

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP:	URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE
DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING:	September 1, 2020, County-City Building, City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10 th Street, Lincoln, NE.
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Emily Deeker, Tom Huston, Gill Peace and Michelle Penn; Mark Canney and Tammy Eagle Bull absent.
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Paul Barnes and Stacey Hageman of the Planning Dept.; Scott Sullivan appeared online via © Zoom Video Communications; and other interested citizens.

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 June 2, 2020. Motion for approval made by Huston, seconded by Peace and carried 4-0: Deeker, Huston, Peace and Penn voting 'yes'; Canney and Eagle Bull absent.

US BANK ENTRY AND STREETScape:

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

Scott Sullivan stated that US Bank has asked to do a canopy. The existing canopy will be removed and a new one installed. There is some colored concrete in a radius at the doorway to be replaced. A rendering was submitted that shows the new canopy with existing steel beams to be utilized. It will be a larger scale solution. There will be a gray concrete pattern with a darker charcoal concrete. Both sides of the entryway will be revamped with granite on the walls and some planter boxes. The final sign design is not complete yet. The most recent request from US Bank is a hanging sign under the canopy, but this is still up in the air. The bank is working with the City on an agreement with Lincoln Transportation & Utilities (LTU) and the sidewalk. The bank will be responsible for resealing the colored concrete as necessary.

Penn inquired if the columns will be wrapped with granite. Sullivan responded they are removing the existing product and installing darker ceramic tile. The columns in front will be wrapped as well. Penn believes the cables appear more aesthetic than structural. Sullivan doesn't believe they are structural. He believes the beams are holding the canopy up. The top layer is a dark bronze with a black tone, mimicking the building. The product lets some light through during the day. The five beams will have LED strips on top to illuminate the white panel on the canopy.

Peace wondered about the existing canopy. He doesn't see a drip line. Sullivan stated that the existing canopy has a drain system that drains into the building. There are back to back channels that provide a gutter in between. Those go back into the building columns. The only part that would drip into the sidewalk would be the ends of the red beam.

Huston wishes the engagement would have been grander scale. He has had an office in this building for 35 years and there is one bike rack for the building. Some additional streetscape would be wonderful. Sullivan noted that the initial design proposed planting beds in the sidewalk. The owners did not want to take on the additional maintenance. Huston believes there is some space on the south side of the building that would provide some good gathering space, but that is a future item. Sullivan will point that out to the owners.

Deeker believes the proposed planting space will be more work than a larger space in the sidewalk area, but it does soften the space. She questioned if the red stripes are integrated. Sullivan stated they are proposing colored concrete. Deeker asked if this is east facing. Sullivan responded yes. Deeker noted that red concrete tends to turn pink over time, just something to think about. It is very difficult to get a deep red.

Huston is assuming this complies with the Downtown Design Standards. Hageman believes so.

ACTION:

Huston moved approval, seconded by Peace.

Peace echoed Huston's comments. He understands this is a limited scope, but he would encourage any changes in the future to expand what is done in the streetscape.

Deeker noted that US Bank can become a bike friendly employer if they are interested.

Huston believes it is a tenant attraction amenity that would be welcomed. Penn added that Cornhusker Hotel across the street has a City bike rack. She is surprised they couldn't push out a little further. She asked if it would be possible to narrow the sidewalk a little. Huston believes the drop off lane takes up any space that might be needed. He believes there is room on the south side for benches or something more. He noted that this proposal is an improvement over the existing conditions. Penn agreed.

Motion carried 4-0: Deeker, Huston, Peace and Penn voting 'yes'; Canney and Eagle Bull absent.

STAFF REPORT

- Hageman stated that she believes the Mayor's Art Awards will be virtual in October.
- Hageman announced that the committee will have a new member joining next month, Peter Hind.

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