Directors’ Meeting  
Monday, October 16, 2000 - 11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 113

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IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Directors’ Meeting
MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Jerry Shoecraft, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair; Coleen Seng, Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy.

Council Member Absent: Cindy Johnson.

Others Present: Jennifer Brinkman, Ann Harrell, Mayor’s Office; Joan Ross, Deputy City Clerk; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Member Camp; Tammy Bogenreif, City Council Staff, and Chris Hain, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR - Mayor Don Wesely not present. No comments from staff.

1. “WASHINGTON REPORT” - by Chris Giglio - October 10, 2000 (Council copies placed in their file folders) (Copy of this Report is on file in the City Council Office). — Mr. Shoecraft asked if there was anybody here from the Administration Office. Mr. Shoecraft stated that they signed a letter for the CARA bill and he noticed from Chris Giglio in the “Washington Report” that the CARA bill looks like it is going to go through. Mr. Shoecraft asked if this was a fair statement and that he thinks they are looking at some possible future funding for Wilderness Park. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Jennifer Brinkman this seems like it is good news from what he was reading in the “Washington Report” and he was wondering if that was correct.

   Jennifer Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that it is very good news. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman okay. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Ms. Brinkman that he didn’t read the whole summary, that he just saw it was “CARA Lite” and he was wondering what exactly does that mean. Ms. Brinkman indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that Mark Bowen really follows the Federal legislation, so why don’t she have him come down and talk to him about it later.

   Mr. Shoecraft asked what was the next step, that once the president signs this bill, do they as a municipality need to make some type of application. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Shoecraft “yes”, the funding will then go most likely to Nebraska Game & Parks and the way the funding is split right now is that 40% is retained by the State for use on Game & Parks property and than 60% is made
available for competitive grant. So if it is approved, then they would have the opportunity to apply for grants on a competitive bases. Mr. Johnson indicated to Mr. Shoecraft that they have one grant application in, that there is about $240,000 available right now from this years funding and they have other projects they would immediately prepare grant applications on when that funding came available. Mr. Shoecraft thanked Lynn Johnson for this information.

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II. CITY CLERK

Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 2 & 3 [Application of Twisted Steele, Inc. dba “The Bar” for a Class “C” liquor license at 1644 “P” Street & Managers Application for Twisted Steele, Inc. dba “The Bar” at 1644 “P” Street] will be called together for Public Hearing.

Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 4 & 8 [Change of Zone 3283 - Amending Title 27 of the LMC to permit Adult Care Centers by special permit in the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, & R-5 Districts; & Special Permit 1851A-App. of Tabitha, Inc. & Tabitha Housing Corp., to operate a combined early childhood care facility & adult care center for a maximum of 42 children & 20 adults, with a maximum of 9 employees, & waiving the required access to an arterial street on property generally located at 48th & J Streets] they received a request from the Attorney to place these two items on Pending until the applicants have had opportunity to attend the Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Council that they also should have this letter.

Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 7 [Approving a transfer of appropriations within the Water Construction Fund of $125,000 from Capital Improvement Project 701283, Water Transmission Pump Station Replacement & $75,000 from Capital Improvement Project 701024, Well Replacements - Ashland, to Capital
Improvement Project 700806, Water Filter-to-Waste Facility; & $10,000 from Capital Improvement Project 506232. Water Distribution Main in N.W. 12th St. from Ogden to Highlands to Capital Improvement Project 701025, PVC Storage Building] there is a substitute ordinance for this item.

Mr. Cook stated to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross that Items 5, 6 & 11 [Change of Zone 3278-App. of Hendricks Investments, L.L.C. to reduce the building line district from 50’ to 40’ along South St. between Folsom St. & S. 1st St.; & Amending the corporate limits of the City by annexing approx. 84.46 acres of property generally located at S. Folsom & South Sts.; & Accepting and approving the preliminary plat of South Street Business Park with waivers of the required curb and gutter along South Street and Folsom Street, detention requirements, and sidewalks, on property generally located at S.W. 6th and South Streets] are all related, so he was wondering if all of these three items should be called together. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook that she can call all three of these items together, if the Planning Department doesn’t have a problem with it.

Mr. Camp stated that if he is not mistaken he thinks one of the attorney’s on this project would like to have the vote continued today. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she will check into it.

Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 31 [Vacating a portion of N. 60th Street from Seward Ave. south 142 feet] she is going to ask Council to place this item on Pending. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that the land owner and the City Real Estate are still in negotiations regarding the land and the cost. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross commented to Council that the land owner is still not happy with the arrangements.

Mr. Cook asked if they have heard anything back in regards to Item 48 [Vacating the north-south alley north of “N” Street between 13th & 14th Streets]. Mr. Cook indicated that they were going to wait for like a month and it has been a month, to see if they would pay their money. Roger Figard stated to Mr. Cook unless they have said something to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross he hasn’t heard anything about it. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook that they have not and their attorney sent her a letter, which she went ahead and sent it to the City Attorney’s Office. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she believes Rick Peo is working on it. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Cook that she thinks it is a Phoenix Corporation that is concerned about the environmental issues and what their liability would be should they take over ownership of that portion of the alley. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross indicated to Council that the other two didn’t mention this at all and she has the checks from the other two. Mr. Cook stated to Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 45 [Amending Title 5 of the LMC by adding a new Chapter 5.17 pertaining to telecommunications providers using the City’s rights-of-way to establish definitions, standards, & permit fees for the use
of rights-of-way; to provide for insurance, bonding, & construction standards for
telecommunications facilities located in rights-of-way; to establish procedures for reviews
of decisions regarding telecommunications facilities; & to provide for enforcement of this
ordinance] that she needs to request to have this item removed from Pending for action
next week on Monday, October 23, 2000. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council
that this item did have Public Hearing, so they can have action only on this item, although
there is also a motion to amend for this item. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to
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Request For Information (#823) that she sent through regarding N. 31st Street.

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Casady if he has heard anything back on “Guitars & Cadillac”. Chief Casady
stated to Ms. Seng “yes”, that they had a meeting last week with the manager and
a local security company that they have dealt with for several years. Chief Casady
stated to Council that they contacted them late last week and asked them what was
the specific problems. Chief Casady stated to Ms. Seng that the meeting went
pretty well. Chief Casady stated to Ms. Seng that they basically told the manager
that he is objecting himself to the possibility of legal action and he needs to take
some steps to resolve the problems. Ms. Seng thanked Chief Casady for this
information.

Mr. Fortenberry asked Chief Casady if “Guitars & Cadillac” still have Teen
Nights. Chief Casady indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that he is not certain. Mr.
Shoeckraft stated to Mr. Fortenberry that they still have Teen Nights, which is on
Friday nights. Mr. Fortenberry asked if this was the contributing factor of the problems. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry “no”, not to these particular kinds of problems that they have been having. Chief Casady indicated to Mr. Fortenberry it is the usually, that it is like the “Royal Grove”, one of the largest bars in Lincoln that has one of the largest occupancies, so you get 500 or 600 people there on their busy nights. Mr. Fortenberry asked Chief Casady how does that work when they have Teen Nights, do they pull a sheet over the bar or something. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry that “no” they don’t, that when these places have Teen Nights, what they do is simply sell soft drinks, they don’t sell alcohol. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry the reason he answered he wasn’t sure was because these things come and go. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Fortenberry that in fact, one of the points he makes on the little talks that he gives to parent groups around town is how much he personally objects to training night clubs; places where we teach 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 year old kids the way to have fun is in that night club environment, but that is what these places do because they will generally open up to teenagers, not serve alcohol and serve non-alcoholic cocktails.

Mr. Shoecraft commented to Chief Casady that Russ Fosler told him just the opposite, that “Guitar’s & Cadillac” runs good operation, but when they have Teen Nights that is when the problems occur, but he says otherwise their operations are run fairly well. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Shoecraft the problems they have had at “Guitar’s & Cadillac” have happened on Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Chief Casady that Thursday’s and Friday’s are Teen Night.

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   Lynn Johnson stated to Council that he will give them a real quick update regarding ECCO Park. Mr. Johnson stated to Council the existing ECCO Park is at 48th & Holdrege, if they don’t know, that this is one of the contributory to Dead Man’s Run and it is the only opportunity for storm water detention on that tributary and so the suggestion that they presented to the ECCO Neighborhood Association was that they would like to retain that piece of property until the storm water management plan is done for Dead Man’s Run. Then at that time make a determination about how they would utilize it, and then they want to work with the Neighborhood Association on acquisition of the new site at 43rd & “Y” Street, which editorial is a great piece of property. Mr. Johnson indicated to Council that it is two acres in size, it is along the MoPac Trail and they couldn’t ask for a better park location in that area. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that hopefully it passes and that’s going to give them an avenue of funding for that piece of property. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Lynn Johnson okay.

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7. Letter from John H. Bergmeyer, Harding, Shultz, & Downs - RE: Change of Zone No. 3283 and Application for Special Permit No. 1851A. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

ADDENDUM

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1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Thanks Senator Kerrey For Work On Community Center Funding. — NO COMMENTS

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1. One Note Card - RE: Opposed to Home Depot being built at 70th & Highway 2. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

2. Letter from Darrell K. Stock, EMS Board President - RE: The recent media coverage regarding ambulance service and related EMS issues in the City of Lincoln. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

3. Letter from Mark A. Hunzeker, For the Firm - RE: Krein Real Estate, Inc. - South 56th & Waltz Road - Bill Nos. 00-173; 00R-271; 00R-272. — Mr. Shoecraft stated to the Planning Department from his understanding Mr. Hunzeker sent a letter to them asking them to place this item on Pending. Kathleen Sellman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that is correct, to have it placed on Pending for two weeks. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Dana Roper so they would have to reconsider it and he was wondering if this was correct. Mr. Shoecraft indicated that they voted on it last week (7-0) it passed and the Mayor has some concerns with the floodway, tree removal. Mr. Shoecraft asked Mr. Roper if they just have to reconsider it, then place it on Pending and he was wondering if this was correct. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft that is correct. Mr. Shoecraft asked Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross to please remind them of this at the meeting today. Deputy City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

IV. DIRECTORS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Roger Figard stated to Council that at the end of the week in their packets will be a fair amount of information on Antelope Valley. Mr. Figard stated to Council that they will have accumulated all of the comments, the testimony that has come since the Public Hearing on the draft environmental documents. Mr. Figard indicated to Council that they have summarized all of that and they are also giving them a copy of all of the letters and the testimony. Mr.
Figard stated to Council after looking at it, if they are interested in having a Pre-Council Meeting on it before the Public Hearing, which would be on October 30th to please let him know. Mr. Figard stated to Council if they have questions about the information to give him a call. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Figard okay.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT** - Lynn Johnson stated to Council that he can brief them on the Amigo’s situation. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that he met with Dave Pauley who is actually a property owner at 27th & “E” Street and he met with Roger Moore who is the owner of Amigo’s on Friday. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that he made the offer to them that potentially between the City and the neighborhoods they would be interested in potentially purchasing the property and they both indicated that they are not interested in selling the property. But they did say that they would be willing to work with them on the landscaping around there to try to enhance the landscaping. Mr. Johnson stated to Council, so this is kind of the direction they are headed at this point. Mr. Johnson indicated to Council that he thinks two Neighborhood Associations are going to be disappointed with it, but it is zoned industrial right now and the best he could do was offer to purchase the property and they are not interested in selling it. Mr. Fortenberry asked what about the issue of potentially selling or vacating the small piece that the City owns and then in turn utilizing that for sighting. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he offered that to them and they were concerned about the public hearing process, going through a public hearing process whether it would be approved and how much opposition the neighborhoods would voice to let anything happen there. Mr. Johnson indicated to Mr. Fortenberry that he thought personally it was a good idea. Mr. Johnson stated that he has a landscape plan that he worked on over the weekend, that he is going to present it to them and say here is a suggestion showing them exactly what part of the zoning code and a minimum of what they would like to see pass. Mr. Fortenberry stated to Mr. Johnson that here is another consideration, as you are going down Capitol Parkway to the east, the median on the east side of the intersection is just a strip of grass, so why don’t they do some enhancements at least to the corner piece of the median there on Capitol Parkway, that it might certainly off set some of the other problems that are occurring. Mr. Johnson commented to Mr. Fortenberry that is a great idea. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Fortenberry that he would get with the Public Works Department because he was having the same thoughts about it, that they do have some public property and they can certainly do some type of landscaping.

Mr. Cook asked if there was any control that the Public Works Department has over the access there or do they have to give them what ever they currently have. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Cook that he is going to have to look into it, that he doesn’t know whether they can or not. Mr. Cook commented that he thinks it is going to be a complete nightmare there, of course, anybody coming from the south will end up turning around in the ideal parking lot, and he understands there is a road that connects over to Randolph, and there are some businesses in there that are very concerned because of what they will end up with is just enormous amount of traffic cutting thru that small business area. Mr. Cook commented that he doesn’t know if there is any chance of doing something
regarding the access from that street, that if Amigo’s is expecting access from that street, but they don’t have to give it, that maybe they can work with the businesses there to restrict the access. Mr. Shoecraft asked Dana Roper so there is no denying it even maybe based on Antelope Valley, or floodway. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they will take a look at it, he thinks if they had a use for it in Antelope Valley they could condemned the property [laughter].

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK

Mr. Cook stated that after the Director’s Meeting he would like to talk with someone from the Planning Department about a couple of things on the Miscellaneous Referral.

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy stated to everyone that Bonnie Coffey’s new book came out last week. Ms. McRoy commented that she knows Ms. Coffey won’t say anything, so she wanted to say it for her. Ms. McRoy commented that it is very well written. Ms. McRoy stated that it was based on essays from various women around the country who wrote about their daughters, so it is available in Lincoln. [Everyone clapped.]

CINDY JOHNSON - ABSENT

JEFF FORTENBERRY

Mr. Fortenberry stated to Marc Wullschleger that he received his letter and asked him if he could give him a few minutes after the Director’s Meeting to talk about the letter. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Fortenberry okay.

COLEEN SENG

Ms. Seng asked the Public Works Department if they could take this little compliment to StarTran because one of the people that they struggled with on the north side of Cornhusker who wrote them a letter about how she had no way out of there. Ms. Seng indicated that she has written the most glowing letter to them, so see sometimes they do everything just right. Ms. Seng commented that it was a lovely letter. Ms. Seng stated to Allan Abbott for him to be sure to tell Larry Worth about it.
Ms. Seng stated to Council that she called Chief Casady the other morning because she had received a call from John Ways Uncle the other evening. She wasn’t sure he had an uncle, but it sounded just like John Ways and he called her right during the Presidential Debate and she told him she couldn’t talk right now. So then he called back at 9:30 p.m. and she talked to him and he is really concerned about all of the alcohol bars and there not being inspected by the Police Department and their required to have full bottoms, but they are only wearing G-strings and the Police Department is not enforcing it, and it is just selective enforcement. She told him that she would bring this up today, so that is why she is bringing it up. Ms. Seng stated to Council that she has already talk to Chief Casady about it. Ms. Seng asked Chief Casady if he would like to share some information with the rest of the them.

Chief Casady stated to Council that they have been watching the situation very closely and he has a number of reports on his desk and they have been talking to John McQuinn the City Prosecutor about the situation, they have some violations that have occurred on the no contact ordinance. Chief Casady stated to Council that they have some confusion right now with the status of the nudity ordinances, but they are trying to work their way through legally before they issue tickets and make arrests that may not hold up.

Mr. Shoecraft stated to Chief Casady that Russ Fosler indicated last week, when he talked to him on the phone, he said to Mr. Fosler that he thinks the nudity ordinance became law last Tuesday or Wednesday. Chief Casady stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he is correct. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Chief Casady that Mr. Fosler said they were going to be doing some inspections that weekend (this past weekend), to see if everyone was following the law. Mr. Shoecraft asked Chief Casady so he is indicating that everyone is not following the law. Chief Casady indicated to Council that they passed a nudity ordinance, but they did not resend the old ordinance about licensed liquor establishments, so they are a little unclear and this is what they are seeking legal advise on. Dana Roper indicated to Council that they will bring that change forward. Mr. Shoecraft commented that they have to do some clean up today with the ordinances. Mr. Roper stated to Council that is correct, that they have some clean up to do and they want to make sure their records are in good shape when they go to court and they will do that. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Roper okay, but that some clean up needs to be in order for them to be available to enforce the new law. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft that is correct. Ms. Seng stated that she just wanted them to know that she talked to a gentleman who sounded just like John Ways, so she asked him if he was John Ways and he said no that he was his uncle.

Ms. Seng stated that she wanted to know if a staff person was going to attend the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Meeting. Ms. Seng asked Kathleen Sellman if Nicole Fleck-Tooze was going to go to it. Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that Nicole may be going, that it sounds familiar but she don’t remember the event. Ms. Seng indicated that they are getting representatives from various Governmental Agencies. Ms. Sellman stated to Ms. Seng that they have been involved with them, that they probably are going to be attending it. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Sellman okay.
Mike Merwick stated that they have had one meeting already. Mr. Merwick indicated that there was a lot of people that attended the first meeting, the Building & Safety Department, the Planning Department. Mr. Merwick stated that at the first meeting there were a lot of people there and this is probably another meeting they are having. Ms. Seng thanked them for this information.

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

JERRY SHOECRAFT

Mr. Shoecraft stated that he has asked Dana Roper to draft up some future legislation increasing the fines for red light violators and he talked with Assistant Chief Becker because the last two or three weeks have been ridicules on the number of people running red lights and stop signs. Mr. Shoecraft indicated to Dana Roper and Jennifer Brinkman the question that needs to be asked is can they ticket a license plate, that he thinks right now it says they have to ticket a driver, but the issue is can they ticket a license plate. Mr. Shoecraft indicated that he is getting to the point of when Chief Casady was talking about some of those little gadgets that he liked to play with such as the cameras at the intersections that was in the Governing Magazine that he brought up to them. Mr. Shoecraft commented that Chief Casady pointed out to them that he doesn’t know if they can ticket a license plate, that they can ticket a driver, so he was wondering if they need to seek State legislation in regards to this issue. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Roper if they do, than this is an item that they need to have on the Agenda when they talk about their legislative packets. Jennifer Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft if he wants to use cameras they have to have it changed in the State law. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman okay. Mr. Shoecraft stated that they need to have a meeting real soon to talk about what they want to present for the State legislation this year. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft how about the first week in November. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman the first week in November would be okay, then he stated to Chief Casady during that time if he has any thoughts about it to give it to them. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Roper in answering his question on researching it. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft that he will, that he thinks Ms. Brinkman correctly stated what they would have to do to change it, that if they wanted to do that, they are going to have to get some State changes. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Roper in the mean time the legislation on increasing fines, that they have to start some where. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Shoecraft sure, that they will bring it forward. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Roper okay.

Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft her understanding is that the League of Municipalities in conjunction with Omaha has been seeking this change for several years and they have been unable to get the legislation passed that they need because several Senators don’t like the use of red light cameras. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that she will get them some background information on what they have done so far, but
she knows they have introduced it several times. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that they can either do a Pre-Council Meeting on it the first week of November or they can do a session at the Budget Retreat like they did last year. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft that it is up to them how they want to do it. Mr. Shoecraft asked Ms. Brinkman when is the Budget Retreat scheduled. Ms. Brinkman indicated to Mr. Shoecraft that it hasn’t been scheduled yet, but she thinks it usually occurs in November or December. Ms. Brinkman indicated to Mr. Shoecraft to let her know how they want to do it. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Ms. Brinkman let’s just try to talk about it at the Budget Retreat. Ms. Brinkman stated to Mr. Shoecraft okay.

Mr. Fortenberry indicated to Chief Casady that there is something he has been wondering for a long time and he asked Chief Casady if there was a matrix of fines for various City offenses that routinely occur. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Fortenberry that there is a waiver schedule the judges use, if they don’t want to go to court and they are eligible not to go, they can just pay the fine. Mr. Roper indicated that there is a schedule that sets forth that fine. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Fortenberry that typically the judges follow that schedule, even when you do go to court, that they will typically follow the waiver schedule. Chief Casady indicated that raising the fine, may or may not do anything to the Supreme Courts vision of what the waiver schedule ought to be. Chief Casady commented to Council that you realize that you can have a maximum fine of $500, but if the waiver amount is $25.00 that is the decision the courts make. Chief Casady stated to Council that he will get them a copy of the waiver schedule. Mr. Shoecraft commented that in the last twelve days they have seen two vehicles on it’s side and another accident in the last twelve days.

Roger Figard stated to Council that he wanted to mention to them that the tracks are being removed along 9th Street from “Q” to “P” Street, that this does not preclude landscaping and the entryway stuff, that it is simply being taken out at that one block for the weather time and the street will be restored. Mr. Figard indicated to Council that in the crack area they are putting down a thin layer of some asphalt grindings, so people can walk this weather. Mr. Figard indicated to Council that it can easily come out and fit in with what ever comes forward on the entryway. Mr. Shoecraft stated to Mr. Figard okay.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:54 A.M.