AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006
(Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES


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

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. YWCA Lincoln - Rally Against Racism on Sunday, September 10, 2006 - 1:15 p.m., Check-In - 2:00 p.m. Walk/Run begins at Lincoln High School Field, 2229 “J” Street - Pre-registrations to assure a t-shirt due to the YWCA by Aug. 25th - $12.00 per participant - (See Invitation)
2. Lincoln Neighborhood Alliance 3rd Annual Celebrate Neighborhoods! On Sunday, September 10, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Antelope Park (South of A Street & Capitol Parkway) - (See E-Mail Invitation)

3. NeighborWorks Lincoln 2006 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at Lincoln Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane (near West “O” Street & Sun Valley Blvd.) - Complimentary buffet catered by Tastefully Yours served 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Short Program - Brief meeting to follow - (See Invitation)

4. Downtown Lincoln Association at our annual meeting and awards luncheon - 2006 Downtown Impact Awards on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 - 11:45 a.m., Doors open; - Noon, Luncheon & Awards Ceremony - At Embassy Suites Hotel Ballroom - $25 per person - RSVP by Oct. 10th - (See Invitation)

5. CenterPointe, Inc. Annual Meeting & Luncheon on Thursday, September 21, 2006 at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel - 11:00 a.m., Doors open - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Program - $25 per person - Please RSVP - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

I. MINUTES


Chair Newman called for approval of the minutes. No changes and minutes approved by accumulation.

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

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook) —
Cook stated he was not able to attend the Parks and Rec Board Meeting but since Lynn Johnson is here, possibly he could give us a quick report.

Johnson said there were three action items on the agenda. One, recommending a tower in Holmes Golf Course, just south of the LES sub-station. It should be coming forward soon. Secondly, they approved a tweak to the public art collections policy which essentially says when we’re looking at public art requisition we should look at the quality and the merit of the art, and how it relates to the collection. That way we wouldn’t have multiple pieces by the same artist. And thirdly, for about the last year and a half they’ve been working with Pine Wood Bowl Committee on developing a master plan for updating and renovation of Pine Wood Bowl. They approved the master plan even though no money is available yet, which is the next step. To sit down and develop a phase in plan and a financing plan. But the plan shows what the renovation might look like when complete.
OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: -
Eschliman stated she wanted to report on the Homeless Coalition. Eschliman said she had heard at a business meeting with downtown people that there was a chronic homeless problem. She stated she brought up the matter at the Homeless Coalition, even though she hadn’t had a chance to talk to Chief Casady to find what was happening, to get their input. The Homeless Coalition said basically if more facilities for people with drug problems were available then that would help take care of the problem. They didn’t seem to be interested in a more constructive solution. Eschliman continued saying she could kind of see friction between the business community and this group.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS -

RICK HOPPE -
Hoppe stated at Council Meetings he’s noticed it tends to run to peaks and valleys on appointments.

Marvin asked on this issue if Fred Freytag could be put into the ring as far as someone who wants to be on the Community Development Task Force? Hoppe responded he would and considers Freytag an excellent addition. Marvin said there were three vacancies coming up. Hoppe stated Freytag lives in the right area, there’s a lot of restrictions on who can serve what piece, but will make sure he is listed.

Eschliman asked what other areas are being looked for? Hoppe answered the CDTS has one right now, but again, they look for very specific roles, i.e., the last one we had to replace had something to do with banking, or the realty community. They are really specific. Some of them have to live in certain parts of town.

McRoy asked which group they were looking at, to which Hoppe responded the Community Development Task Force.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR -

MARK BOWEN - None

ANN HARRELL - None

DANA ROPER, City Attorney - None
V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - None

JONATHAN COOK - None

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN - None

DAN MARVIN - Marvin stated he went on a wastewater tour, took a tour of the Reese’s Sewer Plant, which he used to live next to, in 1980, and the odor is much lower today than remembered. It’s a fun tour. On tour Marvin said he went to the top of the egg, and the other thing is that they use methane gas, which comes off of one of the products they deal with, to provide and generate electricity providing power to approximately half the plant.

Marvin then asked regarding the paper information he received where it came from? He stated in the correspondence there was Keno and Waverly, and something from Portland, or Eugene, Oregon? Eschliman thought that probably, even though she didn’t do an RFI, but she had asked Steve Hubka as to why the sales tax went up two (2) months in a row, and Hubka had sent this correspondence and possibly he just photocopied for everyone on the Council. It was also on line, Thursday night.

Newman said she thought this was Jan Kars, who works at Critters, and she was comparing the numbers for before the smoking ban and then after. Marvin stated what he found interesting was in January of 1997 the City had fourteen (14) million dollars with retail sales at eateries, while the latest number of December of ‘05 is up to twenty-five (25) million, which is a good increase for this period of time. Cook said there was inflation involved with this. Marvin said there’s not a corresponding increase in the County.

ANNETTE McROY - None

PATTE NEWMAN - None
KEN SVOBODA - Stated he did try to get a couple of Council members switched on the flights for tomorrow a couple of week ago, as there were four (4) Council members all on the same plane. Stated this would create a problem for various reasons with having the majority of the Council on one (1) plane. Stated he considered the options but the airline said no because it would be too costly, that they had caught it too late. This is an issue to be brought up due to the fact that we had four (4) Council members and do not have a City Attorney with us.

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Listed on the Attend Sheet for September 11th.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:40 a.m.

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