

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of March 21, 2005.
- *2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of March 21, 2005.
- *3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: N. 27th Street Access - March 21, 2005.
- 4. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of February 14, 2005.

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

- *1. Special Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)

(See Attached List for Committees by Resolution which would be the only Committees listed for Reports per Council request.)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

- 1. Cornhusker Place 3-ON-3 Charity Basketball Tournament in memory of Jerry Schleich on Saturday, May 7, 2005 at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Weary Center located one block south of 53rd Street & Madison Avenue - Cost \$60.00 per team- RSVP by April 4th with Registration forms - (See Invitation)

2. The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries proudly presents.... The Dick Cavett Show-Live In Lincoln! on Thursday, April 21, 2005 - At Embassy Suites Downtown Lincoln-(See Attachment-will receive formal invitation)
3. E-Mail Invitation-Voting Rights Act Project- On Thursday, April 14, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Champions Club, 707 Stadium Drive, two “Living Legends” of the voting rights campaign in Selma, Alabama-Rev. C.T. Vivian and Ms. Joanne Bland will be here to share their experiences in that campaign and discuss its crucial link to the introduction and passage of the VRA.-

ALSO:

4. On Monday, April 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., at the Nebraska Union, 14th & R Streets - There will be a panel discussion focusing on the following questions: “What is the legacy of the Voting Rights Act of 1965?” “Where are we at today with voting rights in the U.S.?”- This panel will feature prominent legal scholar Sam Issacharoff, from Columbia University; Michael Pitts, Department of Justice; D’Andra Orey, UNL Political Science Department - (See Invitation-#3 & #4 on the same E-Mail)
5. E-Mail Invitation - Citizens for Quality Parks and Trails Meeting to formulate strategy and organize our effort to preserve and protect our cherished parks and trails. On Saturday, April 2, 2005 at the Ault Pavilion in Antelope Park from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - (See Invitation)
6. E-Mail Invitation-The project to redesign and replace the Harris Overpass-the viaduct that carries “O” Street over the railroad yards from 3rd to 9th Streets... is under way. Drop in at these informational centers on **April 6th OR April 7th - Wednesday, April 6th** from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Sinclair Hille Architects, 700 “Q” Street (in the Haymarket) **OR Thursday, April 7th** from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC), 830 Westgate Blvd. (off Sun Valley Boulevard) -(See E-Mail Invitation)
7. Letter of Invitation from Corrie Kielty-Wesely, Director of Operations, St. Monica’s Behavioral Health Services for Women, The Lancaster County Substance Abuse Action Coalition (SAAC) invites you to a breakfast on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at The Cornhusker Hotel - RSVP by May 3rd to Corrie Kielty-Wesely at 441-3754 or by E-Mail -(See Letter of Invitation)
8. The TeamMates Mentoring Program of Lincoln Public Schools will be hosting the One Hour Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, April 17, 2005 from 12:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Seacrest Field - It costs \$15.00 per walker and kids under twelve walk for free! - (See E-Mail Invitation)

9. Invited to attend our official grand opening reception for Madonna ProActive Sports Performance Sports Medicine Training Therapy Clinic- Wednesday, April 13, 2005 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 2801 Pine Lake Road - Short Program presented at 5:30 p.m. - Lori Paulsen at 483-9572 - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM MARCH 28, 2005.**

CITY COUNCILS' COMMITTEES BY RESOLUTION
MARCH, 2005

Community Development Task Force (A-81730) 9-30-02 (12-06-04)..... (A83108)	GF TW(Unexpired)	3 YR	08-31-05
Railroad Transportation Safety District (08-30-04) (A-82950)	GF JC/KS	1 YR “	08-31-05
Public Building Commission (8-16-04) (A-82918) (8-27-01) (A-81065)	JC JON	4 YR. 4 YR.	08-01-07 08-01-05
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	JC (A-82166)	3 YR.	04-17-06
Board of Health (A-81470)	KS	3 YR	04-15-05
District Energy Corporation (A-83107) 12-06-01	KS	2 YR	12-31-06
Multicultural Advisory Committee 10-14-02	AM (A-81758)	3 YR	09-18-05
Joint Budget Committee 04-12-04 (A-82699) 08-30-04 (A-82951)	TW AM	2 YR 2 YR	08-31-05 08-31-06
+Internal Auditing Review Committee (A-79552) (A-80930)	JON GF		+Unlimited Terms
Utility Billing Check-Off Program Board (Lincoln Cares) 08-30-04 (A-82949)	TW	1 YR	08-31-05

JON - Jon Camp	GF - Glenn Friendt
JC - Jonathan Cook	KS - Ken Svoboda
AM - Annette McRoy	TW - Terry Werner
PN - Patte Newman	

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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, Ann Harrell, Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney's Office; Joan Ray, Council Staff; Deena Winter, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative; Michael Srongemeyer, 10/11 News representative

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

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

1. SPECIAL PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION MEETING (Camp/Cook) Mr. Cook reported that there were two items on the Agenda. One was the bonds that the Council passed and that will be coming back to us with a recommendation on whether or not to proceed. The other was an Executive Session discussion which ended in a 5-0 vote on the issue. That issue will be stated in the minutes of the meeting.

OTHER MEETINGS: Ms. Newman commented that, since all of her committees were removed from the "report list", she had several reports for the "Other Meetings" portion of the Agenda. The Homeless Coalition met and had done a "point in time" count on January 26th. The total homeless Supportive Services count is 2858. Of that, about 1455 are classified as "On the Street, Transitional Housing, and Total Shelter." The remaining number of people are categorized under "Supportive Services".

Ms. Newman continued, reporting that, at the PRT meeting, Danny Walker came to the open microphone and showed some pictures of problems with junk cars in his neighborhood. Ms. Newman wanted Council to be aware that the issue is now a PRT case.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Hoppe noted that there was nothing to report at this point. Mr. Werner welcomed Mr. Hoppe to his first “Noon” meeting as a staff member. [Mr. Hoppe has assumed the duties formerly assigned to Ms. Corri Kielty in the Mayor’s Office]

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen stated that Debbie would be rescheduling the Council Members’ meetings that had been postponed last week. One of the things we’ll be addressing, in addition to the budget issues, will be the RUTS program and how to proceed with that as we start to get the County and City Attorney’s Offices together on the JPA.

Mr. Bowen stated that Mr. Hoppe had an update on the State Legislation and the Administrations stand on legislative issues of importance to the City. Mr. Hoppe commented that the time left in the Legislative session is growing short. This means that they will not address anything that has not been selected as a priority bill by a Senator or a Committee. Mr. Hoppe explained that those bills have been ‘bolded’ on the hand-out material, noting that this handful of bills will be the ones addressed for the remainder of the session.

Ms. McRoy asked if, when the Legislature had given First Round approval to a bill - would that mean that it is fairly certain to pass? Mr. Hoppe answered that it would depend on whether or not it was a priority bill. Priority bills come first and as the session nears its end, they start prioritizing. General File is the file where, if it passes without much ‘to-do’, yes, the bill will probably pass. But, if it hasn’t been designated as a priority bill, it will probably be taken up next year.

Mr. Cook asked about LB48, [Change Provisions Relating to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act] noting that Omaha is very opposed to this bill; but as Lincoln does not have a municipal gas utility, he wondered if Omaha would be the only entity effected by this? Mr. Bowen stated that it is the *main* entity effected by the bill. He added that it is really an internal fight between MUD and Aquila, explaining that Lincoln really has no direct interest in the bill.

Mr. Cook also had a question regarding LB645 [Prohibit an Agency or Political Subdivision of the State from Providing Certain Telecommunications Services]. He noted that the bill is more directly related to things that the Council was, at one time, interested in....though at this point Lincoln has little involvement in those services. He observed that this bill would lock Lincoln out from any participation in the future. Mr. Friendt added that it would have the same effect on LES. Mr. Werner asked if the bill were directed at LES? Mr. Bowen stated that it was not solely directed at LES, noting that NPPD is just as active in telecommunications services.

V. MISCELLANEOUS - Mr. Werner noted that the Council had received the list of Committees by Resolution and thanked staff for providing that information. He stated that Council would take the committee assignments and re-assignments under consideration after the upcoming elections. [This has been scheduled for the June 6th Council Members’ “Noon” meeting].

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JON CAMP - Mr. Camp asked what the policy was on the audience having food in the Council Chambers. He noted that he did not think eating during the formal Council meeting was appropriate. It was noted that there was no policy at this time, and after a brief discussion, Mr. Bowen stated that he would check with PBC Director, Don Killeen, to see if the Public Building Commission felt it would be appropriate to post a sign regarding a ban of food in the Chambers. However, a final decision was made by Council to wait on any action until the situation was explored further.

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - Mr. Svoboda explained that he and Mr. Hudkins (rather than the Chairs of the two respective legislative bodies) had been chosen to speak at the Health Department ground breaking ceremony as representing the two entities because of their membership on the Health Department Board of Directors.

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

RICK HOPPE - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Council adjourned at approximately 11:31 a.m.

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