

NEBRASKA STATE QUARTER DESIGN COMMITTEE MEETING
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 1525
LINCOLN, NE
Tuesday, July 29, 2004 - 9:30 am

PRESENT: Secretary of State John Gale, Tom Bassett, Virgil Marshall, Gordon Howard and Norman Geske

OTHERS PRESENT: Staff member Sharon Hambek, and Shawn Drapal

ABSENT: Jodi Rave, Dr. Michael Schuyler and Roger Bruhn

Open Meeting Notice: Secretary of State John Gale called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. He stated notice of this meeting had been posted on the State's internet public meeting calendar in compliance with the Public Meeting Law. The agenda was posted on the Secretary of State web site and has been available in the office of the Secretary of State for inspection during regular business hours.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken with only four members present. Secretary Gale noted the committee could still act as a subcommittee but could take no official action. The subcommittee could discuss items and make recommendations to the full committee at the next meeting.

Minutes & Agenda: A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr. Marshall to accept the agenda presented for the subcommittee to operate under. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Because there was not a quorum present the minutes from the previous meeting were not acted upon.

Website Update: Ms. Hambek informed the Committee there were approximately 100 of the designs submitted by the public up on the Secretary of State website. She also noted each member received in their packet copies of e-mails she had received from individuals who had viewed the designs and made comments.

Launch Reception: Secretary Gale noted he had sent a letter to the Governor within the past week asking if he would host a VIP reception at the mansion the night prior to the Launch Event. At the time of the meeting, no response had yet been received.

Launch Event: Ms. Hambek reported that when she contacted Pershing Auditorium management to confirm the April 29, 2006 date she was informed they had not gotten a "standing event" brought forward in their calendar and the date unfortunately was not available. In further discussion, it was determined that April 8, 2006 would be open for an event; however, the facility would be in use until late evening on April 7, 2006 prohibiting set up on that day. Pershing's management stated they were willing to have their staff clean up after the event and make the facility available for the Launch Event the morning of April 8th if the Committee was interested. The only other Saturday date they have open would be April 15th. In 2006, that date would be the Saturday of Easter weekend

Member Arrival: Committee Member Gordon Howard joined the meeting at 10:10 am.

Launch Event: Further discussion followed after Mr. Howard's arrival. By consensus of the Committee it was decided to ask Ms. Hambek to contact the representatives at the U. S. Mint to see if they felt the release date would take place prior to April 8, 2006. If they did, then Ms. Hambek was asked to contact Pershing Auditorium and ask them to pencil the Launch Event in on that date. It was noted we need to stress with them that this is only a tentative date and it may be necessary to change the date as the time gets closer and the exact release date is known. Ms. Hambek is to report back at the August 16th meeting on what she found out.

Minutes & Agenda: With the arrival of Mr. Howard there was a quorum present to conduct official business. A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr. Marshall to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was made by Mr. Bassett, seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Review of Designs: Shawn Drapal reviewed the various design combinations from the public input he had been asked to sketch and refine by the Committee. It was noted the Committee also needs to start selecting the photos and other information to provide historical accuracy for the U.S. Mint. It was suggested Ms. Hambek and Mr. Drapal visit the State Historical Society to obtain some possible documents that could be used for this.

Recess: The meeting was recessed at 10:55 am and reconvened again at 11:10 am. Mr. Geske informed the committee he had to leave at this time. Following his departure – there were not sufficient members present for a quorum. The meeting continued to function as a subcommittee.

Continued Review of Designs: Those present reviewed the revised design composites by Mr. Drapal and gave him the following directives:

1. Delete
2. Delete
3. Keep – remove lower right hand cloud and move wording into that space
4. Keep
- 4a. Do another design like #4 but move the words “State Capitol” to one side of the capitol tower and add the words “Unicameral State” to the other side of the tower
5. Keep
6. Delete
7. Delete
8. Keep
9. Delete
10. Keep
11. Keep, but place the words “Equality Before the Law” in a banner or ribbon
12. Keep

13. Keep – add more shading at the bottom of Chimney Rock to identify the base better and change the wording to read “State Capitol”
14. Keep – put the words “Equality Before the Law” in a ribbon or banner
15. Delete
16. Keep
17. Delete

Mr. Drapal was also asked to keep Design #4 of Chimney Rock from group of designs he presented at the July 13th meeting.

Additional Designs: Secretary Gale had written some design ideas; incorporating many of the major ideas submitted by the public. He asked the Committee to review those ideas and select a number of them for Mr. Drapal to put into a graphic design prior to the next meeting. Plans are for a number of these, along with some actual designs from the public, to be added to the list of “Keep” designs above for the web site. These would be the approximate 25 that the public would have the opportunity to submit an unofficial vote on. The following ideas were selected:

1. Use the sower from Design #5 in the above list, move to the left and on the right place an oak tree with the words “Arbor Day State.”
2. Approximately 3 covered wagons heading toward Chimney Rock in the distance. The words “Platte River Road” should be added.
3. Outline of the state with the USS submarine and an ear of corn across it with the word “Stratcom.”
4. The “official” Arbor Day oak tree and the Boys Town column
5. The Pony Express rider and a steam engine – the Pony Express rider just in front of the engine – with the words “Trails West”
6. Develop something honoring the North Platte Canteen and label it “Caring State” Ms. Hambek was asked to look through Bob Green’s book about the Canteen to see if there were images in there that might be used.
7. There should also be some design, whether incorporated in with one of the other images or by itself, with the Sandhill Cranes.
8. Buffalo Bill Cody on a rearing horse being the dominate figure over the outline of state

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hambek
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Secretary of State Office