



ANNUAL JOINT MEETING  
NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION  
AND  
NEBRASKA CAPITOL COMMISSION  
AGENDA

Thursday, November 21, 2019  
Hearing Room 1507  
10:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order.....Lt. Governor Foley, Chair
2. Roll Call.....Capitol Commission Clerk, Noelle Pinneo
3. \*Review / Approval of Minutes—November 13, 2018..see attachment 3...Lt. Governor Foley, Chair
4. Public Comment for Items Not Listed on the Agenda
5. New Business
  - A. Capitol Environs Commission Annual Report....see attachment 5A.....Ed Zimmer
  - B. Capitol Commission Annual Report.....Robert Ripley & Roxanne Smith
  - C. Other Business from the Commissions
6. Adjourn

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

\*Action Item

**Annual Joint Meeting of  
The Nebraska Capitol Commission  
And  
The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**

**Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2018**

**1. Call to Order**

Governor Ricketts called to order the annual joint meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Commission and the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission at 10:00 a.m. in Legislative Hearing Room 1507, Nebraska State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska.

**2. Roll Call**

Nebraska Capitol Commission Members

Present:

Governor Ricketts  
Speaker Scheer  
Chief Justice Heavican  
Trevor Jones  
Doug Carey  
Thomas Sanderson

Absent:

Katherine Ankerson

Nebraska Capital Environs Commission Members:

Present:

Jeff Searcy  
Gene Crump  
Kile Johnson  
John Sinclair  
Karen Nalow  
Ann Post

Absent:

Mary Campbell

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Office of the Capitol Commission Administrator – Bob Ripley  
City of Lincoln Planning Department – Ed Zimmer

**3. Review / Approval of the November 7, 2017, Joint Meeting Minutes**

Governor Ricketts asked if there was any discussion or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Governor Ricketts asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Searcy MOVED to approve the November 7, 2017, Annual Joint meeting minutes. Mr. Sanderson SECONDED the motion.

The November 7, 2017 meeting minutes were approved (12 Ayes, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain).

**4. Public Comment for Items Not Listed on the Agenda**

There was no public comment.

**5. New Business**

**A. Capitol Environs Commission Annual Report – Ed Zimmer**

Mr. Zimmer advised that the copy of the 2018 annual report that he handed out is considered a draft and won't be finalized until it is approved by the Capitol Environs Commission at their next meeting.

Mr. Zimmer recognized a new member of the Capitol Environs Commission, Kile Johnson.

Mr. Zimmer provided an overview of the commission's projects outlined in the draft annual report.

There were no questions.

**B. Capitol Commission Annual Report – Robert Ripley & Roxanne Smith**

Mr. Ripley acknowledged Roxanne Smith as the editor, reporter and publisher of the annual report.

Mr. Ripley gave a brief review of the programs detailed in the annual report and named the staff members responsible for completing the work. Mr. Ripley pointed out that the Commission saves a considerable amount of money by having talented staff within the building able to complete specialty projects on location.

Mr. Searcy thanked Mr. Ripley on behalf of the Capitol Environs Commission for the work done by the Office of the Capitol Commission. Mr. Ripley in turn thanked the commission members for volunteering their time to sit on the commissions.

At this time, Governor Ricketts announced that this public meeting was operating under the Open Meetings Act and a copy of the Act is posted at each entrance to the hearing room.

**C. Other Business from Either Commission**

There was no other business from either commission.

**6. Adjourn**

There being no further business, Governor Ricketts asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Searcy MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Crump SECONDED the motion.

The motion PASSED with a unanimous vote of the members present (12 Ayes, 2 Absent, 0 Abstain).

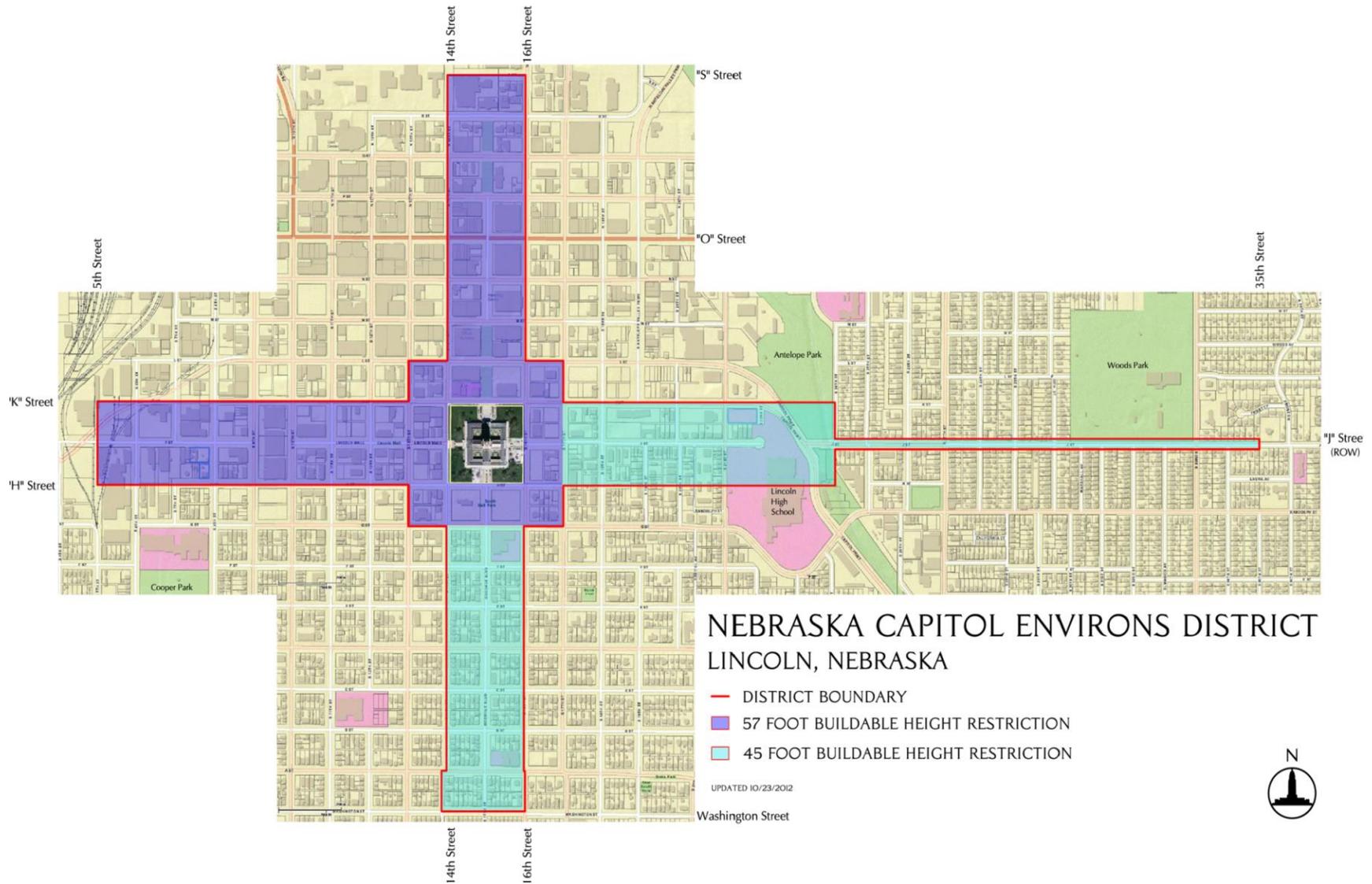
The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes prepared 11/23/2018  
Noelle Pinneo, Clerk of the Capitol Commission  
Office of the Capitol Commission

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

# Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission - Annual Report 2019



The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission was established in 1988 to strengthen existing protections for the setting of Nebraska's landmark State Capitol. The Commission's voting membership of seven citizen volunteers includes five members appointed by the City of Lincoln and two appointed by the State of Nebraska.

In 2019 Chairman Jeff Searcy completed 22 years of dedicated service on the Commission. Gene Crump and John Sinclair finished their terms as well. Kile Johnson, JD, accepted the Commission's election to chair the board. Heidi Cuca was appointed by Governor Ricketts. David Quade and Delonte Johnson were appointed by the City of Lincoln, bringing the Commission back to full strength, joining Commissioners Mary

Campbell (vice-chair), Karen Nalow, and Ann Post. The seven appointed citizen members are assisted by three *ex officio* members—Bob Ripley of the Office of the Capitol Commission (for the State of Nebraska), the director of Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department (David Cary), and Lynn Johnson (director of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department). Staffing is provided by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department, including planners Stacey Groshong Hageman and Ed Zimmer and administrative assistant Teresa McKinstry.

The Commission is required to meet at least quarterly by Section 27.56.060 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. **The Commission will met at least six times in 2019.**

## ***Project Reviews***

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The Commission reviewed several widely varied projects in the Environs District in 2019.

In February, the Commission approved a skywalk link between Farmers Mutual's two buildings on their headquarters block on Lincoln Mall and South 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Application for the building permit for the link was received in late October and the review process is nearly complete (as of Nov. 15, 2019).



*Design for Farmers Mutual skywalk on Lincoln Mall at South 13<sup>th</sup> Street*

In June, the Commission reviewed and approved updated concepts for an outdoor play area for Lincoln Children’s Museum at Centennial Mall and P Street.



LCM East Lot | FUTURE SCREENING STUDY  
28 JUNE 2019 SCALE: N/A



LCM East Lot | BIRDSYE  
28 JUNE 2019 SCALE: N/A



*Photo-simulation of proposed outdoor play area at Lincoln Children’s Museum, Centennial Mall at P Street*

*Study of screening concepts between Centennial Mall and Lincoln Children’s Museum*

In July, the Commission made recommendations regarding a major economic development proposal at Highway 77 and Bluff Road, north of Interstate 80, with suggestions for enhancing the development while respecting a premiere vista to the State Capitol tower on Lincoln’s skyline.

In August the Commission was pleased to approve a plan by NeighborWorks Lincoln to construct a duplex across South 21<sup>st</sup> Street from Lincoln High School on the east boundary of the Environs District.

*Duplex proposed for 641-647 South 21<sup>st</sup> Street*



Front  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

## Chief Standing Bear at the United States Capitol

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The Nebraska's Capitol Environs District and Commission has had impact in 2019 well beyond its boundaries. The Chief Standing Bear monument, installed on Centennial Mall in 2017, resulted in a second casting of the sculpture by Ben



Victor, installed at the Ponca Headquarters in 2018. A third and final casting was placed in Statuary Hall in the U. S. Capitol in September 2019.

