CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

MEMBERS PRESENT:    Dave Ciaccio, Vice Chair
                     Timothy Holland
                     Robert Peters
                     Rachel Jacobson
                     Anna Nubel, Non Voting Ex-Officio Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:  Mike McMeekin, Chair
                        Jay Noddle
                        Gerald Torczon
                        Larry Jobeun, Alternate
                        Matthew Tondl, Alternate
                        Larry Ferguson, Alternate

STAFF PRESENT:  Jed Moulton, Urban Design Manager
                Mike Leonard, UDRB Administrator
                Debbie Hightower, Recording Secretary

Mr. Ciaccio, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m., introduced the Urban Design Review Board members as well as the Planning Department staff, and explained the UDRB’s public hearing and administrative meeting procedures.

PUBLIC MEETING

Public Case for Discussion & Approval:

| UD-08-003 | REQUEST: | CWS |
| City of Omaha | LOCATION: | 13th & Cuming Street |

At the Urban Design Review Board meeting held on September 16, 2010, Bruce Carpenter, HDR Architecture, presented the follow up for the construction project of TD Ameritrade Park in response to the previous Urban Design Review Board meeting. He indicated that some of the submitted drawings in the packets have been refined and adjusted. An image was shown of the streetscape along 13th & Fahey Street. Pedestrian access near the northeast corner at the base of the stair is 50’ and the access to and from the stair is 52’ with the total of the pathways therefore there is adequate space for pedestrian movement. A continuous seeding wall is located on the arch behind the Union Pacific monument to prevent any possible damage from a runaway vehicle. On the southeast corner is an existing arch that is part of the parking design and is intended to remain with ballards to protect the arch. Mr. Carpenter indicated that there would be more paved area allowed for a more generous amount for movement of the people. There is an alternate plan that will increase the pathway to the west specifically around the pre-cast existing structure. A transformer at the west end of the existing structure/building will be enclosed with easy access for OPPD. With regard to the parking area, the primary function will be a surface parking lot 50 weeks out of the year therefore the paving would be more appropriate as standard concrete in the festival area. The preference would be to organize the joint lines with the parking spaces by keeping the material consistent and simple. The parking stalls will be delineated by a paint color that is lighter than concrete as indicated in the sample shown. The plant material to be used by the eastern wall of the stadium and the landscaping in the parking area meets the code requirement of 7%. The evergreen plant material has been an issue on the Qwest Center campus in the past therefore a variety of
ornamental trees such as spring snow crab and red maple trees will be used. The plant material will be located on each side creating a rectangular space for the festival area. As Mr. Carpenter indicated, the storm inlet is located in the center of four parking spaces, which is outside of the pedestrian path. The opening of the inlet grate will be less than 1” and will be located next to a light pole structure. A stronger, more organized line of ballards will align with the south side of the stair, the planning area and also the edge of archway to identify the pedestrian zone vs. the vehicle pathway. He stated that Fahey Street would be closed from 10th Street to 12th Street during the College Worlds Series allowing for increased pedestrian movement. There will be parallel parking in front of the stadium during non-events used primarily for access to the ticket area and for the handicap parking. The ballards on Fahey Street will be removable to allow for easy vehicle access. The pedestrian lights will be pole lights and wall mounted fixtures that are consistent with the existing campus. The street lighting in the parking area will be the same as the existing Qwest parking lots.

Mr. Holland questioned the landscaping plan on the berm. Mr. Carpenter answered that there would be a combination of ornamental trees to include maple, red maple, amber maple, red bud and some flowering crab trees. Mr. Ciaccio suggested planting all red maple trees on the berm. Mr. Peters was concerned about planting a single species of trees with relation to disease and climate conditions. Mr. Ciaccio answered that the landscape area on the berm is relatively small and the trees will be layered. Mr. Holland questioned the caliper of the tree size. Mr. Ciaccio stated the preferable size of caliper should be 2”.

Mr. Holland moved to APPROVE the proposed design plan subject to: 1) Reduce the landscaping at pre-cast pump house and widen the pedestrian way; 2) Use the lighter light gray parking striping with beveled edge to delineate parking spaces; and 3) Install all red maples 20’ on center with a minimum 2” caliper on the landscape berm west of the parking lot. Mr. Peters seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

**Request for Administrative Disposition:**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

None

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEM:**

Mr. Holland moved to APPROVE the meeting minutes of August 19, 2010. Ms. Jacobson seconded the motion which carried 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm.

Debbie Hightower, Planning Department
Recording Secretary