

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP:	URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, April 2, 2008 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2 nd Floor, 555 South 10 th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Mike Eckert and Gordon Scholz. Margaret Berry, JoAnne Kissel, Scott Sullivan and Mary Anne Wells absent.
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Eileen Bergt, EBLA; Jim Mannel, Ken Rittgarn, Dan Wesolowski, LES; Gary Brandt, Karla Welding, Solid Waste Operations; Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department.)
STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Approval of meeting notes of March 5, 2008

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

Landscape plan for LES substation at 27th & Fletcher

Eileen Bergt, landscape architect for the project, stated that the LES substation at 27th & Fletcher has been constructed for approximately 10 years and they want to beautify the site. They primarily plant underneath overhead lines with understory or ornamental trees. She also likes to get big plant material to help soften the substation. They are using evergreens and spruce trees on the site. There are no street trees planted at the site, so she is working with the City to determine the street tree for the area. There are crabapple trees on the north side of the property. She set the evergreens back partly because of the billboard on the site. The sidewalk will be completed in conjunction with this project.

Committee members were pleased with the plan and suggested using larger trees by the billboard as they felt shielding the ground level is important. They also suggested adding more evergreens on the east side including the northeast corner.

Misc.

Welding distributed photos of the condition of the split rail fence at the North 56th Street Landfill and it is to the point of being unable to be repaired as the wood is rotten. They met with Parks & Recreation to consider what kind of fence to use. Their preference in replacing the fence along the N. 56th Street boundary is to use an 8 foot steel chain link fence. They would align the fence with the existing fence. They feel the 8 foot fence will provide more security as well.

Eckert questioned using a black powder coated fencing instead of the gray steel as he feels this is an important corridor that needs improvement. Zimmer suggested using a black or green coated fence depending on the cost difference. Another option is to put in landscaping on the right-of-way side. If the coated fencing is cost prohibitive, Committee members would like them to come back to the next meeting with other options.

Staff Report: Update on Downtown Design Standards

Zimmer stated that the series of meeting regarding the Downtown Design Standards has been completed. A lot of discussion has concerned downtown parking. More discussion centered on if existing buildings would need to be changed to meet the standards. There was a lot of interest from the Downtown Lincoln Association that the same standards apply to downtown as for Antelope Valley. Staff will continue to

revise the draft which will then be brought to the next Urban Design Committee meeting. It will be brought to Planning Commission in June or July.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

***Please note that these minutes will not be formally approved until the next meeting of the Urban Design Committee. ***

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