

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

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II. DIRECTORS

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Council Members Present: Ken Svoboda, Vice-Chair; Patte Newman, Glenn Friendt, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy

Council Members Absent: Terry Werner, Chair; Jon Camp - (both attending Federal Fly-In Conference in Washington, D.C.)

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, 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 Seng held up an article.] Mayor Coleen Seng commented Karl Fredrickson just handed this to her which was in yesterdays newspaper. In 1885 a newly elected City Council spent its first day putting into action a plan to install sewer lines throughout the City and raising salaries of City employees. So, what's new, same thing on the Agenda all these years later.

She attended the Near South Tour yesterday afternoon. All those beautiful homes, it's a great event each time which they are having it now every two years.

Mayor Seng called on Directors. Police Chief Casady stated Council probably read in the newspaper they had a murder-suicide on Friday at 3308 "S" Street. No history of domestic violence in the family that have been reported to the Police, so it kind of took everyone by surprise. It happened right around the corner from Hartley Elementary School.

Last week, they had some more racist material from the National Alliance that showed up. They've had a couple of reports in the past month of stickers, sort of like address labels, on utility poles in the downtown area and a Parks & Recreation employee found a stack of material in a restroom at Mahoney Park. It looked as if maybe somebody left them inadvertently in the restroom, but this material continues to pop up every now and than. It's pretty evident they have some people in Lincoln that are active with the National Alliance.

Fire Chief Spadt reported they had a couple of suspicious fires over the weekend. On Saturday at 14th & Yankee Hill Road in a business under construction was set on fire in the middle of the building.

The fire at 6948 Kings Court was in the newspaper this morning the fire levels a \$400,000 new-house project. Both of these fires are suspicious and under investigation.

Also, this morning around 6:15 a.m. a 49 year old female was transported to St. Elizabeth's hospital. She was in full arrest, it's his understanding that she will survive. He doesn't know the cause of this fire yet, but there was significant damage.

Mayor Seng commented with high wind this weekend was it really tough to handle the fires. Fire Chief Spadt replied yes, the one at 70th & Old Cheney Road was really bad. Mr. Svoboda inquired about if they had to have an unit there all night. Chief Spadt said yes, they have to maintain some presence there to let the inspectors do their work.

Don Herz stated they met last Thursday internally with Amerita's and their bonds consultant to talk about the approval of the storm sewer bonds. Their recommendation is to go forward and issue the bonds as quickly as possible because of the interest rate. So, they are going to be bringing this forward for 1st Reading next Monday and requesting 2nd & 3rd Reading the following week with the emergency clause. To get this bond transaction taken care of before Memorial Day, otherwise, it will be delayed for two weeks, so if there is any concern with that let him know. Mr. Friendt inquired about what they do with the funds since they cannot apply them immediately to construction. Are they held in a cash reserve? Mr. Herz stated they hold those in a construction fund and they try to optimize the return on the rate.

Lynn Johnson reported they had a nice event Saturday afternoon the 2nd annual West "A" celebration at the Market at Coddington Park-Coddington Shopping Center. The West "A" Neighborhood Association was amazing they put together an amazing event out there. He was contacted by Bill Vocasek on December 6th and said that they would like to put up a park shelter. They did all of the fund raising, there was no City money involved in that project at all. Interesting enough, Ed & Dorothy Schwartzkopf were big donors on it, they donated \$5,000 to this project so it is going to be called the Schwartzkopf shelter. It was a wonderful event, great neighborhood and the way a neighborhood activity should go. Mayor Seng added that neighborhood group along with all of the businesses out there really need to be complimented.

Mayor Seng noted she knows they are getting their contracts through and they're meeting all the time with Don Taute.

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III. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Joan Ross stated on their Agenda today under ‘Public Hearing-Resolutions’, Items 4 & 5 will be called together. *[05R-92, Approving an Agreement between the City and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway for funding of an overpass in Southwest 40th Street over the existing BNSF Railroad tracks; and 05R-93, Approving an Agreement between the City and the Railroad Transportation Safety District for funding construction of a viaduct in Southwest 40th Street over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks.]*

For Item 9 under ‘Petitions & Communications’ the Class “J” liquor license should actually be a Class “I” liquor license. Noting there was an error on the application, but it is correct on the Resolution. *[Setting the hearing date of Monday, May 23, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. on the Application of The Noodle Shop Co - Colorado Inc. dba Noodles & Company for a Class J Liquor License located at 2801 Pine Lake Road.]*

The ‘Miscellaneous Referral Sheet’ very routine. Setting some hearing dates and the Clerk’s Letter and Mayor’s Approval of Ordinances and Resolutions passed by the City Council on May 2, 2005.

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1. Request to Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Skateboard Park in NW Lincoln - (RFI#165 - 5/05/05). — Ms. McRoy noted she will just wait for Lynn (Johnson) to set up a meeting.

Ms. McRoy mentioned that she is working with Mike Merwick regarding Industrial Avenue.

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PATTE NEWMAN - NO COMMENTS

JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook questioned in Antelope Valley are construction vehicles using fire hydrants is just anybody allowed to use them. He has had reports of people spotting trucks filling up doing things with hydrants, there doesn't appear to be any kind of a meter, does anybody pay for that water. Karl Fredrickson stated they are allowed, but they should have a meter which they check get from the Water System so they get charged for it. So, if he has a location where somebody is taken water without a meter on it let him know and he will check into it. Mr. Svoboda noted there is a permit that you have to purchase each year for it, you have to rent it from the Public Works Department.

GLENN FRIENDT -

Mr. Friendt stated he did not have a chance last week to mention what a great idea he thinks it is to put together a group to look at all of the facility needs in the City and so congratulations. He thinks that is a great move. He wished it had been done back before the Lancaster County Event Center was built. Mayor Seng commented yes, she does too. Adding, they will wait for Planning Commission to have their public hearing which she hopes they will place it on pending and then they will have the group get together.

KEN SVOBODA -

Mr. Svoboda noted they have an addendum and adjourned the meeting.

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ADDENDUM - (For May 9th)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will unveil the repaired Cupid Fountain in the Antelope Rose Garden at a news conference at 10:00 a.m. Thursday May 5th. — NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Repaired Cupid Fountain Unveiled In Antelope Park -Plans announced for Rose Garden and Sunken Gardens. — NO COMMENTS
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: 14th Street To Close North Of Court Street. — NO COMMENTS
4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Briefing Planned For Six-Year CIP. — NO COMMENTS
5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City Recognized For After-School Initiatives. — NO COMMENTS
6. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of May 7 through May 13, 2005-Schedule subject to change. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from Larry Worth, Transit Manager, StarTran to Mr. James Bryan Wilson, Bel-Air Group Home sent to Council Office by City Clerk Joan Ross - RE: Request the opportunity to speak to the City Council regarding StarTran service hours has been forwarded to me-requesting the StarTran service hours be extended to 9:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday and that comparable service be provided on Sundays. — NO COMMENTS

III. CORRESPONDENCE

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B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Jerry Rabel - RE: Opposed-concerning the City Council's consideration of canceling StarTran's Handi-Van and City bus services to individuals with disabilities at various times of day. — NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:12 a.m.