AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003
Immediately Following Director’s Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES


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

*1. Homeless Coalition Meeting (Werner)
2. Internal Liquor Committee (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner)
3. PRT Meeting (Seng)
4. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board of Directors Meeting (Werner)
5. Mayor’s Hometown Security Study Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda)
6. Neighborhood Citizen Committee Follow-Up Meeting (Seng)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

*1. Letter from Joyce Welsch (formerly Joyce Quinn) with the Affirmative Action Dept. RE: Boards & Commissions Openings
   A. StarTran Advisory Board (Filling the unexpired term of Lyn Kathlene; term will expire on October 20, 2005
   B. Community Development Task Force (Filling the unexpired term of Charles Greene; term will expire August 31, 2004.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:
   A.) Tanning Zone, 1550 S. Coddington, Suite E on Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.
   B.) Bishop Business Equipment, 4900 N. 26th, Suite 100 on Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.
   - Please RSVP to Tera Pugh at 436-2355 or E-Mail

2. Invitation to the Hyde Memorial Observatory’s solar energy demonstration project. - Wednesday, April 30th, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. (CDT).

4. Ground Breaking in Celebration of the beginning of construction of the Phil E. Mendoza Park - Tuesday, April 29th, 5:00 p.m. (Immediately West of the intersection of Whitehall Lane and Blackstone Road in the Vintage Heights development - Southeast of Old Cheney Road and South 84th Street)

5. Dedication of Eagles View Park - Arnold Heights Neighborhood Association - Thursday, May 8th, 9:30 a.m. - (Across the street from General Arnold School - 5300 West Knight Drive)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM APRIL 21, 2003.*

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Council Members Present: Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Glenn Friendt [Arrived after the Minutes Vote]; Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Ken Svoboda, Terry Werner; ABSENT: None

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Mayor’s Office; Don Taute, Law Department; Georgia Glass, City Personnel Director; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, Lincoln Journal Star representative.

I. MINUTES


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 the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of those Council members present.

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

1. HOMELESS COALITION (Werner) - No Report

2. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) Mr. Werner reported that they had discussed the possible ordinance that will be coming through for Council action. Essentially this would put some restrictions on licenses such as those we did on Club Energy…but applying them to everyone. It would cover such things as staff-to-customer ratio, the policy issue, as well as having training available on the internet. That training is available now and ready for use.

3. PRT (Seng) - No Report

4. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner reported that this meeting had been pretty uneventful. Most of the discussion had centered on the Event Center. He reported that they had also reviewed the strategic plan on which they had gone through the process a few weeks prior to this meeting. He noted that they now had some things in writing - such as a mission statement, and so on.
5. MAYOR’S HOMETOWN SECURITY STUDY COMMITTEE  
(McRoy/Svoboda) Ms. McRoy reported that the Police Sub-committee is moving forward with several recommendations. Mr. Svoboda reported that he had not been able to attend the Fire Sub-committee meeting.

6. NEIGHBORHOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE FOLLOW-UP MEETING  
(Seng) Ms. Seng reported that she had not been able to attend the meeting, however there is another to be held tomorrow afternoon and early evening which she hopes to be able to attend.

OTHER MEETINGS - Mr. Werner reported that the Infrastructure Finance Committee’s sub-committee have completed their work. The main committee met last Thursday. One of the last, if not the final, meeting will be held this coming Thursday on May 1st. He noted that they were getting down to making the recommendations. There had been three committees making up the whole. The three committees were the Legislative, the Financing Committee and an Efficiency Committee. The recommendations from each of those groups will be coming through to Council. The recommendations seem to be consisting of rate increases, bonding and different kinds of taxes. Mr. Cook stated that they would wait to see what is brought forward.

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It was noted that Ms. Kathlene had gotten a job in Fort Collins, Colorado as a Policy Director for the University there. Ms. Seng commented that her departure would be a great loss to the City of Lincoln. Mr. Greene was stepping down due to health concerns.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen brought Don Taute and Georgia Glass forward to make a few brief statements on the Police/Fire Pension Trust Board. Mr. Bowen commented that for the public hearing scheduled for today’s meeting, both unions will have representatives attending. Mr. Bowen was not aware if those representatives would actually testify or leave the testifying to their attorneys.

Mr. Taute gave a history of the Police/Fire Advisory Board, which the Pension Trust Board would be replacing. The Trust Board would be made up of nine members where the current Advisory Board consists of six. The membership would consist of two representatives from both the Fire and Police Unions, three mayoral appointees who must be approved by Council, one representative of the Personnel Office and one representative from the Finance Department. The make-up, authority, duties, direction, the financial philosophy, goals, administrative costs, as well as employee perceptions of the Trust Board were discussed at length. Council made a final determination that the ordinance, as drafted by the Law Department to mandate the creation of the Trust Board, would offer a benefit to the City in the effective management of this $130,000,000 asset and place it in a non-political venue.
V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment (Including Addendum Invitations)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS (INCLUDING ADDENDUM) - None

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE MCROY - Ms. McRoy brought forward a brief discussion on the R-O-W plantings ordinance on today’s agenda. She felt vegetables should be allowed as plantings in that area, in accordance with the input she had received from constituents. Ms. McRoy indicated that she would propose an amendment to the ordinance which would add vegetables as acceptable plant material in the Public Right-of-Way area between the sidewalk and the curb. There was a very brief discussion of the issue with no consensus reached.

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner asked Mr. Roper to review the letter he had received from Mark Hunzeker stating that the development agreement was not acceptable. It was believed that even if Mr. Hunzeker did not find the agreement acceptable and the other parties involved did, Mr. Hunzeker’s input should not be considered overriding in this instance. Mr. Roper stated that there would be an amendment for Terry Werner to introduce which would essentially be what had been agreed to by the other parties involved. They would then have 30 days to either sign or not sign the agreement. He stated that Council would have copies of the substitute ordinance at the meeting today.

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:50 p.m.