

To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**
From: Ed Zimmer
Re: Agenda of October 23, 2014
Date: October 17, 2014

Item 2, Zoning Text Amendment

Architect Gill Peace has applied to amend the Zoning Code on behalf of his client, Century House at 1201 Lincoln Mall in the Capitol Environs District. See attached application and report.

Item 3, Centennial Mall Plaques

The Commission's ad hoc "Editorial Committee" has worked on additional plaques since the Commission's last review, but has not finalized the next group at this time so this item will likely be deferred to a future meeting.

Item 4, Goodhue Blvd. monument/marker honoring B. G. Goodhue

I have not received any new information on the Near South Neighborhood Association proposal for a Goodhue Blvd. monument since last meeting. But the discussion last month touched on the 1986 Plan for the South and East Mall, so I am providing information from that document.

In November 1986 the City Council approved a "South and East Malls" plan prepared by Alfieri Sinclair and Hille, with Kim Todd. That plan was subsequently referenced in the Capitol Environs Design Standards as a general guide to "South Mall" (Goodhue Boulevard) improvements:

Design Standard 24: South Mall Landscape

The public landscape improvements along South Mall should offer a variety of Capitol views while reinforcing the residential environment. The "South and East Mall Plan" approved by City Council in 1986 provides general guidance to the development of the public landscape of this Mall.

The 1986 plan further notes:

Beginning at "A" Street, the approach to the South Mall is acknowledged by the widening of "A" Street, the flair in the line of the 15th Street trees and evergreens as they approach that intersection, and precinct markers at the paved corner areas. [Emphasis added.] (See drawing S1.)

The plan adds:

...the success of the overall mall plans is not dependent upon approval of all or any one specific element proposed. These documents are intended to be conceptual in nature and therefore individual design elements are subject to change.