

CAPITOL CAMPUS DESIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Hybrid Meeting

Olympia, Washington 98504

November 14 2024

10:00 a.m.

Draft Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cynthia Barrett, Department of Enterprise Services
Emilie Brown, Department of Enterprise Services
Brent Chapman, Department of Enterprise Services
Brian Considine, Department of Natural Resources
Danielle Creech, Washington State Legislature
Ashlee Delaney, Department of Enterprise Services
Pat Ellis, Puget Sound Fire
Valerie Gow, Puget Sound Meeting Services
Greg Griffith, Olympia Historical Society
Craig Gunn, Department of Enterprise Services
Adam Holdorf, Department of Enterprise Services
Rachelle Johnson, Department of Enterprise Services
Matt Jones, Department of Enterprise Services
Denise Keegan, Trials Legacy Committee
Jordan Kiel, Bassetti Architecture
Linda Kent, Department of Enterprise Services
Nouk Leap, Department of Enterprise Services
Aaron Luoma, HBB Landscape Architecture
Jimmy Martin, Department of Enterprise Services
Patrick McDonald, Office of the Secretary of State
Robert Poche, Department of Enterprise Services
Scott Sarian, Washington State Legislature
Ginny Streeter, Department of Enterprise Services
Kirti Vijay, Office of Financial Management
Ronald Waters
John Wilson-Tepeli, Washington State Legislature
Oliver Wu, Department of Enterprise Services

Welcome and Introductions, Announcements & Approval of Agenda

Chair Marc Daily called the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC) hybrid meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A meeting quorum was established.

Members and staff provided self-introduction.

Chair Daily invited a motion to approve the agenda as published.

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

Chair Daily recognized the service of Senator Sam Hunt. Senator Hunt is retiring from the Senate and this meeting is his last meeting with the committee. The 22nd Legislative District has been fortunate to have Senator Hunt serving the state and the area for many years. His legacy will be undeniable and he will be greatly missed by many.

Senator Hunt said his time on the committee has been enjoyable with the committee accomplishing a great deal. Jessica Bateman will serve in his position as he looks forward to visiting a Mexico beach during the next legislative session.

Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Action

Senator Sam Hunt moved, seconded by Alex Rolluda, to approve the meeting minutes of August 17, 2024 as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

CCDAC Chair and Vice Chair Nominations – Action

Chair Daily invited nominations for the position of Chair and Vice Chair during 2025.

Senator Hunt nominated Jordan Kiel to serve as 2025 Chair and Kristen Glandon to serve as 2025 Vice Chair.

No other nominations were offered.

By a unanimous vote, Jordan Kiel was nominated to serve as the 2025 CCDAC Chair; and Kristen Glandon was nominated to serve as the 2025 CCDAC Vice Chair for consideration by the Director of Enterprise Services.

Representative Beth Doglio joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Establish CCDAC 2025 Regular Meeting Calendar – Action

Chair Daily reviewed the proposed 2025 meeting dates:

- February 27, 2025 10 a.m.
- May 22, 2025 10 a.m.
- August 14, 2025 10 a.m.
- November 13, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Alex Rolluda moved, seconded by Jordan Kiel, to approve the 2025 regular meeting calendar as presented with discretion to the 2025 CCDAC Chair (or Vice Chair) to modify the dates or times to fulfill the business needs of the Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee and State Capitol Committee. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Public Comment Period – Information

Jimmy Martin, Legislative Affairs Specialist, Government Affairs, reviewed the format for offering public comment during a hybrid meeting. Public comment is limited to two minutes.

No public comments were offered during the meeting.

Buildings and Grounds Overview – Informational

Olmsted Plaque

Dr. Brent Chapman, Horticulturist and Grounds Property Manager, reviewed the proposed Olmsted Plaque project.

Staff presented the proposal as an informational item during the committee's last meeting. The request is to approve the Olmsted Plaque for installation on Capitol Campus.

The bronze plaque formalizes the contribution of the Olmsted firm to west Capitol Campus as recommended by the Campus Arboretum Advisory Committee. The Olmsted brothers created a tremendous legacy on Capitol Campus. The Advisory Committee recommends including a plaque on the campus to supplement information on the DES webpage about the Olmsted legacy.

The DES Sign Committee approved a new commemorative plaque honoring the Olmsted Brothers' historic landscape design completed in 1929. WAC guidelines specify the regulations for commemorative bronze plaques. The proposal adheres to the guidelines to include a 12" x 18" plaque installed on a granite base. Staff collaborated with Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks and DES Communications on the text and sign layout.

Dr. Chapman shared a photograph of the George W. Bush commemorative plaque for the Bush butternut tree located on west campus as an example of a granite base and another bronze plaque following WAC guidelines. The proposed location of the Olmsted plaque is between the Tivoli Fountain and the Medal of Honor Memorial, along the main east/west axis that defines the west campus.

Dependent upon the committee's action, the next step is presenting the proposal to the State Capitol Committee (SCC) on December 16, 2024. Dr. Chapman invited questions from members.

Senator Hunt asked about the location of other plaques for World War II or the Vietnam War. Dr. Chapman responded that no other plaque is located in the same location or vicinity. Installation of the Olmsted plaque requires removal of some grass and adding mulch around the plaque to avoid grass near the plaque.

Representative Doglio inquired as to the impetus for the project and the cost. Dr. Chapman advised that the proposal originated from the Arboretum Advisory Committee. The committee was established after Capitol Campus received accreditation as an International Arboretum. Approximately 18 months ago at one of their meetings, members discussed placing a physical item on campus to honor the Olmsted legacy. The cost of the proposal is approximately \$8,000 with the plaque costing approximately \$1,800 produced by a bronze foundry. The most significant amount of the cost is the granite base. The funds are from the Public and Historic Memorial Fund and from the Buildings and Grounds operating budget for the granite base.

Kristen Glandon moved, seconded by Chair Marc Daily, to recommend approval of the location and installation of the Olmsted plaque on Capitol Campus to the SCC as presented. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Marathon Trials Signage

Dr. Chapman introduced Denise Keegan, Chair of the Trials Legacy Committee. The committee received a briefing on the proposal at its last meeting.

Dr. Chapman reported the Trials Legacy Committee recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first women's marathon trials in the United State for the Olympics. Marathon Park was established and named in 1983 when the City of Olympia received the bid to host the first trials.

In 2004, a 2' x 3' commemorative marker was placed in the park. The location of the marker is not ideal as many of the women who participated in the trials and attended the 40th anniversary remarked that the location was hidden and that the marker should be moved to a more visible location. The Trials Legacy Committee presented a proposal to DES to relocate the existing marker to the grassy area at the front entrance to the

park and add another 2' x 3' interpretive sign with the names of the original Trials participants with qualifying time and finish time.

The proposal was presented to and approved by the DES Sign Committee to move the existing sign and add another sign.

Dependent upon the committee's action, the next step is presenting the proposal to the State Capitol Committee on December 16, 2024. Dr. Chapman invited questions from members.

Representative Doglio asked about the cost and funding source for the proposal. Dr. Chapman responded that the Trials Legacy Committee is funding the cost of the new sign and installation and relocation of the existing sign and new sign.

Ms. Keegan thanked the committee for its support of the proposal. Senator Hunt attended several events sponsored by the committee and witnessed the enthusiasm and excitement both by the community and by the women who participated in the trials. Several options are under consideration for the marker. One option is manufacturing the marker in a similar fashion to other markers installed in the park or installing a porcelain marker similar to the existing marker. The committee is steering toward the more expensive porcelain marker because of longevity of the material. The committee received an estimate of approximately \$2,500 for the new marker to include the base, manufacturing, and design of the new marker with the existing marker relocated to the new location. The committee is working with the company to improve the coating of the new marker. The committee is also funding the installation of both markers at a cost of approximately \$2,500 for each marker.

Chair Daily invited consideration of a motion.

Senator Hunt thanked Ms. Keegan for her efforts on the proposal. He was able to view the marathon runners as the trail passed by his home.

Senator Sam Hunt moved, seconded by Chair Marc Daily, to recommend the SCC approve the relocation of the Marathon Trials sign on Marathon Park grounds as proposed. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Legislative Campus Modernization (LCM)

Linda Kent, Chief External Affairs Officer, updated members on the status of Legislative Campus Modernization projects.

DES is on track with the Newhouse Building Replacement project. Outstanding items include building finishes, inspections, and obtaining a temporary Certificate of Occupancy from the City of Olympia by November 15, 2024. If successful, move-in of tenants is scheduled to begin on Monday, November 18, 2024.

Status on the Pritchard Building Expansion and Renovation project includes completion of hillside stabilization in October. A crane installed in early November will be used for site work. Installation of structural steel is scheduled to commence in December and January.

The O'Brien Building project is scheduled to commence after the 2026 legislative session.

Ms. Kent shared several photographs of the Newhouse Building depicting completion of the roof, lighting, cabinetry, and EV chargers in the parking lot. Pritchard Building project photographs depicted completion of a three-foot thick slab for hillside stabilization and installation of 230, 65-foot long auger cast piles to support hillside stabilization. Other photos were of the 188-foot tower crane installed in October and anticipated to remain in place through the end of 2025.

Campus Memorials Update – Informational

Cal Anderson Memorial

Aaron Luoma with HBB Seattle updated members on the Cal Anderson Memorial project.

One main goal of the memorial is to honor Senator Cal Anderson as a civil rights champion as Washington's first open gay legislator. Another goal honors him for his service in the Vietnam War and for his character and legacy within the memorial design. The location will be in a quiet area of the campus while ensuring the space is inclusive and accessible to everyone. It is important the design works within the historic character and complements the campus. The proposed location for the memorial is east of the Sunken Garden. The project must also comply with WAC standards for minor works memorials that include some guiding language on living memorials, fixtures, and furnishings.

Mr. Luoma reviewed the design schedule. Since early June, the project team has been working with stakeholders over six meetings. The project is scheduled to conclude at the end of the year with a celebration with stakeholders of the joint work completed.

Stakeholders represent a diverse mix of individuals providing feedback, review, and suggestions of words to describe Senator Anderson's life and legacy. The words were paired with either pictures or graphic images conveying the words or inspirations. The images serve to develop the design framework for the memorial.

The project team visited the site and reviewed the historical analysis of the location to help identify and understand how the memorial would reside within the context of the historic Olmsted Landscape Plan on the west campus. The team considered the topology of the site, and the hierarchy of major and minor access based on the orientation of buildings, roadways, and pathways. The team considered the social fabric and ways people would move through the site using different pathways and roadways. The site provides both views of the Legislative Building and is within hearing distance of the fountain. Other views to the south are blocked by trees with views and sounds to the north and northwest.

The team developed five concept sketches of the memorial and presented them to the stakeholder group. Members selected concept D as the preferred design reflecting a round shape with a curvilinear seat bench and a focal point of a boulder. Mr. Luoma shared a graphic of the design concept. Feedback was previously received by CCDAC members and the SCC on the design proposals. Following collection of all feedback, the team continued working on the concept with stakeholders to develop more refined designs. He displayed a plan review depicting the curvilinear seat retaining wall integral to an earthen berm located behind it with a flowering deciduous tree located to the northeast with the bench flanked by evergreen shrubs to soften the ends. An interpretative sign with companion seating space faces the legislative dome to the southwest. One large boulder is featured serving as the focal point with engravings. An accessible pathway is located off the main pedestrian sidewalk to the south with several steps with a railing facing to the east serving as an area for larger demonstrations, announcements, or proclamations.

For the singular focal boulder, a number of concepts were developed. Stakeholders supported a design reflective of a granite boulder that could be carved and polished with celebratory motions of engravings to

avoid creating a somber design but a design that celebrates his life and legacy while orienting visitors to the legislative dome.

Additional details reviewed with stakeholders included engravings on the boulder and soft lighting to emphasize the engravings and polished areas. The custom curved bench seat wall creates space for viewing the boulder or views to the east, southwest, or to the legislative dome. The seat's design incorporates curved edges. Several iterations of the concrete bench were completed. The team believes the seat wall serves to complement the architecture of adjacent buildings. Other drawings reflect the location of lights to provide for lighting embedded into the bottom of the seat for a wash of light at the base to represent the transparency of Cal Anderson's life and his goal to provide more civil liberties to his constituents. Construction details and 3D models were developed for the bench for cost estimating and constructability. A planting plan was completed emphasizing a uniform green planting scheme behind the bench and at the end of the bench with pockets of colorful plants, such as annuals at the entrances to the memorial off the main pedestrian pathway. The planting pallet includes pollinator-friendly species, native species, deer resistant species, and plants included on the Olmsted native plant list. The color pallet features light blues and purples with a Japanese Snowbell tree selected specifically by Mr. Anderson's husband. A bloom schedule was completed identifying the range of plants and flower colors throughout the year.

Mr. Luoma shared a series of design renderings of the memorial reflecting specific components and different views of the memorial. The proposed design honors Cal Anderson's legacy as a beacon for civil rights legislation, represents the uplifting work and hope that Cal Anderson offered, enhances visibility, safety and security, adds warmth and usability, and incorporates up-lighting on the boulder to reinforce its symbolic value.

Next steps include a presentation of the proposal to the SCC on December 16, 2024 and a final stakeholder meeting to discuss any feedback from the CCDAC and the SCC.

Chair Daily invited questions from members.

Representative Doglio asked about the funding mechanism and funding source. Mr. Luoma advised that a detailed cost estimate was completed and shared with the stakeholder group to include Senator Jamie Peterson, who supports moving forward with the memorial in 2025. The approximate construction cost is \$312,000. An itemized cost estimate will be provided to DES and Senator Peterson. The cost of the pre-design was \$75,000.

Ms. Kent added that the project design was funded by a legislative appropriation of \$75,000. She offered to follow-up with the committee on more specifics of the appropriation.

Chair Daily asked whether the committee would be considering a recommendation on the design proposal. Ms. Kent advised that the update is for a minor works project, which follows a different approval pathway than a major works project.

Rep Doglio commented that the proposal is a beautiful design.

Ms. Glandon agreed and conveyed appreciation for the thought that was invested in the design.

Chair Daily added how amazing it was of the team and stakeholders to consider words, emotions, and images and translate them into a memorial. Mr. Luoma acknowledged the importance of the contributions of the stakeholders.

Fallen Firefighter Memorial

Chair Daily introduced Brian Considine, Legislative Director, Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The proposal is a request to the committee to recommend approval to the SCC of the proposed location for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Mr. Considine introduced Chaplin Pat Ellis who serves as the primary contact for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial Foundation. The committee received a presentation at its September meeting on the proposed memorial. The request is a recommendation of the proposed site to enable moving forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project.

In 1989, the Legislature passed a firefighter memorial bill. A Fallen Firefighter Memorial, "Last Alarm" was established in 1989 and located in the John A. Cherberg Building featuring a shadowbox memorial commemorating firefighters who had lost their lives in the line of duty. Following the Nisqually Earthquake, the memorial was damaged and was never replaced. Over the last several years, DNR, serving as the largest wildland firefighter force in the state, worked with fire service partners to reestablish a firefighter memorial. In 2024, DES was contacted about the proposal prior to DNR pursuing a legislative bill during the 2024 session.

The Legislature unanimously passed House Bill 2091 establishing a Fallen Firefighter Memorial on Capitol Campus. The bill was signed by Governor Inslee in March 2024. The capital budget includes \$371,000 to begin pre-design and pre-construction. However, to begin pre-design, an approved location for the memorial is required.

Chaplin Ellis reported he has worked for Puget Sound Fire in south King County for 24 years serving as the lead Chaplin overseeing chaplaincy programs and crisis intervention programs. He grew up in the home of a firefighter for the same department (formerly the Kent Fire Department). In 2008, a local firefighter died from cancer serving as his first introduction to the Washington State Fallen Firefighters memorial service. At that time, he became involved with the annual service. In 2015, the Washington State Fallen Firefighters Memorial Foundation (WSFFF) was created to establish a permanent memorial on the Capitol Campus in Olympia to honor fallen firefighters. He also oversees Washington's Local Assistance State Team, a program of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The team coordinates all firefighter funerals in the state. Following the death of any firefighter, the team works with the fire department and the family to coordinate and host the service, the ceremonies, the honor guard, pipes and drums, and all other arrangements to ensure firefighters are honored for their life of service.

Firefighters are truly heroes of every community often facing situations every day and exposed to secondary traumatic stress and to the traumas of society. In 1891, Herman Larson was the first recorded line of duty death of a firefighter. He was a Seattle firefighter killed in a training accident on the piers in Seattle. Since then, the state has suffered the loss of 281 firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty. Each year, the average loss is six to eight firefighters with deaths often caused by cancer, wildland fire, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or heart attack.

In 1985, the Washington State Firefighters Association established a Washington State Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service. Each year, the service was held in Olympia at the Legislative Building. In 2008, he became involved in the service and assumed the responsibilities of the service by coordinating and leading the service. Due to COVID, the service was moved to the Washington State Fire Training Academy. Last year, the service returned to the Legislative Building.

A permanent memorial on Capitol Campus creates a place to continue to honor, remember, and recognize men and women who gave their lives in service to their communities. Within emergency services for both law enforcement and fire service, responders often speak the words of “never forgotten” on a regular basis. The words hold the memory of fallen responders forever. However, they are only words unless some action is forthcoming. The establishment of a memorial would enable etching the names of fallen firefighters in stone and it speaks to the action of never forgetting. Ribbons of those who gave their lives are displayed each year. Having a place to honor and to remember those who gave their lives is extremely important not just to the firefighter community but also to their families and to those they served throughout the state.

Chaplin Ellis thanked the committee for consideration of identifying a location for a memorial to honor the lives of fallen firefighters.

Mr. Considine shared several photographs of the memorial site for consideration. As part of Major Works projects outlined in WAC 200-230, the proposed site is located to the northeast on the great lawn across from the WWII Memorial, which offers clear sight lines to the Legislative Building. The open space on the great lawn and its proximity to the north diagonal enables fire trucks and large gatherings to assemble. Fire Service partners walked the campus with DES and viewed multiple sites and selected the proposed site as it matches the needs and provides visibility with the dome in the background.

The next step is a recommendation by CCDAC on the proposed location. Following selection of the memorial location, the project will move forward with the appropriation to work with DES staff, fire service partners, and others to prepare a RFP for predesign services. The committee will receive briefings on conceptual designs in the future.

Chair Daily invited questions from members.

Representative Doglio asked about the plan for requesting funding from the Legislature. Mr. Considine said the cost of the memorial has been estimated at this time based on the projected construction cost. The current appropriation of \$371,000 is for pre-design and pre-permitting with an earmark of a potential construction cost for the memorial between \$4 million and \$5 million. Staff anticipates the memorial will be expensive because of permitting and material costs. The funding of \$371,000 enables moving forward to complete the pre-work necessary to prepare a legislative funding request with a better cost certainty.

Ms. Glandon asked why the preferred site was selected versus other sites that were considered on the campus. Mr. Considine explained that the annual ceremony was a major driving factor for the preferred site. Pictures reflect that the annual memorial ceremony has been held in that location because of the need for space for fire engines. Other areas that were considered lacked accessibility for large fire engines, traffic, and crowd size. Staff explored sites based on traffic, access, security and safety, and the ability to accommodate both the ceremony and fire equipment. Staff and fire service partners selected the preferred site as it meets all the criteria, size, prominence, and the site provides a view of the dome in the background.

Chair Daily commented on the observation that the area tends to be wet and that an annual event speaks to the importance of proper drainage for the site. He asked whether the pre-design and the bid would ensure adequate drainage is provided on the site. Mr. Considine said staff and fire service partners will work with DES to address drainage and wet conditions on the site to avoid impacts to other campus areas.

Senator Hunt recalled that the Law Enforcement Memorial was substantially funded by other organizations. He asked about the potential of firefighter organizations contributing to the cost of the memorial. Mr. Considine said that the bill provisions considered whether the state was financially able to help construct

the memorial in partnership with DNR with ongoing costs the responsibility of DNR and general maintenance performed by DES. Language in the bill speaks to collaborating with a firefighter organization to assume responsibilities of the memorial after construction.

Chair Daily invited consideration of a motion.

Senator Hunt said that although memorials are important and worthy, he stressed the importance of ensuring a thorough review and selection process for placement of future memorials on the campus.

Mr. Considine responded that after approaching DES staff, he was informed that DES staff completed a mapping exercise based on another memorial entering a pre-design phase. Staff identified different areas throughout the campus for placement of memorials. The site visit with DES staff included preferred sites for memorials. It is important to DNR that the location selection is responsible and reflective of the importance of the entire campus.

Ms. Kent added that staff is engaged in a refinement process and anticipates producing a list of opportunity sites for future memorials to vet with other memorial sponsors/stakeholders when DES receives memorial proposals. Staff plans to share the outcome of those efforts when completed.

Representative Doglio stressed the importance of being attentive to the state budget situation. Mr. Considine acknowledged his awareness of the budget situation as he is working on DNR's budget. He is aware of the state's budget deficit and plans to work closely with fire service partners to ensure any design considers costs.

Senator Phil Fortunato joined the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Chair Marc Daily moved, seconded by Kristen Glandon, to recommend the SCC approve the proposed location for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

Ms. Kent noted that the funding of \$371,000 was included in the fiscal year 2024 supplemental capital budget.

Proposed Renaming of Joel Pritchard State Library – Information

Ms. Kent reported the SCC and the CCDAC received a proposal from Representatives Steve Tharinger and Peter Abbarno to rename the Joel Pritchard State Library to the Joel Pritchard Building to eliminate any confusion that the reconstructed and renovated building would no longer house the State Library. Ms. Kent shared a copy of the request from the Representatives.

Senator Fortunato said a stone placed in front of the building includes the inscription of "Library." He asked whether the stone was removed. Ms. Kent said she would follow up with the project team as the name on the building sign continues to reflect "Joel Pritchard State Library." She is unsure whether the sandstone etching with the building's original name currently exists on the site.

Randy Bolerjack commented that since the Office of the Secretary of State supervises the State Library, he appreciates the effort to eliminate the confusion because the building no longer houses the State Library. The State Library is currently located in leased office space in Tumwater. The Secretary of State Office looks forward to identifying another location for the State Library in the near future. Removal of "State Library" from the Joel Pritchard Building name is worthy of consideration as it will reduce confusion to the public.

SCC/CCDAC Building Naming/Renaming – Information

Ms. Kent reported the purpose of the briefing is to provide feedback on the proposal to the Legislature for naming or renaming a new or existing state building. The proposal creates a structure for SCC/CCDAC to receive building naming proposals and to support both committees in making an informed decision when rendering a recommendation to the Legislature on a proposed name or rename and to ensure the informed decision includes providing public notice of the opportunity to comment at SCC and CCDAC meetings on any proposal.

When DES receives a naming proposal, the request is presented as an informational briefing to both committees followed by a decision at a second meeting. The process is a component of other processes. Decisions by the Legislature following recommendations by the committees follow the legislative process. The proposal is designed to support the CCDAC and SCC in forwarding recommendations to the Legislature.

RCW 43.34.090 states the Legislature may name new buildings and sets criteria for when an existing building may be eligible for renaming. Provisions call for a recommendation from CCDAC and SCC when a building name proposal is received.

Two building naming proposals moved through the process in 2023 to reaffirm the name of the Irving R. Newhouse Building for the new replacement building and naming the Natural Resources Building as the Jennifer Belcher Building. Both naming proposals were recommended to the Legislature. The recommendations continue to stand as neither proposal completed the legislative process and died in committee. The Legislature could however, reconsider the proposals during the 2025 legislative session.

Chair Daily asked whether staff anticipates the naming of both buildings to be re-presented to the committee in the future. Ms. Kent advised that the briefing is only informational for the committee. Senator Hunt had requested a discussion on the process. Any desire to update the process would be reviewed by both committees for a recommendation.

Senator Hunt said that although he does not object to continuing the name of the Irving R. Newhouse Building, his concern surrounds not following the process established in the RCW for naming the building. Although, the naming proposals were not approved by the Legislature, there was an assumption that the Irving R. Newhouse Building name would continue for the new building without the benefit of pursuing the naming process, which was his concern.

Ms. Kent offered to provide some information on the naming request for the Newhouse building and deferred to Senator Fortunato for additional comments.

Senator Fortunato said he believed the RCW only applied if the nature of the building changed. For example, the Pritchard Building no longer houses the State Library. The Newhouse project essentially did not change the nature of the building as it continues to exist as an office building. He believed the RCW did not apply in that circumstance other than the building is a new building. He asked whether that was a correct assumption.

Ms. Kent cited RCW provisions applicable to naming or renaming a building. The RCW applies when there has been a substantial renovation or a change in the predominant tenant. Both conditions would apply for renaming the building. As the building was demolished and replaced, the RCW applies to the Newhouse Building. In terms of the proposal for naming the building, the RCW does not speak specifically to

replacement buildings. The intent of the legislative proviso was unclear as to the name of the new building. DES staff consulted with the Office of the Attorney General (AGO) and the Legislature for guidance on the name as the project included signage for the new building to achieve substantial completion and to avoid any impacts on the project scope, schedule, and budget. The naming issue was unclear and continued to remain unclear after consulting the AGO with staff advised to consult the Legislature with respect to the intent of naming the building. Staff consulted with caucus leadership with the building name remanded to the Project Executive Team for the Legislative Campus Modernization project. The Project Executive Team recommended retaining the building's existing name.

Senator Hunt reiterated his concern that the naming process did not follow the process established by the RCW. Provisions in the RCW stipulate that the Legislature shall approve names of new or existing buildings. His question is whether the Legislature has ever approved the name of the building.

Representative Doglio questioned the need to name the building so quickly. Ms. Kent responded that based on the City of Olympia's requirements, a certificate of occupancy permit could not be issued without a building name. The certificate is required for tenants to move into the new building.

Senator Hunt pointed out that DES could have referred to the building as the "Senate Office Building" until the naming process was completed. Ms. Kent said the issue surrounded the entire replacement of an existing building that was named versus a new building with no name. The issue was whether the replacement building was considered a major remodel. The situation created a gray area in the current provisions within the RCW. She noted that the building remains eligible for renaming.

Senator Fortunato questioned whether any building on the campus would be eligible for renaming.

Ms. Kent replied that if a building undergoes a major remodel, it would be eligible. Additionally, if a building has never been named, the building would be eligible for naming or if there was a change in the predominant tenant of the building. Some buildings on the campus have been named while other buildings have not been formally named.

Senator Hunt cited some buildings with no names such as the Natural Resources Building, Office Building 2, and Office Building 3 that would be eligible for naming.

Senator Fortunato requested a list of buildings lacking a name.

Ms. Kent advised that she would forward information on the status of names of buildings on the campus. The RCW applies only to campus buildings and not other state buildings located in other areas of the state.

Senator Hunt added that DES has published a list of all state buildings in the state.

Future Announcements and Adjournment of Meeting – Action

Chair Daily reported the next CCDAC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 10 a.m. Information on all CCDAC/SCC meetings is available on the DES website.

With there being no further business, Chair Daily adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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