

## MEETING RECORD

**NAME OF GROUP:** NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

**DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:** Thursday, August 28, 2008, 8:00 a.m., Room 206, County-City Building, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Hewitt, Tom Laging, Jeff Searcy, Larry Stoll and Kim Todd. Cecil Steward absent.

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation); Bob Ripley (Capitol Commission); Ed Zimmer and Michele Abendroth (Planning Department)

**STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting of the Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

### **Approval of meeting notes of May 22, June 26 & July 24, 2008**

Hewitt moved approval of the meeting notes of May 22, June 26 & July 24, 2008; seconded by Laging. Motion carried 5-0. Hewitt, Laging, Searcy, Stoll and Todd voting 'yes'. Steward absent.

### **Application by Kaplan University**

Zimmer noted that Kaplan has applied for a building permit for construction on this project. Ripley commented that his concern regarding the building in relation to the intersection centerline at 19<sup>th</sup> & K Street has been resolved. Commissioners would like to see a landscape plan for the project as it is developed.

Laging moved approval of the project, seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried 5-0. Hewitt, Laging, Searcy, Stoll and Todd voting 'yes'. Steward absent.

### **Nebraska State Education Association Building, Lincoln Mall**

Zimmer updated the Commissioners on the landscape plan and noted that they are proposing to use 75% yews and the remainder will be native grasses. Commissioners recommended planting a large tree in the parking lot.

### **Letter from Commission to utilities regarding overhead wires**

Ripley distributed a letter he drafted which he suggested be sent annually to LES requesting that all overhead lines in the Capitol area be located underground. Commissioners agreed that this letter should be sent annually in the Fall.

Todd moved that the proposed letter drafted by Ripley be sent annually to LES, seconded by Laging. Motion carried 5-0. Hewitt, Laging, Searcy, Stoll and Todd voting 'yes'. Steward absent.

### **West Extension of District**

Ripley distributed a proposed amendment to the capitol environs west boundary. He is proposing the west boundary be extended from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. This amendment would go to the Legislature for submission as a legislative bill.

Todd moved that the proposed amendment to the west boundary of the Capitol Environs District be extended to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, seconded by Stoll. Motion carried 5-0. Hewitt, Laging, Searcy, Stoll and Todd voting 'yes'. Steward absent.

**Miscellaneous**

Laging requested that the Commission be briefed on the Pershing Reuse Study. He would like to see this study move forward in conjunction with Centennial Mall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

*\*\*Please note that these minutes will not be formally approved until the next meeting of the Capitol Environs Commission. \*\**