STAFF REPORT **January 16, 2015**

Proposal:
Brayden McLaughlin on behalf of Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) requests a certificate of appropriateness for a monument/precinct marker for the south end of Goodhue Blvd. near A Street.

Discussion:
Mr. McLaughlin met with the Commission in Sept. for a preliminary discussion of this concept. He has since met with Public Works Dept. and received consent to a more developed proposal (see attached communication) and has discussed the project with Parks & Rec. Dept., with similar results.

The improved design adds a sidewalk for accessing the monument.

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Tje Environ Design Standards state:

Design Standard 3: Memorials and Monuments

Installation of monuments and memorials should be based on the symbolic program established at the Capitol. Therefore no memorials should be added to the Capitol grounds. The Capitol itself is a memorial and has integral memorial spaces (the Nebraska Hall of Fame and Memorial Hall). Memorials may be considered for addition to the Malls, within their overall design guidelines, assigning memorials of statewide or national significance to Centennial Mall, and individual memorials to the other malls.

Guideline 3.1:
Addition of memorials and monuments facing Capitol Square (outside the Capitol grounds) and on the Malls will be evaluated within the same guidelines as other improvements such as buildings and landscape features, stressing compatibility with setting, high-quality design, and appropriate materials.

While Goodhue can, in my opinion, be regarded as "of…national significance," I think it would be overly strict or even a mis-reading of the Design Standard to interpret it as precluding a Goodhue monument on Goodhue Blvd.

Prior discussion of this concept has included questions of the safety of a monument installed in the median. The Public Works Dept. response addresses this concern. Other questions arose about installing a feature on-axis with the Capitol. Certainly this is a concern with tall features or anything blocking views, hence the design of this proposal as a low, horizontal feature. "Reflection Plaza" at the north end of Centennial Mall is a somewhat similar design concept, with a retaining wall with interpretive plaques envisioned for the terminus of that Mall.

The text for the interpretive element of the proposed Goodhue Monument has not been presented and should be carefully vetted by the Commission. Assistance from the Office of the Capital Administrator should be sought.

Recommended finding: *The proposed monument to Bertram Goodhue for Goodhue Blvd., north of A St., enhances the setting of the Capitol and celebrates the architect of this world-class building and the avenue that bears his name.*

Recommended action: *Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness .*

Preliminary design proposal.

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From: **Shane R. Dostal** <sdostal@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Brayden,

It was a pleasure meeting you on site and discussing the marker being proposed by the Near South Neighborhood Association along Goodhue Boulevard.

The only question that arose was that if there were a sidewalk leading up to the monument who would remove snow from that sidewalk area. I found out from the City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department that they mow the boulevards along Goodhue and would be willing to remove snow from the sidewalk leading to the monument.

With that being coordinated the City of Lincoln Public Works Department has no issues with the location of the monument on Goodhue Boulevard. We are in support of the preliminary design and location of the monument being proposed by the Near South Neighborhood Association. If other issues were to arise the Public Works Department will work closely with the Near South Neighborhood to get them resolved.

Thanks.

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From: Brayden McLaughlin [mailto:mclaughlinbrayden@gmail.com]
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Subject: Goodhue Marker

Shane,

Thank you again for meeting with us. The Near South Neighborhood Association is encouraged by your positive comments this afternoon. Attached is the powerpoint the NSNA presented to the Capitol Environs Commission In September. Please let me know if you or anyone down at the Public Works Dept. has any questions. If not, the Near South Neighborhood Association would like to request a confirmation email from Public Works saying that the department is on board with our preliminary design so we can continue to move this project forward before our funds expire by December 31st. Thank you very much once again.

Brayden McLaughlin

Near South Neighborhood Association

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