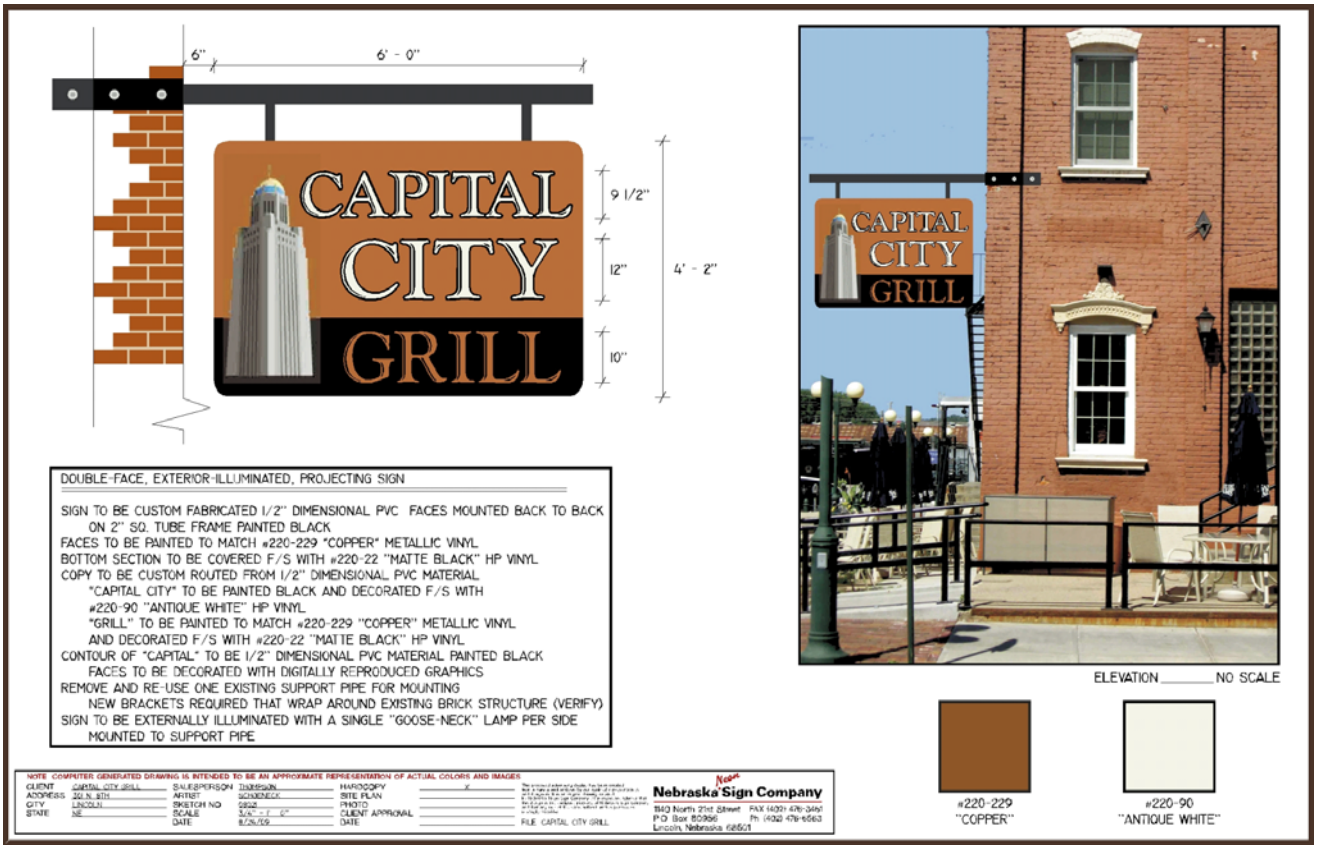
ITEM 5--Agenda of September 17, 2009 **September 14, 2009**

Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

PROPOSAL:
Nebraska Neon Sign Company, on behalf of Randy Jones, requests a certificate of appropriateness for signs at 301 North 8th Street–the Seaton & Lea Building–in the Haymarket Landmark District.



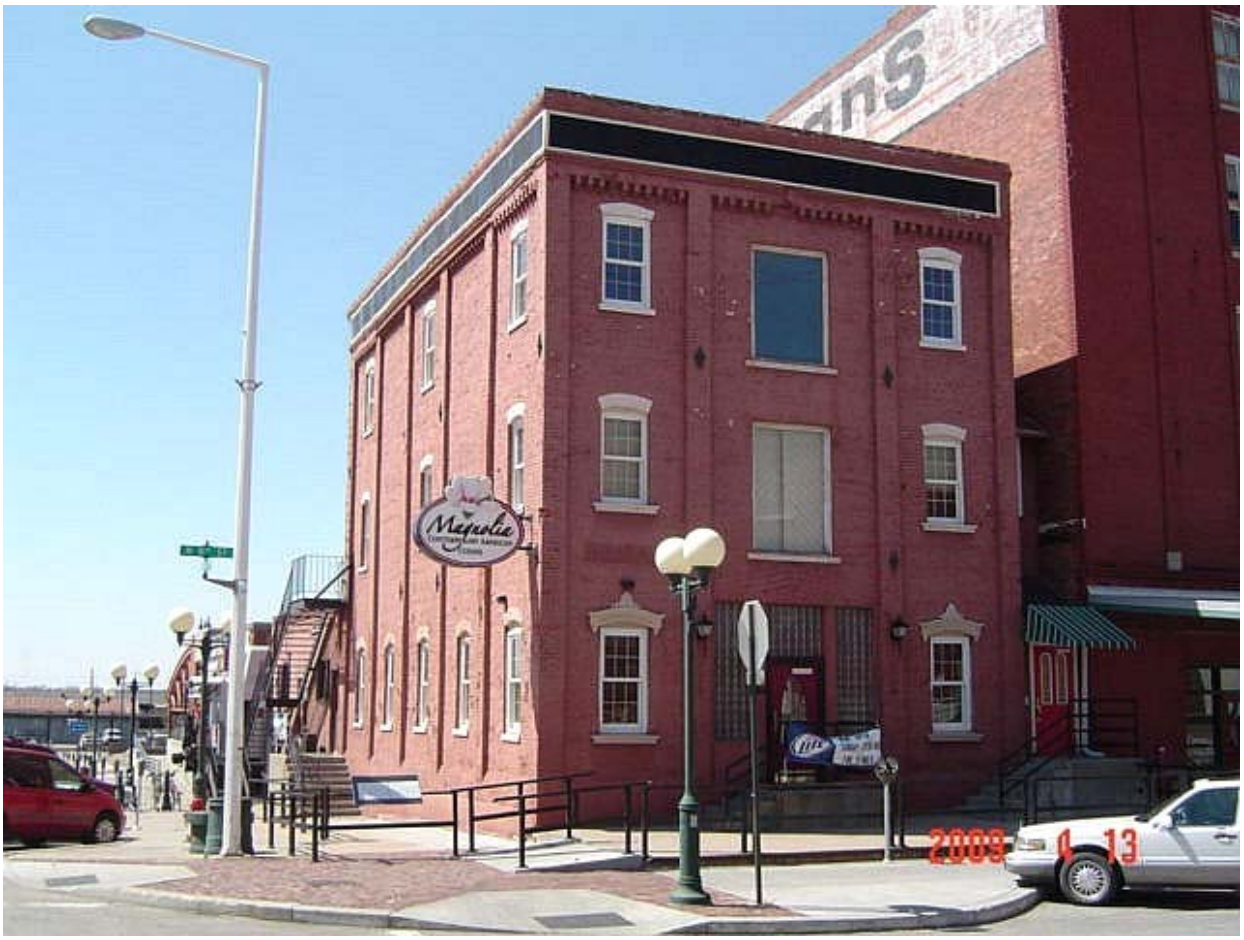
DISCUSSION:

Randy Jones is opening a new restaurant, Capital City Grill, at the northwest corner of 8th and Q Streets. The Commission has previously approved as appropriate externally lit projecting signs the southeast corner of the three-story Seaton & Lea Building. Mr. Jones proposes a sign projecting 45 degrees from the corner, illuminated with a "single 'goose-neck' lamp per side mounted to support pole." The lamps have not been depicted.

The sign criteria for Haymarket include among "Recommended Signs"

Projecting Signs

Projecting signs, usually consisting of letters applied or painted on panels, can be approved, either for building identification or for individual businesses. The former should usually be designed at a scale relating to the building as a whole (such as the tall, blade-type sign at 808 P) or relating to an individual entrance or storefront.



Seaton & Lea Building with most recent projecting sign (2009)

This proposal appears consistent with externally illuminated signs previously approved by the Commission for this location. The Commission may consider an approval conditioned upon careful removal of supports for prior signs and repair of any visible damage from those installations.

Recommended finding:
The proposed sign meets the Haymarket Sign Criteria in scale, placement, and design.

Recommended Action:
Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness if the supports for the previous "Magnolia" sign are carefully removed and any damage to the brickwork in the vicinity of the corner sign is repaired.

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