Ms. Fogarty - Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm, introduced the Commission members and staff. She explained the procedures for hearing the cases. Roll call was taken with seven members present.
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL:

CASE NUMBER: 15-14-H3  
NAME: The Barn (Ackerhurst-Eipperhurst Barn)
PRESENTED BY: Troy Podraza  
LOCATION: 15220 Military Road
REQUEST: Certificate of Approval of Proposed Interior/Exterior Building Renovation

At the Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission meeting held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, Troy Podraza appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Podraza stated that the Ackerhurst-Eipperhurst Dairy Barn has been a local landmark for decades and that it has been widely recognized as an exemplary demonstration of Nebraska’s dairy history for its scale. The neighbor to the east is the UNO Glacier Creek Preserve. He explained that the structure is 192’ long. He also presented several photographs of the exterior and interior of the building. He noted that there would have to be some repairs made to the foundation. There is an open banquet space on the lower level of the building, office space on the second level, and the loft level on the third floor that the applicant would like to also convert into a banquet space. He mentioned that the structure will not be changed; however, it would be connected to city sewer and water, a sprinkler system would be installed, more bathrooms added, upgrades to the electrical and mechanical systems, the addition of an elevator, along with other necessary changes to bring the building to code so that the space could be open for use.

Trina Westman, LHPC Administrator, stated that the Planning Department had reviewed the proposal and worked with the applicant on the case. The Planning Department supported the proposal and recommended approval.

There was some discussion about the proposed addition of garage doors along with the location and screening of the HVAC units. The applicant also discussed how the windows would be installed or restored.

Ms. Fogarty mentioned the structure’s historical significance to the state of Nebraska as a whole, adding that as much of the building as possible should remain untouched.

Vince Furlong, Restoration Exchange, appeared in support of the request. He inquired about the significance of the barn’s name and location.

Mr. Pence moved to APPROVE the request for the Certificate of Approval for the Ackerhusrt/Eipperhurst Barn. Mr. Suarez seconded the motion.

AYES: Aultz, Dobbe, Magee, Meyer, Pence, Suarez, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0
ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission approved the minutes for the September 9, 2015 meeting.

AYES: Aultz, Dobbe, Magee, Meyer, Pence, Suarez, Fogarty

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

Adjournment:

It was the consensus of the Board to ADJOURN the meeting at 1:35 p.m.