

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE Tom Beckius, Tracy Edgerton, Deane Finnegan, Maja V. Harris, Chris Hove, Cristy Joy, Dennis Scheer and Sandra Washington; Tracy Corr absent. David Cary, Steve Henrichsen, Paul Barnes, Rachel Jones, Dessie Redmond, Andrew Thierolf, George Wesselhoft, Ed Zimmer, and Geri Rorabaugh of the Planning Department; media and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Planning Commission meeting

Chair Scheer called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Scheer requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held January 17, 2018. Motion for approval made by Finnegan, seconded by Hove and carried 8-0: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Hove, Joy, Washington, and Scheer voting 'yes'; Corr absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING & ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:

January 31, 2018

Members present: Beckius, Corr, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Hove, Joy, Scheer, and Washington.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items: **TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 18001, CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 17038, USE PERMIT NO. 17010, STREET AND ALLEY VACATION NO. 17012, and WAIVER NO. 17006.**

There were no ex parte communications disclosed.

Harris moved approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Finnegan, and carried, 8-0: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Hove, Joy, Washington and Scheer voting 'yes'; Corr absent.

Note: This is a recommendation to City Council on **TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 18001, CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 17038, and STREET AND ALLEY VACATION NO. 17012.** This is **FINAL ACTION** on **USE PERMIT NO. 17010 and WAIVER NO. 17006** unless appealed to the Office of the City Clerk within 14 days.

CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 17032, TO DESIGNATE THE SIDLES HOUSE AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK, ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2110 A STREET: January 31, 2018

Members present: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Hove, Joy, Scheer, and Washington; Corr absent.

Staff recommendation: Approval.

There were no ex parte communications disclosed on this item.

Staff Presentation: Ed Zimmer of the Planning Department stated this application has been recommended for approval by the Historic Preservation Commission at their regular hearing in November 2017. This is a prominent, 2 ½-story, stucco house located at the corner of 21st and A Streets. The property was built in 1913 and designed by Ferdinand Fiske. Fiske thought enough of his design to use it in his advertisements, including a published floor plan. The house has a high degree of historic integrity on the exterior. It sits on a block where there are only three houses on six lots. There is also a considerable degree of historical integrity on the interior, with original woodwork on several of the floors. The architecture alone would be sufficient to meet the landmark requirements in our ordinance, but Mr. Sidles, himself, is also of historic significance. He was a leading business man in the early 20th Century, starting in bicycles and later branching into radios and automobiles. He owned a radio station, airport, and a resort in Colorado. He often partnered with Stewart in business ventures. Together they were Nebraska Buick Corporation, and they wholesaled to five states. This property well meets the requirements.

Proponents:

1. Lynette Hellerich, 2110 A Street, came forward as applicant. She stated she will reside in the home.

Finnegan asked if the house was ever used as a group home. Zimmer said a large family resided there and it was the home for a succession of University of Nebraska Chancellors from the 1930s - 1950s. The prior owner did own group homes but, to his knowledge, this house was never used for that purpose.

**CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 17032
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

January 31, 2018

Washington moved for Approval, seconded by Beckius.

Finnegan said this is a beautiful home and she is glad to see it will be preserved.

Washington said she is always glad to see preservation of historic structures and this house has a lot of historic integrity.

Scheer said this is a very appropriate action.

Motion carried, 8-0: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Hove, Joy, Washington, and Scheer voting 'yes'; Corr absent.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Note: These minutes will not be formally approved by the Planning Commission until their next regular meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.