

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of February 7, 2005.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of February 7, 2005.

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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. ISPC Meeting (Camp)
3. Mayor's Motor Sports Task Force Meeting (McRoy)
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)
5. Downtown Action Team Meeting (McRoy)
6. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on Personnel Issues -[This portion of the discussion at the meeting will be Executive Session]. (Requested by Terry Werner)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings: - Please RSVP to Jaime Henning at 436-2354 or E-Mail:
 - A.) Salon Muse, 3900 Old Cheney Road, Suite 202 on Friday, February 11, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. (e-mailed to Council on 2/07/05)
 - B.) Slapshotz Bar & Grill, 1245 Libra Drive, Suite 110 on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.
 - C.) Talent + /One Talent Plus Way, Lincoln, 66th & Pioneers on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.
2. Westfield ShoppingTown Gateways Ground Breaking Redevelopment - A VIP Ground Breaking Celebration For You & A Guest on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. - RSVP by Feb. 15th to Susie at 464-3196 - (See Invitation)
3. The Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs invites you to join us as we recognize the individuals and events that have shaped our agency over the last year during our ANNUAL MEETING on Monday, March 7, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Windsor Stables, 1024 "L" Street - \$25.00 /person - RSVP by March 1st - (See Invitation)
4. 2005 Nebraska Leadership Prayer Breakfast on Friday, February 25, 2005 at Embassy Suites from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Doors open at 6:30 a.m. - Breakfast at 7:00 a.m. - Tickets \$15.00 each - Please RSVP - (See Invitation)
5. Public Meeting - Come hear recommendations for the 98th Street water transmission main and roadway improvements on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 - Begins with a Presentation at 6:30 p.m. - Open House ends at 8:00 p.m. - at Faith Lutheran School, 8701 Adams Street - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A D D E N D U M
AGENDA
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**COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS
AND CONFERENCES - NONE**

MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

MAYOR'S REQUEST TO COUNCIL - NONE

MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion of a Council representative at the Citizen Corps Council Meetings.
(See Attachment) (Requested by Terry Werner)

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Council Members Present: Terry Werner, Chair; Ken Svoboda, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman; ABSENT: None

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Corrie Kielty, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Deane Finnegan, Executive Director of Leadership Lincoln; Darl Naumann, Economic Development Coordinator; Joan Ray, Council Staff; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Deena Winter, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative.

I MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of February 7, 2005.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of February 7, 2005.

Mr. Werner requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Patte Newman moved approval of the minutes by acclamation. Ken Svoboda seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous consent of the Council Members.

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

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Cook reported that they had discussed the status of the Health Department expansion. They ratified the Sampson Construction contract. They came up with yet another complication on the Woods Park parking issue, because somehow the portion the contractor wanted was park land, so they had to take away some parking spots, but it will work. We may finally have resolution on that. He noted that there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the project on April 6th.

Mr. Cook reported that the Council Chamber Chairs had been approved with the six-way version being accepted. They had purchased 10 more chairs, which gives us a total of twelve with the two demonstration chairs we now have. Mr. Cook explained that this will give us a full compliment of chairs for use when the City Council and County Board have joint meetings. That also means there will be one with only the one-position setting. Mr. Werner asked what would happen to the current chairs? No one knew.

Mr. Cook further reported that they had discussed having some sort of divider placed between the audience section and the dais section of the chamber so people don't just approach the dais with papers and so on. We'll try something we already have in stock, such as a rope between two poles. He thought we might put in something that looks nice at some point.

There was an update on the strange legislative bill that the Public Building Commission is pushing in the Unicameral. We did agree to support their technical items - to say that the 5th member of the Public Building Commission had to be a County resident; and that it would take a majority vote to elect the 5th member. However, they want to pay

the 5th member \$100.00 per meeting. That would, for us, be Linda Wilson. She thinks it's a bad idea that would set a precedent for the many other committees and boards at which many people spend a lot of time and receive no pay. Mr. Cook felt this "5th Member Pay" was an odd concept and didn't know why the Public Building Commission was pushing it. So, we said we'd support their technical items, but could not support the \$100.00 payment for the 5th member.

He noted that they had denied a request for liquor service in the court room by the lawyers for an event. It would have been an SDL, but we did not approve it. We accepted a Lincoln City Libraries Foundation request for a Ted Kooser exhibit - to be on display for a short time in the hallway. Mr. Cook noted that he had asked about the showers for the Animal Control Division. That is being investigated....it may or may not be in the Health Department plans. Mr. Roper stated that he had been told there were no showers in the plan.

2. ISPC (Camp) Mr. Camp had a schedule conflict and did not attend - No Report

3. MOTOR SPORTS TASK FORCE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy had invited Mr. Darl Naumann to update the Council on this Task Force because she had been unable to attend the meetings due to the scheduling conflict with City Council Meetings. Mr. Naumann began his report to Council, showing them a map of the possible locations available within Lancaster County for a Motor Sports complex. He noted that due to environmental protection and zoning issues, most of the City of Lincoln was excluded. About the only area left would be the "red" areas on the map; and even those few have houses nearby, so there would also be restrictions on how close a track could be placed to these houses. The operator would probably have to get a waiver from the Planning Commission and City Council to locate the tracks. He noted that the density of houses throughout Lancaster County is amazing. This is no longer a rural community, but an urban one. Almost every section in the County has been used up and there are very few sections where there are no houses.

Mr. Naumann stated that they did have some locations that the Task Force will recommend. They would also be doing the fiscal analysis looking at three possible concepts. There would be a Motor Cross Track, or Motor Sports Track on the "Papa Bear" scale, with everything; then we'll look at a "Mama Bear" level, then to the "Baby Bear" level to see about using smaller tracks in a scaled-back development plan. This approach has been taken at the County Board's direction. We hope by the middle of March to have the research completed and a recommendation submitted.

4. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that they had met last Tuesday and had a piece of the Mayor's birthday cake to start the meeting off on a nice note. She stated that Larry Williams presented his annual report on the Human Rights Commission. This was reviewed and we will get copies of it by e-mail and take a closer look at it next month. Due to the weather, we adjourned early.

5. DOWNTOWN ACTION TEAM (McRoy) Ms. McRoy had been unable to attend the Downtown Action Team meeting, but Mr. Werner and Mr. Camp had been in attendance and offered a report. Mr. Camp stated that the bicycle lanes had been discussed. The consultants went through proposals on two North/South and two East/West bicycle lanes.

They also brought in the concept of “back-in” diagonal parking, as opposed to “pull-in”. They had aerial photos showing the potential creation of 340-350 parking spots. Although, on further reflection, it looks like the potential doesn’t exist because they were talking about putting these in front of the Lied Center. Mr. Camp noted that he had been quiet through the meeting, because he thought they had been discussing parking, but this was a separate situation from that.

The meeting ended because there was not a quorum, but there was a poll taken to see what the majority would recommend. By voice vote, the poll showed that they would go ahead with the bike lane concepts. Mr. Camp stated that he was the only property owner there. He had some concerns about the plan and did not vote in the poll, feeling that, as a Council member, he shouldn’t.

He noted that Lori McClurg was there and had expressed concerns because with the bicycle lanes, and vehicles coming out at various parking facilities, there would be conflicts. There were no other property owners there and Mr. Camp was concerned that in those situations you get a recommendation out of one group that keeps getting magnified. He thought there needed to be more participation in that regard. He noted that there was no one against the idea of being more friendly to bicyclists, but it’s just a matter of representation. Ms. McClurg had mentioned, for example, that she has 7,000 employees Downtown trying to get out of the downtown area every night. This would just give them another delay in getting home. Mr. Camp thought her points were well taken and we need to understand the dynamics of the downtown area in that regard.

Mr. Werner stated that this is just a concept. He thought it is an exciting part of the Comprehensive Plan. It is something that is coming forward, and he thought it was good for downtown. He noted that there are some concerns, but of those brought up, there were none that were insurmountable. There are things that can be done to work this out, and he felt that was the sentiment of the Downtown Action Team. Everybody understands that this is the very early stages of a process. There would need to be some trial areas. There is much that would have to happen. But, the consensus is that it is time that Lincoln have bicycle lanes in the downtown area. It reflects what we did in the Comprehensive Plan. In that sense, Mr. Werner thought it was a good meeting.

Ms. Newman stated that she was surprised to see two lanes for each direction. It was 12th & Centennial Mall for the North/South Corridors - what were the East/West Corridors chosen? Mr. Camp answered that “M” and “L” Streets were the East/West corridors. Ms. Newman noted that the paper had reported that the lanes would be on both sides of the street? Mr. Camp responded that that may have been a mistake. He thinks it will be only on one side of the streets. Ms. Newman asked then if each street would be a one-way lane. She noted that she had followed this for the last four years and the idea had been that this would be a pilot program with one corridor chosen and it would be a test to see whether the concept would work. So, she was surprised to see that they were looking at two corridors. Mr. Werner commented that there had been a North route and a South route and an East route and West route. Mr. Camp also reported that it would involve taking out a lane of traffic for motor vehicles to accommodate the change. Some of that would eliminate parallel parking where some diagonal parking could be added. But then, the bike lane would be there, so you’d be going from three to two lanes in some areas.

Ms. Newman asked then if that was the point of the “back-in” parking, so you’re utilizing that lane for not only a bicycle, but diagonal parking, too. She noted that she’d heard from a constituent who said “you’ve got to be nuts, because nobody knows how to back up [into a tight parking space] in this town”. Mr. Werner commented that they back up when they back out; but, as Mr. Cook noted, they’re backing into the street, not a tight parking space, when they’re pulling out.

Mr. Werner noted that many people like the idea, because when you have children it would be a safety thing where they could run back into a safe area and not have to open the door into traffic. They also like the idea of backing into a space to load parcels. Mr. Cook did observe wryly that the *lanes* were one way, so even though we’ve screwed up the traffic by making it two-way on some streets, it’s nice to see that bike lanes will be one-way.

Mr. Cook also asked about the design. The picture shows the bike lane next to the traffic lane. There are cities where you have the sidewalk, then the bike lane, then the parking. That way you don’t have to worry about any conflicts with the bike lane. Bikes and pedestrians go together much more compatibly than bikes and vehicular traffic and parking. Was that considered?

Mr. Werner answered that there will be some of that in the Master Plan - with the bike lane on the sidewalk side instead of the street side. Mr. Cook felt, rather than worrying about directional parking in order to accommodate the bike lane, moving it next to the sidewalk would get it out of the traffic lane completely.

Mr. Friendt stated that he concurred with Jonathan. He did not know what cities were looked at, but if you go to Stockholm or Portland, OR. -two great bike cities- they put bicyclists on the sidewalks with a section clearly marked as ‘bicycle’. This is based on the idea that bicyclists and pedestrians have fewer serious catastrophic conflicts than would occur putting the bicyclists in the traffic. It seems to make so much sense, especially to take a look at the amount of pedestrian traffic on our sidewalks - even in residential areas. Mr. Werner thought that all of those concerns will be heard and the final plan will be a combination of many things once it’s completed. This is really just a concept that has moved one more step forward. Maybe it’s just a little pebble going down the hill - but he felt it was time that we do this. It’s in the Comprehensive Plan which states that it is time for us to go forward with this.

6. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that the Board of Health had heard a presentation on the Metropolitan Medical Response System, which is a nationwide Homeland Security piece. And we talked about upcoming legislation that will be before the Unicameral with which the Health Department is actively involved. He announced that April 6th is the ground-breaking for the new addition and April 12th will be the Annual Meeting. More than likely it will still be held out on East Campus. They have invited the Surgeon General to attend as speaker. They’re working closely with Sen. Hagel’s office on that and it looks good, but until they actually confirm his attendance, we have a replacement speaker - in case.

There was a brief discussion regarding possible cat laws being introduced for consideration, but Mr. Svoboda assured everyone that none were forthcoming - at this point.

OTHER MEETINGS - Terry Werner reported that he had gone to the Trails Meeting where they had presentations on the bike lanes as well as Antelope Valley trails and the inter-connectivity with downtown and the rest of the community.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Ms. Kielty stated that the two proposed appointments to the Government Access Information Committee were both City Employees and she had not asked them to fill out “Board Bank” forms since Doug has worked with them to make sure they are good representatives from their Departments. But she wanted to ask Council if they would still like to see “Board Bank” information on these nominees. Mr. Friendt noted that he felt they should be consistent. Ms. Kielty indicated that she would get the information to Council.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen stated that he had a couple of issues to discuss. On March 3rd, the Downtown Action Team is having a meeting (which is to last all morning) with a consultant about the Master Plan. Mr. Bowen wanted to know if Council Members would be available to at least attend the luncheon so they could hear Downtown Master Plan [inaudible]. Mr. Werner noted that it would be that, or the Governor’s Mansion, explaining that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a luncheon at the Governor’s Mansion where Lincoln issues will be addressed. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council had been invited to attend that luncheon. Mr. Werner offered an option to Mr. Svoboda, stating that if Mr. Svoboda planned to attend the Chamber’s luncheon, he would represent the Council at the Downtown Master Plan function. Mr. Bowen stated that all of the Council Members were invited to the Downtown Action Team luncheon. Council Members Werner, McRoy, Newman, and Camp agreed to attend.

Mr. Bowen reported that March 14th is scheduled for the next Town Hall meeting. That will be an evening meeting. This, as Council Members pointed out, will likely also be the Homeowners Candidate Forum date. Mr. Bowen stated that they will try to re-schedule.

Mr. Bowen handed out a list of the Storm-Sewer projects that Council had asked about at the Director’s Meeting. The League of Municipalities is meeting in town this week, so the Mayor will be at the Cornhusker Hotel for the next few days, pretty solidly, as she meets with them.

Mr. Bowen noted that the Administration has also started the review of the Federal Budget. He explained that, there have been a lot of reductions that could have a substantial impact on the City Budget. Mr. Bowen explained that one thing in particular is a specific concern and that is the talk at the Federal level of eliminating the Community Development Block Grant Fund. Urban Development utilizes a lot of CDBG monies - approximately two million dollars, plus, every year. If that is not there, they would struggle to try to replace that money. But there are plenty of other reductions, too.

Discussion of federal funding distributions continued with Mr. Bowen explaining that budget levels are requiring reductions which could adversely effect Lincoln with money being disbursed on a need basis.

Mr. Bowen announced to Council that Ms. Kielty would be leaving the Mayor’s Administrative staff. March 4th will be her last day. Mr. Werner asked if there would be a party? Ms. Kielty stated that she was going to St. Monica’s as the Director of Operations there. She was looking forward to it and was very excited about the move. Council congratulated her and wished her well.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment [Council received the Attend Listing after the “Noon” Meeting]

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

At approximately 12:10 p.m. Mr. Werner called for a motion for Council to move into Executive Session to discuss the issues noted below with Ms. Deane Finnegan acting as facilitator. Annette McRoy made the motion which was seconded by Patte Newman. Mr. Roper recorded the voice vote.

1. Discussion on Personnel Issues -[This portion of the discussion at the meeting will be Executive Session]. (Requested by Terry Werner)

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS - [Mr. Werner polled the Members for Additional Comments prior to the Executive Session]

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook began a discussion on the electronic posting of the "Noon" Agenda and Attachments, but didn't continue when he realized Staff was out of the meeting area making copies of the materials Council Members would need for the upcoming Executive Session presentation. [Staff will put this issue on the March 7th "Noon" Agenda for discussion in order to address Mr. Cook's concerns - This will be the meeting date for the next scheduled "Noon" Meeting].

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Mr. Werner asked if any Council Member would be interested in serving on the Citizen Corps Council - a Homeland Security Council. (This was a request noted on the February 14th "Noon" Addendum). After some discussion, Mr. Ken Svoboda agreed to represent the City Council at these meetings.

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - After Council moved out of Executive Session.

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