Mr. Bisson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken with six members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Macchietto moved to APPROVE the April 14, 2010 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

AYES: Macchietto, Ferguson, Zimmer, Schleicher, Santamaria, Bisson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Mr. Macchietto moved to APPROVE the June 9, 2010 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

AYES: Ferguson, Zimmer, Schleicher, Santamaria, Macchietto, Bisson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION:

Case #H5-10-07
Jessie Nunn
(Over from 6/9/10)
National Register Coordinator
Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office
1500 R Street, P.O. Box 82554
Lincoln, NE 68581-2554

REQUEST: Approval of National Register Nomination
APARTMENT BUILDING
LOCATION: 2514 N. 16th Street

At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Ms. Jessie Nunn appeared before the Commission to present this request.

Ms. Nunn stated that The Apartments at 2514 North 16th Street, formerly Sherman Boulevard, are significant at the local level under Criterion C as one of North Omaha’s few remaining four-plexes, an apartment type that once was common to the neighborhood. She stated that The Apartments were the only remaining small apartment building in North Omaha’s neighborhood that represents the ‘Sunlight and Air’ Apartment Sub-Type. Nunn stated that the building is also significant under Criterion A in the area of community planning and development for its association with development and continued significance of North 16th Street as a streetcar-related apartment corridor. Nunn stated that The Apartments were constructed in 1929 by local architect, Richard M. Everett. She stated that the developer was H. A. Wolf & Co. Nunn stated that nearby large-scale apartments such as Strehlow Terrace, The Margaret, and Sherman Apartments were more visible, at that time, and likely to survive North Omaha’s socio-economic plight and urban renewal efforts.

Ms. Nunn stated that the condition and integrity of each apartment varied. Sufficient original material, fixtures and finishes remain that establishes its original design, workmanship and historic feeling. She stated that The Apartments are finished with plaster walls, hardwood floors, simple door and window surrounds, wide baseboards and low-profile crown molding. Nunn stated that almost all the woodwork had been painted. In response to Mr. Macchietto, Ms. Nunn stated that the brick building sits on a concrete foundation. She stated that Ethel Mitchell purchased The Apartments and intends to revitalize the building.

Mr. Santamaria moved to APPROVE the nomination of the Apartment Building at 2514 N. 16th Street. Mr. Bisson seconded the motion.

AYES: Zimmer, Schleicher, Santamaria, Macchietto, Ferguson, Bisson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

NATIONAL REGISTER AMENDMENT:

Case #H5-10-08
Jessie Nunn
(Over from 6/9/10)
National Register Coordinator
Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office
1500 R Street, P.O. Box 82554
Lincoln, NE 68581-2554

REQUEST: Approval of Amendment to Boundary Increase/Decrease of Drake Court Historic District
LOCATION: Between Leavenworth and St. Mary’s and South 20th Streets and South 24th Sts.

At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Ms. Jessie Nunn appeared before the Commission to present this request.

Ms. Nunn explained that the amended boundary of the Drake Court Historic District reflects 22 contributing buildings instead of 19, due to the inclusion of the Ansonia, Ainsworth and Beverly Apartments. The boundary amendment is to include adjacent resources that are historically and architecturally related to Drake Court, not included in the original nomination. The Ainsworth and Beverly
Apartments, also located along Jones Street, were not included within the boundary of the district. These two buildings are nearly identical to the Dartmore Apartments, and were also built by the Drake Realty Construction Company. The Ansonia Apartments is the only building within the district that is not directly connected to the Drake Realty Construction Company. However, this boundary expansion was justified because the Ansonia Apartments complement the historic district's architectural character. The open space north of Drake Court that was included in the original nomination was lost to the construction of a new school and its associated playground and parking. Therefore, it no longer retains sufficient integrity to convey its association with Drake Court. The area north of the Dartmore apartments was included in the original nomination. The entire area has been paved and surrounded by modern fencing and landscaping. There is a remnant of original brick wall and sidewalk between Jones Street and the parking lot which is not enough to sufficiently carry a historic association with the nearby apartments. Ms. Nunn stated that in addition to a boundary increase and decrease, this amendment would change the name of the historic district to Drake Court Historic District from Drake Court and Dartmore Apartments Historic District. She stated that the “Drake Court” covers more than 50% of the district and is a recognized name in Omaha that readily evokes the image of apartments.

The request included the boundary increase, decrease, and the name change.

Mr. Macchietto moved to APPROVE the National Register Amendment to increase the boundary of Drake Court Historic District including the Anderson Building within the boundary line, subject to the owner’s approval; decrease the boundary line in the open space north of Drake Court that no longer retains sufficient integrity, and change the name to Drake Court Historic District. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion.

AYES: Schleicher, Santamaria, Macchietto, Ferguson, Zimmer, Bisson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL:

Case #H3-10-06
Free Green Can, LLC
(OVER FROM 4/14/10, 6/9/10)
590 Heartland Drive
Sugar Grove, IL 60554

REQUEST: Request for Certificate of Approval for recycling trash receptacles (with advertising on them) in the Old Market—22 19 locations

LOCATION: Old Market

At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Mr. Dedric Gill, President of Free Green Can, 15675 Spauilding Street, appeared before the Commission to extend this request until the end of the year.

Mr. Mike Leonard, LHPC Administrator, Planning Department, gave some history on this case. He stated that in the April 14, 2010 meeting, the program was given a trial period until July 2010. Leonard stated that on July 14, 2010, there was no quorum to vote. The Commission discussed concerns about the Certificate of Approval. Public Works and the Planning Department supports the pilot program (19 recycling cans) in the Old Market district. Leonard stated that in the interim of the July and August meeting, the City and the applicant met with the business owners/tenants in the Old Market to discuss the receptacles for some feedback.

Ms. Shelly Stokes, Spaghetti Works, Vice Chair of Old Market Business Association, appeared in support of this request. She stated that the association met with business owners whose feedback on the program and services provided was supportive. Ms. Stokes stated some concerns regarding the type of ads displayed on the receptacles. Another concern was that the Old Market maintain the look of uniformity by removing the variety of receptacles in the Old Market area.
Mr. Jim Detweiler, Public Works, discussed the full spectrum of the recycling initiative (260 recycleable cans) in the Omaha business districts. He stated that Public Works staff wanted to find out how receptive people were to recycling. Detweiler stated that this pilot was a good idea for potential introduction into other high-pedestrian traffic areas, such as South Omaha, Benson, Dundee, Florence, etc.

Public Works is in the process of drafting bid proposals for contractors to service the cans by emptying the litter component. Detweiler stated that a second contract is the provision to supply the cans, maintain them, and provide for the recycling component to be processed. He stated that there would be 19 receptacles in the Old Market area. Mr. Detweiler noted that the advertising on the receptacles are inspected and approved (particularly the receptacles in the Old Market area) by both the Planning and Public Works Departments.

Mr. Mark Mercer, Mercer Management Company, 511 S. 11th Street, appeared before the Commission in opposition of this request. He addressed the guidelines written specifically for the Old Market district. The guidelines to exclude advertising and signage in the Old Market area were also approved by the Commission. Mercer felt that the Commission should uphold the defined decision of the guidelines.

Mr. Mike Boyle, 420 S. 11th Street, appeared before the Commission in opposition of this request. He stated that the Old Market Homeowners Association was not aware of the discussion held with the shop owners/tenants to gather feedback about the receptacles in the Old Market. Boyle proposed that the company consider using plain blue receptacles provided by a company in Lincoln. He felt that the advertising violates the historic documents that support the Old Market. Boyle added that advertising cannot be monitored. He mentioned a case regarding newspaper stands which were previously allowed into the Old Market. In response to Mr. Santamaria, Mr. Boyle confirmed his opposition to the advertising and the look of the canister.

Mr. Macchietto inquired if the Public Works Department would consider a proposal for 19 trash cans (black) sitting alongside 19 recycleable cans (blue). Mr. Detweiler stated that the recycling portion of this program pays for itself through sponsorship. Detweiler discussed the possibility of a citywide sponsor for the current cans in 241 locations throughout Omaha. The sponsor could find it feasible to give the Old Market district 19 plain label cans or 38 dual trash/recyclable cans. In response to Mr. Macchietto, Mr. Gill stated that the advertising is sold for the cans in the Old Market for the remainder of the year. Gill stated that they prefer sponsorships with an environmental-responsible message on the receptacles. He stated that Public Works still need to approve of sponsorships occurring after September. Mr. Boyle suggested that the City Law Department ensure that the Oversight Censorship Committee is legal. He inquired if censorship of political candidates or negative campaign advertising is permitted. Mr. Bisson discussed the possibility of design direction by an appointed task force. Gill stated that an alternative model for the next three months is not feasible. Mr. Santamaria had concerns regarding the overall success and feedback of the pilot project. Mr. Detweiler stated that a half ton of recycleables is collected per week from the 79 cans in the downtown area including the 19 cans in the Old Market. Initially, there was 3% contamination of the trash/recycle disposal, which has since been reduced. There was some discussion on the cans, in place, provided by the Old Market Business Association. Gill stated that the company is working with a business in Lincoln, Nebraska on modifications of the receptacles.

Mr. Macchietto moved to APPROVE the request for the remainder of the year at the 19 locations in the Old Market, subject to the following restrictions: 1) All direct advertising shall cease after September 15, 2010; and 2) only sponsorships shall appear on the cans in discreet letters to be approved by the LHPC Administrator. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion.

AYES: Santamaria, Macchietto, Ferguson, Zimmer, Schleicher, Bisson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Mr. Greg Cutchall appeared before the Commission in support of this request.

Mr. Greg Cutchall, owner of Rock Bottom Restaurant, is requesting to raise the existing patio to the floor level of the restaurant. He is requesting 11’ for renovation of the deck whereas 9’ is the approved standard. Mr. Jim Krance, Planning Department, stated that this would set a precedent for other shop owners to request additional right-of-way for private use. There were some discrepancies in the drawings submitted. Mr. Santamaria suggested modifications on the north entry corner and the awning elevations.

Mr. Santamaria moved to APPROVE an extension of time in converting the outdoor deck, subject to: 1) Reduction of the deck to 9’6” total width, including handrail and all construction elements; 2) provide new design for entry corner with construction details; and 3) applicant shall work with the LHPC Administrator on awning elevations and show final renditions to the Commission. Mr. Macchietto seconded the motion.

AYES: Macchietto, Ferguson, Zimmer, Schleicher, Santamaria, Bisson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Mike Leonard, LHPC Administrator, stated that Mr. Bob Puschendorf, State Historic Preservation Deputy, granted the City additional monies for FY2010. He stated that the initial grant was rewritten due to receiving an additional $40,000. Leonard stated that the additional grant money was put toward the Parks and Boulevards study and increasing the survey areas south of Dundee and south of Elmwood Park.

Mr. Bisson moved to APPROVE the revised FY2010 grant application. Mr. Santamaria seconded the motion.

AYES: Ferguson, Zimmer, Schleicher, Santamaria, Macchietto, Bisson

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ferguson moved to ADJOURN the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting of August 11, 2010 at 3:23 p.m. Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion.

AYES: Zimmer, Schleicher, Santamaria, Macchietto, Ferguson, Bisson