Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

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To: Members of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB)
From: Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, Executive Secretary

Appointment of Jackie Knight as an Advisor to the CAAPB Advisory Committee on Architecture and Planning

Action Requested

Staff recommends appointing Jackie Knight to the Advisory Committee on Architecture and Planning (ACAP) as an Advisor to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB), based on her professional expertise and experience in urban planning, real estate development, commercial property management, and community and neighborhood development.

Background

Jackie Knight is President of the Ackerberg Group, a Minneapolis-based real estate investment and development organization. In this role, she provides leadership and oversight of the organization's commercial services, including property management, maintenance, construction management, and administrative services. She also plays an active role in new development activity, serving as an operational liaison and directing the development and implementation of organizational programs and strategies.

Knight brings valuable, applied planning expertise through her extensive experience working at the intersection of real estate development, urban environments, neighborhood revitalization, and the public realm. Her work provides an understanding of how development, land use, building design, pedestrian environments, and surrounding public spaces contribute to the function, character, and vitality of urban places.

Her experience includes evaluating and advancing development opportunities, coordinating building and property improvements, and understanding the operational and long-term considerations that influence successful development. She also brings a strong understanding of the relationship between private investment, public infrastructure, pedestrian connectivity, and broader community planning objectives.

Prior to joining Ackerberg in 2011, Knight held positions with Madison Marquette Realty Services, Northmarq Real Estate Services, and Jones Lang LaSalle, gaining experience in property management, operations management, marketing, specialty leasing, and tenant coordination.

Knight holds several professional credentials relevant to planning, development, and the built environment, including:

- Certified Development Design and Construction Professional (CDP), International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC).
- Certified Property Manager (CPM), Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM).
- LEED Green Associate (LEED GA), U.S. Green Building Council.

In addition to her professional experience, Knight has demonstrated significant civic and community leadership. She has served on the City of Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee, contributing to work focused on pedestrian safety, mobility, accessibility, and the quality of the pedestrian environment. She has also served in leadership roles with the Lake Street Council, including as Board President, helping guide community recovery, business reinvestment, and long-term neighborhood revitalization following the civil unrest of 2020. She also serves on the Uptown Special Service District Board.

Through these professional and civic roles, Knight has developed a broad perspective on urban planning and development, including the importance of integrating land use, transportation, public spaces, economic development, and neighborhood needs.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends appointing Jackie Knight as an Advisor to the CAAPB Advisory Committee on Architecture and Planning.

Knight brings a valuable combination of applied urban planning and development experience, commercial real estate expertise, knowledge of the built environment, and demonstrated community leadership. Her professional background provides practical insight into how planning and design principles translate into successful development, functional public spaces, accessible pedestrian environments, and vibrant urban districts.

Her experience working across the private, public, and nonprofit sectors would provide a valuable planning and development perspective to the CAAPB. In particular, her understanding of the relationship between buildings, development patterns, public spaces, pedestrian connectivity, neighborhood character, and long-term property operations would complement the expertise of other members of the Advisory Committee.

Staff believes Knight's professional qualifications, planning and development experience, and commitment to creating successful urban places make her a strong addition to the Advisory Committee and would help inform the Board's ongoing planning, design, and development initiatives throughout the Capitol Area.

Suggested Board Resolution

RESOLUTION APPOINTING JACKIE KNIGHT AS AN ADVISOR TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) benefits from the expertise and perspectives of qualified professionals in architecture, planning, urban development, and the built environment; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Knight brings extensive professional experience in urban planning and development, commercial real estate, property management, pedestrian environments, and community revitalization; and

WHEREAS, her professional qualifications, experience, and civic leadership will provide valuable expertise and perspective to the Advisory Committee on Architecture and Planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board hereby appoints Jackie Knight as an Advisor to the Advisory Committee on Architecture and Planning.