

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Director's Minutes of February 6, 2006.

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

1. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Continue Discussion on City-County Joint Office Staffing
2. Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board Advisory Panel Nominations (Requesting Names of Two Nominees - See Attachment)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Annual meeting of the Great Plains Trails Network (GPTN), with Annual Awards Program and Election of 2006 Board of Directors. Sunday, February 12, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at Bryan-LGH Conference Center, 2nd Floor, 1500 South 48th Street.
2. Lincoln Chaplaincy Corps Annual Banquet/Meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.(Social) with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 4530 "A" Street. Attendance confirmation on March 10th.
3. Lincoln Action Program Annual Meeting, Friday, February 24, 2006 at 11:30 am (Doors Open); 12:00 Noon to 1:30 pm (Program) at the Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street. RSVP by February 15th, 2006 to LAP. (Card Enclosed) \$25.00 Per Person.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT



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Lincoln City Council Members:

The Lancaster County Agricultural Society would appreciate your assistance in providing names for members of the Lancaster Event Center advisory panel. We would like two names from you by March 13, 2006 so the Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board could select one nominee for the advisory panel. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, you can contact Ron Snover at the Lancaster Event Center at 441-6545 or at his home number 782-2976. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ron Snover

Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board President

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ADVISORY PANEL

- **Purpose.** The Lancaster Event Center Advisory Panel (LECAP) will provide community recommendations to the Board of Directors of Lancaster County Agricultural Society from taxpayers living in rural Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln regarding the present and future utilization of the Lancaster Event Center and maximization of its value as an asset to the city and county.
- **Panel Members.** LECAP will be comprised of five members appointed by the Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board after nominations submitted by:

Lancaster County Board
Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Extension Board
Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau
Lincoln Independent Business Association

- **Term of office.** Each panel member will serve a term of 2 years with the initial members serving staggered terms.
- **Quarter-Annual meetings.** Panel will meet on a quarter annual basis.
- **Chairperson.** A member of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board of Directors will serve as non-voting chair of LECAP.

AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 19, 2006, THE LANCASTER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LANCASTER EVENT CENTER ADVISORY PANEL

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

Council Members Present: Ken Svoboda, Chair; Patte Newman, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Dan Marvin; Annette McRoy, Robin Eschliman, Jon Camp

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Tammy Grammer, City Council Staff; and Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of February 6, 2006.

Chair Ken Svoboda, by acclamation of the Chair, approved the minutes. No objections were offered.

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

1. **Board of Health Meeting** (Svoboda) - Mr. Svoboda reported most of the discussion revolved around the kennel contract which you heard about from Bruce Dart today. We're still up in the air as to where they are going with it, the Health Department is proceeding on numerous options. So, that we are not cut off guard regardless of what happens with the Humane Society at this point which at this point we have gotten a letter that said no is no.

They had a Building update and Legislative update which was pretty quick and easy meeting. Mr. Svoboda commented it was a good meeting.

Ms. McRoy commented regarding the story about the Tobacco Shop and he received a letter from the Health Department did you guys discuss this issue. Mr. Svoboda said no, the report came out after the Board of Health Meeting so we did not discuss it. But, they're pursuing it as if they were violating the ordinance and we'll go from there.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - NONE

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -

RICK HOPPE -

[Rick Hoppe handed out to Council an updated list of Boards and Commissions upcoming Appointments.] Rick Hoppe stated on their Agenda for today, they have appointments for the Keno Advisory Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals. On March 6th they will talk about the Community Forestry Board appointment and two appointments to the Nebraska Capital Environs Commission. Also, in March they have six appointments to the Women's Commission, one for the EMS Board and need to find a couple replacements for folks who will resign from the Women's Commission, the Community Development Task Force and Human Rights Commission. *[Copy of the handout on file in the City Council Office.]*

Mr. Cook asked what's the role of the City in appointing to the Nebraska Capital Environs Commission? Mr. Hoppe replied it's a State board, but the City has local input on it. Mr. Cook asked if the City gets a certain number of appointments on the board or do we have to approve all the appointments jointly with the other agencies or governmental entities, and how many members are there? Mr. Hoppe responded he believes it is a combination of 12 members, the City gets some seats and the State gets some seats, but he'll have to check on it to make sure that is correct.

Ms. Eschliman asked what board did Michael Cornelius want to be on? Mr. Hoppe replied the Planning Commission. Mr. Marvin asked when will that vote be before them? Mark Bowen indicated it will be processed later this week and Mr. Hoppe responded probably March 6th. Mr. Camp asked if that is who the Mayor is going to recommend? Mr. Hoppe replied yes.

Mr. Camp asked what happened a while back to Debbie Brehm as being appointed? Mr. Bowen stated he just had a discussion with the Mayor, you want to talk to the Mayor about it. Mr. Camp replied okay.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR -

MARK BOWEN -

Mark Bowen handed out to Council the 2006 State Legislative update and Federal Legislative update list of key issues for the City of Lincoln. *[See Attachment 'A']*

Mr. Cook asked on LB 1235 on the funding to renovate and repair Centennial Mall what's the amount that's proposed? Rick Hoppe stated it's an effort to establish a memorial to Nebraska poets and writers in honor of Ted Kooser and he thinks about \$1.5 million.

ANN HARRELL - NO COMMENTS

RICK HOPPE - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

DANA ROPER, City Attorney - NO COMMENTS

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Continue Discussion on City-County Joint Office Staffing. — Mr. Svoboda commented anybody want to continue the conversation from last week or do we drop it or simply suggest a committee to review it and answer back to the Council, if they concur. Is it even an option or desire of the Council to have a committee look into this a little bit in more detail? Ms. Newman commented what she's more concerned about is the research staff position that they've talked about, and she doesn't know if they want to join those two together. Mr. Svoboda commented we can recommend a Committee of Council staffing and then they can review the whole thing. Ms. McRoy commented she thought you and Patte (Newman) were working on it and Mr. Marvin commented he thought the chair and vice chair was going to handle it for them. Mr. Svoboda responded we have been but at some point we're going to have to have that discussion to give us direction on where you want us to go. We've talked to Council staffing as it relates to the County, we've talked with the County several times about it and they're willing to at least pursue it if that's the direction we want to go. Kerry Eagan had a chart that he put together and showed them and we can certainly pursue that. But, he thinks we have to be looking at what our staff needs, and what we would like to have our staff needs be for the future. Ms. Eschliman suggested taking a count on whether at this point in time Council would like to consider this proposal and then they can always deal with the research position later. Noting, she would like to know what the Council thinks, do they want to basically merge employment services with the County or not. Mr. Cook, Ms. Newman, & Ms. McRoy-no at this time; Mr. Camp-yes; Ms. Eschliman and Mr. Marvin open to doing it. Ms. McRoy noted at this point, she wants to know what they're going to do with the other position. Without having that other discussion or direction, I want my own staff. Mr. Cook asked Council if they want to follow up at this time with the Personnel Department to put together a job description for a research position? Mr. Svoboda commented he can send a memo to Don Taute asking him and his staff to put together job description options for them. He thinks it's probably going to have to be a function of the Chair of the Council an extended role to oversee what happens in the Council Office until we decide what we want to do. Mr. Svoboda commented we've got at least some information

from what Kerry Eagan put together as a joint staff. So, he thinks it's determined right now that Council will pursue the auditor or the research position after Don Taute gets some information back to them because he thinks this is going to have to be part of their City Council budget process. Council agreed to send a memo to Don Taute (Personnel Director) asking him to put together job description options for them.

2. Lancaster County Agricultural Society Board Advisory Panel Nominations (Requesting Names of Two Nominees) (See Attachments). — [Mr. Svoboda read through the letter.] Mr. Svoboda asked if anybody have any suggestions or do we want to have names forwarded to me and then I will forward it on to them? They discussed the letter. Following discussion, Ann Harrell stated she can call them for clarification on the details and then get back with Council. Mr. Svoboda stated okay, if anybody wants to submit names and/or resumes to me before the deadline date and then he will forward the names. Mr. Svoboda stated to Tammy Grammer could you put this back on the "Noon" Agenda for March 6th. Ms. Grammer stated okay.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp stated the LIBA Annual Commission is coming up and asked if they would like to go together and get a table? No table.

JONATHAN COOK - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

Ms. Eschliman stated she's got some information that she pulled off of the Rural Labor Statistics about construction jobs and then an update on Ace Hardware that they are losing some people. She got a breakdown from Ace Hardware the Distribution Center, she went over the information with Council. There are going to be 40 material handlers looking for jobs who make \$15.00 per hour, 17 drivers that make \$50,000 per year, 20 office workers who make \$10-\$15 per hour, and some supervisors and managers who earn \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year. Their Human Resources person asked her if there were going to be any job fairs closer to July, she didn't want them all going to a job fair this month and leaving the company. Mark Bowen stated between Darl Naumann and Marc Wullschleger they can get that information out to her. Ms. Eschliman stated okay.

DAN MARVIN - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

ANNETTE McROY - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

KEN SVOBODA -

Mr. Svoboda commented I just urge anybody that can make the Chaplaincy Corps Banquet to please attend this event, he'd appreciate it. He has attended this event for several years and the Mayor's Office is always there and the Mayor usually attends, they are very appreciative when elective representatives attend this event.

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Listed on the Attend Sheet for February 13th.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:53 a.m.