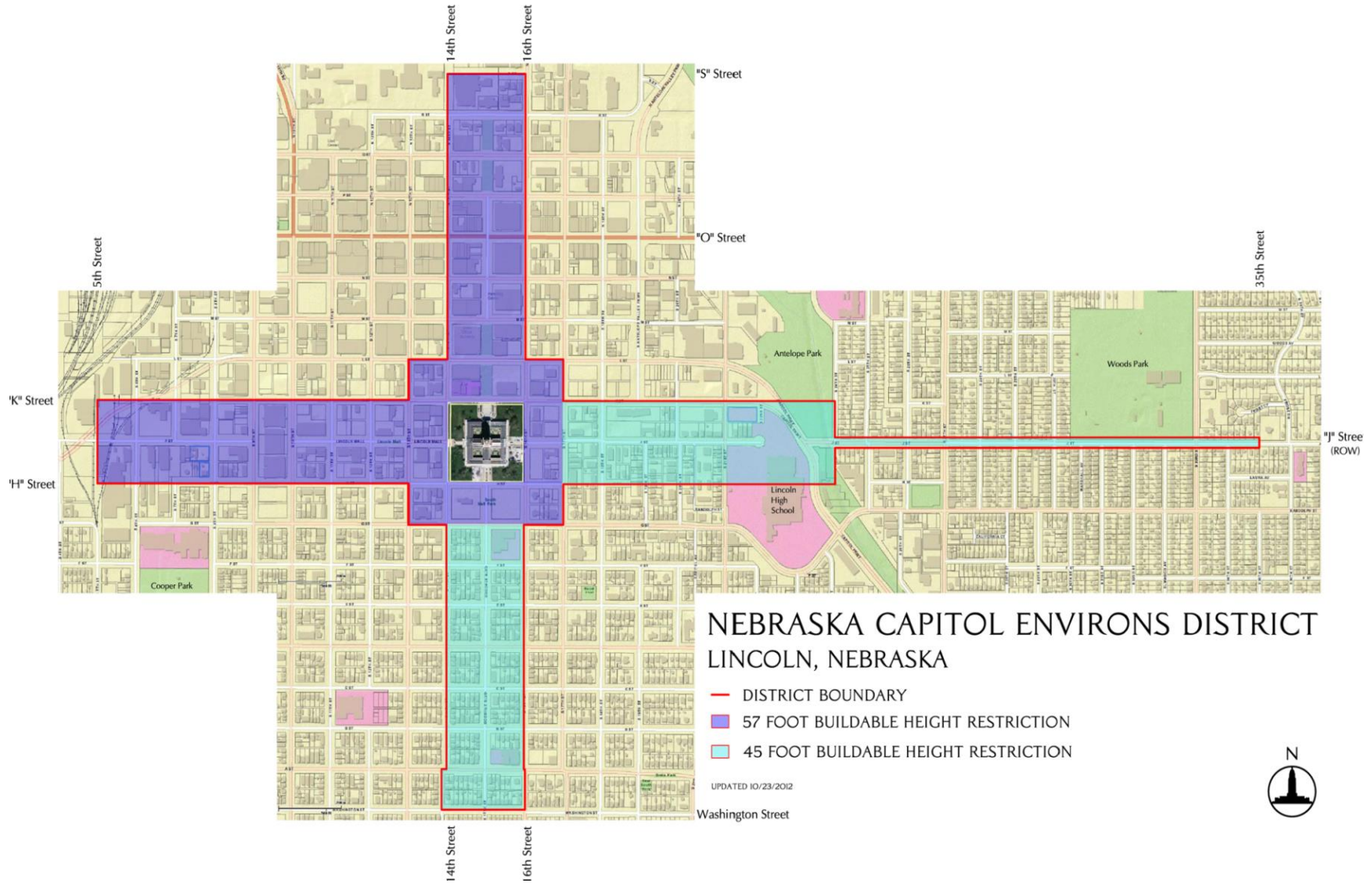


Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission - Annual Report 2018



The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission was established in 1988 to strengthen existing protections for the setting of Nebraska's landmark State Capitol. Commission membership of seven citizen volunteers includes five members appointed by the City of Lincoln and two appointed by the State of Nebraska.

In 2018 Commissioner Christine Dionisopoulos and her family moved from Lincoln and Kile Johnson, JD, was appointed by the Mayor in her place. Otherwise membership remained unchanged with Jeff Searcy continuing as chair, and Commissioners Mary Campbell, Gene Crump, Karen Nalow, Ann Post and John Sinclair. The seven appointed citizen

members are assisted by three *ex officio* members—Bob Ripley of the Office of the Capitol Commission (for the State of Nebraska), the director of Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department (David Cary), and Lynn Johnson (director of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department). Staffing is provided by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department, including planners Stacey Groshong Hageman and Ed Zimmer and administrative assistant Teresa McKinstry.

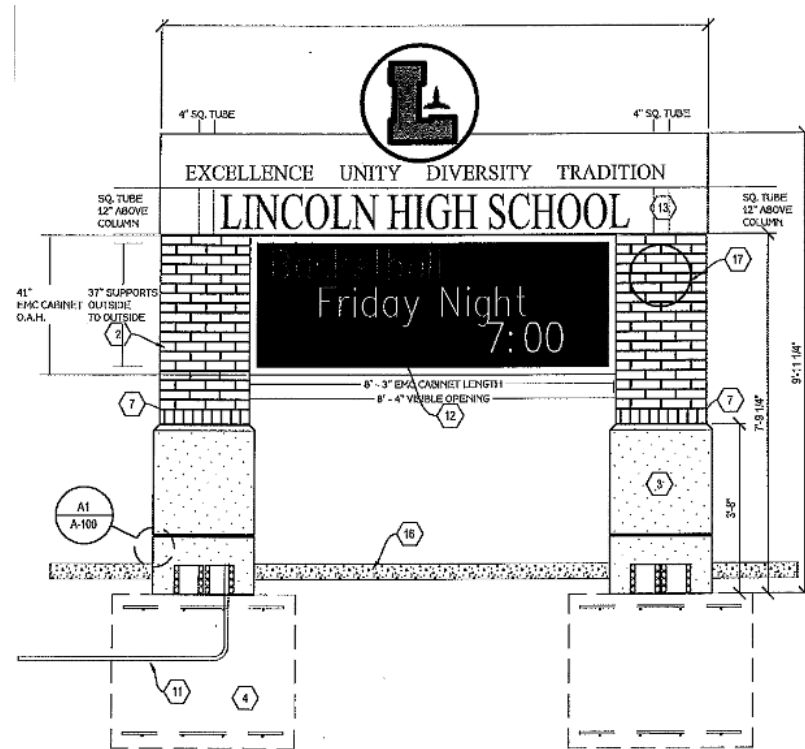
The Commission is required to meet at least quarterly by Section 27.56.060 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. The Commission will met seven times in 2018.

Project Reviews

The Commission reviewed several projects in the Environs District's in 2018.

In April, the Commission approved a monument sign with an electronic message board for the Capitol Parkway frontage of Lincoln High School. The sign has since been installed.

Design for Lincoln High School sign on Capitol Parkway at J St.

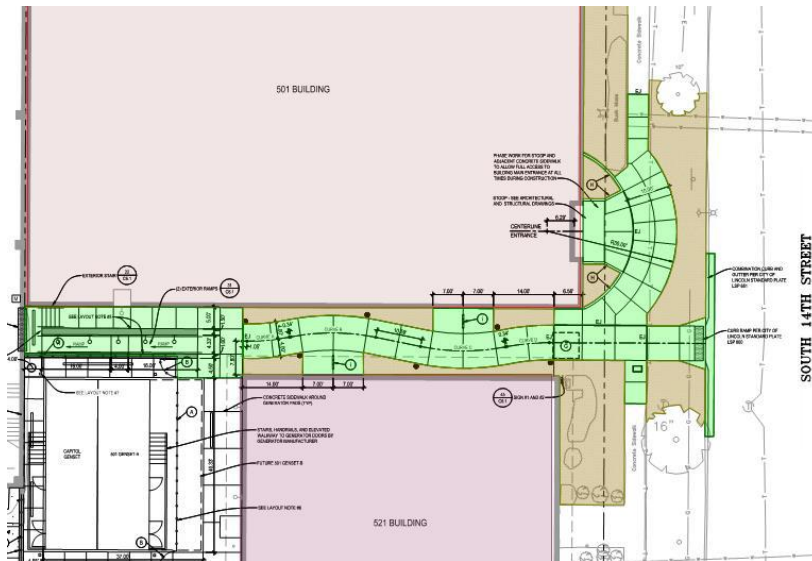


Work has begun on a major renovation of the University Lutheran Chapel, which the Commission reviewed and endorsed in April. Especially significant is the project's strengthening of the connection between the Chapel and Centennial Mall, along with creating more accessible and visually welcoming street facades on both Q and North 16th Streets.

Over the summer, the Commission reviewed plans for improvements to the Capitol Square entrance and the setting of the 501 Data Center at the southwest corner of 14th & K. The project received careful scrutiny due to its especially sensitive location on Capitol Square, and received the full endorsement of the Commission in August.



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Photo-simulation of view across Centennial Mall to new west entrance to University Lutheran Chapel



Site plan for improvements at 501 Data Center, 14th & K Streets

Chief Standing Bear monument on Nebraska's Centennial Mall (and Beyond)

The Chief Standing Bear monument, installed on Centennial Mall in 2017, has received increased acclaim in 2018. A second casting of the sculpture by Ben Victor was installed at the Ponca Headquarters in 2018. After the passage of LB807 in the 2018 session, a third and final casting has been created and will be placed in Statuary Hall in the U. S. Capitol to replace the William Jennings Bryan statue displayed since 1939.



Location offered by City of Lincoln for Bryan statue.



The Commission reviewed and endorsed a conceptual proposal from the City of Lincoln to provide a location on Centennial Mall for the permanent display of the Bryan statue after its return to Nebraska. The suggested site is on the L-M block opposite the Nebraska State Office Building, overlooking the map of Nebraska created in the pavement of the central plaza of that block.

