

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 3:00 p.m., Room 214, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: JoAnne Kissel, Gill Peace, Michelle Penn, Michele Tilley and Mary Anne Wells. Scott Sullivan absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Casper (Clark Enersen); Adam Hoebelheinrich (PC Sports); Kimberly Peterson (UNL Student); Wynn Hjermsstad (Urban Development); Marvin Krout, Ed Zimmer, Stacey Hageman & Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)

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

Chair JoAnne Kissel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Adoption of meeting record of UDC meeting of February 12, 2014.

Peace moved approval of the meeting record of February 12, 2014, seconded by Wells. Motion carried 5-0. Kissel, Peace, Penn, Tilley and Wells voting 'yes'; Sullivan absent.

Building III, Nebraska Innovation Campus (TIF-assisted project, project team).

Zimmer stated that this item will be delayed until the next meeting.

Preliminary discussion of housing development, 19th & P Streets (UDD & project team).

Zimmer stated that this item will be delayed until a future meeting.

West Haymarket streetscape, next phase (Eric Casper, Clark Enersen).

Casper stated that they are beginning Phase II construction on the West Haymarket streetscape. Phase II is Deck 2, Deck 3 and Oscar; it will go to bid in April and will be completed by the end of the year. It is focusing on Arena Drive. The intersections are complete on Canopy Street and the Lincoln Station project will be complete this spring as well. They will continue the overstory street trees near Deck 2. By the parking decks, there will be plantings against the garages, a pedestrian zone set away from the building with pedestrian lighting and turf or planting beds from the sidewalk to the street. P Street has Project Oscar. They showed some organic features with moss, and they are trying to introduce some green to break up the pavement to create more of a softscape feel. Deck 3 will continue the landscape that is similar to Deck 1 and Deck 2. They are trying to maintain the rhythm of the green and the plantings.

Casper presented photos of the installed streetscape elements.

Hoebelheinrich stated that this mostly completes the streetscape. Casper stated that they need occupancy for Deck 3.

Peace asked about the status of the landscape screening on the LES substation. Casper stated that there were four bids for the project and they came in high. Some of the contractors were concerned about the feeder line and how they were going to get the panels in, so they are looking at removing the west panel or making the panels smaller.

Wells asked about the street tree types. Casper stated that it is mostly bluestem grass and some bur oaks. Some of the perennials are black-eyed susans, sand cherries, and dogwoods. The ornamental trees are golden rain tree.

Kissel asked about the undeveloped parcels. Krout stated that there have been discussions with developers but no agreements have been made.

Wells recommended that they keep the landscape beds by Project Oscar.

Peace moved to approve the project as presented, seconded by Wells. Motion carried 5-0. Kissel, Peace, Penn, Tilley and Wells voting 'yes'; Sullivan absent.

Advisory Review of Request for Waiver of Downtown Design Standards, 1830 L Street.

Zimmer stated that this item will be delayed until a future meeting.

Misc. and staff report: schedule of up-coming meetings, up-coming items.

Zimmer stated that as discussed with the Committee, we will move our meeting to the first Tuesday of the month beginning in May.

Zimmer noted he is working on the write-ups for the Enersen Urban Design Awards for the Arts Council.

Kissel commented that they would like to recognize the jury members who served on the nominating committee for the Urban Design Award. One suggestion was to invite each member to the awards ceremony.

Wells commented on the 19th and L Street project, which is on Antelope Valley, and asked if there are design standards for Antelope Valley. Zimmer stated that they are part of the Downtown Design Standards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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