

Boards & Commissions

Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission Agenda

NOTICE

Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

Notice is hereby given that the **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission** will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the **Legislative Hearing Room 1525, ground floor, Nebraska State Capitol, 15 & K Streets**. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

Note: The Commission will meet with the Capitol Commission for the two groups' annual joint meeting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1507 of the Nebraska State Capitol.

AGENDA

Thursday, November 14, 2013

1. Approval of meeting record of [October 24, 2013](#).

Hearing and Action

2. Certificate of Appropriateness for [Spirit of Nebraska plaques on Centennial Mall](#) in the Capitol Environs District. (Parks & Rec. Dept.).

Discussion and Action

3. Resolution for ["Planning for the East Capitol District of Downtown Lincoln"](#) (Cecil Steward).
4. November Draft 2013 Annual Report of NCEC.
5. Miscellaneous: staff report, future items.

Nebraska's Centennial Mall
Spirit of Nebraska Pathway—Concept Paper
11/03/11

OVERVIEW

The Spirit of Nebraska Pathway is a series of granite and bronze tiles placed along the twin walkways that frame all 7-blocks of Nebraska's Centennial Mall between the State Capitol and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus in Lincoln, Nebraska. The tiles will be placed on the "inside" of the walkways—the east side of the west walk and the west side of the east walk—and oriented towards the pedestrians, for maximum visibility.

PURPOSE

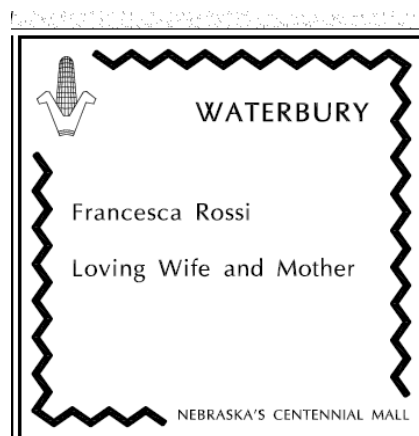
The purpose of Spirit of Nebraska Pathway is to support Nebraska's Centennial Mall project and endowment fund by providing the opportunities to:

1. Enhance the educational richness of the Mall, telling many stories and honoring many individuals.
2. Honor organizations or memorialize friends and family.
3. Recognize leadership and service by individuals and organizations across the state.
4. Offer Nebraska's youth the chance to emulate positive role models or to get involved with service organizations.
5. Inspire the next generation of leaders in the areas of governance, conservation, stewardship, leadership and innovation.

OPTIONS

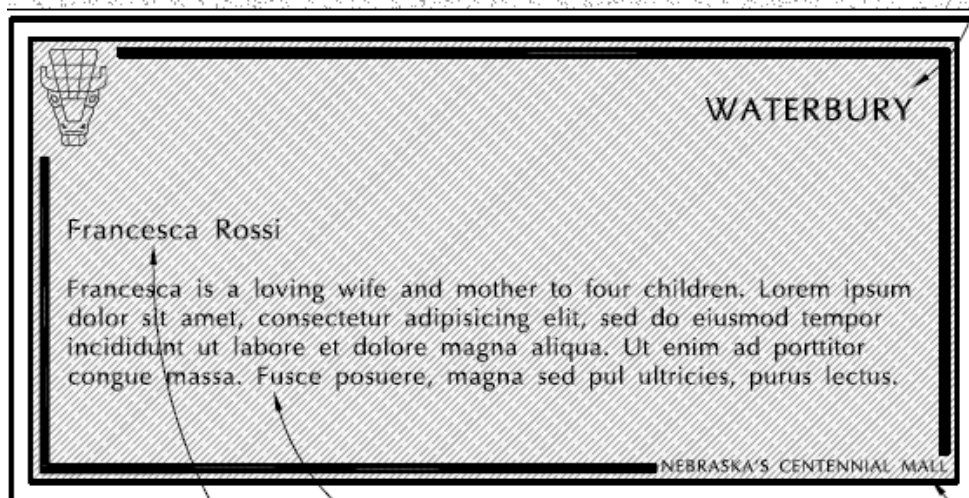
The north two blocks and the south two blocks of the Mall will be lined with tiles specifically selected to amplify the themes of those blocks. For instance, the names of all 93 counties of Nebraska will flank the lawn at the north end of the southernmost block—the Community section of that block closest to the Capitol. Sponsors for selected tiles will be welcomed and their names will be inscribed beneath the main text.

The central three blocks will be open to all, providing opportunities to honor their family and friends with three choices of tiles.



Individual Pathway tiles are 18" x 18" inscribed granite tiles that honor or memorialize friends, family or organizations and include 4 lines of text (hometown, name, brief description). Brevity will be a virtual—the design provides for 15 characters maximum for the hometown; 23 characters for the name; and two lines of 23 characters each for tribute or description.

Leadership Pathway tiles are 18" x 18" or 18" x 36" bronze tiles that provide greater opportunity to tell of an individual's significance. The 18"x18" bronze tiles provide for 23 characters for the name and up to four lines of 28 characters each for a tribute or recognition sentence. The 18"x36" bronze tiles Leadership tiles include name, hometown, and a brief paragraph of descriptive text, consisting of up to four lines of 65 characters each.



All plaques must be approved by the Capitol Environs Commission under their responsibility to provide a dignified setting for our world-class State Capitol. School children are key users of Centennial Mall and a principal audience for the Pathway tiles. Inscriptions or corporations promoting sales or marketing of tobacco products, alcohol, or sexually oriented enterprises will not be included in the Pathway. Commission staff will offer templates to interested donors and can assist with writing and editing successful tributes.

COST

Individual Tiles are \$1,000 each for 18" x 18" granite. Leadership Tiles are \$10,000 each for 18" x 18" bronze and \$25,000 for a 18" x 36" bronze set into granite tile. All tiles have a standard template that includes a motif design from the State Capitol. Tiles will be installed once per year. Only text will be included. Corporate logos are not allowed.

TO DONORS

All individuals and organizations receiving an Individual Tile at the \$1,000 level will be presented with a commemorative certificate recognizing their recognition on Nebraska's Centennial Mall. All individuals and organizations receiving a Leadership Tile at the \$10,000 and \$25,000 levels will be presented with a commemorative medallion replicating this special recognition on the Nebraska's Centennial Mall.

SPONSOR(S)

The sponsor of the Nebraska Centennial Mall Spirit of Nebraska Pathway is the (could be NebraskaLAND Foundation and/or the Lincoln Parks Foundation). Note: The Nebraskaland Foundation could be the sponsor with a large donation which would fund initial tile selections at the leadership level. The administration of the tile program would likely be provided by the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact Lincoln Parks Foundation, www.lincolnparks.org or 402-441-8258.

GRANITE DONOR TILES

0.85" HT UPPERCASE LETTERS, TYP
15 CHARACTERS MAXIMUM
(INCLUDING SPACES)



LODGEPOLE

Kevin S. Weatherman III

Founder of Nebraska
Meteorology Institution

NEBRASKA'S CENTENNIAL MALL



WATERBURY

Francesca Rossi

Loving Wife and Mother

NEBRASKA'S CENTENNIAL MALL

0.75" HT UPPERCASE & LOWERCASE
LETTERS, 23 CHARACTERS PER LINE
(INCLUDING SPACES)

0.45" HT UPPERCASE LETTERS, TYP

BRONZE INSET DONOR TILES

0.85" HT UPPERCASE LETTERS, TYP
15 CHARACTERS MAXIMUM
(INCLUDING SPACES)



LODGEPOLE

Kevin S. Weatherman

Founder of Nebraska
Meteorology Institution, a
non-profit research company
specializing in innovation.

NEBRASKA'S CENTENNIAL MALL

0.65" HT UPPERCASE & LOWERCASE
LETTERS, 28 CHARACTERS PER LINE
(INCLUDING SPACES)

0.75" HT UPPERCASE & LOWERCASE
LETTERS, 23 CHARACTERS PER LINE
(INCLUDING SPACES)

0.45" HT UPPERCASE LETTERS, TYP

0.85" HT UPPERCASE LETTERS, TYP
15 CHARACTERS MAXIMUM
(INCLUDING SPACES)



WATERBURY

Francesca Rossi

Francesca is a loving wife and mother to four children. Lorem ipsum
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NEBRASKA'S CENTENNIAL MALL

0.65" HT UPPERCASE & LOWERCASE
LETTERS, 65 CHARACTERS PER LINE
(INCLUDING SPACES)

0.75" HT UPPERCASE & LOWERCASE
LETTERS, 23 CHARACTERS PER LINE
(INCLUDING SPACES)

0.45" HT UPPERCASE LETTERS, TYP

Nebraska Notable Tiles

Name: George W. Norris
Hometown: Beatrice, Beaver City, McCook
Tribute: U.S. House of Representatives 1903-1913, U.S. Senate 1913-1943.
Initiated reform of House rules, anti-injunction labor law, TVA,
rural electrification and 20th amendment to U.S. Constitution.
Sponsor of Nebraska Unicameral Legislature.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Willa Cather
Hometown: Red Cloud
Tribute: Journalist, teacher, poet, novelist of frontier life.
Won Pulitzer Prize in 1922. *O Pioneers!* and *My Antonia*.
“The history of every country begins in the
heart of a man or a woman”.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: John J. Pershing
Hometown: Lincoln
Tribute: Teacher, soldier, founder Pershing Rifles, and Pulitzer Prize
winner. Instructor of military tactics at UNL. Service in Indian
Wars, Cuba, Philippines, Mexico, and France. General of the
Armies of the United States 1919 - Army chief of staff 1921-24.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Edward J. Flanagan
Hometown: Boys Town
Tribute: Founded Boys Town 1917. Priest, social reformer, and visionary
whose impact on children and families is immeasurable. Pioneered
efforts to save children from neglect, abuse, and poverty.
“There’s no such thing as a bad boy.”

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: William Frederick Cody
Hometown: North Platte
Tribute: ‘Buffalo Bill’ Soldier, buffalo hunter, Army scout, actor,
rancher, irrigationist, and showman of the West. Founded Wild
West show that toured US & Europe in 1883.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: William Jennings Bryan
Hometown: Lincoln
Tribute: “The Great Commoner,” progressive leader, three time
Democratic Party Presidential nominee, U.S. congressman,
U.S. secretary of state, orator, religious leader, and author.
Cross of Gold speech (1896) Scopes Trial (1925).

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Bess Streeter Aldrich
Hometown: Elmwood and Lincoln
Tribute: Author and narrator of Nebraska, gave literary life to Nebraska pioneer memories, honored the trials and dreams of settlers, so that all may realize and cherish their heritage. *A Lantern in her Hand* (1928) was translated into many languages.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: John Neihardt
Hometown: Bancroft and Wayne
Tribute: Epic poet of the West, historian, philosopher and friend of the American Indian. US Poet Laureate in 1921. "My God and I shall interknit as rain and ocean, breath and air; and O, the luring thought of it is prayer", from Neihardt's poem *L'Envoi*.

Honored by TMCO

Name: J. Sterling Morton
Hometown: Nebraska City
Tribute: Founded Arbor Day in 1874. U.S. secretary of agriculture, editor, farmer, legislator and Nebraska territorial secretary. "Other holidays repose upon the past. Arbor Day proposes for the future."

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Grace Abbott
Hometown: Grand Island
Tribute: Teacher, social worker, social reformer, author, policymaker. Began internationally recognized career at Hull House in 1907. Pioneered social legislation and was courageous and effective champion for women and children.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Mari Sandoz
Hometown: Gordon and Lincoln
Tribute: Novelist, biographer, lecturer, teacher, & friend of the American Indian. *Old Jules*, *Slogum House*, *Crazy Horse: the Strange Man of the Oglala's* (1942). "The real frontier lies in the stimulation of the creative mind of man."

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Nathan Roscoe Pound
Hometown: Lincoln
Tribute: Botanist, pioneer ecologist, legal scholar, dean of University of Nebraska College of Law and Harvard Law. Founded Society of Innocents (1903). Early avid Husker football fan.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Standing Bear
Tribute: Ponca Indian chief; champion for Indian rights. "I have found a better way" (Standing Bear). "An Indian is a person within the meaning of the law" (Judge Dundy). Probably born in northeast Nebraska & lived near the mouth of the Niobrara River in Knox Co.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Robert W. Furnas
Hometown: Brownville
Tribute: Newspaperman, soldier, historian, agriculturist, and Nebraska Governor 1873-75. Published *Nebraska Farmer*, early leader Nebraska Historical Society and Nebraska Teachers Association. Helped found Arbor Day.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Edward Creighton
Hometown: Omaha
Tribute: Banker, cattleman, farmer, freighter, telegraph pioneer, one of the most successful businessmen of Irish ancestry to settle in Nebraska. Widow Mary provided funds in her will to establish Creighton University in 1875.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Susette LaFlesche Tibbles
Tribute: Known as "Inshata Theumba" or "Bright Eyes"
Teacher, journalist, advocate for Native American rights.
Interpreter for Standing Bear during historic trial (1879).
First woman to speak out for Native American rights.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Gilbert M. Hitchcock
Hometown: Omaha
Tribute: Attorney, newspaperman, and politician. Founder of the *Omaha World-Herald*, U.S. House of Representatives 1902-04, 1906-11; U.S. Senate 1911-22. Active in legislation for direct representation of US Senators, income tax, & Federal Reserve Act.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Arthur Weimar Thompson
Hometown: Bradshaw and Lincoln
Tribute: Premier auctioneer. Called over 7,500 livestock sales from New York to California and from Canada to Mexico. Recognized as "the leading purebred livestock auctioneer in the United States and Canada."

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Dwight Palmer Griswold
Hometown: Harrison and Gordon
Tribute: Banker, publisher, solidier, Nebraska Governor 1941-47, U.S. Senator 1953-54, chief of the American mission for aid to Greece. Active in civic affairs including Nebraska Press Association, American Legion, Masons, Shriners, his church & fraternity.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Nathan J. Gold
Hometown: Lincoln
Tribute: Businessman, solidier, civic leader, philanthropist. Active in National Retail Merchants Assn., Nebraska Resources Foundation, Salt Valley Watershed, State Historical Society, named special council to Nebraska Department of Economic Development (1962).

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Red Cloud
Hometown: Garden County
Tribute: War leader and chief of the Oglala Lakota. Successful adversary of US government and westward expansion. Red Cloud Agency located in Northwest Nebraska sought to ease painful transition to reservation life.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Charles E. Bessey
Hometown: Lincoln
Tribute: University of Nebraska professor of botany and horticulture. Authored federal legislation establishing agriculture experiment stations at land-grant universities. Established Nebraska National Forest in 1902.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Chimney Rock
Hometown: Scottsbluff
Tribute: Among the most famous landmarks of the Oregon-California Trail witnessed by over half a million westbound emigrants in the years 1812-1866. Established as a National Historic Site in 1956.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Platte River
Tribute: French explorers named Nerbaskier-Otoe for 'flat water'. A braided river, "A mile wide and inch deep". Cradled indigenous peoples as they followed bison and key to westward expansion. Central Flyway is key corridor for migratory birds.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Ogallala Aquifer
Tribute: One of the world's largest aquifers spanning eight states critical to irrigation and drinking water for millions on the High Plains. Irrigation source supporting Nebraska as a top producer for ranching, corn, wheat, and soybeans.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Sandhills
Tribute: A National Natural Landmark. A region of mixed-grass prairie on grass-stabilized sand dunes in north-central Nebraska, covering over one quarter of Nebraska sitting atop the Ogallala Aquifer. Internationally recognized for intact natural habitat.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Prairie
Tribute: "A sea of grass." Historical ecosystem for bison herd and hunts. Modern use recognized rich topsoil ideal for farming, ranching, and biofuels. Only 1% of tall grass prairie remains in the US while short grass prairie is more abundant.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: University of Nebraska
Tribute: Founded 1869 our only land grant public university. To afford the inhabitants of this state with the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts. Dedicated to education, research, and service.

Honored by Hudson J. Winnett Trust

Name: Hudson J. and Ora Winnett
Hometown: Lincoln
Tribute: Prominent Lincoln citizens. Hudson served as Mayor of Lincoln. The family established a significant trust to benefit the city in perpetuity by supporting artwork, fountains, and monuments in public spaces.

NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION (NCEC) RESOLUTION:
“Planning for the East Capitol District of Downtown Lincoln”

26 September 2013

WHEREAS the NCEC has statutory authority to promote and encourage public and private urban development to enhance and protect the grounds and views of the Nebraska State Capitol, and

WHEREAS it is the opinion of the NCEC that an area of downtown Lincoln bounded on the south by “Washington” Street, on the north by “S” Street, on the west by “14th” Street, and on the east by “21st” Street is an area in transition with some historic structures and some places of historic significance to the Capitol Environs and the city, some new major areas of public and private investment, and some areas of blight and deterioration. In general, this district of Lincoln has not reached its potential and opportunities to enhance and strengthen the sustainability of the Capitol Environs or the overall urban quality of downtown Lincoln; it is a mixture of public and private uses, values, and varying conditions of public safety that needs coordinated planning with the surrounding neighborhoods and urban districts, and more specifically

WHEREAS two of the four major axes intersecting the Capitol block are within this proposed district, and recognizing that the east “J” Street axis and the Goodhue Boulevard south axis are long neglected for renovations and development complementary to the Capitol and good urban design, and

WHEREAS the recent and on-going multi-million dollar’s public and private investments in upgrading Centennial Mall as the north axis and installation of the Antelope Valley floodway and traffic corridors have not reached their potential for tangential influence on public uses and private investment within the proposed district, and

WHEREAS a significant number of major public and private buildings and properties are in, or rumored to be in, transition for redevelopment and change of uses in the district (i.e., Pershing Auditorium, Windstream, Lincoln Public Library, YWCA, Federal Parking block, Nebraska State Government properties, University of Nebraska properties, etc.), and

WHEREAS downtown urban development and planning for the central downtown district and the West Haymarket district have proven that there is a growing market demand in Lincoln for low-to-midrange-to-upscale housing in contexts of mixed-uses and entertainment districts. These same plans and recent developments have projected and created new demands for businesses and commerce, and for public transit and alternative forms of downtown mobility. The proposed district could

complete the “four-quadrant circumference” of demand and services for a unique urban village atmosphere in downtown Lincoln, and

WHEREAS a recent proposal for a small modification of landscaping and sidewalk construction along Goodhue Boulevard demonstrated that the residents in the districts and neighborhoods near the Capitol are passionate and intensely interested in the long-term quality of the Capitol Environs and the central districts of downtown Lincoln. They also have appealed for a more comprehensive “public engagement” planning process to these ends,

THEREFORE, THE NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION RESOLVES, to request the Lincoln/Lancaster Planning Department initiate, at the earliest possible schedule, a Sub-area Planning Process for the aforementioned district to be known as the “East Capitol District”, and that the planning effort will be coordinated with the extant Downtown Master Plan, the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, and all appropriate public and private property stakeholders within and adjacent to the described boundaries of the proposed district.