

To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**
From: Ed Zimmer
Re: Agenda of October 22, 2015
Date: October 15, 2015

Item 2: 1% for Art Enhancements to Nebraska History Museum

The Nebraska State Historical Society expects to return to the Commission with a more developed proposal from designers Jeanine Centuori and Russell Rock for the art screens on Nebraska History Museum and will request approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Item 3: Reflection Plaza detail, Centennial Mall at R Street

The attached memo from Lynn Johnson and three images outline a question for the Commission. UNL has requested recognition at the north end of Centennial Mall, based on the design for “precinct markers” the University is employing in similar gateway locations. The designs depict red brick columns at the northernmost outer edges of the mall, emblazoned with the UNL “N.” Lynn raises a question about whether that “N” be executed in bronze or UNL scarlet.

Item 4: Presentation of South Haymarket Neighborhood Plan

The Planning Department has finished drafting the South Haymarket Neighborhood Plan and is revisiting various groups and city boards, in preparation for offering the plan for action by Planning Commission in November. The presentation is on-line at

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/sohay/MeetingMaterials/150930/PPoint.pdf>

Item 5: South Courtyard enhancements, Farmers Mutual Headquarters

I received an inquiry (after submitting the legal advertisement for the October 22nd meeting) from Davis Design on behalf of Farmers Mutual, regarding construction of a “gazebo” or backdrop/screen structure in the south courtyard of their headquarters, at 13th and Lincoln Mall. Renderings of the feature are included, and I can bring additional details to the meeting. The feature is substantial enough that if it were built on an open lawn on any of the Environs malls, I would present it for public hearing and certificate of appropriateness (which I cannot do until a subsequent meeting). However, within this finished courtyard, the impact of the addition is arguably negligible and may qualify for an administrative “certificate of no material effect.” I will seek the Commission’s input and guidance on this item.

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