

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for April 22, 2002.
- *2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: North 27th Street Update - March 11, 2002.
- 3. Minutes of Director's Meeting for February 4, 2002.
- 4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: EMS, Inc. - Update – April 22, 2002.

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

- *1. C-SIP Steering Committee (McRoy/Seng)
- *2. Star City Holiday Festival Board Meeting (McRoy)
- *3. PRT Meeting (Seng) - **CANCELLED**
- *4. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board of Director's Meeting (Werner)
- *5. Wilderness Park Committee (Cook/Friendt/Werner)
- 6. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
- 7. DEC Meeting (Friendt)
- 8. Internal Liquor Committee (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner)
- 9. Joint Budget Committee (McRoy/Seng) - **CANCELLED - RESCHEDULED TO MAY 10TH**

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

- 1. Wilderness Park Picnic - The Friends of Wilderness Park Announce - Instead of holding our monthly meeting in a stuffy old library we're going to have a picnic in the park! On Saturday, May 18th (rain date Saturday, May 25th) 3:00 p.m. til whenever – The parking area on the west side of S. 14th, just north of Rokeby Road - Potluck – RSVP to Mary Roseberry-Brown at 477-8282 (See E-Mail of Invitation).
- 2. 24th Annual Mayor's Arts Awards on Wednesday, June 5, 2002 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts - 11:30 a.m., Social & Lunch at Noon – \$25.00/ person – RSVP by May 23rd - (See Invitation).

3. You and a Guest are Invited to the Time Warner Cable Spotlight On Education Night on Monday, May 20, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. –Honoring excellence in education and rewarding teachers for their innovative use of cable television in the classroom – Featuring: Keynote Speaker Peggy O’Brien, Executive Director of Cable in the Classroom – Johnny Carson Theater (West side of Lied Center) 301 North 12th Street – RSVP to Amy at Time Warner Cable at 421-0330 by May 15th - (See Invitation).
4. NuStyle Development Presents-Old Market Lofts Phase III - Grand Opening Party - on Friday, May 3, 2002 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - 1020 Leavenworth Street - Omaha, Nebraska - Tours, Snacks and Beverages provided (See Invitation).
5. Laramie River Station (LRS) Generation Facility Tour in Wheatland, Wyoming - plans are to charter a plane and visit the plant on Thursday, May 9, 2002 - the schedule would be to leave from Lincoln at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday morning and return later afternoon or early evening the same day - RSVP to Mary Tomlinson, LES at 473-3202 (See Letter of Invitation).
6. On Friday, May 17, 2002, Lincoln Electric System (LES) will observe the beginning of an exciting and new era with the dedication of the site for the Salt Valley Generating Station. We invite you to join us for the following activities: 11:45 a.m., Lunch at the Walter A. Canney Service Center (27th & Fairfield), Following lunch, a short overview of the project and its impact will be presented; 12:30 .m., A bus will leave from the Service Center for the site of the Salt Valley Generating Station; 12:50 p.m., A tree planting ceremony dedicating the site will be held; 1:35 p.m., The bus returns to the Service Center - RSVP to Cathy Schroeder at 473-3382 by May 15th (See Letter of Invitation).

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Discussion on LPED Committee Assignments - **HELD OVER FROM THE APRIL 22ND “NOON” AGENDA**

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM APRIL 29, 2002.**

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002
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Council Members Present: Annette McRoy, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; **ABSENT:** Glenn Friendt

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Amy Tejral, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, *Lincoln Journal Star* representative

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

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

*1. C-SIP STEERING COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) Ms. McRoy noted that it had been a long, drawn-out meeting, with Ms. Seng agreeing, adding that it had been very torturous. Ms. Seng explained that they were trying to re-design the Human Services Planning and Funding system. The Funders, the Foundation people, United Way and JBC people all were there - trying to re-design the whole system. It's been very difficult. A suggestion had been brought forward to have a Charrette, as is done on Planning issues, but instead, on the Human Services Planning and Funding system. We could hire a facilitator the same as we might do on a Planning project. Ms. Seng did not know if that suggestion had been acted upon, but she agreed with Ms. McRoy's assessment of the meeting.

*2. STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BOARD (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that the major issue of discussion had been the Old Fed Building and the impact it's development might have on the Downtown area (which would also impact the Parade's purpose which is to promote the Downtown area). Ms. McRoy noted that by the time they reached the actual parade discussion, she had to leave for another meeting. They did vote unanimously to support the Updowntowners recommendations on the Old Fed development. Ms. McRoy stated that she had abstained from voting.

*3. PRT Meeting (Seng) - **CANCELLED**

*4. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner reported that the entire meeting had been taken up with discussion on the Old Fed Building and it's impact on the Downtown area.

He noted that he had not wanted to contribute to the discussion, but had tried to remain quiet during the meeting, though they had encouraged him to do otherwise.

Mr. Werner reported that Michael Carpenter had mentioned that the Haymarket Board unanimously approved support of the project. Mr. Werner indicated that several people asked his opinion, and he had stated that he would remain neutral until a public hearing was held on the issue. The Board did vote to unanimously support the project.

*5. WILDERNESS PARK COMMITTEE (Cook/Friendt/Werner) **Held Over Until 05-13-02 for a report from Mr. Friendt.**

6. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that Charlie Claus had been recognized for thirteen years of service on the Advisory Board. He received a plaque. Michael Carlin and Friends of Wilderness Park were there to hand out some material, which Council has already received, on suggested Comp Plan Amendments.

The Committee Reports included a vote in favor of naming the park at Northridge Heights after Steven C. Schleich. This is an appropriate naming since Schleich gave the park land and also gave the money for park development.

Mr. Cook reported that they had also discussed Code Revisions for the Right-of-Way areas, which is something he is working on. The revisions would allow planting of things in the right-of-ways besides grass. Mr. Cook thought this was wise. Since people are already doing this, it is wise to bring the Code into sync with the real world.

Mr. Cook noted that the Park & Recs tour is coming up, tentatively, on Wednesday, July 10th at 4:00 p.m. Council will be receiving invitations when the date is finalized.

Other things presented were: Breakfast Meeting Series (Identifying amenity type projects for public parks from a priority list a group of community leaders had drawn up); the Parks & Rec Master Plan for Lincoln Parks and their improvements and maintenance had been discussed, including upcoming Public Hearings on the Plan; various Parks & Pools openings and dedications had also been mentioned. There were also two Holmes Lake Restoration project meetings discussed - one is on the 16th of May, the other is on June 25th.

Mr. Werner asked about the recommendation regarding the cut-back in pool hours. Mr. Cook explained that this issue had been discussed several meetings ago. The decision made at that meeting had been to cut back hours rather than include fee increases; though, at a later meeting a very small fee increase had also been approved on a limited number of services. These steps had been taken to save money in this lean budget year.

7. DEC (Friendt) **Held Over to May 13th, 2002 for a Report from Mr. Friendt.**

8. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) Ms. McRoy stated that they had discussed the issue of the drafted SDL ordinance and what will be done for this year. Ms. McRoy explained some details of the ordinance that had been discussed. She noted that the Committee had also discussed the Responsible Hospitality website along with the Service/Manager Training outlined there.

Ms. McRoy noted that there had also been a report from the Cornhusker DeTox Center. She added that there had also been discussion on the use of the information received in these reports. Ms. Seng suggested that it would be appropriate and helpful if Council Members received copies of that information. Ms. McRoy agreed that Council Members would receive summary copies of these reports from this point on.

9. **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) - CANCELLED - RESCHEDULED TO MAY 10TH**

OTHER MEETING REPORTS - Ms. Seng reported that the Goodyear Rention Committee has met one time. She explained that there is really nothing to report at this point except that Goodyear would, internally, come up with a list of things that they felt were important. Whenever they get that together...input from both labor and management...we'll have more to report.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Noted Without Significant Comment.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment.

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Ms. Tejral passed out the EMS report to Council, which had been dropped off at the meeting earlier by Mr. Don Herz. No Other Requests were noted, though Mr. Bowen did have two items of information for Council.

Mr. Bowen informed Council that the Budget Office would be setting up budget hearings with Departments next week. Mr. Hubka is looking at a time between the 15th and 17th for those meetings. Mr. Bowen stated that this information had come to the Mayor's office on Friday.

Mr. Bowen noted that, regarding the questions that came up on the Old Fed this morning, if there were additional questions that Council Members had...the Pre-Council from Urban Development was scheduled for May 20th. Ms. Harrell pointed out to Mr. Bowen that at this morning's pre-council, May 10th was the date which had been designated by which the questions should be submitted. Mr. Cook stated that it would also be good if the answers to any Public Building Commission questions should be submitted by May 10th as well. He commented that this issue would be discussed further under the Miscellaneous portion of this "Noon" meeting.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

*1. Discussion on LPED Committee Assignments - Mr. Bowen announced that, though no official response had been received from LPED regarding Council's questions, LPED had determined that their Board meetings would remain open only to LPED Board Members. Mr. Camp reiterated his request to be the LPED Council representative. Mr. Cook requested that this issue be held over until the next "Noon" meeting, though Mr. Camp would be considered for the position of Council's official LPED representative.

ADDENDUM

MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion regarding Council Guidelines for use of Discretionary Funds (Annette McRoy) Ms. McRoy explained that she had been purchasing filing cabinets for her home office, which she uses solely for Council business. Mr. Roper indicated that furnishings and tangible items were not the original intent for the Discretionary Funds. If Members would go through the City Purchasing Office they could probably obtain “surplus” items that could be returned to the City after a term expired.

Mr. Cook indicated, for clarification, that a tangible thing which would be a public expenditure (such as sidewalk repairs) could be an acceptable use of the funds, but furniture for offices or homes, would not be. Mr. Roper stated that was correct. Mr. Roper further noted that the Discretionary Funds guidelines were in the Council’s own rules and not mandated by ordinance or resolution.

The use of Discretionary Funds for cell-phone expenditures was discussed briefly with the final note that it is better to maintain a personal cell-phone to avoid questions regarding the city vs. personal time used.

Mr. Cook noted that the next issue for discussion was whether or not, (after the Pre-Council this morning on the Old Fed) to have Mr. John Layman give Council an analysis on the Old Fed process - a public vs. private development plan. It was agreed that Mr. Layman, as an independent observer, would come back on June 3rd with a summary report which would answer the Council’s questions after he received the information he requested from various City/County entities and bodies. (See attachment - which was also distributed to Council and Administration after the “Noon” meeting)

Mr. Cook asked for the list of the questions being compiled. Ms. Harrell stated that could be provided.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - Absent

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

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 1:20 p.m.

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