

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2nd Floor, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: JoAnne Kissel, Gordon Scholz and Scott Sullivan. Mike Eckert, Thomas Saddler, Kim Todd and Mary Anne Wells absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ralph Wyngarden (Faulk & Foster); Terri Dolezal (Alltel); Doug Whitehead (Nebco); Tony Young (Fallbrook Homeowners Association); Mark Lutjeharms (Schemmer Associates); JJ Yost (Parks & Recreation); Wynn Hjermstad (Urban Development) ; Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department.)

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

The meeting began at 3:09 p.m.

Approval of meeting notes of April 4, May 2 and May 10, 2007

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting notes were not voted upon.

Wireless communication towers at City of Lincoln water reservoir, NW 12th Street near Alvo Road (Alltel)

Wyngarden stated that this particular potential location for a cell tower is at NW 12th Street at Alvo Road. Alltel currently has sites west of the airport, at the I-80 airport exit and 7th & Fletcher. In looking for a site to serve this area, there were several constraining factors. First is the airport height restrictions. Another factor is landowner willingness in the area. The third factor is the City zoning ordinance itself as they are required to locate on City owned property if possible. They are proposing a location on a City parcel with two monopoles at 80 feet in height. The LES poles appear to be of equal or greater height to the water tank. They sent a notice to property owners within 300 feet to inform them of the meeting today and tell them he could meet with them. NEBCO, developer of the Fallbrook neighborhood, has voiced a concern with the lighting at night.

Whitehead from NEBCO stated that they are not required by FAA to light the tower. Wyngarden stated that if they are not required to light the tower, they will not light it.

When asked about the location of the two poles, Wyngarden stated that they were placed in the proposed positions because of the underground piping and pumping operations. He also noted that the poles are designed to accommodate two additional providers.

Whitehead stated that their biggest concerns are aesthetics and the look that it provides for the neighborhood. They are also concerned with having two poles on this site.

Young stated that the homeowners association concern is the aesthetics and the lights. He asked if there is an opportunity to buffer the neighborhood from the site. Dolezal from Alltel stated they have provided landscaping coverage in many others. Wyngarden stated that they currently do not have a landscape plan because they are only leasing a small portion of the land from the City, so the City would need to be a part of any potential landscaping plans. Whitehead stated that they believe there is a good opportunity to

provide a buffer to all of this infrastructure.

Sullivan commented that there is a fairly good screening in the water tower itself for the current residents. When development continues north, the poles will be in view for those residents..

Committee members recommended that further communication take place with the Water Department to discuss future development plans and the possibility of locating the Alltel towers on the water tower.

Pedestrian Bridge over North 27th Street, south of Y Street (Parks & Recreation Dept.)

Yost presented a drawing of the North 27th Street pedestrian bridge. This project began in 1998. About a year ago, they moved into the design phase. They will have a public information meeting on August 21. Bidding will take place this fall and construction will begin in the late fall or early spring with completion in a year. There is park plaza space in the future plans. There are sidewalk connections at each end of the bridge back to 27th Street. There has been significant public involvement in this process. There will not be lighting on the bridge; however, there is enough street lighting that it will not be dark.

The Committee requested that further consideration be given to the possibility of lighting the bridge.

Misc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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