

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for August 27, 2001.
- *2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Restoration of Holmes Lake - August 13, 2001.
- *3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Redistricting - August 27, 2001.
- *4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Street Paving and Re-Paving Districts - August 20, 2001.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

- *1. PRT Meeting (Seng)
- *2. Downtown Lincoln Bid Association Board of Directors Meeting (Werner)
- 3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
- 4. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors Meeting (McRoy)
- 5. Joint Budget Committee (McRoy/Seng) — **SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED**
- 6. StarTran Task Force Meeting (Werner)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

- 1. The Nebraska Restaurant Association cordially invites you to attend September's Ten-City Tour Kick Off Gala and the Chef Paul Prudhomme Reception celebrating Food Safety Education Month in Nebraska. – Ten-City Tour Kick Off Gala, Lancaster Ballroom from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Chef Paul Prudhomme Reception from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar provided – The events will be held on Monday, September 17, 2001 at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th Street– Please RSVP by returning the enclosed sign up form no later than September 10, 2001 (Richard Lutz, FMP President/CEO 475-1900) — And there are also additional activities (See Invitation for more details).

2. Neighborhoods, Inc. - 2001 Celebration of Neighborhoods – You are invited to attend the 2001 Celebration of Neighborhoods/Annual Meeting - This year's special guest will be Mayor Don Wesely – The Celebration takes place at the Neighborhoods, Inc. Office, 2121 North 27th Street, under the big top tent on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – With free food, entertainment, and information – The event is open to the public and no RSVP is required (See Invitation).

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the Letter to Annette McRoy, Chair from David J. Shively, Election/Jury Commissioner - Mr. Shively would like to invite you or a representative of the Council to be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2001. (See Letter).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2001.**

MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Annette McRoy, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Glenn Friendt, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner.

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Amy Tejral, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Don Herz, Finance Director; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members' Friendt, Camp and Svoboda; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Chris Hain, *Journal Star* representative.

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*Carried Over from 09-03-01

Ms. Annette McRoy Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Coleen Seng moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ken Svoboda and carried by the following vote: AYES:, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; NAYS: None; ABSENT FOR VOTE: Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

- *1. PRT (Seng) Ms. Seng noted that it was the usual looking at various complaint sites that have been turned in to either the Police Department, Building and Safety or the Mayor's Office. Ms. Seng reported that these properties were reviewed and discussed at that meeting. She noted that the visuals presented by the Chair of the PRT bring the complaints into sharp focus.
- *2. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN B.I.D. ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner noted that Brad Korell had been the President for the last two years and reported that Charlie Meyer would be taking over that post for a two year term. Michelle Waite from the University will be the Executive Vice-President. He stated that there had been financial reports presented which showed that both management and maintenance side should finish under budget.

Mr. Werner reported that Rick Haden had presented the same report on the parking study that Council Members had received.

He noted that the DLA did take a position on the Comprehensive Plan. They favor a Multi-directional growth with a flexibility on population growth. They suggest a trigger mechanism (as we get bigger or if we exceed the population projections) for additional infrastructure. Dallas [McGee] gave reports on the Downtown Entertainment Center and said that they are working on assembling tenants.

Mr. Werner indicated that, also discussed at the meeting was the visit with the Omaha group that is working on setting up a B.I.D. and using Lincoln as a model.

AT THIS POINT, VICE-CHAIR COOK, NEWLY ARRIVED, ASSUMED THE DUTIES OF CHAIRING
THE MEETING

Mr. Friendt, after being recognized by Vice-Chair Cook, inquired as to whether or not the Douglas Theaters group had committed yet to the Entertainment Center concept? Mr. Werner indicated that he did not know and turned the question over to Ms. Harrell. Ms. Harrell stated that what could be said at this point is that the developers have options on all of the land that they will need and are working on the tenant contracts, which would include Douglas Theaters. So, yes - it's actually very promising.

Mr. Friendt asked, as he understood it correctly, if there wasn't another theater company that would consider being a tenant if Douglas doesn't get their act together? Ms. Harrell answered that that would be a decision to be made on the part of the developer. The City is only a facilitator on this project, but is not the developer. The developer would have to work that out.

3. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that he had attended the meeting. A major concern was the significant down-turn in golf revenue. There is a concern that the large number of new, private courses is sapping the revenue stream (somewhat) that the City depends on. Long-term, the question is will the City grow enough to come into line with the number of courses we now have, or will the private developers continue to build new courses which will put us in a bad spot for some years to come. Mr. Cook noted that the City was now burdened with an "over-built golf infrastructure".

Mr. Cook was not sure how this concern would/should be handled. He noted that other cities have had to get out of the golf business; or have contracted out the management of their courses. In some cases, that hasn't gone so well. He hoped that it isn't something that Lincoln will have to deal with right away, but it is something he felt should be watched.

Mr. Camp asked if it weren't good that the private sector was providing that service. We still have courses that are available to everyone. Mr. Cook stated that he felt that was a general philosophical question. The Parks Department provides many things -swimming pools, golf courses, *and* parks. Those could all be provided by the private sector; they could

charge admission fees. In that respect, the City is competing with private industry with pretty much every thing that the Parks Department does. That's a question - should the City even be in the golf course business?

Mr. Cook noted the bad experience that others City's have had is where companies come in under a low bid , take over operation of golf courses, and they have not maintained them well. Then after the contract is up, the City is left with golf courses very much in need of expensive maintenance. So, it hasn't turned out well.

Mr. Camp felt, in the future, it may be that more of the burden for providing golf courses should fall to the private sector. We would still have a core there so that certain programs such as the senior leagues could be maintained. Mr. Cook thought that was a decision Council would have to make at future budget times because Lincoln's courses have to be maintained at some affordable level; whereas private courses can charge what ever they like. If we find that we're losing too many golfers to the expensive courses, and the only people who golf at Public courses are those pay the smaller fees, then the golf program may have to be subsidized if that's the direction we will take this program.

Mr. Werner asked if revenues were up this year on the golf courses. Mr. Cook noted that they were down precipitously. They still have the revolving fund and are not in dire shape yet, but if this continues, there would be a problem.

Mr. Friendt asked if they were able to go ahead with the bond issue? Mr. Cook indicated that that had been approved. Mr. Friendt stated that he had observed that a lot of the new courses are semi-private, meaning that you can be a member, but you can also just walk up and pay your \$50.00 and get on the course, just like a public course. He thought that is what put a dent in the City's revenues. He felt the issue should be whether or not the Council should send out a signal that we're not going to be very receptive to future private course development....at least at this point. He felt that would be the way to have some protection for the public courses.

Mr. Cook asked Mr. Friendt wanted to protect the City from competition by the private courses? Mr. Friendt said he hadn't said that he would vote for it...he just said that it was one option.

Mr. Cook continued his Parks & Rec report stating that there had been an update on the outbreaks which the Health Director had talked about earlier. This discussion continued briefly with the comment that chlorine does not kill all virus bacteria. From that point the discussion proved less than productive and the subject was quickly abandoned.

Mr. Cook added that they voted to approve the additions at some parks with the money from the Holmes Lake sale. There will be a small addition to Peach Park and to the East Campus Park.

4. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INVESTORS MEETING (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that they met last Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. There were a couple of updates. They had met with the Airport Authority over the summer and their major goal is to get another airline...at least a regional airline...in the

City at the Airport. There is no immediate announcement forthcoming, but they have been visiting with two airlines. They've also done a marketing survey as well. They hope to land something with, at minimum, a regional carrier into the area. So, the summer was spent working with the Airport personnel. The group looked at several different industry groups: Work Force, Technological Infrastructure, Insurance, Medical, Schools, and Tech Fields, were some that they looked at.

Ms. McRoy reported that the economic futures part of the Comp Plan was of great concern at the meeting. The key was the location criteria for future developments. They want to use existing and future traffic ways to place development sites near new employment centers in east and south Lincoln. They viewed manufacturing, office and retail space as the three keys to development. Economic developments along the beltway were also discussed.

Their website is graphically growing and being used more as different jobs are posted. There were over 800,000 hits per month at LincolnJobs.com . She noted that it was an AOL server that was attracting East and West Coast hits.

Ms. McRoy indicated that Pfiser had discussed their new expansion. They're doing a lot of new manufacturing of human viruses. It's been a seven year process to get that through.

5. **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) — SEPTEMBER MEETING CANCELLED**

6. **STARTRAN TASK FORCE (Werner)** Mr. Werner reported that the meeting had been held in regard to the Mid-Town Route. There was a brief review of the history of the Mid-Town and Cross Town Route. This is a circular route and the number of anchors were discussed. There are hospitals, commercial, Gateway and residential. Possible new routes were discussed with one bus and two drivers. Currently they're still running this route and it's 90 minutes headway time. The goal, as it was discussed, is to perhaps go with a look at the grid system and proceed simply with an up and back route that would utilize four-lane streets.

It was decided that the major anchors in the route that they will choose are going to be Super K- Mart, 70th & Pioneers because there is no other way to get there. All the others considered are accessible by transfer. The grid system is a type of transfer system. If you can catch another bus to get there, that's the way to do it.

70th & Pioneers is the location that is developing and the need is probably going to increase rather than decrease. But, it is the only place that you cannot get to from a transfer. Gateway and Edgewood are also going to be included. They will try to get the headway time down to 60 minutes; utilizing four-lanes, going north and south, same route. Mr. Cook asked if they would be speeding? Mr. Werner responded that could be - with police escort. Other Council members thought not stopping to pick up riders, simply slowing (not stopping) to discharge passengers would also certainly aid in the cut down of the headway time. [Laughter].

Mr. Werner stated that they had also reviewed the union's proposal that they had been given. They passed out maps and everyone was to go home and draw their favorite route and

the next meeting those routes will be discussed. Ms. McRoy asked if Mr. Werner would be attending the next meeting. Mr. Werner stated that Ms. McRoy would be the one attending, with Ms. McRoy responding that Mr. Werner was welcome to attend the meeting if he wished.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - Mr. Friendt asked that Mr. Henrichsen be thanked for arranging the trip up to Omaha. He noted that it had been a great presentation. The speaker had offended nearly everyone of the over 500 folks in attendance. He had gotten everyone...planning, architects, City Council, convention center, uninformed citizens. Mr. Cook noted that the presentation would be available on tape and he planned to view it.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Camp expressed disappointment with the fact that Marsha Lommel was not re-nominated to the Community Health Endowment Board. Mr. Bowen stated that the Mayor had wanted to leave three with only one new appointment. Mr. Camp and Mr. Friendt agreed that with Ms. Lommel's expertise and experience in the field, the wisdom of selecting her as the choice to be eliminated for re-appointment was questioned.

Ms. Seng noted that several people had contacted her remarking that they really felt the people who had worked on the [inaudible] needed to be re-appointed. Ms. Seng stated that she had passed this information on some time ago. Ms. Seng noted three names that had been marked for definite reappointment, but her comments were inaudible.

Mr. Friendt believed that one of the re-appointments who was living outside of the City, but maintained his Lincoln residency, was one that could have been replaced. There needed to be someone else to step into his shoes if he were unavailable. Mr. Bowen stated that the Administration had looked at that. They had looked for a new train of thought and at making sure that the position is a position for the community.

Mr. Camp suggested that on these boards, there should be a way to monitor the ability of an appointee to attend the meetings. He commented that, as he reviewed the minutes of these meetings, he noticed that a lot of the same individuals are not there, regularly. Some of the groups have not been able to function due to lack of quorums. He noted that Lincoln wanted volunteer service, and appreciated it, but these organizations need heads there who will participate. He reiterated his support of Marsha Lommel, noting that she would have to be on her death bed not to attend a meeting. [Mr. Camp's other comments were inaudible] Mr. Bowen indicated that the Administration did watch that and included it as a consideration in their appointments & reappointments.

Ms. McRoy indicated that the Multicultural Advisory Committee has taken a very strong stance in getting participation from its board members. Mr. Cook noted that sometimes it is a problem even just getting a quorum at some meetings.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

ADDENDUM

Mentioned as an Invitation that was noted on the Attend Sheet

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - Mr. Friendt had a question on the Midas Muffler Building asking if there was some way to use that for a non-profit group rather than to just knock it down? Ms. Harrell stated that she knew that the Urban Development Department had that request. What her response to them had been was "show me the pros and cons". The greatest concern would probably be having a non-profit get in there, then, later, if they need to remove the building, it would be difficult to relocate the non-profit. She is waiting to see the `pros and cons' statement.

Mr. Cook asked if there was any clean-up related to the site since it was a muffler shop? Ms. Harrell did not know.

Mr. Friendt stated that he did not necessarily want to compete with private owners who could rent this space for commercial operations, but on the other hand, for a non-profit to be able to use instead of knocking it down...until we know that we need to do something with it. Unless, he noted, there is something in the offing that we can't talk about. Ms. Harrell stated that the ultimate design is to not have a building there, but she was not sure what the time-frame was.

Mr. Svoboda stated that he had asked Urban Development about that and was told that it was in the plans to have it demolished within the next couple of months and that was the end of it. It will become a parking lot eventually. Mr. Svoboda stated that he had some problems with that.

Mr. Camp reported that he had heard from a constituent that there was a private bid to buy that property and the City stepped in at the last minute, took over and just raised the purchase price by \$10,000.00. It had been a done deal in the private sector. He noted that bothered him. Now, we're taking public money and tearing it down.

Ms. Seng suggested that Council have Urban Development send a paper to Council explaining the situation. Mr. Cook added if that sparked interest for a Pre-Council at a later date, that could be done.

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng reported that she and Ms. McRoy had gone to the opening of the Savannah Pines yesterday. Mr. Camp stated that he had been there, too. Ms. Seng noted that this had been Ms. McRoy's first big issue when she came on the Council and she had wanted to see it finished. Ms. Seng added that the development was very lovely.

Ms. McRoy agreed that she had really wanted to see the finished product of her first major Council decision.

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen told Council of the date which had been suggested for the Joint Council Meeting between Omaha and Lincoln. The Omaha contingent has suggested Wednesday, October 17th. He asked Council if that would fit into their schedules. He noted that this was a date that the majority, but not all, of the Omaha Council Members could attend. The meeting will run from approx. 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The 17th was deemed to be acceptable.

Mr. Bowen also asked for Agenda items for the meeting. Mr. Camp responded that the Airport should be discussed. Mr. Bowen noted that it is on the Agenda already.

Mr. Werner noted that he had already given Mark the request from Cecil Steward for a presentation on the 60 mile study that the Joslyn Institute is doing. So that item will also be on the Agenda.

As Mr. Bowen discussed the Joint Meeting, Finance Director, Don Herz, handed out to Council the Weekly Fire Department Emergency Transport Report. There were questions which were answered briefly by Mr. Herz. He noted that with this report, he had wanted to give Council a Year-End Report with an improved format. Mr. Herz explained that all the figures are current through the end of August; except the billing part. At that time, it was current only through August 13th. Transport through August 13th was all that had been billed as of the time of the report. Mr. Cook noted that that did not meet the 10 day requirement on reporting.

Mr. Herz stated that he thought right now they are within one week of compliance on the reporting. Mr. Cook asked then, when they get a billing record, they get a bill out within a week? Mr. Herz stated that that was correct. Mr. Cook asked then if Mr. Herz was just a little behind on the reporting, but the billings are, in fact, out the door.

Mr. Cook asked, regarding previous months if they are now totally and absolutely completed for each month after the report has been received? Mr. Herz stated that those numbers will change slightly if during the course of some cycle they find there are some bills that should have gone out, then there can be some additional billing for that period. If you look from week-to-week, there are some changes from the older reports where additional bills have been sent. Sometimes the bill will remain the same, but the billing has gone up because they found they could bill at a different rate.

Mr. Cook noted that what they have is total records and total bills, but they don't have the total bills as a percentage of billable calls. He requested that this information be provided. Mr. Herz stated that it could and was being done. He is developing an accrual basis on the billing process. This will entail estimating what the total billings will be and what the [inaudible] will be.

Mr. Camp asked about the July billing which indicated that the average cost per run was not the \$550.00 minimum, plus mileage that had been originally quoted in the fee schedule, but was \$513.00 per run. He asked Mr. Herz to explain that.

Mr. Herz stated that some of the bills were \$400.00 plus mileage on emergency runs. So, there is a blend of \$400.00 and \$495.00. He did not know what the ratio was, but thought it was 80% that can be billed at the ALS rate and 20% at the DLS rate. Mr. Camp asked if there was any way to find out how much of these billings include mileage? Mr. Herz stated that he had a lot of detail and could provide any thing that Mr. Camp might need.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the Letter to Annette McRoy, Chair from David J. Shively, Election/Jury Commissioner - Mr. Shively would like to invite you or a representative of the Council to be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2001. Ms. McRoy indicated that even though the letter had been sent to her, she encouraged every Council Member to attend. She felt every Council Member should feel free to attend any event they might wish.

VIII. MEETING DISMISSED - Approximately 1:05 p.m.

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