DIRECTORS’ MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents December Award Of Excellence - (See Release)

*2. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - January 11, 2005 - 4:00 p.m.

*3. Response Letter from Corrie Kielty to Sandi Namuth - RE: The property at 1536 South 20th Street - (See Letter)

4. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - January 14, 2005-6:00 a.m.

5. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - January 14, 2005-11:00 a.m.

6. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Segment Of North 16th To Close For Water Main Work-Traffic also discouraged on State Fair access road - (See Release)

7. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of January 15 through 21, 2005-Schedule subject to change - (See Advisory)

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE

1. Material from Don Herz - RE: EMS Financial Data through December 31, 2004 - (See Material)

HEALTH


2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: January Is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month - (See Release)
PLANNING

*1. Letter from Douglas O. Emery, Postmaster to Ray Hill - RE: Bill #05-2, Special Building Address for Talent Plus Supplement to Factsheet - (See Letter)


PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

*1. Response E-Mail from Thomas Shafer to Joyce Coppinger - RE: The 33rd Street Rehabilitation Project - (See E-Mail)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Material from Wynn Hjermstad - RE: Additional information on the redevelopment of 48th & “O” Streets - (See Material)

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY


WOMEN’S COMMISSION

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Booklet Helps Track Medical Information - Lincoln/Lancaster Women’s Commission publishes health care information in three languages - (See Release)

III. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from City Clerk Joan Ross to Danny E. Walker - RE: Register to Speak-4th Street Fiasco - (See Letter)
IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Snow plowed onto sidewalks repeatedly (RFI#122 - 01/11/05)

ANNETTE McROY

1. Request to Don Herz, Finance Director - RE: Wheel Tax Rates (RFI#162-01/11/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON HERZ, FINANCE DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#162 - 01/20/05.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Kim Schwaninger - RE: Smoking ban nonsense - (See E-Mail)

*2. E-Mail from Fred Zarate - RE: 48th & “O” Redevelopment plan (Council received copies on 1/10/05 during Council Meeting)(See E-Mail)

*3. Letter from Larry G. Potratz, Executive Director, Lincoln Housing Authority - RE: Airport West Subarea Plan -(Council received copies on 1/10/05 at Directors’ Meeting) (See Letter)

4. E-Mail - RE: The Smoking ban - (See E-Mail)

5. Material from Attorney Craig D. Wittstruck, Anderson, Creager & Wittstruck, P.C. - RE: Risky’s, Inc., - Special Permit Application #04065 - (Copy of Material on file in the City Council Office.)


7. E-Mail from Peter Katt - RE: Antelope Valley - (See E-Mail)
8. Material from DLA (Parking Study Implementation Chairs, Scott Miller-President, Telesis, Inc.; Drew Stange-Vice President, NAI FMA Realty; Christine Jackson-UNL Vice-Chancellor for Business/Finance) - RE: Material for Pre-Council scheduled for Monday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m.-re: The Parking Study-Next Steps)(See Material)

9. E-Mail from Darryll Pederson - RE: ShopKo at 66th & “O” Street has not cleared the snow from their sidewalks this year and only once last year - (See E-Mail)

10. Letter & Material from Larry G. Potratz, Executive Director, Lincoln Housing Authority - RE: West Superior Access through Arnold Heights - (See Material)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM JANUARY 17, 2005.*
**NOTE:**

CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORT
COMPLETE VOICE REPORT AVAILABLE AT 441-7783 (FOR MEDIA USE ONLY)
FOR MORE INFORMATION: 525-1520
6 A.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2005
LIGHT SNOW BEGAN FALLING ABOUT 2:30 THIS MORNING, AND IT COULD MAKE STREETS A LITTLE SLICK FOR YOUR DRIVE TO WORK. THE CITY HAS HAD 19 MATERIAL SPREADERS OUT ON ARTERIALS, EMERGENCY ROUTES AND BUS ROUTES SINCE ABOUT 5 A.M. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE CAUTION. PLEASE STAY INFORMED ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN LINCOLN. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THE CITY WEB SITE AT LINCOLN.NE.GOV OR THE BLUE PAGES OF YOUR ALLTEL PHONE DIRECTORY. YOU ALSO MAY CALL THE SNOW CENTER AT 441-7644.
CITY OF LINCOLN
SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORT

A COMPLETE VOICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT 441-7783. THIS NUMBER IS FOR NEWS MEDIA USE ONLY.

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644
Diane Gonzolas, 441-7831, cell 525-1520

January 14, 2005

Time: 11 a.m.

The City has had 19 material spreaders out on emergency routes, bus routes and arterial streets since about 5 this morning. If it continues to snow, some minor plowing operations may begin early this afternoon.

The Lincoln Police Department reports about 20 accidents since 6 this morning, and drivers are urged to use caution.

StarTran reports that some buses were running late this morning, but all are now back on schedule.

Please stay informed on traffic conditions and the status of snow operations in the City. For more information, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov or the blue pages of your Alltel phone directory. You also may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 14, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Greg Topil, Public Works and Utilities, 441-8237

SEGMENT OF NORTH 16TH TO CLOSE FOR WATER MAIN WORK
Traffic also discouraged on State Fair access road

Beginning Wednesday, January 19, North 16th Street between Holdrege and the “Y” Street Connector will close for about two weeks for water main construction. The closure will begin after the morning rush hour on January 19. The water main work is scheduled to be completed by Wednesday, February 2, weather permitting.

Motorists are asked to avoid the area or to use caution near the construction, which may cause traffic delays. Signs will route traffic to detours using North 17th Street and the “Y” Street Connector:
- Westbound Holdrege Street traffic will be routed south on 17th Street to the “Y” Street Connector, then west to 16th Street.
- Northbound traffic will turn right off North 16th and North 17th streets at the “Y” Street Connector, proceed northeast to the stop sign, and then go back north on 17th Street to Holdrege.

Motorists are discouraged from using the State Fair access road that runs east of the main water channel and west of the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Some motorists are reportedly using the access road to get from the road closure at 15th and Court streets to North 14th Street. Until January 19, motorists are advised to use the designated detour south on 16th Street to “W” Street, then west two blocks to 14th. Beginning January 19, traffic is advised to use the North 17th Street and “Y” Street Connector detour.

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Date: January 14, 2005
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule
Week of January 15 through 21, 2005
Schedule subject to change

Monday, January 17 - U.S. Conference of Mayor’s meeting, Washington, D.C.
• New Best Practices from America’s Mayors Special Session, presentation on Antelope Valley - 2 p.m. EST

Tuesday, January 18 - U.S. Conference of Mayor’s meeting, Washington, D.C.
• Women Mayors Special Plenary Session, presentation on Infrastructure Financing - 3:30 p.m. EST

Wednesday, January 19 - U.S. Conference of Mayor’s meeting, Washington, D.C.

Thursday, January 20
• International visitors from Brazil - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Office, 555 South 10th Street
• North 27th Street Business and Civic Association annual meeting, remarks - 6:30 p.m., Imperial Palace, 27th and Vine streets

Friday, January 21
• Professional Surveyors Association winter conference, welcome - 8 a.m., Country Inn and Suites, 5353 North 27th Street
• News conference, “Lincoln Cares” - 9 a.m., 10th and Military
• KFOR live call-in show - 12:30 p.m., 3800 Comhuker Highway
• International visitor from Turkey - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street
• Retirement reception for John Dale (Assistant Library Director), remarks - 7 p.m., Knolls Restaurant, 2201 Old Chenev Road
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### Source:
Finance Department General Ledger

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Amount Received in Lock Box not posted: $0
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Note: The Amount collected for the first twenty months (1-12/2001 to 2-31/2002) does not reflect a reduction of $100,000 refunded to Medicaid as result of the compliance audit. If that amount were included, the net collections will approximate 63.5% for the first twenty months.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 14, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn Jones, 441-6283 or Nancy Malone, 441-6264

JANUARY IS NATIONAL CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The goal of National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month is to educate and encourage women across America to visit their clinician for cervical cancer screening. The American Cancer Society reports that between 60 and 80 percent of American women with newly diagnosed invasive cervical cancer have not had a Pap smear in the past five years and may never have had one. The population groups most likely to have not been screened are ethnic minorities, older women, the uninsured and low-income women. The Every Woman Matters Program at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, funded through the Nebraska Health and Human Services System, provides low or no cost breast and cervical cancer screening to women 40-64 years of age who are income eligible. This service is provided at participating physician offices and at the Health Department.

Cervical cancer is one of the most common causes of cancer worldwide, and one of the most preventable and treatable if detected early. In 2004, the American Cancer Society estimated that 10,520 cases of invasive cervical cancer will have been diagnosed in the United States and about 3,900 women will die from the disease.

Many cervical cancers may be prevented by avoiding risk factors. The most significant risk factor for cervical cancer is infection with human papillomavirus (HPV). This disease can be passed from one person to another through sexual contact with an infected person. Having unprotected sex, especially at a young age, makes HPV infection more likely. Women who have many sexual partners or who have sex with men who have had many partners have a greater chance of getting HPV. Smoking is also a risk factor for cervical cancer in that women who smoke are about twice as likely as non-smokers to get cervical cancer. Tobacco smoke can produce chemicals that may damage the DNA in cells of the cervix and make cancer more likely to develop.

Although most cervical pre-cancers grow slowly, cervical cancer screening can detect pre-cancers and cancers while they can be removed and treated successfully. The American Cancer Society guidelines recommend that women begin cervical cancer screening about three years after becoming sexually active but not later than 21 years of age. Testing should be done every 1 to 2 years depending on the test performed. After age 30, women who have had three normal consecutive test results may be tested less frequently based on the absence of risk factors and recommendations by a health care provider.
The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its January 19 meeting to consider several amendments to the subdivision ordinance, most of which are intended to streamline the development process. The changes would:

- Provide more options to meet the obligations for installing or guaranteeing the installation of sidewalks and street trees.
- Eliminate the requirement for a 30-day administrative review of preliminary plats before they can be scheduled on a Planning Commission agenda.
- Reduce the timeframe for department/agency review of preliminary plats from 15 days to 10 days.
- Eliminate the requirement for advertised waivers and City Council action when special permits are submitted that contain all the same information as preliminary plats and staff/applicant are intending to avoid the filing and processing of duplicate applications.
- Allow replats that do not involve creation of new streets to be filed of record immediately upon plat approval.
- Allow administrative discretion to waive improvement requirements for replats that do not increase the number of platted lots.
- Clarify the obligations of developers to properly complete private improvements that are intended to be turned over to homeowners’ associations for permanent maintenance.
- Require landscape contractors to go through a training/certification course offered by the Parks and Recreation Department, so that required plantings are more likely to survive.

The Lincoln City Council, at its last meeting of 2004:

- Approved amendments to the City zoning ordinance that delegate decision-making on special permits to the Planning Commission in most cases, and provide more administrative flexibility in the plan approval process.
- Approved the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance prohibiting new billboards along the interstates. City staff will work with the Chamber of Commerce on its intent to develop attractive signage at key entryways that helps market the community as a whole.

NEW PLATTING RULES PROPOSED
City staff has been taking the proposed new downtown master plan out to meetings of interested organizations for questions and comments. The feedback from these meetings along with meetings held to date will be considered by the planning consultants, Crandall Arambula, as they develop a final plan to be presented in March. Contact Kent Morgan (441-7491 or kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov) in our office if you would like to schedule a session with your organization. Or if you want to find out more about the plan yourself, and offer your own comments, go to lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: downtown).

Comp Plan Amendment Submittal Deadline

Requesting a Comprehensive Plan amendment?

The deadline for submitting a request to amend the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan is February 2, 2005.

If you have questions regarding the Comprehensive Plan annual review process, please contact Steve Henrichsen at 441-6374 or shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov or Duncan Ross at 441-7603 or dross@lincoln.ne.gov. You also may visit our Comp Plan annual review web page at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: cpreview).

WHAT’S UP DOWNTOWN?

GOALZAPOPPIN

You can find the key goals for the Planning Department in this new year, along with goals accomplished over the past year, on our web page under Director’s Corner.

CIP Presentation at Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable

Please join us on February 10th at 4:30 p.m. in Room 113 of the County/City Building for a short presentation on the process and timeline for developing the 2005/06 to 2010/11 City of Lincoln Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The CIP is the blueprint for Lincoln’s capital spending. The City is continually looking ahead to see how we can maintain and improve roads, bridges, utilities, police and fire services, parks and other community buildings and programs for the people of Lincoln.

For more information, please contact Duncan Ross at 441-7603 or dross@lincoln.ne.gov. You may also visit our web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: CIP).
MEMORANDUM

To: City Council Representatives
From: Wynn Hjermstad, Community Development Manager
Date: January 19, 2005
Subject: Additional information on the redevelopment of 48th and “O” Streets

As you requested at your meeting on January 10th, attached is additional information regarding the redevelopment of 48th and “O” Streets. Attached you will find:

- a listing of property owners, values, and parcel size for each property and on the last page, a map containing the same information,
- various scenarios of potential land costs.
- a table explaining the assumptions that went into the cost estimates for each public expenditure item listed on page 26 of the Redevelopment Plan.

In summary of the materials enclosed, TIF generated could range between a low of $3,600,816 and a high of $5,408,207. Public expenditures (excluding the land) are estimated to be $1,395,000, well within the estimated TIF. Many assumptions went into the calculation of the estimated TIF. I tried to be conservative in all estimates. Until we have specific projects, we will not know the amount of TIF that will be generated nor the total project costs.

Please contact me at 441-8211 or by e-mail at whjermstad@ci.lincoln.ne.us if you have any questions prior to the public hearing on January 24th. Thank you.
## N. 48th & O Streets
### Ownership, Acres & Value

#### North Side

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# N. 48th & O Streets
Ownership, Acres & Value

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Potential Sale Price Scenarios

**North Side**
(Excludes Schaefers, Armstrong Interiors & Office Depot)

**By % of (current) assessed value**

- $11,041,245 \times 10\% = \$12,145,369$
- $11,041,245 \times 40\% = \$15,457,743$
- $11,041,245 \times 50\% = \$16,561,867$

**South Side**

**By % of (current) assessed value**

- $4,550,058 \times 10\% = \$5,005,064$
- $4,550,058 \times 40\% = \$6,370,081$
- $4,550,058 \times 50\% = \$6,825,087$
# Potential TIF Scenarios

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### Assumptions

**Streets and Alleys:** $200,000 - Extension of 50th, estimate from Public Works.

**Sidewalk Repair:** $70,000 - Estimate from Public Works & Utilities, assumes construction of all new sidewalks within the blighted area.

**Public Transportation:** $7,500 - 1 bus shelter

**Streetscape:** $900,000 - Assumes 8 blocks of low intensity streetscape; could include landscaping, street furniture, ornamental signs and banners.

**Public Utilities:** $217,500 - Public Works estimate for enclosing the existing drainage ditch and open swale is between $100,000 and $200,000 - assumed $200,000. $17,500 assumed for additional improvements identified in the plan.
Year in Review

The number of complaints on weed abatement dropped by 239 and the number of violations decreased by 161. Violations by multiple violators were 129 less.

**Inspection Activity**

5,059 inspections were made of 2,295 sites on 3,593 acres during the year. 1,869 violations were found on 1,343 acres. Violations dropped 438 from last year, and acres of violations decreased by 207.

279 sites received multiple complaints. Sent 501 notices, 991 letters, published 122 notifications and made 65 personal contacts. 1,311 sites cut by landowners. 150 sites were contracted. 36 cut by landowners before contractor arrived. 109 sites force cut at the cost $11,817. 88 properties were assessed for non-payment.

**Noxious Weeds**

438 infestations were found on 429 acres. The number of infestations found increased by 48. The number of infestations found by noxious weed is shown below. 375 of these sites were controlled by landowners. The Authority controlled 12 sites.

**DECEMBER Activities**

7-9 NACO Annual Convention
21 Weed Assessment Hearing
31 Monthly activity report

**JANUARY Planned Activities**

13 Mgt Team Mtg
- Commissioners approval of annual plan
20 Lower Platte Purple Loosestrife Mtng
BOOKLET HELPS TRACK MEDICAL INFORMATION

Lincoln-Lancaster Women’s Commission publishes health care information in three languages

Concerned about medical access and health care services for women, the Lincoln-Lancaster Women’s Commission produced multicultural booklets titled, “My Medical Records Manager,” to encourage women to be more proactive in their health care. The six-page booklet is printed in English, Vietnamese and Spanish. A special section gives tips and guidelines on how to establish effective professional relationships with health care providers.

The record management booklet tracks important historical health events such as childhood illnesses, allergies, surgeries, medicines, insurance information and current symptoms. It allows ample space for the patient to write down specific medical events and to list questions that can be discussed with their provider.

Soon to be released are 500 audio cassette tapes in Arabic that verbally explain the same information and process as the booklet. Emphasis is placed on overcoming those cultural barriers that could prohibit Middle Eastern women in seeking out specific health care services.

“Because of specific cultural boundaries, Asian and Arabic women are less likely to seek out adequate health care services or to establish routine care with a health provider,” said Bonnie Coffey, director of the Lincoln Lancaster Women’s Commission. “Combine that lifestyle with the inability to speak the English language and our community has a growing segment of women who may be at risk.”

The project was completed with the aid of volunteer bilingual women who translated and wrote the “My Medical Records Manager” information. Underwritten by Friends of LLWC, the record manager booklets and audio cassettes are available at no charge. To obtain copies, please call the office of the Lincoln-Lancaster Women’s Commission, 441-7716.
January 18, 2005

Mr. Danny E. Walker
427 E Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Register to Speak - 4th Street Fiasco

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have received your letter in which you request that your name, as President of the SSCCO be placed on the formal Council agenda of January 24th to speak.

As I advised you in my voice message left for you today, January 24th does not fall on either the second or last Monday of the month. Therefore, I am unable to place your name on the agenda for that date. However, I will place your name on the agenda of January 31, 2005, which meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

Joan E. Ross, CMC
City Clerk

cc: Terry Werner
    Ken Svoboda
Tammy

Please send the following message as an RFI to Finance Department to answer regarding wheel tax rates.

Thanks

Annette

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To: amcroy@ci.lincoln.ne.us
From: NSP349@aol.com
Date: 01/01/2005 12:09PM
Subject: Question

I just received my notice to re-register my 1986 Ford Ranger Pick up. I see the wheel tax now is over $100.00. This seems a bit high........the pick up is only worth about $500.00. When was this raised to this amount? It almost doubled from the previous year.

When is the rest of the LancasterCountyresidents, that work everyday in Lincoln, going to be subject to this tax?

Ron Rife

2222 Liberty Bell lane

Lincoln, NE 68521

438-5762
Mr. Ron Rife
2222 Liberty Bell Lane
Lincoln, NE  68521

Dear Ron,

You sent Annette McCroy an e-mail on January 1, 2005, that she forwarded to me to respond to. In your e-mail, you questioned the amount of wheel tax you were billed by the State Department of Motor Vehicles to re-register your 1986 Ranger pick-up.

The amount of the re-registration fee includes the City of Lincoln wheel tax. For your type of vehicle, the wheel tax is currently set at $66.00 per year. This rate has been in effect since January 1, 2004. Prior to that date, it was $58.50. For your benefit, I am including a link to the Lincoln Municipal Code that includes a complete schedule of the City’s wheel tax. This link is:


You should contact the Motor Vehicle Department to see if there was an error in their billing.

In response to your final question, the City through its Infrastructure Finance Committee looked at many funding options to finance its existing funding gap for street construction and repair. The committee’s recommendations include a criteria that any new funding attempt to be as broad based as possible to ensure that non-Lincoln residents who use our streets also pay for the repair and replacement of these streets. It is not possible to expand the city wheel tax outside the city limits, but there are other revenue sources that can be used that meet this criteria.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Don Herz
Finance Director
City of Lincoln

Phone:  402-441-7411
Fax:    402-441-8325
E-mail:  dherz@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Tammy Grammer
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE  68508
Phone:  402-6867
Fax:        402-6533

Bizquiz@aol.com

It is really heartless to put the last of us out in the bitter cold to smoke. How about eliminating the taxes on smokes to help us pay for the illnesses we are sure to contract, from the exposure to the elements.

Just because some barowner wanted 18 year olds in his bar after 9PM? So, we are all children and if we make demands, then we are spanked and grounded - all privileges take away for the affrontery of making demands for amenities. I see how it is. You're the daddy, we are the children. Who would want to vote to have parents for their entire life.
Marilee Johnson <mghjohnson@yahoo.com>

January 18, 2005

To: Council Members
City of Lincoln
Lincoln, Nebraska

From: Marilee Johnson
240 South 50 Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

Subject: 48th & O Street Project

I’m writing to show my support for the city of Lincoln’s involvement in the 48th & O Street project. My family and I have lived at this address since 1972. We like the neighborhood and the proximity to the central part of town. This neighborhood has had its difficulties with the Misle business over the years. They were not a considerate neighbor. The problems have been expressed in prior testimony and letters by several people.

This neighborhood is anxious to move forward. The Misle property has been vacated since 2002. The owner has had enough time to pursue a project and has not done so. During that time, the property has deteriorated. The car wash has had almost every window broken and the main building has serious water damage and an increasing number of boarded up windows. This is only a description of the south side of O Street. The north side is a much larger project, but...
is also in great need.

This area is a very visible part of Lincoln. It is also a major thoroughfare and heavily traveled. The abandoned properties are an eyesore in the center of Lincoln and does not provide a very good first impression for visitors to the State’s capitol city.

This project is an opportunity to create something attractive for this part of the city. It’s nice to make improvements on the outskirts of the city, but you can’t forget the heart of the city...it is all a part of the whole. It would also be an advantage to carry out the projects in tandem with the O Street construction.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.
Dear Mr. Katt:  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.

Tammy Grammer  
City Council Office  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE  68508  
Phone:  402-441-6867  
Fax:        402-441-6533  

"Peter Katt" <LawKatt@Pierson-Law.com>

Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse and the City couldn't find any more ways to throw money away they top themselves again. When the city does not have enough money to build roads, water and sewer we are hiring public artists to design a wall along a road.

Please forward this to others that think the City should focus on the basics not the pretty and when we get the basics right we can go on to the pretty.

Peter W. Katt

-----Original Message-----
From: Balpine@aol.com [mailto:Balpine@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2005 4:37 PM
To: cpetsch@lps.org; wsvoboda@prodigy.net; zainab@goodneighborcenter.com; Peter Katt; fjoseph@lincoln-action.org; asiancenter2004@yahoo.com
Subject: AVCT news

This is the first time I have sent a message to our interested connection team. Three of us met with Jeff Cole from Urban Development on a cold January 12. He told us about the Antelope Valley Public Art Plan. It was prepared by VIA Partnerships, LLC in November, 2004. Lynn Johnson and Wynn Hjemstad will be meeting with the Mayor in the near future to discuss how to get the suggested process started.

Their suggestion is that there be a Public Art Commission names, and an artist be hired to direct the project. One of the first projects suggested is the design of the wall to be built along the road near the university. I am sure you can all come up with ideas as to the design of that important structure. Hopefully AVCT will have some opportunity to have input into that process. We believe that our diverse history should be a part of that structure. Any ideas that you may have we will be glad to collect and pass on to the appropriate persons. Funding for the project will be a challenge.
THE NEXT MEETING OF AVCT WILL BE FEBRUARY 10, 7:30 AM AT NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. PLEASE PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR. Thank you.
Elaine Hammer
To: Lincoln City Council

From: Parking Study Implementation Chairs
      Scott Miller-President, Telesis, Inc.
      Drew Stange-Vice President, NAI FMA Realty
      Christine Jackson-UNL Vice-Chancellor for
      Business/Finance

Subject: January 24 Pre-Council

Following an external review that was funded by the City of Lincoln’s Public Works Department through the Parking Enterprise Fund and the Downtown Lincoln Association, we are enclosing background materials for the January 24th briefing on the Parking System Assessment:

1. Executive Summary of November, 2004 Final Report
2. Carl Walker, Inc.’s “20 Characteristics of Effective Parking Systems”
3. Draft Guiding Principles for Lincoln’s Parking System
4. Roster of Parking Study Implementation Team

We wish to point out that while the future organizational model referred to in the Parking System Assessment is a Parking “Authority”, our group prefers “Lincoln Parking Services Association” as a more accurate reflection of the model we are exploring. The term “authority” implies taxing authorization, which is not what we are seeking. Rather, our goal is a realignment of all parking management functions, which are currently the responsibility of multiple city departments, into a single integrated entity. We believe such a model will provide a more efficient, accountable, profitable and service-oriented parking system.

CC: Allan Abbott
City of Lincoln, NE
Parking System Assessment
Final Report – November 2004

Prepared for:
The City of Lincoln & The Downtown Lincoln Association

Carl Walker
Parking Planning Engineering Restoration
International Downtown Association

Atlanta * Charlotte * Chicago * Dallas * Denver * Kalamazoo * Philadelphia * Phoenix * Tampa
I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Lincoln and the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) engaged Carl Walker, Inc. in association with the International Downtown Association (IDA) to conduct an objective assessment of the public parking system in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska. The overall goal of the project is to assist the City of Lincoln and the Downtown Lincoln Association with recommendations on parking operations and management with respect to Downtown Lincoln. The study was to produce a “blueprint” for future parking operations and management.

Study Process

The study process consisted of four trips to Lincoln beginning in early August of 2004. Carl Walker, Inc. staff conducted three of these trips for the purpose of conducting stakeholder interviews and to assess the parking system in terms of operations and management. Throughout the study process we were assisted and directed by the Parking Study Task Force that was chaired by Allan Abbott, Director of Public Works for the City of Lincoln. Dallas McGee, Assistant Director of the Urban Development Department for the City of Lincoln and Polly McMullen, President of the Downtown Lincoln Association, were the local project managers. The other Parking Study Task Force members included: Tom Casady, Ann Herrell, Don Herz, Marvin Kroout, Jon Camp, Margaret Remmenga, Jim Fram, Christine Jackson, Scott Miller, Drew Stange, Jon Weinberg and Tom Wright.

The fourth trip to Lincoln was to convene an IDA Parking Advisory Panel. Based on the initial parking system assessment, the Parking Study Task Force identified the key issues for the IDA panel to explore in more depth.

Stakeholder Feedback

The parking study project managers, Dallas McGee and Polly McMullen, were provided with a list of potential questions that could be used to solicit input from key downtown Lincoln stakeholders. From the original list, the following six questions were approved.

1. Tell us briefly about your organization and how parking impacts your business or operation?
2. What is your perception of the current state of the Downtown Public Parking System?
3. Is there effective collaboration between your business or organization and the Downtown Public Parking System?
4. What are the three most important parking related issues to you?
5. If you could change the way parking is currently managed, what would you do differently, if anything?
6. What obstacles do you see that might inhibit resolution of downtown parking issues?
These questions were asked as part of one-on-one interviews and also sent out to Downtown Action Team members and City staff via email. A detailed list of stakeholder feedback is documented within.

**Parking System Assessment**

Using the “20 Characteristics of Effective Parking Programs” model, *Carl Walker, Inc.* evaluated the City of Lincoln’s public parking program. The City of Lincoln scored excellent or above average ratings in the categories of Financial Management, Operational Efficiency, Facilities Maintenance, Use of Technology and Parking System Marketing. The details of the “20 Characteristics” assessment are summarized in a detailed SWOT analysis.

**Peer Cities Review**

A limited peer cities comparison was also included as part of our scope of services. The Cities included in our final peer city comparison analysis include: *Fort Collins, CO; Kalamazoo, MI; Madison, WI; Toledo, OH*. These cities were selected because they closely resemble Lincoln in terms of population size, demographics; regional proximity and the presence of a major university near downtown. Fort Collins and Toledo were specifically used for comparison because both of these parking systems were represented on the IDA Advisory Panel. Other cities reviewed included: Boise, ID, Tempe, AR and Rochester, MN.

**IDA Advisory Panel**

Following the presentation of the initial parking system assessment, the Parking Study Task Force provided a prioritized set of tasks that the IDA Advisory Panel was to consider in more depth. The IDA Advisory Panel consisted of the following individuals:

- David M. Feehan (Team leader) – President, International Downtown Association
- Randy Hensley – Transportation Parking and Budget Manager, City of Fort Collins
- Clayton Johnston – President, Toledo Downtown Parking Authority
- Molly Miller Winter – Executive Director, City of Boulder Downtown and University Hill Management and Parking Service
- Dennis Burns – Vice President, Studies and Operations Consulting, Carl Walker Inc.
- Andy Miller – Senior Planner, Carl Walker Inc.
The key tasks as identified by the Parking Study Task Force included:

- Review information on the downtown Lincoln parking system as identified by the Carl Walker preliminary parking system assessment. This information was provided in advance to all panel members.
- Identify parking organization and management models that have shown demonstrated success in the areas of: improved parking program leadership and governance, quality customer service, responsiveness to economic development initiatives, and parking system financial viability and sustainability.
- Consider the financial impacts of alternative organizational models as related to existing debt obligations, contributions to overall economic vitality, etc.

In addition to these key tasks, the IDA panelists were also asked to consider the following:

- Explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation and partnership between City government and other entities.
- Assess parking issues in light of activities occurring in a parallel study to develop an overall downtown master plan.
- Investigate best practices and successful strategies of parking management.
- Identify opportunities for the Downtown Lincoln Public Parking System to become a “Best in Class” parking system.

**Primary Recommendation**

The primary recommendation of this report is to change the organizational structure of the parking program. A Parking Authority organizational structure is recommended as described in detail in the IDA Panel section of this report.

Six primary elements of the recommendation for creating a Parking Authority for Lincoln include:

- Ownership of the system’s physical assets shall be retained by the City of Lincoln.
- Care will be taken to ensure strong financial stewardship of the parking system and meeting all bond covenant requirements.
- A community-based Board of Directors shall provide Authority governance and oversight.
- The Parking Authority shall integrate responsibility for on-street parking, off-street parking and parking enforcement activities.
- The Authority purpose and scope of responsibilities shall be detailed in and governed by a well-defined Management Agreement, and
- An experienced Executive Director will manage the Authority.
In addition the primary recommendation noted above, 37 other specific parking management recommendations and a detailed implementation plan are provided to help the City of Lincoln transition from an already good parking system to what could easily be a “Best In Class” parking system.

To assist in the implementation of this recommendation, several draft documents have been provided, including:

- A draft City Council Resolution for the creation of a Parking Authority
- A draft set of Parking System Guiding Principles
- An example of a Parking Authority Management Agreement
- A draft job description and salary range for the recommended Parking Authority Executive Director position.

Carl Walker, Inc. and the International Downtown Association have enjoyed working with the City of Lincoln and the Downtown Lincoln Association in the production of this report. Please feel free to call on us at anytime to provide clarification on any of the items contained in this document.

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Carl Walker, Inc.'s 20 Characteristics of Effective Parking Systems

1. Vision and Mission  
2. Parking Philosophy/Guiding Principles  
3. Parking Planning  
4. Community Involvement  
5. Appropriate Organization  
6. Staff Development and Training  
7. Safety, Security and Risk Management  
8. Effective Communications  
9. Consolidated Parking Program  
10. Financial Reporting and Planning  
11. Strategic Parking Management  
12. Operational Efficiency  
13. Facilities Maintenance Programs  
14. Effective Use of Technology  
15. Parking System Marketing and Promotion  
16. Positive Customer Service Programs  
17. Special Events Parking Programs  
18. Parking Enforcement  
19. Parking and Transportation Demand Management  
20. Awareness of Competitive Environment
VI. PARKING SYSTEM GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The project team has worked with the Parking Study Taskforce to create drafts of new parking system Vision and Mission statements as well as a draft set of Guiding Principles. The drafts to date are included below:

Vision Statement:

The Downtown Public Parking System will be a superior, customer-oriented system, responding to the current and future parking needs of downtown users, including visitors, employees, employers and property owners.

Mission Statement:

The Downtown Public Parking System is committed to creating and maintaining a parking system for downtown Lincoln’s customers and stakeholders, which provides exemplary customer service, operations, maintenance and marketing. The Downtown Public Parking System supports the Downtown Lincoln Master Plan’s goals and objectives.

Guiding Principles:
(Revised Based on Group Input – 09/09/04)

Create a downtown parking system built around the following principles:

Goals

The Downtown parking system should be seen as an essential and integral part of the community’s economic development strategies and programs.

The downtown parking system should be customer-oriented and friendly, but not free. If customers see the system as fair and friendly, visits to downtown will increase and therefore downtown vitality will be increased and parking revenues will be enhanced.

The downtown parking system should aim high and strive to achieve a “best-in-class” parking program. All aspects of downtown parking should reflect an understanding of what the downtown customer desires in terms of a positive and memorable downtown experience.
The parking program shall formulate public/private partnerships that can promote the community's economic development strategies and programs by creatively addressing Downtown and area specific parking issues – both public and private.

The Downtown parking system should be operated with transparency, openness and accountability. An annual report should be published documenting the system's financial condition, system planning issues, management and marketing initiatives and overall contributions/accomplishments.

**Funding**

Parking services shall be considered a key public infrastructure for the downtown. Parking will continue to function as an enterprise that shall fund its own expenses, including the funding of maintenance reserve funds and debt service.

The parking system will operate so that its bond ratings will be maintained at least at an "A" bond rating to permit access to low cost capital without requiring a pledge of the City's taxing authority.

Transient and monthly parking rates will be market competitive, (i.e. variable, based on time, location, or the service provided). Rates shall be established to support and sustain parking as a self-funding enterprise and to cover parking bond covenants. Parking rates should encourage the use of and access to the downtown.

**Marketing**

The Downtown parking system should be well promoted and marketed. The parking program will work closely with the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) the Chamber of Commerce and other downtown agencies to promote and market parking services in downtown Lincoln.

**Organization**

The downtown parking system should achieve and maintain a unified, centralized and vertically integrated management structure that manages all on-street, off-street and parking enforcement activities and resources.

**Planning**

The parking program shall have an active and comprehensive planning function. The parking program will be included in all long-range downtown strategic and transportation planning.
To support the concept of parking as a public infrastructure and to encourage development, the downtown exempt parking district (B-4 zoning) will be maintained.

**Programs**

The parking program will develop and maintain a parking validation program.

Parking violation policies shall be established to promote the downtown parking system's strategic goals and discourage illegal parking. The parking program will review peer city parking fine rates and the potential impact on downtown marketability when recommending modifications to the City of Lincoln parking fine structure. An escalating fine system that is more forgiving to first-time offenders and provides higher penalties to repeat offenders will be implemented.

The parking program will have a defined special events parking policy that is crafted through a collaborative process with downtown stakeholders and public/private partners.
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Comment or Question:
    ShopKo at 66th and O St. has not cleared the snow from their sidewalks this
    year, and only once last year. This is an area of retirement homes, people
    walking to work, and significant retail development. I live a few blocks from
    ShopKo.

    The fact that these sidewalks have not been cleared has been reported by me
to the sidewalk telephone number and later the Mayor's office. Yet as of
today, the walks still remain uncleared. Did the City Council pass a
resolution exempting ShopKo from the responsibility of clearing their walks or
are city officials remiss in carrying out their responsibility?

    I would appreciate the council discussing the issue of clearing sidewalks
    and deciding either it should be done, or forget having a regulation so I can
stop clearing mine.

Darryll Pederson
January 14, 2005

City Council
City of Lincoln
City-County Building
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Re: West Superior Access through Arnold Heights

Dear Council Members:

It is our understanding that the issue of access through our property in Arnold Heights to the segment of West Superior located west of the city limits was raised during the January 10, 2004 City Council meeting discussion of the Airport West Subarea Plan agenda item. The purpose of this letter is to share with you the Housing Authority’s position about this issue. For your reference, attached is an aerial photograph of the area in question.

Presently West Superior Street in Arnold Heights terminates at the intersection of West Wilkins and N.W. 54th Streets. The current city limits runs along the west (rear) property line of two duplexes located on west side of this intersection. The Housing Authority owns 4401-07 W. Wilkins Street; a private home owner occupies 4239-45 N.W. 54th Street. The property line between the two properties is roughly an imaginary line running west from the centerline of West Superior Street within Arnold Heights to the centerline of West Superior Street in the county.

In 1979, the Housing Authority granted the City of Lincoln an easement on our property for the sole purpose of “ingress and egress across and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, repair, and replace municipal utilities” (i.e., the city water reservoir located on the north side of West Superior Street to the west of the city limits). A copy of this easement is attached.

At some unknown date, an approximately 10 feet wide “driveway” and a gate in the rear property line fence were installed to facilitate the city’s access to the water reservoir. A lock was installed on the gate in response to complaints about illegal dumping on West Superior outside of the city.
limits. In recent years property owners along West Superior outside of the city limits obtained copies of keys to the gate without the Housing Authority’s knowledge or authorization. When this fact was drawn to our attention, the lock on the gate was changed due to liability concerns. In 2003, the City Public Works and Utilities Department notified us that they were relinquishing their access rights, stating that they no longer needed the access and could gain access to the water reservoir via West Adams and N.W. 70th Streets.

We have been approached a number of times by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weise, Mr. Weston Furrer and the University of Nebraska requesting the key to the gate and permission to use the “driveway” as a street. Our Board of Commissioners have denied these requests for the following reasons:

1.) The potential for an increased risk of legal and financial liability to the Lincoln Housing Authority should an accident or other mishap occur at or near the gate or “driveway” on either Housing Authority property or the adjacent privately-owned property to the south. We are concerned about the safety of both our tenants at 4401-07 West Wilkins and the residents of 4239-45 N.W. 54th Street and the potential for property damage to occur.

2.) The financial cost to the Housing Authority to maintain the gate and “driveway” in a condition that would be safe for many vehicles to use and the liability we assume if persons who are granted access encounter difficulties or have accidents. We are particularly concerned about the University’s proposal to transport bus loads of visitors to their retreat facility on West Superior via the “driveway”. The “driveway” was not built to handle this amount or type of traffic; it is too narrow and the grade much too steep to safely handle most vehicles.

3.) The number of individuals seeking permission to use the “driveway” makes it impossible for the Housing Authority to grant access to one and not others, increasing the number of users on the “driveway” increases the potential for accidents and our liability.

From time to time we have been told that former property owners along West Superior Street were granted easements to use the “driveway” and gate. An “easement” Mr. Rich Wiese has presented to us as granting him access to the gate and “driveway” is contained in a 1973 Quit Claim deed between the Housing Authority and the United States of America transferring several Arnold Heights properties to the Housing Authority. The Quit Claim includes a sentence stating that the property is “subject to all, if any, existing easements...”, a standard phrase in real estate transfer documents, which does not imply that an actual access easement does exist.

A title search conducted by our legal counsel has not uncovered any easements other than the public works easement given the City of Lincoln. We have searched our own archives and at our request our longtime legal counsel and the City Public Works and Utilities Department have searched their records. No documentation has been found supporting the existence of any easement pertaining specifically to access across this property. We possess aerial photographs which clearly show no road connecting the county segment of West Superior to the City at that location since the construction of the World War II Lincoln Army Air Field in 1942.
It has been suggested to us that the Arnold Heights Subdivision was laid out to facilitate the construction of a connection to West Superior Street in the future. We do not believe that to be the case for the reason that there is no street right-of-way dedication at this location as there is elsewhere in the Arnold Heights subdivision (N.W. 51st Street, N.W. 53rd Street, West Kingsley and West Vale Street). The gap between the two houses is a common side yard dimension found throughout Arnold Heights and is one of the features which makes the neighborhood so pleasant. However, it is not wide enough to give the City the standard 60 feet right-of-way required for a residential street and not encroach in a very negative manner on the two adjacent duplexes.

As a result, the Housing Authority is opposed to any proposal to build a public street through these two properties to connect West Superior. The construction of such a street would have a detrimental effect on both our property and the private property owner to the south. In addition, West Superior Street within Arnold Heights is a narrow residential street and was not designed to handle the thru traffic that a connection to West Superior Street in the county would cause. In our opinion, the construction of a West Cummings east-west connector as proposed in the Airport West Subarea Plan is a much better solution to the issue of how to connect the county segment of West Superior to the City as growth spreads west from Arnold Heights. Until that connection can be built, perhaps the county, with the cooperation of the adjacent property owners, can improve the surface quality of West Superior Street east of N.W. 70th Street in order to facilitate good and dependable access to those properties.

If you have any questions about this issue do not hesitate to contact me at 434-5540.

Sincerely,

Larry G. Potratz  
Executive Director

c: The Honorable Coleen J. Seng  
   Lancaster County Board of Commissioners  
   Mr. Duncan Ross  
   Arnold Heights Neighborhood Association
Aerial View of W. Superior Street in Vicinity of City Limits
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That The Lincoln Housing Authority of the City of Lincoln, herein called "Grantor," whether one or more, owner of certain real property described as:

A portion of Lot Eighteen (18), Block One (1), Arnold Heights
Addition Replat, City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska

for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and Other Valuable Consideration (1.00 & DOLLARS) said, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby GRANT, TRANSFER, ASSIGN, and RELINQUISH unto the CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, a municipal corporation, its successors and assigns, herein called "Grantee", the right, PRIVILEGE, and EASEMENT for ingress and egress across and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, repair, and replace municipal utilities, including sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water service, and electrical lines under, over and through the following described real property, to-wit:

The south 15.0 feet of said Lot 18.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD UNTIL THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, its successors and assigns, so long as any of such municipal utilities shall be maintained together with the right of ingress and egress to said property from the public streets, for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, inspecting, repairing, maintaining, operating, and replacing any of said utilities and appurtenances thereto, located thereon, in whole or in part, at the will of the Grantee, it being the intention of the parties hereto that Grantee is hereby granting the uses herein specified without devesting Grantor of title and ownership of the rights to use and enjoy the above described property for any purpose except the construction thereon of permanent buildings, subject only to the right of Grantee to use the same for purposes herein expressed, and subject to any prior leases or easements of record heretofore granted to other parties.

This instrument, and the covenants and agreements herein contained shall inure to the benefit of and be binding and obligatory upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successor and assigns of the respective parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands this 25th day of

October, 1973

THE LINCOLN HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN

by: [Signature]

Lloyd B. Hinkley, Chairman

STATE OF NEBRASKA } ss.
COUNTY OF LANCASTER

On October 25, 1973, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public duly commissioned and qualified for in said County, personally came Lloyd B. Hinkley, Chairman of The Lincoln Housing Authority of the City of Lincoln, a corporation, known to me to be the Chairman and identical person who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his voluntary act and deed as such officer and the voluntary act and deed of said corporation and that its corporate seal was thereto affixed by its authority.

Witness my hand and notarial seal the day and year last above written.

[Signature]

Notary Public

[Commission Expires:]

[Signature]

Notary Public

[Commission Expires:]

[Signature]

Notary Public

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ADDENDUM TO DIRECTORS’ AGENDA MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will have a news conference to announce new projects to be funded through the “Lincoln Cares” voluntary donation program at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 21st at the Nebraska Army National Guard Facilities Maintenance Office, 1234 Military Road - (Council copies sent in their Thursday packets on 01-20-05) (See Advisory)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: New Projects Announced For “Lincoln Cares” - Funds will provide shelter for public display of Nebraska Liberty Bell - (See Release)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Residents Asked To Report Street Problems - (See Release)

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Free Wood Chip Mulch Now Available - (See Release)

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of January 22 through 28, 2005 - Schedule subject to change - (See Release)

6. E-Mail Response from Mayor Coleen Seng to Paul Haith - RE: City purchasing authority - (See E-Mail)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

1. Article from Jon Camp to Council - RE: Hope for conventions questioned; MECA chief still upbeat - (See Article)

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE
C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Russell Miller - RE: 48th & "O" redevelopment - (See E-Mail)

2. E-Mail from Steve Schwab - RE: Resolution 04R-332 - 48th & "O" Street Redevelopment Plan - (See E-Mail)

3. E-Mail from Richard Bagby - RE: In Support of the 48th & "O" Street Redevelopment - (See E-Mail)

4. E-Mail from Joseph W. Johnson, Jr. - RE: Eminent Domain - (See E-Mail)

5. E-Mail from Ginny Wright - RE: Hunzeker proposed amendment - (See E-Mail)
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: January 20, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will have a news conference to announce new projects to be funded through the "Lincoln Cares" voluntary donation program at 9 a.m. Friday, January 21 at the Nebraska Army National Guard Facilities Maintenance Office at 1234 Military Road.

Parking is available on the south side of Military Road, across from the security gate. Please bring a photo identification. The news conference will held outside on the west side of the building.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 21, 2005
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NEW PROJECTS ANNOUNCED FOR “LINCOLN CARES”
Funds will provide shelter for public display of Nebraska Liberty Bell

Mayor Coleen J. Seng announced today that the Lincoln Cares program will provide funding for the public display of the Nebraska Liberty Bell, which has been in storage for most of the past 50 years. The construction of a Liberty Bell shelter in Antelope Park is one of eight projects that will be funded in 2005 through the voluntary donation program. Lincoln Cares allows Lincoln Electric System (LES) customers to add one dollar to their bill each month for park improvements.

“The Nebraska Liberty Bell is a full-size replica of the original Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and even has the same tone,” said Mayor Seng. “We are very pleased that Lincoln Cares will provide a permanent home for it in Antelope Park between the Veterans Memorial Garden and the War and Victory memorial. Future generations will enjoy the bell and its fascinating history.”

In 1950, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, with private funding assistance, commissioned the casting of 55 full-sized replicas of the Liberty Bell. It was part of a savings bond drive with the slogan of “Save for Your Independence.” These bells were shipped as gifts to states and territories to be displayed and rung on patriotic occasions. Nebraska’s bell has been stored at a warehouse at the Nebraska Army National Guard Facilities Maintenance Office.

In addition to the bell project, Lincoln Cares will help fund a Sherman Field Baseball Plaza, the Jamaica North Trail Bridge, a basketball court in Belmont Park, a trail along Huntington and Leighton Avenue, benches along the new trail loop in Holmes Park, swimming and recreation program scholarships and the Green Team. A complete listing of the projects is attached.

For the third consecutive year, Lincoln Cares will receive funds from TierOne Bank Foundation and World’s Foremost Bank (Cabela’s VISA Operation), which provide a 50-cent match for every dollar contributed, up to $30,000 each.

“We feel tremendous about this partnership to help the community’s parks system. It’s one of Lincoln’s greatest assets and the TierOne Bank Foundation is very happy to be a part of this program to help make Lincoln a better place for everyone,” said Roger Ludemann, Executive Vice President of TierOne Bank.

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Lincoln Cares
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In the first 23 months of the program, $154,051 was contributed to Lincoln Cares. With corporate matching funds, the receipts totaled $274,051. An average of 6,600 LES customers donate to the program every month. Since 2003, Lincoln Cares has provided funds for air conditioning at the Ager Play Center and the Bethany Shelter; the Sunken Gardens renovation; restoration of the War and Victory and Pioneer Woman sculpture in Antelope Park; the Park Middle School Teen Center; and the acquisition of prairie and grasslands at Pioneers Park Nature Center. In 2004 alone, Lincoln Cares provided more than 5,600 scholarships for children to participate in Parks and Recreation programs.

“We are very thankful for everyone who supports this program. With our tight budget, it allows us to go the extra mile to keep the parks system one of the jewels of Lincoln,” said Lynn Johnson, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director.

“We hope that our continued support of this program will help it grow in the future,” said Tom Boatman of World’s Foremost Bank. “We’ve seen how our contribution has benefitted the lives of many young people in Lincoln who’ve received the opportunity to participate in Parks and Recreation programs which they wouldn’t have otherwise. It’s a small step that everyone can do to help make Lincoln a better place to live.”

To donate to Lincoln Cares, LES customers can add one dollar to their bills each month. Those who pay LES through automatic bank billing can add Lincoln Cares to their payments each month by calling LES at 475-4211. Automatic bank bill customers may discontinue their voluntary contribution to Lincoln Cares at anytime by notifying LES. For more information on Lincoln Cares, contact the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department at 441-8264 or see the City’s Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: Cares).
2005 Lincoln Cares Projects

Nebraska Liberty Bell Shelter - $15,000. Funds will be used to purchase materials for a park shelter for the public display of the bell in Antelope Park. The Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council will contribute an additional $10,000. The Parks and Recreation Department and the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Foundation will work with donated labor from local builders to construct the building.

Sherman Field Baseball Plaza - $25,000. In 1998, the grandstand structure and bleachers were renovated at historic Sherman Field, Lincoln’s premier amateur baseball facility. The Plaza project will replace or renovate the restrooms, concessions area and admissions gate to make Sherman Field a fully usable ballpark for players and the public. The total cost of the project is estimated at about $300,000, which is being raised through grants and other donations.

Jamaica North Trail Bridge - $10,000. Funds will be used to convert the existing railroad bridge for trail use. The Jamaica North Trail is a 6.5-mile abandoned rail corridor extending north from about 27th Street and Salttillo Road, the site of the historic town of Jamaica.

Basketball Court in Belmont Park - $5,000. A basketball half-court will be built next to the Belmont Recreation Center for use by neighborhood residents and those attending programs at the recreation center.

Trail along Huntington/Leighton Avenue, 33rd to 48th streets - $20,000. The University of Nebraska - Lincoln is donating right of way and providing funding for the $1 million project in cooperation with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and the City of Lincoln. The trail will connect University Place Park and the new Fleming Fields Recreational Sports Park. It also connects to the Dietrich Trail and will provide UNL students with access to East Campus.

Benches along the new Trail Loop in Holmes Park - $6,000. The current renovation of Holmes Lake and Park includes a 2.5-mile recreational trail loop around the lake. Lincoln Cares funding will be used to purchase and install 10 benches along the new trail loop and at fishing access points.

Parker's Pals Swim and Recreation Program Scholarships - $20,000. Lincoln Cares funds will be used to provide scholarships to economically disadvantaged children for swimming lessons through a partnership between the Red Cross and Lincoln Parks and Recreation. In addition, funding will provide swim passes to low-income children and families and partial scholarships for participation in the Parks and Recreation swim and dive team program. Lincoln Cares funds also will be used to provide scholarships to economically disadvantaged children and youth for before- and after-school programs, summer day camps, youth sports programs and therapeutic recreation programs.

Green Team - $10,000. Lincoln Cares funding will be used to pay participants in the Lincoln Parks and Recreation summer youth employment program for low-income and at-risk youth ages 13 through 15. The program emphasizes job-training skills, including preparation of a job application, interviewing and completing assigned work tasks. Participants assist in park maintenance activities, playground construction and summer day camp programs. Participants are employed six hours per day during three-week sessions. Matching grant funds will be sought.
RESIDENTS ASKED TO REPORT STREET PROBLEMS

The City Public Works and Utilities Department today encouraged citizens to report potholes created by the recent snowfall, melting and re-freezing. Potholes are created when water seeps into cracks in the pavement, freezes and expands. Citizens can report potholes and other non-emergency street problems in two ways:

- Call Public Works at 441-7701.
- Use the online form available on the home page of the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, under the heading Street Service Request. This form may also be used to report stormwater, snow and ice problems.

All problems requiring immediate action should be reported by phone to 441-7701.

Public Works officials estimate that the City repairs about 13,000 potholes every year, using about 650 tons of patching material.

Motorists are asked to be aware that re-freezing at night can create icy street conditions. Drivers also are encouraged to be especially careful as they drive around crews performing street repairs.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7961, fax 441-8735

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 21, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043

FREE WOOD CHIP MULCH NOW AVAILABLE

Wood chip mulch is now available free of charge at seven of the City's holiday tree recycling sites. The mulch will be available at the recycling sites through February 13. Beginning February 14, free wood chip mulch may be obtained only at the North 48th Street Transfer Station, one-half mile north of Superior Street on North 48th Street.

This year, the tree recycling program collected more than 4,850 trees. Since the program started in 1987, the City has recycled more than 164,500 trees.

"The success of the Christmas Tree Recycling Program depends on the support and cooperation of a number of people," said City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon. "Playing a vital role were members of the Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association who collected trees at the curb, the wood chipping crews from the Parks and Recreation Department, the City Public Works and Utilities Department, Mr. Amoto Tree Service and the Lincoln Electric System. We also want to thank the residents who hauled their trees to the collection sites."

People wishing to obtain the wood chips must load and transfer the material themselves. The recycling sites where wood chips may be obtained through February 13 are:

North:
- Ballard Park, 3901 North 66th St.
- Oak Lake Park, south of Cornhusker Highway three blocks on 1st Street
- University Place Park, 50th and Garland streets

South:
- Holmes Lake Park, parking lot west of north softball field
- Sawyer-Snell Park, 2nd and South streets, west of Fire Department building
- Tierra Park, 29th and Tierra Drive
- Woods Park, 31st and "J" streets, southeast corner of lot

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Date: January 21, 2005
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule
Week of January 22 through 28, 2005
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, January 22
• Volunteering at Food Share - 7:30 a.m., Fourth Presbyterian Church, 5200 Francis
• Optimists State Conference, welcome - 9:15 a.m., Villager main ballroom, 52nd and “O” streets

Tuesday, January 25
• KLIN Radio live call-in show - 9 a.m., 4343 “O” Street
• 2005 Nebraska Arts Council Legislative Lunch - 11 a.m., Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street

Wednesday, January 26
• Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting, remarks - noon, Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street
• Retirement reception for John Dale (Assistant Library Director), proclamation - 2 p.m., Bennett Martin Public Library board room, 14th and “N” streets

Thursday, January 27
• News conference, Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration - 10 a.m., City Council Chambers, first floor, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street

Friday, January 28
• KLKN-TV interview, Mayor’s Arts Awards nominations - 11:30 a.m., 3240 South 10th Street
• International visitors from Turkmenistan - 1:45 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street
• Albert W. Bauer Awards Banquet - 6:30 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner, 8:45 p.m. program, Firefighters Reception Hall, 241 Victory Lane
January 21, 2005

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Dear Mr. Haith:
I received your emailed question about the lease/purchase of the fire pumper trucks. I am forwarding your question to Don Herz, the City Finance Director. Mr. Herz will provide the answer explaining the purchasing authority available to the City and your other questions regarding bonding and long term debt.

Sincerely,
Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln

cc: Don Herz, Director, City Finance Department
City Council
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Subject: Re: City purchasing authority

01/21/2005 04:05 PM

Now that the contract to purchase new fire trucks has been awarded, I have found out that the money to purchase the fire trucks was borrowed money and not part of the City budget.
I would like to know what the legal basis is that the city has to obligate the tax payers of Lincoln to long term debt. In addition, I would like to know what other purchases have been made by borrowing over periods of time that exceed one year and a total amount of dollars that the City owes in long term debt that has not been approved by the tax payers through the issuance of voter approved bonds. I do not need exact amounts but an approximate estimate would be appreciated.

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Hope for conventions questioned; MECA chief still upbeat

BY RICK RUGGLES
WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

A Brookings Institution study describes the nation's convention center industry as vastly overbuilt at the same time that convention attendance sags.

The 35-page report says 19 cities, including Omaha and Council Bluffs, have built new convention centers over the past five years, and 34 cities have expanded their existing centers.

Forty-four more cities are building new or expanded centers or are planning to do so, writes University of Texas at San Antonio professor Haywood Sanders.

Roger Dixon, president and chief executive officer of the agency that oversees Omaha's Qwest Center, nonetheless continued to be upbeat.

Dixon said it will take several more years before Omaha is recognized as a bona fide convention city.

"But you know what? We're going to make it work," said Dixon, of the Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority. "So, no, we're not going to close our doors because of the Brookings report."

The Brookings report says a "type of arms race" has occurred among cities to build centers and host conventions. Many do it with the hope of stimulating business and reviving their downtowns.

But convention attendance is dropping, Sanders writes, and a turnaround still wouldn't produce considerably more business for most centers.

A commitment of public money to build convention centers means that money isn't available for schools, transportation, housing, neighborhood development and other items, Sanders writes.

Cities with large convention centers are expanding them, in part so they can hold medium-sized and small conventions at the same time. Consequently, big centers increasingly are competing with smaller ones, Sanders writes.

"Everyone in every city of any size believes...that their city, at least, will succeed in the convention business," Sanders said in a telephone interview.

He writes that cities also tend to add costly support services for convention centers, such as headquarters hotels, to bolster convention performance.

The City of Omaha built a Hilton hotel, which is attached to the $291 million convention center and arena by a skywalk.

Omaha's Qwest Center opened in 2003. It has yet to recruit anywhere near the 28 or more conventions annually that were projected in an early feasibility study. That study was used as part of the justification for a convention center. The public in 2000 approved building the center.

Dana Markel, who heads the Greater Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau, said her agency has doubled its sales staff in an attempt to be more competitive.
Markel said the bureau also is analyzing how rival cities sell their facilities and what kinds of discounts are offered.

"What we do is the best that we can do, and we're getting better, I think, every day," Markel said. "It's very competitive."

Charlie Schilling, general manager of Council Bluffs' Mid-America Center, said there's little question about the competitiveness of the business.

"Is the market overbuilt? Without question there's an intensity in the venue-management business that wasn't there before," Schilling said. "We feel that there's a nice niche there for our venue."

Sanders wrote that the downturn in convention attendance began before the 2001 terrorist attacks. The attacks routinely are mentioned as a key part of the decline in convention attendance.

It has become, he wrote, "abundantly clear that a new or ever-larger convention center cannot in and of itself revitalize or redeem a downtown core."

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Dear Mr. Miller: 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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From: Russell Miller
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To: Lincoln City Council

Subject: Additional comments on 48th and 0 Street Redevelopment Plan

I am submitting this as a nearby neighbor to the south side of 48th & 'O' street.

Dear Council Members,

After listening to all of the testimony that was presented last Monday, 10 January, I wish to add the following comments.

1. The issue of controlling the property

Mr. Misle has controlled the property for years. While he has had control of the property his immediate neighbors have had to pay lawyers to force him to comply with the Lincoln's ordinances and respect his neighbors' rights. This battle has been waging for 20 plus years and during that time we have continually been subject to delays, procrastination, diversions and half truths if not outright lies. This has resulted in the degraded use of our property and park. It is my opinion that nothing great or even good has happened while Mr. Misle was in control and nothing will until he is out of the picture. He has had over 4 YEARS to develop something (the lot was vacated in Oct. 2002 but, more importantly, his tenants bought their new property on N. 27 in March 2001 which is a clue that your tenant is leaving). 4 years should be enough time to at least have tenants in line for the 4 acres on the south side of 'O' street.
2. Diverting attention

At the August 23 hearing before the City Council, there was discussion about the south side property and how they were going to demo the building and start development. At the January 10 hearing all of the discussion was about the north side and the uncertainty of driveway access. Why wasn’t there any discussion about the south side which does not have those problems? From my perspective this fits the pattern that he has used for the past 20 years.

3. Conclusion

I feel that the Lincoln’s Urban Development is more capable of finding a private developer that can produce a quality project that will benefit Lincoln and the neighborhood. My evidence is to look at the place now (a deteriorating building with boarded up windows on the front and broken out windows on the back). Four years of knowing his place can be redeveloped AND NOT EVEN A PLAN TO DO SO.

Thank you,
Russell Miller
Dear Mr. Schwab:

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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Subject: Resolution 04R-332/48th & 'O' Street Redevelopment Plan

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01/24/2005 08:51 AM

Dear City Council Members:

As a concerned citizen who resides within 1.5 miles of 48th & 'O' Streets and as an active member of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association, I am asking for your support and vote for Resolution 04R-332 for the following reasons:

1. This area has officially been declared blighted and is in a state of continuing further decline.

2. The proposed redevelopment plan submitted by the Urban Development Department is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission on 12/08/04.

3. The intersection of 48th & "O" Streets is the second busiest in traffic volume in our City and should receive high priority for both redevelopment and necessary infrastructure improvements (i.e., street widening, storm water control, etc.).

4. It's important that commercial redevelopment for this area be compatible with the area and not be intrusive upon adjacent residential neighborhoods, which the redevelopment plan proposes.

5. Redevelopment needs to be well -- planned, coordinated and have continuity and uniformity (i.e., not "hodgepodge" or "piecemeal" redevelopment).

6. There may be certain environmental issues within the area of application (i.e., stormwater runoff, soil contamination, etc.) that need to be addressed which the City should and must oversee during redevelopment.

This blighted area of our "inner city" has been in a state of decline for several years and badly needs rehabilitation. This "eyesore" is a reflection of our City and one that I think many Lincolners are embarrassed to have and see. With both existing commercial and residential areas adjacent to this area its important that redevelopment be done and done well since it will influence future property values and patronage. The redevelopment plan submitted by Urban Development will help ensure this and this is why I am asking for your support and vote to approve it.

Steve Schwab

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

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I SUPPORT THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR 48TH + O AND THE O STREET WIDENING TO 40TH STREET AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DID AS WELL.
LINCOLN NEEDS TO DEVOTE RESOURCES TO THE CITY CORE AS WELL AS THE OUTSKIRTS

RICHARD BAGBY
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Dear Council Members:

I applaud your public service and the countless hours you dedicate to do all the things necessary to assess matters that come before the council and act on them appropriately. However, I fear that you are being given bad advice regarding the city's use of its power of eminent domain for grand schemes like Antelope Valley. The use of this power is indeed a violation of the 5th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The 5th Amendment is usually thought of as the constitutional provision that protects each of us from self-incrimination in a legal proceeding. However, the amendment does more. It reads, in part, "...nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." The operative word is "use." Some courts and many governments have equated "use" with the word "good." But our Founding Fathers were very precise in choosing the words of our Constitution and its first ten Amendments. They could have used the word good but did not do so. Why? Because the clear intent was that private property was sacred -- and only when there was compelling need for property to be USED by the government would government be allowed to take it by providing just compensation.

Yet, this city council and previous city councils have used the power of eminent domain to transfer ownership of property from one private individual to another. This is corrupt. Most recently, this outrageous practice was used to scrabble together properties so that the Douglas Theatre Corporation could build and profit from The Grand. It is being used today to transfer from one owner to another property that will be part of the Antelope Valley Project. It is being used to enrich the owner of Embassy Suites who has a scheme to build another hotel on another square block of downtown Lincoln. This owner does not want to negotiate with property owners in order to complete his project; he wants the city to simply give him title to those properties!

Decades ago, your predecessors on the council used the same corrupt practice to destroy businesses in Block 35. To refresh your memories, that private development scheme fell apart. So the city actually took title to the various demolished properties and for perhaps ten years the city actually used the land as a one square block, no tax producing, city-owned, one-level parking lot. Of course, after Arturos relocated, after the Skylight Bistro vanished, after other businesses in the block ceased to exist, and after the passage of nearly a decade, along came this man Hammons who bought the land and built Embassy Suites. You may not want to look at what he paid the city for the land because for some still affiliated with city government that might be quite embarrassing!

Please keep in mind that as you read this, Kelo vs the City of New London (Connecticut, case number 04-108) is before the Supreme Court of the United States. Briefly, the case turns on the intent of the city of New London, through the use of eminent domain, to tear down an entire neighborhood with hundreds of homes and businesses and thousands of residents and workers and turn the entire tract of land over to a private company which says it will build a plant that, through wages and taxes, will pay the city more than the city presently collects from current property owners. It is highly likely that Kelo will prevail because the case turns on the 5th
Amendment. New London is not going to use the land. It is simply seizing properties and giving them to someone else. That is precisely what is happening in Lincoln right now.

Regardless of the outcome in the Kelo case, it is time for Lincoln’s City Council to STOP the corrupt use of Lincoln’s power of eminent domain to finesse property ownership from one or more private owners to one or more other private owners. Certainly, there are circumstances when the city must take private property for public use. However, neither for The Grand nor for Embassy Suites nor for Hammons’ latest scheme is the use of eminent domain justified.

I look to each of you to look at what you are about not just in terms of what Dana Roper tells you is legal but also in terms of what is Constitutionally mandated and what is a fair and uncorrupt way for government to operate. Please reign in your man Roper, who is leading the charge in eminent domain actions, and stop the egregious abuse of governmental power here in Lincoln. He and other city employees have become realtors -- and we have quite enough of them who are not on the city payroll!

As an aside, I suggest that each of you read Judge Andrew P. Napolitano’s recent book, ‘Constitutional Chaos: What Happens When the Government Breaks Its Own Laws.’ His discussion of eminent domain corruption is quite compelling, as is his discussion of other legal issues. The book may actually assist you as you confront other issues coming before the council.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Ms. Wright: 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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Dear Council Members,

The Proposed Amendment to Resolution No. A-83068 on today's agenda: Please do not approve the amendment because:
- there will always be a reasonable sounding modification that undermines the intent of the standards;
- the listed rationale is unpersuasive as a public interest practice;
- there has to be a firm beginning for people to get in the mindset of doing it in the most current best practices;
- this is probably just one of a continuing series of amendments to skirt design standards.

It is in the best interests of the community for developers, designers, et al to get up to speed on, and practice, quality standards. They will not do so as long as there is weak enforcement, plan review, inspection, and a reasonable expectation that they can get away with non-compliance through technically legal & rational sounding modifications by their paid representative.

Please do not approve Proposed Amendment to Resolution No. A-83068

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DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

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

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Darl Naumann, Lin Quenzer, Mayor’s Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; Deena, Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative and Frank Delgado, Citizen.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng mentioned she watched the Pre-Council this morning regarding the Parking Study.

She has a letter for Council in regards to 48th & “O” Street and handed out copies to them. [Copy of letter on file in the City Council Office-RE: Support 48th & “O” Street Redevelopment Plan.]

At the “Noon” Meeting today staff will go through the State Legislative list. Mark (Bowen) will also have what she took to Washington last week which was the Federal list, so they will see exactly what she gave to Nelson and Hagel.

Today on the Agenda is the new process for Appeals so she had asked Don Herz about it. Somebody will be at the Council Meeting this afternoon to talk about it.

Maybe Lynn Johnson would like to talk about the Liberty Bell which is kind of exciting something that has been in storage for 50 years.

Lynn Johnson commented the voluntary donation program really impressive. Mr. Johnson stated in the early 1950's there was a fund raising drive that created 54 exact replicas of the Liberty Bell, they were the same size and actually toned so they have the same ring as the Liberty Bell. One was given to each of the states and there was a saving bonds drive that went with it and a brand new Ford truck with each one so they could drive around the states to promote the fund raising for it. Apparently at the end of the drive the Liberty Bells were given to the states and if you go to ‘LibertyBell.com’ there is a website that shows where all the Liberty Bells are located. For about 20 years it sat in the State Capitol Building and in the late ‘70s’
it was taken out and put into storage at the Nebraska Military Department. Occasionally, it was taken out to go to the State Fair, but there was never any paperwork that went with it so nobody knew what they could or could not do with the Liberty Bell. One of the members of the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council knew about the bell and suggested that they start talking about a way to get it on display. So, Council will see soon an agreement between the State and City of Lincoln to put the bell on permanent display in Antelope Park. There is supposed to be $15,000 of Lincoln Cares money and an additional $10,000 from the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council. These funds will be used to purchase materials for a permanent park shelter for the public display of the bell in Antelope Park. Mr. Johnson commented a neat story and the bell is truly impressive, so they’re pretty excited about it being kind of the poster project for Lincoln Cares this year.

Dana Roper stated they may have seen the decision by the Supreme Court on Friday involving the Spear T Ranch which they were involved in that argument and wrote a 30 page brief. This is the dispute over water in western Nebraska and there is about 3 pages of ranches and attorneys that are listed on it and this involved the first interpretation of the groundwater management and protection act and the relationship between well water and surface water. What they said in this case was the well water users, people who are withdrawing the well water, if they take enough at some point in time could be responsible to the surface water users of this. They have wells and surface water so they were interested in protecting their interest and it has been remanded so far so good, but they’ll see where they get. The second thing was that they invited he thinks the Unicameral to legislate on this a little further because the well usage is still problematic for them as a City.

Chuck Zimmerman (Building & Safety) updated Council on the Highway Diner situation. Mr. Zimmerman reported it has been treated as a building & zoning violation, they are treating them the same as they would anybody else that would try to do it. There have been citations and they are working closely with the Law Department on it as to what the next step is so they can proceed as needed, if needed, so they are handling it. Mr. Werner asked if it is still open? Mr. Zimmerman stated he believes there is still people in there.

Mr. Werner noted the Directors’ Agenda is for January 17th and today and they also have an addendum for today.

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents December Award Of Excellence. — NO COMMENTS

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*2.  City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - January 11, 2005 - 4:00 p.m. — NO COMMENTS

*3.  Response Letter from Corrie Kielty to Sandi Namuth - RE: The property at 1536 South 20th Street. — NO COMMENTS

4.  City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - January 14, 2005-6:00 a.m.— NO COMMENTS

5.  City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - January 14, 2005-11:00 a.m. — NO COMMENTS

6.  NEWS RELEASE - RE: Segment Of North 16th To Close For Water Main Work-Traffic also discouraged on State Fair access road. — NO COMMENTS

7.  NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of January 15 through 21, 2005-Schedule subject to change. — NO COMMENTS

II.  DIRECTORS

FINANCE


HEALTH


2.  NEWS RELEASE - RE: January Is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING

*1.  Letter from Douglas O. Emery, Postmaster to Ray Hill - RE: Bill #05-2, Special Building Address for Talent Plus Supplement to Factsheet. — Mr. Camp brought up this issue during his comments under “IV. Council-Jon Camp”. (See that discussion)
2. Planning Department Newsletter - Issue #12 - January 2005. — NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

*1. Response E-Mail from Thomas Shafer to Joyce Coppinger - RE: The 33rd Street Rehabilitation Project. — NO COMMENTS

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Material from Wynn Hjermstad - RE: Additional information on the redevelopment of 48th & “O” Streets. — NO COMMENTS

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY


WOMEN’S COMMISSION

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Booklet Helps Track Medical Information - Lincoln/Lancaster Women’s Commission publishes health care information in three languages. — NO COMMENTS

III. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on the Agenda for today under the liquor items, Items 4 & 5 will be called together. [Application of Lincoln NE Lodging, LLC dba Beacon Hills for a Class I liquor license at 5353 N. 27th Street; and Manager application of Carole L. Regan for Lincoln NE Lodging, LLC dba Beacon Hills at 5353 N. 27th Street.]

Items 6 & 7 will be called together. [Application of Hy Vee Inc. dba Hy Vee #5 for a Class C liquor license at 7151 Stacy Lane; and Manager application of Scott A. Schlatter for Hy Vee Inc. dba Hy Vee #5 at 7151 Stacy Lane.]
Items 8 & 9 will be called together. If they look at their Resolutions there is a conditional approval because they need to get their special permit for the alcohol sales. She thinks they are scheduled for Planning Commission on February 2nd, but they had to get it in on the 24th to meet their time line. [Application of Gas N Shop, Inc. dba Gas N Shop #81 for a Class D liquor license at 601 West O Street; and Manager application of Connie L. Hynek for Gas N Shop, Inc. dba Gas N Shop #81 at 601 West O Street.]

Items 10 & 11 will be called together. [05-1, Change of Zone 04078HP-Application of the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center to designate the Lally House at 2541 N Street as a landmark.; and 05R-4, Special Permit 04062-Application of the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center to operate a crisis center in a landmark located at 2541 N Street.]

Items 13 & 14 will be called together. [05-3, Change of Zone 04076HP-Application of Pages LLC to designate the Zimmer Grocery Store at 1941-1943 K Street as a landmark.; and 05R-6, Special Permit 04063-Application of Pages LLC to operate an office and a residence in a landmark located at 1941-1943 K Street.]

She handed out to Council a Motion-To-Amend for Item 24. [05R-10, Use Permit 04004-Application of Cameron Corporation to develop Highlands Townhomes consisting of 94 dwelling units, one lot for future development, and one outlot, with requested variances to the sanitary sewer design standards and waiver of the preliminary plat process on property generally located at W. Fletcher Ave. and N.W. 13th Street.]

1. Letter from City Clerk Joan Ross to Danny E. Walker - RE: Register to Speak-4th Street Fiasco. — NO COMMENTS

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Snow plowed onto sidewalks repeatedly (RFI#122 - 01/11/05). — NO COMMENTS

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ANNETTE McROY

1. Request to Don Herz, Finance Director - RE: Wheel Tax Rates (RFI#162-01/11/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON HERZ, FINANCE DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#162 - 01/20/05. — NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp asked Police Chief Casady and Chuck Zimmerman (Building & Safety) if they had any concerns regarding the ‘Talent Plus’ issue that is on their Agenda today if they were to name it separately? Chief Casady stated he’s not concerned about a single building, he’s concerned about what happens when other businesses come along that want the same thing, they want some kind of a vanity address and before long the system of numbering lots, parcels and buildings in the City has fallen apart. The example that he used when he corresponded with Doug Rath about it was “Kmart Drive”, he has several years worth of reports, accidents and dispatches at “Kmart Drive” and now it is “Knox Street”, so that creates a little bit of habit with his record keeping. Not a big deal in terms of finding the building the problem is this will be the first time that he knows of they have ever deviated from the numbering system in their City and he doesn’t think it is a good thing if it happens in the future. There may be other corporations or other businesses that would like a similar kind of vanity address and before long they have lost control of what is where. Mr. Camp commented don’t they have a “Speedway Drive”. Chief Casady replied no, they changed that particular road to “Victory Lane” and that threw off all shorts of records that he has for dispatches on that street as well. Adding that a street renaming is one thing, but in this case it is not a street renaming this is an address different than any other address. All the addresses start at 1st & “O” Street depending on how far north or south you are of “O” Street your address number increases and this is taking one parcel or one building and putting it completely out of order with all the surrounding addresses. Mr. Zimmerman stated from Building & Safety stand point as the people who assign addresses they are very much against it. As Tom (Casady) said this sets a bad precedent, it puts things out there you don’t know where they are, it’s going to create a 911 problem and then everybody is going to want to have a vanity address, a vanity street, a vanity driveway. It’s just a bad start and so they will have somebody at the Council Meeting today speaking against it. Chief Casady stated just so Council knows Mr. Rath has inscribed a phonographic marker out in front of the building with that address, they apparently got AllTel to publish in their new directory that street and add it to their map that is published in the phone book. None of those are official government documents but they have already taken several steps to convince them that this is already a done deal. Also pointed out one of the things Mr. Rath or who ever represents ‘Talent Plus’ is going to tell them today is that the address of the parcel is 6500 Pioneers, but that land parcel actually lines up about where 67th Street would be. So, he’s probably going
to tell them the address is already inaccurate and he wrote Mr. Rath a letter about what his issues were so he has heard all of this from him. He told Mr. Rath about the problems with streets being renamed, the problem of what happens when ‘Talent Plus’ is no longer maybe 25 years from now, he brought up the example of “Kmart Drive” and that 6500 Pioneers does not seem to be quite accurate because it doesn’t line up any where close to 65th Street and told him what he thought the address should be. He told him they would not have any problem finding their building that his primary concern is setting a precedent and then having other people do the same thing before long they have lost control of their street numbering.

Ray Hill added the Street Name Committee had the policy that they will not name or approve any name that represents a companies name. As pointed out there had been some people with “Kmart Drive” and others have come in wanting to use their street name as their company name, but they have a policy now that they will not accept that type of a name. Mr. Camp commented so that was after the Kmart and Speedway destinations. Mr. Hill said yes. Mr. Cook noted there is a letter from Doug Emery the Postmaster listed on the Directors’ Agenda. Chief Casady stated he will be at the meeting today, he promised Mr. Rath that he would not make this his issue unless someone asked and the Mayor has already asked.

Mr. Camp stated they have the legislation on the appeals process and asked if someone would have information on how many appeals they’ve had to the Appeals Board in the last 5 or 10 years. Don Herz said he will see if he can get that information for him.

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN

Ms. Newman stated to Chuck (Zimmerman) that she wants to make sure somebody from Building & Safety will be at the Council meeting today. Mr. Zimmerman stated Terry Kathe will be there.

Ms. Newman stated they received an e-mail from Darryll Pederson about “ShopKo” at 66th & “O” Street regarding snow removal. She thinks he contacted the Mayor’s Office and sent Council something about it and she was wondering if someone responded to it. Allan Abbott replied he thinks Karl (Fredrickson) did, but he will check on it.
GLENN FRIENDT

Mr. Friendt stated he would like to speak with Dana Roper after the Directors’ Meeting today.

TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS

Allan Abbott stated to Council since this is his last day for Directors’ Meetings, he would like to tell them that he has appreciated working with them. It’s been less pleasant than others, but he thinks as a whole they have worked well together and for 5 ½ years it has been an experience and he has truly enjoyed working with them. He wishes all of them well in the years to come because this next year is going to be anything but easy. Council thanked Allan (Abbott), everyone clapped.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Kim Schwaninger - RE: Smoking ban nonsense. — NO COMMENTS

2. E-Mail from Fred Zarate - RE: 48th & “O” Redevelopment plan (Council received copies on 1/10/05 during Council Meeting). — NO COMMENTS

3. Letter from Larry G. Potratz, Executive Director, Lincoln Housing Authority - RE: Airport West Subarea Plan -(Council received copies on 1/10/05 at Directors’ Meeting). — NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail - RE: The Smoking ban. — NO COMMENTS

5. Material from Attorney Craig D. Wittstruck, Anderson, Creager & Wittstruck, P.C. - RE: Risky’s, Inc., - Special Permit Application #04065 - (Copy of Material on file in the City Council Office). — NO COMMENTS


7. E-Mail from Peter Katt - RE: Antelope Valley. — NO COMMENTS
8. Material from DLA (Parking Study Implementation Chairs, Scott Miller-President, Telesis, Inc.; Drew Stange-Vice President, NAI FMA Realty; Christine Jackson-UNL Vice-Chancellor for Business/Finance) - RE: Material for Pre-Council scheduled for Monday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m.-re: The Parking Study-Next Steps). — NO COMMENTS

9. E-Mail from Darryll Pederson - RE: ShopKo at 66th & “O” Street has not cleared the snow from their sidewalks this year and only once last year. — Ms. Newman mentioned this e-mail during her comments under “IV. Council-Patte Newman”. (See that discussion)

10. Letter & Material from Larry G. Potratz, Executive Director, Lincoln Housing Authority - RE: West Superior Access through Arnold Heights. — NO COMMENTS

ADDITIONUM - (For January 24th)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will have a news conference to announce new projects to be funded through the “Lincoln Cares” voluntary donation program at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 21st at the Nebraska Army National Guard Facilities Maintenance Office, 1234 Military Road - (Council copies sent in their Thursday packets on 01-20-05). — Lynn Johnson mentioned this issue under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: New Projects Announced For “Lincoln Cares” - Funds will provide shelter for public display of Nebraska Liberty Bell. — Lynn Johnson mentioned this issue under “I. Mayor”. (See that discussion)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Residents Asked To Report Street Problems. — NO COMMENTS

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Free Wood Chip Mulch Now Available. — NO COMMENTS

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of January 22 through 28, 2005 - Schedule subject to change. — NO COMMENTS

6. E-Mail Response from Mayor Coleen Seng to Paul Haith - RE: City purchasing authority. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NONE
III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

1. Article from Jon Camp to Council - RE: Hope for conventions questioned; MECA chief still upbeat. — NO COMMENTS

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Russell Miller - RE: 48th & “O” redevelopment. — NO COMMENTS

2. E-Mail from Steve Schwab - RE: Resolution 04R-332 - 48th & “O” Street Redevelopment Plan. — NO COMMENTS

3. E-Mail from Richard Bagby - RE: In Support of the 48th & “O” Street Redevelopment. — NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail from Joseph W. Johnson, Jr. - RE: Eminent Domain. — NO COMMENTS

5. E-Mail from Ginny Wright - RE: Hunzeker proposed amendment. — NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:27 a.m.

*HELD OVER FROM JANUARY 17, 2005.