

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Thursday, March 24, 2011 8:00 a.m., Room 214, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Laging, Jeff Searcy and Cecil Steward. John Kay, Larry Stoll and Kim Todd absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob Ripley (Capitol Commission); Dennis Scheer, Karen Nalow and Elizabeth Thomas (The Clark Enersen Partners); Lynn Johnson, Jerry Shorney and JJ Yost (Parks & Rec); 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 8:03 a.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Approval of meeting notes of February 24, 2011

Due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting notes were not voted upon.

Design Update on Plan for Centennial Mall, with emphasis on Donor Recognition (Design Team and Parks & Recreation Department)

Nalow distributed drawings of the block-by-block themes for the Centennial Mall Plan. Scheer stated that scale is a very important aspect of these spaces. As you look at the drawings in sequence, you can start to see the capitol tower. The lines of the trees and walks are consistent throughout the blocks. You get a sense of how the components work together. Centennial Mall is more than just a surface aesthetic project; it is a living, breathing sustainable project.

Steward asked how they plan to protect against skateboarding. Nalow stated that they have looked at increasing the jointing pattern so it makes a more uncomfortable ride. Scheer stated that they want to figure out how they can detail that edge so that it is not an acceptable surface for a skateboarder.

It was noted that the Design Team is working with Public Works on upcoming paving projects and paving options on the Mall. In looking at types of paving, the issues under consideration are funding, maintenance and sustainability.

Scheer noted that they are approximately 60% done with design development. The Commission was complimentary of the progress.

Searcy noted that the water fountain south of the capitol may be an opportunity to use the State Seal as a feature.

In terms of donor recognition, Yost stated that the fundraising team has made a couple presentations, but there is not much to report at this time. They should know more in about a month.

Staff Report/State Office Building, etc.

Zimmer stated that he will report back to the Commission on the State Office Building as progress is made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

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

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