

To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**
From: Ed Zimmer
Re: Agenda of July 28, 2016
Date: July 22, 2106

Item 2: Signs for Nebraska State Office Building

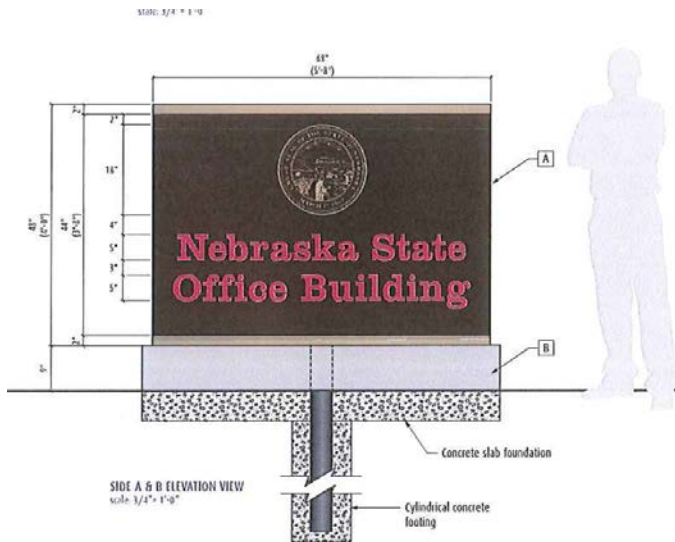
Last month the Commission discussed this proposal to replace the ground signs at the Nebraska State Office Building with new signs, more similar to the monument sign at the former Woodman Accident Life Building at 1526 K Street.

The proposed signs are offered as a model that would be followed statewide for state buildings.

Commissioners inquired about the differences between the “1526” building sign and the new proposal, especially that “1526” is in a light, high-contrast color and “Nebraska State Office Building” is in red and hence is both inconsistent and less legible against the dark background.

The Commission may suggest to DAS/Building Division a clear protocol for standardizing these signs, addressing

- the state seal at the top of the sign,
- the building identification/ name always central to the sign, in the light, high-contrast color,
- and “State of Nebraska” always be included in red, at the bottom of the sign.



Proposed for NSOB



Existing, Northwest corner, 16th & K



Existing, 14th & M



L St. at Centennial Mall (pre-rebuild of Mall)

Item 3: Adaptive Reuse of former YWCA Building, N Street at Centennial Mall

The WRK development firm, through BVH Architects, has requested an opportunity to meet with the Commission and discuss their plans for a residential rehabilitation of the former YWCA building at 1432 N Street. I have not yet seen drawings but by description, there would be few impacts on

the exterior other than a return to windows more consistent with the original design of the building, and a reworking of the open space adjacent to the Mall.

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