**MEETING RECORD**

**NAME OF GROUP:** HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:**
Thursday, November 15, 2018, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Liz Bavitz, Jim Johnson, Jim McKee and Greg Newport; Melissa Dirr Gengler, Jim Hewitt and Greg McCown absent.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Ed Zimmer, Stacey Hageman, David Cary, Teresa McKinstry and Chelsey Pounds of the Planning Department; and Ryan Haffey of Nebraska Sign Co.

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

Vice-Chair Jim McKee called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

McKee requested a motion approving the minutes for the meeting of October 18, 2018. Motion for approval made by Johnson, seconded by Bavitz and carried 4-0: Bavitz, Johnson, McKee and Newport voting ‘yes’; Dirr Gengler, Hewitt and McCown 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.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 826 P STREET, IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT (UDR18072)**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** November 15, 2018

Members present: Bavitz, Johnson, McKee and Newport; Dirr Gengler, Hewitt and McCown absent.

Ryan Haffey from Nebraska Sign Co. appeared. This is replacing the ‘hudl’ sign. The under canopy sign will be cut, open letter style and not illuminated. The second sign will be a wall sign, replacing the ‘hudl’ sign near the top of the east façade. It will be a metal cabinet with cut, open letters, interior illuminated with white LED’s.

Ed Zimmer noted that in his opinion, this was very close to ‘no material effect’. The wall sign is big, but very high up on the building. The proposed signs are consistent in size, type and
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location to the signs previously approved for this building and elsewhere in the Haymarket district.

ACTION:

Bavitz moved approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the two signs as proposed, seconded by Johnson and carried 4-0: Bavitz, Johnson, McKee and Newport voting ‘yes’; Dirr Gengler, Hewitt and McCown absent.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT 801 P STREET, IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT (UDR18071)
PUBLIC HEARING: November 15, 2018

Members present: Bavitz, Johnson, McKee and Newport; Dirr Gengler, Hewitt and McCown absent.

Zimmer stated this application has previously appeared and been discussed. The request was for lighting both facades. The Commission approved lighting for the west façade. Members wanted to see the north lighting again.

McKee doesn’t believe the applicant has installed the lighting on the west façade yet. He would like to see the proposal for the north side lighting. They could propose very different lighting on the north and west. He wants to see what it would look like.

ACTION:

Johnson moved denial of a Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by McKee.

McKee is a little skeptical about the lighting. He would like to see a lot more detail.

Newport noted that light pollution is one of his biggest concerns. He doesn’t want to see a lot of uplighting.

The Commission members all agreed that they would like to see more specific details of this application.

Motion for denial carried 4-0: Bavitz, Johnson, McKee and Newport voting ‘yes’; Dirr Gengler, Hewitt and McCown absent.
OTHER:

Zimmer stated that staff has had inquiries from the soon to be new owners of 1600 O Street. They would like to put apartments on the upper floor. The windows would need to be reopened. They would plan to qualify for tax credits. This would have to go on to the National Register. Stacey Hageman and Chelsey Pounds have been working on this.

Hageman stated this was built for Lincoln Oldsmobile Company. It was completed in 1917. E.C. Strode built it. It is across from the Federal building.

Zimmer stated the owner is changing his business and retiring. There are a lot of windows blocked in on the building, but it is entirely clear where they were. They would be reopened. Hageman agreed. You can clearly see all the openings.

McKee believes this building seems to be in very good structural condition. The 2nd floor is completely open.

Hageman showed the elevations. Zimmer added that the architect was F.C. Fiske. This will probably start with a local landmark application and then a National Register nomination. Melissa Dirr Gengler is working with the new owner on the tax incentive aspects.

Hageman introduced Chelsey Pounds. She is an intern working with the Planning Dept.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.