

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for March 18, 2002.
- *2. Minutes of Director's Meeting for March 11, 2002.
3. Minutes of Director's Meeting for November 5, 2001.
4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Lincoln Partnership For Economic Development (LPED) - Budget and Operations - March 11, 2002.
5. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report - March 18, 2002.
6. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: University Place BID - March 18, 2002.

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

- *1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng) – **RESCHEDULED TO MARCH 19TH**
- *2. Homeless Coalition Meeting (McRoy/Werner)
- *3. Star City Holiday Festival Board Meeting (McRoy)
- *4. Floodplain Task Force Meeting (Seng)
5. Internal Liquor Committee (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner)
6. PRT Meeting (Seng)
7. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board of Directors Meeting (Werner)
8. 3rd Meeting - RE: Planning Director Selection Committee (Seng)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Thank you for keeping us on the road to success! Please join us to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of The Schemmer Associates' Lincoln office - Open House on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – At The Schemmer Associates, 1919 S. 40th Street, Suite 302 – RSVP to 488-2500 (See Invitation).

2. 84 Lumber Company will be celebrating the Grand Opening of 20 new stores on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 including our new location in Lincoln located at 4401 South 33rd Court. We are hopeful that you will be available to participate in our ribbon cutting ceremony. The Grand Opening Party will start at 6:30 p.m. with the ribbon cutting ceremony set to begin at 7:00 p.m. Please return the bottom portion of the letter or RSVP to Susan at (800) 664-1984 ext. 1116 (See Letter of Invitation).
3. The board and staff of Folsom Children's Zoo & Botanical Gardens cordially invites you to attend a ceremony to unveil the zoo's new miniature train. Please join us to as we formally present the train to the community and thank our donors on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. – On the plaza at the 27th & B main entrance – Please RSVP to Cheryl Dahl at 475-6741 (See Letter of Invitation).
4. Kathleen Sellman is heading to Castle Rock, Colorado – Please join our “Farewell” Reception on Friday, April 5, 2002 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – In front of Mayor's Office - Hosted by the Planning Department – (See Invitation).
5. Please join us for the VIP Spring Volunteer Awards Celebration on Monday, April 22, 2002 - Reception, 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Awards, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Family Life Center, 8550 Pioneers Blvd. (See Invitation).
6. Dear City Council Representative, we would love to have you attend as guest celebrity grillers for our event! Sierra Club Earth Day Event! - Come celebrate with us at a FREE BBQ picnic featuring sustainably grown food. Hamburgers will come from local producers and salads from Open Harvest (There will be some veggie burgers as well) - On Saturday, April 20, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. - Pioneer Park shelter #1, (may be moved to #2 if RSVP's reach over 150 people) – There will be a press conference at 11:00 a.m., picnic starts at 11:45 a.m. – Please RSVP to Laura Krebsbach, Nebraska Conservation Organizer at 475-2292 (See E-Mail of Invitation).

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VI. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM MARCH 25, 2002.**

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MINUTES
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MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

Council Members Present: Annette McRoy, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Glenn Friendt, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; **ABSENT:** None

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Amy Tejral, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Nate Jenkins, *Lincoln Journal Star* representative.

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Vice-Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and carried unanimously by consensus for approval.

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

*1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) – *Rescheduled to March 19th*
Ms. Seng reported that one of the things discussed was the Elk Sculpture - a replica of the one that was dedicated at the North Entrance to Pioneers Park. This smaller one, which would be displayed in an enclosed environment, was referred to the Arts Committee. It would be placed on display at some location in the County-City Building. Ms. Seng noted that Ms. Stranski was the provider of this gift, in addition to her other sizable donations to the City's Parks.

There was a request for an additional County-City Property Management employee. This position would be for a maintenance worker and PBC did approve that. The billing for the position will go back to the City budget.

Ms. Seng noted that VFW had applied for permission to sell poppies; and Push America-Journey of Hope, 2002 Team, wants to do their big "rah-rah" here and Ms. Seng reported that as long as they do it out away from the steps of these government buildings, they can do that. On the fund raising, we said "no". They have done this before.

Ms. Seng continued, noting that a contract with Sinclair Hille on the Parking Project was approved, subject to Dana reviewing all of these documents. Mr. Roper stated that they had met with Sinclair and there are some language differences that are being worked out at this time.

Ms. Seng reported that a resolution had been approved that would allow the Public Building Commission to obtain interim plans for the garages to be built north of here. The bond people have been working on that for quite a while.

Ms. Seng observed that they had approved the "usual list" of general vouchers. She requested that Mr. Camp explain the initial planning process on the space needs study currently being done for the County-City Building and the Hall of Justice. Mr. Camp reported that there would be a meeting tomorrow on the space needs study. This will be our first chance to review the plans they've come up with after interviewing the departments.

Mr. Werner asked if anyone had been involved in discussion on the Old Federal Building? Mr. Camp answered that he had talked with Dallas McGee and Ann has been involved in discussion. Mr. Werner asked if the PBC, as a Commission, had received any input. Mr. Camp answered that they were supposed to be receiving a report. They're looking at April 15th for having the whole appraisal done on the property. There hasn't been full approval yet, either.

Mr. Werner asked if the process went first through the Public Building Commission before it comes to Council. Ms. Seng indicated that that was correct. Ms. Harrell noted that there would be a "nearly simultaneous" vote at City Council on the re-development agreement and at Public Building Commission to terminate the lease. The Public Building Commission, technically speaking, leases the building from the City. So, our intent is to arrange it so the Tuesday there is going to be that meeting of the Building Commission, that Monday would have vote of the Council on the re-development agreements. This would insure a logical progression of the process.

Mr. Werner asked if that was going to happen in April? Ms Harrell stated that it would more than likely be in May. It's taking more time to do these negotiations than we had at first supposed, as we were trying to take an optimistic view of the time-line. It might be in May.

Ms. Seng noted that she had talked with Mr. McGee several times on this issue. Ms. McRoy stated that she had talked with Dallas three times last week on this. We had scheduled a pre-council on the Old Fed and it was delayed because he said the report wasn't ready; and the key speaker on the issue (Ed Zimmer) would be out of town. So, Dallas said he would call the individual Council Members this week to discuss it with us and bring everyone up to date. Ms. Harrell confirmed that Mr. McGee would be calling Council Members this week with information on the issue. Ms. McRoy added that Mr. McGee had indicated that they're not ready to go forward with a Pre-Council, but he would brief Council Members individually this week and Ms. McRoy told everyone to look for a phone call from Mr. McGee this week.

Mr. Camp reported that there had also been a movement by P.A.L. (Preservation Association of Lincoln) expressing concern about making sure that the historic value of the Old Fed is retained. Mr. Camp noted that he still hears a lot of discussion on the possibilities of where the Bennett Martin Library would go. Is there a future site for that? Ms. Harrell added that there is a group of people who feel very strongly about the future of the Old Fed and have talked about other possibilities for it. These suggestions have been coming in for over six months. The Building was declared "surplus" in 1987. It's been a logical progression leading toward a re-development project on the building since then. But, obviously, the historic preservation element is a key part of those negotiations with the selected redeveloper at this point. We've looked at lots of different ways to achieve the same goal - which is the protection of the facade, the historic interiors and the court rooms...those are the primary areas. We've looked at many different possible strategies as to how that might be achieved, but that's part of why it's taking quite a long time, because we want to make sure that the preservation goal is achieved. There is not a problem at all with the redevelopment company *not* wanting to do that...they *do* want to do it...that's what their niche is. It's just a question of working that out in the redevelopment agreements.

Ms. Seng stated that she felt Don Killeen was still concerned that the figures are going to come through properly from the redevelopment group. He has the same concern that all of us do that we'd like to retain these buildings, if we can. Ms. Seng noted that she was one of two Council Members who had voted against putting Old Fed on the surplus list, way back when. But, she finally decided that the way to preserve the building is to get it into the hands of the private sector. She felt they could preserve it better than government (we) can. Right now, it's going downhill, in Ms. Seng's estimation.

Mr. Werner asked what would happen if Mr. Killeen's concerns about the figures were well founded and in two-three years there are problems? Mr. Seng stated that we don't have those figures yet. Mr. Werner asked what would happen if NuStyle goes under? What are we stuck with?

Mr. Camp stated that that would be one of the questions that he would ask when they hear the final negotiations. That's an important consideration...not so much that NuStyle would go under, because they've operated many years in Omaha. Ms. Seng stated that the company has an excellent record with what they've done up there. Mr. Camp felt the question is would they come back and, if they ran into some tight financial constraints, ask for more assistance. Ms. Seng agreed with Mr. Camp as he stated that that is one of his biggest concerns now.

Ms. Harrell stated that she did not know if there are other redevelopment projects downtown that have had that sort of a clause. Embassy Suites, for example, doesn't get to come back and ask for more help if occupancy rates don't reach a certain point.

Mr. Camp noted that he was thinking more about the figures presented for the period before they get the renovation done. He felt the numbers just don't make sense to him right now. He stated that he was also concerned from the City and County standpoint...for example, we've been given notice by the County that they're moving out in April....terminating leases. So, we're starting to look at a very vacant building.

Ms. Harrell stated that the building right now is about 55% vacant, and has been that way since the State moved out. If the State hadn't moved in there temporarily during construction on the Capitol tower, it would have been vacant a long time ago. The State bought us quite a period of time...a luxury...to get a re-development company selected. The State had provided a cash flow, which at the moment is very limited; and there is no future plan for the Old Fed's use. It needs millions of dollars worth of renovation.

Mr. Camp noted that he might not totally agree with what Ms. Harrell stated, but we've been on a 'hold' pattern for almost a year now. The City did spend a considerable amount on the building's infrastructure. Now it could be converted into an office-hotel. The cost of renting elsewhere for City Departments should be included in the cost-effectiveness of the renovation...both here in this building and in the Old Fed. We need to look at the whole picture and understand that it's not just the cost of renovation, but the costs of renting elsewhere as well.

Mr. Werner asked if those cost studies hadn't been done before the renovation bids had been put out? He stated that it feels like we've gone down the road so far, he would be surprised if those questions hadn't been asked already. Ms. Harrell stated that they'd been asked. She noted that there is a plan for where to re-locate and what money would be put into budgets with the expectation of moving.

Mr. Camp stated that he would respectfully disagree. He noted that he has asked those questions, and has not received complete answers. As he understood it, the Public Building Commission finally stated that they would have to evaluate the data to see if it makes hard economic sense. So, there hasn't been full approval by the Public Building Commission on any of this.

The make-up of the Commission was discussed briefly. Mr. Cook suggested to the Public Building Commission members (Seng/Camp) that they talk to Chief Casady regarding the usefulness of the Security Measures being proposed for this three-building complex.

*2. HOMELESS COALITION MEETING (McRoy/Werner) - No Report

*3. STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BOARD (McRoy) - No Report

*4. FLOOD PLAIN TASK FORCE (Seng) Ms. Seng reviewed material from the Task Force which she had passed out to Council Members. She explained that the Task Force would now be meeting monthly and outlined upcoming agendas.

She noted that the Task Force was going through a process, stating that there had been a hold up on receiving information from the Corp of Engineers, because the engineer working on this Task Force was very pregnant and finally had her baby. We're trying to get the information. Mr. Werner noted, tongue-in-cheek, that they should have asked her about that when they hired her. [Laughter]

Ms. Seng reported that Mike DeKalb was at the last meeting to talk about the elements within the proposed Comp Plan dealing with the flood plain. The next meeting will be the 16th on a Tuesday. She noted that the Task Force was made up of a good cross-section of the community with environment, neighborhoods, development and the university all well represented.

5. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) Mr. Svoboda stated that all three of the Council Members were there and they didn't decide anything. The guest was Matt Herman of Nebraska Beverage & Liquor group to talk to us about revising the Responsible Hospitality Training...streamlining the curricula to eliminate some of the extraneous information currently being included and customizing the training for the specific industry attending (i.e. on/off sale differences)

The SDLs were discussed. Ms. McRoy reported that the Ordinance was done, but was sent back to Joel Pedersen, the City Attorney working on that issue. The Committee asked that he make a couple of revisions and it should be coming forward to the Council soon...probably within the next month.

Mr. Werner asked for clarification, wondering, even if passed, would it not go into effect until next year? So, if we were to pass it, we could use it as a guideline (or not)...but it would not be in effect until next year. It was noted that that was the case.

Ms. McRoy added that the State Liquor Control Commission had supported the City's recommendation and denied the Stiffler application. She noted that the State was getting better at respecting the City's stance on these issues.

6. PRT MEETING (Seng) There was no report, but Mr. Friendt had a question on the duplex vs. single family dwelling licensing issues. Ms. Seng explained that a Task Force had investigated this and Ron Peery of Building & Safety had drawn up a report on the issue.

Ms. Harrell noted that a great deal of the PRT complaints are on single family units as well as rental duplexes or owner occupied units. The City licenses three-units and up. The Task Force looked at licencing one and two-unit rentals. It was controversial for those property owners who rent one- and two-unit structures. That's why we started looking at how many complaints are received on single vs. duplex/two-unit dwellings.

Mr. Friendt stated that his concern is that many of the single-family units are under multiple unit ownership. Some owners have more than 30 units they're trying to manage alone.

Ms. Harrell mentioned an out-reach issue, too expressing the concern that those living in complaint conditions might not file a complaint to create the data base record. She noted that some communities have begun licensing landlords. That might be feasible. Mr. Friendt indicated that that had been his thought - to get at those folks around town who are multiple ownership landlords.

Mr. Cook reported that the Near South Board's sub-committee had a meeting regarding these very problems. How to hold landlords accountable and how can we provide better tools to landlords to find out the criminal backgrounds of individuals to whom they're renting. Mr. Cook stated that the Police Department is working well on plans to provide criminal histories over the web, should the Law Department sign off on that plan at some point. That is being worked on.

As far as holding landlords accountable, this is something Mr. Cook stated he had wanted to talk to the REOMA Board of Directors and the Lincoln Board of Realtors about, and get their involvement in - the changing of licensing procedures. Mr. Cook stated that he would like to see the single-family and duplex [rentals] licensed also; but perhaps not from the Building and Safety perspective. He stated that it was not as meaningful as if we license with the idea of individual management licensure. Then, if there are a certain number of violations, the license could, potentially, be revoked. It isn't an issue of building structure, but whether or not there is criminal activity going on. The responsible landlords may really be interested in that. Mr. Cook stated that he would follow-up with that and let Council Members know how that goes.

Ms. Harrell noted that Lincoln's Health Director had experience with communities that had such licensing procedures. Ms. Harrell had requested that he give her information on the ordinances those communities had in effect. Ms. McRoy stated that she had requested the Law Department to investigate language that might be used in such an ordinance. Mr. Cook affirmed that he would appreciate any such information to take to the REOMA meeting.

7. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner did not attend the meeting, but reported that a new, very aggressive marketing plan had been the topic of discussion. He noted that several hundred thousand was the goal over several years. Ms. Harrell stated that a group of volunteers from the business community had helped them, as well as representatives from the University.

Mr. Friendt asked if the B.I.D. budget wasn't all semi-voluntary contributions? He was informed that the B.I.Ds are assessments against the property for both maintenance and management. Mr. Friendt asked then if we're allowing a taxing authority to fund it? It was explained that the budget is presented to the Council each year for approval as well as coming before the Council Members when they sit as the Board of Equalization.

Mr. Cook asked, then what the marketing program would involve? Mr. Werner stated that it would obviously be focused on promoting the Downtown. Ms. Harrell stated that was something that would fall under the Management B.I.D. which is overseen by DLA. Ms. Harrell explained that the Maintenance B.I.D. is assessment on a front footage basis on the properties within the downtown boundaries. The Management B.I.D. is assessed on property valuation. There is a component that is a voluntary participation element which is for non-profit groups that otherwise do not have taxable value. That goes to the Management B.I.D., because the non-profit groups do have front footage that they pay on.

8. 3RD MEETING - PLANNING DIRECTOR SELECTION COMMITTEE (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that two meetings had already been held. The first was an organizational meeting and at the second we interviewed both Kathleen Sellman and Kent Morgan. She stated that the Committee had wanted to know what they had done right or wrong as a Selection Committee from an actual applicant's point of view. Ms. Seng noted that the Committee had also wanted to learn the state of the Planning Department from Ms. Sellman's perspective. They also interviewed Kent Morgan, separately, asking the state of the Planning Department from his perspective. He has gone through four planning directors so he has a good over-view. Ms. Seng noted that he never wants to be planning director. Mr. Cook asked if we hadn't had only four planning directors? It was noted that Mr. Morgan had been here a long time.

The last meeting, the 3rd Meeting, the Committee interviewed a so-called "head hunter"...a person from a firm that was doing the recruitment of candidates. We had about six or eight candidates that had come in as a result of an ad. The Committee felt they wanted a broader base of choice, so we met with the recruitment person who is a former Nebraskan. He has always been associated with the private sector and has done a fair amount of work bringing candidates in to both the private and public sectors. We were quite pleased with him and gave him the go-ahead to proceed with his recruitment search for a Planning Director.

Mr. Friendt asked if those were public meetings? If it's a personnel issue, then it isn't public? Ms. Seng noted that it is a public meeting, but would suspect that when the interviews are begun, that would not be public until a choice is made.

Ms. Seng stated that the Committee's concern was that Kathleen had only been here two-and-one-half years. What did this say to candidates? It had been a concern for the Committee as well as for Ms. Seng, but, she felt better about that after interviewing Ms. Sellman and Mr. Morgan and talking to the recruiter.

Discussion continued briefly on this issue regarding management philosophies and criteria for the position.

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OTHER MEETING REPORTS - Ms. McRoy stated that she had attended the Belmont Neighborhood Association Meeting which was called to address the 14th Street Study. She stated that the community members are really upset. Their plan is to stop the Traffic Study for 14th Street from being placed in the Comp Plan. They'll be coming to the Comp Plan Hearings. She noted that the neighbors had turned out in great numbers and were very emphatic in their stand on this issue. They had not had a neighborhood association, but to address this issue, they will be forming one, so something good has come out of the controversy.

Mr. Werner asked if these persons weren't at the Planning Commission Public Hearings. Ms. McRoy stated that they had been and most were opposed to the inclusion of the Study; there was only one who approved the Study being included in the Comp Plan.

Ms. McRoy had explained to the group that the entire Council was interested in following this issue, but all had previous engagements and therefore she had come to speak on behalf of the Council.

Ms. McRoy reported that she had also attended the Malone Center Meeting. That meeting had gone smoothly. Mr. Cook asked how soon they would be selecting an executive director? Ms. McRoy answered that Cedars would be doing the management contract and formulating the plan for the selection of the next executive director, so it could be a little while.

Ms. Seng reported that she had been eligible to vote, but did not; she added, however, that she was ready to vote if the vote became very tight. Ms. McRoy stated that it had been a very calm and peaceful meeting.

Mr. Camp reported on the tour of the Madonna Rehabilitation facility that he and Mr. Svoboda had taken earlier. He explained that they had found the facility to be outstanding, noting that it was a real gem for the City of Lincoln and that it has national prominence. He informed Council that they are doing some remarkable things in the rehab area.

Mr. Svoboda added that if the invitation is offered again, he would encourage the Council Members to go. He indicated that the Director really wants to show it off and he felt we, as elected officials, need to go and see these types of institutions that really make up our community and give Lincoln a really good, strong point on the national map, highlighting what we do here. The fact that they've combined research with the patient facility is outstanding. They're the only ones in the country that have ever done that. Others have tried, and failed; and we were successful.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Noted Without Significant Comment,

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V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Ms. Tejral handed out to Council the current legislative update. Mr. Werner asked if the Council could have, at some point prior to the legislative session, a Pre-Council to discuss issues that we might be interested in; and issues that the Mayor is interested in. Ms. Seng mentioned that the Retreat was devoted to those issues. Mr. Werner stated that he wanted more than that. Council discussed this idea, noting that the Retreat may not afford enough time to spend on issues that might be of special concern to the Council or to the City. An expanded process should be in place where we can have such input and opportunity for discussion on these issues. It was noted that the Omaha Council has its own lobbyist. Council ideas may differ from the Mayor's, which is fine, but we could choose to have both view points presented to the Legislature.

It was explained that there are weekly meetings held every Monday morning in the Mayor's Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. with representatives from each Department to review and discuss the upcoming legislation of each session of the Unicameral. Some of the Council members were not aware of those meetings.

Mr. Camp stated that he felt it would be beneficial if, at the December Retreats, the Mayor's Office could give to Council a tentative list of upcoming legislation to give everyone a chance to submit ahead of time their own thoughts on areas that each Council Member might want to have considered. He asked Mr. Werner if that would be helpful to him. Mr. Werner noted that he thought the Retreat was more of a "Report" than a Retreat. There were so many issues stacked into the time, there wasn't really any time for discussion or input. A 'Retreat' would be more like this "Noon" meeting where we could sit around and discuss these things - he felt that would be really helpful.

Mr. Camp agreed, noting that the information at the Retreat for the last several years was more like a pre-ordained list of priorities that had already been set, giving Council no chance to bring forward issues of concern to them. Mr. Bowen offered that any time a Council Member has a concern or thoughts on an issue, to let the Mayor's Office know.

The Stormwater issue was also discussed. Ms. Tejral explained that the Cities of Lincoln and Omaha were in the Phase One Requirements of the Clean Water Act. The permit that is being issued from DEQ this week lays out all the requirements. We have five years to come into complete compliance with those requirements. But, we'll have to start now, or we'll never make it. One of the ways to do that is through a Storm Water Utility. Mr. Friendt stated that it comes out of General Budget, then. Mr. Bowen stated that it comes out of General Budget

now. We're incurring costs right now for the Storm Water... Ms. Tejral noted that for people to say it doesn't count until five years from now would be unrealistic....if we didn't start for five years, we wouldn't be in compliance, and then we'd be fined. Mr. Bowen added that we have to show our program phasing.

Ms. Tejral handed out material dropped off by Don Herz on the EMS update.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - Mr. Friendt addressed remarks to Mr. Bowen asking, in terms of voting on the Economic Development Position, what the Mayor's position is on the whole of the LPED contract? Mr. Bowen stated that the City is in the first year of a three-year contract right now, so it won't be up for renewal for two more years. Mr. Friendt asked if the City could pull funding, even though we have a contract? Mr. Bowen stated that he would have to review the contract to answer that question. He thought there was a reference to billing, but he would have to review the contract before he made a statement.

He added that he had about 49 applications for the position. The position was closed last Friday, but they expected to receive more in today that would be postmarked as of last Friday. Mr. Cook asked if they had advertised it on the lincolnJobs.com? [Laughter]. Mr. Bowen handed out to Council the article that LPED had issued on the position as well as the LPED Financial Close-Out Statement for 2001 that was passed out at the LPED Board meeting. He noted that it was typical of the kind of budget information the Administration has received. When they discuss the approved budget, this is what is being talked about.

Ms. McRoy commented that the Mayor had stated after the Directors' Meeting that he would do whatever Council wanted to do to set a schedule to discuss a meeting regarding the LPED - if Council wanted an audit, or whatever. After brief discussion, Council decided that they would like a time to have discussion in order to reach a consensus on what they would like to do regarding this situation. It was determined that they would have this discussion at the "Noon" meeting on April 8th. This was noted by Staff and Discussion on this issue was added to the April 8th "Noon" Agenda.

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy stated that LPED would have a regularly scheduled meeting tomorrow and asked if anyone would like to attend? Mr. Bowen explained the differences between the LPED and Chamber committees.

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng reported that she went to a dinner of recognition for Ed Zimmer. She noted that she was very embarrassed that there was no other City Council Member or City Staff in attendance. Every School Board Member was there; all of the top Public School Administrators were there and she was the only one from the City. Mr. Zimmer was being recognized by Wyuka Cemetery for all of the work that he's done within Wyuka Cemetery as our Preservation Officer. She conceded that the invitation came very late, but she had indicated to the Mayor that she was really embarrassed and he was shocked that Staff was not there. He, himself, had a speaking engagement at Northeast High School and could not attend. Ms. Seng continued, noting with some consternation that one of our own Staff was being recognized, and no one was there.

An observation was made that if people want Council Members at their functions, they shouldn't be charging \$50.00 for them to attend. It was also noted, however, that this particular function had also been a charitable fund raiser.

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

AMY TEJRAL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1:12 p.m.

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