MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, January 16, 2020, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 210, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nancy Hove Graul, Jim Johnson, Greg McCown, Jim McKee and Greg Newport; (Liz Bavitz and Melissa Dirr Gengler absent).

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ed Zimmer, Stacy Hageman and Rhonda Haas of the Planning Dept.; Ryan Haffey and Tony Persons.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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

McCown moved approving of the minutes for the meeting of December 19, 2019, seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0: Hove Graul, Johnson, McCown, McKee and Newport voting 'yes'; Bavitz and Gengler 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

PUBLIC HEARING: January 16, 2020

Members present: Hove Graul, Johnson, McCown, McKee and Newport; Bavitz and Gengler absent.

Ryan Haffey shared this is to add an additional sign in the same vein as the “Capstone” sign. This would be the one with open faces and lighting inside. This sign is under the square footage allowed for this building.

Newport inquired if there were guidelines on the number of tenant signs allowed on the wall. McCown asked if there were other tenant spaces available. Haffey said no, that “Old Chicago” takes the first two floors, while Capstone and “Agilix” occupy the upper floors. Haffey stated there is no language that limits the number of signs, but rather the square footage covered. Newport shared that this could be a very popular way of getting the business name seen throughout the Haymarket. He further shared that he is more concerned about the lighting of
the signs. Not wanting this to become another Vegas. Haffey stated the tenants do not want to spend the money for something like that, because it is more expensive. This version of lighting and gooseneck lighting is popular and about one-third the cost.

Ed Zimmer stated there are a couple of things with the Standard Sign Code, that do come into play with this and some of them fit the Haymarket well. The Commission can always veto permission for the sign. This is a special Sign District, and if changes were recommended to the code, it would need to go before the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. It is reasonable to treat the side and front walls differently, because historically, they were treated differently. If you, the Commissioners were to say no to this, they would not be able to get the permit. Zimmer also noted that projecting signs are required to be located at least 50 feet apart, which sometimes raises questions in commercial districts with narrower storefronts.

Newport inquired if it could be case by case, so not to set precedence. Zimmer said correct, although he explained, he does regard the Commissioner’s past actions given as a guidance when giving his recommendations.

McCown asked if the “Capstone” sign had internal lighting. Haffey said yes, this is the same style as the “LeadBelly” sign. This is a good solution, because it is not bright and overwhelming.

**ACTION:**

Hove Graul moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by Johnson and carried 5-0: Hove Graul, Johnson, McCown, McKee and Newport voting ‘yes’; Bavitz and Gengler absent.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 803 Q STREET IN THE HAYMARKET LANDMARK DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** January 16, 2020

Members present: Hove Graul, Johnson, McCown, McKee and Newport; Bavitz and Gengler absent.

Tony Persons stated that the Nebraska Gift Shop has taken over the entire first floor and the “Licorice International” has moved down a few blocks. This is for a non-illuminated sign to be mounted under the existing canopy.

Ed Zimmer asked if it was like a wall sign, restricted by those square footage measurements. Persons said yes, that its limits in the sign code would be one-third of the elevation or 500 square feet. He stated that this would not be the total amount on the building, but just the amount per elevation. Zimmer stated that historically, this building had large painted wall signs, which will be retained during the renovation. This marquee sign would replace a canvas
valance on a metal roof.

McCown asked if the projecting sign would go away. Persons said no, that would be staying.

Zimmer asked if this application would be for the marquee signs and the one at the west entrance. Persons said yes, they would be using the same material on both so that they tie together.

McCown stated it looks sharp.

**ACTION:**

Johnson moved approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness, seconded by Newport and carried 5-0: Hove Graul, Johnson, McCown, McKee and Newport voting ‘yes’; Bavitz and Gengler absent.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR WORK AT PHILLIPS CASTLE, 1845 D STREET IN THE NOUNT EMERALD LANDMARK DISTRICT**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** January 16, 2020

Members present: Hove Graul, Johnson, McCown, McKee and Newport; Bavitz and Gengler absent.

No information present from applicant.

Ed Zimmer stated that he does not have enough information on this item. The new owners of the monumental Phillips Castle are investigating the cost of repairs, to the cost of replacement, of the historic roof material (slate). Zimmer stated that this would not come back to the Commission until there is more information.

Ed Zimmer stated that he would have the Annual Report for review and approval, next month. Zimmer shared he is continuing to work on the Near South Tour books. Volume 1, came out in May and volume 2, is close to being done.

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