

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP:	NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:	Thursday, November 8, 2012, 9:00 a.m., Room 1510, Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Christie Dionisopoulos, John Kay, Tom Laging, Karen Nalow, Jeff Searcy, and Jon Weinberg. Cecil Steward absent.
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Dennis Scheer, Evan Gunn and Tim Ripp (Clark Enersen Partners); Susan Larson Rodenburg and Patty Pansing Brooks (Centennial Mall Project); Lynn Johnson, JJ Yost (Parks & Recreation); Matt Hansen (Capitol Commission); Marvin Krout, Ed Zimmer, Stacey Hageman and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)
STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Adoption of meeting record of September 27, 2012

Weinberg moved approval of the September 27, 2012 meeting record, seconded by Laging. Motion carried 5-0; Dionisopoulos, Laging, Nalow, Searcy and Weinberg voting 'yes'; Kay abstaining; Steward absent.

Certificate of Appropriateness for work on Block 120 in the Original Plat of Lincoln, bounded by Lincoln Mall and S. 11th, S. 12th, K Streets in the Capitol Environs District.

Scheer began by reviewing the timeline for the project. The redevelopment agreement has recently been approved. The bidding process has begun along with TIF project. NEBCO will be vacating the property on December 1, and construction will begin mid-December. Foundation work will begin in February, and the building will be coming out of the ground in the spring. They are at about 10% of design development. They are here to request a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Scheer stated that 11th Street will be reconfigured. There will be diagonal parking, new streets, new curbs, ornamental lighting, and a bike lane that will tie in to the bike lanes that are being planned. All of the existing features on Lincoln Mall will remain. They will be preserving the red oaks. There will be new diagonal parking on 12th Street. The entrance to the parking deck is mid-block on K Street. There is a link from the parking deck to the office buildings. The architectural materials and design style are similar to Landmark I.

Scheer reviewed the pedestrian courtyard area. This will be a high quality pedestrian environment with unit pavers and artwork. It will provide good places for people to sit. The parking deck will have a green wall, and they will develop a planting area to provide a tree-like effect.

Laging asked if the design team felt they received enough guidance from the Commission, for example, on cross-sections. Scheer stated that they were able to glean from the design guidelines enough information, and the discussion at the prior Commission meeting was very helpful.

Searcy stated that he is impressed with the design and especially the amount of glass. They have been sensitive to the other neighbors at the same time.

Weinberg moved approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by Laging. Motion carried 6-0; Dionisopoulos, Kay, Laging, Nalow, Searcy and Weinberg voting 'yes'; Steward absent.

Certificate of Appropriateness for McMaster Enterprise Inc. for demolition at 1236 H Street in the Capitol Environs District

Zimmer noted that there is no information to report at this time.

Update and Miscellaneous

Draft Annual Report, 2012

Zimmer stated that this is a draft as he wanted to incorporate the presentation today in the report. There have been seven meetings to date, and there has been an enormous amount of progress in the environs in the past year. He noted that the cover of the report is a new environs district map prepared by Matt Hansen. The key project reviewed by the Commission this year is the Centennial Mall Master Plan, on which work has begun this year. Other projects this year included the TSB Building at 14th and M Streets, the Farmers Mutual Building on South 13th Street, McPhee Elementary School, the Scottish Rite Temple, and Landmark Center III. Zimmer noted that over half of the north side of Lincoln Mall was surface parking prior to Landmark I and Farmers Mutual; the Mall has seen a significant transformation in a relatively short amount of time.

Kay moved approval of the 2012 Draft Annual Report with additions to reflect today's discussion, seconded by Laging. Motion carried 6-0; Dionisopoulos, Kay, Laging, Nalow, Searcy and Weinberg voting 'yes'; Steward absent.

Update and Miscellaneous

Searcy asked if there are any updates on the Centennial Mall project. Johnson stated that he could answer any questions by the Commission and noted that the design team has a presentation for today's joint meeting with the Nebraska Capitol Commission.

Kay asked if there are any upcoming projects on the radar for the upcoming year. Zimmer stated that the redevelopment of Pershing Center is a key project. The review body has received three proposals and will give advice to the Mayor this afternoon on the proposals. This will be a key project for the

Commission to review. The Centennial Mall project will be a continuing effort for review by the Commission as well.

Recess to meet with Capitol Commission, 10 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. and will re-adjourn at 10:00 a.m. in the joint session with the Nebraska Capitol Commission.

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

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