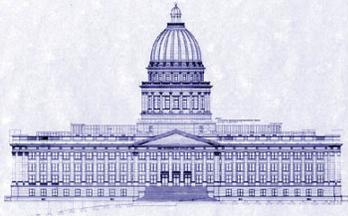


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Capitol Hill Neighborhood Meetings

When: Wednesday, 16 January 2008

Location: State Capitol Senate Cafeteria

6:00 *Mobile Watch Meeting*

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

6:30 *Welcome by Chair, Polly Hart*

6:40 *Police Report, Roger Williams*

6:50 *Mobile Watch Report*

7:00 *Reports by Elected Officials*

7:20 *Report by Mayor's Office*

7:35 *RDA Update, Jill Wilkerson-Smith*

7:45 *The Marmalade Update*

8:00 *Officer and Trustee Elections*

8:30 *Adjourn*

NEXT MEETING

February 20, 2008 - 6:30 p.m.

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Welcome Back by David Hart

Architect of the Capitol,

Executive Director, Capitol Preservation Board

After almost six long years of construction both in and around the Capitol building we are finally complete. Everyone on Capitol Hill has put up with the noise and dust, the changes to parking and landscaping and now, at long last, this part of the project is drawing to a close. The Capitol is complete!

Initially, in 2002, everyone was excited that changes were occurring. The roundhouse, as it is called, was the first huge change. This was followed by the excavation and construction of the Senate and House buildings, which have been a welcomed and needed addition to Capitol Hill. During this time, however, the plaza parking and the plaza itself was changed to create the beautiful space and fountain which now sits between the buildings. The plaza, as it is seen today, is a realization of Richard K.A. Kletting's (the Capitol's original architect) vision of Capitol Hill.

On September 1, 2004, with the completion of the Senate and House buildings and plaza, the Capitol was closed. Demolition began and the process of seismically stabilizing and renovating the capitol commenced. This was just the beginning of the impact that Capitol Hill employees and the public felt over the next four years. Not only were the Legislature and Governor's offices inconvenienced by being forced into the House and Senate buildings, but Capitol Hill employees had to endure increasingly reduced parking space year by year until we were able to reopen approximately 600 new parking stalls this year. They had to put up with dust and dirt from the landscape alterations as well as confusion from changing access ways.

To everyone on Capitol Hill and to those who had business here during the past six years – I would personally like to express my appreciation for your patience and endurance. I know it has not been easy, and it is not what anyone wanted to put up with. Yet you have all borne it with grace and dignity, which I have greatly appreciated, and I would like to thank you for it.

I hope that, as you enter the Capitol, you will enjoy the historic restoration. As spring rolls around, I hope you enjoy the memorial walkway with over 500 cherry trees and touring the grounds during the summer. I hope you will feel that your sacrifice for the past six years has been worth it. We hope that you will enjoy the improvements and that, in the long run, your lives and the lives of the public will have been changed for the better.

Thank you for all you have put up with and thank you for allowing me this once in a lifetime opportunity. Welcome back to your Capitol!

The Seismic Upgrade and Restoration Project of the Utah State Capitol

For nearly a century, the Utah State Capitol has served the people of the state as the seat of all three branches of government and numerous state agencies. The Capitol was designed by Utah architect Richard K.A. Kletting in 1912 and completed in 1916. Kletting's winning plans incorporated modern construction methods and materials – including reinforced concrete, elevators and electric lighting. Over the years, various remodeling projects modified the interior spaces and grounds.

In 2004, the most extensive and comprehensive reconstruction and renovation plans began. The Capitol is an engineering achievement, with millions of pounds of concrete carefully shifted to new foundations and devices called base isolators thus protecting the building and its occupants from severe earthquake damage. In addition, artwork, fixtures and furnishings were acquired, conserved and created; new service buildings and landscaping were added; and the most up-to-date technology installed.

In response to studies concluding that the Capitol building was vulnerable to a moderate size earthquake, the Utah State Legislature created the Capitol Preservation Board to oversee the seismic upgrade, restoration and preservation of the Capitol. Shortly thereafter, the Board hired David H. Hart, AIA – a successful Utah architect, as the architect of the Capitol and executive director to the Board. Together they began a Master Plan to strengthen the Capitol against seismic dangers and to restore the building to the original plans. These plans involved a return to the ideas of Richard KA Kletting, the Capitol's original architect, and John C. Olmsted, the Capitol's original landscape architect.

Practical challenges, including financial limitations, prevented Kletting's designs from being fully realized in the twentieth century. Many of his ideas have been realized, however, in the recent restoration. Both new office buildings, the square plaza they create, and the four beautiful niche sculptures located inside the spacious Rotunda are examples of Kletting's vision that have taken form decades after their initial conception.

In 1911, the Capitol Commission, created to oversee the building of the State Capitol, focused their efforts on choosing the location of the Capitol. John C. Olmsted, the son of famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, visited Salt Lake City and drew a group of potential plans to transform what was then known as Arsenal Hill (the site of local munitions storage) into the Capitol Hill we know today. Although Olmsted's plans were not completely followed in the original design, the dominant element of his vision – an oval walkway around the Capitol complex – is now a part of Capitol Hill. The beautiful pathway, lined with hundreds of Yoshino cherry trees, connects major monuments around the complex, providing visitors with a scenic and informative tour of the grounds. Today, a reflecting pool, surrounded by gorgeous Bradford Pear trees, shimmers in the center of the courtyard fulfilling both Kletting's and Olmsted's original designs.

Though the recent preservation project focused many of its efforts on the restoration of historical elements of the Capitol, the project began with plans to add to it. The Master Plan began with the intent to protect the Capitol and its occupants from impending earthquake

dangers. This required a major addition to the Capitol – an intricate, yet robust, base isolation system. One of the brilliant

minds behind this engineering marvel, Jerod Johnson of Reaveley Engineers and Associates, described the highly advanced base isolation system in an article written for the Capitol Preservation Board, which will be available online as a part of the Capitol's new website that will be up and running following the re-dedication. He explains, "The base isolation system ... has the effect of decoupling the building from the ground. It is expected that the base isolation system will dramatically reduce earthquake motions thereby reducing forces and vastly improving the expected seismic performance of the structure. This equates to a vast improvement in consideration of life safety for building occupants."

As this massive project comes to a close, it does not seem audacious to suggest that Capitol Hill stands more secure, inviting, and beautiful than it ever has before. Restored and preserved, it will continue to stand as a powerful state symbol of something even more important to preserve – democracy in Utah.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange**
Second Saturday of each month.
9:00 am to Noon, 225 W 500 North.
- **LDS Hospital** needs an enthusiastic volunteer to assist with recruiting and retaining research participants with Alzheimer's disease as the complete a 6-month exercise program "The Brain Builders". See web site for full description of duties. Enjoy the benefits of LDS Hospital volunteers. Schedule is 8 hours per week, required is 10am-12 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. Minimum 9-month commitment with all training provided. Contact Lynne Wilde, 408-1771, <http://>

intermountainhealthcare.org/brainbuilders/

- **People Helping People** needs interesting gardens for the 4th Annual PHP Garden Tour, June '08. You're proud of your backyard paradise, so show it off! Nominate yourself, or your neighbor, by calling Brenda Pierce at 801-243-8989. PHP teaches low-income women how to achieve their full potential in the workplace. Learn more at <http://www.phputah.org>.
- **Volunteers of America, Utah** is a national non-profit, spiritually based organization that nurtures, supports and uplifts the human spirit and

empowers the people they serve to reach their full potential. Their goal is to provide a continuum of services for individuals in need, to foster self-sufficiency and to provide opportunities for volunteer involvement. Volunteers positively impact the lives of thousands of people in Utah every year. If you're interested in volunteering contact the volunteer coordinator, Charlene Orchard, 363-9414 or complete one of the applications on their web site at <http://www.voaut.org>. You can also make donations online and you can choose how they use your gift (82 cents of every dollar received goes directly to program services).

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"I have appreciated Polly's thoughtful, enthusiastic approach to issues that affect our Capitol Hill neighborhood. She has been a real asset to our community!" Eric Jergensen, City Council Representative

"Polly has been an excellent representative of our neighborhood council, especially in dealing with the City's Planning Office. Thanks to her hard and patient work, together with an active group of friends from the Avenues and other community councils, Planning is now being completely reorganized, with the goal of making it responsive once again to neighborhood interests." Peter Von Sivers, former Chair, Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council

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Re-Opening of the Utah State Capitol

Following the Capitol's rededication on January 4, 2008 the Capitol Preservation Board has invited the public back to the "People's House" to view the beautifully restored and renovated Utah State Capitol. An Open House will be held Saturday, January 5th through Friday, January 11th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm daily. Each day will focus upon a unique aspect of the restoration project, culminating in Capitol Discovery Day, which will take place on January 12th. Please inform your friends and neighbors so that they will have the opportunity to see our magnificently restored Capitol. As you tour the building you will be able to listen to musical performances by elementary, high-school, and community choirs who will perform inside the Rotunda. The following is a list of the special focuses for each day:

Capitol Open House, Lunch Lecture Series, Noon – 1:00 pm, January 5th – 11th

Jan 5th	Chandelier, Niche, Rotunda, Murals Pendentive
Jan 6th	Gold Room/Governor's Suite
Jan 7th	Base Isolation
Jan 8th	Senate
Jan 9th	House
Jan 10th	Supreme Court
Jan 11th	Art

Capitol Discovery Day January 12, 2008; 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

With a focus on children and families, Capitol Discovery Day will provide an opportunity for you and your family to become more familiar with the beautifully restored Capitol building, it's grounds, and the restoration project

that has brought it back to it's original splendor.

Capitol Discovery Day Lectures

10:00 am	Team Collaboration - Architect of the Capitol, Construction Manager, Jacobsen Hunt & Architect of Record, Capitol Restoration Group
11:00 am	Base Isolation- Reaveley / Forell Elsassor-Engineering Team
12:00 am	Lions - Architect of the Capitol, David Hart & Senior Design Architect, Rob Pett
1:00 pm	Decorative Paint- Capitol Restoration Group- Charles Shepherd/Breanna Brown
2:00 pm	Research Capitol Restoration Group-Karen Ferguson/Rob Pett/Charles Shepherd/Sean Onyon

Capitol Discovery Day Activities for Children

- Domes Construction:* build small geodesic domes with toothpicks and gumdrops
- Coloring Activity:* color the Rotunda Murals
- Sculpting Clay Wyvrens:* use clay to create the Wyvern that protects the Rotunda
- Construction Demonstration:* play with wood and create your own building
- Shake Table Demonstration:* understand how the Capitol would move with and without a base isolation system
- I Spy Activity:* go on a fun I Spy Activity through the Capitol

**We hope that you will join us as we commemorate
this unique time in Utah's history!**