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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Capitol Building Advisory Committee FY 2010-11 Activities

This memorandum reports the activities of the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee in FY 2010-11. The advisory committee, established pursuant to Section 24-82-108, C.R.S., serves 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.

Summary

The first section of the memorandum contains background information about the advisory committee, its membership, and duties. Next, it summarizes the advisory committee's FY 2010-11 activities and recommendations. Finally, the memorandum provides detailed information about advisory committee discussions and recommendations related to art and memorials, Capitol improvement projects, publications and memorabilia, and visitor services.

Background

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 to be 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 of Representatives 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 2010-11, as well as the appointing authority and the members' term expiration dates.

Table 1
Capitol Building Advisory Committee Membership
FY 2010-11

Member Name	Appointing Authority	Term Expiration Date
Georgianna Contiguglia, Chair	Governor	7/1/2011
Senator Bob Bacon, Vice-Chair	President of the Senate	1/12/2011
Senator Linda Newell, Vice-Chair	President of the Senate	1/9/2013
Karen Goldman	President of the Senate	1/12/2011*
Cindi Markwell	President of the Senate	1/11/2012
Sharon Nunnally	President of the Senate	1/12/2011**
Marilyn Eddins	Speaker of the House	1/9/2013
David Hite	Speaker of the House	1/12/2011
Friday Green	Speaker of the House	1/9/2013
Representative Amy Stephens	Speaker of the House	1/9/2013
Representative Paul Weissmann	Speaker of the House	1/12/2011
Kathleen Hoeft	Governor	7/1/2012
Diann Sill	Governor	7/1/2011
Richard Weingardt	Governor	7/1/2011
Richard Lee	<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Ed Nichols	<i>Ex Officio</i>	

* Ms. Goldman served on the advisory committee from June 2005 until December 2010. Ms. Markwell was appointed to fill the remainder of Ms. Goldman's term.

** The statute creating the advisory committee provides that members serve until a successor is appointed. The President of the Senate is aware that Ms. Nunnally's term has expired and that a new appointment or reappointment is necessary.

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.

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 State Capitol Building. The advisory committee is required to make recommendations to the 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 evaluate proposals 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.

Summary of FY 2010-11 Activities

The advisory committee held six regular committee meetings during FY 2010-11. Advisory committee activities included:

- recommended approval of the indefinite continuation of the Creative Capitol rotating art exhibit in the basement rotunda;
- recommended approval of, and received periodic updates on, a proposal from Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) to raise private and corporate funds for the repair and restoration of the Capitol dome;
- recommended approval of a proposal to move an interactive kiosk from the cafeteria area of the basement to Mr. Brown's Attic;
- recommended to the Governor's Office that the bust of William Lee Knous be moved to a display niche on the east side of the first floor rotunda, and the "state key" be permanently displayed in a niche on the west side of the first floor rotunda;
- continued review of Capitol art acquisitions; specifically, a committee consisting of advisory committee members, legislators, and Visitor Services staff chose Colorado artist Sarah Boardman to paint a portrait of President Barack Obama to hang in the Gallery of Presidents in the third floor rotunda;

- continued oversight of Capitol publications, including approving an image of the winter sports symbol for use in publications, and updating and reordering the State Symbols and Emblems brochure;
- continued receipt of updates on capital projects including plans for ground source heating and cooling for the Capitol; and
- oversaw repairs to Mr. Brown's Attic and the exhibits housed therein, including the replacement of a nonfunctioning video monitor and the removal of a damaged exhibit.

Summary of Advisory Committee Recommendations

During FY 2010-11, the advisory committee forwarded three recommendations to the CDC. Among the advisory committee's recommendations were the following:

- a recommendation that the Creative Capitol rotating art exhibit in the basement rotunda be continued indefinitely and that the restriction on exhibits in the basement rotunda be indefinitely waived. The CDC approved this recommendation;
- a recommendation that the proposal to raise funds for the repair and restoration of the Capitol dome prepared by CPI be approved with recommended revisions. The CDC approved this recommendation; and
- a recommendation that the proposal to move an interactive kiosk from the cafeteria area of the basement to Mr. Brown's Attic be approved. The CDC approved this recommendation.

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 a gift or loan of art or a memorial during FY 2010-11, though it did discuss a number of issues related to art and memorials in the building and on its grounds.

Presidential portraits. The advisory committee discussed obtaining a portrait of President Obama for the Gallery of Presidents in the third floor rotunda. Representative Paul Weissmann raised private funds for the purchase of a portrait. With the assistance of the Art in Public Places program in Colorado Creative Industries, a committee consisting of legislators, advisory committee members, and Visitor Services staff selected Colorado artist Sarah Boardman to paint the portrait. The committee approved the portrait at various stages of completion, and it was dedicated at a ceremony in the gallery on May 2, 2011.

Governor portraits. Although the advisory committee does not oversee the gallery of Governor portraits on the first floor of the Capitol, the advisory committee's guidelines suggest that the portraits be hung in chronological order based on the term served by each Governor. The advisory committee recommended to the Capitol Complex Division that when the portrait of out-going Governor Bill Ritter was added to the gallery, the other portraits be shifted and reordered into chronological order. Capitol Complex accepted this recommendation. The portraits were removed, the walls repainted, and the portraits cleaned and rehung in chronological order. The portrait of Governor Ritter was dedicated on April 5, 2011.

State key. In 1984, Hyde Park Jewelers presented a "state key" to Governor Dick Lamm. The state key, made from precious metals indigenous to Colorado, was kept in storage at History Colorado (formerly the Colorado Historical Society). The Office of Governor Bill Ritter asked the advisory committee to consider moving the bust of William Lee Knous in order to display the state key in a niche on the west side of the first floor rotunda. The base of the Knous bust was in poor condition and was unlikely to survive a move, so the advisory committee approved its repair and relocation, stipulating that Hyde Park Jewelers bear the cost. Hyde Park Jewelers also paid for the design, manufacture, and installation of an appropriate and secure display case for the state key, which was unveiled in November 2010.

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 recommended that the prohibition on exhibits in the basement rotunda be waived and that the basement rotunda exhibition be continued indefinitely.

Civil War marker. Although no formal proposal was received, the advisory committee discussed an informal proposal for a marker acknowledging the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. The committee expressed a number of concerns about the proposal, and the donor chose not to submit a formal proposal for consideration.

Capitol 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 2010-11, the advisory committee was updated on progress in drilling geothermal system wells on Capitol grounds and was apprised of plans to repair and paint walls on the south end of the basement.

Projected repairs to the Capitol dome. The advisory committee kept abreast of the pending need for major repairs to the infrastructure supporting the Capitol dome. According to updated estimates from the Department of Personnel and Administration, repairs to the dome will cost approximately \$17 million and could take up to 18 months to complete. The Capitol dome stabilization project is important because the fasteners inside the dome are 20 to 30 years beyond their useful life, according to experts with the Real Estate Division. The project, which is scheduled to begin early in 2012, will require the closure of the dome and the east side of the Capitol circle.

The advisory committee reviewed a proposal from CPI, a nonprofit, statewide historic preservation organization, to raise private moneys to fund the repairs to the dome. CPI retained Creative Strategies Group to assist with the development of a cause-related marketing and sponsorship campaign to raise the needed funds. The campaign will be comprised of several components: cause-related marketing and corporate sponsorship; a children's campaign; a public campaign; and grants and gifts. The advisory committee recommended to the CDC that the proposal be approved with several changes. The advisory committee also recommended the appointment of a fund-raising task force to review cause-related marketing proposals. The CDC approved the fund-raising proposal and the advisory committee's suggested changes and appointed a three-member fund-raising task force that includes a representative from the CDC, the advisory committee, and the Governor's Office.

During the 2011 legislative session, the General Assembly adopted House Bill 11-1310, which addresses state funding for the dome renovation project. The bill builds upon two pieces of legislation passed in 2010 — House Bill 10-1402 and Senate Bill 10-192. HB 10-1402 authorized CPI to raise money. SB 10-192 directed the transfer of up to \$12 million from the State Historical Fund to the Capitol Dome Restoration Fund for repairs to the dome over the course of three fiscal years beginning in FY 2010-11, or \$4 million annually. The moneys transferred in FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 are to be offset by the amount raised by CPI. HB 11-1310 authorizes the transfer of an additional \$5 million from the State Historical Fund to the Capitol Dome Restoration Fund for FY 2013-14. The bill also extends authorization for fundraising to December 31, 2014, and authorizes the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting and the CDC to approve emergency contingency expenditures for the project from the Capitol Dome Restoration Fund or the Capital Dome Restoration Trust Fund. Finally, the bill requires, prior to the end of FY 2014-15, a complete accounting of total in-kind and monetary donations and of project expenditures to ensure that all contributions from the State Historical Fund are reduced dollar for dollar by donations received by CPI.

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.

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, sets of note cards displaying the images of the state's symbols and emblems, brass replicas of the mile high elevation marker, and the State Symbols and Emblems brochure.

Visitors 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 2009-10, the advisory committee recommended, and the CDC approved, the 2011 Colorado Quilting Council quilt exhibition at the Capitol. The Colorado Quilting Council entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Capitol Complex Division, which facilitated communications and addressed with specificity how any issues or damages would be handled. The exhibition began with an opening reception in the Old Supreme Court Chambers on June 10, 2011, and will be on display through August 19, 2011.