

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, February 15, 2007, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 206, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce Helwig, Jim McKee, Bob Ripley and Carol Walker; (Jerry Berggren, Tim Francis and Terry Young absent). Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Bob Ripley called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held January 18, 2007. Motion made by McKee, seconded by Helwig. Motion carried 4-0: Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker voting 'yes'; Berggren, Francis and Young absent.

The opportunity was given for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission. No one appeared.

APPLICATION BY PHI KAPPA PSI FRATERNITY FOR LANDMARK DESIGNATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LMC 27.57.120 FOR PROPERTY AT 1548 "S" STREET
PUBLIC HEARING: February 15, 2007

Members present: Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker; Berggren, Francis and Young absent.

Ed Zimmer has had a request from some of the members of the fraternity for a landmark designation. They do not have corporate backing at this time. They are working with the University Foundation. There is an alumni advisor who they have had some contact with. This application is not ready for a formal vote, but he wanted to show the Commissioners the property and provide information.

This is the oldest of the Greek houses adjacent to campus. It was built in 1917. At the time, the fraternity was east of the campus. It is the only NeoClassical revival style fraternity. It was designed by a Council Bluffs architect. The house was not painted originally. The east was a sunroom. Now it is partially a sunroom and partially a fire exit. The west is an addition but seems to balance well with the building. There is a somewhat unusual fireplace in the entry hall. The interior is a bit worn, but has some nice features. He would like to lend them some support. He will write the formal application and bring back the guidelines for review.

McKee wondered about ownership. Zimmer replied that typically there is an ownership of alums and a certain structure. The students aren't sure who the corporate sponsor is or if there is one. The students apparently collect the taxes among themselves and walk over and pay them.

APPLICATION BY LAZLO'S FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 210 N. 7TH STREET AND 700 AND 710 "P" STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker; Berggren, Francis and Young absent.

Kevin Clark from Sinclair Hille stated they are getting ready to move Lazlo's from 710 "P" to 700 "P" St. Fireworks will be moving to their location on Old Cheney Rd. Jay Jarvis stated there is room to grow at the new location.

Clark stated the existing sign over 710 "P" St. will be removed. A new sign will be built in the same form as it is now. It will be built to meet the maximum signage allowed. The current Fireworks sign sits on the corner of 700 "P" St. The concept was okay but visibility wasn't that good. That is what led him to the idea to not continue the corner sign. The existing sign will be brought to mid block, the corner sign will go to 700 "P" St and a sign to replace the former Fireworks sign at the 7th St. main entrance will be installed that is more fitting.

McKee wondered about the sign code for projecting signs. He questioned if the sign can project beyond 6 feet 6 inches. Zimmer believes that is the full extent. McKee believes the 7th Street sign will be totally hidden from by the fire escape. Zimmer noted if the sign is on the south side of the fire escape, they lose visibility from the other direction, which is perhaps the predominant direction of travel, from the post office.

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McKee moved approval, seconded by Walker.

Zimmer stated that the applicant submitted a picture of the sign positioned just a little higher than what was originally provided to the Commissioners.

Motion for approval carried 4-0: Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker voting 'yes'; Berggren, Francis and Young absent.

APPLICATION BY OLD FEDERAL PLACE LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 100 N. 10TH STREET, A DESIGNATED LANDMARK

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker; Berggren, Francis and Young absent.

Zimmer stated that the large sign on the north has been removed. He is working on the other signs. He will continue to monitor the situation.

APPLICATION BY SPEEDWAY PROPERTIES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE FORMER SALVATION ARMY BUILDING IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT, 151 N. 8TH STREET

PUBLIC HEARING:

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Members present: Helwig, McKee, Ripley and Walker; Berggren, Francis and Young absent.

Zimmer received an email from Speedway. They are still digesting the bids on the work for the floors on top. They will be in contact but have no new information at this time.

STAFF REPORT

Zimmer informed the Commissioners that Marvin Krout, Director of Planning, has encouraged putting more content on the Historic Preservation Commission website. Maps of different properties and districts will be made available. There will be a list of the districts. There will be an image archive. He plans to make available individual files on architects. He can build a chronology of their lives and works. He would welcome suggestions of anything else the Commissioners feel should be on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.