

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: February 4, 2020, Conference Room 210, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark Canney, Emily Deeker, Tom Huston, Gill Peace and Michelle Penn; Amber Brannigan and Tammy Eagle Bull absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stacey Hageman and Teresa McKinstry of the Planning Dept.; Scott Sullivan and Cody Schmick.

Chair Penn called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the room.

Penn then called for a motion approving the minutes of the regular meetings held November 5, 2019, December 3, 2019 and January 7, 2020. Motion for approval made by Huston, seconded by Peace and carried 5-0: Canney, Deeker, Huston, Peace and Penn voting 'yes'; Brannigan and Eagle Bull absent.

REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT – HOTEL ON NEBRASKA INNOVATION CAMPUS:

Members present: Canney, Deeker, Huston, Peace and Penn; Brannigan and Eagle Bull absent.

Stacey Hageman stated that this item will appear on the agenda next month. There is nothing to present at this time.

Huston is representing the owner. They have made a choice on materials and want to run it by the committee.

SIDEWALK CAFÉ AT 1630 P STREET - SIDESHOW STILL CO.:

Members present: Canney, Deeker, Huston, Peace and Penn; Brannigan and Eagle Bull absent.

Cody Schmick appeared as the owner of the business. He recently bought this property for use as a distillery. The space is about 10,000 square feet. It will be production in the back and two bars in front. He thinks this building is boring at this point. They would like to add some outdoor seating to bring a little liveliness to the space. For the two front windows, they want to do a garage door that opens up. There is an existing patio, but it doesn't look very good. They will tear that out. He is going for a speakeasy look.

Scott Sullivan noted the egress gate. There is a six foot alley adjacent to the next building. He pointed out the location of the proposed fencing. There will be outdoor seating for the second space which will be different from the first space. They won't be doing picnic tables. Schmick showed some tables that they want to use.

Canney would like signs addressed. Schmick has been working with Ryan Haffey. They have yet to come up with a final design. Since there will be two businesses, there will be one sign for Boombox Social side and perhaps a blade sign pointing around the corner to Sideshow Still Co.

Sullivan noted that there are existing planters out front. Schmick stated that with the front opening up, they were looking at some sort of stainless steel bar top on the outside.

Penn asked about the establishment next door. Schmick believes it is an establishment called The Bar.

Canney inquired if any food will be served. Schmick replied it will not be a full kitchen and no table service. You will go to a window to place your order. He is envisioning mostly handheld food such as pizza, nachos or appetizers. It is going to be like a food truck.

Deeker wondered why the change in fencing from three feet out front to six feet around the corner, and then back to three feet. Sullivan replied they are trying to create some kind of a secret passageway. They still want the higher fence between the front and back area. Peace asked about coordination issues with The Bar. Schmick pointed out the walkway between the two fences of the two businesses.

Deeker suggested if the applicant keeps with a six foot privacy fence for all the fencing, and perhaps keep the same materials, it won't be like The Bar. Schmick believes they will probably end up going with the shorter fence all the way back. He would love to open it up on a game day. He is trying to create two different experiences. Peace thinks that pivot panels would be cool.

Canney has been to several establishments. He is appreciative that the applicant is doing some investment in Lincoln, knowing that this isn't the home base of the distillery. Schmick stated this will be seltzer, cider, whiskey and rum. This will be the home base for this. He finds it exciting that this will be Lincoln's first distillery.

Canney and Deeker wondered if there are restrictions on the height of tables or fencing. Huston is not sure the restrictions go that far. Schmick agreed. It is the responsibility of the proprietor to make sure liquor does not leave the premises.

Sullivan pointed out that this is working with Hallie Salem at Urban Development on a sidewalk café permit.

Huston thinks a sidewalk café on this corner would look great. Peace agreed.

Canney noted the Mexican restaurant across the street. It is under construction now.

ACTION:

Huston made a motion for approval of the sidewalk café, seconded by Canney and carried 5-0: Canney, Deeker, Huston, Peace and Penn; Brannigan and Eagle Bull absent.

OTHER:

* 2019 ANNUAL REPORT:

Hageman prepared the 2019 annual report. There were a lot of small changes to redevelopment agreements. There were a few larger projects like Canopy Park and 9th & O. There was the Cotner and O Development, Campion student housing and the Oriental Market expansion. There were a lot of sidewalk cafés.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.