

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of July 18, 2005.
- *2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of July 18, 2005.
- 3. Minutes - RE: Tentative Changes To Recommended Mayor's Budget - July 18, 2005.

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

- 1. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Newman)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

- 1. Discussion of an appointment to the I-80 Economic Corridor Commission (Innovation Zone Commission) recently established by the Legislature. (K.Svoboda) (See Attached Letter/NEBCo Resume)
- 2. Discussion - Council Members' "Slush" Fund - A Good Thing. (K.Svoboda)
- 3. Discussion - Library Board Vacancy - (Material forwarded to Council on 7/19/05 & received copies in their "Noon" Agenda packets for August 1st) (See Attached Letter)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. NeighborWorks Lincoln-2005 Community Build Day event on Friday, August 12, 2005 at the site of our newest High School House, 1233 S. 16th Street, to recognize the contributions of our financial partners-the event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a press conference; following the press conference at 9:30 a.m. there will be tours of the home while volunteers from our financial partner organizations will be “digging in” to help landscape the property; Pizza will be available to all at 11:00 a.m. - RSVP by August 8th to 476-5422 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)
2. Retirement Coffee for Sharon Porter, City Finance Department (29 years) on Wednesday, August 17, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Outside the Mayor’s Office - (See Invitation)
3. Invited to an informal open house on Thursday, August 4, 2005 to discuss Lincoln Electric System’s (LES) plans to build electrical facilities Northwest of Lincoln, Nebraska - At Lincoln Electric System, Service Center, 2620 Fairfield Street - Anytime between 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. - (See Letter of Invitation)
4. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance, Water Quality Open 2005 Golf Outing & Educational Excursion on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at Quarry Oaks Golf Course (near South Bend), 16600 Quarry Oaks Drive, Ashland, Nebraska - 10:00 a.m., Presentation - 11:00 a.m., Check-In - 12:30 p.m., Tee-Off; - Fee \$65.00 person (Registration fee due prior to checking-in) - RSVP before August 25th - (See Invitation)
5. The First Annual Outsider Arts Festival-Artists On The Edge special event on Thursday, August 4, 2005 at The Loft at the Mill (next to Modern Arts Midwest Gallery), 800 P Street, 3rd Floor - 6:00 p.m., Gallery viewing, poetry reading, and the film hysterical mind by Mike Kula - 7:00 p.m., View the award-winning film Out of the Shadow - Free Admission - (See Invitation)
6. Invitation to participate at the 2005 Red Cross Appreciation Day fundraiser (“Pass the Bucket”) on Saturday, September 17, 2005 at Memorial Stadium during the Nebraska vs. Pittsburgh football game - (See Invitation)
7. Health Partners Initiative (HPI) invites your participation in a community forum where the primary topic will be access to health care for undeserved groups. On Monday, August 29, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Cooperative Extension Conference Center, 444 Cherry Creek Road (Complimentary Lunch provided) - RSVP by August 22nd to Morgan Wright at 441-4672 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)

8. Please Join the Community Services Initiative, the Health Partners Initiative, the League of Human Dignity, and StarTran as we formally announce a coordinated system of human services transportation in Lincoln and Lancaster County. On Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at The League of Human Dignity, 1701 "P" Street - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM JULY 25, 2005.**

LINCOLN

The Community of Opportunity

Chamber of Commerce



July 25, 2005

Ken Svoboda, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

cc:06/14
JUL 25 2005
CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Dear Chairman Svoboda and Council:

This letter is a follow-up to my late June contact with you regarding the process the City Council would be following in making their appointment under LB 546, the Opportunity Zone Act (2005). It is my understanding that the City Council is preparing to make an appointment soon.

For your consideration, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce wishes to forward the name of Tim Mettenbrink to be appointed to the Innovation Zone Commission created under section 7 of LB 546. Mr. Mettenbrink is Vice President for real estate for NEBCO, Inc. and has a keen interest in serving on this commission. Mr. Mettenbrink is eminently qualified, with expertise in real estate, as well a background that includes working with technology and military applications. Tim is a registered architect and licensed real estate broker. Attached for your review is a brief biography on Mr. Mettenbrink.

The Lincoln Chamber is proud to offer our full support to Mr. Mettenbrink. Our organization has been an active supporter and promoter of the Opportunity Zone legislation and will continue to be an active leader in promoting regional planning and cooperation.

We urge your support for Mr. Timothy A. Mettenbrink's appointment to this important position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wendy Birdsall".

Wendy Birdsall
Interim President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce J. Bohrer".

Bruce J. Bohrer
Senior Vice President – Public Policy

Enc. Mettenbrink Bio

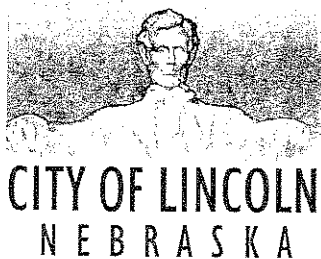


Timothy A. Mettenbrink

Tim was born in Grand Island, spent his early years in Omaha, attended high school in Grand Island, and graduated from the University of Nebraska Lincoln with an architectural degree. He practiced architecture with firms in Omaha, Cheyenne and Phoenix before starting architecture and interior design firms in Scottsdale. He formed Mettenbrink Development Company on Maui where the firm managed and developed commercial real estate projects including the Grand Wailea Resort, Four Seasons Resort Wailea, the Maui Research & Technology Park and the Maui High Performance Computing Center. Upon moving the firm and family to Nebraska, he provided real estate and project management services to corporate and institutional clients including Clarkson Hospital, First National Bank, Union Pacific Railroad, Farm Credit Services of America and Ameritas Life Insurance Company. He recently joined Nebco, Inc. where he serves as a Vice President responsible for real estate development and asset management. He is also Vice President and Broker of Nebco Realty Group, a subsidiary responsible for real estate sales, leasing and property management.

Tim holds certification from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, maintains Architectural licenses in Arizona, Hawaii and Nebraska and is a licensed Real Estate Broker in Nebraska. He is a member of the Nebraska Coaches Association, maintains certification with the Nebraska Department of Education and coaches volleyball at Omaha Marian High School. He is an initial inductee into the Grand Island Northwest High School Hall of Honor.

Tim and his wife Betty live in Omaha and have a daughter Jamie attending Northeastern University in Boston, and a daughter Corrie who attends Omaha Marian High School.



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July 19, 2005

Ken Svoboda, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Svoboda:

Enclosed are letters and resumes received by the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees from ten persons interested in being appointed to the Library Board to fill one seven-year term created by Darrell Podany completing his seven-year term.


This group of excellent candidates responded to articles in the *Lincoln Journal Star* announcing the vacancy and to notices posted at all library branches as well as distributed to community, recreation and cultural centers. Individuals who had previously expressed interest in being appointed to the board were also notified that a vacancy would exist and were asked to contact the board if they were interested in being appointed.

At its July 19th meeting, the Library Board reviewed the qualifications of the candidates based on current and future needs of the Board of Trustees along with interest in public libraries. The Library Board of Trustees, as an administrative board, strives to collectively develop occupational diversity, diversity in membership, financial experience, political acumen, legal knowledge and understanding, and business/management experience.

With these needs in mind, the Library Board recommends April Stevenson, Ronald Wall or Thomas Walsh for consideration for appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees for the term September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2012.

As soon as the City Council completes its appointment process, the new board member will be contacted and the orientation process begun. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Carol J. Connor
Library Director

Enclosure: Letters/Resumes

MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Ken Svoboda, Chair; Patte Newman, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Dan Marvin, Annette McRoy; **ABSENT:** None

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney's Office; Joan Ray; Council Staff; Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director; Deena Winter, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative

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Chair Ken Svoboda, by acclamation of the Chair, approved the minutes. No objections were formally offered, thus the minutes were approved as presented.

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

1. **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Newman)** Ms. McRoy reported that they had passed the Keno recommendations on the Human Services/Community piece that goes through JBC for allocation. There were some agency updates, which Ms. Newman will outline. The Community Service Initiative update was presented. Ms. McRoy noted there were some interesting numbers regarding economic development which we will bring back to Council at a future point, because there will be, Ms. McRoy felt, a broad interest on this issue among the Council Members.

Ms. Newman reported on the Agency Updates: The Hispanic Center has interviewed two excellent candidates for the Director's position. The Good Neighbor Center has an interim director who might stay; Malone Center is doing well; Peoples City Mission apparently wants to expand and has a Master Plan - we'll keep you posted on that issue.

OTHER MEETINGS: - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Mr. Hoppe handed out material to Council Members noting that in July they had finalized the City Personnel Board Appointment and that is now proceeding through channels. The Cable Advisory and the Aging Advisory Boards will be having public hearings, too, on those appointments. Mr. Hoppe indicated that he had checked recently with various departments concerning committee appointments that needed to be addressed. The GAIC

had a couple of things that had slipped through the cracks that are now being corrected and we will get that back on track. The Community Health Endowment appointments should be before you next week. There are a number of appointments to the Community Development Task Force, the Forestry Advisory Board, Water Conservation Board, the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee and couple of others involving Water that will be coming up within the next month between August 15th and September 15th. The process has just begun on these.

Mr. Camp has been reappointed by the Mayor to the Public Building Commission. The paperwork should go in on that today. The Mayor has decided to re-appoint Roger Larsen and Tommy Taylor to the Planning Commission, each of whom agreed to serve another term.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen reported that he had been discussing the Joint Meeting between the Omaha and Lincoln Councils. The dates that had been looked at were the 17th, 18th and 24th and/or 25th of August - the Wednesday's and Thursdays in August.

Senator Hagel has requested to meet with all of the Council Members, the County Board, the Mayor and other elected officials on the 17th of August in the morning. The Joint Meeting could be done in the afternoon of the 17th. That was the first choice. Mr. Bowen didn't know the Council's summer vacation plans and would appreciate feed back on what dates would work best for each Council Member.

Discussion ensued with a final decision being reached to hold the Joint Lincoln/Omaha Council meeting from 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. on one of the suggested dates - yet to be determined. Agenda items will include issues carried over from the last discussions regarding planning events, development events. There were some security issues looked at last time, as well as legislative coordination between the two cities.

Mr. Bowen proposed a council briefing prior to the Night Meeting on the Downtown Master Plan since the consultants would be in town on that date, but would not be available for the actual meeting during the public hearing. This would be the latest update information with the consultants available for questions. Council decided to simply request a one page summary of their information with no meeting.

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion of an appointment to the I-80 Economic Corridor Commission (Innovation Zone Commission) recently established by the Legislature. (K. Svoboda) Council discussed their appointment options. It was not known if the County Board would be appointing County Board members. The Council had the option of appointing a Council Member or someone else. The Chamber had submitted a name in nomination to the Commission for Council's consideration. After discussion, it was agreed that the name submitted, being an Omaha resident, would not be the one to represent the City of Lincoln on the Committee.

Mr. Bowen suggested that Council contact Mr. Cecil Steward with the Joslyn Institute who has worked on this corridor development for many years. He may have ideas for nominees - or Council may be interested in asking Mr. Steward to serve. Council also directed Mr. Bowen to contact the Chamber to discuss the Council's concern with their nominee.

This item will be on the August 15th "Noon" Agenda for follow-up.

2. Discussion - Council Members' "Slush" Fund - A Good Thing. (K. Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda noted that this would be funded by Council Members' donations for birthday cookies and cards. These expenditures have been borne fully by Staff in the past and Mr. Svoboda felt Council Members should chip in on those expenses. This would be a petty cash fund on hand for those expenditures. Council agreed that this would be appropriate.

3. Discussion - Library Board Vacancy - (Material forwarded to Council on 7/19/05 & received copies in their "Noon" Agenda packets for August 1st) Mr. Marvin commented that he knew April Stevenson [one of several candidates submitted by the Library Board for Council's consideration] and felt she would make a good, qualified candidate to serve on the Board. After a brief discussion, Mr. Marvin moved to appoint Ms. April Stevenson to fill the upcoming Library Board Vacancy. The motion was seconded by Ms. Eschliman and carried by the following vote: AYES: Camp, Cook, Eschliman, Marvin,, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda. NAYS: None. Staff will prepare a notice to Carol Connor, Director of the Lincoln City Libraries and the Resolution Request for appointment which will be forwarded to the City Clerk's Office.

Ms. Newman did mention that she was very impressed while reading the resumes of those nominees for the Library Board. Mr. Svoboda felt there were excellent qualifications among all of the candidates. It was noted that if these people might be interested, they would be excellent persons to fill positions on other City Boards - such as the Community Development Task Force. Mr. Bowen stated that he could send an application to these folks to see if they might be interested in serving - especially on the CDTF.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook brought up the issue of reconsideration or veto override on an issue to be discussed on today's formal agenda. After a brief discussion, Mr. Roper explained that with the reconsideration there would be an opportunity for continued public hearing. It is difficult and raises issues if Council does veto and then wants to schedule a public hearing. Council's consideration at that point is to over-ride or not to over-ride - there would really be no re-visiting of the issue [that would justify continued public hearing]. Consequently, Mr. Roper felt it would be better handled to have the issue reconsidered if they wanted to give everyone another opportunity for input. Mr. Svoboda noted that if the reconsideration process were followed, the only thing Council would have accomplished is to have another public hearing where we would receive the same information that has already been presented. It was decided that, at the meeting today, at the end of the 3rd Reading votes, if anyone wished to make a reconsideration motion it could be handled then. If no one makes such a motion, Council will move on and there will be no reconsideration. Everyone agreed that this would be an acceptable course of action.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - No Further Comments

DAN MARVIN - Mr. Marvin had brought back newspaper articles from the Minnesota area where he had recently vacationed which he shared with his fellow Council Members. The thrust of his presentation was simply that all communities are facing the same problems, dilemmas and frustrations that Lincoln is experiencing in these tough fiscal times - and he thought it might make for an interesting contrast to see how some of these areas are (or are not) coping.

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - Mr. Svoboda questioned Mr. Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director, as to the reason for his presence at the meeting. Mr. Johnson indicated that he had a "Noon" Agenda for a meeting and assumed it was this one. It turned out to be another "noon" meeting and, so, Mr. Johnson left, with the well wishes of the Council Members ringing in his ears.

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

RICK HOPPE - No Further Comment

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Council adjourned at approximately 12:06 p.m.

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