DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I.  MAYOR

*1.  NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will have a news conference at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24th during the Earth Wellness Festival at Southeast Community College -(See Release)

*2.  NEWS RELEASE - RE: City To Celebrate 35th Anniversary Of Earth Day At Pioneers Park-Celebration includes events for International Migratory Bird Day -(See Release)

*3.  NEWS RELEASE - RE: Separation Of Grass And Leaves Begins April 1 -(See Release)

*4.  NEWS RELEASE - RE: Sixth Annual “Clean Your Files Week” Set For April 18 Through 22 -(See Release)


6.  NEWS RELEASE - RE: 5 City-TV To Present “Education Nebraska” -(See Release)

II.  DIRECTORS

CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

1.  Response Letter from Tonya Skinner to Paul Beetz - RE: Records Request -(See Letter)

FINANCE/BUDGET

*1.  Material from Steve Hubka - RE: March Sales Tax -(See Material)
PARKS & RECREATION

*1. Two Response Letters from Lynn Johnson to Paul Beetz & Colette Beetz - RE: Correspondence Received on March 15, 2005 and Correspondence sent to you on January 26, 2005; - regarding continued employment as a lifeguard-(See Letters)

PLANNING

*1. Annexation by Ordinance - 75.17 Acres - Ordinance #18503 - Effective: March 1, 2005.

*2. Letter from Tom Cajka to Brian D. Carstens, Brian D. Carstens & Associates - RE: Whispering Creek Final Plat #05006-generally located at S. 112th St. & Old Cheney Road-(See Letter)

*3. Letter from Becky Horner to Paula DiCero, Associated Engineering - RE: Prairie Village 3rd Addition Final Plat #05004-generally located at N. 87th and Leighton Avenue -(See Letter)

*4. Memo from Marvin Krout - RE: Letter from Realty Trust-Change of Zone #05004 -(See Memo)

5. E-Mail from Steve Erickson to the Planning Department - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014-(See E-Mail)

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION ....

*1. Special Permit No. 1006F, Amendment to Forest Lake Estates CUP (6833 Forest Lake Blvd.)- Resolution No. PC-00907.

*2. Special Permit No. 05007 (On-sale alcohol at 3700 S. 9th Street) Resolution No. PC-00908.

*3. Special Permit No. 04069, Whitetail Run Community Unit Plan (NW of the intersection of S.W. 14th Street and W. Bennet Road) Resolution No. PC-00909.

*4. Preliminary Plat No. 04031- Whitetail Run (NW of the intersection of S.W. 14th Street and W. Bennet Road) Resolution No. PC-00910.
*5. Special Permit No. 05002, Foreman Ridge Addition Community Unit Plan (East of S.W. 12th Street and south of W. Denton Road) Resolution No. PC-00912.

*6. Preliminary Plat No. 04011-Waterford Estates (East and west of N. 98th Street from Holdrege to “O” Streets) Resolution No. PC-00913.

*7. Use Permit No. 05002, Northwoods Office Park (SW corner of N. 84th Street and Northwoods Drive) Resolution No. PC-00914.

*8. Special Permit No. 05009, Fieldstone Center Community Unit Plan (Southwest of N. 26th Street and Old Dairy Road) Resolution No. PC-00911.

**POLICE**

1. Response Letter from Chief Tom Casady to Don Coleman - RE: Timothy Snyder’s convictions for two counts of public indecency-(See Letter)

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

*1. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY with attached Map- RE: Pre-Construction Open House-56th Street & Holdrege Street Storm Sewer Project-#701677-Monday, March 28, 2005; 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran School, Multi Purpose Room, 1200 North 56th Street (Entrance on south side of building)(See ADVISORY)

*2. Memo from Dennis Bartels - RE: Appeal of Condition of Approval, Thompson Creek Use Permit -(See Memo)

3. Response Letter from Chad Blahak, Engineering Services to J.R. Brown - RE: North 14th & Fletcher Development Concerns -(See Letter)

WOMEN’S COMMISSION

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Council of Women Leaders -April Networking Event -(See Release)


III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

GLENN FRIENDT

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Director / Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Next steps for the University Place property vacation (RFI#41-02/02/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM MARC WULLSCHLEGER, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#41-02/09/05.

ANNETTE McROY

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Don Taute, Personnel Director RE: Breakdown for Each Department for specifically requested information on M-Class Employees for Years 1995, 2000 and 2003 (RFI #164 - 02-18-05 - Joint Request w/P.Newman). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON TAUTE, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON PATTE NEWMAN’S RFI#30 & ANNETTE McROY’S RFI#164.

PATTE NEWMAN

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Don Taute, Personnel Director RE: Breakdown for Each Department for specifically requested information on M-Class Employees for Years 1995, 2000 and 2003 (RFI #30 - 02-18-05 - Joint Request w/A.McRoy). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON TAUTE, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON PATTE NEWMAN’S RFI#30 & ANNETTE McROY’S RFI#164.

*3. E-Mail from Patte Newman to Constituent - RE: Antelope Valley-(See E-Mail)

4. Request to Steve Hubka, Budget/Don Herz, Finance - RE: What outstanding bonds is the City of Lincoln currently paying off? -(RFI#33-3/21/05)

V. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. E-Mail from Rose Carter, CEDARS TLC, Family Specialist - RE: Monthly bus passes-(Council received copy of this E-Mail on 3/21/05)(See E-Mail)

*2. Letter from Brian Lee Linderholm - RE: The ‘Ride For Five’ Program-(Council received copy of this letter on 3/21/05)(See Letter)

*3. Faxed Letter from Amy Evans, Executive Director, Friendship H/me - RE: Support for the ‘Ride For Five’ Program-(Council received copy of this Letter on 3/21/05)(See Letter)

*4. E-Mail from Pete Beau - RE: Please reconsider the down zoning issue for the Near South Neighborhood, totally opposed and thinks it goes to far -(See E-Mail)

*5. E-Mail from Carol B. - RE: Motorsports Complex -(See E-Mail)


*7. Letter from Michael James, President, Woods Park Neighborhood Association - RE: Appreciation to you, for the unanimous decision to preserve the existing green space at Woods Park-(See Letter)
*8. E-Mail from Michael Von Busch Sr. - RE: The refunding of the bonds issued in 1996-(See E-Mail)


14. E-Mail from Andy Beecham - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood-(See E-Mail)

15. E-Mail from David Scheffler - RE: Change of Zone #05014-(See E-Mail)

16. E-Mail from Melissa Landis - RE: Support Change of Zone #05014-(See E-Mail)

17. E-Mail from Bill Bredin, Deputy Commissioner, United States Hockey League (Lincoln Stars) with response from Joan Ray-RE: Lincoln Demos -(See E-Mail)

18. E-Mail from Tim Francis - RE: Near South Down Zoning -(See E-Mail)

19. E-Mail from Quentin & Mary Murrell Faulkner - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05014 -(See E-Mail)

20. E-Mail from Robert Peters - RE: Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood -(See E-Mail)

21. E-Mail from Blake & Laura Edwards - RE: Change of Zone #05014-(See E-Mail)
22. E-Mail from Jan - RE: Possible defective timing mechanism-(See E-Mail)

23. 3-E-Mail’s from Scott Kerns; Jorja Brazda; Connie Campbell - RE: In Support of Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood-(See E-Mail’s)

24. 3-E-Mail’s from Sarah Bauman; Margaret Skean; Richard Mallam-RE: In Support of Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood-(See E-Mail’s)

25. E-Mail from Samantha Gaines-Nelson - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014-(See E-Mail)

26. Letter from Lee & Helen Witters - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014-(See Letter)

27. 2-E-Mail’s from Robert & Phyllis Narveson; Miles Bryant - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014-(See E-Mail’s)

28. E-Mail from Dr. Darryll Pederson - RE: Smoking ban -(See E-Mail)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*HELD OVER FROM MARCH 28, 2005.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 29, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Luxford, 5 CITY-TV, 441-6688

5 CITY-TV TO PRESENT “EDUCATION NEBRASKA”

5 CITY-TV (Time Warner Cable channel 5) today announced the premiere of “Education Nebraska,” an educational program on Nebraska’s unique geography, rich history and natural beauty. The program will begin airing at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30. It is produced by Snitily Carr in conjunction with the Nebraska Travel and Tourism Division and hosted by Taryn Vanderford.

“We are excited to offer this high quality program to our viewers,” said Bill Luxford, Director of Operations for 5 CITY-TV. “I think viewers will learn things about Nebraska that they did not know, as I did when screening the program.”

For a complete 5 CITY-TV schedule, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and click on the 5 CITY-TV logo.

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March 25, 2005

Paul Beetz
6938 South 53rd Street
Lincoln, NE 68516

RE: Records Request

Dear Mr. Beetz:

I am responding to your records request dated March 14, 2005. This letter is only addressing your request for records and related information. Your records request and documents provided in response are as follows:

1. All personnel records regarding Colette Beetz.
   Enclosed are copies of Ms. Colette Beetz’s personnel records which include applications, evaluations, time cards, schedules. Any document containing information regarding another seasonal employee has been redacted to maintain the employee’s privacy. Please note that Ms. Beetz’s application for 2002 was used again for 2003, as per the Parks and Recreation policy during that time period. As Ms. Beetz should remember, the 2004 application was sent automatically to her prior to the first lifeguard training. She was automatically considered for the position; the application was merely for her personnel file and to run the required background checks.

2. Who were the parties that claimed Colette was lacking in any areas laid out by Ms. Moyer in a letter postmarked Jan. 25, 2005? This request would cover the past three years of completed summer service.
   Colette Beetz’s work performance and related work history were reviewed by Colette Beetz herself, a City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation pool manager(s), and input may have been received from head lifeguard at the time of her employment with the City of Lincoln. Within the documents provided are copies of the evaluations. Additionally, see answer to question No. 3.

3. All parties who are involved in hiring life guards and reviewing their performance.
   Life guards are a seasonal employment position, and are not subject to the Personnel Departments guidelines as far as application and hiring procedures. The Parks and Recreation Departments sends and receives the applications directly. City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation pool manager(s), and potentially the head lifeguard, and the employee themself review the performance of an employee.
4. What Parks and Rec has against Colette Beetz in writing.
   At the end of the summer of 2003, it was determined by the Parks and Recreation
Department to rehire and hire staff who were committed to working the entire summer. This
change was due to the difficulties in scheduling staff who wished to work only a few hours a
week, the effect of scheduling on the morale of staff, division of the work day and week, training,
substitution policies, and patron knowledge and awareness of staff. Additionally, the City of
Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department considered a number of items in determining not to
extent a life guard position to Ms. Beetz which including the following: punctuality, general
attitude towards work, job knowledge and improvement over the summer, willingness to work
hours scheduled and perform the other task that are needed to keep the pool a safe place away
from the water as well as in or near it. These same considerations were used in evaluating all life
guard and concession stand staff.

5. What is Parks and Rec policy on personnel records retention and when will her file be
destroyed?
   The City of Lincoln’s retention policy for unclassified, seasonal, or temporary employees
is five (5) years after the last date of employment. The City may then purge the file.

6. Colette’s last paycheck, her certificates of lifeguard, First Aid, and CPR.
   Enclosed is a copy of the requested certificates. Ms. Beetz last paycheck was for the pay
period 7/15/04 to 7/28/04. The check for the pay period was issued August 5, 2004, and went
through the payroll system on August 12, 2004. Ms. Beetz has received her compensation for
this pay period.

   It is my understanding the Mr. Lynn Johnson has already responded to the rest of your
letter on March 23, 2005. Additionally, I am forwarding a copy of this response to the Mayor
and City Council Office for their review.

   Sincerely,
   
   Tonya Skinner
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Mayor Coleen Seng
   Lincoln City Council members
   Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation
   Deb Moyer, Parks & Recreation

Enclosures
WE SUPPORT THE APPLICATION ABOVE AND THE BENEFITS THAT HAVE COME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD FROM RECENT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS. THIS LOCATION IS ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE FROM A VISIBILITY AND TRAFFIC IMPACT FOR OUR AREA. WE ARE ADJACENT BUSINESS OWNERS AT 2331 FAIRFIELD AND WELCOME THE ADDITION AND IMPROVEMENT THEY BRING TO THE AREA. THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANCIAL INVESTMENT MADE THAT LOGICALLY SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST.

SINCERELY
STEVE ERICKSON
FIRST EQUITY CORP.
CAPITOL DEVELOPEMENT CO.
March 24, 2005

Don Coleman
3257 S Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

Dear Don:

The City Council and I received your note regarding Timothy Snyder. I am well aware of Mr. Snyder’s convictions for two counts of public indecency. He is presently on probation for two years beginning December 3, 2004 after being sentenced by the County Court Judge in Thayer County. There is presently nothing we can do to prevent people from continuing to patronize his business, but I share your concern. We are keeping a watchful eye.

Sincerely,

THOMAS K. CASADY
Chief of Police

c: Terry Werner
March 7, 2005

Sue,

I question how this man can still operate a business when there are little girls.

I keep feeling there people there in the locked room.

Terry can anyone check it out.

Good luck on your reelection.

[Signature]

Mr. Donald Coleman
3257 S St.
Lincoln NE 68503

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Lincoln City Council
Mr. Terry Weiss
555 S. 16th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Karate studio owner charged with indecent exposure, pleads innocent

BY CARA PESEK
Lincoln Journal Star

A Lincoln karate instructor has been charged with two counts of indecent exposure in Thayer County.

Timothy Snyder, 51, 12909 S 110th St., Roca, was charged with exposing himself to Thayer County motorists on April 1 and May 7, said Thayer County Attorney Daniel Werner.

Each count carries a maximum punishment of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine, Werner said.

Snyder was cited with indecent exposure July 13 when Thayer County Sheriff David Lee pulled him over for driving a car without license plates.

As Lee approached Snyder’s Ford Taurus, he noticed Snyder wasn’t fully clothed, Lee said.

He also noticed Snyder had been driving on a stretch of road where several women had said they had seen a man exposing himself, Lee said.

Snyder owns the Okinawan Karate and Fitness Center at 5900 S 58th St.

Southeast Nebraska has had what Lee described as a “phantom flasher” for about two years now, Lee said.

Women in Fillmore, Nuckolls, Clay, Jefferson, Saline and Gage counties have reported seeing a man wearing a ski mask expose himself as they drove past, Lee said.

Several women in northern Kansas counties have also reported seeing a masked man, he said.

Often, Lee said, the flasher would pass lone female motorists as they drove on secluded roads. He would then pull over, get out of his car, don a ski mask and expose himself to the women as they drove past.

“It started to be a real concern,” Lee said.

Lee said that on the day Snyder was cited in Thayer County, someone matching his description had also reportedly flashed a woman in Clay County.

Snyder, when reached at the karate center, said his arrest hadn’t affected business.

“There have been no issues,” he said.

Snyder said he would enter a plea of not guilty at his arraignment, which will be Sept. 10 at the Thayer County Courthouse in Hebron, but declined to comment further.

“We made a plea of innocent to that charge, and that’s all that’s come of it,” Snyder said.

Snyder’s lawyer, John Hall of Lincoln, was unavailable for comment Monday afternoon.

Reach Cara Pesek at 473-7361 or cpesek@journalstar.com.

Driver Wanted

Okinawan Karate & Fitness Center Inc. has a job opportunity. This job includes driving a 15 passenger van and picking students up at several Lincoln schools on the south side of town and transporting them to our facility. Hours are from 2:30-6:00, Monday through Friday. Pay range from $7.00-$8.00 an hour. Applicant must have a good driving record and enjoy working with children of all ages and understand the power and importance of being a positive role model in the lives of these children. For more information, call Pam Snyder at 420-5455.
March 30, 2005

J.R. Brown  
5501 Rockford Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68521

RE: North 14th and Fletcher Development Concerns

Dear Mr. Brown:

The following is a response to the Public Works related issues brought up by Mr. J.R. Brown in his March 15, 2005 e-mail to various City staff and members of the local media.

The contract for the design of Fletcher Avenue from North 14th Street to the end of the existing pavement in the North Creek development has just recently been awarded and is in the preliminary stages of design. Typically with City bid projects, public meetings are a part of the design process. These public meetings are a forum for citizens to express their concerns about the project. These meetings are held at various stages of the design process. Typically representatives from the City and the consultant are present to provide information about the project and answer questions.

Fletcher Avenue was shown in the 2004-2010 Capital Improvement Program as being constructed in the 2005-2006 time frame. However with the 2004 street bond issue not passing and the timing of the North 14th Street bridge project associated with the I-80 widening, this time frame was moved back and Fletcher would most likely not be built as a City project until 2007 or later.

The North Hills Preliminary Plat approved in 1999 identified Fletcher Avenue in its current location and has always shown zoning for future commercial development north of Fletcher. The plat was approved in 1999. The grading of the future right-of-way was approved with this plat which also identified tree removal within the future right-of-way corridor.

The approved North Hills preliminary plat showed grading and a proposed street profile for Fletcher Avenue from North 14th Street to the north boundary of the plat. Although the profile may have changed with the proposed 14th Street widening and I-80 bridge project, the location of the current activity is in accordance with the approved preliminary plat. As with any development, the developer is expected to grade the public streets within the boundaries of the plat. The profile shown for Fletcher indicates areas of 5-8 feet of cut or fill. This amount of grading is common for roadway paving and would most likely require that the trees within the right-of-way be removed regardless of what paving cross-section is planned to be constructed.
Although the North Hills Retail Center use permit has not been approved by the City Council, a property owner does not need an approved plat or use permit to conduct grading activity on their property. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan approved by the NRD and an NPDES Notice to Proceed is required to conduct grading activity. It appears that this plan conforms to the grading plan shown on both the approved North Hills Preliminary Plat and the proposed North Hills Retail Center.

The developer does not have approved construction paving plans for Fletcher Avenue and therefore cannot begin the construction of any roadway paving.

Please contact me by phone at 441-5660 or by email at eblahak@lincoln.ne.gov if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Chad Blahak
Engineering Services

cc: Mayor Coleen J. Seng
Ann Harrell
Roger Figard
Randy Hoskins
Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Dennis Bartels
Becky Horner
Marvin Krout
City Council

North Hills Resp Ltr tdq.wpd
March 30, 2005

City Council Office
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Request for Information

City Council Office:

At the request of Terry Werner, City Council Chair, attached for your use is the Executive Summary for the Technical Studies (Appendix H) from the Final Report, April, 2003 for the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force. Also attached are the full studies that the Executive Summary is based on which include the Alternative Floodplain Management Strategies Study from CDM in a 3-ring binder and the Dead Mans Run, Beal Slough, and Salt Creek at Lincoln, Nebraska, Floodplain Analyses from the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Werner requested this information in regards to questions during the City Council briefing of March 21, 2005, on economic analysis of the “No Adverse Impact” flood standards passed in May, 2004, for New Growth Areas.

Please contact me at 441-7589 regarding any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ben Higgins
Public Works and Utilities

cc: Ann Harrell, Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Public Works and Utilities (no attachments)
Terry Werner, City Council Chair (no attachments)
Coby Mach, Executive Director, LIBA, 620 N. 48th Street, Suite 205, Lincoln, NE 68504 (with attachments)
Jim Fram, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 83006, Lincoln, NE 68501 (with attachments)
Glenn Johnson, NRD (no attachments)
TO: LLWC Commissioners
    Mayor Coleen J.Seng
    Lincoln City Council Members
    Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
    Lancaster County Towns/Villages/Boards

FROM: Bonnie Coffey/Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission

DATE: 3/31/05

SUBJECT: Director'S Report – March 2005

Community Learning Center (CLC) Initiative

Background: The City of Lincoln was one of eight cities nationwide to receive a thirty-month technical assistance grant to engage the city in CLCs; I served as point person for that grant, and continue to serve on the management team for the CLC initiative in Lincoln. Community Learning Centers are partnerships that provide opportunities and support services that lead to improved student learning, stronger families and stronger communities. There are currently 15 CLCs in Lincoln funded by a blended stream of 21st Century, PEN and grant monies.

● The CLC Steering Committee met on 3/18 with a review of structure and future plans.
● The final report from the National League of Cities on the cities that received Technical Assistance Grants to develop CLCs has been released; Lincoln was one of those cities, and received positive reviews in the report. An Advisory Report has been written and sent to the Mayor, City Council, County Commission and cities and towns in Lancaster County.

Community Services Initiative (CSI)

Background: CSI is the implementation of plans developed through a community-wide survey of gaps in human services needs; due to a reconfiguration, oversight and clerical support of CSI was awarded to the Human Services Federation (HSF). This restructure combines the seven original coalitions into four (with two others being folded under Urban Development and the Health Department). The restructure provides for paid staffing of the coalitions and dissolution of the Steering Cabinet. Paid staff will now comprise the steering Committee, removing the need for chairs and co-chairs. The “Success by 6®” and Youth Development Coalitions have been re-combined and, awaiting a paid staff member, is being staffed by Rick Carter, executive director of HSF.

● Planning continues for the Mayor’s Summit, “One Vision, One Voice” on the issues of early care and education scheduled for June 17. United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County has agreed to cosponsor the event.

Women’s Leadership

Background: During LLWC’s strategic planning following the “Women’s Voices” project that surveyed women in Lincoln and Lancaster County, focus is being placed on two areas, “Women’s Leadership & Public Policy” and “Women’s Health.”

● Work continues on the “Ready to Run” workshop for women desiring more information on running for elected office. A steering committee comprised of women from Lincoln and
Omaha has been formed; in addition to commissioners from LLWC, the Lincoln contingent includes Kathy Campbell and Kim Robak. Two steering committee meetings were held in March; the event is planned for October 15 at Mahoney State Park, with each city (Lincoln and Omaha) reserving 50% of the possible openings for women to attend. 

● Interest appears to have waned for a “Women and Money” conference in September. No word has been received from the potential partner on drafts submitted for their approval. Given LLWC’s downsizing, this may be a blessing in disguise.

● In co-sponsorship with the League of Women Voters and other community organizations, LLWC assisted with the 3/7 city council candidate debate with 17 candidates in attendance. LLWC’s immediate past president, Nancy Intermill, moderated the first half of the event, LLWC’s president, Kathie Uhrmacher, asked questions, and LLWC commissioner Danja Pegram-Siders was timekeeper for the first half. The event was fairly well attended; another debate is scheduled for April 11 with the six candidates determined by the primary election. LLWC will co-sponsor another debate with city council and school board candidates on April 21 at the Malone Center; other cosponsors include the Malone Center, NAACP, Council of Negro Women and Center for People in Need.

● On 3/10, I attended an information session on Social Security given by Nebraska AARP. This is an issue of particular interest to women, since our payrates are lower, our time in the workforce less, and we outlive men, leaving us with less to live on when we retire.

● LLWC’s annual celebration of International Women’s Day, “Weaving Women’s Voices,” was held on 3/11 with Dorothy Witherspoon of the U.S. Department of Labor, Women’s Bureau, Region VII as guest speaker. Attendance was 240; we’re looking forward to next year’s event marking LLWC’s 30th anniversary.

Women’s Health

Background: During LLWC’s strategic planning following the “Women’s Voices” project that surveyed women in Lincoln and Lancaster County, focus is being placed on two areas, “Women’s Leadership & Public Policy” and “Women’s Health.” LLWC Director Bonnie Coffey serves as a liaison to the Family Violence Council and Co-Chair of the Changing Attitudes Committee (a subcommittee formed to implement part of the FVC strategic plan to address community attitudes concerning violence).

● A follow-up post-event committee meeting for the “Go Red for Women” luncheon was held on 3/17, with a review of what went well and what needs work. The general consensus was that the event was a success for its inaugural run, and LLWC looks forward to cosponsoring again next year.

Lincoln-Lancaster Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition (TPPC).

Background: For several years, LLWC has been an active member of TPPC. LLWC’s director serves as the president for 2003/04.
● Plans are progressing nicely for a community workshop for parents entitled, “Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll: What Every Parent Needs to Know,” to provide information on how parents can become good teachers of sex and sexuality to their children. The event is slated for Thursday, May 19 from 7-9 pm at BryanLGH West. A forum will be moderated and parents will have the opportunity to ask questions. Statistics indicate teens want to hear about such issues from their parents.

Media/PR/Speaking
● On March 7, I had a brief spot on KLIN with Coby Mach, who provided an opportunity to clarify information on LLWC that he felt was missing in the previous night’s city council candidate forum.
● Information was shared on My 106.5 FM on 3/9 on LLWC’s celebration of International Women’s Day, “Weaving Women’s Voices,” and on 3/23 on LLWC’s “Council of Women Leaders.”
● I spoke on 3/15 to employees of Union Bank, on 3/22 to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and on 3/23 to the Women’s Community Club.

Meetings/Public Contacts
● As elected Secretary for the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW), I attended their winter board meeting March 2-6, which included a Legislative Lunch in the Senate and an Issues Institute. Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah hosted the luncheon.
● I attended the March 7 City Council meeting to answer any questions about proposed commissioners Leslie K. Doyle, Marcia Malone and Lori Vidlak. They were all unanimously approved.
● KZUM initiated an International Women’s Day event at the Lincoln Woman’s Club from 4:30-9 pm on March 8. I staffed a booth at that event, giving literature on LLWC to interested women.
● Interviews for LLWC’s 20 hour per week part-time position for a Senior Office Assistant were held during the month, with the job being accepted by Margie Kniep. Her first day is scheduled for 4/11.
● Dennis Park with Tabitha Foundation and I had lunch on 3/24; he wanted to learn more about women’s issues in our community and share information on Tabitha’s services for women and their families.
● Meeghan Dieterich, a student at Nebraska Wesleyan University, met with me on 3/28 to learn more about LLWC and issues of domestic violence.

WomenTalk
Background: This unique television series addressing the issues that impact women was inaugurated in January 2000, and is the only one of its kind in the city/county; all of the programs since its inception have been underwritten by the Lincoln Journal Star and are at no cost to LLWC.
"Perspectives: Muslim Women" was taped on 3/17, with LLWC commissioner Beth Rodacker as co moderator and guests Zainab Al-Baaj and Rachida Faid-Douglas as guests. Positive comments have already been received.

Upcoming programs include:
- May 2005 – “Overexposed: Dangers of Tanning”
- July 2005 – “Invited In: Internet Predators”
- September 2005 – “How to Get Ahead Without Going to the Golf Course”
- November 2005 – “Crystal Catastrophe: Women and Meth”

**Regularly Attended Meetings**
- LLWC Staff Meetings are held each Monday at 9 a.m. to review the week, touch base and coordinate schedules and activities.
- Each Monday at 10:45 a.m., I attend the Directors Meeting held with City Council.
- Each Wednesday from 9-11 a.m., I attend the Mayor’s Cabinet meeting. Weekly reports are e-mailed to the Mayor each Monday morning.
- The LLWC monthly meeting was held 3/9; minutes are provided separately.
- Budget season began on 3/9 with a meeting with the city’s Budget Office.
The following is in response to a joint request for information from Council Members Patte Newman and Annette McRoy regarding the changes to ‘M’ class employee pay ranges adopted by the Council in December 2004.

The RFI requests a breakdown for each department for the years 1995, 2000, and 2005 of the number of ‘M’ class employees in each of those years; and the total number of employees in the respective departments for those years. I have attached to this response a chart which provides information regarding the total number of ‘M’ employees between 1995 and 2004 as well as a breakdown by department of the number of ‘M’ employees in each department between 1998 and 2004. We do not have data for 1995, 1996, and 1997 regarding the breakdown of the number of ‘M’ employees by department as we do beginning in 1998 through the present. Also provided on this chart is information regarding the movement of various positions from the LCEA bargaining unit to the ‘M’ class range of employees as noted between 1999 and 2003.

The RFI also requests a specific list of comparable cities used for ‘M’ class comparability in adjusting the ‘M’ class pay ranges. The cities which were used in the comparison study included: Des Moines, Iowa; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Overland Park, Kansas; Omaha, Nebraska; Topeka, Kansas; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Wichita, Kansas. Of those seven cities, four, including Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Overland Park, and Wichita, have a broad-banded pay range system for management positions similar to that which was approved by the Council in December. The broad-band pay range for management employees in the four cities which utilize such a system provides a mid-point range of $58,772 at the minimum and $120,716 at the maximum. The seven cities utilized in the study are the seven cities which are typically used by the City in determining comparability wage and benefit levels for many of the City’s bargaining groups as well as the ‘M’ pay ranges. This study established that the City is 5.71% below market for “M” ranges. The 5.71% equates to a $590,000.00 cost to the City.

Finally, the RFI asked for a breakdown of the impact of adopting the ‘M’ pay range broad-banding system at 5 years and 10 years from the present. Regarding this aspect of the request, it is important to note that prior to bringing the proposed changes to the City Council there was considerable background research done on a broad-banded pay system for the management
classifications and considerable discussion with Finance and Budget regarding the impact on the budget by making such changes. In analyzing the impact on the City’s tax funded budget, it was determined that for the remainder of the current fiscal year, 2004-2005, from January through August, that the total impact of adopting the ‘M’ class pay range changes would be approximately $76,000 to the tax funded budget. This information was provided to Budget Officer Steve Hubka in August of 2004. The $76,000 impact on the $124,845,000 tax funded budget amounts to .06%. If one assumes that the tax funded budget will grow at the same rate it did between 2003 and 2004 (an increase of 3.2%), the tax funded budget at five years would amount to $146,140,000 and the impact of the ‘M’ class changes at the five year level would be $196,220.32 or .13% of the tax funded budget. Finally, assuming that same increase for the remainder of the ten year time frame would result in a tax funded budget amount in ten years of $171,067,743 and the impact of the ‘M’ class pay ranges at the ten year mark would constitute a $245,111.78 cost to the tax funded budget, or .14%. As noted above, the cost of raising the ranges 5.71% to meet the market would be $590,000.00. That increase would represent a .47% impact to the 2004-05 tax funded budget, considerably more than the $76,000.00 cost and .06% impact associated with broad-banding. In addition to the assumption of a 3.2% increase in the tax funded budget over that ten year time frame, the calculations for the impact of the ‘M’ class changes to the tax funded budget was based upon an assumed 2% market adjustment to the ‘M’ class ranges as well as an assumed average 2.5% merit increase over the course of the ten year period. It is critical to remember that all pay ranges for the various other employee groups also will continue to be adjusted based upon the market over this same time frame.

Hopefully, the information provided herein adequately addresses the items raised in your RFI, however, if you need further information, please contact me.
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1999 Changed 5 positions from LCEA to Eng. Services Manager Public Works  
2000 Negotiated to move Engineers from LCEA to Management Public Works  
  Added Recreation Manager and Golf Manager in Parks  
2001 Added Claims and Safety Position from E to M in Personnel  
  Created Special Projects Administrator Public Works - Employee moved from LCEA  
  Moved Sanitary Engineer from LCEA to Management  
  At Negotiations moved 6 superintendents from LCEA to mangement Public Works  
2002 Changed several positions at Health from LCEA to Management  
2003 Moved a contract back to the City for Workers Compensation in Personnel
March 23, 2005

City Council Office
County-City Building
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members,

**Subject: Proposed Walmart at SE corner of 84th & Adams**

I am writing you today to voice my opposition to the proposed Walmart Super Center at the SE corner of 84th & Adams in Lincoln. I feel that the proposed location is much too close to the Faith Lutheran elementary school at 8701 Adams. Faith Lutheran School provides preschool-6th grade along with daycare. I am primarily worried about the safety and welfare of these school children for the following reasons:

- The amount of vehicle traffic in the area during the school day would be far greater than what there is presently. Also one of the driveways that connect Faith Lutheran to Adams St. would also be used by semi trucks making deliveries to Walmart. There would most likely be increased car traffic through the Faith Lutheran parking lots as well.

- The Walmart Super Center would be selling among other things alcohol and firearms. I don’t think I need to explain how dangerous these items can be individually let alone combined. Once again, this is within a couple hundred feet of the school

- Increased potential for crime in the area due to the 24x7 operation of Walmart. Records show there were 431 police calls to the north Walmart from Jan 2004 to Feb 2005.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you will consider these items.

Sincerely,

Kent Eitzmann
Dear Mr. Campbell:

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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e-mail: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us

"Dick Campbell" <rbc@campbellsnursery.com>

Council members,

I am sorry but am unable to attend and testify in person tonight at the council meeting and wanted to give you some information regarding the "forebay" detention ponds or as we have called them for years, "silt" ponds.

As we have worked with Public Works over the last year on our Village Gardens project, I have mentioned to Ben Higgins many times that this type of "silt" pond is only common sense and should be done more often. We have used them for 20 years around the nursery to help keep silt out of our main ponds and eliminate costly dredging to the main pond. We have installed them already on the two new ponds on our new production facility on 134th and O streets. They first of all slow the silt down and trap it in the small first pond which allows easier maintenance and less costly maintenance. A good silt pond, even with proper soil erosion control above the ponds, traps an unbelievable amount of soil. As it fills, we use a backhoe or other motorized equipment to pull the silt out and reopen the small pond to trap this material so it doesn't fill in the larger pond and result in costly dredging.

I would strongly urge you to support their installation above any new pond or lake. Yes, they do require a little more land but that land is in a draw or waterway area anyway, which should not and can not have construction in it anyway. Secondly, yes there is an additional cost to install this silt pond but usually that is very minimal in relation to the total pond costs. Depending on the amount of water that will be controled through this system determines the exact detailing for discharge from the silt pond to the primary pond and that is where the main cost variable would lie. All you have to do is contact the residents of any homeowners association, such as Williamsburg as to the far greater costs involved in dredging the main pond when the silt pond is not installed upstream to help keep most of the silt intrusion from entering the main pond. When this happens, the dredging costs generally are six figure amounts for returning a pond to serve it's
original purpose. This is usually forced on the neighborhood association as the developer is finished and has moved on to a new project.

I urge you to support the proposal being brought forth for your approval regarding the requirement of "silt" or "forebay" ponds.

Thank you.

Dick Campbell
Campbell's Nurseries and Garden Centers
Village Gardens Land Development
March 24, 2005

Mr. Terry Werner
City Council Office
County-City Building
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Proposed located for Walmart – North 84th & Adams

Dear Mr. Werner:

As members of Faith Lutheran Church, we are strongly against Wal-Mart's proposed building location on the property immediately west of our Church site (84th & Adams). We are instead in favor of the site across Adams Street to the north that could accommodate a "big box" store. A few of our concerns are in the following areas:

- Increased traffic in the area and safety for those dropping off and picking up students at Faith Lutheran School.
- Security issues for students as well as Church members. Faith Lutheran School currently has almost 300 students and continues to grow.
- Concerns about increased crime in the area (from January '04 to Feb '05 the north Wal-Mart store had 431 police calls).
- Increased traffic during School, Church hours on Sunday, as well as other activities during the week.
- Impact on the continued growth of our Church ministry within the Community.
- Aesthetic concerns – Wal-Mart's proposed building layout would have their auto lube center directly across from our future sanctuary.
- Lighting, litter and noise concerns.
- Loss of income from the agreement with Gallup on parking at our Church site and possible loss in child care.

We attended the meeting held at Faith Lutheran on Thursday, February 24, 2005 along with 300 other people from the community. At that meeting, an alternative site proposal was presented as well as a suggestion from a member of the audience regarding another piece of property for sale in the Havelock area.

We hope that the City Council will study all options and that the concerns of the citizens and neighbors in this area of town will be weighed and considered.

Thank you.

Dayna Souza
6235 Holdrege Street #D-10
Lincoln, NE 68505
466-2911

Donnell Nicholas
2826 North 65th Street
Lincoln, NE 68507
464-7142
Dear Mr. Beecham:

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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Andy Beecham
2540 C Street

Dear City Council Member,

I am writing to express my support for Change of Zone no. 05014 (Near South Neighborhood). This change of zone is vital to protecting and reinforcing the strong single-family character of our historic neighborhood and manages to do so without adversely affecting any existing apartments. Change of Zone 05014 weaves together the various housing needs of the Near South Neighborhood by dedicating areas for single-family homes and recognizing other areas best suited for apartments.

This change of zone will help make the Near South Neighborhood more stable, increasing market values and the quality of life for all residents. Please help us keep our city strong by voting yes on Change of Zone no. 05014.

Sincerely,

Andy Beecham
2540 C Street
Dear City Council Members:

I support the Change of Zone No. 05014 (Near South Neighborhood). This change of zone is vital to protection and reinforcing the strong single-family character of our historic neighborhood and does so without adversely affecting any existing apartments. Change of Zone 05014 helps the various housing needs of the Near South Neighborhood by dedicating areas for single-family homes and recognizing areas best suited for apartments.

This change of zone will help make the Near South neighborhood more stable, increasing market values and the quality of life for all residents. Please help us keep Lincoln strong by voting yes on the Change of Zone No. 05014.

Sincerely,
Dear Ms. Landis: 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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To: melissa@landisarts.com  
cc: melissa@landisarts.com  
Subject: Support Change of Zone no. 05014

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Sincerely,

Melissa Landis  
1735 South 16th  
Lincoln, NE 68502

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mail2web - Check your email from the web at  
http://mail2web.com/ .
Dear Mr. Bredin:  I’m forwarding the website to the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development to you. This site shows the demographic information you specified, with links to other sites that might be helpful to you - especially the Chamber of Commerce and Lincoln's Convention and Visitors Bureau. 
This site will also give you access to direct contact information.  Good luck with your research.  If our office can be of further help, please feel free to contact us.
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I am doing a bit of research and would be interested in locating some demographic information about Lincoln. Could you please direct me as to where I might find stats such as median income, population, education, etc…?
Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Bill Bredin  
Deputy Commissioner  
United States Hockey League (Lincoln Stars)  
300 N. 5th Street  
Grand Forks, ND 58203  
(701) 775-7334
Dear City Council Members

As an investor/owner in the Near South Neighborhood, I support the proposed zoning action to more accurately reflect the current use of property. I've been a realtor for fifteen years representing many buyers and sellers of property in this neighborhood, homeowners and investors alike. My experience has been that the trend toward owner occupancy and the subsequent over investment by these enthusiastic owners benefits all adjacent property owners, including the absentee landlord. Renters are attracted to better looking, less dense streets; renter turnover is less (resulting in a higher return) and equity is greater.

I find it hard to imagine that the original body that granted this increased density ever envisioned such bare bones structures that have been granted building permits. Clearly, good planning and good covenants result in better long term value and a stronger tax base. I would hope that the long term goals of this community based action would supersede the shorter term economic goals of individual investors.

Sincerely,

Tim Francis
2511 T. St.
Lincoln NE. 68503
Dear Mr. Faulkner:

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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Quentin Faulkner <qfaulkner1@unl.edu>

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Sincerely,

Quentin and Mary Murrell Faulkner
1505 A Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
475-2927
qfaulkner1@unl.edu

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Dear Mr. Peters: 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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Bob Peters <bob4psu@yahoo.com>

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc: 
Subject: Change of Zone # 05014 (Near So. Neighborhood)

Dear City Council Member,

I have lived in the Near South since coming to Lincoln over 28 years ago. I have noticed that owner occupied homes are better cared for than rental units. I am writing to express my support for Change of Zone no. 05014 (Near South Neighborhood). This change of zone is vital to protecting and reinforcing the strong single-family character of our historic neighborhood and manages to do so without adversely affecting any existing apartments. Change of Zone 05014 weaves together the various housing needs of the Near South Neighborhood by dedicating areas for single-family homes and recognizing other areas best suited for apartments.

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Sincerely,
Robert W. Peters
1745 S. 25th St.
Lincoln, NE  68502

Do you Yahoo!?  
Make Yahoo! your home page
Dear Mr. & Ms. Edwards: 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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Blake and Laura Edwards <bedwards@neb.rr.com>

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Sincerely,
Blake and Laura Edwards
1862 Harwood Street
Bedwards@neb.rr.com
Dear Jan:

Your message has been received in the Council Office and I'm forwarding it on to the City Clerk's Office. Joan Ross, City Clerk, and our Deputy City Clerk, Teresa Meier, conduct the Council meetings. (Teresa was at the Monday night meeting). I'm also sending your message on to the Council Members so everyone is aware of your concern. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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----- Forwarded by Joan V Ray/Notes on 03/30/2005 10:55 AM -----

Joan,

FYI -- You may want to have :maintenance" check out the electronic timer used at City Council meetings...

In reviewing my taping of last Monday's "open mike" speakers, I noticed that at least two of the speakers were "beep-beeped" well short of their five minutes. (I began my stopwatch at the initial beep, and clicked it at the final beep for these speakers...)

They were both cut off over 45 seconds early (as you may have inferred, I was one of the speakers...). Joan, 45 seconds is 15% of our time. (Now that the public has been limited to speaking at open mike just twice month, every second counts!!)

Anyway, to make up for the "premature shutoff," tow of the affected speakers would like to give their same talk during open mike on the 11th. --Please advise if there's a problem with that, otherwise, we'll see you then...

Thanks!!!

Jan
Dear Mr. Kerns:  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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Scott M Kerns <thoseguys3@juno.com>

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Sincerely,

Scott Kerns

Scott Kerns
1417 South 21st Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-438-1262, thoseguys3@juno.com

"The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my victory.
He is my God, and I will praise him; he is my father's God, and I will exalt him!" Ex. 15:2
Dear J. Brazda,

I am writing to express my support for Change of Zone #05014 (Near South Neighborhood). This will help to preserve our historic neighborhood without affecting existing apartments. It is needed to improve the quality of life for near south residents by ending any further multi-dwelling housing. Our neighborhood is already burdened by high density which increases crime rates, over crowds street parking, and interferes with city services such as snow removal and emergency transport.

Please vote yes to help us improve our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Jorja Brazda
1908 "C"
Dear Ms. Campbell: 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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"Connie Campbell" <c_campbell72@hotmail.com>

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03/30/2005 11:12 AM

Dear City Council Representative,

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Sincerely,

Connie Campbell
Dear Ms. Bauman: 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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"Sarah Bauman" <sarahweilbauman@hotmail.com>

Dear Lincoln City Council:

I write to express support of the change of zone #05014 (Near South Neighborhood). It is vital to the preservation of a strong single-family and historic neighborhood. It does so without doing damage to existing apartment buildings.

Please help us to keep a more stable and strong Near South Neighborhood by voting FOR Change of Zone#05014.

Thank You,
Sarah Bauman      2035 B St. (02)
Dear Ms. Sekan: 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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jane84@inebraska.com

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Sincerely,
Margaret Skean
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Richard M. Mallam
Dear Ms. Gaines: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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cc:  
Subject: Near South Neighborhood

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Sincerely,

Samantha Gaines-Nelson
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Lincoln, NE 68502

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Yahoo! Mail - Helps protect you from nasty viruses.
Members of City Council,

We encourage you to support the recommendation of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission and of residents of the Near South Neighborhood to "downzone" the neighborhood. We know the citizens there will appreciate your support.

Sincerely yours,

Lee & Helen Wittke
Dear Mr. & Ms. Narveson: 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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Bud & Phyllis Narveson <woodlawn@woodlawnresort.com>

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Sincerely,

Robert and Phyllis Narveson  
1729 C St.  
435-5858
Dear Mr. Bryant: 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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City Council Men and Women

I would like to add my voice to those of us in the Near South Neighborhood Association asking you to support the Change of Zone 05014 Proposal. Here is an argument.

The city center has the type of historic housing stock that many communities would love to have. It is worth maintaining this area's historic neighborhoods for both aesthetic and economic reasons. There will come a time in the future (hopefully not too distant) when the Near South could begin to resemble some of those historic districts in eastern cities of the US that add tremendous charm to urban areas. These are places that are gracious, where one can function without commutes to work, where the tax base contributes significantly to the urban coffers.

I am not telling you anything you do not know. But, I think you also know that in the absence of a plan like the Support of Zone Change 05014 the Near South could well become one of the ugliest parts of the city. High density housing has a sorry history in parts of the Near South. I, for one, would like to see the Council takes steps to preserve the strength of this area, a strength that has to reside single family dwellings.

Miles Bryant
2035 B Street
Dear Dr. Pederson: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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I am pasting an article about a study on tobacco use that was published today. I supported the smoking ban and after reading this article thank my lucky stars that clear heads prevailed on the city council in putting the ban to the vote.

Half of All Cancer Deaths Preventable: Report

By Maggie Fox
WASHINGTON (Reuters) - More than 60 percent of all cancer deaths could be prevented if Americans stopped smoking, exercised more, ate healthier food and underwent recommended cancer screenings, the American Cancer Society reported on Thursday.

Americans could realistically cut the death rate in half, the report says. This year 1.368 million Americans will learn they have cancer and 563,700 will die of it.

"The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2005, more than 168,140 cancer deaths will be caused by tobacco use alone," the organization said in a statement.

"In addition, scientists estimate that approximately one third (190,090) of the 570,280 cancer deaths expected to occur in 2005 will be related to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, overweight, obesity and other lifestyle factors."

That totals 358,230, or 62 percent, of all cancer deaths.

"The issue is how many could you actually pull off in reality and half doesn't seem like a big stretch," Dr. Michael Thun, head of epidemiology for the non-profit group, said in an interview.
"If one could eliminate tobacco use, you would eliminate about half of cancer deaths. If you could help people maintain a healthy body weight and get more physical activity, that would be another 10 percent," he added.

"Increasing colorectal screening and high quality mammography and Pap (tests for cervical cancer) would contribute another fraction. It is very plausible that one could get a 50-percent reduction."

For instance, breast cancer, which kills 40,000 women and men in the United States every year, can usually be easily treated if caught before it spreads. In February a team at Harvard Medical School calculated that if every woman aged between 50 and 79 got a mammogram every year, it would reduce deaths from breast cancer by 37 percent.

Colon cancer and prostate cancer, two other top cancer killers, are also easily detected early with proper screening.

**KILLER TOBACCO**

But the single easiest way to prevent cancer would be to stop all tobacco use, the report says.

"What we have learned from tobacco is that in addition to education, measures that make a huge difference are things like increasing excise taxes on cigarettes and the clean air laws that have been enacted to protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke," Thun said.

Encouraging smokers to quit and changing social norms about smoking have also helped drive the nation's smoking rate below 25 percent, he said.

Tackling obesity will be more difficult, Thun said.

"Just from a common-sense point of view, anything which increases physical activity, makes healthy food more available, limits access (to) and marketing of unhealthy foods is likely to be a step in the right direction," Thun said.

He also said schools need to examine ways to get sugary sodas out of vending machines and find other sources of revenue that do not threaten the health of youngsters.

Thun said the report was not meant to make cancer patients feel they caused their own disease.

"This says just the opposite. The reality is things like smoking and obesity and physical inactivity are often described as voluntary but the choices we make are made in a social context," he said.

"In designing our communities and our lives, we inadvertently have made a lot of choices that work against health."
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Invited To Learn About Harris Overpass Replacement Project - (See Release)

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of April 2 through 8, 2005-Schedule subject to change - (See Advisory)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 3-E-Mail's from Christy Aggens; Eileen Bergt; Matt Skretta; - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014 - (See E-Mail's)

2. E-Mail from Randall Cecilie - RE: Smoking Ban Alternatives - (See E-Mail)

3. E-Mail from Yelena (Helen) Mitrofanova, Community Development Educator, Lancaster County Extension Office - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014 - (See E-Mail)

4. E-Mail from Dwayne Novak - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014 - (See E-Mail)

5. Letter from Alan Yates - RE: Opposed to Change of Zone for the area designated as "high density" extending north and west from the northwest corner of 18th & "D" Street - (See Letter)

6. 6-E-Mail's from Cathy Beecham; Mary Lou Meier; Denise Kjar; Mark Watt; Steve Schwab, Member of Witherbee Neighborhood Association; Greg McCown, Near South Neighborhood Association Past-President; - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014 - (See E-Mail's)
PUBLIC INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT
HARRIS OVERPASS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Citizens are invited to learn about plans to replace the Harris Overpass on “O” Street at two drop-in information sessions on April 6 and 7. Construction is expected to begin late next year on the project to replace the viaduct that carries “O” Street traffic over the railroad yards from 3rd to 9th streets in downtown Lincoln. The schedule for the sessions is:

- 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 6 at Sinclair Hille Architects, 700 “Q” Street
- 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. April 7 at Associated Builders and Contractors, 830 Westgate Boulevard

Visitors may drop in at their convenience to pick up project information, view displays, sign up for the mailing list and offer written comments. More information is available at the City Website, lincoln.ne.gov, and at www.harrisoverpass.com. (A fact sheet is attached.)

The viaduct, named in honor of John F. Harris who donated the land for Pioneers Park, was completed in 1955. Regular inspections show significant deterioration. Fifty years of exposure to de-icing salts has worn the steel and concrete structural elements. Despite repairs, the bridge is in condition to qualify for $12 million in federal bridge replacement funds. The Railroad Transportation Safety District would provide the remaining $2 million of the $14 million project.

“While the bridge is under the City’s jurisdiction, we are able to take on this project with non-City funds,” said City Engineer Roger Figard. “This funding is available to help us keep this important piece of our infrastructure safe and viable. This project gives us an opportunity to improve the connection between downtown and West ‘O’ Street and to build a structure that will serve the community for many years and have greater visual appeal.”

The replacement project is in the early design phase. Construction could take up to two years. A citizen advisory group has been formed to gather public input, and a public meeting is tentatively planned for mid-summer.
FACT SHEET: FEDERAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FUNDS AND THE HARRIS OVERPASS

Overview
The Harris Overpass qualifies for Federal bridge replacement funds. This fact sheet explains the Federal Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program (HBRRP) in relation to the condition of the Harris Overpass, which carries "O" Street over the Haymarket area and rail yards between 3rd and 5th Streets in Lincoln.

Condition Ratings:
0 = Failed
   Out of service, beyond corrective action
1 = Imminent Failure
   Closed to traffic
2 = Critical
   Closure may be necessary
3 = Serious
   Localized structure failures possible
4 = Poor
   Advanced section loss and deterioration
5 = Fair
6 = Satisfactory
7 = Good
8 = Very Good
9 = Excellent

Federal Highway Bridge Rehabilitation and Replacement Program (HBRRP)

The HBRRP provides funds to assist states in replacing or rehabilitating deficient highway bridges on any public road — on or off the federal or state highway system*. The program provides a system for bridge rehabilitation or replacement before a structure fails or needs to be closed.

The state participates in the program by maintaining an inventory of all public bridges, which are systematically inspected every two years. Based on the inspection, bridges receive condition ratings on major structural components, from 0-9, with 0 signifying bridge failure and 9 signifying excellent condition. Bridges with ratings of 4 or lower may be eligible for HBRRP aid.

Those bridges receive another rating — a sufficiency rating — to determine the type of funds, if any, for which they are eligible. The sufficiency rating considers three main factors:
1) Structural adequacy and safety
2) Serviceability and functional obsolescence
3) Essentiality for public use

A perfect score would add up to a total of 100 points. Bridges with sufficiency ratings above 80 are not eligible for HBRRP funds. Bridges with ratings between 50 and 80 are eligible for rehabilitation funds, and those with ratings below 50 qualify for replacement funds. However, new bridges and bridges that have undergone major improvements (regardless of how much the new bridge or improvements were funded) are ineligible for HBRRP funds for a period of 10 years after the construction or improvement.

*The Harris Overpass is not on the federal or state highway system, U.S. Highway 34 is routed off "O" Street at 10th Street, and U.S. Highway 6 is routed off West "O" at Sun Valley Boulevard.

City Project No. 701781
The Harris Overpass

As of 2003, the condition of the superstructure and substructure of the Harris Overpass were rated values of 4, which is considered to be poor condition and structurally deficient. The Harris Overpass currently has a sufficiency rating of 49.3, which places it in the category of deficient bridges eligible for federal bridge replacement funds.

The biennial field inspections of the Harris Overpass indicate a progressive pattern of deterioration over the past decade. The Harris Overpass has been exposed to de-icing salts for nearly 50 years, resulting in significant deterioration and distress to the steel and concrete structural elements.

Past efforts to repair the structure have included expansion joint repair, concrete replacement and repair, and column repair. Those efforts have proven ineffective, and the structure continues to deteriorate at a growing rate.

Some examples of the weakening of the structure include: deteriorated bearings, which no longer allow the bridge to expand and contract properly; deteriorated, disintegrating concrete at many of the supporting pier columns; growing cracks in the steel plates that connect the steel girders to each other; corrosion and rusting of the steel girders; and severe deterioration and corrosion of the approach vaults on each end of the overpass.

Replacement Funding

Construction costs to replace the Harris Overpass are currently estimated at $14 million, with 80 percent ($12 million maximum) funded by the Federal HBRRP, which is administered by the Nebraska Department of Roads. The remaining 20 percent is funded through the local Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD), a local taxing authority created to provide matching funds for railroad safety projects.

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City Project No. 701781
Date: April 1, 2005
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
Week of April 2 through 8, 2005
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, April 2
- Knights of Pythias state convention, remarks - 9 a.m., Villager Motor Inn, Plaza Room, 5200 "O" Street
- First Choice Credit Union annual meeting and dinner - 5:30 p.m., Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall South

Sunday, April 3
- Farewell ceremony for 209th Training Regiment of the Nebraska Army National Guard, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Northeast High School Auditorium, 2635 North 63rd Street

Monday, April 4
- 18th annual Geo-Spatial Information Systems for Transportation Symposium, remarks, 8 a.m., Cornhusker Hotel, Lancaster Room, 333 South 13th Street
- City-County Common Meeting - 8:30 a.m., County-City Building, room 113, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, April 5
- Primary Election Day

Wednesday, April 6
- Administrative Professionals Week, proclamation - 2 p.m., Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department expansion groundbreaking, remarks - 3 p.m., Health Department, 3140 "N" Street

Thursday, April 7
- News conference, StarTran busboard contest winners, storm sewer bond issue - 10 a.m., StarTran, 710 "J" Street
- International visitors from Asia - 11 a.m., Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street
- Mayor's Environmental Advisory Committee - noon, Mayor's Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street
- Neighborhoods Inc. open house - 5:30 p.m., 2121 North 27th Street

Friday, April 8
- International visitors from Kosovo - 1 p.m., Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street
- First Project reception - 6:30 p.m., 1550 South 70th Street, Suite 200
Dear Ms. Aggens:

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"Christy Aggens" <christyaggens@hotmail.com>

Dear City Council members,

I am writing to request that you SUPPORT change of zone 05014 (Near South down-zone) on April 4th.

I own two properties in the affected area. One is a rental and one is my own home. I support the down-zone for two reasons:

1. The infrastructure of the area was designed for single-family use. I believe that the zoning should reflect that fact.

2. I am concerned about protecting the historic character of the neighborhood.

I have a third rental property in the same neighborhood located on a block previously down-zoned with no adverse outcome to my rental business.

In addition, I have noticed that the demand for residential rental units in the neighborhood is down. I attribute this to the large number of new apartments constructed in other parts of town in recent years, and to a surge in home ownership due to low interest rates.

I feel that the time is right to adjust the zoning in the affected area to reflect current conditions and desired outcomes for the neighborhood.

Please vote IN FAVOR of change of zone 05014: Near South Downzone.
Dear Ms. Bergt: 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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"Eileen Bergt" <ebla@alltel.net>

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Sincerely,

Eileen Bergt

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Sincerely,

Matt Skretta
1233 South 24 Street
(402) 438-7155
Dear Mr. Cecrele: 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 would like to suggest a couple of alternatives to the current smoking ban with respect to bars and restaurants. But let me first make a couple of comments.

First, the facilities smoking vs. non-smoking sections were nothing but a joke. My family as tried to patronize a couple establishments but to only have been exposed to the secondary smoke. Village Inn was establishment on approximately 29th and O. The second was the Red Fox Inn on West O. In the case of the first, we were consumed with the smoke all the while sitting in the non-smoking section. At Red Fox, we thought that we were in a comfortable situation until we left and realized that both our clothes and hair were saturated with smoke.

Second, I believe these establishments have brought the current solution on themselves by not bringing reasonable alternatives that would provide an dining and drinking environment that allows for smokers and non-smokers alike to patronize. I also believe that they only paid lip-service to separate smoking and non-smoking sections because of my examples above.

Having said this, I would like to propose the following two alternatives that these establishments could choose from:

1. Allow the establishments to go back to smoking and non-smoking sections, but require more than just sections that are only divided by geographic location. Require that adequate protection of the non-smoking section be implemented from the smoking section. This would require actual exhaust fans and glass and door enclosures. As an example, let me again suggest the Red Fox Inn. Their non-smoking section has two doors. It also had open windows above the seating that separated the smoking and non-smoking sections. They could have easily placed glass in the open windows and placed exhaust fans on the smoking side of the two entrances and/or sliding doors that would have keep the smoke from entering the non-smoking section.
2. Establish smoking and non-smoking hours. Before the ban there was at least one bar-restaurant downtown that restricted smoking from approximately 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I am sure they realized that to best serve and attract their downtown business customers who did not want to go back to the office smelling of smoke that this was a good business decision. So what I would suggest is that non-smoking hours be established on Sundays through Thursdays and Saturdays from opening until 8:00 p.m. After 8:00 p.m., smoking would be allowed. On Fridays, the band would be from opening until 4:00 p.m. This would allow for the Friday Afternoon Clubers to patronize the establishments on Fridays. It would also allow persons and families like ours, whom have given up the “party life”, to enjoy eating at these establishments and having an occasional drink. The people in this category more than likely prefer to go out and eat and drink, and head home by 8:00 p.m. If would allow the “party crowd” to head out after 8:00 p.m. which is more than likely what they do anyway if things haven’t changed when I was in that crowd. This would also be easier to enforce than the original formula based upon percentage of income based upon food verses drink. I also believe that the smokers and non-smokers would accept this as a reasonable compromise. It would also give some reduced exposure time to the employees.

In the absence of a state-wide ban and because of the small geographical size of Lincoln, which allows for the smoking crowd to go outside of Lincoln and take their dollars with them, this seems to be a reasonable set of alternatives.

I realize that you may still want to wait awhile more to assess the ultimate financial impact that the smoking ban is having, but I feel that the two alternatives should be considered, if the council wishes to reconsider.

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Sincerely,

Yelena (Helen) Mitrofanova

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Sincerely,
Dwayne C. Novak
1849 Prospect St.
68502
Dear Mayor, Planning Commission members, and City Council members:

I’m writing to oppose the change of zone for the area designated as “high density” extending north and west from the northwest corner of 18th and “D.” I would consider it a major financial hardship for us if the block were downzoned.

It is probably ironic that I would have fully supported such a change 30 years ago and even given some support to it ten years ago. However, in the interim the immediate area near 18th and “D” has become saturated with 6 and 12-plexes. As a consequence, the parking, noise, and other problems associated with high density housing have become much worse, and as a result this area will never be considered viable as a single family neighborhood.

Obviously, the area south and east of 18th and “D” could still benefit from a zone change. However, my guess would be that many people in this area think of their homes as transitional and could be affected negatively by such a zoning change.

Another drawback of the rezoning proposal is the extreme “checkerboarding” of the whole enterprise. I realize that the areas proposed for rezoning are areas where there are single family homes at the present time, but I predict that the unevenness of the proposal will end up causing the city immense legal costs, since some people will benefit and others will not.

A zoning change will not affect a second irony. The city’s solution to the parking problems in high density areas as well as snow removal associated with parking problems has really made the problem much worse. The strict enforcement of 24 hour parking has become a major hassle. I think that it would be a good idea to ticket cars that have been parked a month or more in one place, but I see no purpose spending the time and money to ticket cars that are parked for over 24 hours.

I’d like to propose that as a cost-saving measure you seriously think about dispensing with any snow removal in the highest density areas of Lincoln, or, as an alternative, changing from snow plows to articulated front-end loaders which could pile the snow in the parkways instead of piling up snow in mounds against cars that have no alternative places to park. If you don’t get the snow out of the street, moving it from one part of the street to another is a waste of time and money. The present method of snow removal has made the area much less attractive than it would be without any snow removal at all.

A tangential parking issue involves exorbitant fines for overparking downtown which has made the downtown area much less attractive for residents of the Near South Neighborhood. We virtually never go downtown when we can avoid it since the parking fines have been raised.
There are obviously other problems such as vandalism and theft which are associated with high density populations in downtown areas, but there's no way to change those without spending much more on policing and other city services.

Sincerely,

Alan Yates

1750 "D" Street
Lincoln, Ne, 68502
Capitol Add Block 4 Lots 11-12
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to ask you to support Change of Zone no. 05014 (Near South Neighborhood). This change of zone is vital to protecting and reinforcing the strong single-family character of our historic neighborhood. Supporting this change sends the message to homeowners that their investments are important and secure. The blend of rentals and owner-occupied homes is already at a higher level in the Near South than in many other neighborhoods in Lincoln and this change would retain that ratio. Single-family homes would gain stability while existing apartments would remain protected allowing the Near South to continue to enjoy its nice blend of mixed use residences.

This change of zone will help make the Near South Neighborhood more stable, increasing market values and the quality of life for all residents. Please help us keep our city strong by voting yes on Change of Zone no. 05014.

Sincerely,

Cathy Beecham
2540 C Street
manages to do so without adversely affecting any existing apartments. Change of Zone 05014 weaves together the various housing needs of the Near South Neighborhood by dedicating areas for single-family homes and recognizing other areas best suited for apartments. We believe this helps homeowners who then have a stake in maintaining this as a safe, clean neighborhood that preserves its historic past.

This change of zone will help make the Near South Neighborhood more stable, increasing market values and the quality of life for all residents. Please help us keep our city strong by voting yes on Change of Zone no. 05014.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Meier
Vicki Miller
1130 So. 20th St.

----- Forwarded by Joan V Ray/Notes on 04/04/2005 10:11 AM -----

"Denise Kjar"
<dkjar@netnebr.com>
04/03/2005 12:33 PM
Please respond to dkjar

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc: Subject: Near South Downzone

Council members:

As a long time resident of the Near South Neighborhood, I would encourage you to please vote yes on downzoning my neighborhood.

Denise Kjar
2121 F Street
477-7051

----- Forwarded by Joan V Ray/Notes on 04/04/2005 10:11 AM -----

mwatt@lps.org
04/03/2005 09:54 PM

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc: Subject: Change of Zone 05014

Dear City Council Member,

I am writing to express my support for Change of Zone no. 05014 (Near South Neighborhood). This change of zone is vital to protecting and reinforcing the strong single-family character of our historic neighborhood and manages to do so without adversely affecting any existing apartments. Change of Zone 05014 weaves together the various housing needs of the Near South Neighborhood by dedicating areas for single-family homes and recognizing other areas best suited for apartments.

This change of zone will help make the Near South Neighborhood more stable, increasing market values and the quality of life for all residents. Please help us keep our city strong by voting yes on Change of Zone no. 05014.
Sincerely,

Mark Watt
1448 B Street

----- Forwarded by Joan V Ray/Notes on 04/04/2005 10:11 AM -----

Ohair42@aoi.com
04/04/2005 06:30 AM
To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Subject: Downzoning of Near South Neighborhood

cc:
Steve Schwab
Member of Witherbee Neighborhood Association
3510 Woods Ave.
Lincoln, NE 68510

----- Forwarded by Joan V Ray/Notes on 04/04/2005 10:11 AM -----

"Greg McCown"
<gmccown@neb.rr.com>
04/04/2005 08:45 AM
To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: Vote for Change of Zone 05014

Dear City Council Members,

I would like to show my support for Change of Zone no. 05014. As a 23 year resident of the Near South, I’ve seen changes in how this area has been used and viewed by the community. This neighborhood was originally intended for single-family use, but as Lincoln grew, families moved out to newer areas and many of these grand old homes turned into multi-unit dwellings. Over the past two decades, families have sought out the history and the elegance of these homes and have de-converted many of these historic homes. This change of zone is vital to protecting and reinforcing this trend and will strengthen the stability of the neighborhood as it increases property values. All this is done without adversely affecting any existing apartments. Change of Zone 05014 is a thoughtful proposal and provides for the various housing needs in the mixed-use tapestry of the Near South Neighborhood.
Our historic homes and neighborhoods provide a dimension of character that deserves our attention and protection. Please help us keep our city strong by voting yes on Change of Zone no. 05014.

Sincerely,

Greg McCown,

Near South Neighborhood Association Past-President
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, Darl Naumann, Lin Quenzer, Rick Hoppe, Mayor’s Office; City Clerk, Joan Ross; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff and Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng wished the two City Council members ‘good luck’ that are running for office.

She stated that Rick Hoppe started on Friday. He has been meeting with Directors and will continue for a while.

She complimented Council on getting the Stevens Creek Watershed piece passed. There are some typos and Nicole Fleck-Tooze will talk to them about it.

Mayor Seng called on Directors. Marc Wullschleger stated the City of Lincoln and Urban Development received a nice honor last week from Governor Heineman. They had an award ceremony at the State Capitol and they received two awards for Community Development Week which was last week. The two awards were to Old Mill Village located on the bypass on West South Street which is a housing subdivision of mixed-income, low & moderate and regular price houses. The Nebraska Housing Resource continues to build homes out there. The second award they received for Community Development Week was for the Grand Theatre downtown. Mr. Wullschleger commented they got it built and they have not heard a word since, he thinks that means they were successful. Council congratulated Mr. Wullschleger.

Police Chief Casady reported they discovered a body this morning about 8:30 a.m. under the West “O” Salt Creek bridge and they’re at the scene now investigating. Right now they think this is a homicide, although, it is way too early to speculate about cause of death.
Nicole Fleck-Tooze (Public Works) stated Item 25 on their Agenda today as the Mayor pointed out is the reconsideration of the Stevens Creek Watershed Master Plan and the reconsideration is to make the correction for the typo in the 2nd Motion-To-Amend. What she’s handing out to Council is ‘Exhibit B’ from the Resolution that the County Board adopted to make sure that they are consistent. The County Board went ahead and made that correction when they adopted the watershed plan so they have consistent language between the two plans that are adopted. Mr. Werner commented this requires a reconsideration to do all this. Dana Roper replied yes. [Item 25, Comp. Plan Amendment 05001-Amending the 2025 Lincoln City-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and the Future Lane Use Plan to include the Stevens Creek Watershed Master Plan as a subarea plan.]

*1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will have a news conference at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 24th during the Earth Wellness Festival at Southeast Community College. — NO COMMENTS

*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City To Celebrate 35th Anniversary Of Earth Day At Pioneers Park-Celebration includes events for International Migratory Bird Day. — NO COMMENTS

*3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Separation Of Grass And Leaves Begins April 1. — NO COMMENTS

*4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Sixth Annual “Clean Your Files Week” Set For April 18 Through 22. — NO COMMENTS


6. NEWS RELEASE - RE: 5 City-TV To Present “Education Nebraska”. — NO COMMENTS

II. DIRECTORS - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE

1. Response Letter from Tonya Skinner to Paul Beetz - RE: Records Request. — NO COMMENTS
FINANCE/BUDGET

*1.  Material from Steve Hubka - RE: March Sales Tax. — NO COMMENTS

PARKS & RECREATION

*1.  Two Response Letters from Lynn Johnson to Paul Beetz & Colette Beetz - RE: Correspondence Received on March 15, 2005 and Correspondence sent to you on January 26, 2005; - regarding continued employment as a lifeguard. — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING

*1.  Annexation by Ordinance - 75.17 Acres - Ordinance #18503 - Effective: March 1, 2005. — NO COMMENTS

*2.  Letter from Tom Cajka to Brian D. Carstens, Brian D. Carstens & Associates - RE: Whispering Creek Final Plat #05006-generally located at S. 112th St. & Old Cheney Road. — NO COMMENTS

*3.  Letter from Becky Horner to Paula DiCero, Associated Engineering - RE: Prairie Village 3rd Addition Final Plat #05004-generally located at N. 87th and Leighton Avenue. — NO COMMENTS

*4.  Memo from Marvin Krout - RE: Letter from Realty Trust-Change of Zone #05004. — NO COMMENTS

5.  E-Mail from Steve Erickson to the Planning Department - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION ....

*1.  Special Permit No. 1006F, Amendment to Forest Lake Estates CUP (6833 Forest Lake Blvd.)- Resolution No. PC-00907. — NO COMMENTS

*2.  Special Permit No. 05007 (On-sale alcohol at 3700 S. 9th Street) Resolution No. PC-00908. — NO COMMENTS
3. Special Permit No. 04069, Whitetail Run Community Unit Plan (NW of the intersection of S.W. 14th Street and W. Bennet Road) Resolution No. PC-00909. — NO COMMENTS

4. Preliminary Plat No. 04031-Whitetail Run (NW of the intersection of S.W. 14th Street and W. Bennet Road) Resolution No. PC-00910. — NO COMMENTS

5. Special Permit No. 05002, Foreman Ridge Addition Community Unit Plan (East of S.W. 12th Street and south of W. Denton Road) Resolution No. PC-00912. — NO COMMENTS

6. Preliminary Plat No. 04011-Waterford Estates (East and west of N. 98th Street from Holdrege to “O” Streets) Resolution No. PC-00913. — NO COMMENTS

7. Use Permit No. 05002, Northwoods Office Park (SW corner of N. 84th Street and Northwoods Drive) Resolution No. PC-00914. — NO COMMENTS

8. Special Permit No. 05009, Fieldstone Center Community Unit Plan (Southwest of N. 26th Street and Old Dairy Road) Resolution No. PC-00911. — NO COMMENTS

POLICE

1. Response Letter from Chief Tom Casady to Don Coleman - RE: Timothy Snyder’s convictions for two counts of public indecency. — NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Public Works & Utilities ADVISORY with attached Map- RE: Pre-Construction Open House-56th Street & Holdrege Street Storm Sewer Project-#701677-Monday, March 28, 2005; 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran School, Multi Purpose Room, 1200 North 56th Street (Entrance on south side of building)(See ADVISORY). — NO COMMENTS

2. Memo from Dennis Bartels - RE: Appeal of Condition of Approval, Thompson Creek Use Permit. — NO COMMENTS

3. Response Letter from Chad Blahak, Engineering Services to J.R. Brown - RE: North 14th & Fletcher Development Concerns. — NO COMMENTS
4. Letter & Reports from Ben Higgins - RE: Reports-Request for Information-
Executive Summary for the Technical Studies (Appendix H) from the Final
Report, April 2003 for the Mayor’s Floodplain Task Force-(Reports on file in
the City Council Office)(See Attached Letter). — NO COMMENTS

WOMEN’S COMMISSION

— NO COMMENTS

2. Report from Bonnie Coffey -RE: Director’s Report-March 2005 - (See
Report). — NO COMMENTS

III. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on the Agenda for today, Items 4, 5 & 6 will be
called together. For Item 6, she handed out to Council a Motion-To-Amend #2
requested by Law Department and understands there maybe another one coming.
[05-33, Annexation 05001-Amending the Lincoln Corporate Limits Map by annexing
approximately 100.00 acres of property generally located at North 1st Street and
Fletcher Avenue.; 05R-69, Approving the 1st and Fletcher Conditional Annexation
and Zoning Agreement between the City and Carlton Paine & Judith Paine, Glenn
Umberger & Lois Umberger, and Umberger Farms Ltd., relating to the annexation
of approximately 100.69 acres, generally located southeast of North 1st Street and
Fletcher Avenue.; and 05-34, Change of Zone 05002-Application of Lindsey
Management Company for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to R-3
Residential District on property generally located at Highway 34 and Fletcher
Avenue; designating said property as a Planned Unit Development; and for approval
of a development plans for 612 dwelling units, a clubhouse, private golf course and
60,000 square feet of commercial floor area (or 696 dwelling units if the commercial
use is deleted) in the underlying R-3 Residential District with a requested waiver of
the required preliminary plat process.]

Items 7 & 8 will be called together and just a reminder they have two
Resolutions on Item 8 one for approval and one for denial. [05-35, Change of Zone
05010-Application of Thompson Creek LLC for a change of zone from R-3 Residential
District to O-3 Office Park District on property generally located at South 56th Street
and Thompson Creek Blvd.; and 05R-67, Use Permit 141A - Appeal of Thompson
Creek LLC from the Planning Commission action conditionally approving Use Permit
No. 141A on property generally located at South 56th Street and Thompson Creek Blvd. subject to the requirement that the pavement in South 57th Street be 33 feet wide and that angle parking be provided along South 57th Street, and that a traffic study be provided.

She handed out to Council a Motion-To-Amend for Item 23. [05R-74, Appeal of Hub Hall and Lyle Mayer from the Planning Commission denial of Special Permit 05003 to develop Meadow View 2nd Addition Community Unit Plan for 57 dwelling units in split jurisdiction, with requested waivers of the required ornamental lighting, sidewalks, street trees, landscape screens, block length, preliminary plat process, non-perpendicular lot lines, lot depth to width ratio and to allow sanitary sewer to flow opposite street grade, on property generally located at the northeast corner of Southwest 84th Street and West Pioneers Blvd.]

The “Miscellaneous Referral Sheet” pretty routine. The Clerk’s Letter and Mayor’s Approval of Ordinances and Resolutions that were passed by City Council on March 28, 2005; The Lincoln Water & Wastewater System Recapitulation of Daily Cash Receipts for March 2005; Report from City Treasurer of Franchise Tax for the month of February 2005; Setting a hearing date for ‘Playmakers’ Class C liquor license including an outdoor area at 640 West Prospector for public hearing on April 18th; Report from City Treasurer on Occupation Tax; and Miscellaneous applications referred to the Planning Department which are all Change of Zones. City Clerk Joan Ross noted that all these “Miscellaneous Referral” items will be incorporated into the Action Sheet.

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Director / Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Next steps for the University Place property vacation (RFI#41-02/02/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM MARC WULLSCHLEGER, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#41-02/09/05. — NO COMMENTS
ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Don Taute, Personnel Director RE: Breakdown for Each Department for specifically requested information on M-Class Employees for Years 1995, 2000 and 2003 (RFI #164 - 02-18-05 - Joint Request w/P.Newman). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON TAUTE, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON PATTE NEWMAN’S RFI#30 & ANNETTE McROY’S RFI#164. — NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP - NO COMMENTS

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN

1. OUTSTANDING Request to Don Taute, Personnel Director RE: Breakdown for Each Department for specifically requested information on M-Class Employees for Years 1995, 2000 and 2003 (RFI #30 - 02-18-05 - Joint Request w/A.McRoy). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON TAUTE, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON PATTE NEWMAN’S RFI#30 & ANNETTE McROY’S RFI#164. — Ms. Newman stated she has further questions on this Request For Information regarding the “M” class employees. She would like to know the number of “M” class employees of each of the departments that are listed. Also, Don (Taute) talks about tax funded budget and she would like to know if all these amounts include wastewater, water, health and building and safety managers. Ms. Newman stated she will amend this RFI to add these additional questions.

Ms. Newman stated she heard something about CDBG funds were pulled from the budget cuts and asked if that was correct. Marc Wullschleger replied not to his knowledge they haven’t been. Ms. Newman commented she thought somebody had pulled it from the [inaudible] budget. Mr. Wullschleger commented he knows Bush would like too. Ms. McRoy stated no the house restored it. Mark Bowen stated only part of it. In summary, the house & senate both went with individual mark ups right now, they’re talking differently in terms of how much they would like restore so the numbers are still in play, there are still cuts, but how much they don’t know.
2. OUTSTANDING Request to Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development/ Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation/Ann Harrell, Public Works - RE: Requesting information about the proposed bike/ped bridge over North 27th Street - (RFI#32-3/15/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM WYNN HJERMSTAD, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#32-3/23/05. — Ms. Newman stated she has further questions on this Request For Information regarding the North 27th Street bridge. Ms. Newman stated she will amend this RFI to add these additional questions. Her understanding is that there has been some over runs on estimates up on the North 27th Street project and she would like to know what happens when they do this. Do they have to come back and amend it or is it just done Administratively, how often does it happen, and then there was a 21% design cost to the whole project which seems high and she would like an idea of what design costs on some of these things? Ms. Newman stated she will put these additional questions in writing.

*3. E-Mail from Patte Newman to Constituent - RE: Antelope Valley. — Ms. Newman stated this item can be removed from the Agenda.

4. Request to Steve Hubka, Budget/Don Herz, Finance - RE: What outstanding bonds is the City of Lincoln currently paying off? -(RFI#33-3/21/05). — NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook stated regarding the Request For Information on “M” class employees, he would be interested in the increase by departments. Ms. Newman stated she will send it out in writing.

Regarding the gentleman who had all those cats and was concerned about the one he wanted back that disappeared, he would like to know what the status is on that situation. Mr. Werner commented Rick Meyer and Mr. Cook replied yes. Bruce Dart stated he has talked with Bob Downey quite a bit about this issue and it has kind of come down to ‘he said, he said’. Mr. Meyer went and picked two cats and the Humane Society said they would mark the two cats that he picked, he went back to pick them up and one of the cats that were marked was not one of them that he had picked out. They argued about it at that time and could not come to a successful conclusion, the Humane Society offered to give him another cat from the group, but he did not want another cat and he walked away so that’s where its been. They don’t know where that cat went that he picked out and that’s an issue he needs
to work out with the Humane Society. Mr. Werner commented he thought the cat was adopted. Mr. Dart stated they assumed it was they don’t know which cat it is that he’s apparently talking about. They’re hoping that it was adopted and not euthanize, but they also gave some cats to the cat house which is a rescue organization and they adopt some cats out. The bottom-line is that they are not in agreement about which cat that one was, it’s kind of impossible to say where that cat went. Mr. Dart stated he talked to the Cat House, Bob Downey several times, Mr. Meyer several times and the Humane Society and they are willing to give him another cat, but he did not want the other cat.

**TERRY WERNER**

Mr. Werner stated he would like to talk to Diane Gonzolas and Ann Harrell after the Directors’ Meeting today.

Ms. McRoy inquired about who’s in charge of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Marvin Krout stated it’s a shared responsibility between Planning, Law and Building & Safety Department to prepare the staff reports and the Agenda. Ms. McRoy stated to Mr. Krout okay, she will talk to him after the meeting.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

*1. E-Mail from Rose Carter, CEDARS TLC, Family Specialist - RE: Monthly bus passes-(Council received copy of this E-Mail on 3/21/05). — NO COMMENTS

*2. Letter from Brian Lee Linderholm - RE: The ‘Ride For Five’ Program- (Council received copy of this letter on 3/21/05). — NO COMMENTS

*3. Faxed Letter from Amy Evans, Executive Director, Friendship H/me - RE: Support for the ‘Ride For Five’ Program-(Council received copy of this Letter on 3/21/05). — NO COMMENTS

*4. E-Mail from Pete Beau - RE: Please reconsider the down zoning issue for the Near South Neighborhood, totally opposed and thinks it goes to far. — NO COMMENTS

*5. E-Mail from Carol B. - RE: Motorsports Complex. — NO COMMENTS

*7. Letter from Michael James, President, Woods Park Neighborhood Association - RE: Appreciation to you, for the unanimous decision to preserve the existing green space at Woods Park. — NO COMMENTS

*8. E-Mail from Michael Von Busch Sr. - RE: The refunding of the bonds issued in 1996. — NO COMMENTS


*10. Letter from Robert & Marynel Beum - RE: Proposed change of zoning designations zone #05021. — NO COMMENTS


12. E-Mail from Dick Campbell, Campbell’s Nurseries and Garden Centers - RE: Village Gardens Land Development -(Council received E-Mail on 3/28/05 before evening Council Meeting). — NO COMMENTS

13. Letter from Dayna Souza; and Donnell Nicholas - RE: Proposed location for Wal-Mart-North 84th & Adams. — NO COMMENTS

14. E-Mail from Andy Beecham - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood. — NO COMMENTS

15. E-Mail from David Scheffler - RE: Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

16. E-Mail from Melissa Landis - RE: Support Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

17. E-Mail from Bill Bredin, Deputy Commissioner, United States Hockey League (Lincoln Stars) with response from Joan Ray-RE: Lincoln Demos. — NO COMMENTS

18. E-Mail from Tim Francis - RE: Near South Down Zoning. — NO COMMENTS
19. E-Mail from Quentin & Mary Murrell Faulkner - RE: Support for Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

20. E-Mail from Robert Peters - RE: Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood. — NO COMMENTS

21. E-Mail from Blake & Laura Edwards - RE: Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

22. E-Mail from Jan - RE: Possible defective timing mechanism. — NO COMMENTS

23. 3-E-Mail’s from Scott Kerns; Jorja Brazda; Connie Campbell - RE: In Support of Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood. — NO COMMENTS

24. 3-E-Mail’s from Sarah Bauman; Margaret Skean; Richard Mallam-RE: In Support of Change of Zone #05014-Near South Neighborhood. — NO COMMENTS

25. E-Mail from Samantha Gaines-Nelson - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

26. Letter from Lee & Helen Witters - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

27. 2-E-Mail’s from Robert & Phyllis Narveson; Miles Bryant - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

28. E-Mail from Dr. Darryll Pederson - RE: Smoking ban. — NO COMMENTS

**ADDENDUM -(April 4th)**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Invited To Learn About Harris Overpass Replacement Project. — NO COMMENTS

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of April 2 through 8, 2005-Schedule subject to change. — NO COMMENTS
II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. 3-E-Mail’s from Christy Aggens; Eileen Bergt; Matt Skretta; - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

2. E-Mail from Randall Cecrle - RE: Smoking Ban Alternatives. — NO COMMENTS

3. E-Mail from Yelena (Helen) Mitrofanova, Community Development Educator, Lancaster County Extension Office - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

4. E-Mail from Dwayne Novak - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

5. Letter from Alan Yates - RE: Opposed to Change of Zone for the area designated as “high density” extending north and west from the northwest corner of 18th & “D” Street. — NO COMMENTS

6. 6 -E-Mail’s from Cathy Beecham; Mary Lou Meier; Denise Kjar; Mark Watt; Steve Schwab, Member of Witherbee Neighborhood Association; Greg McCown, Near South Neighborhood Association Past-President; - RE: Supports Change of Zone #05014. — NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:16 a.m.

*HELD OVER FROM MARCH 28, 2005.