

ITEM #4—Agenda of July 19, 2007

July 13, 2007

Review of Various Downtown Streetscape “infill” Projects, Haymarket Vicinity

DISCUSSION:

The City Urban Development Department (UDD) requests consultation with the Preservation Commission on its 2007 Downtown Infill Streetscape Project. A description is attached.

Very little of this work is directly within the Haymarket Landmark District but all of it is in the vicinity of Haymarket, so UDD is requesting input from the Commission. Ordinarily city departments consult with Urban Design Committee on streetscape projects, except in or adjacent to designated landmarks and landmark districts.

This year’s work includes the sidewalk areas adjacent to the housing project under construction at 7th and R Streets, the west side of 9th Street from P to Q Streets and the east side from R to I-180, and P Street between 9th and 11th Streets.

Hallie Salem of UDD plans to attend the Commission meeting and provide more information and designs regarding the proposed work.

Summary - 2007 Downtown Infill Streetscape Project

The 2007 Downtown Infill Streetscape Project includes the design and installation of streetscape amenities throughout portions of Downtown Lincoln and the Historic Haymarket. Similar to other infill streetscape projects of the past, this project will help to "fill-in" the areas between recent streetscape improvements. The project is divided into three general areas:

- 7th and R - both sides of 7th from Q to R and both sides of R from 7th to 8th
- 9th Street - the west side of 9th Street from P to Q, the east side of 9th Street from R Street to I-180
- P Street - the north side of P Street from 9th to 11th and the south side of P Street from 10th to 11th

Each area is discussed below:

The 7th and R area improvements include a redesign of the streetscape coinciding with the development of 13 condominiums in that same area, with the east side of 7th and south side of R receiving the most improvements. Improvements will include the replacement of sidewalk with a new sidewalk stamped with a grid-like pattern, pavers in nodes, a redesign of parking to include diagonal parking, a redesign of the alley return and storm water inlet, landscaping beds north of patio areas, benches, and trash receptacles. The median grass will be replaced with plant material. The landscaping beds on the west side of 7th and north side of R will be enlarged and new trees installed where needed with plant material. All beds will be irrigated in this area.

The 9th Street improvements on the west side are located in front of Melicar's Station and Barry's, and will include the replacement of concrete sidewalk with the same pattern that exists today, the installation of landscaping beds with trees, plant material, and irrigation, and the installation of pedestrian lights, the same found elsewhere along 9th Street. The east side improvement include sidewalk improvements that extend the sidewalk (that exists further south in front of the Journal Star at the same width and same pattern) to the crosswalk north of the overpass, installation of pedestrian lights, installation of trees and plant material, and may include the moving of street lights out of the path of the sidewalk. Irrigation will be extended to the end of the Journal Star property line, with funding from the Journal Star.

The P Street improvements include the replacement of existing white pedestrian lights with new lights, consistent with those found to the east along P Street. Landscaping will be improved with some new trees where needed, new plant material, and new irrigation. A demonstration, low "trellis" will be installed on beds on the south side of P to determine if such features could be installed elsewhere Downtown to discourage foot traffic in the beds and help plant material thrive.

We have visited with property owners adjacent to these improvements, and have general support from them. The Urban Development Department is leading the project, with assistance from the Parks and Recreation Department and feedback from LES and Public Works. Project staff contact- Hallie Salem at 441-7866.