MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, May 21, 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, Berwyn Jones, Jim Johnson and Jim McKee; (Jerry Berggren 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 April 16, 2009. Motion for approval made by McKee, seconded by Beecham and carried 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting ‘yes’; Berggren 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 U.S. PROPERTIES FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE OLD FEDERAL BUILDING, 129 NORTH 10TH STREET

PUBLIC HEARING: May 21, 2009

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

Ed Zimmer did not receive any further information from the applicant. The owner has placed a roughly 16 inch sign by the front door. The applicant told Zimmer they were thinking about a temporary sign at this location. Then, the sign just appeared. The sign has not been approved by this Commission.

McKee wondered what became of the coffee shop. Zimmer is not sure what happened. There is a gallery in the building, which is the sign that was placed without permission.

The Commission members directed Zimmer to bring this forward next month.
APPLICATION BY MATT TALBOT KITCHEN AND OUTREACH FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE FORMER NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY, 2121 N. 27TH STREET, A LANDMARK
PUBLIC HEARING: May 21, 2009

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

This property was approved as a landmark. This is the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness.

ACTION:

Johnson moved approval, seconded by Jones and carried 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting ‘yes’; Berggren and Ripley absent.

APPLICATIONS BY JOHN MOSS FOR DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK OF PROPERTY AT 2201 B STREET AND FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN ACCORD WITH LMC 27.63.400 FOR MRS. REIMERS BUNGALOW, THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPERTY AT 2201 B STREET
PUBLIC HEARING: May 21, 2009

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

Zimmer presented slides of the property. The applications are for a landmark designation and a landmark special permit. The house was built in 1913. This building was designed by F. C. Fiske for Mrs. Fred Reimers of Reimers Kaufmann Concrete. This is a very stylish bungalow. The owner has a building permit for the garage behind the house. He would like an additional three feet for the height of the garage.

Beecham stated that the applicant represented to the neighborhood at a recent meeting that the garage would be about three feet taller than the house.

Zimmer stated that the applicant needs a special permit to raise the garage to 18 feet tall and have a den or other usable room in the space.

Beecham noted that all the other houses around this one are two story. This is the only one story house.

Francis thinks a three stall garage is a mistake. Jones believes it would look better if the front facade was broken up somehow.
McKee inquired about the process. Zimmer replied that both applications go onto the Planning Commission. The special permit is final action by the Planning Commission and the landmark designation goes onto the City Council.

**DESIGNATION AS A LANDMARK**

**ACTION:**

McKee moved approval of the landmark designation, seconded by Jones and approved 5-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones and McKee voting ‘yes’; Berggren and Ripley absent.

**LANDMARK SPECIAL PERMIT**

**ACTION:**

Jones moved denial of the landmark special permit, seconded by Beecham.

McKee believes the garage is very out of proportion with the house. Most houses in this era had a one stall garage.

Zimmer stated that the applicant has met with the Near South Neighborhood group but they have not voted on it yet. The Commission does not have to wait for that vote. He always recommends that the applicant seeks the neighborhood reaction.

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

The Commissioners all agreed that the garage is entirely too large for the house.

**Staff report**

* Zimmer received communication from the State Historical Society that funds will be available for Channel 5 programs.

* Zimmer has had an inquiry about a possible National Register nomination for Woodshire. He would have research help from a couple of Wesleyan interns. He would also like to do an Indian Village neighborhood survey.

* Zimmer is working with Wyuka to update their tour brochure.

**Miscellaneous**

Beecham stated that the Near South Walking Tour was a great success. There were a lot of people who attended and there was television coverage from two local news channels.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.