

**DIRECTOR'S MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2002 - 11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Others Present:** Mayor Don Wesely, Ann Harrell, Mark Bowen, Lin Quenzer, Amy Tejral, Mayor's Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff and Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

**I. MAYOR**

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that first off, he thought the Kawasaki opening was a very important day for them and he wants to apologize to them, he didn't have anything to do with the members of the Council not getting invited to this opening, but he thinks they should have been invited to it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that they brought back from New York City a number of meeting officials in the Transit Authority and currently New York City is considering a \$2 billion dollar contract on a new passenger train subway cars, so a lot of what it was about was bringing them back and impressing them with the new facility and their capabilities. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he did meet with the New York City representatives that were here and also from Minnesota, The National Public Transit Association from Washington was here and they had the discussions. Mayor Wesely stated that the New York City Transit Authority people shared a story with them that 20 years ago their subway cars use to go 6, 500 miles and break down, which was the average and so they started to bid out and they went with Kawasaki and right off the bat they went from 6,000 to 65,000 and today the newest cars which they designed together that Kawasaki is producing 165,000 miles before breaking down. Mayor Wesely commented to Council so that's outstanding that it was a really positive event and he thinks the New York City folks that came down were very much impressed.

Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely that she knows they didn't get invited, but she thinks that it would be great if they could write a letter to them and they all could sign it. Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely if he could have his office put it together since they have the names of the top people because she thinks this is really important that they expanded and stayed in Lincoln and they didn't go elsewhere, so she would really like to have a letter go out to them. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng 'sure' they can and stated that if they were interested to go on a tour out there that he knows they would love to have them out there. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it is really worth seeing, it is unbelievably big and very impressive. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely that would be great. Discussion continued with comments and questions from the Council.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that another effort their feeling good about is the new "F" Street Center and he will have Lynn Johnson tell them about it. Lynn Johnson stated to Council that they have two huge activities happening at "F" Street this week and stated that tomorrow morning [April 23rd] the Arbor Day celebration in Lincoln is going to be there and they'll have 550 Everett Elementary School kids there planting two trees; and on Thursday morning [April 25<sup>th</sup>] starting at 9:00 a.m. the dedication ceremony for the new "F" Street Center begins with the ribbon cutting at 9:30 a.m., at 10:00 a.m. will be the unveiling of the new Brick Mural and there's song and dance and music essentially all day starting at 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Neighborhood Leadership Training for it is on Saturday morning [April 27<sup>th</sup>]. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they've had a few people walk through the building and they're very excited about it. Mayor Wesely commented to Council so any encouragement that they could give to folks to attend it. Mayor Wesely 'thanked' Lynn Johnson.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> there's an Old City Hall briefing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and he hopes that they can alert people to it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he is sure they'll be answering questions and kind of making them aware of what they are doing over there.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they did a press conference to try and call attention to the street crews and street maintenance and the pothole problem, which has always been a problem. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that certainly this year is better than last year when he thinks Bill Nass had a hundred of phone calls of complaints and they've had 18 so far this year. Mayor Wesely stated to Council if they know of an area that needs some attention to let them know because they'll prioritize it.

Ms. McRoy asked Mayor Wesely if he has a Town Hall Meeting coming up. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. McRoy that it is on April 30<sup>th</sup> [Tuesday] from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Isles Reception Hall. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely that she doesn't think they've received their invitations yet. Diane Gonzolas stated to Ms. McRoy that the invitations will go out either today or tomorrow. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely and Ms. Gonzolas okay.

Mr. Cook held up the Nation's Cities Weekly newspaper from April 15<sup>th</sup> and stated that an article in it says "Lincoln Mayor Holds School/Community Partnership Summit" says Mayor Don Wesely regarding the Community Learning Centers. Mayor Wesely commented to Mr. Cook really that he hasn't seen it.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he doesn't know if they watched the "48 Hours Special", but he was a little disappointed, but it was nice that Chief Casady was on there for a little while.

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## **II. CITY CLERK**

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that on their Agenda they should have received in their packets for Item 5 [Waiving design standards for street paving, sidewalks, storm sewer and street trees on S. Coddington Avenue south of West “M” Street] a motion to amend. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Council that hopefully they do have in their packets a motion to amend for the Coddington Street waivers and just as a reminder to them this was what they heard them ask for at the last meeting and their recommendation is still that the waivers not be granted in line with the Planning Commission recommendation. Ms. Tooze stated to Council also as a reminder to them that this is a public street, so they’ll be maintaining it if they have the pavement there. Ms. Tooze stated to Council that they can take a look at it and if there’s something else they need they can get it to them. Discussion continued with Council and Nicole Fleck-Tooze on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. After discussion, Mr. Cook asked Ms. Tooze if he could get an amendment regarding the waiver of the street trees and indicated that they got a letter about the trees. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Cook ‘yes’.

City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Items 11 & 12 [Approving a three-year advertising contract between the City and D & D Distributor for advertising rights on the electronic message systems at Pershing Auditorium at 15<sup>th</sup> and “N” Streets; and Approving a three-year advertising contract between the City and Alltel Communications, Inc. for advertising rights on the electronic message systems at Pershing Auditorium at 15<sup>th</sup> and “N” Streets] if it would be alright, she would like to call these two items together, since they both relate to contracts with Pershing Auditorium. Ms. McRoy stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that she handed out to them a couple of motions to amend for the Tattooing Ordinance that's under 1<sup>st</sup> Reading today. Mr. Friendt asked City Clerk Joan Ross where did the changes come from. City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Mr. Friendt that one came from the Law Department, which she thinks is just cleaning up a little clerical error and the other one came up on the motion, which she thinks was requested by Terry Werner. Mr. Friendt stated to City Clerk Joan Ross okay.

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Friendt stated to Mr. Herz that being able to go back and forth through two sheets and stated that he's looking for some summary numbers and then if there's questions about summary numbers they can dig back into some specific, but they're on the track for it. Mr. Werner stated to Mr. Herz that it looks like before the price went up 73% of the tickets were paid and now 63% are paid. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Werner that all the collections on the most current tickets haven't take place, so that number should continue. Mr. Werner stated to Mr. Herz so that will change 6 months from now on this report. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Werner 'yes' that this report focuses on the number of tickets written in a given period and it is not focusing on the dollar amounts collected on each periods. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Werner that he thinks that was what Glenn [Friendt] was asking for is the volume of tickets written. Mr. Friendt stated to Mr. Herz and of revenue because he thinks there could be an indication here, which was one of the concerns that they raised and also was one of the things Steve [Hubka] talked about was on trying to improve their accounts receivable. So, they may need to do something in terms of our rules and in terms of collections so that they're not writing more tickets, but the revenue hasn't changed and that was one of the key purposes of it. Mr. Herz stated to Mr. Friendt that the revenue is going to change. Mr. Friendt stated to Mr. Herz that actually he is interested in revenues, which was going to be the other thing that he was going to mention.

## **KEN SVOBODA**

1. Memo from Marc Wullschleger to Ken Svoboda – RE: Proposed Sites for Public Works Campus. — Mr. Svoboda stated that him and Marc Wullschleger have been talking about this issue.

Mr. Svoboda stated to Roger Figard that he sent a memo a while back about the impact fee and the infrastructure financing and he knows that this wasn't going to be an easy one to put together, but he was wondering if they were working on it. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Svoboda that they are working on it. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Abbott okay and 'thanked' him.

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[Mr. Cook, Vice-Chair read through the Director’s Addendum (for April 22<sup>ND</sup>) for Ms. McRoy, Chair]

## **ADDENDUM (For April 22<sup>ND</sup>)**

### **I. MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City To Celebrate Arbor Day. — This celebration was mentioned during the Mayor’s comments to Council under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

**II. CITY CLERK - NONE**

**III. CORRESPONDENCE**

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**JON CAMP**

1. Letter & Article from Gary Aldridge to Jon Camp - RE: Public Works \$17 million proposal to centralize operations questioned. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

**B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**FINANCE/CITY TREASURER**

1. Material from Joan Ross, City Clerk & Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer - RE: Monthly City Cash Report & City of Lincoln - Pledged Collateral Statement - March 31, 2002. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Awards Banquet. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS

**PLANNING**

1. Letter from Jean Walker - RE: Change of Zone No. 3364, Miscellaneous No. 02002 and Miscellaneous No. 02003 (Proposed Text Amendments to Title 27, Zoning Ordinance; Title 26, Land Subdivision Ordinance; and City of Lincoln Design Standards to adopt “Standards for Arterial Streets 120' or More in Width”). — Mr. Cook asked the Planning Department if this is the letter that they are sending out to people and asked who will be receiving the letter. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that there were 300 names on it, the development community, builders, the landscape contractors, nursery industry and trails people. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Cook that the Planning Commission will be reviewing the amendments and implementing it on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Johnson okay and ‘thanked’ him.

## C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Jim Chambers - RE: Please consider this letter a formal request to include all of Middle Creek section 12-10-5 as a continuation of Tier One in the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan vision. — Mr. Cook asked if they are allowed to use Tier One since the bank has the name now. Kent Morgan stated to Mr. Cook that they had it first. Mr. Werner asked Kent Morgan if they know any more about the water tower. Mr. Morgan stated to Mr. Werner that at this point they are continuing to look at it and it's going to take them two weeks to get a report back to them because there's several different issues involved, but they are working on it. Discussion continued with Council, Roger Figard, Allan Abbott and Kent Morgan on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

## IV. DIRECTORS

Ms. McRoy stated to Lynn Johnson that she has a check for the Parks & Recreation Foundation for \$500 that the Sierra Club gave to her on Saturday for the City of Lincoln and she asked him if he could take it back with him. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Johnson that on Saturday they had a little picnic out in the park that Terry [Werner], Glenn [Friendt] and she attended and the Sierra Club gave the check to them at the picnic. Mr. Johnson stated to Ms. McRoy that 'yes', he will. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Johnson that she appreciates it. Mr. Werner stated to Mr. Johnson that it is designated for Saline Wetlands. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Johnson that there is a letter attached to it, but evidentially when they got the bigger grant from the State they couldn't send a representative, but they wanted to give for their appreciation and so that's what the check is for. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Werner and Ms. McRoy okay. Ms. McRoy stated that it was a little chilly out, but it was for a good cause. Mr. Werner asked Lynn Johnson if he could send them a 'Thank-You' letter. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Werner most definitely.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT** - Lynn Johnson stated to Council that they have several dedications coming up and he wanted to let people get these dedications on their calendars. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they have already mentioned 'Arbor Day' Celebration and they have already mentioned "F" Street. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they are looking at the evening of Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for the Densmore Park dedication and they are probably going to be planning an exhibition game on the new ball fields at mid-evening probably around 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.; they are looking at a dedication of Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for the new University Place pool and it will probably be at 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.; and then on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> the dedication for the [inaudible] Trail and the MoPac Russ Station trail out on 84<sup>th</sup> Street and this one he thinks is going to be at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they will get these dedications out in a memo for them. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Johnson that in speaking of park dedications if he remembers last summer they had a little park over on "R" Street and Councilman Curt Donaldson had built the casaba and she asked if they ever had the dedication

for it or did she just miss it. Mr. Johnson stated to Ms. McRoy that they did not have the dedication for it yet, but they are working with the neighborhood and it looks like they will have it on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Johnson okay and asked him if he could send her a memo or something to let her know about it. Mr. Johnson stated to Ms. McRoy that 'yes', he will.

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT** - Allan Abbott stated to Council that the 33<sup>rd</sup> Street parking saga continues, so they met and stated to Mr. Cook that he knows they have met and talked with him on cutting back. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that they are going to cut back the length of the left turn lane on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street-north of Van Dorn about 50 feet. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that he thinks everybody along 33<sup>rd</sup> Street has signed a petition saying that they don't want the left turn lane, but they will be striping a left turn lane in there for this project. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that it is needed and they have cut it back as far as they can, so there will be about five people who lose their parking. But, this project is underway and when it's done they will have a left turn lane and they will send a letter to all of those people saying that they have looked at it and they have determined that it is needed for safety and operation. Mr. Abbott stated to Council that he is sure that some of them will be getting calls about it, but again this is one of those issues that everybody is opposed to something and they have cut back on the project as much as they can and they really need a left turn lane there. Mr. Cook 'thanked' Allan Abbott for making those changes.

## **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS**

### **JON CAMP**

Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that he had the inquiry on the South 70<sup>th</sup> Street traffic situation that a number of people have expressed real concerns especially with 84<sup>th</sup> Street traffic being pushed over to South 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Abbott if there was anything they could do to help move it along and make it as easy on the people there. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that on the 70<sup>th</sup> & Pioneers development that Roger Figard could talk about that one, but any patching that's been done by maintenance [inaudible]. Roger Figard stated to Mr. Camp that there's a couple of locations where they have either had an utility break or an utility connection addition. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Camp that he doesn't know if there is any choice of doing that, but they will keep their maintenance off and they will keep plumbers and folks out unless there is an emergency break off of those arterial streets that are used for detours. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Camp that they will hurry as quick as they can and they will coordinate those, but they can't keep all of 70<sup>th</sup> opened. Mr. Figard stated to Mr. Camp that he will follow up on it and try to make sure they can move it as quickly as they can. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Figard that he appreciates it.



Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that there is going to be a 40<sup>th</sup> & “A” Street Neighborhood Association Meeting on the Storm Water issues and he was wondering if someone from the Public Works & Utilities Department will be at the meeting. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp ‘yes’, someone will be at the meeting. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Abbott okay.

Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that another call he got about a week or so ago from Scott Long, who is the President of the Porter Ridge Neighborhood Association, regarding the ‘Stop’ sign and asked if they have anything on this situation yet. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that Randy Hoskins has been working with Mr. Long on it, but he doesn’t know the extent of it. Mr. Camp stated that he wants to ‘thank’ Randy [Hoskins] for his help on this matter. Mr. Camp stated that there was going to be a Porter Ridge Executive Meeting tonight regarding the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street ‘No Parking’, but as he understands it now this meeting has been delayed and it will probably be an open meeting. Mr. Camp stated that Sue Hundley was very concerned about it.

Mr. Camp stated to Lynn Johnson that he got a call from Jerry Shoecraft the other day, which he updated him on the future park out on North 27<sup>th</sup> Street in regards to the Schleich’s family. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Johnson that it sounds like the Schleich’s family is giving an additional \$30,000 for playground equipment to help put the park out there. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Johnson if he had any comments on it at all. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that he talked to Jerry [Shoecraft] on Friday. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that Jerry [Shoecraft] is a new member of the Parks & Recreation Foundation and he brought it to the foundation. Mr. Johnson stated that they are working with them to bring the park [inaudible] that actually in terms of sequences this would be the fourth park that would be developed, which means it’s probably 3 or 4 years away in the CIP. Mr. Johnson stated that there’s some drainage issues that have to be addressed and so they are talking with them about seeing if they will help them get the drainage extended, so they have a flat zone there to develop the park site and it sounds like it is all going to come together. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they are going to take the naming request to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in May and he thinks it will all come together and they should be able to construct it sometime this summer. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Johnson if this park will be dedicated in memory of Steve Schleich. Mr. Johnson stated to Ms. Seng that ‘yes’ it will. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that this will just help it to happen sooner because the way they are lined up in the CIP right now this park was the fourth one on the list and essentially what this will do is just move it up in priority and the other parks will remain in their current position in the CIP. Mr. Camp ‘thanked’ Lynn Johnson.

## **JONATHAN COOK**

Mr. Cook stated that he doesn't know if anybody saw the 'World Herald' article "Dude Where's My Car - Don't Beat On The Impound Lot". Mr. Cook stated that they have had a little discussion about how they keep the cars 30 days, but Mayor Faye wants to change it in Omaha that if your car is worth less than \$250 they'll keep it 5 days before it is disposed of, after sending a certified letter; and if it is worth more than \$250 they will send a certified letter and wait 5 days, then send them a second notice and wait 5 days, and then dispose of it. Mr. Cook commented so Omaha is a little more aggressive than they are on this matter and so he just thought he would note the different policy.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to talk with Lynn Johnson and Mike Merwick after the Director's Meeting today.

## **ANNETTE McROY**

Ms. McRoy stated to Bruce Dart that she needs to talk with him about some pit bulls over on North 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Dart that the lady is still working with Animal Control, but she just isn't happy and she wanted her to speak with him about Animal Control's responses to pit bulls. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Dart so she will talk to him about this matter later. Bruce Dart stated to Ms. McRoy okay

## **GLENN FRIENDT**

Mr. Friendt stated that the Lincoln/Lancaster Women's Commission event was a lot of fun.

## **COLEEN SENG**

Ms. Seng stated that there has been a lot in the newspaper recently about the 'Roundabouts' and there has always been concerns about it and a lot of negativity. Ms. Seng stated that there is one in the University Place going into the new UNI Park pool and the barricades finally went down, so yesterday she drove around there about 10 times and went every which way. Ms. Seng stated that she tried it from all four directions and it is very nice. Ms. Seng stated that the main purpose was to slow down the speed of traffic on Francis Street and it does slow you right down. Ms. Seng stated that she did not find anything dangerous about it, which was what a lot of people had told her and the curbing

is not very high. Ms. Seng stated that she just found it 'A' okay and indicated that she was anticipating that she might not like it. Ms. Seng stated that she thinks they should have people that are concerned about other parts of town where this is a possibility to go out there and try it. Ms. Seng stated that all of the Council Members should also go out there and try it.

Ms. Seng stated that after the Pre-Council Meeting on the Roosters, she had some calls from cat owners and she even thinks there was a letter in the newspaper that the cats are much more of a problem than the roosters. Ms. Seng stated to Bruce Dart that she was wondering if they are doing anymore on the cat ordinance. Bruce Dart stated to Ms. Seng 'yes', they are and that is going to be part of the revised ordinance, which hopefully it will come before the Council in June. Mr. Dart stated to Ms. Seng that this is their time table and hopefully they will meet it. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Dart okay and asked him if she gave him a person's name and phone number will he make sure that somebody talks to them about it. Mr. Dart stated to Ms. Seng 'sure'. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Dart okay and 'thanked' him.

Ms. Seng stated that she saw the article in the newspaper about the 'Rococo' and asked if there is anything the City needs to be responding to and indicated that there's a law suit now. Dana Roper stated to Ms. Seng that he thinks it is between the homeowners and the owner and indicated that it is not them. Ms. Seng stated to Mr. Roper okay and 'thanked' him.

## **TERRY WERNER**

Mr. Werner stated to Lynn Johnson that he called Steve [Hiller] about the golf course net on when it will be up, which was a week ago and he thought that he would get it up in a couple of weeks. Mr. Werner stated to Mr. Johnson that his neighbor has been inquiring about it. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Werner that he will check on it.

Mr. Werner stated to Allan Abbott that in regards to Woods Park when they talked about an eight (Mr. Abbott commented traffic circles 'yes' & Mr. Werner stated 'yes') with islands in the middle, who pays for it and asked if there is some offer of financing on some of it. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Werner the answer to his second question is 'no' and the answer to his first question is that it would be a Public Works Project and a Traffic Calming effort to do it. Mr. Abbott indicated to Mr. Werner the commitment that has been made to them is if they can agree, they would do what they

could to implement it and they didn't say they would implement it all at once and they didn't say that they would go out, but they would try to do a traffic calming effort within the neighborhood. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Werner that so far they are waiting for their first neighborhood consensus. Discussion continued with Council and Allan Abbott on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

Mr. Camp stated to Mike Merwick and Dana Roper that there's a situation down on Tierra where there is an unsightly house and the neighborhood just don't know what to do and asked them if there was anything they could do about it. Mike Merwick asked Mr. Camp the address. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Merwick that he will have to get the address to him. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mr. Merwick that it is probably the same one that he sent to him about a month or two ago. Lin Quenzer stated that they've been getting calls on that house for a couple of years that it is not fully repainted. Mr. Cook asked if the Quality of Life Ordinance apply here. Ms. Quenzer indicated to Mr. Cook that it is not unsafe was her experience the last time she was out there. Mr. Cook commented that the Quality of Life Ordinance also would apply to like peeling paint on the side of the house. Mr. Merwick stated to Council that it does, but you have to have 50% of the house in that condition. Mr. Merwick stated to Council that they will go out and take another look at it and then they will get them something back on it. Mr. Merwick stated to Mr. Camp that he will get back with him on this issue next week. Mr. Camp 'thanked' Mr. Merwick.

## **VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:58 A.M.**

