

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY December 10, 2012

Tracy Corr opened the meeting on Monday, December 10, 2012 in the Mayor's conference Room, County/City Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sixteen citizens and five staff attended:

Tracy Corr -- 40 th & A St NA	Sue VanHorn -- Country Club NA
Carolyn Brandle -- Eastridge NA	Pat Anderson-Sifuentez -- Everett NA
Scott Richert -- Indian Village NA	Larry Evermann -- Irvingdale NA
Dennis Hecht -- Meadowlane Area	Scott Zager -- Vintage Heights
Kent Prier -- Taylor Park NA	Luci Prier -- Taylor Park NA
Bill Vocasek -- West A NA	Mike Fitzgerald -- Witherbee NA
Fred Freytag -- Witherbee NA	Russell Miller -- Lincoln Neigh. Alliance
Lin Quenzer -- Mayor's Office	Jon Carlson -- Mayor's Office
Wynn Hjermsstad -- Urban Development Dept.	Meghan Sullivan -- Stronger, Safer, Neighborhoods
Shirley Schoening Scheuler -- LPS/CLC	David Landis -- Urban Development Dept.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tracy began with a welcome and called for introductions. Tracy asked for a volunteer to prepare meeting notes. Pat Anderson-Sifuentez volunteered. Attendees checked in on the sign-in sheet.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Beutler was out of town and unable to attend.

DOWNTOWN PROJECTS – DAVID LANDIS, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Dave Landis gave an update on projects currently underway and planned for downtown.

A. Buildings in the downtown area were considered in relation to density and surrounding environment.

- 17th & P – UNL Federal Credit Union relocated from 17th & Q to the north east corner of 17th & P where a car lot was previously located. Some City assistance (TIF) was used to bury overhead power lines.
- 17th & Q – Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity building on site of the UNL Federal Credit Union. Land use changes from low density to high density with the fraternity. This is a fraternity sponsored by the Catholic Church, although one does not have to be a Catholic to belong to the fraternity.
- 16th & Q - Demolition of the Newman Center which will be replaced by a new Catholic church. This project will receive no public funds but will bring \$10-12 million investment to the area.

- 13th & Lincoln Mall – Farmer’s Mutual is constructing a new building on the same block as its current building (12th & Lincoln Mall). This is a large expansion for the company and will add jobs. The project makes better use of the land which was a parking lot and vacant buildings. No TIF money was used. *Note: Insurance is the third largest industry in Nebraska due to strength in regulation which results in lower insurance rates and fewer insurance company failures.
- 11th & Lincoln Mall – Landmark 3 is a new office building to be constructed by NEBCO who also owns Landmark 1 at 10th & Lincoln Mall. The building will be constructed at the site of a current parking lot. There is also a parking garage that will be part of the project.
- 8th & Q – Tool House site will keep the façade of the original building and construct a hotel. Docks will be added to the east side to coincide with the docks by the Mill and Buzzard Billy’s, keeping the look and feel of the Haymarket.

B. Public Spaces – P Street

- \$50,000 in Civic ventures in downtown Lincoln is used to buy down rent so new businesses can afford rent.
- There will be 38 new retail operations- mostly restaurants with 12-13 soft retail shops.
- The goal is to have an active downtown with restaurants, retail, residential.
- Sidewalks will be widened for easier pedestrian travel, outside eating, retail (sidewalk sales).
- Changes are being considered to widen the sidewalk and narrow the street to 3 lanes of traffic, leaving a lane for a future shuttle or flexible space for retail.
- Parking considerations are to possibly have one side diagonal and one side parallel to allow for wider sidewalks and more green space.
***January the design will be completed. TIF financing will pay for sidewalks, trees, and bury overhead utility lines.

C. N Street Improvements will be funded by Antelope Valley and TIF financing.

- There will be one protected bike lane (carrying east and west bike traffic) from Antelope Valley west to the Haymarket and the Arena.
- Some parking may be changed from diagonal to parallel.
- Traffic signaling will be the most expensive part of this project since the bike traffic is two-way and the street traffic will remain one-way.
- Currently 7 of 100 bikers bike downtown. It is projected that 43 of 100 bikers will bike downtown with a protected bike lane.
- As residences increase downtown and nearby, the need for bike lanes and alternative modes of transportation will need to change.

D. Other projects

- **Pershing-** the proposals for Pershing were for mixed use and none were accepted. The city will wait for a few years and see if a more appropriate design

or proposal is submitted that will be a better fit for the area and at a lower cost to the city.

- **21st & N** – there are several proposals under consideration for a multi-use project. A decision will be made in January.
- **Centennial Mall** - \$2 million came from TIF financing and \$1 million will come from the state to redo Centennial Mall. The total project cost is \$7 million.
- **Civic Plaza-13th & Q** - a new residential/retail/parking garage has been constructed and is named the “Larsen Building”. Jun Kaneko is an international Japanese artist now living in Omaha who has designed the park space at 13th & P with a 56’ glass tower which will be made in Germany. There will be trees, tables and chairs for people to congregate. This space will be managed by the city.

SET JANUARY AGENDA

The next meeting of the Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable is Monday, January 14, 2013, 5:30 P.M., in the Mayor’s Conference Room, County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, 3rd floor. The discussion topic for the meeting will be an initiative under consideration by the Parks and Recreation Department titled TULIP: Tenant User Liability Insurance Policy.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Submitted by Pat Anderson-Sifuentez