MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, October 18, 2012, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Francis, Jim Johnson, Berwyn Jones, Liz Kuhlman and Jim McKee; (Cathy Beecham and Greg Munn absent). Marvin Krout, Ed Zimmer, Stacey Groshong Hageman 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 acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Francis then requested a motion approving the minutes for the regular meeting held September 20, 2012. Motion for approval made by Johnson, seconded by Jones and carried 5-0: Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee voting ‘yes’; Beecham and Munn absent.

RECOMMENDATIONS IN ACCORD WITH REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROJECTS AT INNOVATION CAMPUS: 4-H BUILDING AND INDUSTRIAL ARTS BUILDING October 18, 2012

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

Jeff Chadwick presented a view of the IAB, Life Sciences Building, 4-H Building and NIC Building on Innovation Campus.

Ed Zimmer stated that portions of this work have reached the point of going out to bid. According to the redevelopment agreement, Historic Preservation Commission gives advice on this.

Chadwick presented details on the design and layout of the Industrial Arts Building (IAB). There will be leased space. The greenhouses will be on top. The Life Sciences Building next door will be open wet labs and support spaces. The middle area is a connection between the two buildings. Sizes and material use is still being looked at.

Kuhlman stated that with respect to the 4-H building, they are restoring what is already there. From an interior standpoint, they have to take out the original arena bowl.
Dan Spiry of BVH Architects stated that with respect to the Industrial Arts building, the interior is being gutted. The exterior medallions were removed for some reason and they plan to reinstate decorative elements at those locations. Matt Bowers stated that they will try to recreate those that are missing.

Spiry noted the repeating arch design of the building. The greenhouses have been set back on two sides. When the interior structure goes away, the outside walls will be freestanding. They will be bracing the walls with temporary braces. Steel columns will be put in place behind the brick wall. There will be new fiberglass or GFRC coping to match the original 1913 coping. They will replicate the missing corbels, keystones and plaques. They will restore and stabilize cracked concrete lintels. A flexible infill framing system will be set back from the façade for tenant spaces.

Jones wondered about tinted glass for any glass doors. It would be a little more subdued.

Spiry stated they are still looking at lighting concepts. They are thinking about perhaps a feature light on each medallion. They could put uplights in the ground or a continuous alcove of LED in the cornice. They want to put the features back on the building.

McKee stated that the design looks like this is going where they thought it would. Uplighting was discouraged.

The other Commissioners agreed. They would try to minimize the light pollution wherever possible.

The Commissioners all agreed the drawings look good.

APPLICATION BY LIZ KUHLMAN FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 235 N. 9TH STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING: October 18, 2012

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

Kuhlman stated that there have been no major changes to what was already presented to the Commission. They removed a couple of the canopies. She has no updates at this time. They hope to have the project completed in possibly two weeks.
APPLICATION BY NEIGHBORWORKS LINCOLN FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT THE DR. O.C. REYNOLDS HOUSE, 2530 Q STREET  
PUBLIC HEARING:  
October 18, 2012

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

There was no new information to present.

APPLICATION BY BENNET HOTEL PROP HOLDINGS LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 710 P STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING:  
October 18, 2012

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

There was no information to present.

APPLICATION BY SCOTT SULLIVAN ON BEHALF OF ENGINE HOUSE CAFÉ FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 6028 AND 6030 HAVELOCK AVENUE IN THE HAVELOCK AVENUE LANDMARK DISTRICT 
PUBLIC HEARING:  
October 18, 2012

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

Scott Sullivan appeared. Engine House Café signs have already been approved. There are two new signs going in. He would like to talk about the two doors and the center bay needs to be updated. He is proposing to leave the arch wood windows, as well as the transom, due to cost. The owner will fix them up and repaint them. They want to replace the lower door panel with all aluminum clad. They tried to find something with a different mullion, but can't.

ACTION:

Jones moved approval, seconded by McKee and carried 5-0: Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee voting 'yes'; Beecham and Munn absent.
APPLICATION BY EVERETT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR PEDESTRIAN GUIDE SIGNS, PROPOSED TO BE INSTALLED ON PUBLIC ROW AND/OR PRIVATE PROPERTY ALONG S. 11TH STREET BETWEEN A STREET AND LINCOLN MALL IN THE EVERETT LANDMARK DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEARING: October 18, 2012

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

Pat Anderson-Sifuentez appeared. The neighborhood would like to install a historic information sign. This area has a lot of history. They want to encourage more pedestrian walking, touring and a sense of pride. She showed an example of the sign being requested. She believes it is shown as 4’ x 6’. Their’s would be a little smaller. There is going to be some city work at 11th St. and G St. The city has offered to install the sign. She has a manufacturer lined up. The sign will have a map and narrative. It will not be lighted.

Zimmer questioned if the intent is for the one sign. Anderson-Sifuentez replied that right now, they are requesting just one sign. Near South Neighborhood has expressed an interest in doing a sign also. She needs to place the order and they haven’t decided yet. Near South has talked about putting their sign in front of McPhee School or south of the capitol.

McKee questioned how the neighborhood will approach vandalism with regard to graffiti. Anderson-Sifuentez replied that the back of the sign will be clear coated for anti-graffiti. There will plexiglass on the front that can be easily cleaned or replaced.

Johnson wondered how the sign will be attached to the sidewalk. Anderson-Sifuentez replied that the city is redoing the sidewalk. They have offered to set the base into the concrete. She believes the post is buried 24 inches deep.

ACTION:

Jones moved approval of the sign as presented, seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0: Francis, Johnson, Jones, Kuhlman and McKee voting ‘yes’; Beecham and Munn absent.

Francis inquired how many total signs the neighborhood would like to eventually have. Anderson-Sifuentez replied they would like to have two, and Near South Neighborhood would like to have two. They are costly, so this limits the numbers.

Zimmer noted that in the community planning that previously occurred, historical identification was high on the list of preferences.
MISCELLANEOUS

• Zimmer gave a tour at Wyuka recently. It was the annual Wyuka Walk for about 75 people. Another event is the Wyuka theatrical event. He provided the research. 10 students will do scripts next Sunday afternoon about historically significant people for short presentations. He will be attending the Everett annual meeting and the Near South Neighborhood annual meeting.

• Applications will be coming forward for landmark designation and special permit at 1717 D street. The applicant wants to speak with the Near South Neighborhood first.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.