

March 24, 2025

Board Resolution AGENDA ITEM #2 - USS Ward Gun:

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (“Board”) determine that the application submitted by Randal Dietrich on August 18, 2024, to remove the USS Ward Gun from the Capitol Mall, meets the condition in *Minnesota Rules 2400.2703 Subpart 6., Item C*, “the artwork has faults in construction or requires maintenance such that the Department of Administration is unable to properly care for or store the artwork;” Specifically, the Board authorizes staff to:

- Convene a Commemorative Artwork Review Committee and proceed to review the artwork identified in the removal request and the applicant’s proposed plan for removal.
- On behalf of the Commemorative Artwork Review Committee, open a 30-day public comment period and hold one public hearing to gather additional input on the removal request.

The Board wishes to further make clear that approval of these intermediate steps in the Rules process does not communicate approval nor disapproval of any portion of the current proposal by the applicant, and approval of these steps does not equate to agreement or judgement as to the veracity of any claim or assertion within the received application.

Approval motioned Board member Michael Bjornberg; seconded Dana Badgerow. Motion approved 9-0.