

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP:	URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:	Wednesday, December 1, 2010 3:00 p.m., Room 214, County/City Building, 555 S. 10 th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	JoAnne Kissel, Michelle Penn, Gordon Scholz and Scott Sullivan. Mike Eckert and Mary Anne Wells absent.
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	David Landis, Dallas McGee and Ken Smith (Urban Development); Michael Penn, Liz Kuhlman and Dan Grasso (Sinclair Hille); Ed Zimmer & 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 September 1, 2010

Penn moved approval of the meeting record of September 1, 2010, seconded by Kissel. Motion carried 4-0. Kissel, Penn, Schulz and Sullivan voting 'yes'; Eckert and Wells absent.

Update on "Catalyst" project on Block 38 (Q Street, 13th – 14th) – Sinclair Hille & Associates

McGee stated that Urban 38 group was selected to develop a mixed used facility for this block. It is retail on the first floor, parking in the middle levels, and residential (3 floors) on top.

Kuhlman stated that they are ready to start construction soon and wanted to get input from the Committee on the design. This is on the north half of the block. It is 10 stories tall; there are 620 parking stalls in the garage which will encompass floors 2-7; housing will be on floors 8-10.

Michael Penn stated that the building currently in this location will be razed. The project has a significant urban presence and will have a great impact. The primary entrance will be on Q Street. There will be a tenant with a drive-through. Signage will be very important. There will be a green roof over a portion of the garage and will contain sedum. Floors 8-10 will be apartments geared toward students. There are 2- and 4-bedroom apartments which will be contemporary in design.

Michelle Penn questioned if the headlights of cars entering the ramp of the garage would shine into the bedrooms.

Grasso presented the exterior plans for the building.

Sullivan asked about the lighting options particularly in the garage as the rendering does not accurately reflect the lighting. Scholz questioned the horizontal openings in the garage and the look of the façade. Grasso stated that the engineers are looking at lighting options that would not spill over.

Sullivan asked about the public access to the elevator and asked the design team to consider the placement of the elevator.

The Committee members were generally supportive of the proposed design.

Misc.

Zimmer informed the Committee that there will be a joint review with the Historic Preservation Commission of the West Haymarket project in the near future.

Sullivan asked about the status of the vacant seat on the Committee. Zimmer stated that the Mayor's Office is working on appointing replacements.

Staff Report: Draft Annual Report

Zimmer stated that he will add some photographs to illustrate the projects reviewed during the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 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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