

Tennessee State Capitol Commission

Policy Regarding Future Monuments and Memorials

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 4-8-302

Adopted December 15, 2014

WHEREAS, the State Capitol commission is charged with establishing policy governing the use of the State Capitol grounds and surrounding State owned property (the "Capitol Complex") for any non-governmental activities; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of such duty, the members of the State Capitol Commission recognize the need to preserve and protect the dignity and historical ambiance of the Capitol Complex ensuring that future monuments and memorials within the Capitol Complex carry the same history, significance and meaning of the existing monuments and memorials; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the State Capitol Commission, the Office of the State Architect commissioned a report (the "Guidelines") containing (i) an inventory all the current monuments and memorials that reside within the State Capitol grounds and surrounding State owned property (the "Capitol Complex") and (ii) criteria to assist the State with evaluation of proposals for monuments and memorial to be located within the Capitol Complex. A copy of the Guidelines shall be maintained by the Office of the State Architect; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Capitol Commission have determined that the criteria in the Guidelines recognize that the history, significance and meaning of the existing structures, monuments and memorials located within the Capital Context demand that future monuments and memorials within the Capitol Complex have an equivalent stature; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol Commission has determined, as reflected in the Guidelines, that future monuments and memorials located within the Capitol Complex must reflect people, places and events in Tennessee history that had a statewide or national impact; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol Commission has determined that the Guidelines correctly require that future monuments and memorials located within the Capitol Complex must be designed, constructed and located on the Capitol Complex in settings that enhance the ability of the monument or memorial to communicate the history, significance, and meaning of people, place or event that is honored, but still respect the original design intent of the various components of the Capitol Complex and be scaled and constructed in proportion to the setting as well as the significance of the person, place or event being honored; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Capitol Commission have determined that it is appropriate to utilize the Guidelines when evaluating proposals for new monuments and memorials to be located within the Capitol Complex in order to preserve and protect the dignity and historical ambiance of the State Capitol Building and grounds.

NOW THEREFORE, the following policy is hereby adopted with respect to proposals to place new monuments and memorials within the Capitol Complex:

The Guidelines shall be utilized to evaluate proposals to locate monuments and memorials within the Capitol Complex. No monument or memorial shall be located within the Capitol Complex without the approval of the State Capitol Commission and the concurrence of the State Building Commission. The State Architect is directed to (1) develop procedures for the proposal and evaluation of new monuments and memorials to be located within the Capitol Complex in accordance with the Guidelines, this policy, and all other appropriate policies, including those of the State Building Commission; and (2) make recommendations to the State Capitol Commission in accordance with those procedures. The State Architect is also empowered to (A) empanel committees to assist the State Architect in carrying out the evaluation of proposed monuments and memorials in compliance with the Guidelines and in making recommendations regarding proposed monuments and memorials; and (B) interpret the Guidelines consistent with this policy and the directives of the State Building Commission.