

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, September 23, 2010 8:00 a.m., Room 214, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Hewitt, Tom Laging, Jeff Searcy and Cecil Steward. John Kay, Larry Stoll and Kim Todd absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dan Thompson (Engineering Technologies); Kevin Hittle (Schoenleber, Shriner & Hittle); Scott Nelson, Scott Wieskamp (Lincoln Public Schools); Bob Ripley (Capitol Commission); Jon Carlson (Stronger Safer Neighborhoods); Lynn Johnson (Parks & Rec); Ed Zimmer, Brandon Garrett, Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Approval of meeting notes of August 26, 2010

Hewitt moved approval of the meeting notes of August 26, 2010, seconded by Laging. Motion failed 3-0. Hewitt, Laging and Searcy voting 'yes'; Steward abstaining ; Kay, Stoll and Todd absent. (Note: 4 affirmative votes are required for an action of the Commission.)

Certificate of Appropriateness for design concepts and project scope, McPhee Elementary School renovation, 820 Goodhue Blvd. (Scott Wieskamp, Lincoln Public Schools)

Wieskamp stated that the McPhee project is a bond project from 2006. They began the design about a month ago, and it is very preliminary.

Hittle stated that the project will consist of indoor air quality, renovations, codes, ADA upgrades, and general maintenance. There are no additions planned. They plan to bid the project in March 2011. There are some improvements on Goodhue Boulevard which could impact the design.

Thompson stated that there is a geothermal well field located on the site. New well borings will be drilled. The tree on the northeast corner will not be impacted, but they will be using most of the remaining space. There will be individual heat pumps that will serve the classrooms. The mechanical equipment will be located on the roof in a roof system.

Wieskamp noted that the students will be moving off-site during the construction. He also stated that the landscape will be salvaged and re-planted during the process.

Steward asked if there are plans to replace the flat roof with a pitched roof. Wieskamp stated that there are no plans to do that at this point, but it could be looked at in phase 2 of the design process.

Ripley asked if there are plans to make the main entrance ADA accessible. Wieskamp stated that is part of this project.

Wieskamp noted that this is a very efficient and effective heating and cooling system. LPS seeing paybacks within 10-12 years or even less on the ground-coupled heat pump systems that have been installed.

Committee members were supportive of the design and noted that it will not impact the capitol environs.

Ripley asked if there are any issues with re-aligning the sidewalk on the east side. Wieskamp stated that parking is an issue at the school because it is a very tight site.

Johnson stated that he will coordinate a meeting to get all the appropriate parties together to discuss the plans for the Goodhue Blvd. streetscape.

Steward moved approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried 4-0. Hewitt, Laging, Searcy and Steward voting 'yes'.

Staff report/Misc.

Johnson stated that they have been working with the Downtown Lincoln Association on gaining their endorsement of the Centennial Mall Master Plan. They hope to have a report ready for the joint meeting in November and a Master Plan ready for approval in December or January.

Zimmer informed the Commission that the joint meeting will be held on November 4. The October 25 meeting will likely be cancelled. The December meeting will be moved up a week to December 16.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 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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