

PLANNING DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

to: Historic Preservation Commission
from: Ed Zimmer
re: Agenda items for March 17, 2016
date: March 10, 2016

Deferral of Joint meeting with Urban Design Committee

The item for which I expected to request a joint session of Urban Design Committee and Historic Preservation Commission, the mixed use redevelopment at 9th & O Streets, is not yet ready. The development team has requested an April date and I have tentatively offered April 21st, in conjunction with the HPC's next meeting.

HPC Meeting

Item 3—See report on 728 Q Street

Item 4—See report on 701 P Street

Item 5—Changes to restaurant at 703 Q (formerly “Blink”)

I have had a meeting with Kevin Knudson about changes he plans to the restaurant at 703 Q, the former Shoe's/Arthuro's/Brick & Stone/Blink location. A change to the sign was contemplated but I have not yet received any design material to share with you.

Item 6—Recommendation on sidewalk café furniture for “HopCat” at 601 P Street

HopCat is a new bar and grill emphasizing craft beers, located in the Olsson Building at 6th & Canopy Streets. Their “soft opening” is scheduled to occur next week, before the HPC meeting, and their Grand Opening is set for March 19th.

The rail enclosing the proposed sidewalk café on the Canopy St. side was approved and installed as part of the original construction of the building. (A modest extension was added more recently.) Most of the furniture for the outdoor space is conventional, outdoor-grade café furniture. Staff has approved a site plan with this furniture to facilitate their planned opening.

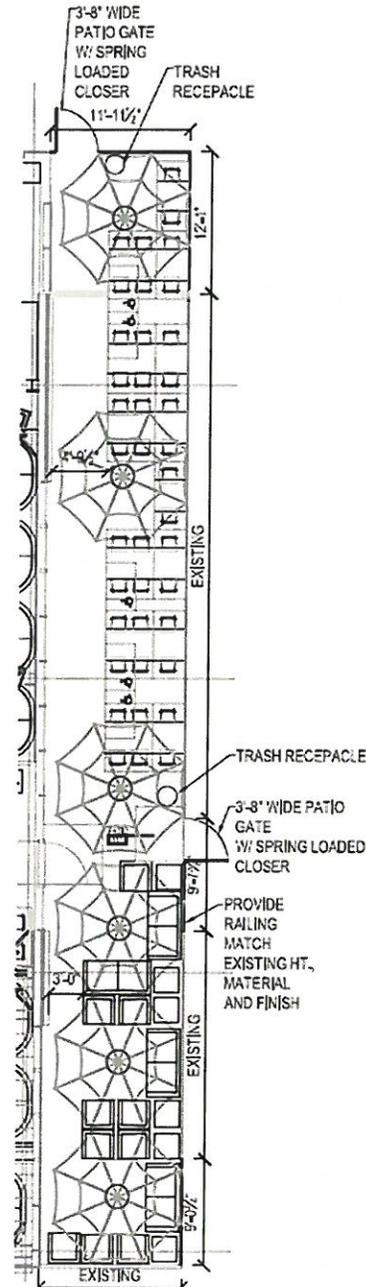


Part of the proposed furnishing for the outdoor café is more novel and staff has required it to be omitted from plans until reviewed by a design board. Usually this review would be conducted by Urban Design Committee but since the location is within 300 feet of a designated historic district (Haymarket), that duty falls to Historic Preservation Commission.



The furniture in question is sometime referred to as “lounge” furniture and consists of durable, rattan-like material with outdoor fabric cushions. Armchairs, couches, and end tables are proposed for the south end of the outdoor café, in three groupings. Black umbrellas are planned throughout the space.

Staff recommends the proposed furniture as compatible with its Canopy Street setting, while it might be visually obtrusive on Haymarket Historic District sidewalks or perhaps even in “core” Downtown. Sidewalk café permits must be renewed annually, providing an opportunity to revisit this question if the future is not durable or well-maintained.



1 Exterior Patio Plan
Scale 1/16"=1'-0"

Item #7—National Register nomination of Sky Park Manor

As the Preservation Commission of a Certified Local Government, your review and endorsement is necessary for any National Register nomination of Lincoln properties.

Janet Jeffries with Berggren Architects has drafted a nomination (attached) of Sky Park Manor, 1301 Lincoln Mall, on behalf of the building owners. I have reviewed and suggested some editorial revisions to the nomination and in my opinion the 53-year-old property is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C, Architecture, as she argues. Janet's document explores quite thoroughly the style, designer (Selmer Solheim), contractor (Olson Construction), developers, (Solheim & Olson), and setting of the building. Strictly speaking, some of this may go beyond the minimal requirements for a nomination but in the case of relatively "young" historic properties, I think such thoroughness is very useful.

If the Commission endorses the nomination, the Historical Society staff will forward it to the State Historic Preservation Board, and I will forward it to the Mayor, requesting his response.

Item #8—HP Fund Grant application, FY16-17

Your review and endorsement is necessary for the application to be submitted to Nebraska State Historical Society before April 1. We are requesting the same amount (\$24,000) granted in 2015-16. Noteworthy items in the plan include engaging a graduate intern from UNL Community & Regional Planning over the summer of 2016, preparing a National Register nomination of the Eastridge area planned and built by the Strauss Bros., and continuing education for staff through the National Association of Preservation Commissions biennial conference in Mobile, Alabama in July or the National Trust for Historic Preservation conference in Houston in November.

Item #9—Staff report

I plan to complete a 2015 report for your review, and to have an update on the Telephone Museum, with encouraging news.

I am pleased to report that the Commission's guidance and action at the February meeting allowed the "3 Daughters Boutique" applications to revise their sign proposal to align with Haymarket guidelines, and gain a sign permit. The marquee sign will be illuminated with neon and the wall sign will be externally illuminated with a "gooseneck" fixture. The planned marquee sign is depicted below.

NEON GLOW WILL EMINATE FROM BETWEEN THE GRAY BACKER AND BLACK BACKER PANELS, BOTH UPWARDS AND DOWNWARDS, FROM AROUND THE LETTER 3 AND FROM BEHIND DAUGHTERS. EXPOSED NEON WILL ILLUMINATE THE BOUTIQUE. THERE ARE NO FIXTURES OF ANY KIND, ONLY EXPOSED NEON AND HIDDEN POWER SUPPLIES.



SIGN TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF .063 AND .080 ALUMINUM
 PAINTED WITH URETHANE MATTE FINISH ENAMEL
 ENTIRE ILLUMINATION TO BE EXPOSED NEON

LOVE Signs
 Manufacturers of signs

3 daughters aluminum and neon illumination guide

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