

MEETING NOTES

NAME OF GROUP:	URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, August 6, 2008 3:00 p.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 2 nd Floor, 555 South 10 th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Margaret Berry, Gordon Scholz and Mary Anne Wells. Mike Eckert, JoAnne Kissel, Michelle Penn and Scott Sullivan absent.
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Ken Rittgarn and Dan Wesolowski (Lincoln Electric System); Eileen Bergt (Landscape Architect); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department.)
STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:	Regular Meeting of the Urban Design Committee

The meeting began at 3:05 p.m.

Accept meeting notes of July 2, 2008

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

Holyland Cuisine Sidewalk Café, 1311 O Street

Zimmer stated that Holyland Cuisine had applied for a sidewalk café in the spring, and a building permit was issued. However, they did not build the design that was approved. Building & Safety staff told them they must make the modifications to match the design that was submitted, but they chose to remove the fence. They are now proposing a railing similar to what is at Oso Burrito, except that it would be painted black.

Committee members generally would like to see something more substantial, but it is a design that has already been approved and used. Scholz suggested adding more vertical strapping to define the edge more, as there is no canopy and it is the only sidewalk café on the block.

Landscape plans for LES substations (Eileen Bergt).

Eileen Bergt stated that they are seeking approval for two different substation projects. The first one is at 56 & Pine Lake Road. They are proposing to plant the site with evergreen trees along the two sides that face the residential areas as well as along the frontage area. They would like to add some trees along the street. They are using Norway spruce evergreens which will screen the substation well. They added crabapples in areas where they needed to stay lower. They are also proposing several hackberries. Lilac trees will line the side along 56th Street.

The second substation is at 91st and Highway 2. The substation is set back from the highway quite a bit. This substation has an overhead electrical line that is in the easement area. Because of overhead lines, they used evergreen trees. There are crabapples in the area where it needed to stay under the lines. They tried to use more native plantings in this area as it is in a more native area. They are proposing spruce, elm and cypress trees as well as hackberries.

Committee members generally liked the plant materials and design and felt they could proceed with the designs as presented.

Staff report: Update on Downtown Design Standards and Antelope Valley Opportunity District zoning, etc.

Zimmer stated that the Downtown Design Standards and Antelope Valley zoning have been through Planning Commission and will go to the City Council in a couple weeks. There was critical testimony regarding the definition of materials particularly the masonry on the lower level. They added text stating that other durable materials could be approved by committee.

Misc.

Zimmer shared his book that he co-authored entitled *Lincoln in Black & White 1910-1925*.

The meeting ended at 4:17 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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