

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, August 20, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 206, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Beecham, Tim Francis, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones and Greg Munn; (Jim McKee and Bob Ripley absent). Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Vice-Chair Tim Francis called the meeting to order and requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held July 16, 2009. Motion for approval made by Johnson, seconded by Beecham and carried 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and Munn voting 'yes'; McKee and Ripley 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 NEIGHBORWORKS LINCOLN FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A NEW HOUSE AT 339 N. 24TH STREET IN THE HAWLEY LANDMARK DISTRICT
AND
APPLICATION BY NEIGHBORWORKS LINCOLN FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR A NEW HOUSE AT 430 N. 24TH STREET IN THE HAWLEY LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING: August 20, 2009

Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and Munn; McKee and Ripley absent.

Jennifer Buxton from NeighborWorks appeared as applicant. She noted that Ed Zimmer's staff report was very extensive. This will be student built, new construction.

Beecham wondered if these houses were marketed towards home buyer education graduates. Buxton replied yes.

Munn wondered what the siding material is. Buxton replied that they do not install vinyl siding. It will be hardiplank.

Beecham questioned if the attached garage at 339 N. 24th meets the neighborhood design standards. Ed Zimmer replied that the design standards language speaks to the garage in this setting being in the rear, so the proposal meets that standard.

Beecham inquired about landscape plans. Buxton stated that the landscaping will be done by volunteers. There will not be any underground sprinklers. They will plant a tree or two and some bushes. There will not be any extensive landscaping, but there is always something.

Jones thinks this is a fantastic program. The other Commissioners agreed.

Munn looked at the surrounding neighborhood and wondered if the mutton pattern in the window could be changed at 430 North 24th. He further noted that the shutters on that proposed design seem a little out of place.

Zimmer stated that shutters are uncharacteristic of a bungalow. Munn agreed that they could be eliminated from the design. Jennifer Buxton of NeighborWorks said they would gladly make those changes, which would also save money.

ACTION:

Jones moved approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for 339 N. 24th Street and 430 N. 24th Street, seconded by Munn and approved 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and Munn voting 'yes'; McKee and Ripley absent.

APPLICATION BY PHI DELTA THETA FRATERNITY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 1545 R STREET
PUBLIC HEARING:

August 20, 2009

Members present: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and Munn; McKee and Ripley absent.

Zimmer has talked with people from the fraternity. He has received a landscape plan, the main characteristic of which is an iron fence with masonry posts. They also wish to replace the windows. The original drawings of the house do not show double hung windows, but that is what was put in when it was built. The applicant could propose original design or original construction. In preservation terms, the original construction windows are probably the more precise of the two. It looks as if the landscape plan has some desirable elements. There was never an iron fence around this property before. It is not a historical feature.

ACTION:

Johnson moved approval of the landscaping and fence as presented, seconded by Munn

Beecham stated the fence seems a little more Prairie style than Art Deco, but she thinks it is a beautiful design.

Motion approved 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and Munn voting 'yes'; McKee and Ripley absent.

APPLICATION BY U.S. PROPERTIES FOR A CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE OLD FEDERAL BUILDING, 129 NORTH 10TH STREET

No new information

APPLICATION BY RANDY JONES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE SEATON & LEA BUILDING, 301 NORTH 9TH STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

No new information

APPLICATION BY SPEEDWAY PROPERTIES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 330 NORTH 8TH STREET AND 800 Q STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT

Zimmer stated that there are ongoing meetings about the renovation and hotel. They will be across the street from another proposed hotel. This will be 105 rooms or so. There is a 75 foot height limit in the underlying zoning. He noted that being compatible with the district is an obligation.

Beecham questioned if 330 N. 8th St. holds any historical significance. Zimmer will do a report on the evolution of the building.

STAFF REPORT:

- Billy's Restaurant in the Dawes House needs to rebuild the rear deck. If they were simply rebuilding it would be no material effect. They would like to expand it to the width of the sidewalk. It's visible but it is on the alley side. They would paint it the building trim color. The Commission agreed it can be regarded as having no material effect as proposed, given its rear location and overall improvement.

- Zimmer received a request from Urban Development to review improvements in the South Bottoms along 4th street. This is a National Register District. It is a public improvement. 4th St. was a gravel street along a little used rail spur. When it was double tracked, the spur was taken out. The City used funds to pave 4th St. The project will be completed with landscaping and decorative lights. The lights are similar to the lighting projects Urban Development has done previously. It appears Parks and Recreation is doing a beautiful job. It should be quite an improvement.

Francis sees this as a very positive improvement. Jones agreed.

Johnson moved to encourage the Parks Dept., seconded by Jones and moved 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and Munn voting 'yes'; McKee and Ripley absent.

- Zimmer introduced his intern from Wesleyan, Alex Bedner.
- Zimmer will be giving a tour of the College View area tonight. It will start at the church at 48th & Prescott.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.