DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR


2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Driving On Closed Roads Is Illegal - (See Release)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents April Award Of Excellence - (See Release)

4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will join Salvation Army representatives for an announcement at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 13th - (See Release)

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Streets Near UNL To Be Closed This Weekend - (See Release)

II. CITY CLERK

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

ANNETTE McROY

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/ Lancaster County Engineering - RE: Future plans for NW 4th 48th Street (RFI#147 - 3/18/04) - (Sent Corrected Copy out on 3/22/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM RANDY HOSKINS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#147 - 3/26/04.

2. OUTSTANDING Request to Law Department/ Animal Control - RE: Cats leash Law - (RFI#149 - 04/23/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM BRUCE DART, HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#149 - 5/04/04.
PATTE NEWMAN

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Ernie Castillo, Wynn Hjermstad, Marc Wullsleger, Urban Development Department/ Terry Bundy, LES/ Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/Mike DeKalb, Marvin Krout, Planning Department/Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Signs or banners identifying individual neighborhoods - (For Witherbee and Eastridge area) - (RFI#20 - 3/24/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM TERRY BUNDY, LES RECEIVED ON RFI#20 - 4/12/04.

2. OUTSTANDING Request to Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Dennis Bartels, Allan Abbott, Public Works/Tonya Skinner, Dana Roper, City Law Dept./Marvin Krout, Planning - RE: A resident of the Easthart Neighborhood a problem they had in their development - the commons area between 78th St. & Maxey School - (RFI#21 - 4/29/04)

3. OUTSTANDING Request to Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: A constituent in the 8200 block of “A” Street - the City is asking their homeowner’s association to pay for maintenance of a commons area - (RFI#22 - 4/29/04)

TERRY WERNER

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Planned Work at Warlick Blvd./Old Cheney Road/Creekside Drive - (RFI#126 - 04/21/04)

2. OUTSTANDING Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Proposed Changes on “A” Street - 10th to 27th - (RFI#127 - 5/03/04)

GLENN FRIENDT

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: “A” Street center lane traffic (RFI#32 - 5/03/04)
GLENFRIENDT & ANNETTE MCRoy


Jonathan Cook


Jon Camp

1. Letter to Jon Camp/Darrell Podany from George Schell - RE: He called on the April 26th about a street depression & talked with Darrell (Podany) - (See Letter)

2. Letter from Lelia M Coyne to Jon Camp - RE: The flood plain ordinance - (See Letter)

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Finance Department/City Treasurer


Health

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Celebrate National Women’s Health Week - (See Release)
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Tick Borne Illness Precautionts - (See Release)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: What’s In Your Garage? Lancaster County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Scheduled For May 21, 2004 In Emerald - (See Release)

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Pfizer Inc., To Host Household Hazardous Waste Collection And Latex Paint Exchange - Free Latex Paint - (See Release)

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln Chosen To Participate In National Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Research - (See Release)

6. Physician Advisory from Bruce Dart - RE: Tick Activity in Lancaster County - (See Advisory)

LIBRARY

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Library Summer Reading Program 2004 - “Discover New Trails @ your library!” - June 1 to July 31 - (See Release)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: “Discover New Trails @ Your Library!” - Special Events for June - (See Release)

PLANNING


2. Letter from Mike DeKalb to Irma Sarata - RE: Long View Estates - (See Letter)

3. Letter from Brian Will to Michael Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: Pine Lake Heights South 9th Addition - Final Plat #04012 - (See Letter)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Information - RE: Mayor’s Outdoor Dining Review Committee - Summary of Final Proposed Changes to the Sidewalk Café and Sidewalk Vendor Ordinances - (Material for Pre-Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17th)(See Material)
C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Tom Duden, Design Data Corporation - RE: Concerned with the scope, design and approval process with the 14th & Old Cheney Rd. and 16th and Old Cheney Rd. expansion project - (See E-Mail)

2. E-Mail from Laurel Gower - RE: “A” Street - (See E-Mail)

3. Letter from Danny Walker - RE: The flood plain ordinance - (Council & City Clerk Joan Ross received their copies of this letter on 5/10/04)(See Letter)

4. E-Mail from Brad Thiel - RE: To elicit your support in Irvingdale Neighborhood Association’s attempt to down zone to R-2 - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04)(See E-Mail)

5. E-Mail from Andrea Watkins - RE: Flood plain ordinance-Amendment Opposition - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04)(See E-Mail)

6. E-Mail from Sandy Anderson - RE: Flood plain ordinance - Amendment Opposition - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04)(See E-Mail)

7. E-Mail from Marj Manglitz - RE: Flood Plain Vote - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04)(See E-Mail)

8. E-Mail from Barbara Francis - RE: The Flood Plain Ordinance - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04)(See E-Mail)

9. E-Mail from Todd Paddock - RE: Comments per today’s hearing on Flood Standards - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04)(See E-Mail)

10. Certified Letter from The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - RE: Hereby notified that a hearing will be held upon the application of Burnsy's Inc., dba “Catering on the Blvd.”, for a Class I liquor license at 2602 Park Blvd. - hearing scheduled for May 24th at 2:30 p.m. - (See Letter)
IV. DIRECTORS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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Senate Votes to Block New Overtime Rules

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Overtime

Senate votes to block new overtime regulations.
The Senate approved an amendment to a pending corporate tax bill this week that would block implementation of rules recently published by the Labor Department that would change eligibility rules for overtime pay. The vote was a setback for the Bush Administration, but it might not be enough to change the new regulations, which are scheduled to go into effect on August 23, 2004.

Recently, the Bush Administration announced changes to the overtime system that would guarantee overtime rights for workers who earn less than $23,660 (up from $8,060) and would exempt most workers making over $100,000 from overtime eligibility. The provisions of the rule that are receiving the most attention from opponents are the changes that define the executive and administrative employees not entitled to overtime pay. Democrats believe that these provisions would actually result in over 4 million deserving workers losing access to overtime, particularly nurses, computer workers, and those in financial services.

Reacting to criticism of similar regulations announced last year but never implemented, the Labor Department specifically provided overtime protections for police, firefighters and other first responders. A majority of public safety unions have endorsed the proposal, but it was not enough to prevent opposition from virtually every Democrat in the Senate, and the issue has become highly politicized in this election year. Five Republicans provided the support needed to approve Senator Tom Harkin’s (D-IA) amendment to block the rules.

However, the fate of the Harkin amendment is unclear. The underlying corporate tax bill is not a certainty to pass the Senate, and if it is, the President may be inclined to veto it if it contains the overtime amendment. While the House supported a similar amendment last year, Republicans in that chamber will be under significant pressure to support the President on the issue.

Transportation

Senate panel approves $5.2 billion transit security bill. The Senate Banking Committee passed a three-year, $5.2 billion transit security measure this week that would authorize $4.5 billion in grants to transit agencies. “The Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004” would also require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to identify risks and vulnerabilities within transit systems across the country. The American Public Transportation Association has stated that an estimated $6 billion is needed to modernize and maintain security for transit agencies across the country.

Committee Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) highlighted that the recent attacks on trains and subways demonstrates that public transit remains an attractive target for terrorists. Committee members noted that only $115 million was spent during FY 2003 and 2004 on transit security; some 1,500 times less per passenger than on airline security. The bill would provide grants to transit agencies through the following three programs:

- Capital Grant Program: $3.5 billion for security infrastructure such as surveillance, fencing, redundant systems equipment, communications and tracking equipment, and detection systems for chemical, biological, radiological and explosive agents.
Research Grant Fund: $200 million for the study of chemical, biological, radiological or explosive detection technologies, imaging technologies, and others which may have the potential to be effective in deterring terrorist threats.

The legislation would also direct DHS to establish an Information Sharing and Analysis Center for Public Transportation (ISAC). DHS would require public agencies that the Secretary deems to be at significant risk of terrorist attack to participate in the ISAC. It also directs DHS to encourage all other public transportation agencies to participate in the program.

No progress on TEA-21 reauthorization. In related news, Republican leaders and the White House have determined that they are unable to agree on a final price tag on the TEA-21 Reauthorization bill and that the total funding level of the bill should be set in the joint House-Senate Conference Committee. Given the disparity between the $284 billion House bill, the $318 billion Senate bill and the Administration’s $256 billion proposal, the lawmakers and the White House had previously agreed to predetermine the dollar amount for the six-year bill and then go to conference.

Another roadblock in getting the bill to conference comes from Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) as he refuses to sign off on the Senate Conferree until guarantees are made to ensure Democratic participation in the Conference. Daschle has also insisted that the Senate-passed $318 billion funding level will be included in the final version of the bill.

Housing

House subcommittee clears zero downpayment measure. The Housing Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee approved legislation (HR 3755) that would allow the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to insure mortgages obtained without a down payment. Modeled on an Administration proposal, the bill would help an estimated 150,000 families who meet FHA creditworthiness requirements and are able to afford a monthly mortgage payment but lack the savings for a down payment.

As cleared by the Subcommittee, the bill would require participants to receive prepurchase counseling and would call for full disclosure of the incremental costs of the loan. Under the bill, FHA would be allowed to charge up to 2.25 percent in upfront premiums and 0.55 percent in annual premiums for insuring the loans. The upfront premium could be rolled into the principal amount of the loan. The bill would also require lenders to fully disclose the cost of these loans versus traditional FHA loans or conventional loans.

Proponents of the bill tout it as a complement to the American Dream Downpayment Program, created last year, which provides down payment assistance to low- and moderate-income families. The idea of zero down payment loans first came to the Subcommittee’s attention last year during consideration of the American Dream legislation when Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) floated the idea and piqued the interest of Subcommittee Chairman Bob Ney (R-OH).

The bill now heads to the full Financial Services Committee, which has yet to schedule time to consider it. However, the bill enjoys bipartisan support and the support of the Administration and will likely be approved and sent to the full House for consideration. Similar legislation has not been introduced in the Senate.

Homeland Security

Department outlines interoperability technology requirements. Recently, the Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate announced the publication of its Statement of Requirement (SoR) for interoperable communications, touting it as the first comprehensive report defining future technology requirements for public safety agencies. The SoR sets suggested technology standards for public safety agencies in relation to communications and data sharing practices in emergency situations and everyday operations.

Instead of simply publishing a list of equipment standards and requirements, the SoR outlines a series of interoperability scenarios ranging from a routine traffic stop to a large scale regional event such as a hurricane or earthquake. Each scenario then provides requirements that define how technology should function in the field, drive technology interface standards, define needs for the development of new technologies, and provide guidance for research and development. In this case, the burden to meet these technology requirements is not placed solely on local governments and public safety agencies, the SoR also encourages communications industries within the private sector to better align their research and development efforts with public safety needs.

The SoR was developed by the SAFECOM program in cooperation with the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The SAFECOM program was established in 2002 and serves as an umbrella program within the federal government to help state and local agencies improve public safety response. It is the hope that the SoR will help to address the problems that public safety agencies have had to endure in the past due to inadequate and unreliable wireless communication systems. A copy of the SoR is available online at: www.safeecomprogram.gov or from this office.
Federal Register

The following notices were printed in the Federal Register this week. Further information may be obtained from this office.

Department of Homeland Security, May 3: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has published an interim final rule on disaster assistance definitions to amend the definitions of "Local government" to coincide with those definitions established by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The definition of "Local Government" is amended for clarification and includes: county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, regional or interstate government entity, or agency, or instrumentality of a local government. This rule is effective May 3, 2004 and FEMA invites comments on the rule on or before July 2, 2004. Comments can be submitted electronically to FEMA-RULES@dhs.gov (24082-24084.)

Department of Health and Human Services, May 4: The Administration for Children and Families has announced that it is accepting applications for the Homeland Security Training and Technical Assistance Program. The program has $200,000 available to fund one grant. The purpose of the program is to improve the capacity of Community Action Agencies (CAAs), which are local-level organizations that are Community Service Block Grant Eligible Entities, to plan, administer, and evaluate effective security and antiterrorism community advocacy and communications strategies in urban and rural areas. Eligible applicants are Community Services Block Grant eligible entities, officially designated CAAs, including faith-based organizations, and non-profit organizations. More information on this program can be accessed at www.acf.hhs.gov. Applications are due on June 3, 2004. (24616-24622)

Department of Commerce, May 4: The Economic Development Administration has announced the availability of $285 million in FY 2004 funds for the following programs: Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities; Economic Development Support for Planning Organizations; Technical Assistance; Economic Adjustment Assistance; Research and Evaluation, and Economic Development Trade Adjustment Assistance. The purpose of these grant programs are to provide funding to increase state and local prosperity by advancing economic development efforts that would result in increased private investments and high-skill, higher wage jobs. Approximately 700 grants will be awarded during the FY 2004 grant cycle. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and can be obtained online at www.cda.gov. (Grants.gov)

Department of Health and Human Services, May 4: The Administration for Children and Families has announced the availability of $100,000 in FY 2004 funding for a new grant program as part of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). The purpose of this program is to provide funding for new capacity building and promotional public health agencies, and non-profit organizations. It is anticipated that two grants of $50,000 each will be awarded during the FY 2004 grant cycle. Applications are due June 18, 2004 and may be obtained online at www.grants.gov. (24608-24611)

Department of Transportation, May 5: The Maritime Transportation Security Administration (MTSA) announced the availability of $49.5 million in competitive grants for the Port Security Grant Program. Approximately 60 awards are expected to be granted. The purpose of this program is to support efforts for port security at critical national seaports in the areas of the security assessments and mitigation strategies, enhanced facility and operational security. Eligible applicants must meet two prerequisites: 1) applicants are required to be owners/operators of federally regulated public or private ports, terminals, U.S. inspected passenger vessels, or ferries; 2) applicants must have completed a security assessment and tie the security enhancements to that assessment. Further program information may be found at www.portsecuritygrants.dot.gov/TSAdonet/TSAdnet/Rd4RFA.doc. The deadline for registering to submit an application is June 4, 2004. Electronic applications are due June 9, 2004. (Grants.gov)
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 7, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Wayne Burcham, Engineering Services, 441-6094

DRIVING ON CLOSED ROADS IS ILLEGAL

The City Public Works and Utilities Department reminds citizens that driving on roads that are closed for construction is illegal and dangerous. Violators can be charged with failure to obey a traffic control device and fined $75 to $100.

"Closed means no through traffic. Only those people who live in the affected area or who are involved in the construction project are allowed on the site," said Allan Abbott, Public Works and Utilities Director. "We have had at least one case where a construction worker was nearly hit by a driver who had no business in a closed construction area. Those who ignore the closed signs are breaking the law, posing a danger to workers and slowing construction."

Abbott said three construction sites on South 84th Streets are among those experiencing problems with non-authorized vehicles on site. The three projects on South 84th run from Montello Road to halfway between Highway 2 and Yankee Hill Road.

Lists of street closures and City street and road construction projects are available on the home page of the City web site at lincoln.ne.gov. With many improvement projects now under way, drivers are encouraged to plan ahead for alternate routes to their destinations.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 10, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS APRIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for April to Daniel Huse of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

Huse was nominated in the category of loss prevention, by Ron Eriksen, Senior Environmental Health Specialist. Huse has coordinated the City’s Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) for more than two years. Many of the communities that have undertaken this project found that a majority of drugs they had purchased and stored in the event of a public health emergency were getting close to expiring or had already expired. These communities also had not budgeted for the replacement of these drugs, which can be expensive.

Eriksen said Huse came up with a solution that is unique in the country. He convinced a major pharmaceutical manufacturer to enter into a legally binding agreement with the City of Lincoln for the next five years. The company will provide the City with a supply of three drugs, and when these items are within 12 months of their expiration date, the company will replace them at no cost.

“This is what one might call an out of the box solution to a problem that has plagued many communities in the country since the MMRS program was started,” wrote Eriksen. “Dan should be commended for his ability to create a legally binding, defensible, and above all, a very creative solution to a common problem.”

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, productivity, safety and valor. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: May 12, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will join Salvation Army representatives for an announcement at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 13 at the Salvation Army Headquarters, 26th and Potter Streets. Please use the north or south door to reach the basement meeting room.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 12, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Engineering Services, 441-7711

STREETS NEAR UNL TO BE CLOSED THIS WEEKEND

Beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 15th, 17th Street from Vine to the “Y” Street Connector and the “Y” Street Connector from 16th to 17th streets will be closed for two projects. The streets are expected to be reopen Sunday evening, May 16th.

A private company will install new cellular communication equipment on top of Nebraska Hall. This will require a large crane and equipment to be positioned on the “Y” Street Connector and 17th Street. At the same time, road crews will repave 17th Street and the driveways at Abel Hall and Nebraska Hall.

All traffic to Nebraska Hall will enter and exit at Vine Street east of 17th Street. Northbound traffic is encouraged to use 14th Street and 27th Street during the closures.

To minimize traffic disruptions, the Traffic Engineering Section of the City Public Works and Utilities Department scheduled the closures after UNL’s regular semester and before summer classes and athletic camps begin.
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
COUNCIL OFFICE

By: Jonathan Cook - #113
(Council Member)

REQUEST: RE: Detour Traffic Problems

Would you please respond to the attached Memo and send me a copy of the response. Please respond to Mikki McCann with copy to me. Thanks.

- Jonathan Cook

cc: Mikki J. McCann
2418 South 14th Street (02) - FOR YOUR INFORMATION - COPY OF REQUEST SENT BY COUNCIL MEMBER, NO RESPONSE REQUIRED FROM YOU

Mayor's Office

RESPONSE (Indicate action taken): By: Steve Faust 5-11-04

Date

COMMENTS:
PLEASE RESPOND WITH 15 COPIES/tjg
I spoke with Ms. McCann this morning and she said after contacting Jonathan Cook, Captain Wilhelm w/LPD, and I on May 4th all her issues were resolved by the time she went home from work. This was just an issue of adjustment to closing the streets on May 3.

Steven R. Faust
Rehabilitation Coordinator
City of Lincoln/Engineering Services
531 Westgate Blvd. / Suite 100
Lincoln, NE 68528
402/441-8413 / fax: 402/441-6576

Scott A Opfer

Steve, please respond to the "signing" portion of this RFI since I'm sure you guys have already made some adjustments due to the traffic cutting through the grocery store parking lot. You might also mention that 17th & South will be open soon.

Thanks,
Scott O.

----- Forwarded by Scott A Opfer/Notes on 05/06/2004 03:55 PM -----

Karen K Sieckmeyer

I know this is the last thing you would like but can you prepare a response by 5-12-04. Thanks

RFI #113 Coook - Detour Traffic Problems

Karen Sieckmeyer
Executive Secretary
Public Works/Utilities
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

May 4, 2004

To: Public Works Dept

Re: Detour Traffic Problems

Please reply to:

Mikki J. McCann
2418 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
471-2631 (W)

Could you please follow up on Mikki McCann's concerns about detour issues relating to the South Street closure? Attached is the e-mail. Please copy me on the reply.

Thank you.

Jonathan Cook
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jonathan Cook

Name: Mikki J. McCann
Address: 2418 South 14th Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 471-2631 (W)
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:

Dear Mr. Cook:

I'm writing to let you know that I'm concerned about the signage on 13th and 16th Streets warning of the closure of 17th Street at South and South Street. The signage is inadequate to warn drivers that the intersection is completely closed and there is no access to 17th Street north or south from South Street.

At noon today, Monday, May 3, traffic was turning left onto South Street from 16th Street and being funneled into the grocery store parking lot creating a terrific traffic hazard. Traffic was also turning onto South Street from 13th Street north and south and feeding into the same traffic hazard. It is not clear that the intersection is completely closed.

We're also experiencing increased traffic and considerable speeding on South 14th Street between South and Van Dorn. 14th & Lake is a dangerous intersection even without the added traffic caused by the closure of 17th and South. It's an emergency route with heavy ambulance traffic.

Saratoga School is just south of South on 13th and children walk through our neighborhood to both Saratoga and Irving. Right now, it's not very safe for those kids due to the increased traffic and speeding on 14th.

I've already contacted Public Works about the signage and spoken with Captain Wilhelm at LPD about the traffic problems.

It's my hope that by also bringing this to your attention, we can avoid a tragedy of any kind in our part of town.

Thank you for your service.

Mikki J. McCann
As of May 5th, Cypress had a street depression and talked with Harrell. He responded the next day with an e-mail to me and a notice to the Public Works & Utilities Dept. I received a letter dated May 3 from W.D. News, City Maintenance Coordinator, with cc's to Pat Camp, Allen Clark, Andrew Edwards, & Dwayne Lacorin.

On Tuesday, May 4, a city crew came and broke up the concrete that needed replacing. On Wednesday, a crew came and cleaned out the broken cement and prepared the area to receive new cement. On Thursday, they poured the concrete and was done by 3:30 pm.

I want to thank all that was involved for a good job done in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

George W. Schul
771 South 7th
Lincoln, NE 68503
Dear Councilman Camp,

At the Earth Day table for Friends of Wilderness Park, I became aware of the controversy over the Flood plain Ordinance. I am solidly in favor of maximum environmental protection for all waterways, regard less of size.

My vote as a Lincoln citizen is on the side of the original ordinance as proposed by the Flood plain Task Force without the weakening amendment.

Respect fully yours,

Leha M. Coopie, Ph.D.
7146 South St.
Lincoln NE 68506

P.S. Please reply to my letter.
RESOLUTION NO. A-_______

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the attached list of investments be confirmed and approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to hold said investments until maturity unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

INTRODUCED BY:

__________________________________________

Approved:

__________________________________________

Don Herz, Finance Director

Approved this ___ day of _____________, 2004

__________________________________________

Mayor
Due to a surplus of funds in the Short Term Pool May 3, 2004, we invested in a $670,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank.

Due to a surplus of funds in the Short Term Pool May 4, 2004, we invested $1,033,000 as follows:

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Due to a surplus of funds in the Short Term Pool May 6, 2004, we invested $593,000 as follows:

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A $2,500,000 investment matured May 7, 2004, and we immediately cashed and reinvested $2,460,000 in the Short Term Pool as follows:

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We respectfully request approval of our actions.

Don Herz, Finance Director

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 10, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Heyl, Community Health Educator, 441-3889
Carol Mitchell, Chronic Disease Program Coordinator, 441-6294

CELEBRATE NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH WEEK

May 9-15, 2004 is National Women’s Health Week, a time to celebrate good health and a healthy lifestyle.

The focus of this year’s National Women’s Health Week is on the importance of incorporating simple preventive and positive health behaviors into everyday life. Regular medical and dental check-ups, a nutritious well-balanced approach to eating, and regular moderate-intensity physical activity can help a woman add healthy productive years to her life.

National Women’s Health Week is an opportunity to highlight a few of the many activities in Lincoln that contribute to the public’s quality of life:

- The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is offering a “Women Lead the Way” program that helps women develop a personalized walking program. The focus is the 10,000 Steps philosophy of gradually increasing the number of steps currently taken each day to 10,000 or more. To register contact Mike Heyl at 441-3889 or Tracy Dahlstrom at 441-6726. Women enrolled in this program will need to use a pedometer to count their daily step total. Pedometers are available at local sporting goods dealers or through the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

- The Nebraska Office of Women’s Health has available a “Women’s Walking Packet” that includes a “Women Lead the Way” walking journal, a walkability checklist, and walking tips. To order contact the Office of Women’s Health at 471-0158 or 1-877-257-0073.

- The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is offering many opportunities for women to start walking programs this spring. Several of the Recreation Centers have fitness centers with exercise equipment, and the two centers at F Street and Belmont have elevated walking tracks open for public use with a minimal fee. The F Street Recreation Center is also promoting a walking program that counts steps, with a goal of a million steps per person. Incentives are provided throughout the program. For information contact Kathryn Burklund at 441-7951. In addition, the Nature Center at Pioneer’s Park

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has a "Walk 100" program open to the public that encourages people to accumulate 100 miles of walking on the trail system at the park. A small fee is required for these programs.

- The Malone Center, Inc., 2032 U Street, is currently providing exercise classes for women on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. For information, call 474-1110.

Lincoln is filled with opportunities to exercise for health and recreation, but it is the responsibility of each individual to take advantage of these opportunities. Celebrate Women's Health Week by taking simple steps to improve both personal and family health.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 10, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Tim Timmons, Communicable Disease, 441-8056

TICK BORNE ILLNESS PRECAUTIONS

This is the time of year that we see an increase in tick activity and the possibility for tick borne illnesses. A primary public health concern regarding tick exposure is the possibility of contacting a tick-related illness such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever or Tularemia. The most common tick we encounter in Lancaster County is the American Dog Tick which can be a transmitter of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Lyme disease is associated with deer ticks.

While there have been no laboratory confirmed cases of tick borne illnesses in Lancaster County, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourages taking preventive precautions that reduce your risk of contracting a tick-borne illness.

**Prevention** is the key to minimizing your risk of exposure to a tick-borne illness. Because ticks are most commonly found on grasses, shrubs, brush and lower vegetation, campers, hikers and others who spend time outdoors are most likely to be exposed to ticks.

Prevention measures include:
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants with the pant legs tucked into socks or boots.
- If using an insect repellent, apply to clothing. Be sure to read and follow label directions.
- Avoid applying repellent to face, hands and open sores or cuts.
- Read the repellent label. Many tick and mosquito repellents contain DEET. Know the concentration of DEET and follow the instructions on the label.
- Keep grassy and weedy areas trimmed around the home.
- When leaving a grassy or weedy area, check the body carefully for ticks.
- Protect dogs with flea and tick collars and/or repellent.

If a tick is found, carefully remove it with a tweezers at the point of attachment, grasping the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pulling straight back with a slow steady force. Care should be taken when removing a tick from humans or pets to ensure that the entire tick is completely removed from the skin. Avoid crushing the tick's body and that the tick’s head is removed. Wash the wound with soap and water and apply alcohol or another disinfectant to help prevent infection.

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Signs of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever usually begin 3 to 12 days after the tick bite. The most common symptoms are fever, headache, rash, and nausea or vomiting.

Symptoms of Lyme disease may include fatigue, chills and fever, headache, muscle and joint pain and swollen lymph nodes. In 60 to 70 percent of Lyme disease cases, the infected individual will develop a rash that resembles a "bull's-eye".

If you get a fever, headaches, rash, or nausea within two weeks of a possible tick bite or exposure, you should see your doctor immediately. For questions, call the Health Department.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 10, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Beth Mann, 441-6235
Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator

WHAT'S IN YOUR GARAGE?

LANCASTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21, 2003 IN EMERALD

Some common items that are inside your garage may be dangerous to small children and pets if not handled, stored or disposed of correctly. To help dispose of these potentially hazardous items the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has scheduled a Household Hazardous Waste Collection for Friday, May 21, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Emerald. The collections are for residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County only, not for businesses.

"There are several automotive products in garages that contain hazardous chemicals that pose risks to children and pets," said Beth Mann, Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator, "These include upholstery cleaners, window cleaning products, brake fluids, carburetor cleaners, power steering fluid, Freon, cleaning and degreasing solvents, transmission fluids, wax and grease removers, spray paints, mixed or old gasoline, and mercury switches."

Banned chemicals such as Diazinon for indoor use, Dursban, DDT, and Chlordane should be brought to the collection. Citizens are also encouraged to bring old pesticides; solvents such as mineral spirits, turpentine, and paint thinners; oil-based paints; mercury containing items including thermometers; and items containing PCBs such as ballasts from old fluorescent lamps and small capacitors from old appliances.

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Latex paint **should not** be brought to this collection. Small amounts of latex paint can be dried and put in the trash. Other items that cannot be brought to the collection, but can be recycled in Lincoln, include batteries, automotive oil, antifreeze, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, gas cylinders, mercury thermostats, computers and monitors. Also, medicines, fertilizers, explosives or ammunition will not be accepted at the collection.

For further information concerning disposal of household hazardous waste or for recycling lists contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department 441-8021 or visit our website at [http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/environ/poll/](http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/environ/poll/).
PFIZER INC TO HOST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION AND LATEX PAINT EXCHANGE

FREE LATEX PAINT

Pfizer Inc is hosting its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection and second Latex Paint Exchange for the public on Saturday, May 22, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 601 West Cornhusker Highway. Because of Pfizer’s community focus and desire to help with environmental issues, the company is once again sharing the responsibility for this event. The collection is for households only; business waste will not be accepted.

Only homeowners may bring good, useable latex paint to the paint exchange. However, anyone, including business owners, crafters, artists, teachers, schools, etc., may select from the paints and stains brought in. The paint must mix when stirred, not be lumpy and not have been frozen. The material must be in its original can with the original label intact and readable and the can should be at least three-fourths full.

“We really appreciate Pfizer’s partnership in protecting public health and the environment in our community. Over the last six years, Pfizer has helped collect and pay for the recycling and disposal of over 54,255 pounds of hazardous waste from households in Lincoln and Lancaster.
County,” said Beth Mann, with the Health Department’s Household Hazardous Waste Program.

“With Pfizer again including the Latex Paint Exchange this year, homeowners have an opportunity to dispose of good usable paint and others will be able to take paint home for their own use.”

Banned chemicals such as Diazinon, Dursban, DDT, and Chlordane should be brought to the collection. Citizens are also encouraged to bring other old pesticides, solvents such as mineral spirits, turpentine, and paint thinner, oil-based paints, mercury containing items, and items containing PCBs such as ballasts from old fluorescent lamps, and small capacitors from old appliances.

Items that cannot be brought to the collection, but can be recycled in Lincoln, include batteries, automotive oil, antifreeze, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, gas cylinders, mercury thermostats, computers and monitors. Also, medicines, fertilizers, explosives or ammunition will not be accepted at the collection. For information on disposal of other household hazardous waste, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021 or visit our website at www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/environ/pollu/
LINCOLN CHOOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL CIGARETTE LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAM RESEARCH

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful, a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, is proud to announce that Lincoln has been chosen as one of nine cities in the nation to participate in the extended research program of Keep America Beautiful’s national Cigarette Litter Prevention Program.

Lincoln has been chosen for three reasons, according to Keep America Beautiful Program Director Carrie Gallagher Sussman: the exemplary programs and leadership of Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful; Keep America Beautiful’s goal of involving a community in this region of the country; and the support of the Mayor’s office, and local business and community leadership, all of whom value the attention that will be given to this particular aspect of Keep America Beautiful’s effort to educate communities about litter prevention.

Keep America Beautiful launched its three-year Cigarette Litter Prevention Program in 2002 after identifying cigarette litter (cigarettes, packaging and lighting material) as the most littered items found in cleanups around the country. The current phase of the program involves testing a multi-dimensional approach to determine how to most effectively roll out the program across the country.

“Cigarette litter is a problem in many communities, including Lincoln,” said Mayor Seng. “I support this research and encourage business and property owners in the test area in downtown Lincoln to become involved.”

“I am thrilled to have this opportunity to include Lincoln in the national program’s research,” said Harry Heafer, coordinator of the Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful program.”

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The test campaign will be conducted June 14 through August 31 in the downtown Lincoln area. The results of the research program will be released at Keep America Beautiful’s National Conference in December in Washington D.C.

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful’s mission is to improve waste handling practices and increase environmental awareness through education and participation, and to keep Lincoln and Lancaster County litter free. KLLCB is partially funded by a grant from the Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

Keep America Beautiful, Inc., is a national, nonprofit public education and community improvement organization whose network of more than 540 local, statewide and international programs educate individuals about litter prevention and ways to reduce, reuse, recycle and properly manage waste materials. Through partnerships and strategic alliances with citizens, businesses and government, Keep America Beautiful’s programs motivate millions of volunteers annually to clean up, beautify and improve their neighborhoods, creating safer and more liveable community environments. Keep America Beautiful celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2003. For more information, visit www.kab.org.
May 13, 2004

To: All Physicians, Administrators and Laboratory Personnel

From: Bruce Dart, MS, Health Director

Subject: Physician Advisory

Tick Activity in Lancaster County

Lincoln and Lancaster County appears to have a high level of tick activity at this time. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has received a number of calls regarding tick bites. As you are aware, ticks can be a vector for a variety of diseases, including Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Ehrlichiosis. All three are reportable diseases in Nebraska. At this time, no confirmed cases of any of these diseases have been reported in 2004. In 2003, Lancaster County had 1 case of Lyme disease, 2 cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and no cases of Ehrlichiosis.

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is spread by the bite of ticks of the genus Ixodes that are infected with Borrelia burgdorferi. Lyme disease is most common during the late spring and summer months in the U.S. (May through August). Lyme disease most often presents with a characteristic "bull's-eye" rash, erythema migrans, accompanied by nonspecific symptoms such as fever, malaise, fatigue, headache, muscle aches (myalgia), and joint aches (arthritis). The incubation period from infection to onset of erythema migrans is typically 7 to 14 days but may be as short as 3 days and as long as 30 days.

Some infected individuals have no recognized illness (asymptomatic infection determined by serological testing), or manifest only non-specific symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, and myalgia. The signs of early disseminated infection usually occur days to weeks after the appearance of a solitary erythema migrans lesion. In addition to multiple (secondary) erythema migrans lesions, early disseminated infection may be manifest as disease of the nervous system, the musculoskeletal system, or the heart. Early neurologic manifestations include lymphocytic meningitis, cranial neuropathy (especially facial nerve palsy), and radiculoneuritis. Musculoskeletal manifestations may include migratory joint and muscle pains with or without objective signs of joint swelling. Cardiac manifestations are rare but may include myocarditis and transient atrioventricular blocks of varying degree.

The diagnosis of Lyme disease is based primarily on clinical findings, and it is often appropriate to treat patients with early disease solely on the basis of objective signs
and a known exposure. Serologic testing may, however, provide valuable supportive diagnostic information in patients with endemic exposure and objective clinical findings that suggest later stage disseminated Lyme disease. When serologic testing is indicated, CDC recommends testing initially with a sensitive first test, either an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) or an indirect fluorescent antibody (IFA) test, followed by testing with the more specific Western immunoblot (WB) test to corroborate equivocal or positive results obtained with the first test.

Antibodies often persist for months or years following successfully treated or untreated infection. Thus, seroreactivity alone cannot be used as a marker of active disease. Neither positive serologic test results nor a history of previous Lyme disease assures that an individual has protective immunity.

Antibiotic treatment for 3-4 weeks with doxycycline or amoxicillin is generally effective in early disease. Cefuroxime axetil or erythromycin can be used for persons allergic to penicillin or who cannot take tetracyclines. Later disease, particularly with objective neurologic manifestations, may require treatment with intravenous ceftriaxone or penicillin for 4 weeks or more, depending on disease severity. In later disease, treatment failures may occur and retreatment may be necessary.

**Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever**

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is the most severe and most frequently reported rickettsial illness in the United States. The disease is caused by *Rickettsia rickettsii*, a species of bacteria that is spread to humans by ixodid (hard) ticks.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be very difficult to diagnose in its early stages, even among experienced physicians who are familiar with the disease. Patients infected with *R. rickettsii* generally visit a physician in the first week of their illness, following an incubation period of about 5-10 days after a tick bite. The early clinical presentation of Rocky Mountain spotted fever is nonspecific and may resemble a variety of other infectious and non-infectious diseases.

Initial symptoms may include: fever, nausea, vomiting, severe headache, muscle pain, lack of appetite.

Later signs and symptoms include: rash, abdominal pain, joint pain, diarrhea.

The classic triad of findings for this disease are fever, rash, and history of tick bite. However, this combination is often not identified when the patient initially presents for care.

The rash first appears 2-5 days after the onset of fever and is often not present or may be very subtle when the patient is initially seen. Younger patients usually develop the rash earlier than older patients. Most often it begins as small, flat, pink, non-itchy spots (macules) on the wrists, forearms, and ankles. These spots turn pale when pressure is applied and eventually become raised on the skin. The characteristic red, spotted (petechial) rash of Rocky Mountain spotted fever is usually not seen until the sixth day or later after onset of symptoms, and this type of rash occurs in only 35% to 60% of patients with Rocky Mountain spotted fever. The rash involves the palms or soles in as many as 50% to 80% of patients; however, this distribution may not occur until later in the course of the disease. As many as 10% to 15% of patients may never develop a rash.

There is no widely available laboratory assay that provides rapid confirmation of early Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Therefore, treatment decisions should be based on epidemiologic and clinical clues, and should never be delayed while waiting for confirmation by laboratory results. Fundamental understanding of the signs, symptoms, and epidemiology of the disease is crucial in guiding requests for tests for Rocky Mountain spotted fever and interpretation of results. Routine clinical laboratory findings suggestive of Rocky Mountain spotted fever may include normal white blood cell count, thrombocytopenia, hyponatremia, or elevated liver enzyme levels.

Serologic assays are the most widely available and frequently used methods for confirming cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever. The indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) is generally considered the reference standard in Rocky Mountain spotted fever serology and is the test currently used by CDC and most state public health laboratories. IFA can be used to detect either IgG or IgM antibodies. Blood samples taken early (acute) and late (convalescent) in the disease are the preferred specimens for evaluation. The value of testing two sequential serum or plasma samples together to show a rising antibody level is considerably more important in confirming acute infection with rickettsial agents because antibody titers may persist in some patients for years after the original exposure.

Appropriate antibiotic treatment should be initiated immediately when there is a suspicion of Rocky Mountain spotted fever on the basis of clinical and epidemiologic findings. If the patient is treated within the first 4-5 days of the disease, fever generally subsides within 24-72 hours after treatment with an appropriate antibiotic (usually a tetracycline). In fact, failure to respond to a tetracycline antibiotic argues against a diagnosis of RMSF. Severely ill patients may
require longer periods before their fever resolves, especially if they have experienced damage to multiple organ systems. Preventive therapy in non-ill patients who have had recent tick bites is not recommended and may, in fact, only delay the onset of disease.

Doxycycline (100 mg every 12 hours for adults or 4 mg/kg body weight per day in two divided doses for children under 45 kg [100 lbs]) is the drug of choice for patients with Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Therapy is continued for at least 3 days after fever subsides and until there is unequivocal evidence of clinical improvement, generally for a minimum total course of 5 to 10 days. Severe or complicated disease may require longer treatment courses. Doxycycline is also the preferred drug for patients with ehrlichiosis, another tick-transmitted infection with signs and symptoms that may resemble Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Tetracyclines are usually not the preferred drug for use in pregnant women because of risks associated with malformation of teeth and bones in unborn children. Chloramphenicol is an alternative drug that can be used to treat Rocky Mountain spotted fever; however, this drug may be associated with a wide range of side effects and may require careful monitoring of blood levels.

**Ehrlichiosis**

The early clinical presentations of ehrlichiosis may resemble nonspecific signs and symptoms of various other infectious and non-infectious diseases. It is unclear if all persons infected with ehrlichiae become ill. It is possible that many infected persons develop an illness so mild they do not seek medical attention or perhaps have no symptoms at all. Patients with ehrlichiosis generally visit a physician in their first week of illness, following an incubation period of about 5-10 days after the tick bite. Initial symptoms generally include fever, headache, malaise, and muscle aches. Other signs and symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, joint pains, confusion, and occasionally rash. In contrast to Rocky Mountain spotted fever, rash is rarely reported with Human Granulocytic Ehrlichiosis (HGE). However, rash has been described in approximately 60% of pediatric patients infected with E. chaffeensis.

Ehrlichiosis can be a severe illness, especially if untreated, and as many as half of all patients require hospitalization. Severe manifestations of the disease may include prolonged fever, renal failure, disseminated intravascular coagulopathy, meningoencephalitis, adult respiratory distress syndrome, seizures, or coma. It is estimated that 2%-3% of patients may die from the infection. Preliminary evidence suggests that *E. chaffeensis* infection may become more severe than other ehrlichial infections.

The severity of ehrlichiosis may be related in part to the immune status of the patient. Persons with compromised immunity caused by immunosuppressive therapies (e.g., corticosteroids or cancer chemotherapy), HIV infection, or splenectomy appear to develop more severe disease, and case-fatality ratios for these individuals are characteristically higher than case-fatality ratios reported for the general population.

Laboratory confirmation of ehrlichiosis requires serologic, molecular, or culture-based methods. Serologic evaluations are conducted by using the indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA). Blood specimens taken early (acute) and late (convalescent) in the disease course represent the preferred specimens for evaluation. Most patients demonstrate increased IgM or IgG titers by the second week of the illness. However, patients may lack diagnostic IgG antibody titers in the first 7 days of illness. The period for which anti-ehrlichial antibodies persist is also poorly defined. In some persons, high titers have been observed for longer than 2½ years after the acute illness. Most reference laboratories conduct testing for IgG; however, IgM-specific testing may provide helpful evidence of ehrlichial infection.

Antibodies reactive with one *Ehrlichia* species can be cross-reactive with other species of *Ehrlichia*. The diagnosis of HGE is based on seroreactivity to any of several strains of granulocytic ehrlichiae. However, serologic cross-reactivity between different genogroups is also observed and may hamper epidemiologic distinction between the ehrlichial infections. It is possible that some serologically confirmed cases of infection thought to be caused by *E. chaffeensis* or the HGE agent may in fact represent infections with the other agent or with another, antigenically related ehrlichial species.

Amplification of the ehrlichial DNA by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is the next most frequently used method for detecting infection. In HGE, the organism has been detected by PCR from the blood of clinically ill patients 3-5 weeks following the onset of symptoms. In persons infected with *E. chaffeensis*, ehrlichial DNA has been detected by PCR from febrile, untreated patients as long as 7 weeks into the illness.

Direct isolation of the organism remains the gold standard for confirmatory diagnosis, but is the most difficult and time-consuming approach. Both *E. chaffeensis* and the HGE agent have been recovered from the blood of acutely ill
patients.

Appropriate antibiotic treatment should be initiated immediately when there is a strong suspicion of ehrlichiosis on the basis of clinical and epidemiologic findings. Treatment should not be delayed until laboratory confirmation is obtained. Fever generally subsides within 24-72 hours after treatment with doxycycline or other tetracyclines. In fact, failure to rapidly respond to a tetracycline antibiotic argues against a diagnosis of ehrlichiosis. Preventative therapy in non-ill patients who have had recent tick bites is not warranted.

Doxycycline (100 mg twice daily for adults or 4.4 mg/kg body weight per day in two divided doses for children under 45.4 kgs (100 lbs)) is the drug of choice for patients with ehrlichiosis. The optimal duration of therapy has not been established, but current regimens recommend continuation of treatment for at least 3 days after the fever subsides and until evidence of clinical improvement, for a minimum total course of 5 to 7 days. Severe or complicated disease may require longer treatment courses. Because tetracyclines are contraindicated in pregnancy, rifampin has been used successfully in a limited number of pregnant women with documented HGE.

Information Sources:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Vector-Borne Infectious Diseases
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/index.htm
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/rmsf/index.htm
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvrd/ehrlichia/index.htm

Physician Advisory Available By E-Mail

Physicians, Advance Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Health-Care and Laboratory Administrators can receive periodic physician advisories by e-mail. Send an e-mail to ttimmons@ci.lincoln.ne.us with your name, type of practitioner (MD, ARNP, PA-C, Administrator, etc.) and location of practice.

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LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2004

"Discover New Trails @ your library!"
June 1 to July 31

"Discover New Trails @ your library!" booklets will be available through all Lincoln City Libraries, the bookmobile, various outreach sites, and in most Lincoln Public Schools elementary media centers starting June 1. By visiting the library, reading, and completing reading activities, children may earn a plastic book bag, and a State Fair “Read & Win” packet. Booklets, stickers, stamps, and activity sheets are available whenever the library is open.

Special events, as well as book groups, are scheduled throughout the library system. Schedules are available by stopping by or calling the library, or by checking out the library’s website at http://www.jcl.lib.ne.us

This program is in cooperation with Lincoln Public Schools with additional help from the Nebraska State Fair Board and the Lincoln City Library Foundation.

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"DISCOVER NEW TRAILS @ YOUR LIBRARY!"
Special Events for June

In conjunction with its summer reading program, "Discover New Trails @ your library!" Lincoln City Libraries will be holding many special events. All are free of charge and open to the public. Unless noted otherwise, events are intended for school-age children. Full information regarding the summer reading program, special events, and book discussion groups, is available at the library's website, http://www.lcl.lib.ne.us

Anderson Branch Library
3635 Touzalin Ave., 441-8540
"Cowboy Rhythm!"
Tuesday, June 8, 2:00 p.m.
Saddle up partners! Sit back and listen to Cowboy Rhythm, poetry and yodeling. You might even learn to yodel yourself. Funding for this program made possible by Nebraska Humanities Council.

"Align Your Spine!"
Tuesday, June 15, 2:00 p.m.
Certified yoga instructor, Judy Olivetti, will teach a beginning yoga class for teens only. Come discover what yoga is all about. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing! Pre-registration and parental permission form required.

"Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery Through the Eyes of a Crew Member"
Wednesday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.
Dale Clark, of Traveling Historical Programs, Inc., will feature a presentation by a fictional member of the Corps, as if it were just a few days after returning to the United States from the Expedition. As he unpacks his chest of mementos, he reminisces with the audience about the 28-month journey.

"The Road to Anderson Library!"
Wednesday, June 30, 2:00 p.m.
It's a movie day! Join us at Anderson Library for an animated Aztec adventure. Refreshments will be served.

Arnold Heights Branch Library
3815 NW 54th Street, 441-8680
"Have a Hoot @ your Library!"
Thursday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.
Becky Witulski from the Pioneers Park Nature Center will bring an owl to the library for kids to see and learn all about. This hands-on program will also explore the science of what owls in Lincoln are eating.
Wild in Nebraska!
Thursday, June 17, 2:30 p.m.
Come and learn about the creatures native to our state and how to track and spot them. A special Nebraska critter will be our guest.
Presented by members of the Lancaster County 4-H Program.

Bennett Martin Public Library
14th and N Streets, 441-8566
“On the Trail of Wright Morris” Photography (four sessions; participants should plan to attend all)
Thursdays, June 10, July 1 and July 15, 2:00 p.m.
and Monday, July 19, 7:00 p.m.
please pre-register by calling 441-8566

- Session 1: Participants will be introduced to the idea of inhabited photography. They will be shown numerous examples produced by Wright Morris. Tips on good, basic photography will also be presented.
- Session 2: Participants will share inhabited photographs they have taken. The group will help select favorites to enlarge for upcoming exhibit.
- Session 3: Participants will ready exhibit of enlarged inhabited photographs by mounting on backgrounds and making placards containing titles and names of photographers.
- Session 4: Exhibition w/cookies and beverage. Open house venue.

Note: Participants will be responsible for furnishing their own cameras and will incur the costs of black and white film, processing, and enlargements.

Paper a-Plenty!
Monday, June 14, 2:30 p.m.
Learn fun ways to be creative with paper. We’ll focus on one special technique, such as folding, cutting, or stamping. Presented by members of the Lancaster County 4-H Program.

“Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery Through the Eyes of a Crew Member”
Monday, June 21, 1:30 p.m.
Dale Clark, of Traveling Historical Programs, Inc., will feature a presentation by a fictional member of the Corps, as if it were just a few days after returning to the United States from the Expedition. As he unpacks his chest of mementos, he reminisces with the audience about the 28-month journey.

Animal Clues: Identifying Nebraska Mammals
Monday, June 28, 2:30 p.m.
Children will learn about mammals through seeing their tracks, skulls, and fur in this presentation by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Bethany Branch Library
1810 N. Cotner Blvd., 441-8550
Wild in Nebraska!
Wednesday, June 9, 2:00 p.m.
Come and learn about the creatures native to our state and how to track and spot them. A special Nebraska critter will be our guest.
Presented by members of the Lancaster County 4-H Program.

Animal House!
Thursday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.
Donna Bode of the Capital Humane Society will talk about taking care of your pets. Come and see a special animal visitor, too.
Eiseley Branch Library
1530 Superior Street, 441-4250
Trick Roping on the Wild West Show
Monday, June 7, 2:00 p.m.
Miss Joan Wells will perform trick roping with music. She will also demonstrate specific tricks and give a couple of kids a chance to spin the rope. This will be followed by a storytime and craft time. For those in elementary school and older.

Meet the Miniature Horses!
Wednesday, June 9, 2:00 p.m.
Duane and Marjorie will show two miniature horses in the Bookmobile Garage (north end of the Eiseley Library). Children will have an opportunity to pet the miniature horses.

Plains Indians’ Heritage
Wednesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.
Phyllis Stone, the granddaughter of a Rosebud Sioux Chief, will share the history and symbolism of items in her trunk. Learn from the past with this interesting presentation. Recommended for those in third grade and older.

Native American Stories
Wednesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.
Come hear some great Native American stories and make some really fun crafts! For those in preschool through second grade.

“Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery Through the Eyes of a Crew Member”
Monday, June 21, 10:15 a.m., repeating at 11:30 a.m.
Dale Clark of Traveling Historical Programs Inc. will feature a presentation by a fictional member of the Corps, as if it were just a few days after returning to the United States from the Expedition. As he unpacks his chest of mementos, he reminisces with the audience about the 28-month journey.

American Heroes & Legends Movie Day!
Wednesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.
Join us to learn about two American heroes, Sacagawea and Johnny Appleseed.

Get Tattooed @ your Library!
Saturday, June 26, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Come learn about the eastern tradition of henna tattoos. Jacqueline Barnhardt will tell about the history and practice of mehndi, the art of henna tattoos. Those in the audience between the ages of 11 and 18 are welcome to stay and receive their own henna tattoo.

Wild in Nebraska!
Wednesday, June 30, 2:00 p.m.
Come and learn about the creatures native to our state and how to track and spot them. A special Nebraska critter will be our guest. Presented by members of the Lancaster County 4-H Program.

Gere Branch Library
2400 S. 56th Street, 441-8560
“Adventures with Wild Animals!”
Thursday, June 17, 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m.
Wildlife Learning Encounters of Gretna will bring a variety of wild animals to the library and share information regarding the animals and the protection of their natural habitat.

“Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery Through the Eyes of a Crew Member”
Wednesday, June 23, 2:30 p.m.
Dale Clark, of Traveling Historical Programs, Inc., will feature a presentation by a fictional member of the Corps, as if it were just a few days after returning to the United States from the Expedition. As he unpacks his chest of mementos, he reminisces with the audience about the 28-month journey.
South Branch Library
2675 South Street, 441-8570
“South Library’s Monday Movie Matinee!”
Mondays, June 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 2:00 p.m.
Come and watch a fun family movie together at the library.

“Sing Along the Trail with Chris Sayre”
Tuesday, June 8, 2:30 p.m.
Come and hear Chris Sayre perform trail songs using a variety of several musical instruments.

“Come Fly with Us!
Tuesday, June 22, 2:00 p.m.
Come learn all about the Lincoln City Airport and the exciting things that happen there.

“Learn About Taekwondo”
Tuesday, June 29, 2:30 p.m.
Come learn about Taekwondo! The Taekwondo Academy will demonstrate what this martial art is all about.

Walt Branch Library
6701 S. 14th Street, 441-4460
Discover the Stars!
Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Sign up for the 2004 Summer Reading Program and discover the stars while we read stories and “camp-out” in the library. Bring your pillows and blankets!

Discover Quilting!
Monday, June 7, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Bring the family and learn about the art and history of quilting. Enjoy some well-sewn stories followed by a trunk show and quilting crafts for kids.

Discover Trail Tales!
Thursday, June 10, 2:30 p.m.
Kids! You are needed to help guest storyteller, Jose Lovato, tell his stories from the Native American tradition. Join us on this trail of tales and make a souvenir.

Discover YogaKids!
Thursday, June 17, 2:30 to 3:30 P.M.
Bend your body, stretch your brain, and feel your best! Certified YogaKids instructor, Judi Olivetti, will lead kids through a fun and multi-sensory program with yoga poses, stories, and creative crafts. Preregistration and parental permission form required.

“Discover America’s West: Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery Through the Eyes of a Crew Member”
Wednesday, June 23, 1:00 p.m.
Dale Clark, of Traveling Historical Programs, Inc., will feature a presentation by a fictional member of the Corps, as if it were just a few days after returning to the United States from the Expedition. As he unpacks his chest of mementos, he reminisces with the audience about the 28-month journey.

Discover Cowboys!
Thursday, June 24th at 2:30 p.m.
Yee-Haw! Put on your hats and boots and mosey on over! Cowboy crafts will be available all day with a movie special at 2:30.

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May 7, 2004

Michael R. Johnson
Olsson Associates
1111 Lincoln Mall
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Wilderness Ridge 9th Addition Final Plat #03059

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Wilderness Ridge 9th Addition was approved by the Planning Director on May 6, 2004. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

Tom Cajka
Planner

CC: Joan Ray, City Council (14)
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
Jean Walker, Planning
File

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May 7, 2004

Ms. Irma Sarata
2000 SW 47th St.
Lincoln, NE 68522

RE: Long View Estates

Dear Ms. Sarata;

Your April status report to the City Council on Long View Estates has been passed on to me and I would note some additional information for you. As you note, the Community Unit Plan and plat was approved by the City Council in 1999. In that approval the City approved the use of a private waste disposal system per State of Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) permits. The location of the waste treatment is limited to Outlot “B”. Your concern that it might move to Outlot “A” will not happen unless amended by the City Council, after public hearings by the Planning Commission and City Council. The use of all the Outlots is noted and limited in the approval of the Community Unit Plan and by binding agreements of that approval.

The waste disposal system must be licensed and approved by the State DEQ as a community system. Long term operation is typically by a state licensed operator and will be either the responsibility of the developer or the home owners association.

The City Building and Safety Department has stopped issuing building permits and occupancy permits until the waste system is capable of handling the discharge from the homes. No new permits will be issued unless there is capacity in the treatment system to handle it.

I would note the LES easements you speak of are shown on the plat and run with the land and thus any unapproved location in the easement is strictly an error by the developer and must be corrected.

The active review and enforcement of providing an approved, licensed waste facility is the responsibility of the State Department of Environmental Quality and is a condition of the City’s approval. Without approved capacity, my understanding is that the City will not issue permits.
In conclusion, I hope you found this helpful. If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me (402) 441-6370 or this department.

Sincerely

[Signature]

– Mike DeKalb, Planner

cc: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning
    Mayor Seng
    Lincoln City Council
    Lancaster County Board
    Building and Safety Department
    Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department

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May 10, 2004

Michael Johnson
Olsson Associates
1111 Lincoln Mall
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Pine Lake Heights South 9th Addition - Final Plat #04012

Dear Mike:

Pine Lake Heights South 9th Addition was approved by the Planning Director on May 10, 2004. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make checks payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

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Sincerely,

Brian Will, AICP
Planner

xc: Owner/Subdivider
    Joan Ray, City Council (14)
    Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
    Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
    Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
    Jean Walker, Planning
    File
Mayor's Outdoor Dining Review Committee

Summary of Final Proposed Changes to the Sidewalk Café and Sidewalk Vendor Ordinances

1. Changing the role of Outdoor Dining / Urban Design Committees - The Committee recommended that we streamline and accelerate the application process. The primary mechanism recommended for achieving this goal is to replace the Mayor's and City Council's review of applications with a staff level review process. Under the proposed changes the City's Outdoor Dining Committee and Urban Design Committees would continue to review applications as is currently the practice; however, if these committees recommend approval, the applications would be forwarded to City Clerk, who could then issue a permit. If the Committees recommend denying a permit or the applicant does not consent to the conditions of approval adopted by the Committees, the applicant can ask that the application be placed on the Council agenda or be given Mayoral review (as is current practice for all applications).

In addition, the Committee recommends removing specific Health Department guidelines relating to food preparation and storage in the ordinances and substitutes language noting that applicants have to conform to the specific requirements of City of Lincoln Health code.

2. Sidewalk Cafes - the proposed changes focus on better defining eligibility requirements.

In order to be eligible to have a sidewalk café, businesses must have:
• licenced kitchen / full menu or
• food sales must comprise at least 60% of gross sales

In addition, the maximum number of patrons that are permissible in a sidewalk café is limited to the number of chairs approved in the application.

3. Vendor Carts - the proposed changes focus on expanding opportunities for vendor carts.

To facilitate a broader range of vending options, the committee recommended that we create a new class of vendor carts - vendor stands. "Stand shall mean any table, rack or other device moveable by one or two persons which is placed on a sidewalk from or at which food, fresh flowers, or balloons are offered for sale at retail."

In addition, the committee recommended expanding the boundaries to include certain P zones (downtown parks) as well as current B-4 zoned area (downtown)

Note: Initial recommendations included expanding areas open to sidewalk vending. However, after meeting with representatives of the major B-3 zoned areas (Havelock and N 48th) and discussing the proposed expansion with the Parks Department and the Public Building Commission, we recommend not adding B-3 and P districts to the proposed revisions at this time. We recommend, however, adding specific P-zoned downtown parks (Iron Horse Park, Government Square Park, and Centennial Mall) to the list of approved sites.
Mayor’s Outdoor Dining Committee

1. Larry Small, chair - TierOne bank
2. Annette McRoy - City Council
3. Ken Svoboda - City Council
4. Nadar Sepahpur - Restaurant owner
5. Scott Miller - Restaurant owner
6. Bob Campbell - Downtown Property owner
7. Ann Harrell - Mayor’s Office
8. Polly McMullen - DLA
11. Captain Joy Citta - Police Dept., Center Team
12. Chuck Schweitzer - Building and Safety
13. Ed Zimmer - Planning and Urban Design Committee
14. Jeff Cole - Urban Development, staff
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Tom Duden
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Phone: 402-441-4000
Fax: 402-441-4045
Email: tom@sds2.com

Comment or Question:
I'm employed with Design Data Corporation and we are concerned with the scope, design and approval process with the 14th and Old Cheney Rd and 16th and Old Cheney Rd expansion project.

We are trying to work with both city officials and Olsson and Associates with the exchange of ideas and concerns with the projects impact on our work environment as well as public safety concerns.

The City is posting on their web site frequently asked questions and comments from the public. The comments are projected as being a summary not direct quotes. From our point of view and my own as a citizen in South Lincoln I'd like to think that publicly obtained information that is obtained from a public meeting or web site can be shared.

My inquiry today stems from the denial of Olsson and Associates, the Engineering firm working on the 14th & 16th Old Cheney Rd intersections. On April 13th the city and Olssons sponsored a public meeting to display the proposed road construction project. The public was invited and this was advertised as being a public meeting. Feedback forms were completed by many in attendance. The forms did not have a place for personal information. We have asked for copies of the 86 feedback sheets that Olsson's have custody of.

Karen Jensen has been asked twice for the copies and today we were told that the information is confidential and only shared among Olsson's, "Public Involvement Staff." Karen cited that some of the forms have name information on the forms. We are not interested in that information but we would like to review the feedback form ourselves to formulate our own summary and interpret the actual data versus a third party summary. We feel the Freedom of Information Act and Nebraska's Open Meeting laws entitles the public to review this information. Can you help us review the information?

Tom Duden,
Human Resources & Facilities Manager
Design Data Corporation
1501 Old Cheney Rd
Ph. 441-4000
Dear Laurel Gower: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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cc: gmccown@neb.rr.com, lpdtrf@cjls.ci.lincoln.ne.us  
<lgower@binary.net>  
Subject: A Street

05/07/2004 06:54 PM  
Please respond to lgower

Mayor Seng,

I’m writing in regards to the re-striping of "A" Street from 10th to 27th. I have already heard about how you believe your staff is capable of handling this situation, that you support whatever they decide, and that you don’t have time to listen to any more complaints about how it is being handled. I am an employee of the government at the state level and we get our fair share of complaints. But I am obligated to listen to and respond to any and all opinions expressed no matter how I feel about them.

My husband and I attended a public meeting at Trinity Methodist Church last week to hear what, if anything, the city had to tell us about the re-striping. I don’t know what Randy Hoskins of the Traffic Engineering Department expected when he came to that meeting, but he was on the defensive from the start of the meeting. If that’s the best representation of our Traffic Engineering Department then we are in trouble. He couldn’t give us numbers to justify the project. His response to many questions was, "That was before I came to this office." He should have been better briefed as to what was going to be asked of him at that meeting.

As concerned parents for our children’s safety, we asked about the speed limit past the Center. Mr. Hoskins told us that people are going to drive the speed they are comfortable driving!!! I believed that speed "limits" are just that. It is a limit, not a suggestion, and there are supposed to be law enforcement officers out there enforcing these laws. Do we have to change all the speed limit signs now and say you can drive whatever you feel like driving today!

Isn’t it interesting that as soon as it came out that "A" Street was being re-striped to accommodate supposedly heavier traffic flow, that traffic is being diverted onto "A" Street because of work being done at 17th and South Streets? It creates heavier traffic and now the city can justify re-striping
"A" Street. What is going to happen when the work is done at 17th and South and traffic goes back to normal? Now we have traffic travelling at higher speeds past the daycare center where our children are.

I know my e-mail is probably not going to make a difference one way or another in how you handle this small piece of roadway, but I felt I had no choice but to write for the sake of my son and every one of those children who attends Trinity Infant and Childcare Center.

As an elected official at the local government level you depend upon support from the community to get elected and to stay in office. I voted for you once, but after the treatment we have been receiving from the Mayor's office concerning "A" Street, I probably won't again.

Laurel Gower  
1919 E Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510-2828  
(402) 435-1632
City Council Members
Lincoln, Nebr.
May 9, 2004
Subject: Floodplain Regulations
New Areas

Dear Council Members:

During the City Council meeting on the date of May 3, 2004, Mr. Kruger referred to flood control basins in newer developed and developing areas, which according to Mr. Kruger more or less negated need for new floodplain regulations. Please refer to attachment “A” and you might want to ask Mr. Kruger for a written clarification and or justification for his statement.

In addition, during my testimony on May 3, 2004, I requested a clarification regarding statements supposedly made to Russell Miller by staff that the Salt Creek floodplain was allowed development according to a “future conditions” floodplain map in order to assume that a watershed would continue to develop in the future. I would prefer to have said clarification in writing also to include any and all correspondence from the Army Corps of Engineers authorizing said “future conditions” of the Salt Creek floodplains.

I’m sure that you’ve read all of my attachments from the May 3rd meeting and I thank you. I’ll have to remember to vote Tuesday...

Thank you

Danny E. Walker
President
South Salt Creek Community Organization.

Danny Walker
427 “E” St.
Lincoln, Nebr.
68508
Flood control storage basins in bad shape

BY NATE JENKINS
Lincoln Journal Star

A high percentage of storage basins that help with flood control aren't up to snuff, city officials have determined, and developers could be asked to help pay for repairs.

"I see this as a problem, and I don't want the public to pay for these things," said Ben Higgins, an engineer in the Watershed Management Program of the city's Public Works and Utilities Department.

The city requires new developments to have storm water storage basins. They help reduce localized flooding problems by permanently or temporarily holding water.

During a recent inventory of 120 of the basins, about half were found to have sediment or erosion control problems. About 95 percent of the ponds looked at are private.

Higgins said that fixing some of the ponds could cost "tens of thousands of dollars" and a final decision on how they will be paid for has not yet been made.

In most cases, Higgins said, the basins comply with regulations when first built but suffer from a lack of maintenance.

Others do not replicate what was shown on preliminary development plans, he said.

Officials in the past have had little control over the basins in mostly private hands. Early this year, Public Works and Utilities implemented the watershed program in response to federal regulations and local concerns about flooding issues, partly caused by development.

The program, among other things, seeks to more aggressively manage storm water and flood plains.

The completed inventory will help provide information on future inspections, compliance and maintenance of basins in the city. The effort thus far, said Higgins, has rubbed some the wrong way.

"I already have some developers growling at (inspectors) just because they're looking," at the basins, he said.

Reach Nate Jenkins at 473-7223 or njenkins@journalstar.com.
Dear Mr. Thiel: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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bthiel@southeast.edu

The purpose of this e-mail is to elicit your support in Irvingdale Neighborhood Association's attempt to downzone to R-2. I feel the change is necessary to keep the quality of life and charm of the neighborhood. As I understand there is currently an attempt to delete South Street from the change. I encourage you to not do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Brad Thiel  
1810 Harrison Av
Dear Andrea Watkins: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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"Watkins, Andrea" <andrea.watkins@kenexa.com>

I am in support of the flood plain ordinances which would prohibit filling in creeks and would provide buffers of 100 feet.

Sincerely,
Andrea Watkins
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Dear Sandy Anderson: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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I am in support of the flood plain ordinances which would prohibit filling in creeks and would provide buffers of 100 feet.

Thank you,

Sandy Anderson
Dear Marj Manglitz:

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Marj Manglitz@yahoo.com

05/10/2004 10:29 AM
To: marjmanglitz@yahoo.com
cc: marjmanglitz@yahoo.com
Subject: Flood Plain Vote

Dear Council Members;

Please think of the long term results of your decisions and the cost of short term efforts to meet a 50 or 100 year flood.
Please keep a buffer that is big enough to do the job and the green space can be very advantageous to home owners near by. Please do not accept the Seacrest amendments to lower the standards. Floods are very serious and the threat of the loss of human life plus the human work put into all the things which are lost makes it imperative that we do what we know to be the best plan now.

Thank you,

Marj Manglitz  464-3607
Dear Ms. Francis: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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<cf21715@alltel.net>  
To: twerner@ci.lincoln.ne.us  
cc: "Lincoln City Council" <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>  
Subject: Flood Plain Ordinance

Please support the Flood Plain Ordinance as it stands, in order to prohibit fill-in of creeks and provide for creek buffers in Lincoln’s new growth areas. We definitely need to look down the road and the Ordinance provides all important flood protection, green space, wildlife corridors and habitat, and water quality protection for years to come. Please do not allow the size of creek buffers to be reduced from the 100 feet recommended by all scientific studies. Thank you for voting to protect Lincolnites and the environment.

Sincerely, Barbara L Francis, 4435 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln NE 68506, 483-6727
Dear Mr. Paddock: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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"Todd Paddock"
<Twpadlock@earthlink.net>
05/10/2004 12:17 PM

To: Council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc: Comments per today’s hearing on Flood Standards

Dear Council Member:

I am writing to you concerning the proposed flood standards for new-growth areas. I urge you to vote today to approve the entire ordinance as originally proposed and to:

1) **Oppose** the weakening amendment approved by the planning commission, which reduces the minimum flood corridor for streams with watersheds of less than 150 acres;

2) **Support** the amendment proposed by Friends of Wildemess Park, which calls for 200-foot minimum flood corridors along streams.

3) **Oppose** any further weakening amendments proposed by Mr. Kent Seacrest.

As you may know, the proposed Flood Standards are based largely on the recommendations of the Mayor’s Floodplain Taskforce for new growth areas. And the Task Force unanimously approved their recommendations for new-growth areas (only 1 member voted against).

I was present when the Planning Commission approved this ordinance unanimously, on an 8 to 0 vote. Planning Commission members who spoke expressed very strong support for the ordinance, with several saying they wished we’d had the foresight to have such an ordinance decades ago.

**Regarding #1, Above**

The Planning Commission approved an amendment to the Flood Standards, on a 5 to 3 vote, that directed the Public Works and Utilities Department to draw up a formula for reducing the size of the minimum flood corridor along streams draining watersheds smaller than 150 acres. This amendment significantly decreases the effectiveness of the flood standards. Protection of such small streams through adequate flood corridors is the most effective strategy for reducing flood damage downstream, including erosion. It is precisely for this reason that the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force recommended 60-foot minimum corridors for all streams with a definite bed and bank. Such corridors, if they include adequate vegetation such as trees, shrubs, plants, and grasses, act to: 1) Soak up and retain water during...
a precipitation event, reducing volume and thus flooding and erosion; 2) Slow the speed of water in the corridor, again reducing flooding and erosion; 3) Protect the integrity of soil and streambanks, reducing erosion; 4) Provide storage for water, again reducing flood damage. If the minimum flood corridor does not contain vegetation, it will reduce flooding by providing storage.

Regarding #2. Above

The Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force discussed minimum flood corridors of varying sizes. Some local governments and states require minimum flood corridors of 100, 200, or even 300 feet. However, the Floodplain Task Force chose 60 feet plus six times the depth of the channel as a compromise with developers and builders. As a result, the original proposed Flood Standards require this minimum. However, the proposed flood standards also note that, "a minimum base width of at least 100 feet is recommended to provide adequate stream protection" (section 10.6.8.1). Friends of Wilderness feel that the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force compromised too much for the short-term profits of developers and builders. As a consequence, ordinary property owners and taxpayers will in turn pay when future floods cause damage, will pay for higher flood insurance, and will pay because their property is at greater risk for flood and thereby is worth less in the market. We feel these costs will be much higher that any short-term profits enjoyed by developers and builders. That is poor public policy. We propose that minimum corridors for any stream with a definite bed and bank be 200 feet plus six times the depth of the channel.

Regarding #3. Above

Mr. Kent Seacrest has proposed several amendments since the Planning Commission approved the Flood Standards. In those amendments, he argues for removing any protection for streams with watersheds 75 or fewer acres. Essentially, he asks that developers have free reign to do as they wish with these streams and associated flood corridors: remove all vegetation, fill them with dirt, move them hundreds of yards, place them in underground pipes, and so on. Needless to say, this is completely contrary to the recommendations of the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force.

For streams with watersheds greater than 75 acres, Mr. Seacrest proposes distinguishing between "High Function" and "Low Function" streams and associated corridors, and again asks that developers have great freedom to remove native vegetation, fill with dirt, move, and pipe such streams. Again, this is completely contrary to the recommendations of the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force. Further, his proposal that we distinguish between high and low function streams and corridors is unworkable in practice.

Finally, he argues that smaller streams are already protected by Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Regulations and proposes an alternative amendment on that basis. In doing so, Mr. Seacrest is confusing water quality with flood control. Section 404 Regulations address water quality, not flood control. One can meet these regulations and not reduce the risk of flooding. That is why the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force did not rely on Section 404 Regulations.

Mr. Seacrest’s proposals undercut the intentions of the task force, whose recommendations already reflect a compromise with developers and builders such as those Mr. Seacrest represents. I urge you vote today to protect ordinary property owners and taxpayers and vote for the original flood standards, strengthened further by the amendment from Friends of Wilderness Park.

Sincerely,

Todd Paddock

1508 Irving St.

Lincoln, NE 68521-1938

435-6655
May 6, 2004

CERTIFIED MAIL

The City Council
City of Lincoln
555 S 10th Street
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Council Members:

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held upon the application of Burnsy’s Inc, dba “Catering on the Blvd.”, for a Class I Liquor License at 2602 Park Blvd., Lincoln, Nebraska, for the following reason(s):

1. Due to a citizens’ protest having been filed against the application.

You are further notified that said hearing has been scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2004 at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, before the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission at its offices on the 5th floor of the State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall, South, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Margaret “Tim” Frankforter
Administrator/Legal Division
NEBRASKA LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

MF/jn

c: File
David K. Martin
Karen Urbanovsky
Charles C. Claus
Lincoln Police Department
City Attorney

Rhonda R. Flower
Commissioner

Bob Logsdon
Chairman

R.L. (Dick) Coyne
Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Wayne: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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Bill Wayne <wwayne@unl.edu>

Dear members of the Lincoln City Council:
Since completion of the several flood-control reservoirs on the branches of Salt Creek, Lincoln has not suffered any significant flood damage, even though much of the city was built on that stream's flood plain. The floodplain of Salt Creek through Wilderness Park, along with those reservoirs and the levees along the creek, have been effective. The increase in urban development along Beal Slough, though, has increased the discharge along that stream to flood stage several times during the past 3 decades, and expensive engineering projects have been undertaken to prevent damage to structures.
To avoid future floods in the wake of further urban development around Lincoln, stormwater runoff from the headwater stream areas of streams must not be allowed to increase, as it surely will as more land is converted from open fields to impermeable surfaces (roofs, streets, parking lots). To reduce this potential, a committee studied flood control conditions for several months, and based on this work, the Planning Commission has prepared and recommended an ordinance to restrict urban development from the areas along the headwater branches and smaller streams that would contribute most greatly to downstream flooding if they become urbanized. I urge you, therefore, to retain the original floodplain proposal that was worked out by the Planning Commission and prevent development of the buffer strips on the creek bottoms and the toe slopes that feed water into the streams. To fill land in one place to get it above flood level will undoubtedly result in greater height of flood crests downstream. In the long run, it is much less expensive to avoid the use of such land than to bail out damaged people after flooding has taken place.

Very sincerely yours,

William J. Wayne  
Professor Emeritus,

Geosciences, UNL
Dear Ms. Schaffer:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and the Council Members will give your concerns their full consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray  
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Mary Lynn W. Schaffer  
<mlschaf@lps.org>  
05/13/2004 08:41 AM

Dear Council Members,

I encourage you to approve the rezoning from R4 to R2 request from the residents living in the Irvingdale and Country Club Neighborhoods as it was ORIGINALLY present by the Planning Department, not as it has been amended by Planning Commission.

It is important that all homes in the area are zoned R2, and that the homes along South Street be included in the R2 zoning to maintain the quality of life for the neighborhoods. One issue would be that parking of vehicles that would be owned by residents living in R4 zoning spilling over onto the narrow streets of the homes zoned R2.

Thank you for supporting this zoning which is consistent with the surrounding neighbors.

Sincerely,

Mary Lynn W. Schaffer  
President  
Country Club Neighborhood Association
Dear Mr. Ripley and S. James:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and the Council Members will give your comments their full consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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Dear City Council Members,

I write to urge you to support the down zone (R4 to R2) request submitted by both the Irvingdale and Country Club Neighborhoods which is before you for a vote very soon. We have very broad support by residents within the effected area including property owners along South Street.

If local resident support isn’t enough, the Comprehensive Plan also states (as supported by staff comments in the Planning Department) the importance of preserving our "...supply of good, safe, and decent single family homes that are available at very affordable costs when compared to many other communities across the country."

Please support our original request and vote to support down zoning ALL properties in our combined neighborhood application including those fronting on South Street. Current residents and future generations will thank you for your vision in preserving the quality of our existing older neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Bob Ripley & Stacy James
3022 William Street
Lincoln, 68502
DATE: May 13, 2004

TO: City of Lincoln
   City Council Members

COPY: Kelly Sieckmeyer, Public Works & Utilities, Engineering Services
       Wynn Hjermstad, AICP, Urban Development

FROM: Mark Lutjeharms, P.E.
      The Schemmer Associates Inc.

SUBJECT: The N. 48th Street/University Place Plan

On May 12, 2004, the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Commission held a public hearing on the subarea plan for the N. 48th Street/University Place neighborhood. The Commission voted unanimously (9-0) to adopt this plan as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

The Departments of Urban Development and Public Works & Utilities will be briefing you on this plan during Pre-Council on Monday, May 17, and a public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 7. In preparation for the upcoming Pre-Council session, I am submitting to you an electronic copy of the plan on compact disk. Staff from both City departments and the consultant team will be available during Pre-Council to summarize the plan and address your comments and questions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Record-breaking Joan Kroc Donation to Salvation Army Could Mean New Community Center for Lincoln - (See Release)

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III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS

JONATHAN COOK

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B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

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2. Letter from Everett & Virginia Owens - RE: Paving District: North 36th Street, Vine to "W" Street - Assessment Area: Pecks Grove Park Block 7 Lot 1 - (See Letter)

3. E-Mail from Larry K. Zink, Immediate Past President, University Place Community Organization - RE: Change of Zone 04026 - (See E-Mail)

4. E-Mail from Jerald & Carolynn Varner - RE: South Street Re-Zoning - (See E-Mail)
News Release

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For Immediate Release: May 13, 2004

Record-breaking Joan Kroc Donation to Salvation Army Could Mean New Community Center for Lincoln

A gift of $1.5 billion, the largest single donation ever given to a charity, may soon impact Lincoln in the form of a new community center. The donation from the estate of Joan Kroc, wife of McDonalds Corp. founder Ray Kroc, was specifically designated for the development of 25 to 30 new community centers across the United States.

The Salvation Army of Lincoln will apply for funding of a state-of-the-art community center in the range of $20-100 million. Lincoln’s application requires raising local matching funds. The Army is calling on Lincoln’s civic officials, social organizations and individuals to help raise the necessary matching funds.

Following Mrs. Kroc’s lead, Major Robert Boone, Lincoln Corps commanding officer, said “Our mission is to build a center where all cultures come together in celebration of life through programs and services that strengthen the community and bring peace to all. But we need help from everyone in Lincoln to raise the matching funds.”

“This is a tremendous opportunity for all of Lincoln, and I fully support the Salvation Army in seeking this funding,” said Mayor Coleen J. Seng. “A community center like the one envisioned would serve the families of this community far into the future. The support of all sectors of the community is very important as this process moves forward.”

Preliminary plans include 24-hour child care, a senior center, cultural community space, computer labs, teaching labs and a 600-seat Performing Arts Theatre. Recreation facilities would include an aquatic complex, ice arena, rock climbing wall, skateboard park, gymnasiurn, basketball courts, soccer fields and more. The Salvation Army’s established programs, services and worship center will be included in the design. Existing Lincoln social service organizations will be invited to augment their programs in this new facility.

The new center would be located in the area of greatest need and where neighbors would welcome it. The size will depend on the partners who support the project.

The language and conditions of the Joan Kroc bequest are precise in directing use of the funds; half of each gift will build a new center and half will be placed into an endowment, from which interest will be used to partially support a new center’s operations. Mrs. Kroc stipulated that the endowment funds not cover all the expenses of a community center, and she clearly communicated her expectation that the communities selected for new centers will need to provide additional support for operational purposes.

(more)
"This is a new era for The Salvation Army. We recognize the unique fundraising challenges posed by this gift, but we are confident that the citizens of Lincoln and our corporate supporters will respond to the remarkable opportunity that Mrs. Kroc has given to all of us," said Jon Foreman, Salvation Army Advisory Board chair.

"Our preliminary and most urgent goal is to receive commitments from organizations, agencies and people who want to partner with us now, to ensure we have the support that is needed to bring this money to Lincoln," Foreman said.

"Agencies and corporations can partner in a variety of ways: with programs, in-kind support, rental/lease opportunities or dollars. Our deadline for these commitments is short. The request for proposal to build such a facility in Lincoln is due September 30, 2004," Foreman said.

The Kroc gift was designated to be divided equally among the Army's four geographic territories. Lincoln is in the central territory. The first of the state-of-the-art Kroc community centers was recently opened in San Diego, CA.

Leta Powell Drake, Salvation Army of Lincoln Director of Development and Community Relations, noted, "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Lincoln. The entire community will benefit. We must move quickly."

The Salvation Army extends an invitation to all potential partners to help build a Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center in Lincoln. Individuals and organization interested in joining in the partnership, should contact any of the following for further information:

Major Robert Boone  
e-mail: Robert_Boone@usc.salvationarmy.org  
2625 Potter St, Lincoln, NE 68503  
402-474-6263

Leta Powell Drake  
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Jon Foreman  
e-mail: jonforeman@allstate.com

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Can you make sure this message is copied for the Directors' packet? Thanks.

Jonathan

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TO: JONATHAN COOK, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 3

FROM: JERALD L. VARNER
1947 SOUTH STREET
LINCOLN, NE. 69502

SUBJECT: ZONING EXCEPTION FOR PROPERTY FACING SOUTH STREET
We are currently traveling and not at our residence on South Street. It has been brought to our attention by our neighbors, with considerable displeasure, that the downgrading of zoning in the area was passed by the Planning Commission but exempted the property facing on South Street. We feel this action is grossly unfair and discriminates against property owners facing onto South Street. Many of the property owners residing on South Street, including ourselves, are long term residents and have no plans for relocation to other areas of the City. Allowing developers to buy our properties with the idea of destroying the homes to build large apartment complexes would be a tremendous detriment to the significant historic nature of the properties on South Street, not to say anything about what would happen to our property values. High density apartment housing creates the need for off street parking necessitating access on and off of South Street. The end-result of this type of high-density development would result in the potential for congestion and increase in accidents. Additionally increases in traffic in the area of Prescott Elementary School and Irving Middle School crossing at 20th and 22nd and South creates significant potential for serious injury to these children along the South Street corridor. Many of these homes where built in the early 1900's and have woodwork and fixtures which are irreplaceable and are as much a part of the Near South Side as properties not facing on South Street. Our property taxes do not reflect the fact that our property faces on South Street and we feel it is extremely unfair that we are being singled out from other residents in the area. We strongly urge the city council to pass the zoning downgrade but not to exempt property facing on South Street.

Respectfully,

Jerald L and Carolynn J Varner
Dear Mr. Hoppe:  Your message has been received in the Council Office and the Council Members will give your concerns their full consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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"Bob Hoppe" <bhoppe@ameritas.com>

As a homeowner in the Irvingdale neighborhood, I would like to voice my support for the downzoning proposal coming before the City Council on May 17. Improving the "residential" quality of my neighborhood is very important to me and my family. I believe this proposal is a step in the right direction for the long-term vitality of this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Hoppe  
1835 Ryons St.
May 12, 2004

RE: Paving District: North 36th Street, Vine to “W” Street
RE: Assessment Area: PECKS GROVE PARK BLOCK 7 LOT 1

City Council
% City Clerk
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

To Whom This May Concern:

This is in response to a notice we received May 8, 2004 from Allan Abbott regarding the paving of 36th Street, Vine to “W”. We have lived in this area for 54 years and have never felt the need for paving the above street. There is only ONE house facing 36th Street, and that is a rental property. In the many years of our living in this area we NEVER SELLDOM ever use the 36th street. Normally, our business takes us to the west, which is 35th street or the east. Due to our being retired and living on a fixed income we donot feel we can afford any assessment to having this street paved, which would benefit very few in our area. We are also on Homestead Exception and feel any fee assessed for this work would not be to our benefit. We are voting “NO” to this proposal. Please contact us if you need more information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Everett C. Owens
Virginia L. Owens
Joan V Ray  
05/17/2004 08:29 AM  
To: erickson.zink@att.net  
cc: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us  
Subject: Re: Monday's Change of Zone 04026

Dear Mr. Zink  Your message has been received in the Council Office and the Council Members will give your concerns their full consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.
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erickson.zink@att.net  
05/14/2004 07:14 PM  
To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us  
cc:  
Subject: Monday's Change of Zone 04026

Member of the Lincoln City Council:

I am writing to urge you to support the Change of Zone 04026 as proposed by the Country Club and Irvingdale Neighborhood Associations and supported by the Planning Department. As the immediate Past President of the University Place Community Organization, I have an appreciation for the challenges involved in efforts to get neighbors and neighborhoods to come together to reach a consensus on shaping their neighborhood futures. The Country Club and Irvingdale neighborhoods have done this democratic, community organizing work and their neighbors have spoken. I urge you to support them in their efforts to collective define their neighborhoods.

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Larry K. Zink  
Immediate Past President  
University Place Community Organization
Dear Mr. Varner: Your message has been received in the Council Office and the Council Members will give your concerns their full consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue. Your message to your District Representative, Jonathan Cook, has also been received and will be given directly to Mr. Cook for his review. Again, thank you for your message.

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Respectfully,

Jerald L and Carolyn J Varner
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Ken Svoboda, Patte Newman, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy.

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Darl Naumann, 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 (arrived late), Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng commented to Mr. Camp this is the last time, he’ll be chairing the meeting so thank-you.

Mayor Seng stated to Council that she’ll be at the beginning of the formal Council Meeting today. Mr. Camp stated to Mayor Seng that he’ll led them in the pledge and the mediation and then it’s hers. Mayor Seng replied okay, she just deals with getting a new Chair elected and then that chair deals with a new Vice-Chair.

Mayor Seng noted this weekend the Archery Group celebrated their 50th Anniversary and they have a very strong organization. In case they didn’t know there was an Archery Club in the City of Lincoln, which is located in southwest Lincoln right outside the City limits.

Mayor Seng said this afternoon they’re going to do a proclamation and a little bit of celebrating the Brown vs. Board of Education now 50 years ago. So, ‘1954’ was that important year some of these things were happening.

Mayor Seng stated that she was absolutely thrilled last Thursday night at the number of people that showed up for the Community Solutions Meeting. She knows some of them were there and some plan to attend another one, which there will be one tomorrow night. She thought 110 people there last week was so good because sometimes at Town Hall Meetings or Forums they have 10 to 20 people and they have more staff than they have people attending, so she was really pleased.
Mayor Seng stated that Marvin Krout wants to talk about the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Krout stated one of the items on their Agenda is the County Boards proposed amendment that deals with the cost of rural services. To give them a little history the County Board proposed an amendment that would have eliminated the wording about rural services study and the idea that was in the Comp. Plan that isn’t in the Comp. Plan today says when the study is completed impact fees should be considered by the County Board. About a year ago the Planning Commission put the item on Pending because they were near in completion of the rural services study and they thought they should wait for the results of the study before they decided what to do with the amendment and after that it was left on Pending by the County Board for some time. The study was completed and discussed and then in December or January the County Board wanted to place it back on the Agenda, but they didn’t take a look at it. So it was out of date because the study was completed and it didn’t make sense any more to talk about when the study was completed so they offered some alternate language. The Planning Commission adopted some suggestive alternate language that they had suggested to the Planning Commission that reference to impact fees. The County Board was able at that time to say whether they liked the language or not, but then when it came to the County Board just last week the County Board approved the language that is in their Resolution for adoption today and that language still refers to the study. The County Board wanted to eliminate reference to the study all together and just talk about what the study talked about, which was the idea of containing costs and dealing particularly with rural development and the impact on the county road system. So, the County Board made some minor modifications to the Planning Commissions recommendation because it is different than the Planning Commissions recommendation it will take five votes of the City Council to approve the County Boards language. Mr. Krout commented from their perspective it probably doesn’t matter that much whether they take the Planning Commissions version or the County Boards version. So, they would suggest that they go ahead and vote for the County Boards version so they would have one set of language in the Comprehensive Plan about this issue.

Mr. Werner stated to Marvin [Krout] why would they receive the version from the County rather than what the Planning Commission approved. If it had come before them, before the County voted they would of had the Planning Commission recommendation, correct. Mr. Krout replied ‘yes’. Mr. Werner commented that doesn’t seem maintenance to him that the County would be dictating what they receive, they should have a chance to vote on the Planning Commissions. Mr. Krout commented they can, he wasn’t consulted before the Resolution was prepared, but he agrees that it was probably what he would have suggested to them the language is not that much different. Mr. Krout said they sent it to the County Board first as a courtesy because it is county issue and so
even though it isn’t the Planning Commissions recommendation it seemed like it was close enough the instruction was to draft that Resolution and see if it would pass. Mr. Krout stated to Council that they still have the option of approving and then by four votes the Planning Commissions recommendations and that’s in the staff report. [Council received the Motion-To-Amend in their Legislative packets- Copy on file in the City Council Office] (Note:04R-110 – page 1, line 21, delete the words “study’s conclusions and subsequent public dialogue suggests the”. And page 1, line 22, after the word “City” insert the word “shall”.)

Mayor Seng stated Allan Abbott has something for Council. [Mr. Abbott handed out material to Council - RE: Public Works Week] Mr. Abbott stated this is National Public Works Week. The Governor on Wednesday is going to have a proclamation and he believes the Mayor is going to have one later on this week. This is an Editorial that has not yet appeared in the newspaper it may this week or it may not that talks about what Public Works is and what it’s done in the City of Lincoln for along time. They have 573 employees that try very hard to improve the quality of life. Mr. Abbott noted there’s some little interesting facts on the material that he handed out to Council. [Copy of material on file in the City Council Office.]

Ann Harrell noted on that subject the Mayor does have a proclamation declaring “Public Works Week”, they’re looking for the started menu to have it read out loud. She didn’t get a chance to ask Council this morning, but Debbie [Engstrom] and I were talking about maybe a good time would be when they come down this afternoon to open the Council Meeting to read it for the City Council and have it broadcast. It was decided by Council and Mayor Seng they’ll do it at that time.

Mayor Seng stated that Lynn Johnson and Ann Harrell needs to tell them about an item at the end of the Council Agenda that Danny Walker is speaking and they’ve been doing a little background check to see what might be his concerns. Ms. Harrell stated they wanted them to know what Danny Walker is concerned about before he got there this afternoon so they would have a little background on it. The history of the situation is there’s a location at about 6th & “G” Street and 7th & “G” Street, which is owned by the Parks Department and it’s more of a maintenance facility. But, there’s a dumpster there and for about 7 years they’ve had an arraignment with DLA whereby the DLA’s maintenance crew when they pick up the trash downtown they don’t have enough staff to take the time to go out to the dump every day. So, they’ve made arraignments for them to use the dumpster that’s in this maintenance facility at 6th & “G” Street. DLA pays a refuse company $140 a month to come and pick up the dumpster because they’re the ones filling it up with trash from the downtown area. But, it’s technically owned by the
Parks Department, they also use that location when they trim trees or shrubs. They pile the refuse there until they have sufficient quantity and then it merits a trip out to the dump with the brush or limbs or so forth. That’s been going on for some years now and there are two concerns, one is that transients have an opportunity to get into the trash there sometimes and the other is once that happens the wind can get a hold of some of the trash. Ms. Harrell said Lynn Johnson went and had a look at it as well and even though it’s owned by the Parks Department, it’s not a park, it’s really a maintenance area. But their thinking is perhaps the City and DLA should be taking a look at how to restrict access to that dumpster, so their thinking is that Lynn [Johnson] needs to talk perhaps with DLA about how they can prevent both from getting into that trash. Ms. Harrell indicated that Polly McMullen did call and speak with Mr. Walker about it and explained what’s been going on there, but she doesn’t know how he feels as a result of that conversation. Lynn Johnson commented that he thinks Ann [Harrell] did a good job of summarizing it. Mr. Johnson stated they’ll plan on meeting with DLA and see if there’s a solution to the situation. Mr. Johnson stated if Mr. Walker had contacted either the Parks & Recreation Department or DLA first they would of worked to resolve the situation. But, he’s not aware that there was a conflict and when he talked to staff about it, Danny had never spoken to anybody indicating there was a concern. Mr. Camp ‘thanked’ Ms. Harrell and Mr. Johnson for advising them on it.

Mayor Seng stated to Mr. Camp that she got his letter and wanted to make sure that he brought it up to Council. Mr. Camp indicated he was going to bring it up at the “Noon” Meeting. Mayor Seng noted that she had sent Jon [Camp] a letter in regards to someone from the Council being on the Downtown Master Plan Committee and he wrote back saying he was interested in doing it. So, they can all decide at the “Noon” Meeting.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Driving On Closed Roads Is Illegal. — NO COMMENTS
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents April Award Of Excellence. — NO COMMENTS
4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will join Salvation Army representatives for an announcement at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 13th. — NO COMMENTS
II. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated the following: Items 1, 2 & 3 they’ll probably call together because they involve Aaron Funk as the manager for three of the “Lazlos” businesses. [Manager application of Aaron T. Funk for Empyrean Brewing Co. at 729 “Q” Street; Manager application of Aaron T. Funk for Lazlo, Inc.dba Empyrean Brewing/Lazlos/Fireworks at 700 - 710 “P” Street and 729 Q/210 N. 7th Street; and Manager application of Aaron T. Funk for Lazlos, Inc. dba Lazlo’s Brewery & Grill South at 5900 Old Cheney Road.]

City Clerk Joan Ross stated under “Public Hearing-Ordinances-2nd Reading & Associated Resolutions”, Items 6 through 10 [See Formal Council Agenda for descriptions of these Items-May 17, 2004] will be called together. Items 8, 9, & 10 being Resolutions they’ll probably want a motion to delay action on these items. Mr. Cook commented is this the first time they have put the Resolutions with the Ordinances as part of 2nd Reading. City Clerk Joan Ross replied ‘yes’. Mr. Cook said he likes it.

Item 12 is just a public hearing item, but she has two Motions-To-Amend, which they already received in their packets. [Change of Zone 04026-Application of the Country Club and Irvingdale Neighborhood Associations for a change of zone from R-4 Residential District to R-2 Residential District on property generally located between 17th and 30th Streets from South Street to Woodcrest Street]

Mr. Cook noted on Item 12 part of it is in his neighborhood and involves property through there that him or his wife own. He did send a letter to the Accountability & Disclosure and they wrote back a letter saying that he does not have a conflict on it.

Items 16 & 17 are agreements with the State, but different projects. Can they be called together or do they prefer separate. Mr. Camp said since they’re different projects call them separate. [Approving an Agreement between the City and the Nebraska Dept. of Roads for the funding of the citywide Safety Improvement project, Durable Crosswalk Marking Project, at various locations; and Approving an Agreement between the City and the Nebraska Dept. of Roads for the funding of the Intersection Safety Improvement project at S. 14th Street and Highway 2]
Mr. Cook commented with regard to Item 38 that he mentioned last week, they also have Item 51 on Pending that is the same thing. So, if they vote on the other one today should they remove Item 51. City Clerk Joan Ross replied ‘yes’. [#38–Repealing Chapter 24.50 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, Sewer Main and Water Main Systems on Private Property] [#51–Amending the Lincoln Municipal Code by repealing Section 24.50.050, Permits and Inspections for private water and sewer main installation]

Ms. McRoy stated to Police Chief Casady on Item 5 can he see if Russ [Fosler] has any reports with that place of charging violations. Chief Casady replied ‘yes’. Ms. McRoy said that she may ask him before the Council Meeting, but she just wants to know before because that’s been a large area out there and wanted to know if they have been doing a good job. Ms. McRoy ‘thanked’ Chief Casady. [Application of Lamp and McTaggert, Inc. dba Fat Nappy’s to expand their licensed premises by the addition of an irregular shaped outdoor area measuring 85’ by 110' to the south at 5100 N. 48th Street]

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

ANNETTE McROY

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/ Lancaster County Engineering - RE: Future plans for NW 4th 48th Street (RFI#147 - 3/18/04) - (Sent Corrected Copy out on 3/22/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM RANDY HOSKINS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#147 - 3/26/04. — Ms. McRoy stated to Tammy Grammer this item can be removed from the Agenda. Ms. Grammer stated to Ms. McRoy okay.

2. OUTSTANDING Request to Law Department/ Animal Control - RE: Cats leash Law - (RFI#149 - 04/23/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM BRUCE DART, HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#149 - 5/04/04. — NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Ernie Castillo, Wynn Hjermstad, Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Department/ Terry Bundy, LES/ Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/Mike DeKalb, Marvin Krout, Planning Department/Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Signs or banners identifying individual neighborhoods -
(For Witherbee and Eastridge area) - (RFI#20 - 3/24/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM TERRY BUNDY, LES RECEIVED ON RFI#20 - 4/12/04. — NO COMMENTS

2. OUTSTANDING Request to Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Dennis Bartels, Allan Abbott, Public Works/Tonya Skinner, Dana Roper, City Law Dept./Marvin Krout, Planning - RE: A resident of the Easthart Neighborhood a problem they had in their development - the commons area between 78th St. & Maxey School - (RFI#21 - 4/29/04). — NO COMMENTS

3. OUTSTANDING Request to Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: A constituent in the 8200 block of “A” Street - the City is asking their homeowner’s association to pay for maintenance of a commons area - (RFI#22 - 4/29/04). — NO COMMENTS

TERRY WERNER

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Planned Work at Warlick Blvd./Old Cheney Road/Creekside Drive - (RFI#126 - 04/21/04). — NO COMMENTS

2. OUTSTANDING Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Proposed Changes on “A” Street - 10th to 27th - (RFI#127 - 5/03/04). — Mr. Werner stated to Tammy Grammer this item can be removed from the Agenda. Ms. Grammer stated to Mr. Werner okay.

GLENN FRIENDT

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: “A” Street center lane traffic (RFI#32 - 5/03/04). — NO COMMENTS

GLENN FRIENDT & ANNETTE McROY

1. Request to Allan Abbott, Public Works & Utilities Director/Police Chief Tom Casady - RE: Traffic safety on South 25th Street from N to J - (GF--RFI#31&AM–RFI#150). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM POLICE CHIEF TOM CASADY RECEIVED ON RFI#31-GF & RFI#150-AM-5/04/04. — NO COMMENTS
JONATHAN COOK


JON CAMP

1. Letter to Jon Camp/Darrell Podany from George Schell - RE: He called on the April 26th about a street depression & talked with Darrell (Podany). — Mr. Camp stated to Allan Abbott that he really appreciates the fast response. Mr. Abbott stated last Friday, he sent out a letter to all the people who are trenching on City right-of-way, primarily that’s their saying they’re going to do several things to help impact it. So, they may be hearing something from them. Mr. Abbott said they’ll get copies to them, he signed it out last Friday.

2. Letter from Lélia M Coyne to Jon Camp - RE: The flood plain ordinance. — NO COMMENTS

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER

1. Material from Don Herz, Finance Director & Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer - RE: Resolution & Finance Department Treasurer of Lincoln, Nebraska - Investments Purchased May 3, 2004 thru May 7, 2004. — NO COMMENTS

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Celebrate National Women’s Health Week. — NO COMMENTS

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Tick Borne Illness Precautions. — NO COMMENTS
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: What’s In Your Garage? Lancaster County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Scheduled For May 21, 2004 In Emerald. — NO COMMENTS

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Pfizer Inc., To Host Household Hazardous Waste Collection And Latex Paint Exchange - Free Latex Paint. — NO COMMENTS

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln Chosen To Participate In National Cigarette Litter Prevention Program Research. — NO COMMENTS

6. Physician Advisory from Bruce Dart - RE: Tick Activity in Lancaster County. — NO COMMENTS

LIBRARY

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Library Summer Reading Program 2004 - “Discover New Trails @ your library!” - June 1 to July 31. — NO COMMENTS

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: “Discover New Trails @ Your Library!” - Special Events for June. — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING

1. Letter from Tom Cajka to Michael R. Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: Wilderness Ridge 9th Addition Final Plat #03059. — NO COMMENTS

2. Letter from Mike DeKalb to Irma Sarata - RE: Long View Estates. — NO COMMENTS

3. Letter from Brian Will to Michael Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: Pine Lake Heights South 9th Addition - Final Plat #04012. — NO COMMENTS

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Marc Wullschleger stated tomorrow they officially cannot call ‘Old Fed’- ‘Old Fed’ anymore, it will now be ‘Federal Place’. Tomorrow they have an open house from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and they’ll be able to tour the 45 residence that they’ve built. They’ll have a great open house, so they hope to see them there.
1. Information - RE: Mayor’s Outdoor Dining Review Committee - Summary of Final Proposed Changes to the Sidewalk Café and Sidewalk Vendor Ordinances - (Material for Pre-Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17th). — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Tom Duden, Design Data Corporation - RE: Concerned with the scope, design and approval process with the 14th & Old Cheney Rd. and 16th and Old Cheney Rd. expansion project. — Mr. Camp commented Tom Duden has continued his dialogue and asked how they’re proceeding on the 14th & Old Cheney & Warlick area. Mayor Seng indicated they had a major meeting last week and standing room only in the Mayor’s Conference Room and Allan Abbott can tell them about it. Mr. Abbott commented basically they are two great companies, Lincoln should be very pleased that they have located here. They have nothing but the best of Lincoln in mind as they expand their establishments. However, they thought the 14th Street traffic should go somewhere else, they did suggest six lanes on 27th Street between “O” Street. Basically what they did was agreed that they would go back and see what they could reduce within the design they’re looking at to try and get as low impact on it as possible. The main impact is on “Design Data” onto the 14th Street side even though the City owns the right-of-way about half the landscaping they had along the 14th Street side is on City right-of-way. They’ll do something if they can, whatever they can to reduce it. On ITI they’re moving them about 12... the curtain line in about 12 foot and then a sidewalk behind it, so that’s moving them about 22 feet just in curtain line. But, in any event they’re going back to take a look and kind of watch the locations and they’ll be meeting with them again shortly. Mr. Abbott indicated they had an excellent presentation and both have done excellent landscaping. But, unfortunately, he does not know where else 14th Street traffic could go, he’s not to sure pushing up 27th Street down Old Cheney is a better solution. They’re going to do what they can to help them, realizing of course, there’s a rather large church located west of ITI and whatever they do to help ITI impacts the church negatively as far as bringing the relocation around. So, there’s going to be considerable work finding that, but they’ll have a meeting set up soon, so they’re working on it and they’ll be getting back to them very shortly.
2. E-Mail from Laurel Gower - RE: “A” Street. — NO COMMENTS

3. Letter from Danny Walker - RE: The flood plain ordinance - (Council & City Clerk Joan Ross received their copies of this letter on 5/10/04). — NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail from Brad Thiel - RE: To elicit your support in Irvingdale Neighborhood Association’s attempt to down zone to R-2 - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04). — NO COMMENTS

5. E-Mail from Andrea Watkins - RE: Flood plain ordinance-Amendment Opposition - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04). — NO COMMENTS

6. E-Mail from Sandy Anderson - RE: Flood plain ordinance - Amendment Opposition - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04). — NO COMMENTS

7. E-Mail from Marj Manglitz - RE: Flood Plain Vote - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04). — NO COMMENTS

8. E-Mail from Barbara Francis - RE: The Flood Plain Ordinance - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04). — NO COMMENTS

9. E-Mail from Todd Paddock - RE: Comments per today’s hearing on Flood Standards - (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 5/10/04). — NO COMMENTS

10. Certified Letter from The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission - RE: Hereby notified that a hearing will be held upon the application of Burnsy’s Inc., dba “Catering on the Blvd.”, for a Class I liquor license at 2602 Park Blvd.: - hearing scheduled for May 24th at 2:30 p.m. — NO COMMENTS

11. E-Mail from William J. Wayne, Professor Emeritus, Geosciences, UNL - RE: The Flood Plain Ordinance. — NO COMMENTS

12. E-Mail from Mary Lynn W. Schaffer, President, Country Club Neighborhood Association - RE: Down Zoning R-4 to R-2. — NO COMMENTS
Down Zone. — NO COMMENTS

14. Memo & CD from Mark Lutjeharms, P.E., The Schemmer Associates Inc. -
RE: The N. 48th Street/University Place Plan - (This Material for Pre-
Council Meeting scheduled for May 17th) (Council copies of Memo placed
in their Directors’ packet & Council CD’s placed in their Thursday packets
on 5/13/04) (Copy of Memo & CD on file in the City Council Office)(See
Attached Memo). — NO COMMENTS

IV. DIRECTORS - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY

Ms. McRoy stated to Lynn Johnson regarding the story in the newspaper
about the illegal BMX Tracks are they going to go in and take them out. Also is
there anyway they can make one legal on the south side, so they wouldn’t have to
be making these illegal ones. Lynn Johnson stated they do go in and try to clear
them regularly because it’s a liability and as you read in the story the kid has
broken his collar bone multiple times. So, yes the story will probably anticipate
one more time going in and clearing it out. Mr. Johnson indicated from time to
time they’ve talked about trying to identify a site for a formal BMX track, but
that’s not going to satisfy all the kids because they can’t modify it the way they’re
probably wanting to and after the story they need to start looking again to see if
they can find something. They are doing another BMX track in Mahoney Park, so
now there will be one in northeast Lincoln and they just need to start looking for a
location in southwest. Ms. McRoy stated she knows the one out by Charleston is
more of a formal track used for regional racing, but she was thinking if they built
one that had all the things they want that wouldn’t be used for more formal events.
Mr. Johnson commented that’s a great idea and essentially that’s what they’re
doing in Mahoney Park. Eventually the one in Mahoney Park will probably
become the whole facility and the one by Oak Lake Park at that point will be more
of the practice facility. But such a given area of dirt that define the needs of
bicycle standards in terms of ramps and to make it as safe as possible. Ms. McRoy
commented so are they liable if someone breaks their neck out there. Mr. Johnson
said if they know about it, they’re liable. If the kids get in there and create a site
that they don’t know about, he thinks their liability is less at that point, but when they know it exists and it’s a hazardous situation that’s the concern. Mr. Camp asked if he knew about it before hand. Mr. Johnson said that Terry Genrich apparently had talked to them, he was not aware of it, but it’s an issue that comes up every year, but it hasn’t gotten that kind of publicity before. Mr. Camp commented how can they miss it, if they move all tones of dirt. Mr. Johnson indicated some of the areas where they work in particularly in the floodplain, it’s not an area they do regular maintenance and that’s part of the areas they’re looking for. Mr. Camp commented is it damaging to Wilderness Park. Mr. Johnson said it depends on exactly where it’s at, it can be, if they’re in an area where they’re changing the drainage patterns it can cause some erosion. It can also effect certain areas out there where the vegetation is more important than others where it’s more sensitive. Mr. Camp commented to Dana Roper could they put signs up which say enter at your own risk and anything you do your totally at your own risk, kids will be kids, you can’t protect them from everything in this world. Police Chief Casady said signs won’t stop them, they’ve been through this before. They tried to keep kids out of Tierra Park back in the late ‘70's’ early ‘80's' and it’s just an impossible task to do.

TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP

Mr. Camp stated to Fire Chief Spadt that he received a letter and pictures from a woman talking about fire hydrants and the sidewalk on North 13th Street and asked him if he received it with the pictures. Chief Spadt stated he thinks it was addressed to the Mayor, they had a portion of it and responded to the Mayor’s Office with how they access information. Mr. Camp noted that he thinks his colleagues also got copies of the letter. Council replied ‘no’, they didn’t. Mr. Camp commented so how did he get one from the Mayor. Mr. Svoboda commented as Chair.

Mr. Camp stated Dana [Roper] there’s that article again on the minor traffic regarding misdemeanors vs. other charges. He’s talked to John McQuinn about it and Patte [Newman] had a Request For Information (RFI) on it. Ms. Newman stated she sent it out today. Mr. Camp said he would be glad to sponsor whatever they can even if it takes a year to clean up some things, so they don’t create job application problems for people. This woman had called him some time ago, but never got a letter to him and asked Mr. Roper if they can fit this into his or John McQuinn’s schedule. Mr. Roper said they’re working on it.
GLENN FRIENDT

Mr. Friendt asked Mayor Seng if they’re invited to participate in the 5:00 p.m. proclamation? Mayor Seng said as far as she knows anybody can.

Mr. Friendt asked Dana Roper if they responded to Mr. [inaudible] about whether those citizen comments collected as part of public process are public record or not. Mr. Roper said as far as he knows those are available to them, it hadn’t been compiled yet when he was asking for them. But as far as were all concerned he’s more than welcome to have a copy at 10¢ a page. Allan Abbott commented he has them. Mr. Friendt replied okay.

JONATHAN COOK - NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN

Ms. Newman stated that she would like to speak with Allan Abbott after the Directors’ Meeting today.

Mr. Camp adjourned the meeting at this time. - [Approximately at 11:48 a.m.]

ADDENDUM - (For May 17th)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Record-breaking Joan Kroc Donation to Salvation Army Could Mean New Community Center for Lincoln. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS

JONATHAN COOK

1. E-Mail from Jerald & Carolynn Varner to Jonathan Cook - RE: Zoning Exception for Property Facing South Street. — NO COMMENTS
B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Robert Hoppe - RE: R-2 Zoning Change - Irvingdale & Country Club areas. — NO COMMENTS

2. Letter from Everett & Virginia Owens - RE: Paving District: North 36th Street, Vine to “W” Street - Assessment Area: Pecks Grove Park Block 7 Lot 1. — NO COMMENTS

3. E-Mail from Larry K. Zink, Immediate Past President, University Place Community Organization - RE: Change of Zone 04026. — NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail from Jerald & Carolynn Varner - RE: South Street Re-Zoning. — NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:48 a.m.