To: **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission**
From: Ed Zimmer
Re: Agenda of March 24, 2016
Date: March 18, 2016

Item 2: Centennial Mall plaques
Lincoln Parks Foundation has requests for two more inscriptions for Spirit of Nebraska plaques on Centennial Mall. The first is from the general contractor for the rebuilding:

MECO-HENNE Omaha
General Contractor
Centennial Mall 2015

The second is from the Rohman family.

Sanitary Towel & Laundry Co. Lincoln
From 1908-2003, operated by three generations of the Rohman family: Carl P. Rohman, George W. Rohman, and Carl H. Rohman.

Item 3: Special Permit for additional height (flagpole)
Crete Carrier proposes to install two 45' flagpoles and one 100' flagpole at their 400 NW 56th St. location, adjacent to I-80. The area is within a Capitol view corridor and therefore we are seeking the Commission's input prior to the Planning Commission's review of the item. We attempt to evaluate the likely impact of proposals on the viewer's experience of the vista, not simply whether an element is within a mapped corridor. In practice, this careful approach seems more persuasive in recommending for or against a specific proposal, rather than simply opposing any changes within view corridors.

Attached images include a letter from the applicant, a site plan, a photo simulation of the poles on-site, and two sheets of images and analysis of the impact of the proposal on a heavily travelled corridor with one of the premiere vistas to the Capitol tower.

The flagpole would be located approximately 770' south of the center of the eastbound I-80 lanes. The vista in this area, which continues for approximately 2 miles of Interstate travel, occurs from mile marker 384 and 386, directly adjacent Crete Carrier.

For the duration of this key vista, the Capitol tower appears to be centered on the Interstate right-of-way. The proposed flag would be visible within the same viewshed but would be located to the right (south) of the key view. It does not appear that the installation would be intrusive on the Capitol view, but might enhance or enliven the general appearance of the road-side properties.