

## Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### **Application to add a new Commemorative Work at the State Capitol Grounds: The Pillbox (Ballpark)**

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) will host a public hearing on **May 15, 2025 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in Conference Room 116B in the Administration Building (50 Sherburne Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55155)** to gather input on whether **ALL** of the conditions in [Minnesota Rules 2400.2703 Subpart 2](#) have been met for the Board to consider an application to commemorate the 'Pillbox' (ballpark) on the Minnesota State Capitol Grounds.

#### **Description of Application**

On December 18, 2024, CAAPB received an application from Stew Thornley of the Halsey Hall Chapter Society of American Baseball Research, to add a new Commemorative Work for the Pillbox on the State Capitol Grounds per Minnesota Rules 2400.2703.

Detailed information on the application to commemorate The Pillbox can be found on the CAAPB website: <https://bit.ly/4j1GPBQ>

#### **Board Consideration**

The board will consider for further review the request to add a new commemorative artwork in the Capitol area if the artwork meets **ALL** of the following conditions:

- A. there has been documented public support of the artwork;
- B. the artwork has lasting statewide significance for Minnesotans;
- C. the artwork is respectful of the diversity of Minnesotans;
- D. viewing the artwork provides a rich experience to broaden the understanding of Minnesota's shared history, heritage, and culture;”

#### **Staff Finding Leads to Public Hearing**

So far, CAAPB's staff have made the finding that the addition request meets all of the conditions, which means that by Rule, the Board is now required to host a public hearing to gather input on the conditions.

#### **Public Hearing on May 15, 2025**

All interested persons may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above. Persons interested in participating via teleconference may do so via <https://bit.ly/42yU9ao>

Written comments may be mailed to Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155 or email [Tina.Chimuzu@state.mn.us](mailto:Tina.Chimuzu@state.mn.us) prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

All persons who appear at the meeting or participate via teleconference will be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to whether all conditions have been met for the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board to consider the application to add the 'Pillbox' (Ballpark) commemoration at the Capitol Mall.

### **Website and Contact Information**

To stay informed of the application to add The Pillbox Commemoration, follow updates through the agency's website <https://bit.ly/4j1GPBQ>.

### **Alternative Format**

Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

### **Statutory Authority**

Minnesota Statute, 15B.01, gives the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board the statutory authority to consider the application to propose addition of new commemorative works.