

Agency Purpose

M.S. 15B provides for the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) to preserve and enhance the Capitol Area's unique aesthetic and historic character, and to plan and guide its future development by maintaining a framework for its physical growth. CAAPB was established by the 1967 Legislature to ensure the architectural integrity of the Capitol, the buildings immediately adjacent to it, the Capitol grounds, and the Capitol Area. The agency's responsibilities are unique on a national level.

Core Functions

As overseer of Capitol Area development, the CAAPB's regulatory responsibility for public and private projects covers permitted zoning and all phases of design and construction review. Individual project planning occurs within a long-range framework for the area's physical development. The CAAPB's *1998 Comprehensive Plan* and the *Specific Actions for Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan* are the framework for its daily agenda, along with the *Zoning and Design Rules for the Capitol Area*, published in January 2000.

Key Service Strategies:

- ⇒ Initiate funding requests, promoting timely design, restoration, and maintenance of the Capitol Building.
- ⇒ Provide framework for the development and maintenance of the Capitol Mall and its memorials.
- ⇒ Manage internal agency operations, human resources, planning, and projects.
- ⇒ Provide planning tools and guidelines for future Capitol Area development.
- ⇒ Coordinate all historical documents for the Capitol Area.
- ⇒ Provide open communication and coordination with all clientele.

Operations

The 10-member CAAP Board is chaired by the lieutenant governor, with four gubernatorial and three mayoral appointees, and both senate and house representation. An Advisory Committee of two professional architects and one landscape architect, along with four staff, serves the board. The Board takes public testimony, reviews Staff/Advisor reports, and takes action on zoning requests and design review issues. The Board meets approximately six times a year.

Focusing their performance on good design and long-range planning, the board is often in a position to coordinate and leverage public improvements in a cost-effective and results-orientated manner with other state agencies, the city of Saint Paul, neighborhood planning bodies, and private sector professionals.

Budget reductions in the previous two biennia have lessened staff hours (and thus salaries) and limited the per diems for the Advisory Committee and the Board, thus Board meetings have been reduced in number and become longer in session with more action items on an agenda. Under these budget constraints, the agency administratively supported the chair and 14-member unfunded Capitol 2005 Commission in their meetings and planning of the Capitol's 100-year birthday, at the sacrifice of some CAAPB statutory responsibilities, such as, regularly updating the *Comprehensive Plan* and the *Zoning and Design Rules*.

At A Glance

- ◆ The board is comprised of 10 members, chaired by the lieutenant governor, with both house and senate representation as well as gubernatorial and city appointees.
- ◆ As the planning and regulatory agency responsible for architectural design and long-range planning for the Capitol Area, the CAAPB has exclusive zoning jurisdiction and design review over both the state government complex and the surrounding commercial and residential neighborhoods.
- ◆ The agency's jurisdiction comprises a 60-block area that contains 15 state office buildings (two million gross square feet of office, ceremonial, and public spaces), six blocks of commercial/retail space, 12 residential blocks, and one primary care hospital campus.
- ◆ The non-partisan board is responsible to the legislature and provides Capital Budget Requests for the Capitol Building
- ◆ Since 1986, CAAPB capital budget appropriations totaling \$25.9 million have been dedicated to Capitol Building projects.
- ◆ The CAAPB, since 2001, has assisted the chair and 14-member Capitol 2005 Commission in planning the 100-year birthday of the Capitol.

Key Measures

Based on solid planning tools and guidelines developed in concert with the *Comprehensive Plan* and the *Zoning and Design Rules*, the Board has a positive impact on the overall appearance of the Capitol Area and beyond. The Board and its zoning administrator take action on over 100 requests for zoning permits or design review approvals within a biennium.

The Board participated in the review of design and issued zoning permits for the new Agriculture/Health Buildings, the Department of Human Services Building, and a number of memorials, honoring World War II, Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Workers, and Minnesota Firefighters.

In the previous two legislative sessions, the CAAPB has secured schematic design funding to begin the Capitol's full interior restoration, and repair/restore the building's dome. The board has also approved the route and three station stops for the future Light Rail Transit (LRT) through the Capitol Area, and taken action on parking lots and ramps within the district.

Based on the board's success in implementing a higher design standard, the advice of the Advisory Committee and staff is sought after by: other state capitols in their approaches to planning and development; the Saint Paul Design Center; surrounding district councils and citizen action groups; professional planning and architectural organizations interests; and nonprofit and community based initiatives.

Budget

The CAAPB's base budget is appropriated from the General Fund. The current budget allocates 80% for staff funded at only 80-90% time, depending on operations, step increases, insurance, and projects requiring board action. The remaining budget is 11% for rent, 5% for LAN costs, and 4% for fundamental business operations; copier, phones, mailing, supplies, and Board/Advisor meetings.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2008-09
	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	269	270	270	270	540
Forecast Base	269	270	270	270	540
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2006-07					0.2%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	279	288	280	272	552
Statutory Appropriations					
Misc Special Revenue	10	22	0	0	0
Gift	3	0	0	0	0
Total	292	310	280	272	552
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	228	262	231	221	452
Other Operating Expenses	64	48	49	51	100
Total	292	310	280	272	552
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Capitol Area Arch Planning Bd	292	310	280	272	552
Total	292	310	280	272	552
 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	 3.4	 3.9	 3.6	 3.0	

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2006	Budgeted FY2007	Current Law		Biennium 2008-09
			FY2008	FY2009	
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Other Sources:					
General	1	1	1	1	2
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	1	1	1	1	2
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Other Revenues:					
Misc Special Revenue	13	1	0	0	0
Total Dedicated Receipts	13	1	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	14	2	1	1	2