

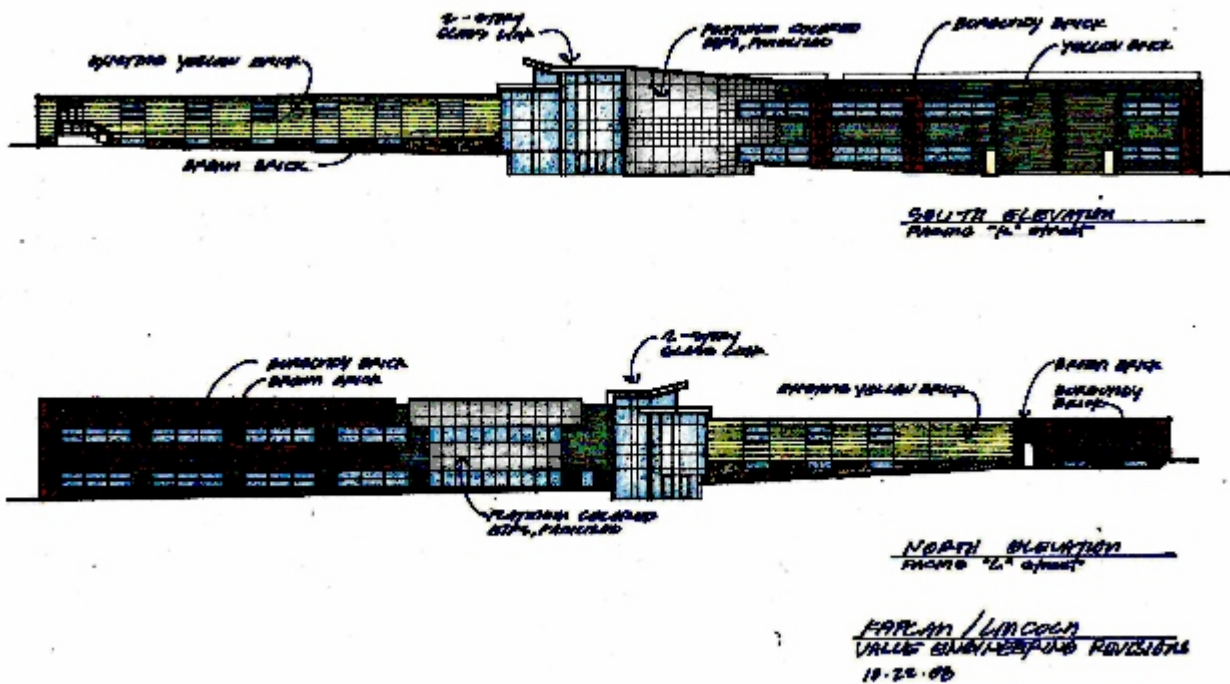
NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION
2008 ANNUAL REPORT
(DRAFT)

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission was established in 1988 to protect the Nebraska State Capitol by promoting the improvement of the Capitol's setting—its Environs. By Section 27.56.060 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the Commission is required to meet at least quarterly. Four of the seven appointed citizen members constitute a quorum of the Commission, assisted by three non-voting, ex-officio members representing State and City government.

The Commission members in 2008 are Jeff Searcy (chair), Jim Hewitt, John Kay (appointed 2008), Tom Laging, V. J. Nelson (term expired in 2008), Patrick O'Donnell (resigned in 2008), Cecil Steward, Larry Stoll (appointed 2008), and Kim Todd. Ex-officio members are Lynn Johnson (director of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Dept.), Marvin Krout (director of Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Dept.) and Bob Ripley (Office of the Capitol Commission).

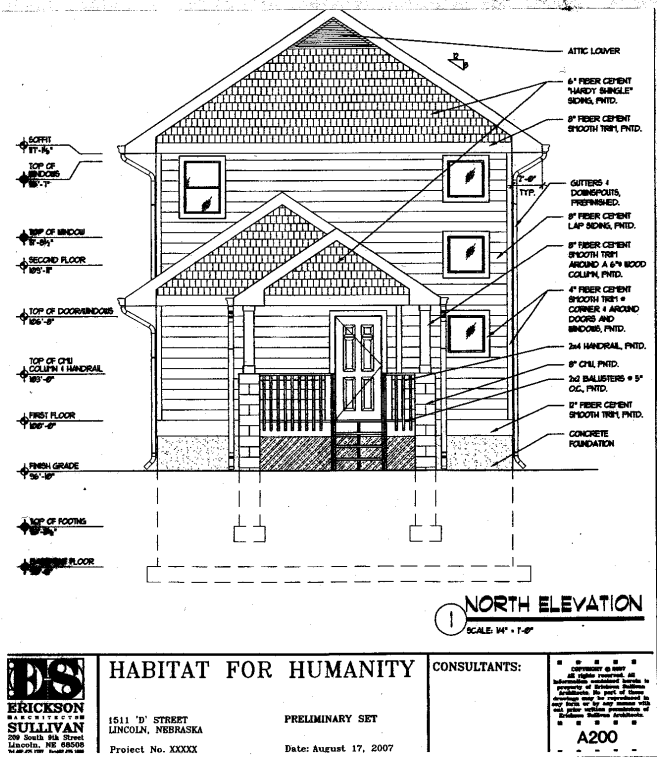
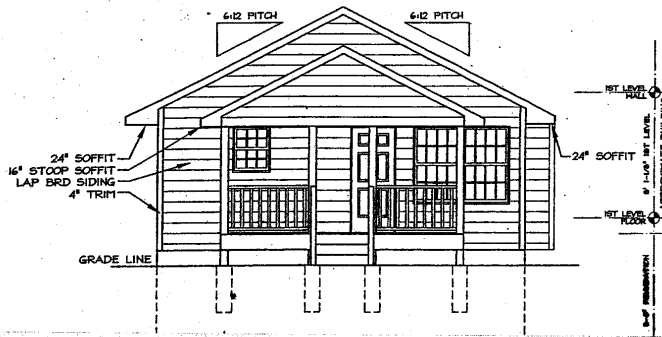
Including the November 20th meeting, the Commission will have met eight times in 2008, with quorums present at four of the first seven meetings.

Among the projects reviewed during the year were modifications to the NSEA Building at South 14th and Lincoln Mall, the landscape plan of the north "front yard" of Lincoln High School, the Downtown Design Standards, and on-going interim repairs to Centennial Mall. The Committee received a report on the Pershing Adaptive Reuse and Site Study in October.



A major project reviewed this year is the substantial addition to Kaplan University at South 18th and

K Streets in the Environs. A design was approved in August. Modifications of that proposal are being sought at the November meeting.



The house at 1511 D Street built by Habitat for Humanity and reviewed by the Commission in 2007 was completed in 2008 and is now occupied by the Ewquivel family. The design originally submitted is illustrated above at left. The design in development is above at right. The house nearly completed (July 2008 photo) is at right.

The J Street Bridge across Antelope Creek near South 24th Street, reviewed by the Commission in 2007, is nearing completion and is expected to be open in 2008.



Respectfully submitted
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