NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, February 18, 2010, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 106, 1st Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Beecham, Tim Francis, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones and Jim McKee; (Greg Munn 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 January 21, 2010. Motion for approval made by McKee, seconded by Jones and carried 4-0: Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting ‘yes’; Beecham absent at time of vote; Munn 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 MARK HUNZEKER ON BEHALF OF B&J PARTNERSHIP FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR DEMOLITION OR RELOCATION OF THE E.J. DIAL HOUSE, A DESIGNATED LANDMARK AT 2033 SOUTH 16TH STREET PUBLIC HEARING: February 18, 2010

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

Mark Hunzeker appeared as applicant. They are exploring the feasibility of moving the house in question to the property on Washington that was discussed at the meeting last month.

Ed Zimmer stated that there is no formal application yet, but he has an indication from the Parks Dept. on their intention. The lot in question is not buildable size, but there is the possibility of vacating adjacent right-of-way to create a larger parcel. That parcel may still not conform to setbacks due to the location of the water main. The adjustment looks like it might best be accomplished by landmark special permit. Zimmer will probably have the application next month from the Parks Dept. for a landmark special permit. Conceptually, the guidelines say moving is preferable to demolition.
ACTION:

Jones moved denial of the request for demolition; conditional approval of the request to relocate the house, contingent upon Historic Preservation Commission receipt of the request for a specific location and approval of that request if that setting is compatible with the architectural character of the landmark; and conceptual approval of the possible location at 29th and Washington, seconded by Jones.

Johnson appreciates the effort to relocate the house. Beecham concurred. Jones, McKee and Francis agreed also.

Zimmer noted that Near South Neighborhood has sent a letter in support of this application.

Motion carried 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting ‘yes’; Munn and Ripley absent.

STAFF REPORT

• Zimmer will be working on the annual report. There were quite a few landmarks added last year. It has been an active year.

• There is solid support from Woodsshire neighborhood on a landmark designation.

• Zimmer will bring the HP Fund application to the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beecham was at a meeting the other night and it was stated that many of the electrical lines will be buried on S. 27th St. LES was talking about the resurfacing of Sheridan Blvd. The original bricks are covered with asphalt. The neighborhood would like to see some of the original bricks in the crosswalks. Beecham understands the difference in the levels of the concrete and the brick underneath and realizes it may not be possible. She questioned if the brick streets underneath are covered at all by the landmark.

Zimmer stated that the exposed brick streets are addressed in the landmark, but not the bricks that have been covered by resurfacing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.