

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, December 15, 2011, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 210, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Beecham, Tim Francis, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones, Liz Kuhlman and Jim McKee (Greg Munn absent). Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; Jordan Pascale of the Lincoln Journal Star and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Vice Chair Tim Francis called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Francis then requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held November 17, 2011. Motion for approval made by Johnson, seconded by McKee and carried 6-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee voting 'yes'; Munn absent.

APPLICATION BY SCOTT SULLIVAN FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 201 N. 7TH STREET, THE LINCOLN STATION IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING:

December 15, 2011

Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee; Munn absent.

Jim Arter stated he has a pet peeve with the street lighting in the Haymarket, and specifically the color of the light. He has talked with LES. They will not be using that lighting color in the West Haymarket. He is interested in adding lights at Lincoln Station to try to overcome the color and add a little light. The current lights don't show a lot of color.

Scott Sullivan presented a picture of the lighting of the columns out front. This would be a LED fixture that sits at the base. The two Lincoln Station signs at the top sit on the cornice line. An LED strip would light each of those signs. The north portion includes canopies over the windows. There would be arm fixture with lights in between the canopies.

McKee would think you would want to light the underneath of the awning. Sullivan is trying to light the awnings to give some color to the building. There is ambient light coming out the storefront windows to light underneath the canopies. These would be lights that would be centered between the windows and attached to the brick. It would be a single rod double headed fixture

Kuhlman wondered about the color. Sullivan noted the column bases are white. The lights come in black, bronze, white and aluminum. Kuhlman would hate to see white against the brick. The ornamental is green. Sullivan also included a photo of the west elevation. That does not have the round columns. There are brick pilasters. Signage can be looked at later for that side. Someday it will be a question.

Beecham is interested in everyone's opinion about the more modern looking fixture as opposed to a more traditional looking fixture.

McKee would think the better fixture would be one that is least visible. Sullivan thinks black is more likely to be inconspicuous.

Zimmer believes the challenge is that doing more of a decorative light isn't the right character for the face of this building. Perhaps the green would be the best color to blend with the awnings.

Francis noted that this proposal seems very discreet.

ACTION:

Johnson moved approval with the condition that the applicant work with Ed Zimmer regarding a color, not white, seconded by Jones. Motion carried 6-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee voting 'yes'; Munn absent.

APPLICATION BY MONTE FROELICH FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 129 NORTH 10TH STREET, OLD FEDERAL BUILDING/GRAND MANSE, A DESIGNATED LANDMARK

PUBLIC HEARING:

December 15, 2011

Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee; Munn absent.

No one appeared.

APPLICATION BY CRAIG SMITH FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 151 NORTH 8TH STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING:

December 15, 2011

Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee; Munn absent.

Craig Smith appeared. The front facade has been reworked with some darker color brick. He would still end up with two decks. Darker stone would be used on one building. A more traditional brick color would be used on the other. The floor plan shows two sets of tables. They are set back from the property quite a bit.

Kuhlman wondered if you will see the roof top units. Smith thinks you might see a foot or so of them. He isn't quite sure.

ACTION:

Johnson approval, seconded by Beecham.

Kuhlman questioned if stone is being used. Smith replied that he will use cast stone. He has had good luck with the product.

Kuhlman questioned if there will be any detailing. Smith replied that there may be some stone work above the garage door. The restaurant will be in the main building. This will be the bar. You enter on the middle of the building. These will be more of secondary entrances. The tenant will be back with signage.

Jordan Pascale inquired about the timeline. Smith is negotiating on the restaurants. He hopes to start construction when the weather breaks. He is hoping to have it open before football season.

Motion for approval carried 6-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee voting 'yes'; Munn absent.

APPLICATION BY CRAIG SMITH FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 6030 AND 6038 HAVELOCK AVENUE IN THE HAVELOCK AVENUE LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING:

December 15, 2011

Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee; Munn absent.

Smith presented a new design for the buildings. They are taking the existing openings and cutting them all the way to the ground, essentially turning the storefront into an arcade. The street wall would be maintained.

ACTION:

McKee moved approval, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried 6-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee voting 'yes'; Munn absent.

APPLICATION BY USA ROLLERSPORTS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 4730 SOUTH STREET, THE LT&T NO. 4 EXCHANGE, A DESIGNATED LANDMARK

PUBLIC HEARING:

December 15, 2011

Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee; Munn absent.

No one appeared.

NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION OF MEADOW GOLD COMPLEX, 7TH - 8TH, M - L STREETS

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee; Munn absent.

Zimmer presented a Power Point of the Meadow Gold National Register nomination. The current owners of the building would like to move their office space into the building first and brewery storage eventually. They uniquely fit the building.

ACTION:

Jones moved approval, seconded by McKee.

The Commissioners commended Zimmer for a lengthy nomination done very well.

Motion for approval carried 6-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee; Munn absent.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.