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STATE OF NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE CAPITOL COMMISSION
State Capitol 7th Floor
Robert C. Ripley
Capitol Administrator

ANNUAL JOINT MEETING
NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION
AND
NEBRASKA CAPITOL COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 17, 2015
State Capitol, Hearing Room 1507
10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order Governor Ricketts, Chair
2. Roll Call Capitol Commission Clerk, Tammy Honnor
3. * Review / Approval of Minutes - November 18, 2014 Governor Ricketts, Chair
4. New Business
 - A. Capitol Environs Commission Annual Report Ed Zimmer
 - B. Capitol Commission Annual Report Robert Ripley & Roxanne Smith
 - C. Next Joint Commission Meeting - November 8, 2016 Robert Ripley
 - D. Other Business from Either Commission
5. Adjourn

* - Action Items

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NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION
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MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2014

State Capitol, Hearing Room 1507

9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lieutenant Governor Nelson called to order the annual joint meeting of the Nebraska Environs Commission and the Nebraska Capitol Commission at 9:00 a.m. in Legislative Hearing Room 1507, Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska.

2. ROLL CALL

Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission Members

Present:

Jeff Searcy, Chair
Christie Dionisopoulos
John Kay
Tom Laging
Karen Nalow
Cecil Steward
Jon Weinberg
Ed Zimmer

Absent:

Nebraska Capitol Commission Members

Present:

Lt. Governor John Nelson, Chair
Chief Justice Mike Heavican
Patrick O'Donnell
Michael Smith
Stan Meradith
Jim Cudaback
Robert Ripley

Absent:

Kim Wilson
Bryce Neidig

3. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Lieutenant Governor Nelson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 14, 2013, meeting minutes.

There being no discussion, Mr. Steward **MOVED** to approve the November 14, 2013, Joint Meeting Minutes. Mr. Laging **SECOND** the motion. The motion passed with a vote of all members present (12 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain, 2 Absent).

4. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

A. Centennial Mall Update

Mr. Ed Zimmer asked Mr. J.J. Yost, Planning and Construction Manager for the Lincoln Parks and Recreation, to discuss the Centennial Mall updates. Mr. Yost explained to the members the construction project has three phases. Phase One involves the middle three blocks open to auto traffic which were completed a year ago but there still remains minor punch list items to be completed by contractor. Phase two involves the two blocks north and two blocks south at the ends of the mall. Construction began April of this year and is expected to be completed by July of 2015. Phase three involves the landscaping of the two blocks north and two blocks south of the mall. The landscape materials are currently being grown and will be installed by Parks and Recreation. The bulk of the planting will happen in the fall of next year.

Mr. Yost said they plan to have the renovation completed by this time next year. Mr. Searcy said he thanked Mr. Yost for their excellent work being completed on behalf of the Environ Commission, the City of Lincoln and Lt. Governor Nelson for his support of the project.

B. Other

No discussion.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capitol Environs Commission Annual Report – Ed Zimmer

Mr. Zimmer distributed to all members a draft copy of the 2014 Capitol Environs Annual Report. Mr. Zimmer discussed the work completed throughout the year. A draft copy of the annual report is on file. The final annual report can be obtained at the Capitol Environ's website (<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/ncec/ncec.htm>).

B. Capitol Commission Annual Report – Robert Ripley

Ms. Roxanne Smith, Tourism Supervisor, distributed copies of the 2014 Office of the Capitol Commission Annual Report to all members present. Mr. Ripley thanked Ms. Smith for producing the annual report and briefly discussed the work completed throughout the year. A copy of the

annual report is on file in the Capitol Commission office and available on our website (www.capitol.nebraska.gov).

Mr. Steward said there is a statewide survey underway to determine the volume of recycling being conducted in the business community. Since Mr. Ripley discussed the large volume of recycling conducted by the State as stated in the 2013 Annual Report, he would like permission to highlight the success of this recycling as an example of leadership in recycling materials. Mr. Ripley said he had no problem sharing the information.

Mr. Steward asked what happens to the recycled material after it is collected. Mr. Ripley said he will have to ask Mr. Mark Tonjes who is absent from this meeting and that he would inform the Environs Commission.

Mr. Steward **MOVED** the Capitol Environs Committee and Capitol Commission give their endorsement of the success of recycling at the State Capitol and to be able to use the information appropriately in their annual report. Mr. Weinberg **SECOND** the motion. The motion passed with a vote of all members present (13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent).

Mr. Ripley added the State Office building has a similar program for recycling and felt Building Division would have similar numbers they could share as well.

Mr. Searcy asked Mr. Ripley to discuss the timeframes to complete the H.V.A.C. Project. Mr. Ripley said the construction consist of five construction phases (four quadrants of the capitol and the tower):

1. First and second year involves planning.
2. Third year is replacing electrical switchgear in the three electrical sub-stations.
3. The last seven years are broken into five phases of constructions which are roughly 15 months each phase. Work sequencing is expected to be:
 - a. Close and vacate the building a quadrant at a time.
 - b. Move quadrant staff to rental space.
 - c. Complete construction renovation in that quadrant.
 - d. Move staff back to the finished area.
 - e. Repeat the same process four more times.

Mr. Ripley said the process is an arduous logistical and physical task because the State Capitol is such a complex structure. The construction requires removing the existing H.V.A.C. system and skillfully installing a new system which is respectful of the architecture while providing a quality environmental system that increases energy efficiency in the building.

Mr. Searcy asked Mr. Ripley to briefly discuss the Capitol courtyards and fountains. Mr. Ripley said the Program Statement for the Capitol Fountains Project has been completed and forwarded for approval to begin the planning and design stages. He anticipates construction to be completed within two years between late 2016 to early 2017 in time for the State's 150th anniversary.

C. Future Joint Commission Meeting – November 17, 2015

Mr. Ripley informed all members the next joint meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2015.

D. Other Business from Either Commission

No discussion.

6. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Mr. Cudaback **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Kay **SECONDED** the motion. The motion **PASSED** with a vote of all members present (13 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent).

Minutes prepared on 12/3/14 by:

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