



STATUE OR MEMORIAL

REMOVAL PROCESS

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Purpose

Create a clear process for removing a statue or work of art from the Capitol Campus, once directed by the Legislature.

Steps to put process in place

Engage stakeholders to vet proposed process:

1. Engage the Washington State Arts Commission (Arts WA), the WA State Historical Society, (WSHS) & Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) to vet a draft process that can be carried forward if other items are removed or replaced in the future.
2. Vet the draft process with Capitol Campus Design Advisory Committee (CCDAC) and State Capitol Committee (SCC), during their second and third quarter meetings (proposed process needs to appear at each committee once as informational and a second time as decisional).

Proposed process

This proposed process begins once direction is given by the Legislature to remove a memorial or work of art:

1. DES convenes core group (Arts WA, WSHS, DAHP, the original artist if available and per WAC 200-230-040 + other key stakeholders as recommended by the core group) to identify and prioritize relocation sites.
 - Core group duties:
 - Set key objectives and criteria that any relocation site should meet. Criteria will include basic logistical considerations (e.g., can a space accommodate the size of an item)
 - Identify potential relocation sites
 - Measure potential sites against key objectives and criteria

- Identify storage preferences as a last resort option
 - Prioritize the options for review and decision by CCDAC and SCC
2. The prioritized list is brought before CCDAC and SCC for public comment and approval.
- A) The list is presented to CCDAC as informational.
- B) The list is presented to SCC as informational.
- C) The list is presented a second time to CCDAC as a decisional agenda item for recommendation to the SCC. At this point:
- DES sends broad public notification of prioritized option(s) reviewed when the CCDAC agenda is published (2 weeks prior to meeting). The notice includes:
 - Information about the key objectives and criteria option(s) were measured against
 - The prioritized list
 - Comment Deadline
 - How to comment (Send public comments to SCCCCDACPublicComments@des.wa.gov or provide testimony at CCDAC meeting during public comment period)
 - CCDAC will consider the proposed prioritized list and option(s), including public comment, and share its recommendation to SCC.
- D) The approved prioritized list and option(s) are and CCDAC recommendation are presented to SCC as a decisional agenda item.
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 - The prioritized list
 - Comment Deadline
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 - SCC considers CCDAC recommendation(s) and public comment.
 - SCC and DES Director share recommendation with the Legislature.

3. Legislative Process (if needed)

DES submits a capital budget request to the Legislature for the removal process, or for removal and installation if an item is being replaced, unless funds have already been authorized by the Legislature. The request would include design for the physical removal process by the Campus Conservator.