

To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**
From: Ed Zimmer
Re: Agenda of February 23, 2012
Date: February 17, 2012

Item 2:

Construction on the central 3 blocks of Centennial Mall, those open to vehicular traffic, will begin this spring to coordinate with the resurfacing project of downtown streets scheduled for this year. The Commission in the past has endorsed the overall design concepts for rebuilding Centennial Mall. The design team will present the developed designs for the “open” blocks for the Commission’s information and approval, focusing on the curbs, pavements, sidewalks, etc—the “public works” aspects of the project. Street furnishing such as benches, tree grates, trees, etc. will be presented to the Commission in coming months, hopefully as soon as March or April.

Item 3:

Legislative Resolution 381 (attached), introduced by Senator Fulton, proposes that the Unicameral request the City of Lincoln rename “a portion of ‘J’ Street” in recognition of Colonel Harry Francis Cunningham, upon the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the completion of the Capitol in 1932. Cunningham was a partner in the architectural firm of Bertram Goodhue and succeeded Goodhue as the chief architect of the Capitol upon Goodhue’s death in 1924.

In 2007, the Commission led a successful effort to rename S. 15th Street from the Capitol to A Street as Goodhue Blvd., notifying neighbors, holding a public meeting, and advocating for the designation to the City Council. LB 381 does not specify how much of J Street the Unicameral would request be renamed.

A hearing on LR 381 is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24th.

Item 4:

A kick-off for the public fundraising campaign for Centennial Mall is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., March 1, at the Capitol.

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