I. MAYOR

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City’s Snow Removal Fund At $3.36 Million - (See Release)

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*3. Response E-Mail from Mayor Coleen Seng to Paul R. Haith - RE: Fire Truck bids - (See E-Mail)

*4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of the Star City Holiday Festival will discuss this year’s December 4th parade at a news conference at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 18th at the parade’s float factory - (See Advisory)

II. DIRECTORS

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 November 1 thru November 12, 2004.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

*1. Letter from Bonny Downing, CFAI, Program Coordinator to Fire Chief Mike Spadt-(faxed to Council Office by Fire Chief Spadt)- RE: Statement of Findings completed on your Annual Compliance Report - (See Letter)

HEALTH

*1. Health Department Report - October, 2004 - (See Report)
*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Flu Shots Available to High Risk Individuals - (See Release)

PLANNING

*1. Letter from Tom Cajka to Brian D. Carstens, Brian D. Carstens & Associates - RE: Plosky Valley 2nd Addition Final Plat #04105-Generally located at the southwest corner of N. 14th St. & Morton St. - (See Letter)

*2. Letter from Becky Horner to Lyle Loth - RE: Hartland’s Cardinal Heights 7th Addition Final Plat #04086-Generally located at NW 56th and W. Thatcher Lane - (See Letter)

*3. Letter from Becky Horner to Jason Theillen, EDC - RE: North Creek Business Park 1st Addition Final Plat #04083 - Generally located at 20th and Fletcher Avenue - (See Letter)

*4. Letter from Jean Walker to Interested Parties: - RE: Change of Zone No. 04068 and Special Permit No. 04057 (Text Amendment and Motocross-201 W. South Street) - (See Letter)

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION ..... 

*1. Waiver No. 04013 (S. 70th St. & Sterling Place) Resolution No. PC-00893.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

*1. Material from Kris Humphrey - RE: Harris Overpass AG notice to mayor and Council - FYI (See Material)

*2. Memo & Material from Steve Masters - RE: Wastewater Capital Improvements Program - (See Material)

STARTRAN

*1. Memo from Larry Worth - RE: Low-Income Passport Program-October, 2004 Report - (See Memo)

III. CITY CLERK
IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK


GLENN FRIENDT


ANNETTE McROY

PATTE NEWMAN

1. Request to Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development; Don Herz and Steve Hubka, Finance; Allan Abbott and W. Telen, Public Works; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Marvin Krout, Planning - RE: Antelope Valley Project, Tax Increment Financing (in relationship to non-profit organizations and the current Michigan and Connecticut court cases on eminent domain and their effects on T.I.F funding here) and Consultants and Consulting fee funding. (RFI #27 - 10-01-04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM MARVIN KROUT, PLANNING DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#27-10/06/04. – 2.) SEE RESPONSE FROM JOEL PEDERSEN, CITY LAW DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#27 - 10/18/04.

TERRY WERNER

1. Request to Dana Roper, City Attorney - RE: Butchering Animals (RFI#138-11/01/04). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM TONYA SKINNER, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY & CASEY ANDERSEN, LAW CLERK RECEIVED ON RFI#138-11/10/04.

B. COUNCIL COMMENTS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Doc Mullet - RE: Vote NO on the Motocross race track - (See E-Mail)

*2. E-Mail from George & Irene Alexander - RE: Opposed to the proposed motocross track - (See E-Mail)

*3. E-Mail from Jeanette Nakada - RE: Will Motocross contribute to the community? - (See E-Mail)

*4. E-Mail from David Spinar - RE: Say “NO” to motorcycle race track development - (See E-Mail)

*5. E-Mail from Jason Smith - RE: Use Permit 04005-NW 1st & Barons Road - (See E-Mail)
*6. E-Mail from Steve Guittar - RE: Smoking Ban - (See E-Mail)

*7. Letter from Donald Deal - RE: Smoking Ban - (See Letter)

*8. Letter from Ron Davis - RE: StarTran-Potential Future Litigation - (See Letter)

*9. E-Mail from Mark Hunzeker - RE: Lattimer’s Addition - #23 on 11/15/04 Agenda (Council received their copies of this E-Mail on 11/15/04) (See E-Mail)

*10. E-Mail from Sara Friedman - RE: motocross track - (See E-Mail)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER UNTIL DECEMBER 6, 2004.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 10, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Allan Abbott, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7566
Roger Figard, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7567

CITY’S SNOW REMOVAL FUND AT $3.36 MILLION

City Public Works and Utilities Director Allan Abbott said Lincoln begins the winter season with a snow removal fund of $3.36 million. This fund includes $2.71 million in this year’s budget plus a carry-over of about $646,000 from previous years. Last winter, the City had $3.6 million available and spent about $3 million for snow removal and materials necessary for winter treatment of streets. Abbott said that one day of snow removal operations costs about $100,000.

Officials remind residents that the City can issue two types of snow removal parking bans. A snow emergency means that parking is banned on emergency snow routes, arterial streets and City bus routes. A residential parking ban is a TOTAL ban EXCEPT in high-density residential areas. In those areas, the parking ban will start on the even (north and east) side of the street and will then switch to the odd side. Parking is not allowed on the banned side until the street has been cleared TO THE CURB. The news media will carry announcements when parking bans occur and are rescinded.

“We ask the public to use good judgement when parking on snowy streets,” Abbott said. “We encourage drivers not to park on the street during snow removal operations even when no bans are in effect. This helps the whole community by allowing us to plow more quickly and efficiently.”

During storms, information on snow operations will be available from local media, City cable channels 5 and 10, the City Web site (lincoln.ne.gov) and pages 38 and 39 in the blue pages of the Alltel phone directory.

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TO: Editors, News Directors
FROM: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center
DATE: November 10, 2004
RE: Snow operation reports

Thank you in advance for helping us relay the latest information on City snow operations to the public. The City's goal is to keep the streets cleared and safe. Residents are discouraged from parking on the street during any snow storm, and your assistance in getting this word out is greatly appreciated. This memo clarifies a few points regarding City snow operations so that you can help us provide the most accurate information possible. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE COPIES OF THIS MEMO FOR YOUR ENTIRE STAFF. The City Web site (lincoln.ne.gov) and pages 38 and 39 in the Alltel phone book blue pages are also good references.

The Mayor can declare two types of parking bans:

* SNOW EMERGENCY: Parking is banned on emergency snow routes, arterial streets and City bus routes. These are identified on pages 38 and 39 of the Alltel phone book blue pages.

* RESIDENTIAL PARKING BAN: This is a TOTAL parking ban EXCEPT in high-density residential areas. In those areas, the parking ban will start on the even (north and east) side of the street and will then switch to the odd side. Parking is not allowed on the banned side until the snow has been cleared TO THE CURB. The City will announce when the ban changes to the opposite side of the street.

The Citizen Information Center (CIC) will issue regular reports at 6 a.m., 11 a.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and at other times as needed. We will also issue immediate reports when parking bans are declared or rescinded. **Check the time and date on these reports to make sure you have the latest information.**

CIC should be your first contact for snow reports. CIC has three people who handle snow information in shifts -- phone numbers and a schedule are listed below. We realize there are times when you need to contact the Snow Center directly at 441-7644.

Because weather conditions can change rapidly, please be cautious when using interviews that are more than a few hours old -- they may no longer be accurate.

**PHONE NUMBERS AND CIC SNOW SCHEDULE:**

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(Shifts begin at 8 a.m. the first day of the shift)

November 8 - 29: Dave
November 29 - December 13: Diane
December 13 - 27: Beau
December 27 - January 17: Diane
January 17 - 31: Beau

January 31 - February 14: Dave
February 14 - March 7: Beau
March 7 - 21: Dave
March 21 - April 4: Diane
Statement of Mayor Coleen J. Seng
Decision on the November 4, 2004 Recommendation
of the Procurement Appeals Board on the Pumper Fire Truck Bid
November 15, 2004

Today, I have directed the Finance Department to begin a new bidding process for purchasing replacement pumper fire trucks.

The pumper fire truck bid specifications are to be reviewed to eliminate multiple city contacts which caused the confusion and facilitated the lack of communication. Also, the specs should be further reviewed to make them as generic as possible by eliminating references to brands and other descriptions which may appear to be proprietary or restrictive. Since the basic specifications will remain the same, the bid period should be shorter. This also will prevent the City from further delay in the critical need to replace the aging fire trucks.

The pumper fire trucks have been needed for more than a year. The six or seven pumper fire trucks being replaced are 10 to 20 years old and are living on borrowed time. There is a risk if a pumper fire truck has a catastrophic breakdown happen during an emergency.

A different purchasing agent will be assigned to conduct the rebid. This will allow for a fresh perspective on the rebid. There is to be no contact between the future bidders or their attorneys and/or representatives with any one except the Finance Director and/or the purchasing agent to be assigned to conduct the rebid.

At the same time, I have directed the Law Department and Finance Department to design a new and better appeal process. The current appeal process was created in 1993. The City Law Department has identified a number of deficiencies in the current appeal process that need to be clarified and improved. These improvements to the appeals process include clarifying when an appeal can be filed, how many appeals a vendor can submit, whether an appeal decision can be appealed and when the appeal period ends.

The improvements to the procurement process appeals need to be to me by December 31, 2004 and ready for introduction to City Council in January 2005.

I am particularly troubled by how some have tried to change the pumper fire truck appeal process from a purchasing decision to a referendum on efficiency of the Fire Department. This is about a purchasing decision. All those involved acted within their appropriate authorities. But it is apparent that the bid process and the specifications created ambiguity in this case. Purchasing specifications and the appeals procurement process need to be clear.

My other observation is that while I am constantly barrantaged about how everyone should "buy" Lincoln, in this case, a hometown business has had no support from the local business community. I hear weekly about the importance of using local business to acquire services and products ranging from printing to concrete, but in this case no one has mentioned the importance of buying locally. Instead, some have attempted to use this fire truck appeal to cast doubt on the efficiency of the firefighters and Department as though the city was once again determining emergency ambulance service. The emergency ambulance selection is over, was over and life needs to move on. While the City will follow the City Charter requirements, I will always believe that local business needs our support.
November 15, 2004

Paul R. Haith
phaith@alltel.net
2010 S0. 80th St.
Lincoln, NE 68506

Dear Mr. Haith:

I received your November 8, 2004 email to the newspaper commenting on the appeals board recommendation on the bid of the pumper fire trucks. Earlier today I announced my decision that there will be a rebid for the pumper fire trucks. My full statement is available at the city web site under the Mayor's Office media releases at "http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2004/111504.htm".

Sincerely,
Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln

LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mayor Seng must accept the Procurement Appeals Board recommendation to re-bid the fire truck procurement contract. Failure to do so further exemplifies the mistrust the taxpayers have in their City administration. When the City Purchasing Agent, Vince Mejer, stuck his neck out to question the bid process, it is indicative that something was very wrong. Mr. Mejer should be commended for stepping forward in revealing the flawed bidding process. The re-bid process is going to cost the tax payers substantially and the person (s) who were responsible for flawing the bid process should be held accountable. It is the responsibility of the Mayor and her staff to provide good stuartship of the tax payers dollars and this process is indicative that they are not. From a tax payers point of view and a budget process, it would make much more sense to purchase one or two fire trucks per year rather than all six at once. Also, if the fire trucks were used solely for their intended use, rather than for trips to grocery stores,
there useful life would be longer. Chief Spadt's comment regarding the fire trucks being "Bandaged together" is a slap in the face to the fire departments maintenance personnel. I think it is time for an outside consultant (non-fire related) to do a through evaluation of the overall operation and duties of the fire department to include ideal placement of fire station that will meet the public safety needs of the City.

Paul R. Haith
2010 S0. 80th St.
Lincoln, NE 68506
Home 402-489-0093
Office 402-489-2344
Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of the Star City Holiday Festival will discuss this year’s December 4th parade at a news conference at 10 a.m. **Thursday, November 18** at the parade’s **float factory**. *(A map is attached. Please follow the gravel road around the facility, and use the east doors. The float factory is in Waverly, but we ask that the location be kept confidential for security reasons.)*

Updowntowners, Inc. produces the festival and parade, and First National Bank is the presenting sponsor.
Updowntowners Float Factory
9920 North 134th Street
Waverly, Nebraska

Highway 6

Interstate Interchange

134th Street

Capitol Tower

Capitol Tower Sign

Owner's Business
LeRoy Irons

Overpass

If raining or wet park on rocked areas to east and west of building

Float Factory

Waverly

Amberly Road

Waverly High School

Map definitely not to scale

November 4, 2004
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
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
TREASURER OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
INVESTMENTS PURCHASED
NOVEMBER 1 THRU NOVEMBER 12, 2004

November 1, 2004, we cashed a $250,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested in a $100,000 Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank.

November 2, 2004, we cashed a $413,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested $330,000 as follows:

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A $3,000,000 investment matured November 3, 2004, and we immediately cashed and invested $3,241,000 in the Short Term Pool as follows:

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November 5, 2004, we cashed a $1,519,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested in a $275,000 Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank.

November 8, 2004, we cashed a $524,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested in a $175,000 Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank.

An investment of $2,500,000 matured November 10, 2004, and we immediately cashed along with a $225,000 Repurchase Agreement. We then reinvested $3,054,000 as follows in the Short Term Pool:
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We cashed a total of $3,716,000 out of the Short Term Pool November 12, 2004. We then reinvested $3,040,000 as follows:

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We respectfully request approval of our actions.

Don Herz, Finance Director

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
Fax

To: Tommy Grammer
Organization: City Council Office
Fax: 1-6533
Phone: 

From: Fire Chief Mike Spadt
Date: 

Subject: 

Number of Pages: 

Remarks: □ Confidential □ Urgent □ For Your Review □ Reply ASAP □ Please Comment

Comments:

Tommy, would you please this letter in the Council packet.

Thank you,

Mike

From the desk of...Fire Chief Mike Spadt - Lincoln Fire & Rescue 402-441-8350
November 5, 2004

Lincoln Fire and Rescue  
Fire Chief Michael Spadt  
1801 "Q" Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Fire Chief Spadt,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Commission voted on November 1, 2004, to approve the Statement of Findings completed on your Annual Compliance Report. Your strong leadership and the sense of direction that you provide contribute to the continued professional development of your organization.

Remember that I am always available to help facilitate your efforts in any way possible.

Sincerely,

Bonny Downing  
CFAI, Program Coordinator

The mission of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International is to assist the fire and emergency service agencies throughout the world in achieving excellence through self assessment and accreditation in order to provide continuous quality improvement and enhancement of service delivery in their communities.
HEALTH DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Health Director, Animal Control Manager, Mayoral Aide Corrie Kielty, Assistant City Attorney Tonya Skinner, Capital Humane Society Director Bob Downey and Board members, and City Councilmen Terry Werner and Ken Svoboda met to discuss the stalemate in negotiations for kennel services for the Department. To date, no agreement has been reached.

The Health Director attended the following during the month: Public Health Association of Nebraska Board of Directors Meeting, Lincoln Public Schools Medical Advisory Committee Meeting, Lancaster County Management Team Retreat, Nebraska Environmental Health Association Annual Meeting and Conference, NACCHO Finance Committee Meeting via conference call, YWCA Tribute to Women Luncheon, Luncheon with Dr. Benjamin Georges, APHA President, and the Community Health Endowment Field Trip and Board of Trustees Meeting.

The Health Director and Communicable Disease staff continue to meeting with Lancaster County Medical Society representatives, state and local officials regarding the availability of flu vaccine and the vaccine shortage. An update will be provided at the November Board of Health meeting.

The Community Health Services Division Manager position was re-opened for an additional three weeks and advertised in neighboring state newspapers and the Public Health Employment Connection with Emory University. Bernice Afuh and Shirley Terry, Community Health Services Supervisors, continue to co-manage the Division until the new Manager is hired.

Department orientation was provided to three UNL graduate students. The students are pursuing degrees in health promotion, educational psychology and healthy behaviors.

The Employee Relations Committee hosted Staff Development Day for all Health Department employees on October 20, 2004.

Health Department employees participated in the City-County Employees Community Campaign for the United Way, CHAD and the Community Service Fund. Health Department employees met and exceeded their established goal for giving.

The Taekwondo Academy and the Department arranged for personal safety and self-defense seminars for employees who were interested in attending. Approximately 20 employees who work in the community, making home visits, doing inspections, participated in the seminars.
ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR

Work continues on the Department Annual Report due for release in January. A special section highlighting our public health response to the May 22\textsuperscript{nd} tornados will be included. There will be an emphasis on the four strategic goals that were identified by community stakeholders and the Board of Health. Program accomplishments and areas for development will be covered in this section of the Annual Report.

The Assistant Health Director has been working with the Human Services Federation and the Community Services Initiative to help link health and human services planning and funding. The UNL Public Policy Center will no longer be the contract entity for the JBC and United Way human services planning project (CSI). It is likely that the Human Services Federation will be seriously considered for the future oversight for the CSI Project. The CSI Project does include a Health/Medical Coalition. The Health Department and others in the community view Healthy People 2010 as the primary health plan for Lancaster County.

The Department has started working on a mid-decade review of the Healthy People 2010 health objectives. This will be done using our Strategic Plan as a framework for reporting progress with a particular emphasis on outcomes consistent with the four strategic goal priorities. The mid decade review is intended to provide the general public with a type of report card on the health status and challenges for Lincoln and Lancaster County.

The AHD lead the Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach strategic planning process at their September and October board meetings. Matt Talbot works closely with the Health Department through our Community Health Services and Health Promotion Divisions and the Mobile Health Clinic. The AHD was elected vice-president at the October meeting.

Dr. Rodrigo Cantarero and the AHD met to discuss how a new grant could enhance some community outreach and service with the Diabetes Project. The Diabetes Project is directed to a wide range of individuals in Lancaster County and fits the chronic disease strategic plan goals. The grant with UNL would further expand our community stakeholder relations and provide an opportunity to link academia and the applied work of public health.

Other miscellaneous project involvement:

- Flu vaccine assessment and response
- Serving on the Health partners Initiative Board and launching the Neighborhood Service Exchange Project.
Working with IS/Fiscal, HPO and Dental/Nutrition to complete divisional strategic plans
Helping with the recruitment of the CHS Division Manager
Providing input to the Department’s diversity plan, translation capacity/services.

RESOURCE AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Building Expansion

The Clark Enersen Partners (CE) continues to work on the construction documents for the building expansion. CE requested an extension of one week to finish the construction documents which will be submitted to the Public Building Commission on November 9, 2004.

Clark Enersen completed the final cost projections for the building project. The projections remain within the proposed budget.

County Commissioner Larry Hudkins negotiated with LES on behalf of the Health Department project to secure a rebate from LES for the proposed part of the geothermal system that will heat/cool the new building. The rebate requires the wells for the new building be dug by December. That portion of the well drilling will occur in November/December prior to the contract being bid to secure the $40,000 rebate.

LLCHD and CE will meet with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee on November 4, 2004 to discuss the proposed addition of 10 spaces to the new East lot that would be shared spaces with Parks and Recreation.

LLCHD, Don Killeen, and CE will meet with Rich Meginnis regarding updates on the project for LIBA.

Staff removed existing flower plantings and sold them to staff with proceeds to be used toward new plant materials in the future. Over $400 was raised with the sale.

CE is working with staff groups to address needs for centralized registration, media room, patient/staff notification, and technology needs.

Resource/Community Activities

Facilitated the first Community Diabetes Project Funding/Resource Committee meeting on October 22, 2004. This Committee will work to find and secure resources for the Community Diabetes Project activities. The next meeting of the group will be on November 18, 2004.
Working with Brett Larson of Pfizer to potentially assist with funding for the Respite Provider Training for 2005. An initial request for consideration was approved and a proposal will be submitted for further consideration.

Working with HHS and ACS on possible legislation for this coming session on tobacco cessation with a focus on assisting pregnant women.

ANIMAL CONTROL

In FY 2004, Animal Control Officers responded to 23,475 requests for services (requiring 25,961 visits or investigations) which included; 560 bites and 154 attack investigations, 1,342 injured animal rescues, 885 cruelty/neglect investigations, 2,429 dead animal pickups, 300 home deliveries of at large animals, 680 wildlife removals, and 5,672 license/rabies vaccination follow ups.

A total of 4,539 animals (2,401 dogs and 1,933 cats) were impounded in FY 2004. Over 145,000 miles were driven by Officers in responding to calls this past fiscal year.

Additionally, 50,523 licenses were sold or issued, 2,053 lost and found reports were taken, and 50,889 phone calls for service, animal complaints, or information were handled or processed. Legal action taken by Officers in FY 03-04 was the issuance of 1,226 court citations and 5,811 warning/defect tickets.

An adult porcupine was found by residents of Air Park (52nd and West Redberry) and Animal Control Officer Kurt Dodd, Cheryl Bomberger, and Melissa Brown responded. The animal was tranquilized and removed from the location. It later died of unknown causes.

Storm Stories, a feature television production of the Weather Channel, spent part of 3 days filming and interviewing several field staff members regarding Animal Control's response to the Hallam tornado. The show uses a blend of narratives, simulated background scenes, and live action shots at the location.

Animal Control Officer Melissa Brown responded to a call for assistance from a children's bus driver. The driver indicated a large Boa was loose in the front yard of a residence and could not let the child off the bus due to safety concerns. Upon arrival at 1st and Irving, the snake, a 6-7' Bull snake, was picked up by a neighbor and dragged to the wooded area of the neighborhood. No sign of the snake was found by the Officer.

Hayley Morinelli, Animal Control second shift dispatcher, was named Employee of the Month for November. She is very positive and helpful with citizens.
As of October 9, 2004, 61 of the 145 cats impounded from 4120 Linden were adopted through the Capital Humane Society, the Cat House took 43 (32 were still available for adoption, 9 were given to veterinarian (All Feline) for adoption, and two died). The rest were either still awaiting adoption or had been euthanized due to their illness or aggressiveness.

Trent Smith was hired to fill an Animal Control Officer I vacancy. His first day of employment was October 28, 2004.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

ACCESS MEDICAID

Population Focused Projects and Activities:

The call abandonment rate this month was 13%, at the same as last month. Call volume as compared with last month at 1,743 was stable.

The number of program eligibles as of September 1, 2004, was 17,932, which is a decrease of 168 clients.

There were 40 clients who accessed Nebraska Health Connection/Kids Connection services in the office, which is a slight increase as compared to August 2004.

The Client Resource Specialist (CRS) completed 34 homes visits in an effort to reach 51 clients. He was successful in interacting with 21 clients for the month of September.

Community Linkages:

Access Medicaid provided outreach at several locations throughout the month of September. Since school is again in session, the health fair season has slowed down significantly. Community activities and events gave the CRS an opportunity to provide formal presentations and answer questions related to managed care in both formal and informal presentation formats. These activities afforded Access Medicaid to interact with approximately 614 clients and 31 staff members from a variety of agencies including Lincoln High School, Peoples Health Center, Lincoln North Star High School, Tri-Con Health Fair, Optimist Fun Day, Lakeview Parent Teacher Conference, Elliott Parent Teacher Conference.

The CRS was able to do several presentations at area high schools as a part of their teen parenting classes. A Public Health Nurse attended these sessions with the CRS when staffing allowed. These presentations were extremely well received, and we plan to continue to foster these relationships.
New Opportunities:

Several staff attended the annual Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN) Conference in Grand Island, Nebraska.

All staff continue to be involved in the strategic planning work groups for the CHS Division.

Staff completed the population public health training with group exercises.

The Program Manager continues to be involved in the Early Intervention Team meetings.

The Program Manager, along with other CHS supervisory staff, assisted with the Community Health Services Division Manager interviews.

Data Collection:

Numbers were essentially unchanged between August and September, 2004.

17,932 total clients were eligible for Medicaid Managed Care with 17,127 active with a PCP and health plan.

878 new clients were eligible for Medicaid Managed Care in Lancaster County.

713 clients voluntarily enrolled with a doctor (PCP) and health plan via face to face or telephone contact.

94 clients were auto assigned reflecting an 11% auto assignment rate.

There were 1,743 incoming calls in September reflecting an 2.5% decrease in call volume. Staff answered 1,405 calls.

Program Highlights:

There was a provider training conference call that took place this month. This is the first time we used a conference call format. There was positive feedback from participants and we plan to continue to utilize this method of training.

Program Summary:

Systems Specialist II position (.5) open. Face to face interviews were completed with no candidate chosen. Second list requested from the Personnel Department.
PHN I position (full-time) interviews conducted for two PHN positions with offers extended to two candidates. One accepted and will start on October 25, 2004; the other declined and the position will be re-opened.

HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Two graduate nursing students will be working with Public Health Nurses (PHNs) in Census Tract 4 to create a comprehensive assessment tool for that population. The tool will help PHN and LLCHD identify resources still needed in the area and expand on existing ones. It will be a wonderful use of time to facilitate access to care. The tool will then be easily adaptable to other areas.

Staff continue to meet monthly with Dr. Milius, Gibbens, Hattan, Friesen, and Martin's office to coordinate care for mutual clients. High risk medical or social needs are discussed and relayed to the PHN. Appropriate permission has been obtained before this can happen. Nineteen mutual clients were discussed in September.

Community Health Services completed a Tools for Schools grant this month. All Lancaster County School Nurses were invited to an inservice and given a free Tools for Schools Kit to learn about the Tools for Schools Program. Over 100 nurses attended this conference and evaluations were excellent. Five Lancaster County Schools completed the Tools for Schools Project with individual LLCHD consultation through this grant and LPS began implementation on a District Level. Asthma triggers were identified and corrections made in all participating schools.

Community Health Services completed an Asthma Home Visitation Grant from Lincoln's Asthma Initiative this month. Twenty pregnant women participated in the EMMA Project and received a PHN visit to assess and educate on asthma triggers in the home. Through the EMMA Project, four OB/GYN offices have had consultation with Community Health Services about the impact of women with asthma who are pregnant and expressed interest working with the PHNs providing asthma assessments to their clients through the EMMA Project.

In September 2004, Public Health Nurses (PHNs) had a total caseload of 430 families. Of these, 42 families were followed by student nurses and 65 families needed interpretation in order to receive PHN services. There were a total of 157 referrals received, of which 128 were new. Fifty-six new records were opened to service and another 61 families were assessed by nurses for possible entry into home visitation. Beginning this Fiscal Year, nurses have seen 544 unduplicated families.

New Opportunities:
CHS Staff Development in September was a presentation by a panel of four community experts in the area of Grief Counseling. Twenty-two staff attended, including nurses from other divisions, and response was quite favorable.

**Red Dress Campaign:**

CHS staff are collaborating with HPO and HHSS staff to launch a women's cardiovascular health campaign in Census Tract 20 beginning in September, 2004. The students will work with the CLC at Everett School to identify an at risk population. National data reflects a high incidence of cardiovascular disease in the Hispanic population and our GIS maps indicate Census Tract 20 has a large number of Hispanic families. Everett School in Census Tract 20 has a very diverse school population. Currently, the Coordinator of the Everett CLC is eager for programs and would be a great resource to facilitate such a project. The Red Dress Theme being considered would have the student nurses identifying the interested population and facilitating a fashion show of red. While creating the fashion show, many educational pieces about cardiovascular health would be shared. HPO has a $4,500 grant from the State Cardiovascular Program to help facilitate this opportunity.

**School Nursing Inservice:**

Plans have been finalized for a fall School Nursing Inservice which will provide information on nutrition. As determined by last year’s school nurse needs survey, nutrition was one of the topics most requested. We scheduled the County Extension Office for October 15, 2004. Alice Henneman from the County Extension Office and Edith Zumwalt from LPS Food Services volunteered to present nutrition information of interest to school nurses. Dr. Walt Duffy agreed to be the keynote speaker talking on Medication Management of Children with Eating Disorders.

**PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC**

**Population Focused Projects and Activities:**

Total numbers of calls to Information and Referral Services

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Calls to the Information and Referral Service reflect a 14% increase when compared with the same time period last year.

2,894 individuals were served in the Public Health Clinic this month.

168 individuals were served in the Primary Care Clinic (PCC).

12 women were served in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program.

7 individuals with diabetes were given glucose machines and educated on their use.

947 individuals called related to Medicaid Access Coordination.

108 families were assisted in establishing a medical home.

104 pregnant women were served through the Presumptive Eligibility Program.

938 rides were approved for transportation.

68 individuals had 109 prescriptions filled through the Grapevine Project.

**Community Linkages:**

Volunteer physicians provided 40 hours of service to clients seen through the Primary Care Clinic.
Public Health Nurse (PHN) serves on ERC and attends monthly meetings. Staff has been actively involved in the planning of the Department’s Annual Staff Development meeting.

PHN interacted with expectant mothers via the tracking and assessment component of the Maternal Child Health program. Twenty one contacts were made this month.

PHN participated in the Lincoln Public School Lincoln Early Childhood Planning Region Team meeting.

PHN attended the Department’s monthly QI Council.

PHN provided dental follow up to 34 clients.

PHNs attended the Division’s Strategic Planning sessions.

PHNs continue to meet to develop policies and procedures for the General Assistance (GA) program.

Staff met with GA caseworkers and Lancaster County Medical Society regarding the GA program.

PHN participated in the Neighborhood Service Exchange Project which is a project that has been developed and offered to two neighborhoods in Lincoln. It is a service exchange program that links neighbor-to-neighbor for volunteer help with occasional tasks and errands.

PHN participated in a State Maternal Child Health meeting.

PHNs participated in Population focus meeting.

PHN continues to meet regularly with staff to work on program accountability.

New Opportunities:

PHN’s attended a two day Hepatitis C Support Project Train the Trainer workshop.

Highlight:

An eighteen year old pregnant client who had been seen in the clinic in July presented in walk-in clinic requesting to talk to the Public Health Nurse. Client was distraught and near tears. Her fiancé had physically abused her and they were no longer together. Her electricity was shut off, the only food she had was eggs and milk (WIC foods) and she
was going to be evicted. The young lady had been to NHHSS earlier to try to get help and was turned away because she didn't know what she needed. The PHN gave her the emergency food pamphlet and instructed on additional available resources to eat and obtain food. Client was referred to the Lincoln Housing Authority for emergency housing needs. PHN listed on paper the things the client needed to ask for at NHHSS so she could be helped (emergency food stamps, energy assistance, etc). Discussion regarding client's prenatal care indicated that she was seeing a physician at LMEP. The PHN notified the physician's office regarding the current situation. The PHN also made a referral for home visitation, education and support by a PHN.

DENTAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES

Direct dental care was provided for 409 patients for 623 client visits during the month of September 2004.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

Screening/Treatment/Referral Services

31 clients were screened and referred after the initial screening for treatment services: 12 clients were screened on the MHC and 19 client were screened through the LLCHD Dental Clinic; 10 clients were referred to the UNMC College of Dentistry for grant funded services; 21 clients were referred to the LLCHD Dental Clinic.

School-based dental screening provided for 86 children at Sacred Heart School.

Mobile Health Clinic Site visits/services:

Total contacts for September 2004- 110 clients/ 11 site visits

Dental Services:

Total Mobile Health Clinic Contacts for September - 17 clients/4 site visits

Screened 2 clients at Northeast Family Resource Center (1 site visit).

Screened 2 clients at Lincoln Action Program and provided 2 consultations (1 site visit).

Screened 8 clients at Matt Talbot Kitchen and provided 1 consultation (2 site visits).

Nursing Services:
Total Mobile Health Clinic Contacts for September - 13 clients/2 site visits
Gathering Place - 13 clients (2 site visits). Four clients had abnormal screening results and two clients had borderline blood pressures. Two clients were referred: 1 to People’s Health Center and 1 to LLCHD.

Speciality clinics:

Total MHC Contacts for September: 80 clients/5 site visits.

F Street Community Center: Diabetic Risk Assessments - 12 clients (11 clients had abnormal results or elevated risk factors).

Coddington Market: Adult Screenings - 6 clients (5 clients with abnormal results or elevated risk factors).

WalMart: Diabetic Risk Assessments - 7 clients (6 clients with abnormal results or elevated risk factors).

National Pharmacy: Adult Screenings - 9 clients (8 clients with abnormal results or elevated risk factors).

Lincoln Electric System: Skin Cancer Screenings - 46 clients screened.

ORAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

Total Audience Reached: 269

One presentation for 22 6th students at Lefler Middle School.

One presentation for 28 clients at Lincoln Action Program for Basic Skills Class.

One presentation for 16 children at Pershing Elementary School.

Oral Health Education and information provided to 150 employees and participants during Tri Con Health Fair.

Oral health education and risk assessment contacts during MHC site visits for Women’s Health Issues and Diabetes Assessment Clinics: 4 site visits/53 clients; Diabetes Risk Assessments at F Street Community - 11 clients; Diabetes Risk Assessments at WalMart - 16 clients; Adult Health at National Pharmacy - 12 clients; and Adult Health Issues at Coddington Market - 14 clients.

WIC PROGRAM SERVICES
WIC staff served 3,230 clients for the month of September (highest monthly caseload).
Certified 81 presumptive eligibilities (pregnant women) during September.
238 new clients were enrolled in the WIC program during September.

MISCELLANEOUS

Five dental hygiene students and one dental student from the UNMC College of Dentistry rotated through the Dental Clinic.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

Staff conducted 20 land-use reviews and submitted comments to the Planning Department.

Technical assistance on indoor air quality was provided to 330 individuals via phone and 26 information packets were mailed. 18 cases were investigated.

Staff assisted in emission testing of Lincoln Public School buses. The school bus emission testing of diesel particulate exposure to children riding the school bus is part of a project funded by EPA Region VII in conjunction with LPS and LLCHD. The buses will be retrofitted with a special catalyst to reduce diesel particulate exposure to the children who ride on the bus therefore reducing their risk for future health problems.

Nine (9) residential indoor air quality cases were investigated of which 5 were joint investigations with Building and Safety. Five business cases investigated involving odors and concerns about mold in the workplace. Two large apartment complexes were on the followup list including the Highpointe Apartment where replacement of 40-50 furnaces is progressing and cleanup of the water damaged HVAC rooms are on schedule for completion by the end of October.

An Acid Rain Permit renewal was issued to LES for Rokeby 2 and Rokeby 3 combustion turbines. The permit is effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009.

Source inspections were conducted at Carol Corp Aviation, NPPD Sheldon Station, Concrete Industries, Reimers Kaufman, LES Rokeby Station (Unit II only), Duncan Aviation, ADM, Lincoln Plating Garfield Facility, Williamson Body Shop, Yankee Hill Brick, Four Seasons.
716 hours of Carbon Monoxide (CO) sampling and 716 hours of Ozone sampling were conducted. 15 PM2.5 samples were taken. All were within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

**CHILDREN S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Staff reviewed a total of 6 plans for child care centers, included a proposed childcare located adjacent to I-3 zone. LLCHD continues to make recommendations for providing adequate distance between industrially zones areas and child cares, assisted living facilities, schools, and residential areas.

Staff are working with the City Attorney s Office to update Lincoln Municipal Code 8.12 (Child Care Facilities) to assure protection of children in Small Family Child Care Homes. This will be coming to the Board of Health in the near future.

17 applications and/or renewals were received for the city permit. 204 police reports were reviewed for home child care providers and family members.

126 parents called in for referrals with 171 children needing placement in a child care facility.

Case studies in Children s Environmental Health had 181 web hits, the Home Hazard Checklist has 50 and news releases on Diazinon and Dursban had 60. There were 1122 hits for child care searches.

23 child care professionals attended the Discover Buried Treasure with Health & Safety Policies training. The evaluations on this training resulted in a rating of a 4.9 on a scale from 1-5.

100 children in 2 child care centers and 1 home child care were provided a lesson on hand washing and nutrition by student nurses.

Child care health consultations were provided to: Merry Manor, LaPetite Academy; Agape, Westminster Preschool, Williamsburg Child Development Center, Coddington, University Child Care, Southeast Community College; Highlands Academy, and Kids First Child Care. Each facility is working on specific issues ranging from illness exclusion to cleaning protocols to proper diapering to transportation safety.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Staff responded to incidents including a Waverly diesel spill (9/1), a suspicious package containing Valium from Romania (9/25), a fire at Novartis (9/25), and a meth lab (9/26).
FOOD PROGRAM

A Level II Food-handler class was held for 11 special needs students from LPS. All students were able to successfully complete the test and receive their food-handler permit.

Staff continued to participate on the HHSS Task Force to develop Body Art regulations at the State Level. Many of the regulations were based on the guidance provided by the Lincoln Municipal Code.

44 complaints on food establishments were received, with 9 reports of possible foodborne illnesses.

The Health Director held a hearing with owners of El Sitio Restaurant regarding chronic unsanitary conditions. A three day suspension was ordered. The restaurant was subsequently sold. The new establishment will be required to be in compliance with current food code before it is allowed to re-open.

Environmental Health Specialists Hurst and Bui responded to a complaint regarding cockroaches at the Health Connection office. An inspection of the office led to an inspection of the neighbor, the China Inn. This licensed facility was heavily infested with both German and Oriental Cockroaches. The facility permit was immediately suspended until corrective action to eliminate the infestation could be taken. The establishment contacted a new pest management operator, and after thorough cleaning and treatment, was allowed to re-open several days later.

There were 1201 food-handlers trained in good hygiene and sanitary practice.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Workplace Diversity Committee is preparing to implement recommendations/goals; mentoring, language translation, signage, staff resource guide, staff photo directory and training/orientation video.

The EPH Division’s educators worked with the City Recycling Coordinator on developing a recycling and environmental education insert that will be distributed with the Lincoln Journal Star to 10,000 Lincoln and Lancaster County residents. The group has met several times to put together a product that is informative, interesting, useful and fun for students.

Two HHW Collections were held in September. On Friday, September 10, a collection was held in Waverly with 52 participants turning in 3,494 lbs of household hazardous waste. On Saturday, September 11, a collection was held at the Health Department and 198 participated bringing 8,260 lbs of household hazardous waste.
The HHW Coordinator attended a meeting with Keep Nebraska Beautiful, NDEQ, and LLCHD staff to discuss the Household Hazardous Waste Leadership project, and finalize a grant application for a pilot program in the state. Kearney was chosen as the pilot grant request location.

Staff provided on-site technical assistance to Addax in getting their special waste permits completed. Followed through with alternative disposal options and was able to determine that synthetic coolant was okay for local disposal to Theresa Street and that their cutting oils pig mats could be permitted as a special waste and go to the landfill. These wastes were previously shipped as hazardous waste at a higher cost.

Sent out over 2300 mailers inviting small businesses to participate in a November CESQG (Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator) collection, a cost effective disposal option for their hazardous materials.

Provided interpretation of laboratory analysis results to Lincoln Fire and Rescue from samples collected from possibly contaminated wetsuits.

There were 95 solid waste nuisance complaints received for the month of September. The four year average is 98 complaints.

Two salvage operations received warnings for storing non-operational vehicles outside of their fenced yard and five vehicle and equipment repair shops received warnings for storing or selling non-operational vehicles without a salvage operation permit.

61 Special Waste Disposal Permits were issued, responded to approximately 26 waste disposal and Special Waste program-related telephone calls, added 2 new generators and 1 new facility to the database and inactivated 2 out-of-business generators from the database.

Staff participated in training by John McQuinn, City Presecutor, and the Lincoln Police Department on a pilot project involving working together to have citations issued for Health Code and Building and Safety Codes violations in certain situations.

**WATER QUALITY**

Staff gave a presentation at the Nebraska Mosquito and Vector Control Association Annual Meeting in North Platte, Nebraska. Cost Benefit of Ground ULV Applied Anvil 2+2 Against Culex tarsalis in Lincoln, NE reviewed the 2003 adult mosquito control effort.
Staff assisted UNL Entomologist to identify a Pyemotes mite commonly known as a Straw or Itch Mite, that was causing Lincoln residents to have mosquito-like lesions without knowing what bit them.

Staff commented on plans to rehabilitate storm water drainage at Larson Park. Comments were directed at the proposed pond which, if constructed as proposed, has the potential to become a mosquito breeding habitat.

Staff provided technical assistance to Public Works Bluff Road Solid Waste Management. PW was concerned that storm water ponds at the site were mosquito breeding sites due to high numbers of adult mosquitoes reported by employees at the landfill gate and fill site. LLCHD staff inspected the ponds and found mosquito predators, but no mosquito larvae.

HEALTH DATA AND EVALUATION

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SECTION

Cheryl Lockett, R.N. gave a presentation of the Department's WNV survey data at the Mosquito and Vector Association conference in North Platte.

Two additional cases of West Nile infection were reported in Lancaster County. The total number reported to date in Lancaster County this WNV season is 3 cases.

With the announcement by Chiron that they would not be able to supply the 48 million doses of Flu vaccine to the United States, staff have been working to assess the impact on our community, communicate CDC recommendations and local recommendations to local providers and the community and to facilitate where possible getting vaccine to those at greatest risk. Two physician advisories were sent to local providers, many interviews were given to the media and staff participated in a program on the City's Channel 5, regarding the Flu vaccine situation.

The Program Supervisor attended a meeting of the State TB Program Advisory Committee.

GRANTS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Perinatal Hepatitis B Program (PHBP)

One case was closed in September; current caseload is 22.

One baby was born in September and received HBIG and HBV#1 during the first 12 hours after birth.
The program continues to provide information to local providers and the public on the prevention of perinatal Hepatitis B virus transmission.

Immunization Action Plan

The program is in the process of hiring a 0.5 FTE Health Educator II to provide childhood immunization education to the public and to work with the LIVE Coalition.

The Program Supervisor attended the CDC National Immunization Registry Conference in Atlanta this month.

TB Program

Program staff are currently providing direct observational treatment (DOT) on 6 children and 4 adults. Seven are on daily DOT. The program has hired two temporary employees to assist with DOT, as this service is very resource intensive.

Staff did follow-up work place TB screening this month. This is done 3 months following initial TB screening to detect any new infections.

A total of 10 consultations on TB were provided in September to staff, local health care providers and the public.

The TB Program Coordinator attended a conference in Topeka, Kansas on TB control and correctional facilities.

MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response System)

The Emergency Response Coordinator attended a meeting in Atlanta to learn more about our Department’s requirements under the Project Public Health Readiness (PPHR) program. The Department is one of 31 local health departments selected by NACCHO to participate.

EPIDEMIOLOGY/GIS

Developed a website for 2004 Flu Vaccine requests.

Completed Data dictionary for CODES project and Online Query Tool.

Attended the CODES meeting on October 15, 2004.
Developing a database for "Child Care Centers Health & Safety Assessment" for Children's Environmental Health.

Working on ASP and swiff charts to test the feasibility of using swiff graphs for Online query tool.

Set Up On-line Survey Tool for Flu Vaccine requirement for Clinics in Lincoln.

Set up data base for flu request forms for clinics and patients to capture call information.

The Vital Statistics 2003 Report is nearly complete.

A database for the Healthy Lifestyles program was established.

Staff are preparing a database and analytical form for environmental child health-day care inspection program.

Attended CODES meeting with the State and making an effort in acquiring the data from 1996-2003.

Responded to numerous data requests from HPO Division on Census, Vital Statistics, Injury surveillance and BRFSS.


Calculated priority groups for flu vaccine based on BRFS and Census data.

Analyzed data and created graphs and charts for Asthma Management Clinic.


Provided data on Hispanic population change and Hispanic teen pregnancy data. Provided BRFSS data on asthma, diabetes, stroke and heart disease.

**QI/EVALUATION**

Preparation is underway for the Quality Council's Fall Review. Emphasis this year is on the 10 essential Public Health services.

Quality Chairperson, Andrea Mason, and the Coordinator received an invitation to visit General Dynamics Aerospace of Lincoln. We attended one of their Quality Council meetings, had a tour of the facility, met the QA Director, and met with the Safety Director.
The Coordinator visited St Elizabeth Medical Center and discussed with their Quality Director, Lori Burkett, the functioning of their Quality Council.

The HDE Manager and QI Coordinator completed nearly 40 key decision-maker/stakeholder interviews and a preliminary Key Themes report concerning the Community Diabetes Prevention Project.

QI/Evaluation continues with a strong presence on all 3 of the subcommittees of the Community Diabetes Prevention Project.

The Manager and Coordinator have been working diligently with the Prevention Group to be prepared with our resource requests and priorities. The Screening and Referral Group has already completed and submitted their resource priority list. The Treatment and Management Group sent a survey to Physicians on their standards of care.

QI Workshops DAY 1 and DAY 2 were both well received this last month. These will be offered about once a quarter or so, revolving through the 6 day cycle.

The Health Director is the Implementation Champion for the latest Quality Improvement initiative about Clinic Records Management.

HEALTH PROMOTION AND OUTREACH DIVISION

ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY HEALTH

Staff continue to accept student intern applications. One new intern started this past month in the Injury Prevention Program.

Staff met with all the Community Learning Center coordinators to evaluate what has been done so far this year, make adjustments as needed, and to schedule programming dates through January.

Staff participated as a planning committee member of the CLC’s Lights On Event held this month. The event was held at Haymarket Park to highlight the accomplishments of after school programs and raise awareness to the importance of these programs. Nearly 1,000 people attended the celebration.

Staff is leading a project, as part of the Child Abuse Prevention Council, to develop a program at the Folsom Children’s Zoo to raise awareness of the connection between animal cruelty and human violence. The project will be a collaboration with the Humane Society, Break the Link, First Strike, and the Health Department.
Staff attended the monthly meeting of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. The group is in the process of developing a 3-5 year strategic plan. New fact cards with 2003 YRBS data and vital statistics were printed as community awareness material.

**CHRONIC DISEASE & EVERY WOMAN MATTERS**

The first ABC s for Good Health class for Spanish-speaking women was held at Cristo Rey Church. Nine women participated in this three part Healthy Lifestyles program. This same program will be offered again in March 2005.

More than 30 women attended the first Color Me Red hair styling competition for heart health sponsored by St. Elizabeth s and the American Heart Association. Staff participated in planning meetings and provided EWM program information. The focus of this effort was to educate hair stylists on how to talk to women about the importance of taking care of their hearts.

A press release was written to promote October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This opportunity was used to remind women to receive breast exams, promote services provided by the Every Woman Matters program, and also publicize information about Women s Health and Diabetes Assessment Clinics on the Mobile Health Clinic during October.

During September, EWM program information was provided to 20 persons at the Work Day on the Mall, 50 persons at the Tri-Con Industries Health Fair (four Vietnamese speaking women received enrollment packets), and 12 persons at Job Outfitters (two women received enrollment packets). 13 EWM posters were provided to Lincoln Benefit Life and 10 EWM applications were provided to CHS staff for the LAP Health Station. 180 English EWM brochures, 8 posters, and 8 table tents, as well as 50 Spanish EWM brochures, 8 posters, and 8 table tents were provided to the Lincoln City Libraries for distribution at 8 locations. A display promoting Breast Cancer Awareness Month will be used at various Lincoln City Library sites. Displays with Vietnamese and English EWM brochures were provided for the Oriental Market and also the Vina Market.

Karen Rehm, BryanLGH Cardiovascular Program, presented on Healthy Lifestyle...Ways to Work Healthier Living Into Your Life at the second monthly meeting of Healthy Women for a Lifetime. Eight women attended this session. Plans for next month include increased promotion in the neighborhood.

Susan G. Komen Foundation Grant: A Conference Grant was received to fund a gathering of Asian women for a Breast Cancer Awareness event in Lancaster County. A presentation is planned with Dr. Bich Chau, a local Vietnamese practitioner, at the Asian Community Center.
Coalition for Older Adult Health Promotion (COAHP): The Executive Committee reviewed nominations for the Community Health Awards which will be announced at the October 15th Annual Meeting. Dr. L. Dennis Smith will be the featured speaker presenting, "Investigative Research - Changing the Future of Aging."

Planning continues for the November 17th workshop, Framing the Issue of Elder Abuse, sponsored by the COAHP and the Lancaster County Medical Society. Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawsnik, a sociologist and mental health clinician, will raise awareness among professionals who work with older persons, to recognize and respond appropriately to elder abuse issues.

Mobile Health Clinic: 29 of the 34 people screened at 4 health clinics had health risk factors identified. Diabetic Assessment Clinics were held at F St. Rec (11 of 12 people seen had risk factors) and WalMart (6 of 7 people seen had risk factors). Adult Health Screening Clinics were held at Coddington Market (4 of 6 people seen had risk factors) and National Pharmacy (8 of 9 people seen had risk factors).

Lincoln Lancaster County Crusade Against Colorectal Cancer: The first coalition meeting of the final grant year was held. Media efforts will again focus on a campaign through Snitley Carr and with the American Cancer Society. Thirteen pharmacies (10 Walgreens, Wagey, National, and SunMart) assist with distribution of fecal occult blood test kits. Displays will be developed to be distributed through work and community sites. Professional education will focus on medical offices and a DVD on colon cancer developed by ACS that provides CEUs for physicians.

Targeting In On Cancer Project: A steering committee meeting, including Dr. Anderson, Tami Soper and staff, met to determine group activities. It was decided to call the fall event "Ask a Doctor." Dr. Anderson and Dr. Paulus will be the doctors for this event. The event will be at Malone on November 9th and will focus on cancers of the lung, breast, prostate and colorectal. It was suggested that the group name be "Lincoln Community Cancer Awareness Group," in that it is important to be inclusive of all persons at risk of cancer.

Women, Tobacco and Cancer: The workplan for this grant was developed and will focus on the distribution of information and "Quit Kit Bags" to women who smoke. Kits will be provided in partnership with multiple groups at various sites within the community.

Skin Cancer: EWM, Mobile Health Clinic and WorkWell staff met to plan Skin Cancer Screening Clinics during the next year. As it has been difficult to arrange for volunteer dermatologists to staff clinics during the summer months, efforts will be made to arrange for two skin cancer clinics per month on an ongoing basis. It is anticipated this schedule may increase the availability of dermatologists to assist at non-peak times in their clinical
practices. Effort to obtain additional physician screening through LMEP was not successful.

Community Diabetes Project: Outcome measures were discussed with Data and Planning staff.

**EARLY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COORDINATION**

During the month of September 2004, there were 41 referrals made to the Early Development Services Coordination Program. Of the 41 referrals, 20 were younger than 2 years of age (program target population). In comparison, the average number of referrals for the month of September for the past nine years (Sept. 1995- August 2004 time period) is 27. These referrals were received from: parents - 15; physicians - 14; other health - 4; other agency - 7 (6CPS/Foster Care); and E.D. transfer - 1. Reasons for referral include the following concerns: speech/language/hearing - 24; hearing only - 0; overall development - 5; motor - 3; diagnosed condition - 7; and behavior - 2. Ages at referral: less than 1 year - 6; 1-2 years - 14; 2-3 years - 20; and 3 years (eligible to 8/31) - 1.

During September 2004, the Early Development Services Coordination Program billed HHSS for services to 150 children ($27,900). 106 of the children were Medicaid eligible (70.67 %). Expenditures for the month of September 2004 for salaries and benefits totaled $40,761. This does not include any other program costs.

Services Coordination Program Activities and Community Linkages: The Early Development Services Coordination (EDSC) Program participated in the following public awareness and community activities: 1) A staffed Public Awareness Table was provided for a Health Fair at Tri-Con Industries on 9-17-04; 2) Program information and public awareness materials to share with families and staff were provided to the following community contacts: Lincoln Public Schools, Student Services - Social Work Staff on 9-23-04, Immanuel Lutheran Church on 9-10-04 for an upcoming seminar involving other area churches, and Access Medicaid for upcoming contacts with parenting classes in local high schools 3) Program information and public awareness materials were provided for the following events: Pathways Ice Cream Social on 9-13-04 and for the Optimist s Fun Day at the Park on 9-18-04; and 4) representation at the LR 42 Developmental Disabilities Work Group on 9-8-04 and at the Young Child CASA Intervention Training Planning Group on 9-3-04.

**LINCOLN ON THE MOVE**

The Healthy Weight Task Force, chaired by faculty of the Nutrition and Food Science Dept at UNL, hosted their annual Nutrition Update for dieticians and Cooperative Extension staff on September 23 & 24. This year, the Task Force expanded the event to
include other health professionals in the community. The focus was childhood obesity with more than 100 health professionals attending. Staff was active in the planning and delivery of the event as a charter member of the Task Force.

Staff delivered a program to 25 individuals on the benefits and drawbacks of a low-carb diet at the Lincoln Action Program facility on September 30.

Staff, partnering with Injury Prevention staff, participated in educational days at Belmont and Arnold elementary schools as a part of Walk Your Child to School Day. Over the 2 days we had over 1,200 students, K-5, participate in cross-walk safety demonstrations, learn about vehicle safety using a FedEx delivery truck, learn about the new physical activity program All Recreate on Friday (ARF) from the HHSS-Cardiovascular Health Program, and participate in an interactive-computer game called Safer Journeys which gave students a real-life situation where they had to make choices in the game to safely move a young boy from his house to his school and back. Administration and teachers from both schools, as well as the students, reported an having enjoyable and educational day away from the usual classroom format. Dignitaries assisting with these events included Mayor Coleen Seng, Councilwoman Patte Newman, Councilman Ken Svoboda, and School Board representatives Kathy Danek and Ed Zimmer.

On October 8, staff had a display at the Wal-Mart South store as a part of their women’s health awareness event. Staff featured information about the women’s walking program Women Lead the Way.

On October 11, staff presented information to 30 teachers in the local Catholic Diocese’s schools as a part of their day-long fall in-service. Staff presented information regarding childhood obesity, physical inactivity, and how to utilize resources we have in the Department in their classrooms.

The Active Living Lincoln or ALL coalition continues to progress as meetings have been scheduled with the organizing committee, and the subcommittees on developing a media message, children’s issues, and adult issues. As a part of ALL, we have been asked to work with Brian Krannawitter and the local AHA chapter as they develop a task force on the topic of childhood obesity.

The LPS Healthy Weight Task Force has come to the point of putting our recommendations on paper and submitting to Superintendent Gourley and the school board. An application was made through our office to HHSS for a $10,000 mini-grant to assist LPS in putting some of the recommendations into practice but we did not receive funding.

HEALTHY HOMES
Healthy Homes began in August 1993. Since then we have had 2,238 families referred to Healthy Homes. 151 families are actively participating, 90 families are in process of being contacted. We received 17 new referrals this month. The number of contacts to our participating families made by Healthy Homes staff in the month included: 95 home visits, 351 telephone contacts, and 114 accompany clients to physician visits/other community services and agencies.

Community Health/Diversity Educator Community Outreach: Presentation on health/cultural diversity to new volunteer for Spanish/English Interpretation/Translation; Community Blood Bank Employees, 4 presentations with 96 participants; 3 Dietetic Interns.

INJURY PREVENTION

Staff attended the quarterly meeting of the Nebraska SAFE KIDS Coalition Coordinators. This served as an opportunity to share ideas on programming, evaluation, coalition development, and legislation.

Staff provided twenty low-cost helmets at the LES employee/vendor health and safety fair. Over 700 employees attended and received bike safety educational materials.

Staff coordinated a strategic planning meeting of the SAFE KIDS Coalition. Over 50 people attended and helped prioritize efforts of the Coalition for the next 1, 3, and 5 years.

Staff presented to 9 expectant mothers employed at State Farm on child passenger safety.

Staff and SAFE KIDS Coalition Co-Chair, Susan Epps, met with the Broadcast House to plan for next years marketing efforts associated with the three radio stations. Broadcast House will even submit a formal agreement on activities with which they will partner.

Staff assisted with coordination of the SAFE KIDS Resource Open House for school communities in Lancaster County. Injury Prevention information and services were displayed that are available for schools to use. This was a joint effort between the SAFE KIDS Coalition and Kiwanis Clubs of Lincoln.

TOBACCO

Staff will coordinate a tobacco cessation project grant. The project is collaboration with St. Elizabeth Hospital, BryanLGH, an independent support group trainer and numerous community centers around the City. Cessation classes and support group meetings with be provided through May of 2005.
Information was provided to LPS Health and Physical Education teachers. Each school will get the Home Sweet Home newsletter to pass on to students, and each middle school teacher will get a packet of tobacco related information.

Work is continuing to develop teams of students and parents to help take the secondhand smoke message to the County. Staff, our LCAD partner, and Tim Vaske from NO LIMITS are working with the Teen Prevention Planners group to help facilitate this.

Presentations were given to 50 Lefler Middle School students and 2 staff in the Y’s after school club in 3 separate presentations on 10/13 (The focus was chew tobacco.); 15 Pershing students in grades 3-5 and 2 teachers attended in a presentation on 10/18; 54 children participated in a health fair at F Street Rec Center on 10/13 and received information on tobacco prevention.

LPD compliance checks found 2 out of 25 businesses sold to minors for a non-compliance rate of 8.0%.

The Tobacco Prevention Program received $35,000 from UNMC/HHSS for smoking cessation programs to focus on limited income women over 40 years (although both genders and adults of any age will be accepted into the program). This 8 month grant partners with BryanLGH Medical Center and St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center to provide cessation assistance to people in the most at-risk areas of Lincoln.

**WORKWELL**

Nearly 3,000 individuals are participating in the Nebraska Fitness Challenge. This program awards points for all forms of physical activity including gardening, taking the stairs, housework, traditional exercise and much more. The program concludes on October 30. Grand prizes include a cruise to the Bahamas and an annual family membership to Sports Courts.

Three new companies have joined WorkWell this past month. They are B & R Stores, Wolfe Electric, and Cornhusker Bank.

WorkWell provided a program to worksite representatives on the Health Savings Account program recently approved by Congress. This benefit option shows some viable options for businesses to link the wellness program with the benefit package. The program was also broadcast to worksite representatives at Mary Lanning Hospital in Hastings.

WorkWell exhibited at the Chamber Trade Show on October 19 to increase visibility and membership to WorkWell. The theme was Wellness & A Real Lifesaver!
WorkWell assisted several businesses in completing the Well Workplace application this past month. Data and operating plan reviews were conducted for Crete Carrier, the Girls Scouts, the Community Blood Bank, Deeter Foundry, and Union College.

INFORMATION AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Staff read and reviewed the Public Health Informatics Competencies. In the initial discussion, it was determined that the Competencies document will be used as the basis for developing strategic training plan for Division and Department staff related to informatics. Part of the competencies focus on digital literacy, which is the technical skills needed and part of them on analysis. IFM will work closely with Health Data and Evaluation to develop the training approaches.

Staff are in the process of reviewing and updating the IT Disaster Recovery process.

Dan Huse, Emergency Response Coordinator, met with staff to demonstrate the Tak-Pak. This is an all in one communication center that can be taken out in the field. IFM staff will provide assistance in developing an operating manual and label all the equipment and parts.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Statewide Information and Referral Database

Staff completed the update of all Lancaster County agencies and programs in the Information and Referral database. The updated information has been down-loaded to the City Website and to the United Way of the Midlands (Omaha) who manage the 211 Center.

National Association of Public Health Information Technology professionals

NACCHO Information Technology Committee

The Division Manager was asked to be a technical reviewer for a white paper on knowledge management that is being developed by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO)

New building
Staff met with the Resource Coordinator, architects and City Information Services staff to review information technology requirements for conference and training rooms in the new building.

**FISCAL OPERATIONS**

Monthly summary report
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  November 17, 2004
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Bruce Dart, MS, 402-441-8001
                             Health Director
                             Tim Timmons, R.N., 402-441-8056
                             Communicable Disease Program Supervisor

**Flu Shots Available to High Risk Individuals**

Beginning Thursday, November 18th, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will provide 300 doses of Flu vaccine a day to all high-risk children and adults, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Department's main office, 3140 N Street. Children ages 2 through 18 years old MUST provide a written physician order at the time of vaccination.

The Department has received additional Flu vaccine through the CDC re-allocation program. Bruce Dart, Health Director stated that the additional vaccine will allow the Department to continue to make flu vaccine available to many more high risk individuals of all ages.

Those on Medicare Part B can receive both Flu and Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccine at no cost. Those high-risk adults not on Medicare will be charged a flat fee of $17.00 for Flu vaccine and $26.00 for Pneumococcal Polysaccharide vaccine. There is a $10.00 administration fee only for high-risk children’s flu shots.

The current CDC recommendations for who should be vaccinated are:

- People 65 years of age and older
- Children ages 6 months to 23 months
- Adults and children 2 years of age and older with chronic lung or heart disorders including heart disease, asthma, chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes), kidney diseases, blood disorders (such as sickle cell anemia), or weakened immune systems
- Persons with HIV/AIDS
Pregnant women

Children and teenagers, 6 months to 18 years of age, who take aspirin daily

Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities

Household members and out-of-home care givers of infants under the age of 6 months (Children under the age of 6 months cannot be vaccinated.)

Healthcare workers who provide direct, hands-on care to patients

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department local Flu hotline number (441-0358) is updated daily by the Department to provide the public with up-to-date information about Flu vaccine availability. Those high-risk individuals who have not received a flu shot should continue to check the hotline regularly.
November 10, 2004

Brian D. Carstens
Brian D. Carstens & Associates
601 Old Cheney Rd. Suite "C"
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Plosky Valley 2nd Addition Final Plat #04105 Generally located at the southwest corner of N. 14th St. & Morton St.

Dear Mr. Carstens:

Plosky Valley 2nd Addition generally located southwest of N. 14th St. & Morton St. was approved by the Planning Director on November 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 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: Wolodymyr Plosky
    Joan Ray, City Council
    Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
    Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
    Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
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November 8, 2004

Lyle Loth
601 Old Cheney Road, Suite A
Lincoln, NE 68512

RE: Hartland’s Cardinal Heights 7th Addition Final Plat #04086
    Generally located at NW 56th and W. Thatcher Lane

Dear

Hartland’s Cardinal Heights 7th Addition Final Plat #04086 Generally located at NW 56th and W. Thatcher Lane was approved by the Planning Director on November 8, 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.

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Sincerely,

Becky Horner, 441-6373, rhorner@lincoln.ne.gov
Planner

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    Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
    Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
    Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
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November 17, 2004

Jason Theillen
EDC
2200 Fletcher Avenue, Suite 102
Lincoln, NE 68504

RE: North Creek Business Park 1st Addition Final Plat #04083
Generally located at 20th and Fletcher Avenue

Dear Mr. Theillen,

North Creek Business Park 1st Addition Final Plat #04083 Generally located at 20th and Fletcher Avenue was approved by the Planning Director on November 17, 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.

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Sincerely,

Becky Horner
Planner

CC: Joan Ray, City Council
    Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
    Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
    Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
    Jean Walker, Planning
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November 18, 2004

RE: Change of Zone No. 04068 and Special Permit No. 04057
(Text Amendment and Motocross - 201 W. South Street)

Dear Interested Parties:

On November 10, 2004, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission held continued public hearing on the above referenced applications and voted 7-0 to recommend denial to the City Council.

On November 18, 2004, both applications were withdrawn by the respective applicants. There will be no further hearings or action on these applications.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information (402-441-6365) or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Jean Walker
Administrative Officer

cc: Mark Hunzeker, 1045 Lincoln Mall, Suite 200, 68508
Dr. David Sumani, 2504 Ridge Road, 68512
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Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation
West “A” Neighborhood Association
South Salt Creek Community Organization
Yankee Hill Neighborhood Association
Planning Department contact list
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : November 12, 2004

RE : Waiver No. 04013
     (S. 70th St. & Sterling Place)
     Resolution No. PC-00893

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2004:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Krieser, to approve, with conditions, Waiver No. 04013, requested by A. Michael Alesio on behalf of SE Development, to waive the sidewalk requirements associated with the Sterling Summit Final Plat No. 96018. The motion approves the waiver of sidewalks for the north side of Sterling Place, provided, that a sidewalk be installed on the south side of Sterling Place as soon as possible prior to May 1, 2005. The property is generally located at South 70th Street and Sterling Place. Motion for conditional approval, carried 6-1: Carlson, Carroll, Marvin, Larson, Krieser and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Pearson voting 'no'; Taylor and Sunderman absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    A. Michael Alesio, SE Development, P.O. Box 83089, 68501
WHEREAS, SE Development has previously submitted and received approval of the final plat of Sterling Summit by the City of Lincoln, on property generally located at S. 70th Street and Sterling Place; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lincoln Municipal Code § 26.27.020 the conditions of approval required that sidewalks be constructed on both sides of all streets within the subdivision and on the side of the streets abutting the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a modification to waive said requirement pursuant to § 26.31.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code on the north side of Sterling Place; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended conditional approval of the requested modification to § 26.27.020 of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the strict application of the sidewalk requirements would result in actual difficulties or substantial hardship or injustice to the property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the provisions of Section 26.27.020 of the Lincoln Municipal Code which requires sidewalks be constructed on both sides of all streets within the subdivision is hereby waived for the north side of Sterling Place provided that a sidewalk be installed on the south side of Sterling Place as soon as possible prior to May 1, 2005.
All other Planning Director conditions for approval of the final plat of Sterling Summit shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 10th day of November, 2004.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
As the City's project manager for the Harris Overpass Reconstruction Project, I want to inform you that we have organized an Advisory Group consisting of members that reflect the range of interests on the project. Our first Advisory Group meeting will be Nov. 17 from 8:45-10:15 a.m. at the Downtown Holiday Inn, 141 N. Ninth St. Attached is a list of the committed members for your information. In addition to the Advisory Group process, we will be offering a great deal of participatory opportunities for the broader public over the two-year design of the project.

You will be hearing more about this project soon. In the meantime, don't hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns.

Also, the website has just become available and is be able to be reached at www.harrisoverpass.com.

Thanks,

Kris Humphrey
Public Works & Utilities
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Memo

To: Lincoln, City Council
From: Steve Masters, Public Works & Utilities
CC: Planning Commission
     Allan Abbott, Director, Public Works & Utilities
     Marvin Krout, Director, Planning Department
     Gary Brandt, Utilities Coordinator Wastewater Division
Date: November 16, 2004
Subject: Wastewater Capital Improvements Program

A news release and press conference was held on November 9, 2004, highlighting the Wastewater Division's capital construction activities for this year. During the current fiscal year we will have in excess of $105 million in construction contracts underway within the Division. Provided for your review are the information panels that we used in talking with the media.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments about these projects.
CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION
UNDER CONTRACT THROUGH 2004/2005

- Theresa Street Treatment Plant $35,800,000
- Northeast Treatment Plant $25,100,000
- Trunk Sewer Improvements $44,900,000

Total Wastewater Improvements $105,800,000
TREATMENT PLANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Ammonia Treatment $35,500,000
- Capacity Improvements $13,500,000
- Odor Control $4,800,000
- UV Disinfection $4,700,000
- Minor Improvements $2,400,000

Treatment Plant Improvements $60,900,000
MEMO

DATE: November 9, 2004

TO: Allan Abbott – PW/U

FROM: Larry Worth – StarTran

RE: Low-Income Passport Program – October, 2004 Report

As you are aware, the Low-Income Passport Program was initiated on September 15, 2004. As such, qualified low-income persons have been purchasing discounted monthly passports, by providing proof of income and date of birth, for $5/month (fixed route) or $10/month (HandiVan). This six-month pilot project, conducted by the Lancaster County Human Services Office, is expected to increase StarTran ridership, and afford low-income persons public transportation at a more affordable cost. As a pilot program, discounted passports are to be available for six months, or until the $70,000 allocated to offset the loss of revenue resultant from this pilot program is expended. Such discounted passports are available for purchase at nine outlets.

The following summarizes the key results of this program in October, 2004, compared to September, 2004, pertaining to the fleet and HandiVan revenue/ridership affected by the subject program. Other StarTran programs and services (i.e., Big Red football express services, Boo at the Zoo shuttle service, etc) are excluded.

October, 2004 Fare Devices Purchased/Associated Ridership
- 647 low-income discounted “fleet” passports purchased
- 15,249 “fleet” trips by persons utilizing discounted passports (counted by StarTran drivers)
- Regular, full-price, “fleet” passport sales declined by 122
- Net increase in total “fleet” passports sold = 525
- 45 “HandiVan” low-income passports purchased
- 371 “HandiVan or Brokered” trips by persons with disabilities utilizing discounted passports (recorded by Handivan or Brokerage drivers)
- Regular, full-price, “HandiVan” passport sales declined by 4
- Net increase in total “HandiVan” passports sold = 41

October, 2004 Total Ridership
- Total “fleet” ridership increased by 1,685, or 2.2%
- Total “HandiVan/Brokerage” ridership increased by 129, or 4.6%
October, 2004 Associated Revenue Changes

- Net change in “fleet” revenue equals \( $(7,744) \)

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647 \text{ discounted “fleet” passports sold x $5} &= 3,235 \\
122 \text{ regular-price passport sales decline x $28 average} &= 3,416 \\
\text{Associated decline in ride ticket sold and cash fares} &= 7,563 \\
\text{TOTAL} &= 7,744 \\
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- Net change in “HandiVan” revenue equals \( $(2,940) \)

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45 \text{ discounted “HandiVan” passports sold x $10} &= 450 \\
4 \text{ regular-priced HandiVan passports sales- decline x $57 (average)} &= 228 \\
\text{Additional Brokerage cost to accommodate additional ridership} &= 3,162 \\
\text{TOTAL} &= 2,940 \\
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- Total change in revenues associated with Low-Income Program = \( $(10,684) \)

In summary, with just one month of implementation of the Low-Income Passport Program, the following observations are noted...

- The current $70,000 funding allocation to offset revenue losses associated with the subject program will, assuming continuation of the October revenue loss, afford funding for about 6 ½ total months.
- Total fleet and HandiVan ridership increased in October 2004, by 1,814 rider trips
- 692 discounted low-income passports were purchased by eligible persons, a total increase of 566 passports.

StarTran staff delivery and associated additional printing costs are not included in this analysis. The above information will be reported each subsequent month of the subject program, with a more definitive trend expected after 3-4 months of program duration.
November 4, 2004

Carole Claster
1420 ‘C’ Street, Apt. E
Lincoln, NE 68502

Dear Ms. Claster:

Jonathan Cook with the City Council has requested that this office review your concerns on curb ramps in the Near South Neighborhood east of Milder Manor. The contractor is nearing completion of a sidewalk contract assigned to repair sidewalks and construct curb ramps in the Near South Neighborhood from 13th to 21st, between South Street and ‘A’ Street. Due to limitations with repair funds, this contract does not include work east of 21st Street.

The City has completed some limited repairs of sidewalks in the area from 21st to 27th, ‘A’ to South in previous years, but we have not included the entire area with a repair program. This will be the final area within the Near South Neighborhood to be completed. In reviewing our funding for the next contract year, we have tentatively identified funds for a repair contract in the South Salt Creek Neighborhood and the contracts for repair of priority locations throughout Lincoln, where we have received reports of individuals who have fallen. We have also identified completion of curb ramps at several selected locations throughout the City where a critical need has been identified.

We recognize your concerns on the need for curb ramps and sidewalk repair from 21st Street to 27th Street, between ‘A’ and South Street. We will balance the need for the work in this area along with the repair needs in other neighborhoods as we continue the repair work through the older neighborhoods. We will tentatively include the area from 21st to 27th, ‘A’ to South Street, with the areas identified for repair in the 2005-2006 repair program. This work will be targeted to begin construction in October 2005. In the interim, we have constructed curb ramps and sidewalk repair along 20th Street where Milder Manor is located and at intersections from 21st to 17th Street.

We appreciate your attention to this issue. If you have additional questions, please contact my office at 441-7541 or e-mail hkoos@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Harry Kroos

cc: Mayor’s Office
    Jonathan Cook
    Allan Abbott
    Roger Figard
    Randy Hoskins
Attached in an RFI regarding sidewalk ramps in Near South.

Harry, please send a reply back to the Council office as a PDF as well as mailing the reply to my constituent. Thanks.

Jonathan

- Cook RFI 2004-10-07.pdf
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

October 7, 2004

To: Harry Kroos, Sidewalk Inspector

Re: Sidewalk Ramps

Reply to:

Carole Closter
1420 C, Apt E
68502
475-9219

Harry,

Attached is a map provided by Carole Closter showing where wheelchair ramps are needed in the Near South Neighborhood (the red circles). Her mother is in Milder Manor (the yellow square), so she is very familiar with the obstacles to wheelchairs in the vicinity. Please let her know where on the list this particular area is and how soon she can expect the wheelchair ramps to be put in. Thank you.

Jonathan Cook
Carole Closter
1420 C Apt E
Lincoln 475-9219
This is in response to Councilman’s Cook’s request for “Stop” control at 30th & Calvert

We have reviewed the request for “Stop” traffic control at the above intersection. Our review, which considered the accident experience, sight distance and general conditions at the intersection and the nearby area, has determined that stop or yield signs are not warranted at this time. A review of the reported accidents reveals that there has been one reported accident in the last three years at this intersection. This particular accident was a 1-vehicle in which the driver lost control. Therefore it was not susceptible to correction if traffic control had been installed. Field observations revealed that traffic operations were normal for this type of observation although there was a slight sight obstruction on the NE corner which will be eliminated.

The evaluation of the need for traffic control signs at an intersection must consider the effect of the traffic control on the speed and operation of traffic on the street system as well as the above conditions at this intersection. When there are no traffic control signs at an intersection; the “right-hand rule” applies and it is necessary that all drivers slow down and exercise caution when travelling on streets. When traffic control signs are installed and right-of-way is given to a particular street, drivers on the protected street are not as cautious, vehicular speeds tend to increase and additional traffic could be attracted to this protected street. Which in some cases creates a traffic problem at adjacent intersections. In this request, it was requested that the “Stop” signs be installed on 30th, thereby giving the right-of-way to Calvert Street. A street, that citizens have already expressed concern about the speeding between 27th & 33rd on a 25 mph road.

Reference is made in the request that 30th St. is the only 4-legged intersection on Calvert St. between 27th & 33rd St. The lack of right-angle accidents would seem to suggest that drivers are aware of this and adjust accordingly. An example was also made that Lake St. is a collector with traffic control on the side streets. We reviewed on why Lake St was controlled. Some year’s go (prior to 62), the police were in charge of installing traffic signs. For whatever reason, they installed them on the side streets. To this day, the City receives complaints about speeding on Lake Street.

Our last study showed that the average accidents per year at a controlled intersection is 1.6/yr versus a non-controlled intersection which is 1.3/yr, Which is an interesting phenomena for at least the last 20 yrs the average accident rate per year is lower at non-controlled intersections than controlled intersections.

If we can be of any further service on this matter, please let us know.
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

November 2, 2004

To: Allan Abbott, Director of Public Works

Re: Stop Signs at 30th and Calvert

Reply to:

Ann Brandt
3435 S 30th St
68502

Allan,

Could you please look into placing stop signs for north- and south-bound 30th St traffic at Calvert? 30th is the only street that crosses Calvert along the stretch from 27th to 33rd St, and since Calvert is a collector street the traffic on it never stops for 30th. Lake St, also a collector, has stop signs for every cross street between 17th and Sheridan, I believe.

Attached is a petition from the nearby neighbors as well as a letter in support of this request from the Country Club Neighborhood Association.

Thank you.

Jonathan
September 9, 2004

Anne Brandt
3435 South 30th
Lincoln, NE 68502

Dear Johnathan,

I attended the August 17th Country Club Neighborhood Association meeting to get support for a stop sign at the intersection of 30th and Calvert. I appreciate the board’s support and your willingness to submit the petition. Please let me know what else I can do to further the process.

Thank you,

Anne Brandt
STOP SIGN PETITION FORM For  
the intersection of 30th & Calvert

Reason for requesting stop signs:

30th street is a thru street to Bonneum and has no stop sign on either side of Calvert. Cars have been seen going through the intersection going both south & north. A school crossing exists at this intersection due to Maude Rousseau located three blocks east of the intersection. Calvert street is busy and cars that do not stop at this intersection when heading north or south are bound to cause an accident either with another vehicle or a person.

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Dear Jonathan,

At a board meeting of the Country Club Neighborhood Association (CCNA) held August 17th, 2004 it was brought to our attention by one of our members that a stop sign on 30th Street that stopped traffic for both north and south bound traffic was warranted. At that meeting the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors:

"CCNA endorses the placement of a stop sign at the corner of 30th and Calvert. Said stop sign would be used to stop traffic on 30th street in both north and southbound directions."

Please facilitate the placement of this stop sign at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Mary Lynn W. Schaffer
President
Country Club Neighborhood Association
Annette,

Mr. Young filled out our Traffic Safety / Signal Maintenance Request form apparently just before he sent you an email about his concerns. Below is a copy of the request and my response to him.

During the PM Peak period, nearly 400 westbound vehicles turn left at this location. The left turn arrow was “protected only” when the signal was first installed (upon insistence from the State). We had to short cycle the signal to prevent the westbound left turn lane from stacking into the westbound through lane consistently. This stopped eastbound traffic far too often and caused inadequate coordination with the signal just east of this location. The sight distance for the westbound left turn traffic to view the eastbound traffic was checked and found to be more than adequate for a "protected / permissive" movement. Changing to "protected / permissive" left turn cleared up the stacking problem and improved the major flow of traffic on "O" Street. As I stated in my response to Mr. Young, crash history does not indicate high incidence of left turn crashes. As with other locations, we will continue to re-evaluate for changes in crash status.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Request

Traffic Safety
Signal Maintenance Request

Date : 11/4/2004 4:11:38 PM

Intersection: west "O" St / hwy 77
Direction of Travel: Westbound
Other Direction: -
Type of Problem: Other - See Below
Other Problem: -
Date Observed: everyday
Time Observed: anytime
AM or PM: am
Comments: need red arrow for westbound West "o" street traffic,
traffic continues to make left turns without yielding to oncoming traffic.
Response

Richard,

First of all, thank you for your input. We rely on comments from drivers to assist in improving traffic operations in Lincoln.

From your comments, I believe what you are suggesting is to allow the westbound left turn traffic to move only during a protected green arrow and have no permissive green ball so they could turn through a gap in eastbound traffic.

When this signal was first installed, the westbound left turn was operated with a protected only arrow. The signal was changed to its present operation because the heavy volume of westbound left turn traffic needing to be serviced caused the eastbound traffic to stop for the protected only westbound left turn arrow. By now allowing the left turn movement during gaps in eastbound traffic, the westbound left turn arrow need not be displayed as often, reducing the number of times the eastbound movement stops. This lowers the possibility for eastbound rear end crashes, but increases the possibility for westbound left turn/eastbound through crashes. During the last 3 years, there have been 6 turning crashes, which is less than most intersections of this type in Lincoln.

Considering the increased vehicle capacity of the present operation and that left turn crashes are not prevalent, no changes will be made at this time.

If you have any further concerns or comments, please give me a call.

Larry Jochum
Engineering Services
Public Works & Utilities Department
531 Westgate Blvd., Suite 100
Lincoln, NE  68528

Office: (402) 441-6090
Fax: (402) 441-6576
INTER-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

TO Terry Werner, Council Member
DATE November 5, 2004
DEPARTMENT City Council
FROM Tonya Skinner, Assistant City Attorney, & Casey Andersen, Law Clerk
ATTENTION DEPARTMENT City Law
COPIES TO
SUBJECT RFI #138 Butchering Animals within City Limits

ISSUE:

Under the laws of Nebraska or City of Lincoln ordinances, is a person prohibited from butchering an animal for personal food consumption within the City limits.

ANALYSIS:

The analysis suggests there is no existing law that would prevent an individual from butchering an animal for personal food consumption within the City limits.

Lincoln Municipal Code Section 6.04.310, Cruelty to Animals, is not supportive because it is negated by the Lincoln Municipal Code section immediately following it, 6.04.313, Exemptions to Cruelty to Animals. This Code section provides that Section 6.04.310 shall not apply to “Commonly followed practices occurring in conjunction with the slaughter of animals for food or byproducts.” LMC 6.04.313 (10). Thus, it is not considered cruelty to animals when commonly followed practices are used to slaughter animals for food.

Furthermore, the butchering of animals within City limits for food consumption is unlikely to qualify as a nuisance under the Lincoln Municipal Code. Lincoln Municipal Code section 8.26.050, Noxious or Offensive Use of Premises Within Three-Mile Area, states that:

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or operate in any part of the city, or within three miles of the corporate limits thereof, a slaughter house, stockyard, warehouse, stable, or other place where offensive matter is kept or is likely to accumulate, in such a manner as to permit the emission of odor, dust, smoke, fumes, gas, or noise to such an extent that the same or any of them shall become, or be likely to become, hazardous to health, a source of discomfort to persons living or passing in the vicinity thereof, or an unreasonable interference with the public health, safety, or welfare. Such condition and things, as aforesaid, and each and all of them, are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. (Ord. 15559 §5; May 14, 1990: P.C. §8.44.050; Ord. 9788 §5; Jun 2, 1969: prior Ord. 3489 §11-1105, as amended by Ord. 5402; December 8, 1952).

LMC 8.26.050 (emphasis added).
This Code section does not seem to reach far enough to enable prosecution of an individual for his or her butchering of an animal for food consumption unless the disposal of the remains causes a significant disruption. The Code section seems to be primarily directed at large operations involving the keeping and/or killing of animals, but is not intended to be directed towards the individual citizen keeping and/or killing animals.

The Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 6 addresses what animals may be kept within the City limits. A permit would be required to keep live large animals (i.e. goats or sheep) on a person’s property. A violation of this Chapter can be reported to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Additionally, the present issue is sensitive in the fact that, for decades, numerous cultural and religious groups have been involved in the practice using a variety of animals for personal consumption. In some cases the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that laws similar to the issue at hand, meaning laws aimed at the prevention of killing what some would consider “unusual” types of animals to kill for food consumption, are over broad, improper to accomplish the alleged purpose behind the law and thus invalid. Therefore, any regulation on the issue may be subject to legal battles based on religious or cultural grounds. It is also understood that for health concerns many individuals prefer to process their own food to avoid contamination and preservatives.
Dear Mr & Ms. Mullet: 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.

Joan V. Ray
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE - 68508
Phone: 402-441-6866
Fax: 402-441-6533
e-mail: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us

"Doc and Dee Mullet" <mullet@neb.rr.com>

This is a bad plan for Wilderness Park. Please vote NO on this race track.
Doc Mullet
Dear Mr. & Ms. Alexander: 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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Galexi@aol.com

Please know that we are absolutely opposed to having a motocross racetrack located by Wilderness Park. Why have a park like Wilderness if it is to be ruined by sights and sounds in direct opposition to the role of the park?

Thank you for voting against this location.

George and Irene Alexander
4045 Woods Blvd.
Lincoln 68502
Dear Ms. Nakada:  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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Motocross

When considering a possible change in a neighborhood, addition of Motocross, in this case, considering 3 points in Wendell Berry's 17-point test may serve that community well. These points are things community members must consider if they want their community to "cohere, to flourish, to last."

1. Ask of any proposed change or innovation: What will this do to our community? How will this affect our common wealth?
2. Include local nature--land, water, air, native creatures--within this community.
3. Invest in the community to maintain its properties, keep it clean (without dirtying some other place).

Our common wealth certainly includes owned and improved property but, of equal significance, the un-owned entities that are vital to a dynamic neighborhood--clean air, safe water, sustainable green spaces, and flourishing native animals and birds.

A Motocross arena will disrupt and destroy some of this common wealth. Such a site will not enhance property and increase quality of life in immediate and surrounding areas, nor will it play a role in keeping the area clean. The outcry from residents at the mere suggestion of such a site is a significant flag that must be paid attention to.

Proud residents, invested in their own properties and in sustaining and maintaining their neighborhood and surrounding areas for the benefit of themselves and of all who visit, are assets to the community. Such conscientious residents are perhaps the most precious common wealth to be found in Lincoln.
Please listen to our voice and do not permit a Motocross site in Lincoln.

¹From a speech delivered November 11, 1994, Northern Plains Resource Council.

Thank you.

Jeanette Nakada

Everett Neighborhood resident
Friend of South Salt Creek neighbors
Friend of the Wilderness Park
Dear Mr. Spinar: 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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"Anne, David, Will and Ava" <spinman@alltel.net>

I am a resident of Lincoln. Whether it be for a bike ride, a run through the park, cross country skiing or a stroll with my wife and children I use Wilderness Park on a regular basis. Wilderness is a treasure that the city should cherish and protect. As an already valuable asset we should maintain it and work to improve it. A motorcycle track does neither. The noise pollution will destroy its peaceful solitude. And of course, what next? A chemicals plant along some other boarder of the park? Should we allow hunting in the part?

The idea that developers would propose a motorcylce track immediately next to one of the city's best assets is incomprehensible. In a state and a county with countless other areas more suited for such a project I respectfully ask you all to deny the request that is proposed. You have the opportunity to be a steward of a magical place. Stand up to those that would destroy it. Please, preserve the Park as a sanctuary for the countless generations that will be grateful for its peace, its purity and beauty to the eyes, ears and heart.

Sincerely,

David O. Spinar
2310 Sheridan Blvd.
Dear Mr. Smith: 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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Jason Smith
<jsmith@ieee.org>

I am writing as a resident of the Highlands who will be directly affected by a development proposed by Regal Building Systems. My property is located at 5030 NW 2nd St, while the property in question is located at 5001 NW 1st St (which is a large lot directly behind mine as well as many other homes).

The developers have tried to work with the neighborhood, which is appreciated. However, there are a few points that I feel need repeating as a property owner and voter in the Highlands. The traffic situation on NW 2nd St currently is abysmal, especially at peak morning and evening periods. This is due to the way the streets are laid out in this part of the Highlands. For all streets between the park area and W. Highland Blvd, and NW 1st and about NW 4th, the shortest access to or from the south (which is where most of the traffic would logically come from or be going to) is on NW 2nd St. Also, since NW 2nd St turns into an E-W road after a couple of blocks that connects to NW 7th St, it has essentially become a artery with either heavy traffic, or traffic that is traveling at significantly above the speed limit (I would guess 35-40 mph) depending on the time of day. It simply isn't safe as it is for children to be allowed to play in their front yards. On-street parking makes the situation even more dangerous.

Now, as part of the developers proposal, they have spoken with public works, and have been given assurances that a curb cut and northbound left turn lane can be provided on NW 1st St at W. Barons Rd so that the additional traffic they will create will not have to use NW 2nd St as their only access. The general consensus of the neighbors is that we are in support of the development ONLY if the curb cut and turn lane are also approved. That was agreed upon at the second neighborhood meeting with the developers. That is the only way we can accept it as a neighborhood. WE CANNOT HANDLE ANY MORE TRAFFIC ON NW 2ND ST!!! If the curb cut and turn lane are not approved, there was agreement at the meeting that the entire neighborhood (that was at the meeting, which I would estimate is most of the affected landowners) do not approve of it due to the traffic and safety
issues. We are certainly pro-growth and want more affordable housing in the neighborhood, and all we ask is that public works, the planning commission, and the city council make sure that the curb cut and turn lane are REQUIRED, APPROVED, and BUILT before construction on the development begins, if this development is to be approved.

I also hope that there will be adequate screening vegetation or fencing provided between the proposed development and the existing homes. That appears to be the case from the documents I have seen online for the planning meeting, but it is difficult to tell. None of us want to be looking directly into someone else's bedrooms, just as we don't want others looking directly into ours. Hopefully this has already been addressed in the plans.

Thank you for your time,

Jason Smith
5030 NW 2nd St
Dear Mr. Guittar:  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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“Steve Guittar” <teamrealestate@alltel.net>

Three cheers, high fives, and congratulations on passing the Smoking Ban.
This is a legacy issue and it is a decision that you will be proud of in the future.

Steve Guittar
Associate Broker
Mega Commercial Corp.
300 N. 44th Street, Suite 100
Lincoln, NE  68503
(402) 430-6780
I'm sure I'm not the only one who recognizes a great deal of hypocrisy on Veteran's Day.

The Lincoln Journal Star ran a front page picture of one of our brave service men in Iraq. He had a cigarette in his mouth. CBS Evening News showed another young service man with a cigarette. He had sweat, cuts and blood on his face.

Our brave troops that return to Lincoln will not be able to gather with buddies and friends at a local bar to relax and talk, if they smoke.

They won't even be able to go to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the Disabled American Veterans clubs. Smoking does in many cases reduce pain.

It seems cruel way to honor servicemen and veterans.

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Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness.
The smokers in Lincoln are now deprived of these inalienable rights.

Who voted in this travesty? Was it really legal? I hope the City Attorney or the State Supreme Court will quickly say it was not legal.

We are only supposed to vote for issues that affect us. Citizens of Lincoln cannot vote for the Congressional Representative for western Nebraska or the Senator for Iowa.

Lincoln's shame started when a few people from Omaha contacted Lincoln City Council representatives. A confusing elongated process followed. Instead of analyzing the situation and doing their job, the City Council passed a proposal unlikely to pass to the voters.

Unbelievably, more people voted for the ban than against it. How did this happen? I can only speculate. First, who voted against the ban? Smokers, their friends and people who love them voted against the ban.
Who voted against the ban? Over 60,000 people. Why? We know that the bars in Lincoln had very few complaints. The Anti-Smoke had won the restaurants. Why did they want all of the bars too? Common sense tells us these people do not patronize every bar in town. In fact, I wonder what percent of those 60,000 people patronize any bars. How many of the pro-bar voters were in nursing homes, religious fanatics, or for other reasons will not go to any of the bars.

What motivated those people that voted who had no interest in the results? Was it a chance to play God? Or, his adversary? Was it a fervent hatred for a particular smoker?

In addition to allowing many people to vote who had no real interest, others who are involved were not allowed to vote. Bar patrons who live out of town, go to college here were not allowed to vote.

It appears this was a very flawed exercise in democracy. I fervently hope the ordinance will be declared unconstitutional.
and the City Council will exempt bars from the smoking restrictions.

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I was alarmed throughout the limited debate on the smoking ban by the media coverage. Someone reading the J.D. would have perceived a battle between anti-smoking radicals, some health-care organizations and a few other groups against the bar owners in Lincoln.

Please, it was never about the bar owners. It was and is about the citizens of Lincoln who smoke.

Why didn’t the media focus on the real story? Why do people go to the bar and smoke? Why do some people want to restrict the rights of smokers? I didn’t see any real interviews of the retired men who help their wives balance the great grandchildren all morning and go to the sports bar in the afternoon so they can smoke and unwind. Where were the interviews with the patrons of the Disabled American Veterans Club and other Veterans Clubs. Often people have pain and smoking helps relieve that pain. Where were the stories about veterans who fought for our freedoms.
Where were the interviews and stories covering those who wanted the total ban. What basis of any did they patronize? If they really had no personal interest in the vote, why were they voting?

In my opinion, if the local media had covered the story responsibly, who, what, when, where and why, there would have been overwhelming support for ethical treatment of smokers rights.

Might be a good story here. We know who voted against the ban. But, who voted for it and why?

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Dear City of Lincoln Employees:

Yesterday I sent a letter to Mayor Coleen Seng, Transit Manager Larry Worth, Director Allan Abbott, and Mr. Les Helms that had the following paragraphs within it which I thought that the City Council, (and especially the City Attorney), might need to read. For I had forgotten to also send this letter to the City Attorney and City Council, (since if one or more of these good city employees that work as bus drivers for the Stratan service of the city might become gravely ill due to all of the respiratory infections and things like the flu that go around might need to one day sue the city somewhere in the future if they become gravely ill due to perhaps the city not acting in a more responsible manner towards them). For you see, at the very heart of this issue that I am trying to address within this letter is the city’s responsibility to protect their employees, (especially if said employee might perhaps be put in “harm’s way” by the type of work that they do or by the type of people that they may come into contact with each day). Now I am sure that the passengers on the StarTran buses each day, (especially within the winter time), are not trying to purposefully make the bus drivers that they come into contact with become ill. But since many of these riders can not afford to go to see the doctor very often, (and often are the ones most susceptible of coming down with such things as this new flu bug that has just begun to surface here in Lincoln), I thought that it might be prudent for me to highlight the fact that if the city does not go out of its way to help prevent people like the StarTran bus drivers from being unduly exposed to the type of illnesses that they are more susceptible to coming down with, (due to the type of work that they do---such as catching the flu or even a bad case of pneumonia by having to transport so many people within the winter that come down with such diseases), then perhaps we are opening ourselves up to a few claims of liability which we do not need to do. For you see, if any of these bus drivers come down with this type of flu and thus are prevented from working certain days this winter, or God forbid may even die or become permanently handi-capped due to the city not trying to help them beforehand with such problems as being able to get this new flu shot, then I want to make sure that each of you know that I alerted you to this problem before it ever happened. Now here are a couple of paragraphs that I had written in my letter to some of you yesterday, (which I am repeating in this letter to the City Council and City Attorney:

“However, the real reason that I am writing to you has more to do with protecting our good bus drivers’ health than anything else. For if you remember, you and I exchanged letters about one particular bus driver who had gotten ill with a type of cancer of the esophagus and thus had to take off a fair amount of time, (and was then granted “catastrophic leave” time pay thanks
to the good policies of the City of Lincoln). But in order to help refresh your memory, I thought that I would send you a copy of your April 26, 2004 letter that you sent me too. You know, except for maybe the Vice President, (who just happens to be a Lincolnite too), I do not think anybody writes me back as often as you do! Now the concern that I have here is that our StarTran bus drivers be allowed the opportunity to get these new flu shots, (which I understand the City of Lincoln is about to get a bunch of new ones sent here). For I have already seen both Carol and Charlotte fighting some infections in the throat/ear areas of their bodies recently and I too have now had to go back to my doctors and get a prescription of amoxicillin/clavulinn for an inner throat/ear infection myself, (which is the second one that I have had the past 5 months). And with my now hearing that we have the first confirmed case of this new flu outbreak occurring within the Lincoln area on the radio, obviously this has raised my concerns about these matters to a higher level. Now in case you do not know, there are bus drivers, (such as my friend, Lyle), on the Havelock route who has a normal problem of battling water on the lungs and other respiratory problems from time-to-time that really does not need to come down with a new strain of this flu. And there are several other drivers who have a similar problem at StarTran. So we are not talking about hypothetical problems that one day might become a concern to you, me, and them in one way or another. And to make matters worse, not only are these bus drivers exposed on a regular basis to passengers who get respiratory illnesses and ear, nose, or throat infections, but most of the time these passengers who are ill and ride the bus often sit near the front of the bus, (which puts our bus drivers in even more of a threat to come down with one of these bacterial or flu infections)!  

Now I do not know about you, but these matters concern me a lot. And since the bus drivers have to work such unusual hours at times, (which does not always allow them to go to the doctors when this new flu shot is being given), I was wondering if the good Mayor, (or our beloved Director of Public Works and Utilities Department man), could see if enough flu shots were made available to the 70 or so bus drivers who might want to get a flu shot at a designated place that is more convenient for these drivers to get their shots at, (such as at the StarTran offices on “J” street at an assigned time). For when you figure in the downtime that StarTran will see due to more of these bus drivers becoming ill more days of this flu season, I think you can easily make a case that this inconvenience and cost of getting these new flu shots made available for them will be more than worth both the cost and trouble of seeing that this gets done. Otherwise, we may be talking about more bus drivers needing more “catastrophic” type sick leaves this winter. Since this letter really is more between you and the bus drivers, (and not me), please do not feel that you need to respond back to me on these matters. For I know that you have better things to do with your time than to write the self-appointed “health supervisor” for the StarTran bus drivers, (namely myself)! Seriously, please give this matter some thought. For even though some of the StarTran bus drivers may not qualify as being eligible for a new flu shot under normal conditions, however because these drivers play such an important role to the community and more specifically to passengers like myself who could not otherwise get around town, because they are exposed to people who often come down with illnesses such as this new flu, I hope that they could be considered a “high risk” group of city employees with respect to catching this new type of flu this winter and thus might be able to receive a priority treatment in regards to such matters.” Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Davis

P.S. Previous letters not copied within this letter.
Dear Council Members:

After meeting with Roger Figard this morning, and discussing alternative resolutions to the public/private roadway issue on this plat, we have agreed to the following condition being placed upon this CUP:

At such time as Pinehill Lane is extended to the east to intersect Rentfro Drive, the City may, at City expense, close the intersection of Pinehill Lane and 84th Street.

Please note that none of the city staff has had an opportunity to review this specific language, so there might be some tinkering with it; however, I believe this reflects the substance of our agreement.

I have discussed this with my client and he is willing to accept it, as well.

Mark
Dear Ms. Friedman:  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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Please vote against the motocross track on West South Street  
Check the noise level tests that were conducted at the proposed site.  
The noise form the motorcycles was very notable in the northern end of Wilderness Park  
Wilderness suggests peace, quiet, untouched ....

Respectfully

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