

To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**
From: Ed Zimmer and Stacey Hageman
Re: Agenda of December 1, 2016
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Item 2: Chief Standing Bear monument for Centennial Mall

The Commission will receive an introduction to a major project to develop and install artwork in the sculpture niche constructed on the west side of Centennial Mall, north of P Street. This project will involve commissioning by Lincoln Parks Foundation of a permanent, monumental bronze sculpture of Chief Standing Bear, with associated inscriptions and other interpretive elements.

As noted in the Commission’s Design Standards (Section 3, Review Practices), “The Commission can be of the most service if it is involved at an early stage in the design development of major improvements.” It is premature to ask for a formal Certificate of Appropriateness until the project features have been designed, but this project introduction is timely if the desire to install the sculpture during the Sesquicentennial year is to be met.

At the meeting we will present information on source materials for the sculpture, the artist, project scope, a preliminary budget, and the donor for the project. Judi gaiashkibos, Executive Director of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs, plans to attend the meeting. We will ask a general endorsement of the project intentions and direction, and will report frequently at subsequent meetings with updates and design information.

Item 3: State Capitol Campus Master Plan project

Byron Brogan with the Nebraska Dept. of Administrative Services has requested time with the Commission to describe and discuss a current project to prepare a master plan for state government functions in the vicinity of the Capitol.

Item 3: Amendments to Capitol Environs Design Standards

Last month, we introduced draft changes to the Capitol Environs Design Standards (attached). This proposal addresses:

- Updated Design Standards for Centennial Mall, making the standards consistent with the approved design.
- Various areas added to the district since the Standards were adopted, such as the J Street right-of-way east of Capitol Parkway/Lincoln High School and the district extensions north of R Street and west on 9th Street.
- Issues such as remodeling, art on Centennial Mall, and other questions that have arisen in implementation of the Standards over several years.

Commissioners may recall that we first proposed revisions to the Design Standards in July 2015 and received feedback from the Commission. We deferred further work on the Standards while Centennial Mall was under construction and while the South Haymarket Neighborhood Plan was

under development, to reflect both in the proposed revisions.

South Haymarket is the 38-block area bounded by O Street on the north, G Street on the south, the railroad on the west, and 10th Street on the east. The South Haymarket Plan was presented to the Commission in October 2015 and adopted by the City Council in December 2015. Prior to our discussion on the proposed amendments, Stacey will provide a brief presentation on the South Haymarket Neighborhood Plan, as several Commission members have been appointed since that plan was shared with the Commission.

Proposed additions to the Design Standards include similar language for the J Street Boulevard (within South Haymarket) to existing standards for other residential areas within the Environs District such as Goodhue Boulevard and J Street east of the Capitol.

These revisions or any other changes to the Standards will advance to the Planning Commission and City Council only after receiving the Environs Commission's endorsement.

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