

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:** Thursday, March 19, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 206, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Beecham, Jerry Berggren, Tim Francis, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones, Jim McKee and Bob Ripley. Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

**STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Bob Ripley called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held February 19, 2009. Motion for approval made by Berggren, seconded by Jones and carried 4-0: Berggren, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting 'yes'; Ripley abstaining; Beecham and Francis absent at time of vote.

The opportunity was given for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission. No one appeared.

**APPLICATION BY U.S. PROPERTIES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE OLD FEDERAL BUILDING (129 NORTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET)**  
**PUBLIC HEARING:** **March 19, 2009**

Members present: Beecham, Berggren, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee and Ripley.

Ed Zimmer stated that he received a call from Monte Froelich and the preliminary thoughts about the banner frame did not seem the right direction to go. They are rethinking their position and will be contact again.

**APPLICATION BY URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR DESIGNATION OF THE FORMER NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY, N. 27<sup>TH</sup> AND CENTER STREETS, AS A LANDMARK IN ACCORD WITH LMC 27.57.120**  
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Members present: Beecham, Berggren, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee and Ripley.

Zimmer stated that this is part of the interrelated Assurity, Matt Talbot Kitchen and NeighborWorks projects. Assurity has purchased the site which Matt Talbot currently leases from St. Vincent De Paul. Neighborworks has purchased property from 23<sup>rd</sup> St. to 24<sup>th</sup> St., "P" St. to "Q" St. for their offices and housing. The city is working to relocate Matt Talbot to the former library/NeighborWorks location.

McKee wondered about the client base of Matt Talbot and their mobility. Francis noted that while many Matt Talbot customers are pedestrians, many also use vehicles. Zimmer replied that Matt Talbot has done a relocation study. They feel the proposed location is where they want to be. They are working with Sinclair Hille on the design for the addition to the north. Matt Talbot wants to own the site and landmark the library building.

Berggren inquired as to the size of the addition. Zimmer does not have specifics yet.

Ripley would like to see the building designated a landmark now and have some input into the addition.

Zimmer stated that the landmark is being requested by Urban Development in cooperation with Matt Talbot Kitchen. The question has arisen about a preservation easement. One of the difficulties that has arisen is the legal description as it exists today is not what the legal description will be in the future. There are no interior characteristics to note on this building. The City wants to landmark the site before it is sold.

Ripley wondered about preservation easements associated with this property. Zimmer has not discussed preservation easements with Matt Talbot's attorney yet.

Berggren would feel more comfortable if there was an easement. He would not want to see the building demolished in the future.

Beecham inquired what the easement would accomplish that the landmark status does not. Zimmer replied that the Commission input would be more binding, if the easement were given to the City.

Berggren believes that it would give the strength with this building, that the Commission has with signs in the Haymarket.

Zimmer noted that Assurity has bought the current Matt Talbot site from St. Vincent DePaul. Matt Talbot will own the Carnegie site.

The Commissioners all expressed an interest in obtaining an easement, but Zimmer noted that the Commission cannot require one. It must be agreed upon by Urban Development and Matt Talbot.

**ACTION:**

Beecham moved approval of the landmark and recommended a preservation easement, seconded by Jones.

Berggren would like to preserve the front and south facades.

Jones hopes someday we can keep libraries open instead of turning them into landmarks.

Motion carried 7-0: Beecham, Berggren, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee and Ripley voting 'yes'.

**APPLICATION BY PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR FY09 FUNDING AS A CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THROUGH THE NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**March 19, 2009**

Members present: Beecham, Berggren, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee and Ripley.

Zimmer noted that this is the annual grant application. He applied for 60/40 funding of about \$30,000 in activity last year, and is asking for 60% of \$35,500.00 this year. There is a little more funding this year. We are competing with five or six communities these days. He will attempt to see if he can get a newer projector. He is designating some funds to support the Channel 5 broadcasts. He believes the walking tours and brown bag lectures benefit from the shows on Channel 5. He has identified work in four or five project areas. He might be doing some survey work in the Indian Village neighborhood, including Woodsshire. It's hard to know if we will see tax projects in the next year. Public participation and education is a large part of the funded activities.

**ACTION:**

Berggren moved approval, seconded by Beecham and carried 7-0: Beecham, Berggren, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee and Ripley voting 'yes'.

**Update on Havelock Avenue District facade improvement program**

Zimmer stated that work is proceeding on the program. They are almost fully funded. He has only seen conceptual proposals at this point. There could be a lot of applications on the next few agendas. He believes this will have a big impact in this area. The Havelock Business Association has been very active.

**STAFF REPORT**

- Standard Oil Barn and Garage has received landmark status.
- Weese Farmstead is moving forward to City Council.
- PAL annual awards was well attended and will be showing on Channel 5 in a few weeks. The grand prize of the Boosalis Award went to Andy and Cathy Beecham.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Zimmer has a copy of the 1942 Journal of Negro Life. It contains an article by Horace Colley, a Lincoln furrier and Clyde Malone's brother-in-law.
- Berggren inquired about the signage on Crabby Bill's Restaurant. Zimmer is looking into it.
- Beecham noted that the Near South Tour of Homes is coming up May 10, 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.