I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - City Prepares for State Fair and Husker Fans

2. NEWS RELEASE - Safe Walk and Safe Ride to School Set for Thursday

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: “Future Service Limits” To Be Reviewed At Planning Commission Open House -(See Release)

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Encourages Support For Hurricane Relief Effort -(See Release)

5. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will have a news conference at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 2nd in the Mayor’s Conference Room - The Mayor will be joined by various City government and community leaders to discuss the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and how the City of Lincoln will be involved - (See Advisory)

6. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Statement From Mayor Coleen J. Seng On Lincoln’s Role In The Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort -September 2, 2005 - (See Release)

7. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule -Week of September 3 through 9, 2005-Schedule subject to change -(See Advisory)

8. NEWS RELEASE - RE: City On “Standby” Status For Hurricane Evacuees -(See Release)

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE


**2. Reports from Don Herz - RE: EMS fund through 7/31/05 -(See Reports)
FINANCE-BUDGET

1. Four Sales Tax Reports Reflecting Final Collections for 2004-05 Fiscal Year.

PARKS

1. Memo to Robin Eschliman RE: Park Teen Center

PLANNING

*1. Annexation by Ordinance-Ordinance #18579

*2. Marvin Krout’s response to the Gibsons RE: Letter to Jon Camp on Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital


PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION ..... 


**2. Preliminary Plat #05003-Highland View Addition (West of NW 12th Street between Hwy 34 (Purple Heart Highway) and W. Alvo Road - Resolution # PC-00945.

3. Pre-Existing Special Permit #23F (Expand boundaries for additional off-street parking - Nebraska Wesleyan) Resolution # PC-00946.

4. Pre-Existing Special Permit #33A (Expansion of on-premise alcohol sales at Luckies Lounge, 1101 W. Bond St.) Resolution # PC-00947.

5. Special Permit #05042 (Expand nonstandard single family dwelling into required front yard at North 67th Street and Morrill Avenue) Resolution # PC-00948.

6. Special Permit #05041, Cardwell Reserve Community Unit Plan (East of SW 12th Street and W. Denton Road) Resolution # PC-00949.
PUBLIC WORKS

*1. Letter from Thomas Schafer to Mr. Hurd RE: 56th & Shadow Pines

*1. ADVISORY - North 56th Street & Arbor Road Water Main

*2. ADVISORY - Paving Unit #139 - Benton Street Paving Proj.#565139

**3. E-Mail Response from Thomas Shafer to Jon Camp & Tom Malmstrom - RE: Barricades -(See E-Mail)

**4. Material - RE: Council Item #05-130 Pioneers Blvd. - (See Material)

**5. Material - RE: Council Item #05-129 South 56th Street - (See Material)

6. Letter from Doug Schwartz to Rene and Karen Solc - RE: L-1019.9 Beaver Creek Lane between Old Creek Rd and Elk Ridge Rd - (See Letter)

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY


WOMEN’S COMMISSION

*1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Women’s Commission Elects New Officers For 2005-06 -(See Release)

*2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Nominations Open for Awards Program


III. CITY CLERK

1. Letter from City Clerks Office - Written to Linda Weaver Beacham by Doug Lienemann of Haymarket Development Corporation - RE: Adopting the unphased construction approach for rebuilding the overpass.
IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

**1. E-Mail from Darrell & Bec Wubbels sent to Jon Camp - RE: Outlet -(See E-Mail)

**2. E-Mail sent to Jon Camp - RE: Something that may get help the homeless of Lincoln raise some income -(See E-Mail)

JONATHAN COOK

1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/ Weed Control Authority - RE: Overgrown weeds SW 25th & W Plum - (RFI#126 - 8/12/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM RUSS SHULTZ, WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY RECEIVED ON RFI#126 - 8/15/05.

2. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: The speed limit on West “A” Street - (RFI#127 - 8/30/05)

COUNCIL - RFI’S

1. Council RFI#5 - Council RFI Request to Health and Public Works RE: 4th Street Dust Problem concerns from Danny Walker (RFI#5 Sent 08-23-05 - Request from Chair). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE LETTER FROM BRUCE DART, HEALTH DIRECTOR TO DANNY WALKER RECEIVED ON RFI#5 - 8/30/05.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Request to Mark Bowen, Mayor’s Office - RE: Weekly updates to the City Council on the status of ITI - (RFI#1 - 7/07/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM MARK BOWEN, MAYOR’S OFFICE RECEIVED ON RFI#1 - 8/04/05.

2. Letter From Bruce Wright RE: Response to Councilman Cook’s resolution supporting parks & trails
3. E-Mail from Ken Doty sent to Robin Eschliman - RE: Modification of South Fringe Ordinance #17381 -(See E-Mail)

DAN MARVIN

1. Request to Finance Department OR Personnel Department - RE: All Tax Funds-Expenditures By Category-1998-99 Through 2005-06 Mayor Recommended Budget - (RFI#1 - 8/15/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON TAUTE, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#1 - 8/30/05.

2. Letter from Dan Marvin to Jon Bruning, Office of the Attorney General - RE: City gas prices -(See Letter)

3. Letter to Steve Hubka from Dan Marvin - RE: Gas price estimates -(See Letter)

ANNETTE McROY

1. Request to Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director/ Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: A Divided City - (RFI#166 - 7/21/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM LYNN JOHNSON, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#166 - 8/26/05. — 2.) SEE RESPONSE FROM BILL NASS, PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED ON RFI#166 - 8/30/05.

2. Request to Public Works & Utilities-Water - RE: Concerned the water pressure provided to the Highlands neighborhood is less than adequate - (RFI#167 - 7/29/05) - SEE RESPONSE FROM JERRY OBRIST, PW ON RFI#167 RECEIVED ON 08-23-05

3. Request to Public Works & Utilities-Sidewalks - RE: Construction of a sidewalk on City property along NW 1st Street-south of Fire Station 14 - (RFI#168 - 7/29/05) - SEE RESPONSE FROM HARRY KROOS, PW ON RFI#168 RECEIVED ON 08-23-05

4. Request to Law Department - RE: What is the reasoning behind the prohibition of not allowing pawn shops to operate on Sunday? - (RFI#169 - 8/12/05). — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DANA ROPER, CITY ATTORNEY RECEIVED ON RFI#169 - 8/26/05.
1. Request to Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities Director/Police Chief Tom Casady - RE: Please provide the crash data for the intersection of 44th & Cleveland - (RFI#36 - 7/25/05) — 1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM POLICE CHIEF TOM CASADY RECEIVED ON RFI#36 - 7/25/05. SEE RESPONSE FROM SCOTT OPFER, PUBLIC WORKS ON RFI#36 - RECEIVED 7/28/05

**2.** E-Mail from Dale & Marylyn Rowe sent to Patte Newman- RE: 2 Wal-Mart’s in Lincoln is enough!! -(See E-Mail)

**3.** E-Mail from Dianne Epp sent to Patte Newman - RE: Wal-Mart -(See E-Mail)

**4.** E-Mail from Kathy Stemper sent to Patte Newman - RE: Wal-Mart -(See E-Mail)

**5.** E-Mail from Vicki Melton sent to Patte Newman - RE: Please vote NO - Wal-Mart - (See E-Mail)

6. E-Mail from Dennis Christensen sent to Patte Newman - RE: Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams - (See E-Mail)

7. E-Mail from Erin Krause sent to Patte Newman - RE: City planning -(See E-Mail)

8. E-Mail from Roger Schuler sent to Patte Newman - RE: Wal-Mart - (See E-Mail)


V. MISCELLANEOUS

*1. Letter from Christine Osborn - RE: This letter, too, is a simple form of democracy -(See Letter)

*2. Letter from Emmy Thomas RE: Limousine Service market in Lincoln. (See Letter)
*3. Two Letters (06-03-05 and 08-22-05) from Vicki Hopkins RE: Opposition to proposed townhouse development in Pine Lake Heights South 7th Addition (north of Grainger/south of Diablo Drive/west of 40th Street) (See Letters) - Material also received in Council File Folder Materials in 08-25-05 Packet).

*2. Letter from Harvey Perlman to Donald W. Linscott RE: Biotechnology Industry Suggestions (See Letter)

*3. Letter from Beatty Brasch, Director of Center for People in Need, RE: Thanks for the Support of “Ride for Five” StarTran program. (See Letter)

*4. Letter from Big Red Companies RE: Opposing Harris Overpass closure during bridge construction. (See Letter)

*5. Letter from Mel Bargas RE: Bill No. 05-129 - allowing construction of a west leg to the South 56th & Shadow Pines Drive Intersection which will connect South 56th Street to Stephanie Lane. (See Letter)


*7 Letter from Kenneth Sherwood RE: County-wide wheel tax

*8. Letter from Russell J. Wren RE: Opposing the Townhouse Development at Pine Lake Heights South 7th Addition (Use Permit #05005)


**10. E-Mail & Pictures from Donald Hamann - RE: Pioneer Blvd.-(See Material)

**11. Letter from John J. Lombardi, Council President; David Segal, Minority Leader; Miguel C. Luna, Councilman Ward 9; The City Council-City Hall Providence, R.I. - RE: On behalf of the City Council of Providence, Rhode Island, we write to you to inform you of a recent initiative our city adopted that will promote the use of clean, renewable energy and to urge the City of Lincoln to consider doing the same. -(See Letter)
**12.** Letter from Ron Davis - RE: Working In a More Prudent Manner -(See Letter)

**13.** E-Mail from Joyce Jaixen - RE: Annexation #05013 & Change of Zone #5054 - (See E-Mail)

**14.** E-Mail from Ranae Richmond - RE: Everett School bus boundary -(See E-Mail)

**15.** E-Mail from Sandy Wagner - RE: Supports the building of a Wal-Mart in the Northeast area of Lincoln -(See E-Mail)

**16.** E-Mail from Larry Elias - RE: Say NO to Wal-Mart -(See E-Mail)

17. **E-Mail from Sue Cover - RE: Wal-Mart -(See E-Mail)**

18. **Letter from Craig Bauer, Craig Bauer Construction Company - RE: A New Attitude-developments - (See Letter)**

19. **E-Mail from Jon Weirman - RE: Concerned about the economic development of this City - (See E-Mail)**

20. **E-Mail from Mark Hesser - RE: LES Audit -(See E-Mail)**


**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

*HELD OVER FROM AUGUST 29, 2005.

**HELD OVER FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2005.*
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 1, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Henrichsen, Planning Department, 441-6374
Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

"FUTURE SERVICE LIMITS" TO BE REVIEWED AT PLANNING COMMISSION OPEN HOUSE

Citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County will have the opportunity to join Mayor Coleen Seng and City-County department representatives at a City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Open House from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 7 at the Auld Recreation Center in Antelope Park, 31st and "A" streets. The open house is sponsored by the City-County Planning Commission as part of the update to the City-County Comprehensive Plan and LRTP.

The purpose of the open house is to review three “Year 2030 Future Service Limit” (FSL) boundaries proposed for the City of Lincoln. The FSL is used to plan the future delivery of City services. It defines the general physical limits of where water, sanitary sewer, urban streets, schools, libraries, police and other community services would be available in the year 2030. The FSL serves as the long-term geographic boundary for the programming of capital improvements by the City and other agencies involved in providing urban-style services. The draft Year 2030 FSL will form the basis for updating the Comp Plan/LRTP – a process that will take about 18 months and run through 2006.

The open house will begin at 5 p.m. with a presentation of the three FSL proposals. Mayor Seng will begin the session with brief remarks about the Comprehensive Plan/LRTP planning process. The Mayor’s remarks will be followed by a City-County Planning Department presentation on the three FSL proposals, including a summary of the benefits and liabilities of each alternative. Following the presentation, department representatives will be available in an informal format to answer questions and to receive public comments. There will be no formal public hearing on the proposals as part of this open house.

Staff representatives from several departments and divisions – including Planning, Lincoln Water System, Wastewater and Traffic – will be available to meet with the public at the open house.

The City-County Planning Commission will follow-up the open house with a formal public hearing on the FSL proposals during their regular meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 28 in the Council chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

The public is encouraged to attend this hearing and provide the Planning Commission with their ideas and feedback of the proposed FSLs.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan/LRTP 2030 Update, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and click on the Planning Department link.

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Mayor Coleen J. Seng today appealed to the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County to support relief efforts by the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army, which are assisting victims of Hurricane Katrina.

“Our hearts and our prayers go out to those in the Gulf Coast area that have been devastated by this unprecedented natural disaster,” said Mayor Seng. “As we count our blessings here at home, the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army need our help now to provide critical relief in the wake of this historic and tragic disaster.”

The American Red Cross is launching their largest mobilization of resources for a single natural disaster involving thousands of trained disaster relief workers and tons of supplies. The Salvation Army and the Red Cross are each serving about 500,000 hot meals per day to residents and first responders in the devastating aftermath.

Monetary donations to the Red Cross and Salvation Army relief efforts are needed immediately.

“There is no contribution too large or too small – every contribution helps and we extend our most heartfelt thanks to those who can aid in this unprecedented disaster relief effort,” said Randy Jones, Executive Director for the Lancaster County Red Cross.

“As long as there is a need, The Salvation Army will be there to serve,” said Major Robert Boone of the Lincoln Salvation Army.

Checks earmarked “Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Effort” can be sent to the Lancaster County Red Cross, P.O. Box 83267, Lincoln, NE, 68501; made online at www.redcross.org or by calling 1-800-HELPNOW. Financial contributions can be sent to The Salvation Army, 2625 Potter St., Lincoln, NE 68503; made online at www.salvationarmyusa.org or by calling 1-800-SAL-ARMY. In addition, TierOne Bank, Westgate Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Union Bank and U.S. Bank are accepting contributions to the Red Cross at their facilities. The Cornhusker Banks of Lincoln are accepting monetary donations to the Salvation Army at all of their locations.

“Citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County have always shown a willingness to help out those less fortunate in their time of need,” said Mayor Seng. “In the truest sense of neighbor-helping-neighbor, I know they’ll again graciously respond and do whatever possible to help out their fellow Americans on the Gulf Coast.”
Mayor Coleen J. Seng will have a news conference at 2 p.m. Friday, September 2 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, second floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.

The Mayor will be joined by various City government and community leaders to discuss the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and how the City of Lincoln will be involved.
STATEMENT FROM MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG ON LINCOLN’S ROLE IN THE HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT
September 2, 2005

Thank you for joining us to discuss Lincoln’s response to the events continuing to unfold in the Gulf states.

Never in our nation’s history have we seen such wide spread devastation and destruction. Our hearts are breaking at what we have seen. Like most Americans, Lincoln residents want to step forward and do what we can to help. I want to let you know what we have been doing.

The Peoples City Mission has made an offer to accept families in Lincoln who have lost their homes to the hurricane. We do not know right now whether that offer will be accepted. We are awaiting more information. We hope to know soon.

While we are waiting, we are not idle. Public and private agencies whose services might be needed to help families arriving in Lincoln have begun meeting to plan for that possibility.

Lincoln has a long tradition of successfully re-settling refugees from around the world. We are perfectly capable of doing the same for people from our own country. Our arms are open.

The group that has begun meeting is considering all the needs that might have to be met and exploring what resources would be required to meet those needs. We have discussed everything from housing and food to health and education. We want to be sure we are ready.

I am thrilled at the number of citizens who have contacted my office to ask how they can help. It is such a reminder of how much Lincoln residents value our own community and appreciate how great a loss our fellow Americans have suffered.

The best way to help right now is to give money to reputable, established relief organizations. A list has been provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and can be found on their Web site at [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). If you want to give, please consider these organizations.

In the event that Lincoln does become a host city for displaced families, more information will become available about how you can help make them comfortable here.

I am proud of our great city and the wonderful people who live throughout Lancaster County. I want to thank those who’ve already done so much for the people who have lost so much. We send our heart-felt prayers to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Whatever we can do to help will make a difference.

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CITY OF LINCOLN  
NEBRASKA  

Date: September 2, 2005  
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831  
Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547  

NEWS ADVISORY  
MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG  
lincoln.ne.gov  

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule  
Week of September 3 through 9, 2005  
Schedule subject to change  

Monday, September 5  
• United Steelworkers of America, remarks at Labor Day picnic - 1 p.m., 5724 Seward Ave.  

Tuesday, September 6  
• Tabitha’s green house ground-breaking, remarks - 10 a.m., 4720 Randolph St.  
• Downtown Early Childhood Development Center open house - 4 p.m., 12th and “N” streets, Energy 1 Building  

Wednesday, September 7  
• Comp Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan open house, remarks - 5 to 6:30 p.m., Auld Rec Center  

Thursday, September 8  
• Neighborhood Roundtable - 4:30 p.m., Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 13th St.  

Friday, September 9  
• Community Blood Bank recognition breakfast - 7 a.m., Governor’s Mansion  
• Updowntowners Annual Recognition Luncheon - 11:30 a.m., Embassy Suites Hotel  
• Danish Sisterhood Lodge 90, 100th Anniversary, welcome and proclamation - 6 p.m., The Knolls  
• Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, Czech Festival - 7:30 p.m., Kimball Hall, University of Nebraska  


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 7, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Steve Van Hoosen, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, 441-8396

CITY ON “STANDBY” STATUS FOR HURRICANE EVACUEES

Mayor Coleen J. Seng said State of Nebraska officials notified Lincoln today that the City will be on “standby” for the arrival of evacuees displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The City will continue to be prepared to provide services as needed.

“It now appears less likely that the federal government will send large numbers of evacuees to Lincoln, but we will remain prepared until notified differently,” said Mayor Seng. “The human service agencies are prepared to provide services to evacuees if they arrive in our community.”

Doug Ahlberg, Director of Lancaster County Emergency Management, is leading the local preparations for potential evacuees and coordinating efforts with the local chapter of the American Red Cross. St. Mark’s United Methodist Church at 8550 Pioneers Boulevard has been designated as the reception site for evacuees, and cots and supplies are set up there until further notice.

Those with questions about local relief efforts can call Emergency Management at 441-7400, 441-7401 or 441-7402. Those evacuees who have come to Lincoln on their own are asked to call those numbers or 1-800-621 FEMA. Information also is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov; the State Web site at nebraska.gov; or the Federal Emergency Management Agency Web site at FEMA.gov.

Mayor Seng thanked members of the Urban Search and Rescue Team based in Lincoln who returned yesterday from the hurricane area. Individual members of the team are being deployed as needed.

Cash donations continue to be needed. Mayor Seng cautioned those wanting to donate to the hurricane relief efforts to make sure their contributions are going to reputable relief agencies. Information on ways to donate to or assist in relief efforts is available at the City, State and FEMA Web sites.
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : September 7, 2005

RE : Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 23F
(Expand boundaries for additional off-street parking - Nebraska Wesleyan)
Resolution No. PC-00946

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2005:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Bills-Strand, to approve Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 23F, with conditions, requested by Nebraska Wesleyan University, for authority to expand the boundary of the special permit to accommodate additional off-street parking to include property generally located southwest of the intersection of St. Paul Avenue and N. 50th Street, commonly known as 2635 N. 50th Street, located on property between N. 50th and 56th Streets, and Huntington and Madison Avenues.

Motion for approval, with conditions, carried 8-0 (Larson, Carroll, Krieser, Esseks, Carlson, Pearson, Taylor and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Sunderman declaring a conflict of interest).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    John Sinclair, Sinclair Hille Architects, 700 Q Street, 68508
    Clark Chandler, Nebraska Wesleyan University, 5000 St. Paul Ave., 68504
    Janelle Schmale, University Place Community Org., 4930 Cleveland Ave., #1, 68504
    Lois Haupt, University Place Community Org., 4212 Knox Street, 68504
    Sharon Doll, University Place Community Org., 2909 N. 56th Street, 68504
RESOLUTION NO. PC- 00946

PRE-EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 23F

WHEREAS, Nebraska Wesleyan University has submitted an application designated as Pre-existing Special Permit No. 23F to expand the boundary of the special permit to accommodate additional off-street parking to include property generally located southwest of the intersection of St. Paul Avenue and N. 50th Street, commonly known as 2635 N. 50th Street, on the property between N. 50th and 56th Streets, and Huntington and Madison Avenues, and legally described to wit:

Lot 10, Block 49; the south 92 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Block 53; the south 3 feet of the east 92 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, Block 77; Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 85; Lots 5 and 6 except the east 12 feet of Block 97, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 99; Lots 1 and 2, Block 100; the north 75 feet of Lot 1 and all of Lots 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8, Block 101; University Place Addition; and Lot 22 Irregular Tract; and an Irregular Tract between 50th and 56th Streets and Baldwin and Huntington Avenues; all located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and

The east 92 feet of Lot 1, the east 92 feet of Lot 2, except the south 3 feet thereof, Block 77, University Place, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a public hearing on said application; and
WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood,
and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this expansion
will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions
hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln
and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the
public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Nebraska Wesleyan University, hereinafter referred
to as "Permittee", to expand the boundary of the special permit to accommodate
additional off-street parking to include property generally located southwest of the
intersection of St. Paul Avenue and N. 50th Street, commonly known as 2635 N. 50th
Street, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.075
the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that expansion of said accessory uses be in
strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express
terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves the expansion of the pre-existing special permit
boundary to include an area for a proposed parking lot located southwest of the
intersection of St. Paul Avenue and N. 50th Street as shown on the attached site plan.

2. Before receiving building permits:
   a. The Permittee must submit five copies of the final plan to the
      Planning Department for review and approval.
   b. The construction plans must conform to the approved plans.
3. Before occupying these structures all development and construction is to comply with the approved plans.

4. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.

5. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the Permittee, its successors and assigns.

6. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 30-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

7. The site plan as approved with this resolution voids and supersedes all previously approved site plans, however, all resolutions approving previous permits remain in force unless specifically amended by this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 31st day of August, 2005.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]
Chief Assistant City Attorney
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : September 7, 2005

RE : Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 33A
     (Expansion of on-premise alcohol sales at Luckies Lounge, 1101 W. Bond St.)
     Resolution No. PC-00947

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2005:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Bills-Strand, to approve Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 33A, with conditions, requested by Katch, LLC, for authority to expand the area to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises at Luckies Lounge located at 1101 West Bond Street.

Motion for approval, with conditions, carried 8-0 (Larson, Carroll, Krieser, Esseks, Carlson, Pearson, Taylor and Bills-Strand voting 'yes'; Sunderman declaring a conflict of interest).

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Katch, LLC, 1101 W. Bond St., 68521
    Boulevard Motel Corp., c/o Manor Care, Inc., 10750 Columbia Pike, Silver Springs, MD 20901
    Lambert Investments, 1340 N. Cotner Blvd., 68504
    Tommy Taylor, Highlands N.A., P.O. Box 80226, 68501
    Gordon Bjorman, Highlands NW N.A., 1133 N.W. Gary, 68521

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-00947

PRE-EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 33A

WHEREAS, Katch, LLC has submitted an application designated as Pre-
Existing Special Permit No. 33A for authority to expand the area to sell alcoholic
beverages for consumption on the premises generally located at Luckies Lounge, 1101
West Bond Street, legally described as:

    Lot 1, Union Pacific 6th Addition, Lincoln, Lancaster County,
    Nebraska; and

    WHEREAS, the real property adjacent to the area included within the site
plan for this expansion of the permit to sell alcoholic beverages on the premises will not
be adversely affected; and

    WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions
hereinafter set forth are consistent with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln
Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.

    WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has
held a public hearing on said application; and

    WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood,
and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this expansion
will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Katch, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee",
to expand the area to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on the
property described above, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of
Section 27.63.680 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that operation of said
licensed premises be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the
following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves the expansion of the area designated for the sale of
   alcohol for consumption on the premises as shown on the site plan.

2. Before receiving building permits the construction plans must conform to
   the approved plans.

3. Before the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, all
   development and construction is to comply with the approved plans.

4. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all
   interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and
   circulation elements, and similar matters.

5. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the
   Permittee, its successors and assigns.

6. The applicant shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City
   Clerk within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however,
   said 30-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment.

The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of
acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 31st day of August, 2005.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : September 7, 2005

RE : Special Permit No. 05042
(Expand nonstandard single family dwelling into required front yard at
North 67th Street and Morrill Avenue)
Resolution No. PC-00948

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their
regular meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2005:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Bills-Strand, to approve Special Permit
No. 05042, with conditions, requested by James and Mary Young, for authority
to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required front yard to
construct an addition to the existing structure, located at North 67th Street and
Morrill Avenue (6643 Morrill Avenue).

Motion for approval, with conditions, carried 8-0 (Larson, Carroll, Krieser, Esseks,
Carlson, Pearson, Taylor and Bills-Strand voting ‘yes’; Sunderman declaring a conflict of
interest).

The Planning Commission’s action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter
of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning
Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
James and Mary Young, 6643 Morrill Ave., 68507
Rick Albro, Havelock N.A., 6642 Morrill Ave., 68507

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-00948

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 05042

WHEREAS, James and Mary Young have submitted an application
designated as Special Permit No. 05042 for authority to expand a nonstandard single-
family dwelling into the required front yard to construct an addition to the existing
structure located at North 67th Street and Morrill Avenue, and legally described as:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 56, Havelock, Lincoln, Lancaster County,
Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has
held a public hearing on said application; and

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood,
and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this expansion
of a non-standard single-family dwelling will not be adversely affected by granting such
a permit; and

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions
hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln
and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the
public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster
County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:
That the application of James and Mary Young, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required front yard to construct an addition to the residence on property described above be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.540 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said addition be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves the expansion of a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required front yard setback along North 67th Street for the purpose of an addition.

2. The expansion shall not extend further into the required front yard than the furthest extension of the existing dwelling.

3. The expansion shall meet the height limit of the zoning district.

4. The use of the main structure shall remain a single- or two-family use.

5. Before occupying the addition all development and construction must conform to the approved plans.

6. The site plan approved by this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.

7. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the Permittee, its successors and assigns.

8. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however,
said 30-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment.

The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 31st day of August, 2005.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]

Chief Assistant City Attorney
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
      Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : September 8, 2005

RE : Special Permit No. 05041, Cardwell Reserve Community Unit Plan
      (East of S.W. 12th Street and W. Denton Road)
      Resolution No. PC-00949

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2005:

Motion made by Pearson, seconded by Esseks, to approve Special Permit No. 05041, Cardwell Reserve Community Unit Plan, with conditions, as amended, requested by Brian D. Carstens and Associates on behalf of the property owners, for authority to develop 63 lots, including Build-Through lots, and requested waivers to waive the required street lighting, sidewalks, street trees, landscape screens, block length, preliminary plat, storm water detention, front and side yard adjustments, and to allow sanitary sewer to flow opposite street grade, on property located east of S.W. 12th Street and south of W. Denton Road.

Motion for approval, with conditions, as amended, carried 9-0 (Esseks, Carroll, Taylor, Larson, Sunderman, Pearson, Krieser, Carlson and Bills-Strand voting 'yes').

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Brian D. Carstens and Associates, 601 Old Cheney Road, Suite C, 68512
    Roger and Carol Williams, 654 N. 35th Street, 68503

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-00949

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 05041

WHEREAS, Roger G. and Carol L. Williams, Marvin d. and Suzanne Williams, Velda V. Williams, Trustee, and Vernon O. and Donna Williams, have submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 05041 for authority to develop Cardwell Reserve Community Unit Plan consisting of 63 lots, including Build-Through lots, and requested waivers to waive the required street lighting, sidewalks, street trees, landscape screens, block length, preliminary plat, storm water detention, front and side yard adjustments, and to allow sanitary sewer to flow opposite street grade, on property located east of S.W. 12th Street and south of W. Denton Road and legally described as:

Lots 8, 9, 10, 19, 20, 21, and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 9 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a public hearing on said application; and

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this community unit plan unit will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and
WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Roger G. and Carol L. Williams, Marvin D. and Suzanne Williams, Velda V. Williams, Trustee, and Vernon O. and Donna Williams, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Permittee", to develop Cardwell Reserve Community Unit Plan consisting of 63 lots, including Build-Through lots be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.320 and Chapter 27.65 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said community unit plan be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves: (a) 63 dwelling units to be converted to a higher density in accordance with the transitional plat at such time as sanitary sewer and water are extended to serve the community unit plan, the area is annexed by the City of Lincoln and rezoned as provided in Lincoln Municipal Code, Chapter 27.65; (b) requested waivers to waive block length, preliminary plat, landscaped screens, yard adjustments and to allow sewer flow opposite to grade; (c) temporary waiver of requested waiver of sidewalks and street trees along SW 12th and W. Denton Road until the final platting and urbanization of the Outlots abutting S.W. 12th Street and W. Denton Road.
2. If any final plat on all or a portion of the approved community unit plan is submitted five (5) years or more after the approval of the community unit plan, the City may require that a new community unit plan be submitted, pursuant to all the provisions of section 26.31.015. A new community unit plan may be required if the subdivision ordinance, the design standards, or the required improvements have been amended by the city; and as a result, the community unit plan as originally approved does not comply with the amended rules and regulations.

3. Before the approval of a final plat, the public streets, private roadway improvements, drainage facilities, land preparation and grading, sediment and erosion control measures, drainageway improvements, temporary turnaround and barricades, and street name signs, street lights, sewer lines, sidewalks, and street trees must be completed or provisions (bond, escrow or security agreement) to guarantee completion must be approved by the City Law Department. The improvements must be completed in conformance with adopted design standards and within the time period specified in the Land Subdivision Ordinance. The Waste Treatment facility must be approved by the State Department of Environmental Quality.

4. Before the approval of a final plat, the Permittee must sign an agreement that binds the Permittee and Permittee’s successors and assigns:

   a. to complete the street surfacing of public streets, and temporary turnarounds and barricades located at the temporary dead-end of the streets shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

   b. to complete the surfacing of private roadway (if allowed), and temporary turnarounds and barricades located at the temporary dead-end of the private roadways shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.
c. to complete the installation of sidewalks along both sides of the streets and as shown on the final plat within four (4) years following the approval of the final plat (Except along W. Denton Road and S.W. 12th where waived).

d. to construct the sidewalk in the pedestrian way easements between Lots 11 and 12 Block 3, lots 8 and 9 Block 6 and lots 13 and 14 Block 7 at the same time as the abutting street is paved and to agree that no building permit shall be issued for construction on the adjacent lots, on both sides of the easement until such time as the sidewalk in the pedestrian way easement is constructed.

e. to complete the sanitary sewer and private waste water treatment facility shown to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

f. to complete land preparation including storm water detention/retention facilities and open drainageway improvements to serve this plat prior to the installation of utilities and improvements but not more than two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

g. to complete the installation of public street lights along streets within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

h. to complete the installation of private street lights along streets within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

i. to complete the planting of the street trees along streets, except along S.W. 12 and W. Denton Road, within this plat within four (4) years following the approval of the final plat.

j. to complete the installation of the street name signs within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

k. to timely complete any other public or private improvement or facility required by Chapter 26.23 (Development Standards) of the Land Subdivision Ordinance which inadvertently may have been omitted from the above list of required improvements.

l. to submit to the Director of Public Works a plan showing proposed measures to control sedimentation and erosion and the proposed method to temporarily stabilize all graded land for approval.
m. to complete the public and private improvements shown on the Community Unit Plan.

n. to retain ownership of and the right of entry to the outlots in order to perform the above-described maintenance of the outlots and private improvements on a permanent and continuous basis. However, Permittee as subdivider may be relieved and discharged of such maintenance obligations upon creating in writing a permanent and continuous association of property owners who would be responsible for said permanent and continuous maintenance subject to the following conditions:

1. Subdivider shall not be relieved of Subdivider's maintenance obligation for each specific private improvement until a registered professional engineer or nurseryman who supervised the installation of said private improvement has certified to the City that the improvement has been installed in accordance with approved plans.

2. The maintenance agreements are incorporated into covenants and restrictions in deeds to the subdivided property and the documents creating the association and the restrictive covenants have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and filed of record with the Register of Deeds.

o. To agree to subdivide the Acreage Development Component as shown on the transitional plat when sanitary sewer and water are extended to serve the Community Unit Plan and the area is annexed and rezoned. Said agreement to include provisions regarding the timing of annexation, conversion of the Acreage Development Component, establishing a plan for funding infrastructure costs for conversion of the Acreage Development Component, petitioning for creation of special assessment districts for the installation of infrastructure improvements if not installed by the Permittee at the Permittee's own cost and expense, and incorporating said provisions into deed restrictions to be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and filed of record with the Register of Deeds.

p. to submit to the lot buyers and home builders a copy of the soil analysis.

q. to comply with the provisions of the Land Preparation and Grading requirements of the Land Subdivision Ordinance.
to protect the trees that are indicated to remain during construction and development.

to properly and continuously maintain and supervise the private facilities which have common use or benefit, and to recognize that there may be additional maintenance issues or costs associated with providing for the proper functioning of storm water detention/retention facilities as they were designed and constructed within the development, and that these are the responsibility of the Permittee.

to relinquish the right of direct vehicular access to S. W. 12th Street except for the two existing drives and farm access and to West Denton Road except for S. Coddington Ave., S.W. 16th Street, and the two existing access points. The residential and farm access points shall be relinquished at the time of further subdivision to urban densities and take access off of the interior streets.

to maintain County roads until the County Board specifically accepts the maintenance.

to submit to all potential purchasers of lots a copy of the ground water report.

to submit to all potential purchasers of lots the location and type of pipeline.

5. Before receiving building permits:

The permittee shall submit a revised site plan including five copies showing the following revisions and submit the documents and plans to the Planning Department office for review and approval.

(1) Make the revisions noted in the County Engineers memo of August 25, 2005.


(3) Revise Note #7 to include Lincoln.

(4) Revise Note #10 to note the existing house driveways and farm access to be relinquished when Outlot “C” is subdivided.
(5) Revise Note #24 to note that the future development of Outlots “C” and “D” are designed for future platting to a density of about 560 dwellings and change “preliminary plat” to “community unit plan”.

(6) Revise note on Outlot “C” and “D” as “Urban Reserve Component. These outlots should show a minimum gross future density of four units per acre.

(7) Remove the future lots shown over the gas line and adjust S. W. 17th Street accordingly.

(8) Show the extension of West Attie and West Zillie to S. W. 16th Street and the grading for the future streets. Remove the suffix “court”.

(9) Add a Note that all owners within 160’ of the pipeline shall be notified of its location.

(10) Show the easements requested by Norris Public Power.

(11) Show the petroleum pipeline easement.

(12) Show SW 13th, W. Private Reserve Ct, SW. 17th Street and W. Secret Reserve Ct. as public streets as they connect to public streets and show all other streets as public streets as requested by Public Works.

(13) Show the FEMA 100 year flood plain, the flood way, the drainage corridors, the latest flood elevations from the Cardwell flood plain study and minimum floor elevations. Add a note that the official FEMA flood elevations are expected to be amended after review and adoption of the Cardwell study.

(14) If Outlot “B” is to be retained as flood plain protection and open space, show a conservation easement over the Cardwell flood plain.

(15) Show a trail in the Cardwell creek area as shown on the Comprehensive Plan and show the trail connection with the Cardwell Woods trail.

(16) Provide a pedestrian access from West Kendi Lane to Outlot “B” in the area of Lot 12, Block 3 and from W.
Secret Reserve Ct. To OutLot “B” between lots 8 and 9, Block 6 and from W. Private Reserve Cir. to OutLot “B” between Lots 13 and 14, Block 7.

(17) Adjust Outlot A to provide frontage and access.

(18) Show the future extension of W. Setaside Drive to the west.

(19) Note Block “1”.

(20) Show future cross street from W. Kendi Drive north to W. Attie extended. Show related grading.

(21) Show the future detention ponds and storm water drainage for the outlots.

(22) Show the future trunk sewer line easements on the outlots.

(23) Show the future street connections to SW 12th Street at about the 1/4 mile location.

(24) A permanent final plan with 5 copies as approved.

(25) Rename W. Private Reserve and W. Secret Reserve as the names will not fit the standard street sign and the term Private should not be used due to possible confusion.

(26) Show the septic field easement for Lots 1 and 2 Block 8.

(27) Show the square feet in Lots 1 and 2, Block 8.

(28) Show the future development plat (ghost plat) in the immediate area of Lots 1 and 2, Block 8, including the 106’ strip between the lots. This should show a logical replating where these lots will have some future splits, relinquish access to W. Denton Road and S.W. 12th Street and take access to an interior street system.

(29) Show the street trees along W. Denton and S.W. 12th Street, as required by Parks Department.
(30) Adjust the lots in the acreage development component to reflect the provision for an average area future lot layout equal to R-1 zoning, or a maximum gross density of 3.0 units per acre.

(31) Show the existing 60' Magellan pipeline easement.

(32) Remove "double frontage" lots along S. Coddington.

b. The construction plans comply with the approved plans.

c. Final plat(s) is/are approved by the City.

d. The required easements as shown on the site plan are recorded with the Register of Deeds.

6. Before occupying dwellings in this Community Unit Plan all development and construction is to comply with the approved plans.

7. Before occupying these dwellings City/County Health Department is to approve the water and waste water systems.

8. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping and recreational facilities, are to be permanently maintained by the owner or an appropriately established homeowners association approved by the City.

9. The site plan accompanying this permit shall be the basis for all interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, location of parking and circulation elements, and similar matters.

10. This resolution's terms, conditions, and requirements bind and obligate the Permittee, its successors and assigns.

11. The applicant shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 30 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 30-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment.
The clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 31st day of August, 2005.

ATTEST:
/S/ Original signed by

Jon Carlson
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
September 8, 2005

Rene and Karen Solc
6941 Beaver Creek Lane
Lincoln, NE 68516

RE: L-1019.9 - Beaver Creek Lane between Old Creek Road and Elk Ridge Road

Dear Property Owner/Resident:

As Lincoln continues to grow, traffic volumes along our street system also increase. In order to accommodate these increasing volumes of traffic within the developed areas of Lincoln, comply with Federal regulations and still provide for the growing community, we do our best to utilize the existing roadway. As such, the City will be installing traffic markings on Beaver Creek Lane between the streets shown above. The new markings will make for better and safer traffic flow.

With the new markings this will require the City to remove parking where it is presently permitted to No Parking Anytime on both sides of Beaver Creek Lane between Old Creek Road and Elk Ridge Road. We recognize that this change may have some impact on you as an adjacent property owner, resident or potential user of the on-street parking. We anticipate the implementation of this sometime during the week of October 10 thru October 14, 2005.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the forthcoming parking prohibition, please contact myself at 441-7452 or Allen Lee at 441-6092.

Sincerely,

Doug Schwartz
Engineering Services

cc: Anne Harrell
City Council - Jon Camp
City Council Office
Jim Tompsett
Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Allen Lee
Karl Fredrickson
Roger Figard
Charlie Wilcox
TR File
Combined Weed Program
City of Lincoln
August 2005 Monthly Report

Inspection Activity
1,003 inspections on 457 sites were made during the month. 4,716 inspections on 2,265 sites were made this year.

Weed Abatement
- Made 3,795 inspections on 1,846 sites on 919 acres.
- Found 1,597 violations on 658 acres.
- Found no violations on 191 sites.
- 1,391 complaints received on 1,174 sites.
- Sent 537 notices, 1,128 letters, published 120 notifications and made 34 personal contacts.
- 1,213 sites cut by landowners.
- 55 sites force cut by contractors.
- Cutting is pending on 330 sites.

Noxious Weeds
- Made 921 inspections on 419 sites on 2,102 acres.
- Found 376 violations on 416 acres.
  - 214 musk thistle
  - 24 leafy spurge
  - 3 Canada thistle
  - 103 ornamental purple loosestrife
  - 27 wild purple loosestrife
  - 3 saltcedar
- Found no violations on 42 sites.
- Sent 79 notices, 252 letters, 3 trace cards and made 62 personal contacts.
- 182 control plans have been received.
- 295 sites controlled by owners.
- 18 sites controlled by inspectors.
- 10 sites controlled by contractors.
- Control is pending on 21 sites.

July Activities
14 Mgt Team Mtg
21 LPWMA Control Meeting
29 Airboat Tour

Planned August Activities
11 Mgt Team Mtg
24 LPWMA Tour & Meeting
25 Set up state fair exhibit
29 Complaint Database meeting
29 State Fair

INSPECTION SUMMARY
3,795 Inspections of 1,846 sites
Letter 55%
Notice 27%
Published 6%
Direct contact 2%
None 10%
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:         8/31/05  
SUBJECT:      Director's Report – August 2005  

Notes  
● LLWC’s Public Information Specialist, Diane Mullins, was on vacation August 1-5 and her second carpal tunnel surgery was on August 26.

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; an additional four were added as a result of an additional grant from the State of Nebraska. In addition, a Nebraska CLC Network has been established; I represent the City of Lincoln on that Network. I also serve as an appointed member of the steering committee for the National League of Cities’ (NLC) Afterschool Policy Advisors Network (APAN), comprised of city employees who serve as resources to other cities who are seeking to establish Afterschool programs.

● An orientation on Lincoln’s CLCs was provided to new Mayor’s Aide Rick Hoppe on 8/4 with Lea Ann Johnson and Cathie Petsch, co-coordinators of Lincoln’s CLCs and me.
● The Statewide CLC Network held a conference call on 8/25 with various representatives of CLCs around the state providing information on the upcoming “Lights On Afterschool!” events on October 20. In Lincoln, a celebration will be held once again at Haymarket Park; I will be serving as emcee for this fun event.

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 Early Care & Education and Youth Development Coalitions have been re-combined and are being staffed by contracted personnel, Nancy Rosenow and Tracy Gordon. The group is now focusing on quality of early care and education standards.
The monthly meeting was held on 8/18, with conversation continuing on the Early Care & Education surrounding quality care. Lincoln has been selected as a pilot project for the Quality Ratings System (QRS) Pilot Project to help develop categories for both centers and family child care home providers. Researchers from UNL will measure the ‘star rating’ at the beginning of the project and one year later. Data will guide implementation of a QRS system, how training affects star levels and how providers and parents feel about the system. Other areas identified for the pilot project include a ten county area in Northeast Nebraska: Columbus, Norfolk, Schuyler, Stanton, West Point, Wayne, Walthill, Pender, Tekamah, Osceola and David City. Centers and home providers in the pilot project cities are being solicited to participate.

LLWC is a part of the National League of Cities (NLC) ‘Learning Communities,’ a group of communities working in the issues of Early Care & Education through networking and sharing of experiences and accomplishments. A conference call was held on July 26.

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.”

LLWC held an election at the 8/10 meeting to elect a new executive committee. Results were:

- President – Tami Soper
- Vice President – Danja Pegram Siders
- Member at Large – Beth Rodacker
- Member at Large – Connie Schmidt

We welcome these new executive committee members, and thank last year’s team for their hard work and dedication.

"Ready to Run" is moving forward, with emphasis on PR/media and last minute plans for catering, supplies, programs, etc. LLWC’s commissioners involved with this program – Kathie Uhrmacher, Danja Pegram-Siders and Nancy Intermill – have all been extremely supportive and helpful in making this event happen. A meeting was held on 8/30 at Mahoney State Park so the steering committee could see Riverview Lodge, the site of the conference.

Considerable time and effort is being dedicated to ensuring that the Women & Money Conference on September 24 is a success. Appointments with various supporters have been made and kept. A small amount of money has been secured for scholarships; we hope to have more so low-income women might be able to attend. Tools to keep up with attendees and reinforce what they have learned are being developed. PR/registration materials will be available mid-August.

LLWC is a cosponsor with the upcoming Equality Day celebration on August 26 that will include the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) “Women of
Distinction” awards, several community conversations, a special dinner at Ironworks Restaurant and a play especially commissioned for the event. I participated in all of these activities, including a panel after the play on the importance of women voting and participating in the political process. In addition, I have loaned some suffrage items from my personal collection for the display available before the play. This play will also be launched across the state to highlight the importance of women’s votes.

**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).

- The Women’s Health Project, featuring the multi-language ‘My Medical Records Manager’ and the Arabic-language tapes, has been nationally recognized – again! The project won an award from the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW). I accepted a plaque for the award at the annual convention of NACW held July 13-18 in Miami, Florida. As a result, LLWC has sent the template for the “My Medical Records Manager” to several women’s commissions across the country. Requests for “My Medical Records Manager” in Russian have been requested; resources are being researched.
- I attended a day-long workshop on 8/17 presented by the Center for Budget & Policy Priorities on effective messaging on Medicaid. Because the majority of people on Medicaid are women, this is an important issue, particularly in light of the impending proposed cuts in the Medicaid programs.
- I was invited to attend a private meeting with the Secretary of Health & Human Services Mike Leavitt to hear more about the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.

**Lincoln-Lancaster Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Coalition (TPPC).**

*Background:* For several years, LLWC has been an active member of TPPC. LLWC’s director has served as president and currently provides Communications/PR support.

- Plans are being made for community programming in recognition of October’s “National Family Sexuality Education Month,” the TPPC met on 8/9, and a special committee working in the October event met on 8/16.

**Media/PR/Speaking**

- In August, information was shared on My 106.5 FM on the Women & Money conference and Equality day.
- In preparation for another year of presenting information on racial and sexual harassment
to all Lincoln Career Classes, the Commission on Human Rights and I met on 8/5 to go over the upcoming 2005/06 school schedule. This project has been very successful and has drawn the attention of several organizations, including the State EEOC.

● As a part of the collaborative project with Commission on Human Rights, Affirmative Action and LLWC Brown Bag series, I presented the film in August to note August 26 as Equality Day, the date that the 19th Amendment was signed ensuring the right to vote for women.

● LLWC Commissioner Danja Pegram Siders and I presented information on the upcoming October 15 non-partisan workshop “Ready to Run” on KFOR radio’s ‘Lincoln Live’ on 9/9.

● The “Ready to Run” event received media attention on KLKN channel 8 during their noon programming on 8/19.

● I spoke to a class at Southeast Community College on 8/25 on the issues that impact women.

Meetings/Public Contacts

● As a charter member of the Network Chapter of American Business Women’s Association (ABWA), I attend monthly meetings, providing excellent networking with one of the largest women’s groups in Lincoln; that meeting was held on 8/3.

● I have had several calls from women in larger businesses in Lincoln who are reporting that their work environments are not supportive and are, in some cases, steeped in sexual harassment. Most of these women are afraid to say anything because they are not being paid well, but need their jobs. I have been able to provide some resources and referrals, but it is disturbing to hear about some of these situations.

● On 8/8, public hearings for the Lancaster County budget were held; I attended that meeting.

● LLWC requested – and received – extra help from Nebraska Wesleyan’s “Lend a Hand” program. On Saturday, 8/20, Larry Williams and I worked with eight student volunteers who stuffed brochures for our upcoming year of Career Class presentations, along with preparing brochures for LLWC’s “Women & Money” conference. We greatly appreciated their help!

● Holly Le invited me to attend the Buddhist Temple Ullahambra celebration noting the role and remembering parents. Held on Sunday, 8/21, it was a delightfully different experience, and I was honored to have been invited.

● I attended an informational meeting on 8/30 with Ron Morrison of the Omaha Office of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

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.

● The WomenTalk Committee met to slate program topics for 2006 and remainder of 2005:
  November 2005 – “Crystal Catastrophe: Women and Meth”
  January 2006 – “Heart to Heart – Women & Heart Disease”
  May 2006 – “Taking Care – Of Others & You” (Caretaking & long-term insurance)
  Bypass”
  September 2006 – “A Place at the Table – Where Are We?” (An update on LLWC’s
  ‘A Place at the Table’ Report)
  November 2006 - “My Sister’s Keeper – A Dialogue on How Women’s Issues and
  Needs Connect us All”

● The Lincoln Journal Star has graciously agreed to continue their longtime commitment
  and underwriting for the 2006 season of WomenTalk.

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 on August 10.
City Council Hearing: August 29, 2005
Topic/Project: Modification of South Fringe Ordinance No. 17381
Citizen: Ken Doty
6812 Stephanie Lane
402.438.3103 or 4052.770.0862 or 402.423.3334

After the meeting at the City Council Open Hearings on 8/29/05, we realized there are three major and one minor topics to discuss, listed below:

Discussion Topics:
1. Project # 701763 – Removal of North Bound Access on 56th from Madyln Road
2. Project # 700014 – Construction of 90 degree partial block access to 56th
3. Resolution No. 05R-178 – Removal of road block on Cumberland Dr.
4. ADDITIONAL TOPIC; U-Turns through 56th street median.

Issues with planning commission proposal:
1. Removal of the North access to Madalyn from 56th and Pine Lake is overwhelmingly opposed by all parties. IF THIS IS NOT REMOVED:
   a. Urology PC will have direct access for the 800-1000 vehicle hits, and this would keep commercial traffic off tight residential paths.
   b. The neighborhood will be provided with needed north access.
   c. This meets the city requirements of being at least 600 feet.

Two Areas the City Discussed
1. The line of site – according to the planers this will be handled during the leveling processes or grading. The line of site will be from Shadow Pines to Pine Lake.
2. Needed Ground - The additional ground needed on the East side of 56th street is owned in larger acreages. The West is owned by the Urology PC Center and could be easily negotiated.
3. Construction of 90 degree quick in/out is looked at by all parties as a very bad solution, and would only be accepted but not supported. IF THIS IS ADDED:
   d. Risk to families dramatically increases.
   e. Risk for property damage dramatically increases.
   f. Property Values will decrease.
   g. Traffic flow will become a major issue, with street bans becoming a reality.

3. Removal of Road Block from Cumberland Dr. – Supported by all parties, but not as a compromise to Madalyn. THIS SHOULD HAPPEN NO MATTER WHAT ELSE HAPPENS.
   h. Fire Vehicles and other emergency vehicles will have clean passage.
   i. The neighborhoods will not be segregated.
4. U-Turns throughout 56th street are supported.
Project # 700014 - Addition of 90 degree turn to 56th street off Stephanie Lane

Resolution No. 05R-178 – Removal of road block on Cumberland Dr.

Project # 701763 – Removal of North Bound Access on 56th from Madalyn Road

Summary

1. Adding an outlet to the end of Stephanie Lane
   a. Bad Plan – will not solve flow issue
   b. Increases Risk to families and property
   c. Reduces Value
   d. Turns residential street into commercial corridor

2. Adding left turn Madalyn
   e. FULLY SUPPORTED BY ALL (WIN/WIN)
   f. Handles Urology needs
   g. Original Plan – correct flow issue
   h. Nothing else needed without negatives

3. Removing Cumberland barricade
   i. Correcting a bad item from before
   j. Correct for Emergency use
   k. Good for neighborhood desegregation
Monday, September 05, 2005

Jon Bruning  
Office of the Attorney General  
2115 State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Re -- City gas prices.

Dear Jon,

I would like to know what agency monitors gas pricing in the state of Nebraska and in Lincoln specifically. On Monday (8/29/05) gas at the local station that I visit posted a price of 2.599 for unleaded gasohol. On Tuesday (8/30/05) that price shot up to 2.759.

Below is a chart of light sweet crude. Notice that on Monday and Tuesday of last week that crude was trading between 65 and 66.50 for the October (spot) contract.

Source Wall Street Journal (online)
The price of this evening (9/5/05) has the crude contract on electronic trading at $66.61. This change is only slightly higher than the crude price last Monday (8/29/05).

I recognize that the gasoline markets are also impacted by the disruption of refining capacity in the Gulf. But even there the price change since last Monday, at the wholesale level, seems to be smaller than the change at the local pump. Below is a chart of the NYMEX Unleaded October (spot) contract.

![Chart of NYMEX Unleaded Gasoline](source.png)

The NYMEX contract averaged 1.88 prior to the Hurricane, the day I was paying 2.599 for unleaded Gasohol at the local service station. As of this Monday (9/05/05) the price shows on electronic trading, $2.08 or 20 cents higher in a week. The price at the local pump is averaging 3.199 for the same unleaded gasohol -- or an increase of 60 cents per gallon and is still at record highs even though NYMEX gas is down nearly 40 cents below its high.

On September 1st the president of the United States said “I think there ought to be zero tolerance of people breaking the law during an emergency such as this, whether it be looting, or price-gouging at the gasoline pump.”

Consumers need to be assured that the price they are paying at the pump is a fair price. Can you please check to make sure that the state is doing all it can to monitor this situation?

Sincerely

Lincoln City Council
Thursday, September 08, 2005

Steve Hubka  
Budget Director  
City of Lincoln  
Finance Department  
555 SOUTH 10TH, ROOM 103  
LINCOLN, NE 68508

RFI – Gas price estimates

Steve,

Can you please provide some general information for the Monday Director’s meeting regarding the estimates the city uses for gas in the current (and prior) budget year?

1. What was the estimated full year average gas price used for the budget?

2. What is the budget impact, to the general fund, of a one dollar deviation above the estimated full year average gas price?

3. If you have it available, what was the number of gallons used for FY end 04 and 05 for gasoline (for all departments, combined, that pay for gas from the general fund)?

4. What was the full year estimated number of gallons of use for the fiscal year end 8/31/06 (for all departments, combined, that pay for gas from the general fund)?

5. I assume that public works pays for its gas out of enterprise funds – is this correct?

Sincerely,

Dan Marvin
For other council members if this was not sent to everyone....

----- Original Message ----- 
From: <dennis@russwood.com>
To: <pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2005 4:51 PM 
Subject: 84th and Adams Walmart

First I would like to thank you and all of the council members for having an email area for the publice to use. I purchased my home on Yancy Dr in Oct. of 2003. My back yard butts up against adams st. I knew that when we purchased the property and I had done some research on possible improvements on that street. I was told by someone at the street dept. That Adams street was not sched. for widening or anything for 5-8 years. The following spring there is a bond issue to widen this street? Now Wal-mart thinks it needs another store, Adams street connot handle the volume of traffic that this would surely include. I'am by no means against business or progress, but Lincoln does NOT need another walmart It would not add as much to the tax roll as they state. All it would do is make the other 2 store not as busy(same money different location) I would like to ask you to vote NO on ANY Walmart proposal for this area. If we have to add business a grocery store and/or several smaller stores would be better in my opinion. Any 24 hour store would ruin the neighborhood in my opinion. If you have any questions or comment for me feel free to call me at home after 6:00pm @ 465-0133 or email me at dennis@russwood.com
Sincerely,
Dennis Christensen
7522 Yancy Dr

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Please pass on to the rest of the Council Joan....

----- Original Message ----- 
From: "Lincoln Krauses" <linkrause@alltel.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2005 8:08 PM
Subject: city planning

> Dear Ms. Newman,
>
> I want to take a moment or two and share my thoughts with you on the
> subject of Wal-mart's proposed development in northeast Lincoln. Since
> this is a recent hot topic perhaps you are swamped with opinions; I
> simply hope that it's not too late to offer my two cents. I have
> never been a Wal-mart "fan" so-to-speak; I have read far too many
> negative reports about their business dealings to feel comfortable giving
> them my money. I'm not so naive as to see that many retailers probably
> don't live up to my standards; I guess I focus more on Wal-mart simply
> because they have definitely led the way in cost-cutting, wage-cutting,
> and in bending both suppliers and communities to their will. Let
> me share with you two personal observations I had concerning Wal-mart.
> One is about my nephew's home in Greeley, CO, and a fairly recent new
> Wal-mart in their neighborhood. This store was fought by the residents,
> petitions signed, but Wal-mart built nevertheless. What struck me was
> the appearance of this Wal-mart: it was unlike any other that I'd seen up
> to this time. The community's wrangling, apparently, had forced
> concessions regarding beautification, and the site in general. The store
> itself was virtually unnoticeable until you were practically in the
> parking lot. There was attractive brickwork - in the construction of the
> building as well as an attractive brick fence and extensive landscaping
> including trees. The lesson I learned was this: communities need
> not roll over and merely accept any ugly box retail store that comes
> along. Lincoln is filling up with ugly box stores: huge inefficient
> 'barns' and no thought ever given to beauty. It just doesn't have to
> happen this way. If other cities can make the effort, so can Lincoln.
> Here's my final Wal-mart anecdote, concerning my sister's community in
> Springdale, Arkansas. Yes, deep in Wal-mart-land. I know it
> perhaps would be odd to expect otherwise, but my sister truly has only two
> grocery-shopping options and one is obviously W. Can you imagine
> that scenario here? I know I cannot. I very much appreciate the
> competition that retailers & grocers in our city provide; it's a
> consumer-happy situation, I'd say. Yet Wal-mart's master plan is most
> surely to eliminate competition: the very opposite of consumer-happy.
> Please do what you can to keep Wal-mart in check; a retail monopoly can
> do no good in this community.
>
> Thanks for listening, Patte; is it possible for you to share this with
> other councilmembers? If not, I'll gladly write to them personally if I
> can locate the e-mail addresses. Just let me know.
>
> Sincerely, Erin Krause
> 1329 No. 40th Street, Lincoln, NE
p.s. - I do appreciate receiving your e-mail notices regarding meetings. I want to keep hearing about them even though we have yet to find time to attend; I remain hopeful that we will.
Please share this with the rest of the Council. Thanks.

----- Original Message ----- 
From: RgrSchl@aol.com
To: pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2005 1:33 PM
Subject: wallmart

dear patte: i live at 7620 holdrege and as much as i enjoy the idea of a wal-mart close by, i also do not like what comes with it, espically the increase of traffic. holdrege st traffic over the last twenty five years has increased to the point that just getting out of your driveway is at best a challange, and adding a wal-mart in the 84 and adams area would not only increase holdrege st traffic you still have to contend with adams st and also havlock ave. along with this problem i would not like to see the merchants in the havlock area become victims of the mega retailers. i hope you will give this your up most consideration and put the feeling our your constituates first and not the wishes of bigger is better businesses. as a side note, i do not beleive wal-mart can give back to our community what our local merchants already give.

sincerely
roger schuler
7620 holdrege st
lincoln, ne, 68505
rgrschl@aol.com

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Here's another email for the Council. This one in support.

----- Original Message -----  
From: "Rick and Sue Waldren" <waldren@alltel.net>  
To: <pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov>  
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2005 3:25 PM  
Subject: Wal-Mart Proposal

> Dear Ms. Newman,
> 
> We are asking you to support the proposal for a Super Wal-Mart in the
> vicinity of 84th and Adams. As long-time residents of Northeast Lincoln we
> have seen that part of the city grow, yet the commercial base has not kept
> pace. Northeast Lincoln is under served with commercial space and that
> area really needs another grocery store. A Super Wal-Mart would be a good
> addition.
> 
> Thank you for listening to us.
> 
> Sue and Rick Waldren
> 7311 Ivy Lane
> Lincoln, NE 68507-2758
> 
> (402) 466-0851
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Dear Ms. Cover:

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.

Joan V. Ray
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE - 68508
Phone: 402-441-6866
Fax: 402-441-6533
e-mail: jray@lincoln.ne.gov

I would like to make it known that I am opposed to Walmart going in on north 84th. My family has owned and operated a furniture store in Havelock for over 50 years. We are proud to be beginning our 4th generation in business. I'm not concerned about the competition, but the traffic, as well as other businesses in the area. Havelock is a community that prides itself on independent and family business. With the economy the way it is it will be even more difficult to keep our doors open with Walmart that close. I also live on 80th and Holdrege. Traffic on 84th is already very heavy. If you would try to get across 84th at Havelock or Leighton at rush hour, you're already taking your life in your hands. Traffic on Havelock Ave. will also be an issue. Will we eventually lose our street parking? It is also a very heavily traveled and a dangerous street to cross both in a vehicle or walking.

Walmart boasts 15 years in Lincoln. How many combined years do you suppose the Havelock merchants have been supporting Lincoln and the surrounding areas?

Thank You,
Sue Cover
City Council Office  
County City Building  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

September 1, 2005

RE: A New Attitude.

Dear Council Members,

It’s been a couple of years since I’ve had the opportunity to stand in front of you and try to get a development approved. I was out of town when we went in front of the planning commission and I understand I got bashed pretty good. The same thing happened when we had a meeting with the neighbors before we came to you. After reading several of the letters that were sent to you I wanted to stand up and talk to you about the allegations of me being a slum lord, project builder and a trailer park developer. My attorney advised me to make my presentation short and sweet and she would handle the rebuttal if things got ugly. She was probably right if you know my personality. I know I have been called a lot on names in my 32 years of building Lincoln but never have I heard those names associated with my business. A workaholic, very demanding of quality, a builder who actually works on the job, someone who has a Sam Sampson type of temper when a subcontractor doesn’t do the job they promised to do, these are some of the names that are normally heard when people are talking about me. I don’t consider The Colony Apartments, Lakeside Village Apartments or The Villas at Lakeside anything like that. These are the last three projects I have developed and I still am an owner of them.

The Villas at Lakeside was the last time I came before you and I am sure a few of you remember those times of stress when the Mayor was handing out notes to the chairman and calling time outs, council members were fighting and back stabbing each other and it seemed nobody was getting along. Even though I lost my argument regarding the Impact Fees, a few of you were very helpful in getting my project approved before the deadline therefore avoiding the Impact Fees and I appreciated it.

I was surprised there was no opposition from the neighbors at the council meeting. I had a chance to talk to several of the neighbors prior to the meeting and I kept trying to tell them what the other possibilities there were for that ground and that I feel the need for a moderate priced Townhome project in that location. The South 38th Street connection is something I could have lived with or without but I’m glad you compromised and gave the 40th street exit. I had a chance to talk to several of the people out in the hall after the meeting and I thanked them for being civil at the meeting. They assured me that only a few of the neighbors were opposed of our project and they were embarrassed for them when we had our initial meeting with them.

In summary, I just want you all to know I appreciate the way you handled yourselves in a professional and friendly manner, you used common sense and were considerate to both mine and the neighbors concerns. It’s nice to see a few new faces and one less face (T.W.) sitting on the City Council. Keep up the good work and maybe with your help we can get the City of Lincoln growing again.

Sincerely,

Craig Bauer

cc: Mayor Coleen Seng
Dear Mr. Weirman:

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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Jon Weirman <jon56@yahoo.com>

I am very concerned about the economic development of this city. I think we can all agree that Wal mart is not the answer and sole solution. Please address in a meeting that as we all remember, we ranked 50th in economic growth this year. That's behind the lagging auto baron of Michigan, the destitution of Alabama and Mississippi, and upstate New York, which contains three of the poorest counties in our nation. With rising gas prices, wages MUST rise.

This city is in denial of thugs robbing people in the streets, and the neighborhood south of the capitol has gone completely to hell. No one works, everyone deals drugs, and I know multiple college students have been robbed. Now: the police patrolling is not my complaint, but the lack of jobs. I have been to cities this size that have WAY more jobs than this. Why do you think everyone you know is an independant contractor or builder? because the wages here are incredibly low. Here is what spawned this letter, and ad from workforce development that I saw.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Hours: 8am-5:30pm, Monday-Friday, can be flexible.
Requires: Computer experience; Excel, Accounts Payable, and verification of invoices. Will match packing slips to invoices; keep track of returns; data entry (Excel); and keeping track of the inventory.
Salary: $6.00-$7.00 p/hr plus doe & q.

six dollars an hour to operate Excel and Accounts Payable? these are things that people go to college for. Six dollars an hour does not afford you to pay rent or have an automobile. Our economy is the worst in the nation. I think now is about the time to invite any kind of business to town, for God's sake. Is there any kind of incentive we can provide companies to come here? I know so many people that have been laid off the last year, and this reflects negatively on YOU, the council of the town. how about the homeless murders and other drug trafficking coming to town? a sign of desperation. With job ads like these, most people would rather give up and be on welfare, because six dollars an hour is about the same as welfare. A lot of people are waking up and moving out, and i sincerely hope you can address this in a meeting, that all those millions of dollars are in husker stadium instead of where they need to be: INCENTIVES for companies to come here. The well is not drying up, it has already dried. Don't wait until it is too late

Jon Weirman, concerned citizen
Dear Mr. Hesser:

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.

Joan V. Ray
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I was extremely displeased to hear the LES Administrative Board voted to take its audit business to an out-of-state provider, particularly since price was not the reason. Many of you represent local businesses and I have heard you ask people to do business locally.

Doing business locally is even more important for a public entity. The local firm is tremendously capable and I can not believe any experience advantage of an out-of-state firm is going to impact LES's rate structure.

Mark A. Hesser
Pinnacle Bank - Lincoln
1401 N St. Lincoln, NE
402-434-3140
Fax 402-434-3129
Mhesser@pinnbank.com

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Dear Ms. Salinger: 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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Patty and all council members

As someone who lives and works in the area, I wanted to register my vote against Walmart going on 84th street. The con’s out weigh the pros for adding another Walmart. Look at how they have hurt all the small business in the surrounding small towns. I know you have been provide may of the statistics please read them. A neighborhood grocery store is needed in that area but not a large box store Please consider everything when making your vote.

Thank you
Sue Sallinger
Dear Council Members,

I attended the council meeting prior to the most recent regarding the approval of a third Wal-Mart. I feel very strongly about a third Wal-Mart not being built in Tuscumbia. If Tuscumbia wants to remain a viable community, they will not take this stance and farse approval for a third. We need struggled with the business community and find jobs that pay a livable wage.

I owned a restaurant for over 20 years. I would tend to build it without the most needed some people and it was a losing end of non-supporting farms for only 3. Although I love, I am only one business amongst many that Wal-Mart has replaced. Not only do I not like and their business ethics may think fair-scale, it hurts everyone and it literally is well hurt.

It is a vicious cycle that created a negative center for the entire circle linking up to the end product to the community. If your council members of Tuscumbia heard anything about please let you
will just allow this to happen. I even be asked for comment and
would appreciate the opportunity to
object and those you will have
another open meeting for discussion
for the public and for the people
who not only reside in Green but
also feel like to be as city people
want to live in.

With regards,

Betty L. Abbott
1319 S. 8th

Fremont, Ne
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

I. MAYOR

1. Letter from Mayor Coleen Seng to Attorney General Jon Bruning - RE: Gas prices - (Council received copies of this letter in their Thursday packets on 9/08/05) (See Letter)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Applications For Star City Parade Now Available - (See Release)

3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Members of the media are welcome to cover the 4th Annual "Patriot Day-Lincoln Remembers" event beginning at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, September 11th at the Veterans Memorial Garden in Antelope Park - (See Advisory)

4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of September 10 through 16, 2005-Schedule subject to change - (See Advisory)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

DAN MARVIN

1. Response E-Mail from Steve Hubka to Dan Marvin - RE: Gas price estimates - (See E-Mail)

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - NONE
C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Sheri L. Smith, Urology Surgical Center - RE: Signal at 56th Street & Madalyn Road is the best solution for our business and the neighborhood -(See E-Mail)

2. E-Mail from Joe - RE: Your Editorial About New Orleans -(See E-Mail)

3. E-Mail from William Carver - RE: Support the Current Theater Policy -(See E-Mail)

4. E-Mail from Steve Ferris - RE: Theaters on periphery -(See E-Mail)
September 8, 2005

Jon Bruning
Attorney General
State Capitol Building, Room 2115
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Bruning:

As you know, the price of gasoline in Lincoln has increased radically this summer, particularly in the past few weeks, and sometimes without explanation. As the Lincoln community discusses ways to compensate for the low return the City receives from the state gas tax formula, many residents are asking why the price of gasoline in Lincoln is higher than in other areas.

A comparison of Lincoln, Omaha and statewide gas prices on the web site “gasbuddy.com” confirms what Lincoln residents already know: gas prices in Lincoln typically are higher than they are elsewhere. Lincoln residents are very concerned about these huge price increases. Lincoln residents want to know why the price at the pump rises so quickly when the price of crude oil changes or there is even the hint of a possible crisis, but declines so slowly when the price of crude falls or the fear of a crisis subsides.

I am particularly alarmed in light of the fact that daily gas price hikes have jumped from a couple of cents per gallon each time to more recent leaps of ten cents, twenty cents or more per gallon.

The information below demonstrates that the price of gasoline in Lincoln consistently is higher than the price in Omaha or Nebraska.

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Source: gasbuddy.com

On behalf of Lincoln drivers, I ask that the State Attorney General’s office conduct a review of local gasoline prices to determine why our local price appears to be consistently higher than the average in the state and Omaha. If the review reveals local prices don’t follow the wholesale market changes, or that there is no explanation for unnecessarily higher prices, I ask that the State Attorney General’s office please take appropriate action.

Sincerely,

Coleen J. Seng
Mayor of Lincoln

cc: Lincoln City Council

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APPLICATIONS FOR STAR CITY PARADE NOW AVAILABLE

Mayor Colleen J. Seng today encouraged the community to become involved in the 21st celebration of the Star City Holiday Festival November 27 through December 4. The Star City Holiday Parade will take place Saturday, December 3 in downtown Lincoln. Applications are now available for the 2005 Star City Holiday Parade presented by First National Bank and produced by Updowntowners, Inc., and the City of Lincoln. The deadline for applications is September 30.

“This year’s parade theme is ‘Unwrap the Joy,’ so we are looking for entries that represent the spirit and joy that we find in our children and our community,” said Mayor Seng. “Our parade is the largest of its kind in a five-state area, attracting about 85,000 people to downtown Lincoln, so we hope the whole community will get involved in this fun family event.”

Parade entries can include costumed characters, equestrian units, other animal units, floats, unique or vintage automobiles and walking units. The Parade also includes marching bands and giant helium balloons.

“This Festival is produced by volunteers, and that includes the selection committee, which reviews all the applications,” said Deb Johnson, Executive Director. “The parade is limited to 90 minutes, so the selection process can be quite competitive. The entries that are selected will be those that adhere to the selection criteria and include kid-friendly entertainment that provides a rich exposure of the numerous ways you can bring joy to our community. The committee bases its decisions on an entry’s entertainment value, design, adherence to the theme, use of sound, choreography, costuming and props.”

Johnson said it takes the entire community to make this major regional event a success. The Updowntowners produce the Star City Holiday Festival through community funding and support. Sponsorship opportunities include balloons, costumed groups, marching bands, floats, awards and the Executive Clown Corps. Those wanting information on supporting the event can contact the Festival Headquarters at 434-6902.

Those planning events the week of the Star City Holiday Festival also apply to be sanctioned festival events, which gives them the opportunity to be promoted as part of the Festival.

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The Parade begins at 11 a.m. and is televised live on KOLN-KGIN-TV. The Star City Holiday Festival Parade entry guide, Festival activity applications, Executive Clown information as well as other sponsorship information are available from Updowntowners, Inc., 1200 “N” Street, Suite 101, Lincoln, Ne 68508. Those wanting more information can contact Festival headquarters at 402-434-6902.

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Media note: This year’s parade logo is available by calling Deb Johnson, 434-6901.
DATE: September 9, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Members of the media are welcome to cover the fourth annual "Patriot Day- Lincoln Remembers" event beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 11 at the Veterans Memorial Garden in Antelope Park. I can be reached that day on my cell phone - 525-1520. More information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.
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Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule
Week of September 10 through 16, 2005
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, September 10
• Big Fat Greek Festival - 12:30 p.m., Greek Orthodox Church, North 63rd and “X” streets
• “Beauty and the Beast,” remarks - 7:30 p.m., Pinewood Bowl, Pioneers Park

Sunday, September 11
• Family Festival - celebrity cook at noon, remarks for playground ground-breaking at 12:45 p.m., Northeast Family Center, 5903 Walker
• “Patriot Day- Lincoln Remembers,” remarks - 2 p.m., Veterans Memorial Gardens, Antelope Park
• Friendship Force welcome for New Zealand visitors - 3:15 p.m., “F” Street Recreation Center, 13th and “F” streets

Monday, September 12
• Lincoln Area Retired Teachers Association, check presentation - 9 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 840 South 17th Street
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence, present award - 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, September 13
• City-County Common Meeting, Emergency Management demonstration - 8:50 a.m., 444 Cherry Creek Road, Building “D”
• University of Nebraska Association for Administrative Professionals, remarks - 12:15 p.m., UNL City Campus Union, Regency Suite, second floor, 14th and “R” streets
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street

Wednesday, September 14
• Lincoln Housing Authority Annual Conference, - 8:30 a.m., Embassy Suites, Regents “B” and “C,” 1040 “P” Street
• Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Gold Award, remarks - noon, Cornhusker Hotel Ballroom, 333 South 13th Street
• Open house on 2005 stormwater bond project (69th Street and Walker Avenue) - 5 p.m., Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue

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Thursday, September 15
• Mayor's news conference - 10 a.m., Auld Recreation Center, Antelope Park, topic to be announced
• Hispanic Heritage Month "Fiesta on the Green, remarks and proclamation - 5:45 p.m., UNL Union Plaza

Friday, September 16
• Vital Services, Inc., ribbon cutting - 10:30 a.m., 2605 Fairfield
We've been working on this for the last ten days or so. We met with the Mayor on Tuesday, talked to Directors on Wednesday. Directors are supposed to provide me feedback by Monday and we'll decide what we're going to later next week. I handed out a sheet to Directors the other day that I'll bring to your noon meeting Monday. It has almost everything you asked for except the General Fund broken out separately. The effect on the General Fund will be partly determined by how we address the issue. Because most of our fuel is purchased through an Internal Service fund (Fleet Services) and charged back to departments through rental rates for equipment, the General Fund impact is a tougher question to answer than it first appears. At this point, I've looked at things from a City-wide point of view and not gotten down to the level of every fund/department/division and their individual use of fuel. That time will probably come as we develop the solution for the budget problem. See you Monday, Steve.

Tammy,

I am sending this to Steve so that the council can find out about the budget impact from the recent run up in gas prices.

Dan

- RFI gas price estimates.PDF
Thursday, September 08, 2005

Steve Hubka
Budget Director
City of Lincoln
Finance Department
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RFI – Gas price estimates

Steve,

Can you please provide some general information for the Monday Director’s meeting regarding the estimates the city uses for gas in the current (and prior) budget year?

1. What was the estimated full year average gas price used for the budget?

2. What is the budget impact, to the general fund, of a one dollar deviation above the estimated full year average gas price?

3. If you have it available, what was the number of gallons used for FY end 04 and 05 for gasoline (for all departments, combined, that pay for gas from the general fund)?

4. What was the full year estimated number of gallons of use for the fiscal year end 8/31/06 (for all departments, combined, that pay for gas from the general fund)?

5. I assume that public works pays for its gas out of enterprise funds – is this correct?

Sincerely,

Dan Marvin
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Thank you for hearing our testimony at the last Council meeting. I would like to reiterate our belief that a signal at 56th Street and Madaly Road is the best solution for our business and the neighborhood. However, I do understand the obstacles a light at this intersection presents. If the Madaly Road exit is closed to northbound traffic, we strongly believe the Shadow Pines extension must be constructed, rather than utilizing the Cumberland Drive option. The latter option, would essentially force drivers into using the U-turn at 56th Street and Pine Lake Road. We have concerns as a medical facility sitting on the corner of this busy intersection that we will become a trauma center.

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Gordon!

I am somewhat bewildered by today's editorial regarding the feds. It seems to me premature for the Journal Star to be stepping into the blame game that is raging across the nation. But you have -- and while you mention a couple of shortcoming on the state and local side of the New Orleans equation, you fail to mention important others.

For example, from the mayor of New Orleans we heard on national television that he asked the governor of Louisiana for National Guard help before the hurricane struck -- and the governor said she would think about it for 24 hours. We know that the emergency plan for the city of New Orleans had a provision to use the city's / school's busses to evacuate (before a storm hit) those residents who were without transportation -- mainly the poor, the sick, the residents of nursing homes, the patients in hospitals, etc. Not one bus rolled. This Wednesday and Thursday, on both NBC and Fox News, I watched and listened to the on-scene leaders of both the Salvation Army and the Red Cross state unequivocally that they wanted to roll relief workers and supplies into New Orleans immediately after the storm, especially to those at the Dome, but were stopped not by FEMA but by the Louisiana Department of Homeland Security (LDHS) -- which means the governor of the state. Why did these realities not find their way into your editorial?

Although you mention that FEMA is a small agency primarily charged with coordinating and advising, you did not make clear that FEMA is not a first responder. The first responders consist, first, of the police, fire and medical resources of the city and, second, the National Guard, LDHS
and other resources of the Louisiana. You also did not clarify a HUGE misconception regarding FEMA: The public, fed by politicians and media with an axe to grind, thinks of it as a VAST agency with boards of doctors, nurses, rescue workers on the payroll, ready and waiting for the order to move in. In fact, as stated, FEMA is a small agency with advisory expertise and carte blanche to coordinate and mobilize resources (human and otherwise) nationwide.

You also did not make clear that the mayor and the governor did not follow their own written plans for disaster response. New Orleans effectively had five days to prepare before the storm hit -- and the smart people with transportation fled. The poor were left to fend for themselves -- and then, at the last minute, offered refuge in the Dome where there was neither police, medics, supplies nor food. Chaos ensued -- rapes and several deaths. After the storm, thousands sat in the heat and humidity on the ramps of I-10 waiting for food, water, help -- that never came even though the Red Cross and Salvation Army were ready to move. As Democrat Senator Leahy said in Washington yesterday, "If the news media could find transportation to put reporters and camera operators into New Orleans, why could we not rush food, water and other help into the city?" [A question I asked when I saw the first television report!] It appears the mayor did not call for it and the governor would not permit it!

As to the offers of help from foreign countries, those offers would be handled by the State Department not FEMA. Now, State may have (and probably did) call FEMA. My guess is -- since the source of this information seems to be the Washington Post -- that some German company may have called FEMA and FEMA referred the company to State. If the company considers that a rebuff, well, there you are! I suspect FEMA was following public law.

All in all, I wish you had not joined the anti-FEMA fray so quickly. You know me well enough to know that I am no supporter of the federal government being the answer to all problems in our society. As a libertarian (and in this email I violate libertarian principles by defending FEMA!), I am no fan of much of anything federal. Yet, a lean agency like FEMA seems to be the target of all criticism regarding events in and around New Orleans. I think the answers to the questions of problems about disaster response in New Orleans lay with the morons in the city and in the governor's office. Too bad, if you felt compelled to editorialize now, in the middle of disaster response, you could not have included some of the details I have mentioned here.

BTW: Although not mentioned in your editorial, I have heard many media reports criticizing President Bush for NOT federalizing the Louisiana National Guard (6,500 strong) while praising the efforts of active duty forces now operating so well in the city and its environs. Should those criticisms surface on the pages of the Journal Star, I hope you and Kathleen Rutledge will have the fairness to point out that the one thing you do not do when disaster strikes is federalize the National Guard! Why? If the Guard is called to state active duty, the Guard can exercise police powers under state statutes. If the Guard is federalized, posse comitatus comes into play. The active duty forces working in the area can do all kinds of things -- but they can not function in a police capacity! It's a violation of federal law! This is an important sleeper issue since the New Orleans police chief has managed to arrange for vacations in Las Vegas and Atlanta for his police and fire fighter first responders, or at least the ones who did not desert! Meanwhile, some reporter might want to visit the Adjutant General and the Nebraska Emergency Management
Agency to find out how the disaster response process is supposed to work -- at local, state and federal levels!

As to New Orleans future, also not a subject of the editorial, let me say this. Don't rebuild it. I do not want one penny of my tax dollars spent on rebuilding a city that should never have been built in the first place! It is a site that was waiting -- for three hundred years -- for disaster. The disaster has at last befallen it. Yes, it is an historic city. In the wrong place for all the wrong reasons. Let's not throw good money after bad. We have spent countless dollars (nationally) bailing out New Orleans. Now, let's get real. A below sea level city has no place in the United States. Jazz and Cajun cooking will survive as part of American culture. We'll find another place for Mardi Gras. I sent $1K of my money for the relief of the people of New Orleans (to the Red Cross) but I want to spend not penny more on rebuilding that which should not be rebuilt. Clean it up -- of course! Get the people to safety, of course! Spend nothing on rebuilding. An era has ended. Let's face up to it and move on.

Best regards,

Joe

Note to BCC's: Gordon Winters is the editorial editor of the Lincoln Journal Star. He is a fine man. He and I often disagree on issues -- but we often agree. He runs an editorial page that reflects both liberal and conservative views -- and sometime, libertarian ones. This is not a letter to the editor. It is simply a letter to Gordon in hopes that in future he will weigh in with greater restraint. I do hope that he will take my advice and contact Maj Gen Lempke, Nebraska's Adjutant General AND the director of Nebraska's Emergency Management Agency. a writ small agency that mimics FEMA, to find out how the process actually works or is supposed to work at local, state and national levels. General Lempke, an Air Force Academy graduate and superb leader, is a straight shooter and he will not criticize our friends in Louisiana -- but he will place in perspective how the system works (or is supposed to work). He will also point out how first responders are under tremendous pressure and how that pressure can affect their judgement -- and how plans written and practiced work and those not practiced or followed will fail! My view is that the leaders in Louisiana FAILED in so many respects -- and probably FEMA failed as well at some point, but my guess is that Lempke will lay out fairly how the process is planned and worked and emphasize that, well, Murphy's Law is Murphy's Law! The Blame Game solves nothing. The work at hand is to save and restore American lives rather than focus on who is at fault -- or who wants to win the next Congressional election by ignoring how the process is supposed to work and only focus on how the process failed. I would simply like fair and balanced reporting -- and editorializing -- in my local paper!
Dear Mr. Carver:

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Subject Support the Current Theater Policy

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Dear City Council Members,

I received a mailer today urging me to support a change in the current theater policy. I have been waiting to express my concerns on this matter for quite some time but it keeps getting postponed. Now I see why. The proponents of this change are going to great expense to try to make this happen. When I see this kind of attention given to something, I get a bit suspicious.

I lived in southeast Lincoln for 20 years, raising 5 children, before moving to a more central neighborhood. During that time, the current theater policy served my family well.

We do not need a change in the current theater policy. Changing the current theater policy will have an adverse effect on downtown Lincoln. Let's continue to build a strong downtown. Please keep the current theater policy intact.

William Carver
Dear Mr. Ferris: 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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Lincoln City Council & staff --

I am not in favor of changing Lincoln's zoning & planning policies regarding multi-screen theaters. I received a post card and a pre-recorded phone call about the issue and recognize that somebody with lots of money is pushing this one hard. Please count me as being against changing Lincoln's downtown theatre concentration.

Thank you.

-- G S Ferris
citizen, taxpayer, voter