pending acceptance of a bust of former Speaker Bev Bledsoe to be placed in the House antechambers;
 - ▶ the restoration of the House chambers, including the removal of acoustical tile and the restoration of the original skylight;
 - ▶ the restoration of the composite photographs of the members of past General Assemblies located in and near various House and Senate committee hearing rooms; and
 - ▶ the augmentation of the available audio-visual technology in the old Supreme Court Chambers.
- receiving updates about a cellular service enhancement project sponsored by AT&T;
- receiving updates from the Department of Personnel and Administration about capital improvements on the grounds, such as tree trimming and hiring a firm to professionally clean two statues;
- approving the relocation of the portraits of Henry Brown and Martin Luther King, Jr., which were found to be in close proximity to radiators in the building and thus at risk of damage from temperature fluctuations;
- considering the relocation of the bust of Governor William Knous and the state key;
- discussing the ongoing inventory of furniture original to the building;
- discussing the location and appearance of signage in the building;



- receiving periodic updates on the efforts of Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) to raise private funds for the repair and restoration of the Capitol dome through its Share in the Care campaign;
- considering the placement of plaques commemorating the nomination of Denver Civic Center, including the Capitol grounds and Lincoln Park, as a National Historic Landmark;
- hearing updates regarding an approved proposal by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mount Rosa Chapter, to restore the Liberty Bell replica on display in Lincoln Park;
- ongoing oversight of Capitol publications, including the consideration of commissioning artwork for the new state symbols approved during the 2012 and 2013 legislative sessions; and
- receiving updates on capital projects, including the dome renovation project and the geothermal project.

Summary of Advisory Committee Recommendations

During FY 2012-13, the advisory committee forwarded several recommendations to the CDC as follows:

- a recommendation concerning the installation of a bicycle rack at the southwest entrance to the Capitol building. The CDC approved this recommendation; and
- a series of recommendations concerning a permanent gift from the Armenians of Colorado of a replica Armenian khachkar, or gravestone, for placement in the northeast quadrant of the Capitol grounds, including the size and location of the replica khachkar, and the language to be used on an accompanying explanatory plaque. The CDC approved these recommendations.

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 received one proposal for the donation of a memorial to be placed on the Capitol grounds for consideration in FY 2012-13. As outlined above, the proposal by the Armenians of Colorado to erect a replica of a khachkar in the Armenian Garden in the northeast quadrant of the Capitol grounds was considered and approved by the advisory committee. No other proposals were submitted for consideration in FY 2012-13.

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



Presidential portraits. The presidential portraits in the Gallery of Presidents were moved during FY 2011-12 from the third floor rotunda to the east wing of the first floor for the duration of the dome renovation project. The portraits were moved to avoid any dust or damage that might result from the repairs underway to the dome. Following discussions about the possibility of permanently relocating the portraits to the east wing of the first floor, the committee determined that following the dome renovation project, the portraits would be returned to the third floor rotunda. In addition, the committee was informed that the portrait of President Clinton, which is currently housed offsite at the Clinton Library in Arkansas, will likely be returned to the Capitol when the Gallery of Presidents is restored to the third floor rotunda. The portrait of President Clinton was removed from the building for cleaning and restoration in 2012.

Creative Capitol exhibit. Creative Capitol brings rotating art exhibitions to the Capitol. In addition to exhibitions in the Governor's Office and the Lieutenant Governor's Office, a rotating exhibition in the basement rotunda highlights the work of artists from around the state. The advisory committee was updated on the exhibitions that were on display in FY 2012-13 (see Appendix A).

Liberty Bell replica. During FY 2011-12, the advisory committee approved a proposal by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Mount Rosa Chapter, to restore the replica Liberty Bell on display in Lincoln Park. In 1950, full-sized replicas of the Liberty Bell were gifted to the states, territories, and the District of Columbia to promote U.S. savings bonds and to be displayed and rung on patriotic occasions. Over the years, Colorado's Liberty Bell replica has fallen into disrepair, and structural issues have surfaced that threaten the integrity of the piece. During FY 2012-13, the committee received several updates from the DAR about its pursuit of grant funding for the restoration project and information about assessments of the condition of the bell and its wooden yoke.

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 grounds and to make pertinent recommendations to the CDC. In FY 2012-13, the advisory committee was updated on several capital improvement projects in the building and on the grounds.

Repairs to Capitol dome. The advisory committee was kept abreast of an ongoing project to repair the infrastructure supporting the Capitol dome. Repairs to the dome will cost approximately \$17 million and are anticipated to be completed in summer 2014. The project, which began in early 2012, required the closure of the dome and the southeast side of the Capitol circle.

Improvements to House chambers and antechambers. The advisory committee was apprised by several former members of the General Assembly of an effort to erect a permanent memorial to former Speaker of the House Bev Bledsoe in the Capitol. The Carl Beverly Bledsoe Memorial Fund was established to collect money to commission a bust of the former Speaker to place in the antechamber of the House of Representatives near an existing tablet listing the names of all the Speakers of the Colorado House of Representatives. The committee was advised by its chair that the proposed location of the bust in the House antechambers — an area of the building typically managed by the Speaker of the House — removes it from the direct oversight of the committee concerning the acceptance and placement of donated art. Following the



informational briefing from members of the memorial fund group, the committee learned at a subsequent meeting that House Resolution 13-1007, Concerning the Creation of a Permanent Memorial Honoring Former Speaker of the House of Representatives Carl Beverly "Bev" Bledsoe, had passed authorizing the donation of the bust.

The committee also learned about an effort on the part of two Speakers of the House to restore the House chambers to its original appearance. This effort will include removing acoustical tile from the walls and ceilings of the chamber and restoring the original skylight. The project was first pursued by former Speaker of the House Frank McNulty and his staff to be paid from reversions to the legislative budget. During the annual budget debate, current Speaker of the House Mark Ferrandino worked with members of the Joint Budget Committee to appropriate \$2 million towards the project and for a similar project in the Senate chambers. The appropriation was authorized by the General Assembly through Senate Bill 13-130. A contract has been secured to begin the work in the House chambers. The work in the Senate chambers will follow at a later date. The total cost to complete renovations in both the House and Senate chambers is about \$6 million.

Statue maintenance. At the request of the advisory committee, the Capitol Complex Division within the Department of Personnel and Administration investigated the cost to clean statues located on the Capitol grounds and in Lincoln Park. The division later hired a contractor in June 2013 to clean and preserve the Closing Era statue, located on the grounds east of the Capitol, and the Civil War monument, located on the grounds west of the Capitol. The division plans to have additional statues in Lincoln Park cleaned and preserved during FY 2013-14.

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. A report of FY 2012-13 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 a DVD of Jim Havey's film, *Centennial Statehouse: Colorado's Greatest Treasure*.

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 persons visit the Capitol annually, of whom approximately 50,000 join guided tours of the building.

Quilt show. In FY 2011-12, the advisory committee recommended, and the CDC approved, the 2013 Colorado Quilting Council quilt exhibition at the Capitol. The Colorado Quilting Council has since entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the advisory committee and the Capitol Complex Division within the Department of Personnel and Administration. The MOU specifies the show's timing, length, and method of installation. It also states that if any damage to the building is caused through the installation or removal of the exhibit, the Colorado Quilting Council will pay for any necessary repairs in full. The exhibit will open with a reception in the Old Supreme Court Chambers on August 2, 2013, and will be on display through October 10, 2013.



Capitol Building Advisory Committee
Creative Capitol Update
July 2012

1. Creative Capitol Art Exhibit
 - Celebrating Colorado Artists and Images of Colorado.
 - The first Creative Capitol Exhibit was installed in September 2008 in Lt. Governor's Office and in June 2009 opened in the basement rotunda. Beginning May 2012 moved to the lobby of the Offices of Economic Development and International Trade.
 - 13 Exhibits in 4 years.
 - Memorandums of Understanding.

2. 2011-12 Exhibits
 - ***Celebrating Visual Arts Faculty in Colorado's Higher Education.*** December 2011 — May 2012.

The Creative Capital exhibition highlights visual arts faculty from fourteen higher education campuses across Colorado. A broad range of media, subject matter and disciplines show the diversity and the overall unity of Colorado's art in higher education.

The 29 featured artists hail from more than 13 Colorado cities, and teach at Colorado State University — Fort Collins and Pueblo, University of Northern Colorado, University of Denver, Mesa State College, Colorado Mountain College, Red Rocks Community College, Trinidad State Junior College, Fort Lewis College, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Front Range Community College, Regis University, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design and Community College of Aurora.

- Creative Capitol is exhibiting ***Our Town, Colorado*** a documentary photography exhibit illustrating what makes a community unique. May — December 2012.

The exhibit includes 76 photographs created by 27 artists representing 11 Colorado communities, including Montrose, Carbondale, Arvada, Craig, Lyons, Denver, Littleton, Boulder, Lakewood, Burlington and Englewood. The show illustrates the people, events, landscape and architecture that make these places unique Colorado communities.

- ***"On My Own Time"*** (OMOT) exhibit of artwork will honor and bring visibility to the amazing creativity of public employees.

This juried employee art exhibit will show that creativity is a vital part of the state's workforce, their agencies success and is valued by the citizens of Colorado. The State Employee OMOT exhibit will be held October 5-27 at Metro State's Center for Visual Arts. Artwork will be accepted and awards will be given in the categories of Digital Media, Fine Art, Fine Craft, Photography, and Sculpture. As the title suggests, all of the artwork must be created outside working hours. The show will be juried recognized artists and community leaders. The City of Denver and the General Services Administration will host OMOT exhibits for their employees at the same time and best of each exhibit to become the Creative Capitol Exhibit that will open in December 2012.

