MEMBERS PRESENT:  David Ciaccio, Chairman  
Timothy Holland – Vice Chair  
Michael McMeekin  
Craig Moody  
Jay Noddle  
Anna Nubel (non-voting)  
Robert Peters  
Leanne Ziettlow

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:  Larry Jobeun  
April Rice  
Gerald Torczon

STAFF PRESENT:  Chad Weaver, Assistant Director  
Jed Moulton, Urban Design Manager  
Trina Westman, UDRB Administrator  
Alan Thelen, City Law  
Clinette Warren, Recording Secretary

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PUBLIC MEETING:

Approval of Code Changes:

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Mr. Moulton stated that the proposed changes further define what the area and extent is for the base of a sign. He explained that it is now defined as that portion below the permissible sign area to the grade in the intervening space. The Planning Department recommended approval.

Mr. McMeekin moved to APPROVE. Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

AYES: Ziettlow, Holland, Noddle, Peters, McMeekin, Moody, Ciaccio

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0
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Mr. Moulton recommended that the case be placed on file.

Mr. Holland moved to place the case on FILE. Mr. Moody seconded the motion.

AYES: Ziettlow, Holland, Noddle, Peters, McMeekin, Moody, Ciaccio

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0
Public Cases for Approval:

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<th>UD-11-014</th>
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| Kirk Pfeffer_Public Works Department | LOCATION: | Phase I: 16th Street from Dodge to Douglas  
Phase II: 16th Street from Douglas to Leavenworth |
| | REQUEST: | Approval of the 95% Design Submittal for Phase I and Approval of the 30% Design Submittal for Phase II with Subsequent Administrative Disposition |

At the Urban Design Review Board meeting held on June 10, 2013, Chris Koenig – HDR, Inc., appeared before the Board in support of the request.

Ms. Ziettlow recused herself from this case.

Mr. Koenig stated that Phase I of the project included the following: the rebuilding of the intersection at 16th and Dodge; the removal of the fountain on the east side of the street; reconstruction of the landscaping planters; the street lights will be changed; and ADA ramps will be installed on the west side of the street. He presented several slides that detailed the various changes proposed for both phases of the project. He noted that a major goal of the project is the addition of approximately 30 back-in parking spaces per block and the installation of corner nodes at the intersections.

Mr. Koenig discussed the four issues that the Board requested that the applicant address. The first issue was the use of pervious pavers. He stated that, due to the moist soil conditions in the downtown area, pervious pavers are not recommended. He explained that there are problems with flooded basements and the issue of underground utilities in the Downtown area. The second issue was the addition of as much parking as possible. He noted that the proposed plan would add 95 additional stalls. The third issue was the application of on-street café seating and the fourth was the use of back-in parking. He mentioned other aspects of the project which included the choice of pavers, planters, tree/plant selections, benches, trash cans and bike racks. He stated that there is some discussion with OPPD with regards to the types of lighting and fixtures that will be used on top of the light poles.

Joe Gudenrath (Downtown Improvement District) stated that the merchants and property owners are in agreement with the proposed plan. In response to Mr. McMeekin, Mr. Koenig explained why nodes were chosen for some intersection locations and not others. Murthy Koti (Public Works Department – Traffic Engineer) explained the benefits of shortening the nodes to approximately 14'. In response to Mr. Moody, Mr. Koti explained that there would be no separate bike lanes and that bikes would share lanes with vehicles due to lack of space.

Joan Squires (Omaha Performing Arts Society) stated that there would be some bus traffic along 16th Street; however, there are no plans for bus shelters. In response to Mr. Holland, Mr. Koenig confirmed that there are still plans to install a bike rental storage area near the First National Bank building.

In regard to the lighting issue, Mr. Holland stated that he felt that acorn fixtures are appropriate for residential areas but not urban environments. There was some discussion about the types of light poles and fixtures being proposed for the project. Mr. Koti explained that there are limited options available from OPPD. He stated that cost is an important factor in deciding which light fixture is chosen. Mr. Moulton discussed the costs for the lighting options. Ms. Squires stated that OPPD has expressed concern with certain styles of poles not being able to accommodate banners, planters and lighting fixtures. Mr. Holland stated that the lighting aspect of the plan needed more review and more input from OPPD.
Mr. Holland stated that he would like to review the 30% Design Submittal later in the process. In response to Mr. Noddle, Mr. Koenig stated that the first phase of the project is set to begin September 2013 and that the second phase would begin approximately June 2014.

Mr. Moulton explained that in order for the trash receptacles to be serviced by the City, they would require a lid and a hard, rigid liner. He noted that this project would not be required to install granite curbing. Mr. Holland commented that whatever material is used for the curbs should be consistent from block to block.

Ms. Squires stated that the Orpheum would like for half of the block be designated a drop-off zone only from the alley north on the east side of the street to Harney Street.

Mr. Moody inquired about the use of recycling trash containers along 16th Street. Mr. Gudenrath explained that the existing recycling trash containers are currently maintained by the owners of the trash cans and not the City; he added that it is not feasible for the Downtown Improvement District to take on the cost and maintenance of those trash cans at this time.

Mr. Holland moved to APPROVE the 95% Design Submittal for Phase I and the 30% Design Submittal for Phase II with subsequent Urban Design Review Board review for Phase II at 95%. Also subject to the following: 1) Installation of 30’ clear drive through at the nodes; 2) Future development of the pedestrian light standard for the Downtown area; 3) Consistent curb material from block to block; and, 4) The installation of additional nodes on the side street intersections. Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

AYES: Holland, Peters, McMeekin, Moody, Ciaccio

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0
Approval of May 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mr. McMeekin noted an error on page 6, paragraph 4 of the minutes. Instead of “Ms. Novak” the minutes should read “Ms. Nubel”.

Mr. McMeekin moved to APPROVE the meeting minutes for the March 21, 2013 meeting as amended. Mr. Holland seconded the motion.

AYES: Ziettlow, Holland, Peters, McMeekin, Moody, Ciaccio

MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Clinette Warren, Planning Department
Recording Secretary