

MEETING NOTES

NAME OF GROUP:	URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 3:00 p.m., Room 106, County-City Building, 1 st Floor, 555 South 10 th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Michelle Penn, Gordon Scholz, Scott Sullivan and Mary Anne Wells. Mike Eckert and JoAnne Kissel absent.
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	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 3:03 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Adoption of meeting record from the regular meeting of March 3, 2010.

Penn moved approval of the meeting record of March 3, 2010, seconded by Wells. Motion carried 4-0. Penn, Scholz, Sullivan and Wells voting 'yes'; Eckert and Kissel absent.

Review of Planning Director waiver, proposed house at 4233 Y Street (Neighborhood Design Standards).

Zimmer stated that this is an application for a single family home on a narrow 43 foot lot. The trail runs south and is a full block from Y Street. There is no alley available. The Neighborhood Design Standards require staff to look at the same and facing block for features such as porches, garages, roof pitches and height of the first floor elevation. Two of the homes on the block have garages but seven do not, and therefore the design does not meet the Neighborhood Design Standards. The Planning Director reviewed this and waived the strict application of the garage standard and approved the design. When the Director waives a standard, all property owners within 200 feet of the property are notified by letter and have two weeks to appeal the waiver to the Urban Design Committee. The applicant voluntarily asked the Committee to review the approval due to the timing of the meeting and the due date of the appeal letters.

Staff feels that the proposed design meets the intent of the Neighborhood Design Standards to foster compatible infill construction while considering the circumstances of the lot and the existing houses on the block.

The Committee felt that the design works in the neighborhood and liked the fact that this is an infill project. The Committee did not express any concerns with the design.

Penn moved approval of the waiver, seconded by Scholz. Motion carried 4-0. Penn, Scholz, Sullivan and Wells voting 'yes'; Eckert and Kissel absent.

Staff report: Enersen Urban Design Award, Little Saigon project, etc.

Zimmer stated that he notified the Lincoln Arts Council that the selections for this year's Enersen Urban Design Award are the Rose Garden as the public award and Barrymore's as the private award.

Zimmer also informed the Committee that the Little Saigon project design is under review again, and he will bring it back to the Committee if necessary.

Scholz asked about the status of the wayfinding study. Zimmer stated Corbin Design will be here in May for a public meeting, and the study is expected to be completed in late summer.

Scholz also asked about the 2040 Comprehensive Plan update and the role of the Urban Design Committee in that process. Zimmer stated that many of the components will have urban design elements and they will be brought to the Committee at key points.

Misc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 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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