



# MINUTES

## Capital Projects Work Group

January 26, 2000

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### MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator John Jensen, Vice Chairperson  
Senator Mike Gronstal

Representative Chuck Gipp, Chairperson  
Representative Pat Murphy

## MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. **Procedural Business.**
  - II. **Committee Business.**
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## **Capital Projects Work Group**

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

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order on Wednesday, January 26, 2000 by Chairperson Chuck Gipp at 3:15 p.m. in Committee Room 19 of the State House and was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

### **II. Committee Business.**

Chairperson Gipp commented that a request had been made at the December 15, 1999, Capital Projects Committee meeting that the Department of General Services obtain information concerning the feasibility of and cost information relating to retaining the mezzanines in the Capitol while making the mezzanines fire resistant. Chairperson Gipp had received a reply from Mr. William Dikis, RDG Design Consultants and from Mr. Roy Marshall, State Fire Marshal. He asked that copies of the response be transmitted to legislative leaders and the members of the Capital Projects Committee. Legislative staff agreed to do so.

Mr. Rick Seeley and Mr. Todd Garner, Consulting Architects, Herbert Lewis Kruse Blunck (HLKB), discussed with the Work Group the next steps in the development of a design plan for the provision of legislative space. It was noted that the Legislative Council at its September 15, 1999, meeting had adopted a recommendation of the Capital Projects Committee that the Legislative Council continue to work with the architectural firm HLKB to develop; a cost-effective plan for additional legislative space outside the Capitol. The joint Legislative Leadership has signed a contract with HLKB to implement the Legislative Council recommendation.

Mr. Seeley commented that in February 1999, HLKB had completed a State Capitol Legislative Space Study pursuant to a contract between HLKB and the Legislative Council that concluded that about 40,000 square feet are needed outside of the capitol itself for legislative purposes. Mr. Seeley asked Work Group members to revisit the space allocation plans that had been developed by HLKB in light of relocations of office space by Senate Republican and Democratic leadership and staff that had taken place prior to the 2000 legislative session.

Mr. Seeley discussed the following as a process for HLKB to proceed and the Work Group agreed with his proposal:

- Work Group will identify priorities for space within the Capitol and space outside the Capitol.
- HLKB will meet with the different user groups currently located in legislative space either in the Capitol itself or in the Lucas Building to determine whether their space needs have changed since the completion of the Master Plan in February 1999.
- HLKB will meet with the Governor's Office concerning space needed by the Governor's office and the Department of Management.
- HLKB will formulate a revised Master Plan based upon the results of the discussions with the user groups, the Governor, and the Work Group.

Following is a summary of discussion between the HLKB representatives and the Work Group:

- The Senate will continue to have two committee rooms located behind the Senate Chamber.
- Legislative leaders need adequate office space in the Capitol.
- At least four committee rooms are needed in relatively close proximity to the legislative chambers for caucus meetings. The four rooms include the two behind the Senate Chamber but do not include the multi-use rooms that will be shared with the Judicial Branch. The other two committee rooms for caucus meetings need to be centrally-located within the Capitol.
- Legislative committee chairs' offices and caucus staff areas will remain in the Capitol.
- The Senate majority and minority leader and caucus staff offices should remain in their current locations.
- The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House and their employees need to remain in the Capitol.
- Legislative Service Bureau and Legislative Fiscal Bureau may need to be located outside the Capitol, but should be in close proximity to the Capitol.
- The formal offices of the Auditor of State, Secretary of State, and Treasurer of State will remain in the Capitol.
- Building security should be addressed during the restoration of the Capitol and also in design plans being drawn for the space outside the Capitol.
- The Work Group will meet with the architects from HLKB on a weekly basis.

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