

**AGENDA FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002  
Immediately Following Director's Meeting  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 3, 2002.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: "Mayor's Public-Private Partnership Breakfast Series" - May 13, 2002.

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

1. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Camp)
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
3. Joint Budget Committee (McRoy/Seng)
4. Community Development Task Force Meeting (McRoy)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

1. There are now two positions to be filled on the Library Board effective September 1, 2002. These positions include one seven-year appointment (2002-2009) and one four-year (2002-2006) appointment - John Baylor has resigned from the Library Board effective August 2002 & Ruthann Young's term is completed at the end of August 2002 (See Material).

**IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

1. After 23 Years of City Service, Larry McNeel is Retiring! – Join Us for Lunch to Celebrate! – on Wednesday, June 19, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Engineering Services Training Room, 531 Westgate Blvd. – Cost is \$7.50 per person – Lunch will be provided by Blimpie's - RSVP to Melissa Ramos at 441-7456 by June 14<sup>th</sup> (See Invitation).
2. Aging Services RSVP Recognition Dinner & Dance - You are invited to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition Dinner on Thursday, June 20, 2002. Join us as we pay tribute to these valued individuals, the volunteers. - Aging Services Retired & Senior Volunteer Program 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner - Dinner & Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m. – Dance from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – With the Tommy Bishop Orchestra, at the Cornhusker Hotel – An Evening of Dinner & Dancing \$15.00 - Please Return Reservation Card to the RSVP Office by June 12<sup>th</sup> - (See Invitation).

3. The Lincoln Family Practice Program of the Lincoln Medical Education Foundation cordially invites you to celebrate with the graduates as they complete their Family Practice Residency - on Thursday, June 27, 2002 - 6:30 p.m., Social Time (Cash Bar) - 7:00 p.m., Dinner - 8:00 p.m., Program – Reception following program - At the Cornhusker Hotel, Grand Ballroom - Please Return Reservation Card with choice of menu by June 17<sup>th</sup> (See Invitation).
4. Please Join Us . . . . The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Convention & Visitors Bureau request the honor of your presence at a reception to wish Mark Essman the best of luck as he heads for the West Coast - on Friday, June 21, 2002 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - at Lincoln Country Club, Chateau Room, 3200 S. 24<sup>th</sup> Street - Please RSVP to Jaime Henning, by Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> (See Invitation).

**V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE**

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Discussion on Ordinance 02-52 - If passes, Will need a Resolution of Appointment by Council to Task Force (City Council - 1; Mayor - 2 (1-private); LES - 1).
2. Discussion on Parks & Rec. Foundation fund raising briefing - Lynn Johnson (Requested by Jonathan Cook)

**VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002**  
*CONFERENCE ROOM 113*

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

**Others Present:** Mark Bowen (arrived late), Ann Harrell, Amy Tejral, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney (attend a portion of the meeting); Don Herz, Finance Director (attended briefly); Joan Ross, City Clerk (attended briefly); Joan Ray, Council Secretary (attended for duration); Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda (attended a portion of the meeting); Nate Jenkins, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative (attended briefly)

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2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: "Mayor's Public-Private Partnership Breakfast Series" - May 13, 2002.

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 by unanimous consensus for approval.

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

1. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS' MEETING (Camp) Mr. Camp stated that most of his report was in the paper over the last two days. Mike Freeman of HDR gave that report in great depth as it was published in the paper. Mr. Camp encouraged the Council Members to read those articles.

Mr. Camp noted that the Mayor's Staff had been in attendance and there had been a lot of discussion and a general concurrence to try to get all sectors working together. He noted that maybe LPED should be meeting in June rather than waiting until the scheduled August meeting. That concurrence has evolved out of the Mayor's Technology Council, so that's good news.

Mr. Camp stated that there were some other reports, but the Freeman report was the main one and Mr. Camp again encouraged Council Members to read that.

Ms. Seng asked if Council would be receiving a copy of the Technology Report. Mr. Camp noted that it was on the web-site. Ms. Seng requested a hard copy, and Ms. Harrell indicated that she would supply that to Ms. Seng.

Mr. Werner asked if the Council should have a Pre-Council meeting on the issue? Mr. Camp stated that he was not sure if Mr. Freeman operates out of the company's Lincoln or Omaha office. He did not know what the expense would be if a pre-council were called.

Ms. Harrell noted that it may be valuable to have Mr. Freeman do a presentation for the Council. She indicated that they would have that talk tomorrow when he gets here. She would find out what his schedule is and where the gentleman is located. Council Members agreed that a pre-Council would be good if it could be coordinated with a time when Mr. Freeman was scheduled to be in town.

Ms. Seng noted that she appreciated the articles that had been in the paper, adding that she had read all of them. Mr. Cook asked what all of this would lead to? Ms. Harrell requested that this discussion wait until Mr. Bowen arrived at the meeting, since he had been working on the issue.

2. **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook)** Mr. Cook reported that they had held discussion on the Northeast Community Park naming process, with a suggestion of perhaps having a kids' contest, or something. He noted that they had voted to approve the naming of the new mini-park in Arnold Heights as Eagles View Park....not Eagle View, because, apparently it over-looks a ballfield where the Arnold Heights Elementary School 'Eagles' play.

There had been a discussion of the pool hours, (Mr. Cook noted that Council Members all have received the hand-out material from that discussion). Mr. Cook announced that the Advisory Board Parks Tour is now scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>....not the 10<sup>th</sup>, as had originally been mentioned. The time is 3:30 p.m. and it would start in the zoo parking lot. It might go to 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. - and Mr. Cook believed Mr. Johnson might get official invitations out to Council Members sometime before then.

Mr. Cook continued his report, noting that there had been discussion of the Antelope Park Triangle Master Plan and the Board took no action. There will probably be more discussion of that at future meetings. There had been a motion to give initial approval of the concept, but this was tabled because of concerns that when the Board gives initial approval to something, it somehow turns into final approval. Mr. Cook indicated that he would not be voting for anymore preliminary approvals for anything. He explained that the Board may ultimately want to take action, but had chosen not to do so at this time.

Mr. Cook reported that there had been an update on Schleich Park, showing the arrangement of the wetlands area. Ms. Seng noted that the Schleichs had done a fine job of keeping the trees in their development.

Mr. Cook stated that the Board had held a brief discussion on the Parkway Landscaping Code amendments. Of course, these have been discussed here in the last hour.

Mr. Cook noted, for Council's information, that on **July 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 2:00 p.m. on the north side of Leighton Avenue, between 30<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup>, the Northeast Community Park groundbreaking will be held. Mr. Cook didn't believe the park would have received its new name before then. Mr. Lynn Johnson stated that the time should be **5:00 p.m.** Mr. Cook thanked Mr. Johnson for that update. He indicated that the next Holmes Park Watershed public meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This concluded Mr. Cook's report.

3. **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng)** Ms. Seng reported that they had gone through all of the budget requests that have been made to the Joint Budget Committee. On July 9<sup>th</sup> when we work with the County at the Common on budgeting...there is a place on the Agenda for appeals to the JBC budget allocations. Between last Friday and July 9<sup>th</sup>,

the letters will go out to the applicants with the results of Friday's vote. If they want to appeal, then Kit Boesch tells them how to go through the process in order for them to appear on appeal at the Common Meeting.

Ms. McRoy stated that they had only turned down three agencies. Some were not on the focus list. These included the Indian Center; the CLC funding by the West Lincoln Family Center (because there was some problem with the JBC policy and how that money would be handled); and Mad Dads was turned down completely.

Ms. McRoy stated that the Asian Center is acting as agent for the two micro-community centers - the African Sudanese and Faces of the Middle East. Both of these agencies were recommended for funding until JBC gives money to the New American's Task Force and those agencies are put under the NATF's umbrella. Those were the highlights - plus some special project funding discussion.

Ms. Seng noted that there was also a presentation from the C-SIP group. She noted that all the Council Members should be receiving a condensed version of this report, which will allow everyone to know exactly what the group has been doing and what it plans to do. Ms. Seng noted that C-SIP would definitely be receiving funding for one more year

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (McRoy) No Report. The Council representation on the Task Force was briefly discussed. It was noted that this meeting should be placed on Ms. McRoy's Individual Weekly Agenda. [*Upon checking, Staff determined that this meeting had been on Ms. McRoy's Revised Agenda, which she would have received on June 3<sup>rd</sup>*] Ms. McRoy will fill in for Mr. Cook, who cannot attend the meetings due to a scheduling conflict between the Task Force and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings. Mr. Glenn Friendt will assume Council representation on the Task Force after Mr. Cook's current term expires on August 31<sup>st</sup> of this year.

OTHER MEETING REPORTS - **RTSD Meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup>**: Ms. Seng reported that she and Jonathan were there, noting that Mr. Friendt was out of town. She reported that the group gave tentative approval to a budget. This will have to go back to the County Board to get their levy voted on. A resolution was passed for a .026% levy. That may be changed.

Ms. Seng reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and "A" Street Overpass had been discussed. She noted that the project should start in September, with completion projected for Thanksgiving time in 2003.

Ms. Seng stated that they had discussed a closing agreement with Burlington/Northern for a crossing at South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Yankee Hill Road. They determined that the next meeting date will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Cook reported that the time-line on the "A" Street Overpass is completion in 2003, *assuming there are no surprises*. He noted that "A" Street will remain open for the most part during the project. He added, however, that there will still not be a whole lot of "going", because they will be taking out the Salt Creek Bridge in February of 2003. That will take until the end of the Overpass project to finish. So, "A" Street will be completely closed at that location. Mr. Cook felt it made a lot of sense to do both projects at the same time. He felt it worked out well in the scheduling.

Ms. Seng wanted to make a comment regarding the cost on the 14<sup>th</sup> Street project. She explained that there had been quite a bit of discussion about how wide the crossing should be on such a heavily traveled street. Mr. Cook stated that what they're planning to do regarding the railroad crossing at 14<sup>th</sup> and Yankee Hill Road (which is next to Wilderness Park) is to construct it to a width which will accommodate a potential five-lane cross section road, should that eventually be approved.

Poles and so on were put in at the proper places. It is a small extra expense now to avoid trouble later. It doesn't mean that the road will happen. It was made clear at the meeting that this would be discussion for another forum; but, we're planning ahead to avoid future problems.

Mr. Cook noted that he had requested that the County Board Members move and second the request for the RTSD to forward the Request for Resolution that would ask the County for the higher levy. If they have to make the decision, Mr. Cook felt it would be nice if they made the motion to do so.

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1. *There are now two positions to be filled on the Library Board effective September 1, 2002. These positions include one seven-year appointment (2002-2009) and one four-year (2002-2006) appointment - John Baylor has resigned from the Library Board effective August 2002 & Ruthann Young's term is completed at the end of August 2002).* Mr. Cook noted that there were now **three** Library Board positions that would need to be filled. Mr. Podany had explained that there had been a resignation just today, so now there are three vacancies. The newest vacancy was created by the resignation of Board Member Sherwood. Mr. Cook asked if a fourth member resigns before we get the appointments made, can the Board even meet [no quorum]? Mr. Podany, a Library Board Member, indicated that the resignations don't take effect until the end of the fiscal year in August. So, the vacancy that is occurring would be for the term that Ruth Young is serving in right now.

Mr. Werner asked if the Board had started taking applications? Mr. Podany indicated that they had sent the notification out and were taking applications now. Mr. Cook suggested distributing that notification at the Mayor's Roundtable meeting, or anyplace where they might get applicants.

Mr. Cook noted that this round of appointments is rather unusual. Usually, the Board receives perhaps 20-30 applicants to fill a Board position, then three are picked to fill one position and these are the names forwarded to the Council as recommendations. Mr. Podany noted that is the process, but then Council generally picks whomever they want, regardless of the Board's recommendations. Mr. Podany explained that the Board averages 40-50 applications per year. He noted that there is only one seven-year term to be filled. The others will be to fill the balance of the two unexpired terms. He thought it would be a four-year term to fill Baylor's seat; and a two year term for Jim Sherwood's seat.

Mr. Cook asked, since normally the Board sends forward a few [three] recommendations for appointment, would the Board now send forward nine recommendations? Mr. Podany stated that if that is what Council want's that is what they would do. Mr. Cook asked Council what they would prefer? Mr. Camp asked if, before they send the recommendations, could the Council have a list of the people who applied before and were or would be potential candidates? Ms. McRoy suggested including those who had finished second in earlier appointment cycles.

Mr. Podany stated that in the past, they have also identified the applicants by quadrant. Mr. Cook thought that would be good information - both geographical and prior application history would be good for the Council to have. Mr. Cook thought coming up with additional recommendations would be good rather than just three or four for the three vacancies. Council agreed that a larger pool of applicants would be good.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment.

V. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Ms. Tejral passed out the EMS Call Data report for the year to date which had been prepared by Mr. Don Herz for distribution to the Council.

Ms. Harrell commented, regarding questions on Mr. Freeman's background in reference to the HDR Pre-Council request, that Mr. Freeman worked out of Colorado.

Mr. Bowen stated that the contract with Mr. Freeman was expired, so it would be an additional cost to bring him back to present the Pre-Council. Mr. Bowen thought that there might be someone else on the LPED Council who could do the presentation. He noted that they would find that information out for Council. Mr. Camp asked is there was a video presentation. Mr. Bowen stated that the video presentation that Mr. Freeman had made in the City Council Chambers is still running on Channel 5. *Ms. Seng requested a summary of the report and not a print-off from the website.*

Mr. Cook asked where all of this would lead? What would happen after Council had received the report? Mr. Bowen stated that in a large part, that would be determined by LPED and what they're doing right now. Long term planning sessions and long-term planning documents are being prepared. The Mayor left it to the direction of Bruce Wright, who is an LPED Board member. He, along with Ross McCown, have been working on that for more than a month. They've had many conversations with HDR and have reviewed the audit report itself. They've also looked over some of the [inaudible] So, we're anticipating, according to what LPED leads.

A Pre-Council was suggested, but no date given. Mr. Cook asked if there had been any surprises during the process. Mr. Bowen indicated that he had been working closely with the situation, so there was nothing which surprised him very much.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Ordinance 02-52 - Resolution of Appointment by Council to Task Force - ["By The People Task Force" - One Year Terms: City Council - 1 appointment; Mayor - 2 appointments (one from the private sector); LES - 1 appointment]. After a brief discussion, the Council moved and seconded a motion that Mr. Terry Werner be the Council appointment to the Task Force. The motion was carried by acclamation. Mr. Cook asked if an official resolution was necessary for the appointment. Mr. Roper was not present to make a determination. Council Staff will investigate and take appropriate action. *[A Resolution is required. The Resolution Request was prepared and sent to the City Clerk's Office on June 11, 2002]*

2. Discussion on Parks & Rec. Foundation fund raising briefing - Lynn Johnson (Requested by Jonathan Cook) Mr. Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation Department, briefly explained the Parks & Rec Foundation's funding policies. He explained that they are a 501-C3 organization, organized in 1993. They primarily have held funds briefly in the past. Right now they have assets of about \$600,000. The majority of those funds are for the [inaudible] Woods Project. They've recently invested about \$50,000 with the Lincoln Community Foundation for an on-going endowment. They were originally just

a “bricks & mortar” foundation. Until this past year they would only fund “bricks and mortar” projects. They recently amended the by-laws wherein they will now support programming.

About six to nine months ago, Big Red Keno offered to allow the Foundation to sell their pickle cards...offered to contract with the Foundation to sell their pickle cards. Previously, the Foundation had purchased their pickle cards through Cornhusker State Games. In the intervening months, the Foundation has secured a Charitable Gambling License and they’ve actually sold two rounds of pickle cards through Big Red Keno. At this point, with the Charitable Gambling License, they could sell pickle cards for anybody who is willing to sell them. Before, they could only sell through Big Red Keno. Mr. Johnson indicated that this would likely generate \$50-60,000 a year. They’re using that to help match grants and make improvements and that kind of thing.

Mr. Johnson noted that the question has come up as to whether the golf pros on the public courses should be allowed to sell pickle cards through the Foundation. The new vice-chair, along with a new Foundation Board Member, Jerry Shoecraft, requested that this issue be brought forward to the Council for consideration.

Mr. Johnson stated that he could probably set out the pros & cons on the issue. One of the pros is that it would generate some revenue for the golf professionals, so it may help in recruitment and retention of our golf pros. He noted that it would most likely generate some revenues for the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Foundation. From a business side, Mr. Johnson stated that he did not think that this would benefit the golf program. Mr. Johnson did not think that anybody would come to the public golf courses because pickle cards are available in the clubhouses.

He explained that it is different than alcohol sales. By having the amounts that the Council provided for alcohol at the public courses - it has made a difference, because it allows the public courses to compete for the tournaments, which does increase the amount of play on the courses.

The other thing that Mr. Johnson indicated as a concern is just the public perception of introducing gambling into the public clubhouses. That would be the issue with which Mr. Johnson would have the most concern. If there is a negative public perception about introducing gambling into the clubhouses, it would have a negative impact on golf as a business.

He stated that if Council were to ask him at this point, he would have to offer the recommendation that the City not do this. But the intent was to bring this forward to Council for discussion.

Mr. Werner asked if the Foundation had a gambling license? Mr. Johnson stated that they do - through the State Department of Revenue, they have a Charitable Gambling License. Mr. Werner asked if the Foundation was not technically separate from the City - and not really a City agency. Mr. Johnson explained that they are a separate, private 501-C3 organization. Mr. Werner asked then if Council had nothing to say about their functioning. Mr. Johnson indicated that that was correct.

After further discussion, the final consensus from Council Members who were present was agreement with Mr. Johnson’s recommendation in not allowing gambling in the clubhouses of the City’s public golf courses. Mr. Svoboda commented that the Foundation was not prohibited from going to private courses and asking for the pickle cards to be sold in their name through the private courses, so they will have the potential for revenue - just not through City clubhouses. Mr. Johnson indicated that that is exactly correct.



## VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook reminded Council Members of the next Joint LPS/City/County meeting which has been scheduled for Thursday, August 15, 7:30 a.m. at Southwest Highschool. Ms. Seng commented that with the meetings moving from facility to facility, as it had over the past year, the Council had an opportunity to tour and see many public buildings that they might not otherwise have had the time to visit. She appreciated that opportunity.

Mr. Cook asked about the Public Building Commission's upcoming agenda regarding Item 3 - Valentino's Notice to Terminate. He asked what this meant? It was explained that Valentino's "Courtyard" cafeteria operation in the County-City Building will be terminated at the end of this calendar year under Valentino's volition. Mr. Cook asked what that would mean in terms of a food court in the building. Mr. Bowen stated that that would be determined tomorrow at the PBC meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding this issue. *[There will be a report on the PBC discussion on the issue at Council's next "Noon" meeting - under "Council Reports"]*

GLENN FRIENDT - Absent

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy asked if Council wanted to have a Pre-Council on the SDLs. She noted that she would have to work with Joel Pedersen to set it up. Council agreed that a pre-council should be held on the issue. *[The Pre-Council was set for July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m.]*

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 1:02 p.m.

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