

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:** Thursday, February 22, 2007, 8:00 a.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** V.J. Nelson, Cecil Steward and Kim Todd. Jim Hewitt, Tom Laging, Patrick O'Donnell and Jeff Searcy absent.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ken Almquist (PBAmericas); Aaron Buettner (Olsson Associates); Scott Sullivan and Trevor Hull (Erickson Sullivan Architects); Lynn Johnson and Jerry Shorney (Parks and Recreation); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department).

**STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Todd called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

### **Approval of meeting notes of November 30, 2006**

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting notes were not voted upon.

### **J Street Bridge**

Trevor Hull stated that the J Street bridge will be a little different than other bridges with a reference to the capitol. Concerns expressed by this Commission are pedestrian safety near Lincoln High School and the lighting of the bridge. Commissioners felt there should be a barrier wall between the traffic at Lincoln High. After much consideration, they have determined for many reasons that it was not feasible to do this. However, they have made modifications to give more sense of safety to the pedestrian and to prevent traffic from coming across. They are proposing a concrete rail which is a little more decorative. There is also a pier with a reference to the capitol.

Another concern expressed by the Commission was the jog in the road which mis-aligned the view corridor to the capitol. They have straightened the road which eliminates that issue. Currently, the sidewalks are up against the curb. Todd expressed a concern with the sidewalk being next to the curb and the pedestrian experience. Johnson stated that perhaps the drive could be adjusted because there will be a new parking lot between Capitol Parkway and Lewis Field.

Zimmer noted that Bob Ripley had submitted a written concern with the capitol alignment and suggested having a tapered pier to reference the capitol.

Almquist noted that there is a lot of discussion about accelerating the J Street bridge project in order to get this area out of the floodplain.

Commissioners expressed their general approval of the project.

### **Staff Report**

Zimmer stated that there is a need for language in the design guidelines for landscape requirements.

He also informed the Commission that the Goodhue Boulevard name change was approved by the City Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

*\*\*Please note that these minutes will not be formally approved until the next meeting of the Capitol Environs Commission. \*\**

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