

Item 6—Agenda of July 15, 2010

July 9, 2010

Endorsement of FY10 application to Historic Preservation Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Commission previously approved the application of Lincoln as a Certified Local Government to the Historic Preservation Fund (U. S. Dept. of the Interior, through the Nebr. State Historical Society).

NSHS invited requests for additional funding on a schedule that did not allow prior consultation with the Commission, but asked that HPC be informed and invited to endorse the revised proposal.

The revised application is attached, proposing an additional \$1250 in activities, with \$750 additional grant support, along with a letter of June 22, 2010 further clarifying our application.

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June 23, 2010

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Dear Bob:

We have discussed Lincoln's Certified Local Government (CLG) work program for the 2010/2011 Historic Preservation (HP) Fund grant cycle and you have asked me to summarize those discussions in writing as they pertain to the West Haymarket redevelopment project.. I'm pleased to do so and I appreciate your assistance.

First, let me assure you that Lincoln recognizes that the West Haymarket project will involve federal approvals and/or funding and therefore a robust Section 106 consultation process will be undertaken. We appreciate the guidance you and your staff have provided in preparation for that consultation. Since more than one federal entity will be involved in permits, property, or funds for the project, we are currently exploring which agency is willing to step forward as our "lead agency" and your partner in that consultation. I hope we can commence the formal process very soon.

My participation in that process is mentioned in our grant application under activity A (survey & evaluation) and activity C (planning) since it will require a significant expenditure of my time in the coming months. However, HP Fund money will not be expended on Section 106 consultants or other activities—my hours will be logged and offered only as match.

Until the Section 106 consultation is underway, we cannot identify with certainty all of the National Register-eligible resources within the West Haymarket Area of Potential Effect (APE). However, without doubt the Haymarket Landmark District and associated properties will be within the APE. Haymarket has been a locally designated, federally certified historic district since the early 1980s and its successful revitalization was recognized last year by American Planning Association, which enrolled it among its prestigious "Great American Neighborhoods."

While we could merely stipulate in the Section 106 process that Haymarket Landmark District is a known historic resource, you might consider requesting in the consultation that we update its documentation. We could take this opportunity to re-evaluate the current condition and eligibility status of the historic resources within and adjacent to Haymarket's boundaries and

update our identification of contributing and non-contributing properties.

It is obviously too early to specify mitigation strategies but I can tell you I am interested in revising and reissuing the out-of-print Haymarket walking tour guide I co-authored two decades ago. I may also create a presentation for 5CityTV based on historic resources in and around West Haymarket, since most of my programs relate to my on-going preservation activities and research. Before I undertake such a program I would consult with you whether HP Fund underwriting for the production costs would be appropriate as one of our 2010-11 broadcasts.

I hope this summarizes our conversations and clarifies any concerns about the relationship of West Haymarket's upcoming Section 106 review and our HP Fund-supported activities for the coming year. I look forward to our continued partnership with and guidance from yourself and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed', written in a cursive style.

Edward F. Zimmer
Historic Preservation Planner

PART I

Budget

Personnel		
Historic preservation planner, 500 hours	\$	22,500
student interns, 500 hours	\$	6,000
GIS & internet specialists, 450 200 hours	\$	3,750 5000
Travel		
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Equipment		
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Supplies and Materials		
batteries	\$	100
	\$	
	\$	
Photography and printing		
photocopies	\$	400
photo printing (nominations)	\$	250
	\$	
Contractual		
Woodshire historic landscape architect	\$	4,500
	\$	
	\$	
Indirect charges		
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Other (specify)		
Video-taping and producing two walking tours	\$	
and 7 brown-bag talks , for 5 City TV	\$	
@ \$750 per tour and \$500 per lecture	\$	4,500
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ 42,000 43,250

PART II

Program Areas

	HPF Share (Requested Grant Amount)	CLG (Matching Share)
A. Survey/Evaluation	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,000
B. Designation/Registration/Certification	\$	\$
Local Landmark	\$ 0	\$ 1,500
National Register	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000
Tax Certification	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
C. Planning	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
D. Public Participation/Public Education	\$ 8,000 8,750	\$ 3,000 3,500
E. Other Activities	\$ 700	\$ 1,300
TOTAL	\$ 25,200 25,950	\$ 16,800 17,300

Source(s) of CLG Matching Share

Donor City of Lincoln

Source General Fund

Kind Cash/salaries

Amount \$ ~~15,000~~ 15,500

Donor student interns

Source Donation

Kind Labor

Amount \$ 1,800

Notes:

PART III

Program Description

A. Survey/Evaluation

Provide a narrative of program activities including identification and evaluation of historic resources in order to update or complete the local inventory of historic places. Cite projected number of contributing properties added to survey and inventory.

Survey activity has been conducted in the Woodsshire portion of the Indian Village neighborhood, leading to the National Register nomination now underway. Survey work in the area will continue in the coming grant year in the Axtell Heights and Knob Hill portions of this sizable neighborhood. Over 1000 dwelling units remain to be surveyed in the area.

Neighborhood interest in the Witherbee Neighborhood, especially the "Brown-Bilt" area south of Randolph School, will be met by beginning a volunteer-assisted survey in that area.

Evaluation activities will concentrate around the West Haymarket redevelopment area, involving survey and evaluation of approximately 50 buildings.

Addendum (5/20/10)

A component of the "supplemental activity" will be to strengthen our GIS and web access to historic properties in Lincoln. We will provide that information directly to NSHS HP Office as well.

The Woodsshire survey is completed except for linking the photos to the forms. It will be submitted to NSHS along with the NRHP nomination for the area. I've pledged to the neighborhood committee completion for the Jan. 2011 State HP Board meeting.

The survey and evaluation activity in support of the West Haymarket redevelopment is underway and will be finished in the summer of 2010.

The BrownBilt (Randolph School area) survey will be conducted including neighborhood volunteers and will be commenced but may not be completed within the grant year.

All surveys and evaluations are conducted by or under the supervision of Ed Zimmer, historic preservation planner.

Statement of technical assistance needs

Addendum (5/20/10)

We will need to coordinate GIS formats to offer our materials to NSHS.

PART III

Program Description

B. Local Landmark Designation/National Register of Historic Places Registration/Tax Certification

Provide a narrative of program activities including local landmark designation, National Register nomination and tax certification of properties and historic districts within the CLG jurisdiction. Cite projected number of properties under each category.

Our local landmark designations have continued at a steady pace, often due to the flexible preservation incentives of our "special permit for historic preservation." We expect to continue designating landmarks and listing National Register properties at a pace of 3-6 individual properties per year, while working on larger district nominations such as Woodsshire.

We have seen little activity under in Certified Historic Rehabilitation in recent years but interest is growing in the VIP program. We will continue promoting this program actively in several eligible neighborhoods but individual projects may be slow to develop until the overall economy improves.

Addendum (5/20/10)

The major nomination for the upcoming year will be the Woodsshire neighborhood, bounded by 17th, 20th, High and Calvert Streets. The survey indicates 131 houses, of which 97-98% appear to be contributing, along with significant landscape design features.

We promote tax projects but they must be initiated by owners so I cannot identify specific numbers or addresses of properties that might come forward. The economy has slowed local activity but West Haymarket appears to have potential for "spinning off" rehab activity in Haymarket and the south-of-Haymarket areas.

Statement of technical assistance needs

Woodsshire's original design by landscape architect Ernst Hemminghaus and its distinctive designed landscape features such as the traffic circles and homeowners' association park warrant special attention in the National Register nomination and would also benefit by a preservation plan for their renewal and upkeep. Engaging the contractual services of a historic landscape architect would enhance that nomination and the on-going preservation of the special resources of that designed landscape.

PART III

Program Description

C. Planning

Provide a narrative of historic preservation planning activities including development of community-wide historic preservation plans, development of architectural guidelines and improvement of local historic preservation ordinances.

The program will continue to bring preservation expertise and perspective to local planning projects. The West Haymarket redevelopment will be very active this year if the bond vote in May is successful. The Planning Department is engaged in 2010-11 in a major update of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and the preservation element will be re-validated and updated in the process.

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Program Description

D. Public Participation/Public Education

Provide a narrative of educational activities, programs and publications that create awareness and understanding of local, state and federal historic preservation programs for both the historic preservation commission and the public at large, including student and adult audiences.

Lincoln has a long tradition of a very robust public education program, partnering with local groups such as neighborhood associations, service groups, and the Preservation Association of Lincoln, as well as K-12 schools and local colleges and universities. We plan to continue our successful efforts to reach a broad audience through cable TV programs of walking tours and illustrated talks, along with enhanced use of the city website and conventional print publications as appropriate.

Addendum (5/20/10)

We will procure from PAL or 5CityTV copies of the TV program produced with HP Fund support.

We will also increase the GIS/Web presence of our historic property information and hope to create a "click-able" web map with specific property information on designated historic resources.

Statement of technical assistance needs

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Program Description

E. Other Activities

Provide a narrative of "other" activities that address a particular preservation need or concern within the community but do not fall within other program areas (if applicable).

"Other activities" are principally program administration, including bookkeeping, reporting, and working with Nebraska Wesleyan University staff regarding student interns (history majors).

Statement of technical assistance needs