

**Annual Joint Meeting of
The Nebraska Capitol Commission
And
The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**

**Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2020**

1. Call to Order

Governor Ricketts called to order the annual joint meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Commission and the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission at 10:00 a.m. on December 10, 2020 in Hearing Room 1113, First Floor in the Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska. Governor Ricketts acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act at the entrance to the room.

2. Roll Call

Nebraska Capitol Commission Members

Present:

Governor Ricketts
Speaker Scheer
Chief Justice Heavican
Thomas Sanderson
Bob Ripley (Non-Voting)

Absent:

Katherine Ankerson
Trevor Jones
Doug Carey
Trent Loos

Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission Members:

Present:

Kile Johnson
Mary Campbell
Heidi Cuca
Karen Nalow
Collin Christopher (Non-Voting)

Absent:

Delonte Johnson
Ann Post
David Quade
Lynn Johnson (Non-Voting)

3. Review / Approval of the November 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Governor Ricketts asked if there was any discussion or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Governor Ricketts asked for a motion to approve the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes. Kile Johnson MOVED to approve the minutes. Speaker Scheer SECONDED the motion.

The Governor abstained from voting as he was not present at the November 21, 2019 meeting. The motion PASSED with a majority of the those voting (7 Ayes, 7 Absent, 1 Abstain).

4. Public Comment for Items Not Listed on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

5. New Business

A. Capitol Environs Commission Annual Report

Collin Christopher provided commission members with copies of the Capitol Environs draft annual report. He began his summary by noting that all seven Environs Commission members have remained the same over the past year and explained the addition of an ex-officio, non-voting member which is represented by the Capitol Administrator.

Mr. Christopher gave a brief review of the key projects from the year 2020:

- The commission approved a plan to demolish the existing house at 1515 F Street and build a new four-story structure with one dwelling unit per floor. Each unit will have a recessed balcony/porch that faces the Capitol.
- The City's LTU Department proposed a residential street rehab project for Lincoln Mall, 14th Street and Goodhue Boulevard which was not approved due to the City's plan to remove decorative paving. The City was asked to redesign and submit the proposal again.
- The commission recommended the rezoning of several city-owned J Street properties which lay groundwork for future redevelopment in the area.
- A law enforcement memorial has been approved to be placed in front of the Hall of Justice. The memorial will honor officers from the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office who have died in the line of duty.
- A remodel project was approved for Sky Park Manor which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The commission received a presentation for the Pershing block redevelopment project. The plan includes demolishing the existing Pershing Center and redeveloping the block to include a public library, wellness center, affordable housing, and a community greenspace.

At the request of Speaker Scheer, there was some discussion regarding how all the proposed components of the redevelopment of the Pershing block will fit within the one block space.

B. Capitol Commission Annual Report

Mr. Ripley expressed his gratitude to Roxanne Smith who writes, designs and prints the annual report for the Capitol Commission. He then gave a review of the programs and projects described in the report (attached) which include:

- The Office of the Capitol Commission response to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Building Conservation
- Maintenance and Preventative Maintenance
- Capitol Custodial
- Capitol Tours and Special Events
- Capitol Collections
- Grounds Maintenance

Ms. Campbell inquired about revenue generated from the rental of space in the Capitol. Mr. Ripley explained the policy regarding special events in the Capitol stating that there is no fee. The organization holding an event must be a statewide organization and a non-profit. After those two criteria are met, the approval of an event depends on the availability of space with State events taking precedence.

At the request of Governor Ricketts there was some discussion regarding the cost of repairs to the building due to vandalism from summer demonstrations.

C. Other Business from the Commission

There was no previous business from the commission.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business Governor Ricketts asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kile Johnson MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Speaker Scheer SECONDED the motion.

The motion PASSED with a unanimous vote of the members present (8 Ayes, 7 Absent).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes prepared 12/29/2020

Noelle Pinneo, Clerk of the Capitol Commission
Office of the Capitol Commission

Minutes approved _____

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