

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:** Thursday, August 19, 2010, 1:30 p.m., DSC Conference Room 214, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Cathy Beecham, Tim Francis, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones, Jim McKee, Greg Munn and Bob Ripley. Ed Zimmer and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Department; and other interested citizens.

**STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Chair Bob Ripley called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the back of the room.

Ripley then requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held July 15, 2010. Motion for approval made by Francis, seconded by Johnson and carried 7-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee, Munn and Ripley voting 'yes'.

Ed Zimmer introduced Holly Hauschild who is an intern of this summer and fall.

### **APPLICATION BY KAY DAVISON FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 803 Q STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** August 19, 2010

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

Marci Davison appeared as applicant. They have a south location named Carmela's Bistro and Wine Bar. They would like to open another location in the Haymarket. They would like to install an awning.

McKee questioned if an awning already exists on the building. Davison replied there is currently no awning. Zimmer concurred.

Davison stated it will be a chocolate brown color. You will be able to see the logo.

Zimmer explained that the awning will differentiate between the two entrances. It will go over the entrance to the Haymarket Theater also.

McKee wondered if the can sign is 'no material effect'. Zimmer replied it was approved in Arturo's days. He placed it before the Commission since it has been awhile.

Beecham wondered about the colors of the sign. Davison replied they will be brown, orange and white.

Davison noted that the drawings incorrectly reference the north wall. It would be the south wall.

**ACTION:**

Jones moved approval of a new sign face with vinyl graphics and neon letters for the pole sign in its existing location and a new fabric canopy that would extend across the restaurant and Haymarket Theater entrance, designs and colors as presented. Munn seconded. Motion to approve carried 7-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee, Munn and Ripley voting 'yes'.

**APPLICATION BY SCOTT SULLIVAN FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 6106 HAVELOCK AVENUE IN THE HAVELOCK AVENUE LANDMARK DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**August 19, 2010**

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

Scott Sullivan stated there is no information to present. A preliminary design was received but it is not ready yet.

**APPLICATION BY SCOTT SULLIVAN FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 6224-6242 HAVELOCK AVENUE IN THE HAVELOCK AVENUE LANDMARK DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**August 19, 2010**

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

Scott Sullivan stated that they are working on improving the Tobacco Shack building. It has been before this Commission a few times with different designs. The Isles has taken over

the whole building. They are still leasing but intend to purchase at some point. There will be one entry. This will be a convenience store, cashier and Isles takeout food service. The building will be re-stuccoed. Windows will be new. The awnings from the reception hall on the west end, the restaurant roof and the entrance will all be a similar green color. He would like approval to proceed with the takeout facade. He is not asking for approval of the signs. They would like to carry the current Isles oval logo through all the businesses. It would be similar to Cosmic Cow, raised letters with LED lighting behind it. The owner would like to see a little more pop. There would not be any backlit plastic panels. He questioned what the Commission thinks about exposed neon. There is exposed neon on Arnold's, Bob's and the Joyo.

Zimmer noted that in the language of the sign guidelines it is designated that this is a commercial district.

Sullivan is asking if the basic concept for the signage is okay and is there any opposition to the neon. He would also like approval for the facade of the Tobacco Shack.

McKee likes the signs and has no opposition to the neon.

Ripley thinks continuing the concept of the oval sign throughout the businesses is a good idea. He thinks they look good and have good continuity.

Zimmer stated that when this district was designated, the owner of the Tobacco Shack was against it and wanted to be left out of the district. Urban Development Dept. wouldn't be able to assist with the facade work being requested today if it was left out of the district.

Munn inquired about the pilasters at the front. Sullivan replied that it is stone base and a brick pilaster. Scale is the same as the Isles.

**ACTION:**

McKee moved approval of the façade of the Tobacco Shack as presented, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried 7-0: Beecham, Francis, Johnson, Jones, McKee, Munn and Ripley voting 'yes'.

**APPLICATION BY JOHN TURNER AND ELIZABETH STERNS FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 3832 ORCHARD STREET IN THE EAST CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOOD LANDMARK DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEARING:** **August 19, 2010**

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

Sullivan stated there is no information to present yet.

**Miscellaneous and Staff Report**

\*\* Zimmer stated that he received a note late yesterday from LES that by late day tomorrow they hope to put two alternative transmission routes on the reliability website. These would be kept up for a month or more and would receive comments. One proposal is an all underground route and one is a combination of above and below ground. He believes LES is proposing for lines in historic districts to either be all underground or avoid them completely. Zimmer will update the commission either way.

Ripley believes it is interesting, it sounds like there has been considerable public input.

Zimmer believes they heard very clearly that they could not cross the Capitol Environs district with overhead lines. It is not very efficient to go underground and then above ground again.

Ripley believes LES has been very responsive to comments. He is glad about the amount of public support that has come out for underground lines.

\*\* Zimmer mentioned that he has a September walking tour coming up in the East Campus Neighborhood District. He has a walking tour of Wyuka on Oct. 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Everett Neighborhood District is doing a house tour in the upcoming future.

\*\* Beecham would like an update on the IAB building.

Zimmer stated that UNL rejected the single proposal they received. He believes they rejected it principally on the grounds that it was an offer to rehab but not an offer to purchase or occupy. It would have required UNL partnering. UNL stated it did not fit their financial position. They stated they would not take any further steps until they saw if it was nominated to the National Register. The application is heading to the state. Then it goes on to the federal government who have 90 days to place it on the National Register. He

doesn't know what the timeframe means to UNL. UNL has maintained the position that they aren't required to do a Section 106 review. He doesn't believe any federal agency has disagreed with them to date. The Nebraska State Historical Society feels a Section 106 review should be conducted. No federal agency has agreed with them yet, to the best of his knowledge.

Ripley wondered where the Dept. of Agriculture building is located. Zimmer is not quite sure. This is a new building that is planned on being built at Innovation Campus. He believes this is a federal agency research building

\*\* Beecham wondered if the Country Club Neighborhood has inquired with Ed about ornamental lighting. Zimmer noted that he presented some information to the Commission last month. He has since had contact with Public Works. They are in discussion with LES about installing supplemental lights on 27<sup>th</sup> St. due to it's arterial status. It would have a new set of modern overheads. Supplemental lights would be added for a more gracious look. Van Dorn would be funded by Country Club Neighborhood.

Ripley complimented Public Works. Current road work is being done after rush hour and at night. It is a smart thing for them to do.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.