

CAPITOL CAMPUS DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Remote Access/In-Person Meeting

Olympia, Washington 98504

May 23, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Daily (Chair), Urban Planner
Randy Bolerjack (for Secretary of State)
Representative Beth Doglio
Kristin Glandon, (Vice Chair) Landscape Architect
Senator Sam Hunt
Jordan Kiel, Architect 2
Alex Rolluda, Architect 1

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Phil Fortunato
Representative Joel McEntire

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jo Aiken, Department of Enterprise Services
Sarah Bannister, Washington State Senate
Cynthia Barrett, Department of Enterprise Services
Emilie Brown, Department of Enterprise Services
Brent Chapman, Department of Enterprise Services
Brandon Corneliusen, Department of Enterprise Services
Amanda Doyle, Office of Secretary of State
Chris Ferguson, Department of Enterprise Services
Jessica Goodwin, Department of Enterprise Services
Valerie Gow, Puget Sound Meeting Services
Greg Griffith, Olympia Historical Society
Adam Holdorf, Department of Enterprise Services
Linda Kent, Department of Enterprise Services

Wesley Kirkman, Department of Enterprise Services
Kara Klotz, Department of Enterprise Services
John Lyons, Department of Enterprise Services
Jeff MacDonald, Department of Enterprise Services
Kimberly Marshall, Department of Enterprise Services
Patrick McDonald, Office of the Secretary of State
Craig McKissick, Office of Legislative Support Services
Colleen Pehar, Senate
Maurice Perigo, Department of Enterprise Services
Robert Poche, Department of Enterprise Services
Ginny Streeter, Department of Enterprise Services
James Troyer, Senate

Welcome and Introductions, Announcements & Approval of Agenda

Chair Marc Daily called the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC) virtual meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A meeting quorum was established.

Jordan Kiel provided self-introduction as a new member of the CCDAC. He serves as Principal at Bassetti Architects in Seattle. Bassetti Architects completes many public works projects using different delivery methods, as well as historic projects to include some projects on Capitol Campus. His partner, Dan Miles recently served on the CCDAC.

Members and staff provided self-introduction.

Chair Daily reviewed the agenda to consider the committee's March 15, 2024 meeting minutes and receive a briefing on a proposed process for removal of a campus statue or memorial. The agenda also includes time to receive public comments.

Senator Hunt requested adding a future discussion on the process for naming buildings on Capitol Campus as the current process is convoluted and not followed. Although he does not object to the name of the new Newhouse Building, he does object to the process. For example, if the committee and the State Capitol Committee (SCC) approve the building name and the Legislature does not approve the name, it appears to

represent just another committee report the Legislature does not adopt. The process has been circumvented. He suggested adding a discussion to the next meeting agenda to address ways to resolve the situation.

Senator Hunt moved, seconded by Randy Bolerjack, to approve the agenda as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2024 – Action

Kristen Glandon moved, seconded by Alex Rolluda, to approve the minutes of March 15, 2024 as published. A voice vote approved the motion. Joel Kiel abstained.

Public Comment Period – Information

Chris Ferguson, Government Relations Coordinator, Department of Enterprise Services (DES), reviewed the format for offering public comment during a hybrid meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes.

Greg Griffith, Olympia Historical Society, referred to a letter sent to the committee regarding interpretive panels in Marathon Park to commemorate the Olympic Women’s Marathon Trials held in 1984 and the recent 40th anniversary celebration of that event. The Olympia Historical Society supports the efforts of the Olympic Trials Committee to pursue the request to the CCDAC and SCC to add another interpretive panel to the existing panel at Marathon Park and restore the existing interpretive panel. Additionally, he asked the committee to consider moving the panels closer to the restrooms at Marathon Park for accessibility to the public.

Campus Statute or Memorial Removal Process – Information

Chair Daily invited Linda Kent, Chief External Affairs Officer, to provide information on the process for campus statue or memorial removals.

Ms. Kent reported on the need for establishing a process for removing a statue, work of art, or a memorial from the campus. The proposal was prompted by a replacement of the Marcus Whitman statue in the Legislative Building with the Billy Frank Jr. statue reflecting the Washington State contribution to the National Statuary Hall collection. When a replacement occurs at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., the state also takes a similar action albeit lacking a clear process for removal and replacement. Both the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) do not address removal of statutes, memorials, or works of art. To develop a process, staff engaged with representatives from the Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA), State Historical Society, and the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) to vet a draft process for consideration.

Ms. Kent reviewed the timeline and necessary steps for adoption of a process. DES plans to convene a core group comprised of representatives from ArtsWA, State Historical Society, DAHP, original artist if available, and any other key stakeholders recommended by the core group. It is likely legislators and others involved in the Billy Frank Jr. Statuary Hall Committee would be invited to participate. The core group would be responsible for establishing objectives and criteria relocation sites must satisfy, identify potential sites, measure potential sites against the objectives and criteria, identify storage preference, and prioritize options for review and discussion by CCDAC and SCC. DES plans to release public notification when both committees are scheduled to render a decision to ensure the public is aware and can provide input on the prioritized list.

The timeline for taking advantage of the new process, if approved, would be during the second quarter of 2025 to replace the Whitman statue.

Senator Hunt asked whether anyone has expressed interest in possessing the Whitman statue. Ms. Kent advised that no one has stepped forward at this time.

Mr. Kiel asked how the process is initiated. Ms. Kent responded that the process is initiated when DES is directed by the Legislature to remove a statue or work of art from the campus.

Future Announcements and Adjournment of Meeting – Action

Chair Daily reported the next meeting of the SCC is Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 10 a.m. The next meeting of the CCDAC is Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 10 a.m. Both meeting will be hybrid meetings.

Representative Doglio noted that a number of staff members often discuss the status of bicycle parking on the campus. As a fellow bicycle commuter to the campus, she asked that the committee receive an update on bicycling on campus with consideration of whether additional resources are required to serve employees who commute by bicycle to the campus.

Mr. Ferguson cited a question from a member of the public asking about the direction from the Legislature to remove the Marcus Whitman statue from the campus. Ms. Kent cited House Bill 1372 and Substitute House Bill 1639 as the guidance for removal of the statue from the Legislative Building to be replaced with the Billy Frank Jr. statue. She offered to provide via the chat function some links for additional information.

Mr. Ferguson confirmed he would share the link with those attending the meeting.

Mr. Rolluda asked to receive an update on current construction activities on Capitol Campus. Ms. Kent affirmed staff would schedule an update at the committee's next meeting.

With there being no further business, Chair Daily adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

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