



# MINUTES

## Capital Projects Committee of the Legislative Council

December 15, 1999

Fourth Meeting of the 1998-1999 Biennium

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Chuck Gipp, Chairperson

Senator John Jensen, Vice Chairperson

Representative Betty Grundberg

Senator Nancy Boettger

Representative David Millage

Representative Pat Murphy

### MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business.
- II. Iowa Capitol Complex Master Plan.
- III. Lucas Building Space Renovation Progress and Space Allocation.
- IV. Written Materials Provided to the Legislative Service Bureau.



### **I. Procedural Business.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gipp at 10:10 a.m. on December 15, 1999, in Room 22 of the State Capitol building. The minutes from the September 15, 1999, meeting of the Committee were approved. The Committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

### **II. Iowa Capitol Complex Master Plan.**

Tom Johnson, Administrator of Design and Construction, Department of General Services, spoke to the Committee and made a video presentation outlining the Iowa Capitol Complex Master Plan. Mr. Johnson explained that the primary focus of the master plan is to make state buildings and facilities more visually and logistically accessible to the public. He summarized several recommendations of the master plan, including the expansion and reorganization of visitor and employee parking, implementation of a comprehensive signage system, development of streetscapes and boulevards, the centralization of state government buildings and facilities, and establishment of a visitor center in the State Capitol building.

In response to questions from Committee members, Mr. Johnson explained that some additional properties around the Capitol Complex need to be purchased to fulfill the guidelines of the master plan. He also stated that the Department of General Services is reluctant to purchase and use the buildings and land currently occupied by Des Moines General Hospital due to the debt load on the property and the expense of renovating the buildings for office uses.

### **III. Lucas Building Space Renovation Progress and Space Allocation.**

Tim Ryburn, Department of General Services, stated that renovation of the Lucas Building is proceeding smoothly; however, the department has concerns with renovating the ground and first floors. Mr. Ryburn explained that these floors house the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Code Divisions of the Legislative Service Bureau, a portion of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, and the Computer Support Bureau, which makes renovation of these floors contingent upon legislative space allocation decisions. He stated that a temporary relocation of the ground floor computer room would be a very difficult task.

Chairperson Gipp stated that the Committee needs to obtain some cost estimates of delaying the renovation of the Lucas Building and relocating the employees temporarily or leaving legislative employees in their current office spaces. In response to questions from Committee members, Mr. Ryburn stated that he could obtain figures for the costs of leasing temporary office space for legislative employees. In response to questions about the costs of making the Capitol mezzanines compliant with fire safety and Americans With Disabilities Act requirements and leaving them in place, Mr. Ryburn agreed to supply the requested cost estimates.



**IV. Written Materials Provided to the Legislative Service Bureau.**

- A.** Professional Services Agreement Amendment and accompanying exhibits for the legislative space evaluation and planning of legislative space requirements from Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck Architecture.
- B.** Capitol Master Plan and Addition Preliminary Schedule from Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck Architecture.
- C.** Iowa Capitol Complex Draft Master Plan from the Department of General Services.
- D.** Operation Bold Move and Lucas Building Renovations handout from the Department of General Services.

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