DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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6. E-Mail from Sandy Ireland - RE: The Old Federal Building Sale (Council received their copies of this letter on 6/3/02)(See E-Mail).


IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
DIRECTOR’S MEETING
MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice-Chair; Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner, Annette McRoy.

Council Member Absent: Glenn Friendt

Others Present: Mayor Don Wesely, Mark Bowen, Lin Quenzer, Amy Tejral, Ann Harrell, 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 they had a great Baseball weekend, which was a big success and the overpass from the Haymarket to the Ball Park was heavily used. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that it was described on the radio broadcast, it’s a stroke of genius who build that bridge, so he’s glad to see it being used. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that in addition, they actually had a little bit of a problem with parking on it, but he thinks they took care of it and it worked out for the best.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he thinks at their “Noon” Meeting today they will make a decision on who will representative them on the LES Committee that they will certainly want to check out where the money goes. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he just wanted to let them know the two appointments that he is going to be making is Mary Arth, who is the Chair of the Parks & Recreation Board and Lynn Johnson as Project Manager and so they are ready to go forward on it.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that they have been getting some calls and concerns about the public pool hours, not so much lately, but when the pools first opened and they do have in their Director’s packet an explanation of it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thought he would ask Lynn Johnson to summarize it a bit and answer any questions that they might have on it. Mayor Wesely stated that he also has some information for Ken [Svoboda] regarding South 70th Street. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mayor Wesely okay.

Lynn Johnson stated to Council that they’ve looked at the pool use over the past several years and he thinks the prediction that they all know and the Pool Program is essentially pretty heavily subsidized, which recovers about 50% of it’s revenue and they see about 250,000 visitors a year. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that the proposal was to look at trying to make sure that one of the goals was that they had swimming pools opened throughout the community during the period between Memorial Day and Labor
Day. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that in the proposal they’re keeping four pools opened, one in each quadrant during the evenings and they’re closing the other seven neighborhood pools and if somebody has a “neighborhood pool pass” for instance to Belmont pool, they can use it at the quadrant pool in their area during evening hours at no additional cost (with exceptions -See Fact Sheet). Mr. Johnson stated to Council the other end of this is that they are looking at closing six of the pools and keeping five of them opened and those five pools will be Star City Shores, Highlands pool, University Place pool, Eden pool and Woods pool. Mr. Johnson stated to Council the reason they are keeping Woods pool opened is that the University uses it as a training session after the end of the season, which they pay a portion and their prorated to share the chemical costs and the good news about it is that they help them at some of the cost on keeping this pool opened and so that’s why they are keeping Woods pool opened. Mr. Johnson stated to Council the other thing they are doing is that after August 4th, when the neighborhood pools close their pool passes is good to all of the pools at no additional cost. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that right now, if you have a pool pass in one of the neighborhood pools it would cost you an additional 50¢ per person to get into Star City Shores and they are going to waive that fee, so if you have a pool pass to one of the neighborhood pools you would be able to go to Star City Shores after August 4th at no additional cost. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they are also planning an Informational Meeting at the Neighborhood Roundtable this Thursday, so if people have questions or concerns they have been invited to come to that meeting to get additional information. [Copy of the Summer 2002 Public Pool Hours Fact Sheet is on file in the City Council Office]

Lynn Johnson stated to Council that there was a question last week about South 70th Street regarding the medians north of Old Cheney Road on the fact that they don’t at all look as good as they should. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that the landscaping contract on this project is just a little over $50,000 and about $10,000 of it has not been paid at this point. Mr. Johnson stated to Council what they’re asking on Wednesday of the contractor is to come in and make the replacements on any of the trees that are dead, replace any of the scrubs that are dead and consolidate the scrubs around the base of the trees and so essentially what they will see out there is grass, scrubs and trees in the future. Mr. Johnson indicated to Council that depending on the time, some of it may not happen until next spring and so that’s where they’re headed on it. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that he wanted to let them know that before the contractor gets paid they are working on trying to enforce that contract. Mr. Johnson stated to Council the other thing that he wanted to make sure that they were aware of is that they had to have some ornamental flower plants as part of it and they’re taking those away, so it is going to be essentially as he said earlier trees, scrubs and grass.

Lynn Johnson stated to Council that in regards to the Veteran’s Memorial lights the Mayor received some calls about them and indicated that they may have seen the Letter-to-the-Editor yesterday about it. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that there are three flags and there are two lights and one lights the American Flag and the lights are on photo
Mr. Werner stated to Lynn Johnson that as long as he is up here and asked him if he could talk a little bit about Woods Park regarding the Wesleyan baseball field. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Werner that ‘yes’, they have had a proposal from Wesleyan to renovate the field to make it essentially a baseball field with the turf end field and they would fund most of the work. Mr. Johnson indicated to Council that it would be a cooperative effort between Wesleyan and the University that there would be an on going lease agreement and their use agreement would be like they have essentially with the University of Nebraska Campus Recreations for club use community fund. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they had a meeting with the Neighborhood Association about a month ago and described the project and he thought the meeting went very well. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that he thinks at the end of the meeting the consensus was to let the project move ahead. Mr. Johnson stated to Council that there was a question about limiting access to the fields because it will be turf end fields and they will be highly managed fields. Mr. Johnson indicated to Council what happens is that the field gets used for a dog run because it’s enclosed and people can take their dogs out and run. Mr. Johnson stated to Council the intent was that they keep the gate shut and only use it for baseball and there was a question about will the neighborhood be able to use it for baseball and there was a question about will the neighborhood be able to use it for pick up games or practice games and they said ‘no’, but the field immediately north of it, they would upgrade, so it is essentially the same. Discussion continued with Council, Lynn Johnson and Mayor Wesely on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Following the discussion, Mr. Johnson stated to Council that they had questions and concerns that they don’t have enough designated baseball facilities for youth baseball in the community and this helps address that concern.

Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he would like to ask Steve Hubka to came forward because he thinks they need to clarify a little bit about the background on the Budget. Mayor Wesely stated that he knows in two weeks they will be presenting it to them and going over it, but in some comments that they were hearing they thought they should just take a minute of their time to clarify some questions that they had on it.

[Steve Hubka passed out to Council some information - RE: Use of General Fund Balances] Steve Hubka stated to Council that last Monday night there was a discussion or comment made about a $9 million budget gap and he suspects the math behind that is the original gap that they have been talking about. Mr. Hubka stated to Council so with the sheet that he handed out to them that he has given a history of he thinks thirteen Budget years on where the
General Fund Balances were at and how they used them and what percentage of the total that makes up. Steve Hubka went over the handout with Council. [Copy of this material is on file in the City Council Office] Discussion continued with Council and Steve Hubka on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

Ms. Seng asked Mayor Wesely if he would sometime get her the names of the top people at Kawasaki. Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. Seng ‘sure’. Ms. Seng stated to Mayor Wesely okay and ‘thanked’ him.

Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely that the park dedication went really well on Saturday at Hartley Park and it was very nice. Ms. McRoy stated that Lynn [Johnson] and staff did a good job. Mayor Wesely asked Ms. McRoy if Curt [Donaldson] was there and if he was happy. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely ‘oh’ yes. Mayor Wesely commented that means a lot to Curt [Donaldson]. Ms. Seng stated that Curt [Donaldson] had a video and he had his little video player right there and they were watching right there how they built it, so they watched the whole video on it. Ms. McRoy stated to Lynn [Johnson] that she appreciates him taking the time to come out to it. Mr. Johnson stated to Ms. Roy that it was fun.

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City Clerk Joan Ross stated to Council that in regards to Item 13 [Approving the issuance of Bonds by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Building Commission in an amount not to exceed $11,000,000 for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding Bonds of the Commission and paying the costs of additional facilities for the Commission] she has a request to withdraw this item and indicated that it was by Don Herz.

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1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department-Transportation - RE: A left turn signal at 48th & Adams (RFI#899 - 5/20/02). — Ms. Seng stated that she hasn’t heard back on this Request For Information (#899) officially yet, but she thinks Nicole Fleck-Tooze is looking at it. Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Ms. Seng ‘yes’, they are taking a look at it. Ms. Seng stated to Ms. Tooze okay.

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Mayor Don Wesely stated to Council that he apologizes, but he was going to bring something else up and he forgot to and indicated that this list has reminded him. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that the liquor license for Courtney at Randolph that he will be vetoing it. Mayor Wesely stated to Council that he thinks their concern is consistency because they have been very consistent and just kind of gave away [inaudible] and it depended on who showed up for the meeting and legally that gets them into some trouble, so they are going to be fairly hard on it, unless they change the foot figure and then take a look at that. Mr. Werner stated to Mayor Wesely that he sent through a Request For Information (#64) regarding the Liquor Licenses/Special Permits to the Law Department to prepare a change to the special permit process for liquor licenses to exclude mitigating circumstances making the ordinance simply read 100 feet. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mayor Wesely that he would urge him to reconsider the veto only because they had nobody in opposition come forward other than a couple of letters that they also understood had been some what detailed on their concerns that they originally had from the school was that a number of students walking up in that direction and really they were more concerned about the sale of tobacco than on the sale of alcohol at least the individuals that he spoke with about it. Mayor Wesely stated to Mr. Svoboda that he will take another look at it, but he’s just saying that he’s trying to look at some consistency on it. Mr. Svoboda stated to Mayor Wesely okay and ‘thanked’ him. Discussion continued with Council and Mayor Wesely on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

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2. Letter from Carol J. Connor - RE: Library Board Public Meetings on Internet Safety Policy. — Ms. McRoy stated that the Library Board will hold a special meeting on its proposed Internet Safety Policy to take public comments on the proposed policy and asked if everyone was invited to these meetings. [No one from the Library Department was present] Darrell Podany stated to Ms. McRoy that he is on the Library Board and commented that he’s not speaking for the staff, he can tell them that there is going to be two meetings, which will be a Public Hearing on the Internet Policy. Mr. Podany stated to Ms. McRoy that its probably driven by CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act), which is partly driven by what they want to find out from people in the community on what they think about Internet Filtering. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Podany okay and asked if he knows if they struck that Federal law down, which was related to this issue. Mr. Podany stated that they do get some funding from the Federal Government that the filtering was tied to funding and the fact that the Appeal Court struck it down means something, but it also is going to be appealed in the Supreme Court, so it is still up in the air. Ms. McRoy asked Mr. Podany if this was announced at the Neighborhood Roundtable because she was talking to some people on Saturday at the Hartley Park dedication and they knew nothing about it. Mr. Podany stated to Ms. McRoy that the press releases have gone out about it and it was supposed to be announced to the public. Mr. Podany noted that the 1st Meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday night (June 13th) and again on Saturday morning (June 15th at 10:00 a.m.). Mayor Wesely stated to Ms. McRoy that they can bring it up at the Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting. Ms. McRoy stated to Mayor Wesely okay that she thinks they should because she has been trying to spread the word and she has had a couple of complaints about it. Further discussion continued on this issue.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Fact Sheet from Lynn Johnson - RE: Summer 2002 Public Pool Hours Fact Sheet. — Mr. Cook stated that they have already discussed this issue under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

1. Response E-Mail from Harry Kroos to Mrs. Wiebe - RE: Sidewalk at Eden Pool Area. — NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS
2. Report from Duncan Ross - RE: Amendments to April 3, 2002, Comprehensive Plan (Report on file in the City Council Office). — Mr. Cook stated that he thinks this item is not actually from the Public Works & Utilities Department that it is actually from the Planning Department. Tammy Grammer stated to Mr. Cook that’s correct and apologized to them and stated that she put it under the wrong one. [This item should have been listed under “Planning Department”]

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT


2. ‘CORRECTED’ MEMO from Troy Gagner - RE: Corrected: Living Wage Information. — Mr. Cook stated that this is the corrected coverage page, so now it is all cleared up.

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stated to Mr. Cook okay and noted that basically this is the gentleman who showed up after their regular Agenda and his question was that yet they have killed all the vegetation within, she believes, the right-of-way, so he’s asking to reduce it to private property. Mr. Cook stated that their ordinance only allows grass, trees and scrubs and asked if it allows dirt or is dirt considered like the base thing, so its always allowed. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Cook that there’s no specific reference to whether you could just have a bare soil, but of course, you can’t have mud in the street and so forth. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Cook that she thinks the appropriate department would probably be the Law Department to respond to this letter. Ms. Tooze stated to Council that this gentleman is asking for something that would be legally binding on the part of the City of Lincoln to send him in writing on it. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. Tooze okay, they will have the Law Department respond to this letter.

3. Letter from Larry D. Morrison, Boy Scout Troop 12, Troop Advancement Chairman to Council Chair Jonathan Cook - RE: Eagle Scout Casey James Finch - he completed his Eagle requirements on April 9th - **(Joan Ray sent out a letter of Congratulations signed by Council Chair).** — Mr. Cook stated that this issue has already been taken care of.

4. E-Mail from Dale Van Dusen - RE: Veterans Garden. — Mr. Cook stated that they have already talked about this issue today. (See that discussion under “I. Mayor”)

5. Letter from Rolf Edward Shasteen, Attorney at Law - RE: Notice of Claim pursuant to the Nebraska Political Sub-Divisions Tort Claims Act - Lois Lockman - client was walking down the sidewalk when she fell over an uneven area of concrete located at 5530 Limestone Road. — Mr. Cook stated that they are being sued. Mr. Camp stated to Dana Roper that he would like to know some further information about this matter, which they all should be some what concerned about. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Roper that maybe he could bring some policy response to them or something and indicated that he would appreciate it. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Camp that it probably would have to come from the Public Works Department in terms of what they are doing about the sidewalks and what they have in mind and what it is going to cost. Discussion continued with Council, Mayor Wesely and Dana Roper on this issue with comments and questions from the Council. Mr. Camp stated to Dana Roper that they will talk later about it.

6. E-Mail from Sandy Ireland - RE: The Old Federal Building Sale (Council received their copies of this letter on 6/3/02). — **NOTED WITHOUT COMMENTS**
Letter from John Tavlin, Attorney At Law (to Jonathan Cook) - RE: The Snow Removal Ordinance. — Mr. Cook stated to Dana Roper that he knows they voted last week to assess this guy, but is he comfortable with it or would he prefer that they perhaps reconsider their action this week. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Cook to just write him a letter and tell him that they voted on it. Mr. Cook stated to Ms. McRoy that he knows, but it is more of an issue, if you’ve read the material from this guy and asked Dana [Roper] if he’s comfortable with their action or is he in fact misinformed or does he want more time to consider what he’s arguing. Dana Roper stated to Mr. Cook that they can take a closer look at what he said. Mr. Cook stated to Mr. Roper okay, but is he okay with them having passed the assessment on him and asked what would their choice be, if he came back and said ‘well’ he has a point, they are kind of stuck now they’ve assessed him. Mr. Roper stated to Mr. Cook if they wish to reconsider and give them a week or two to look at it that’s fine. Some Council Members commented ‘no’. Mr. Cook stated that he just wants to make sure that the Law Department is comfortable with all of this because this gentleman has come up with quite a legal argument and perhaps there’s no validity to it what so ever, but he’s just trying to be safe. Mayor Wesely stated that if he wants to take them to court on this one, he says let’s go for it. Discussion continued with Council on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

IV. DIRECTORS

URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - Marc Wullschleger stated to Council that the demolition of the Midas Building will start today, hopefully. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that they have had a little bit of a delay because they couldn’t find the water pipe that went into the building, but apparently they have found it. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that the demolition will start today for their information and some Council Members commented ‘woe’ and then they had a lot of comments and questions in regards to this issue. Mr. Werner asked Mr. Wullschleger why is it being demolished, who’s paying for it and what’s going to happen in place of it. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Werner that it is being demolished because of the plan that they continue to respond to on North 27th Street. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that they are paying for it from the Community Development Block Grant Fund and indicated that they are going to put a landscape parking lot there and they’re talking to the two, basically the owners, to purchase it at their direction. Mr. Werner stated to Mr. Wullschleger so they would pay for the landscape parking lot and Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Werner that’s correct. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Wullschleger that he got a call from someone [inaudible-of who] who wants to buy that kind of a business there and so why would they want to demolish the building and take it off of tax roles. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Camp because that was the decision they decided on [inaudible] and commented it’s a little to late. Mr. Camp commented ‘no’, it’s never to
late and asked why take it off the tax roles. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Mr. Camp that they are not taking it off tax roles. Ms. McRoy stated that she has also had people ask her about it. Mr. Wullschleger indicated to Council that this sat on the market for a long time and they came to them about buying it. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that this is the North 27th Street Redevelopment Project and indicated that if they wanted to leave North 27th Street the way it was they could have done that, but they choose not to and indicated that they have torn down more than this building down there. Mr. Wullschleger stated to Council that this all went to a Citizen Committee and they are the ones that made the actual decision, which they came back to him and he blessed the decision and they went to the Mayor and he blessed the decision. Ms. Seng stated that there was a commitment made in the past years to move forward on North 27th Street, which is a large Redevelopment Project and these were decisions that were made and then made in cooperation with the business owners and the neighborhood folks in that area. So, what Mr. Wullschleger is doing is following a plan that was laid out by that Task Force, which was appointed by the City Council and a Mayor at some point, which it had City Council members on that Task Force. Further discussion continued with Council and Marc Wullschleger on this issue with a lot of comments and questions from the Council.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT - Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Council that in response to a couple of items that they raised last week. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Camp that one was regarding the South 70th Street widening that he raised about the concerns of the South Fork Homeowners Association and she thinks the particular E-Mail that he referenced was from Greg Nielson. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Camp that she doesn’t believe that they had it, but she has a copy of it now and so they will respond to it in writing. Ms. Tooze indicated that she thinks there was a few different things out there that they had concerns about, one was the light pole that came down, which the contractor is responsible for it and they will be getting it back up. Ms. Tooze stated to Mr. Camp the scrubs that had been impacted [inaudible] and the sprinkler heads that was of concern that apparently they have never received an invoice or the dollar amount was one of the concerns on there. So, they don’t know and they can’t respond to that, but they will be sending a response back on it.

Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Council that regarding the Highlands pool sidewalk, which she thinks Annette [McRoy] talked about it last week about the stretch from West Keating to the pool that was built last summer. Ms. Tooze stated to Council that apparently from the pool south, a portion of it is a little piece of that with a sidewalk, but a larger portion of it is actually trail. Ms. Tooze stated to Council that part of the problem she thinks was that the bids came in higher than the estimate for the trail. But, she believes their intention is to build it yet this summer as well as West Keating to West Fletcher, so they should hopefully have the whole piece completed by the end of the summer. Ms. McRoy stated to Ms. Tooze that she would like to meet with her after the Director’s Meeting today, so they can talk about putting all of this in a summary because she has had a lot of people calling her about it. Ms. Tooze stated to Ms. McRoy okay, they will visit about it later.
Nicole Fleck-Tooze stated to Council the only other issue was the river rock in the right-of-way and they visited a little bit internally on it and she knows that there has been discussion about what they’re looking at in the Design Standards. Ms. Tooze stated to Council that Public Works is really not in support of allowing river rock even on the local streets because they really get a lot of complaints from people when rock gets into the right-of-way, it’s kicked up and it hits peoples windshields and it’s an issue for maintenance in cleaning the streets and so that’s not a piece that they would anticipate changing on the standards. Mr. Camp asked the Public Works Department is there a reason that the City uses river rock or similar to it and indicated that he has pictures that a constituent brought in showing that the City put river rock in the Highlands area. Lynn Johnson and Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that they can’t think of any because that has been proposed in the past and they have changed it, so that they didn’t have it in the medians. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Abbott that he will get the pictures from the constituent and bring them in and show them the pictures of the river rock. Lynn Johnson indicated to Mr. Camp that there is a public street there that the developer did. Further, discussion continued with Council, Mayor Wesely, Nicole Fleck-Tooze and Allan Abbott on this issue with comments and questions from the Council.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like to talk with Lynn Johnson after the Director’s Meeting today.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy asked Chief Casady who’s in charge of the parking enforcement or who would she call if she had a question about it. Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady that she was going to call whom ever and ask them if they changed the policy or why they have started enforcing it. Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady that between the sidewalk and the street at 9th & 10th Street that it has always been a parking area and now they have been getting tickets, so she just wanted to find out about it. Chief Casady stated to Ms. McRoy that it’s illegal to park between the sidewalk and the curb, except for a few places that they carved out a couple of years ago in the Everett neighborhood and the Near South neighborhood. Chief Casady stated to Ms. McRoy that they write a lot of parking tickets for that and they always have. Chief Casady stated that he has been chewing on Captain Bob Wilhelm quite a bit in the past few months about letting it get out of control on 9th & 10th Street, so if someone is getting tickets now in a place where they haven’t before, it’s probably because the Chief has said do something about it. Ms. McRoy stated to Chief Casady that she will get him the number and he can call her up and talk to her about it. Chief Casady stated to Ms. McRoy okay.
Mr. Camp stated to Lynn Johnson that in regards to the Holmes Lake Restoration is there anything on the wetlands. Lynn Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that they actually had two meetings last week and stated that Monday evening they met with the Neighbor Groups south and west of the lake and the thing they heard from them was that they were interested in seeing open water there. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that there was also a meeting on Thursday and they actually sat down and drew a line on the map. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that the funding partners said that if you don’t put wetlands in that arm of the lake [inaudible]. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Camp so it seems like there was a consensus upon putting some wetlands in that part of the lake and making sure that there was open water there and it was kind of a contentious process, but he thinks by the end of that meeting, there seemed to be a big single plan to move ahead on it. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Johnson that’s ‘great’ and commented that he appreciates it.

Mr. Camp stated to Lynn Johnson that in regards to the Filbert Park basketball courts and asked if they could put some nets in the basketball hoops. Mr. Johnson stated to Mr. Camp that they can do that. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Johnson that he appreciates it.

Mr. Camp stated that he already got to Marc Wullschleger about the Midas building.

Mr. Camp stated to the Public Works & Utilities Department that he does appreciate Harry Kroos’s letter to Tammy Wiebe regarding the sidewalk by Eden pool. Mr. Camp stated that Mr. Kroos’s letter was nice.

Mr. Camp asked Allan Abbott if there’s anything on the right-of-way at 1st & “L” Street by Schwartzkopf Park in regards to all the weeds and [inaudible] on the east side of 1st Street & on the south side to “L” Street. Allan Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that he knows Nicole [Fleck-Tooze] had it done, but he doesn’t know if they got it out there. Mr. Abbott stated to Mr. Camp that he will check on it and get back with him on it. Mr. Camp stated to Mr. Abbott okay and ‘thanked’ him.

Mr. Cook stated that he would like Allan Abbott and Lynn Johnson to stay for a minute after the Director’s Meeting today, so he can talk to them.

GLENN FRIENDT - ABSENT
ADDENDUM (For June 10th)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Works Projects To Close Vine Street And South 27th Street. — NO COMMENTS

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: East “O” Street Traffic Will Shift June 15th. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Pets And Hot Weather. — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS


VI. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:12 P.M.