

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2006  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113**

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2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Seng, Lincoln Action Program (LAP), and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development news conference. December 19, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at 210 "O" Street.
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**ANNETTE McROY/PATTE NEWMAN**

1. Request to Scott Holmes & Bruce Dart, Health Department/Dale Stertz & Mike Merwick, Building & Safety Department/Tonya Skinner & Dana Roper, City Law Department - RE: Bar owners, outdoor smoking areas (McRoyRFI#175 and NewmanRFI#41 - 12/18/06)

**ROBIN ESCHLIMAN**

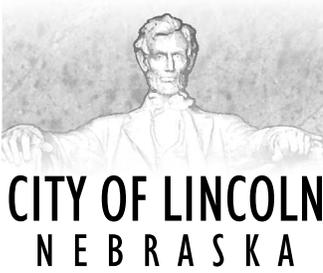
1. Email from Jeff Atkinson applying to be a member of the Motorsports Task Force.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Email from Jeff Atkinson re: Motorsports will help reduce the City's budget shortfall.
2. Email from Anne Schiltz re: Questions regarding investigation of Fire Department and paid leave to the Fire Chief.
3. Position Statement from LIBA on studying the co-location concept for the Nebraska State Fair and the Lancaster Events Center.
4. Email from Coby Mach, LIBA, on the creation of quiet zones.
5. Email from Mike Olson re: Vote no on drinking in public parks, whether for charity or another reason.
6. Email from Lynn Darling, re: Billboards. Citizens requested to not give in to requests.
7. Email from Rachel Johnson, re: Proposed name change of Capital Parkway West to "Rosa Parks Way".
8. Email from Walter Everie Carlson re: Less than professional attitude of dispatch operator while calling in an accident.
9. Email from Paul re: Suggestions for handling liquor in the parks.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: December 15, 2006

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

**Mayor Seng's Public Schedule**  
**Week of December 16 through 22, 2006**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Saturday, December 16

- Volunteer at Food Share - 7:30 a.m., Fourth Presbyterian Church, 5200 Francis

Monday, December 18

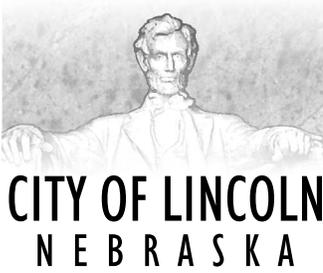
- Key to the City presentations to State Senators Price, Foley, Beutler, Landis, Schimek and Hudkins - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, December 19

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m., 4343 "O" Street
- Salvation Army bell-ringing - 11 a.m., Sam's Club, 4900 North 27th Street
- KFOR - 12:30 p.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway
- News conference - 1:30 p.m., topic and location to be announced
- Northeast Police Station grand opening, remarks - 2:30 p.m., 49th and Huntington
- "Trees of Love," gift presentation - 3:30 p.m., Village Manor, 3220 North 14th Street
- Community Health Endowment Trustee Celebration, Key to the City presentations - 6:30 p.m., Parthenon Restaurant, 5500 South 56th Street

Thursday, December 21

- News conference - 9:30 a.m., topic and location to be announced



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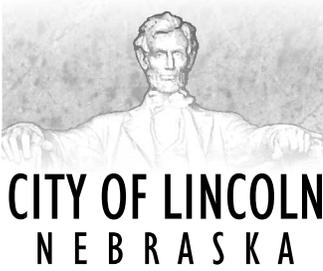
## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 19, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and representatives of the Lincoln Action Program (LAP) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will discuss a grant awarded to the City at a news conference at **1:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday December 19 at LAP, 210 "O" Street.**



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Sue Hinrichs, Lincoln Action Program, 471-4515  
Reginald Robinson, HUD, Omaha, 492-3138

## LINCOLN AWARDED \$700,000 FOR YOUTH BUILD PROGRAM

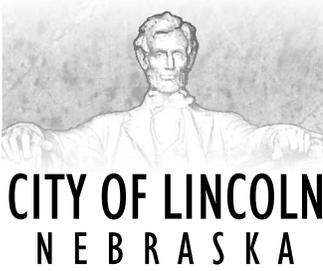
Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded a grant of \$700,000 to the Lincoln Action Program (LAP). The funds will support the Youthbuild Program, which helps at-risk students earn high school diplomas and gain experience in building affordable housing.

“We know that high school dropouts often face employment challenges and are at risk of becoming homeless,” said Mayor Seng. “Youthbuild offers job training and helps the participants develop leadership skills. At the same time, the program results in homes for lower-income families.”

LAP was awarded a Youthbuild grant several years ago, and Executive Director Sue Hinrichs said 40 young people participated in the construction of two homes.

“The Youthbuild program is about far more than building homes. It’s about giving disadvantage youth a future to build on,” said Hinrichs. “It’s amazing to watch as these young people transform their lives and become productive citizen in our community.”

Details on the HUD grants can be found at [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).



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## **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 20, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Roger Figard, Engineering Services, 441-7711  
Rick Haden, Kirkham Michael, 477-4240

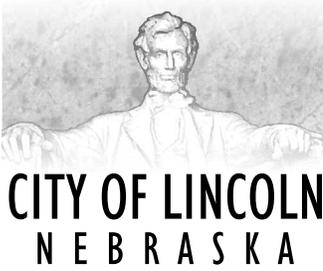
### **OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY ON RAILROAD QUIET ZONE STUDY**

The public is invited to an open house from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 21 to discuss the preliminary findings of the quiet zone study conducted for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD). The meeting will be at Dawes Middle School, 5130 Colfax Avenue (use the south entrance). Brief presentations will be given at 5:15 and 6 p.m.

A quiet zone is a section of railroad line where locomotive horns are not routinely sounded. The City of Lincoln and the RTSD are considering creating a railroad quiet zone along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway corridor in northeast Lincoln from 33rd to 70th streets.

The public will have an opportunity to view displays and discuss the proposals with representatives of the City Public Works and Utilities Department and Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineers.

For more information, the public can contact City Engineer Roger Figard at 441-7711 or Rick Haden of Kirkham Michael at 477-4240.



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Brian Dittman, Engineering Services, 441-8326  
Erika Nunes, Engineering Services, 441-5675

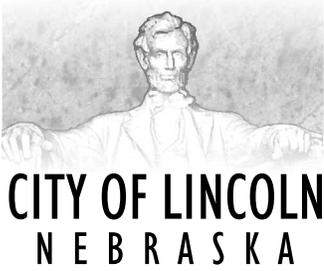
### **SECTION OF PIONEERS TEMPORARILY OPEN**

Pioneers Boulevard has been reopened temporarily to traffic between 70th and 84th streets in southeast Lincoln because the City's private contractor is suspending construction over the holidays. The section tentatively is scheduled to close again Monday, January 8 when construction resumes.

The street is being widened to four through lanes, separated by a central two-way left-turn lane. Sidewalks, curbs, storm drainage and utility infrastructure are being added. A portion of the future Antelope Creek Trail also is included in this project. The project is tentatively scheduled to be completed in November 2007.

The improvements are being made to meet growing demands from increased development and to ensure the continued safety and effectiveness of Lincoln's arterial street system.

Additional information about the project is available at the City Web site, [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: pioneersblvd) or by contacting Brian Dittman, City Public Works and Utilities Department, 441-8326.



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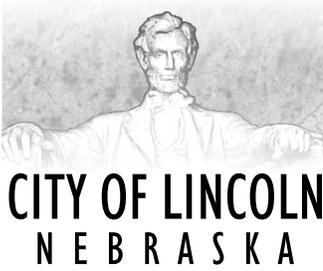
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will discuss the successful completion of \$21.7million in recent improvements to the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility at a news conference at **9:30 a.m. Thursday December 21 at the plant, 7000 North 70th Street.**

The plant entrance is on the east side of 70th Street, just past Cather and Sons Construction Company. After entering the facility, turn right just past the Control Building. We will be in the building with the large, light-green pipe along the south side. Use the west door.



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Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development, 441-7126

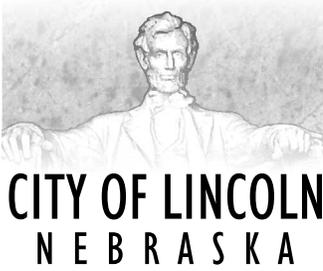
### **CITY ISSUES NEW INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VERIZON BUILDING**

Mayor Coleen J. Seng announced today that the City of Lincoln has issued a new invitation for proposals for the recently announced Verizon Wireless project at 4600 Innovation Drive. The Mayor cancelled the original request for proposals to avoid prolonged delays that could have resulted from a protest that was filed and winter weather conditions.

Verizon Wireless announced December 4th that it would locate a Customer Service Center in Lincoln at the University of Nebraska Technology Park, creating 800 new jobs. The company's announcement provides developers interested in building the Customer Service Center with more information than was available when the original request for proposals was issued in November.

The new invitation for proposals includes specific information on how to contact representatives for Verizon Wireless and the University of Nebraska Technology Park. The proposal directs interested developers to contact the Verizon Wireless project consultant, a real estate company in Boston, Massachusetts, for more information. The invitation also directs interested developers to contact the University of Nebraska Technology Park, which will lease the land for the Verizon building. Because the Technology Park is located within a tax-increment financing (TIF) district, that financing tool is available to prospective developers. All TIF projects require approval by the City Council.

The invitation for proposals was issued by the City Urban Development Department, which serves as the Community Redevelopment Authority for the City of Lincoln. The deadline for submitting a proposal is January 19, 2007.



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## **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Wastewater Division, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7961, fax 441-8735

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 21, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831  
Steve Masters, Public Utilities Administrator, 441-758

### **MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED AT TREATMENT PLANT**

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced that two major projects have been completed at the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Facility, 7000 North 70th Street. The projects have increased the system's capacity to accommodate future growth in the Stevens Creek Basin and other areas north and west of the facility.

Improvements to the plant's nitrification treatment and capacity are now operational. The project has been under way for more than two years. Public Utilities Administrator Steve Masters said prior to the project, the daily wastewater flow was about five-million gallons a day. The \$14.4 million advanced treatment project increased the capacity of the facility to about 10 million gallons per day, which should provide for growth until the year 2016.

"The facility was able to serve about 50,000 residents within an area of about 10,600 acres," Mayor Seng said. "The improvements have increased the capacity to serve about 100,000 residents in an area of about 20,000 acres. Similar improvements at the larger Theresa Street plant are also under way. These are important infrastructure improvements that will allow our City to continue to grow."

Also completed is the first phase of the Stevens Creek Basin Sanitary Trunk Sewer. Pipes with diameters of 78 and 84 inches were installed from the facility to just east of North 84th and Fletcher Avenue near Stevens Creek. The initial phase cost about \$7.3 million, and subsequent phases have been incorporated into the City's Capital Improvement Program.

Additional sanitary trunk sewer extension projects continue in numerous locations at the edges of the City to allow for balanced growth:

- In southeast Lincoln, the Upper Beal Slough project will extend sanitary sewer service from about 64th and Pine Lake Road to South 70th Street and Yankee Hill Road.
- In south Lincoln, sewer is being extended from South 27th to South 40th streets near Rokeby Road.
- On West "O" Street, a sanitary sewer is being completed from S.W. 40th to S.W. 63rd streets. This sewer extends service to areas south of West "O" Street and to north of Interstate 80.
- In northwest Lincoln, trunk sewer capacity is being increased from West Mathis to Air Park Road along N.W. 41st Street.
- A trunk sewer also is being designed adjacent to Salt Creek from North 70th to North 56th streets to serve the area north of Salt Creek.

# Memo

**To:** Councilman Jon Camp  
**From:** Don Herz, Finance Director  
**CC:** City Council  
Mayor's Office  
**Date:** December 18, 2006  
**Re:** Nebraska Corporate Tax Payments

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This memo is to provide information you requested at last Thursday's budget forecast briefing.

During the discussion about net sales tax collections for the current fiscal year, it was noted that sales tax refunds were trailing last year by a substantial amount. You had indicated that you thought this was due to lower corporate tax collections. You asked that I research the amount of corporate income received by the State of Nebraska.

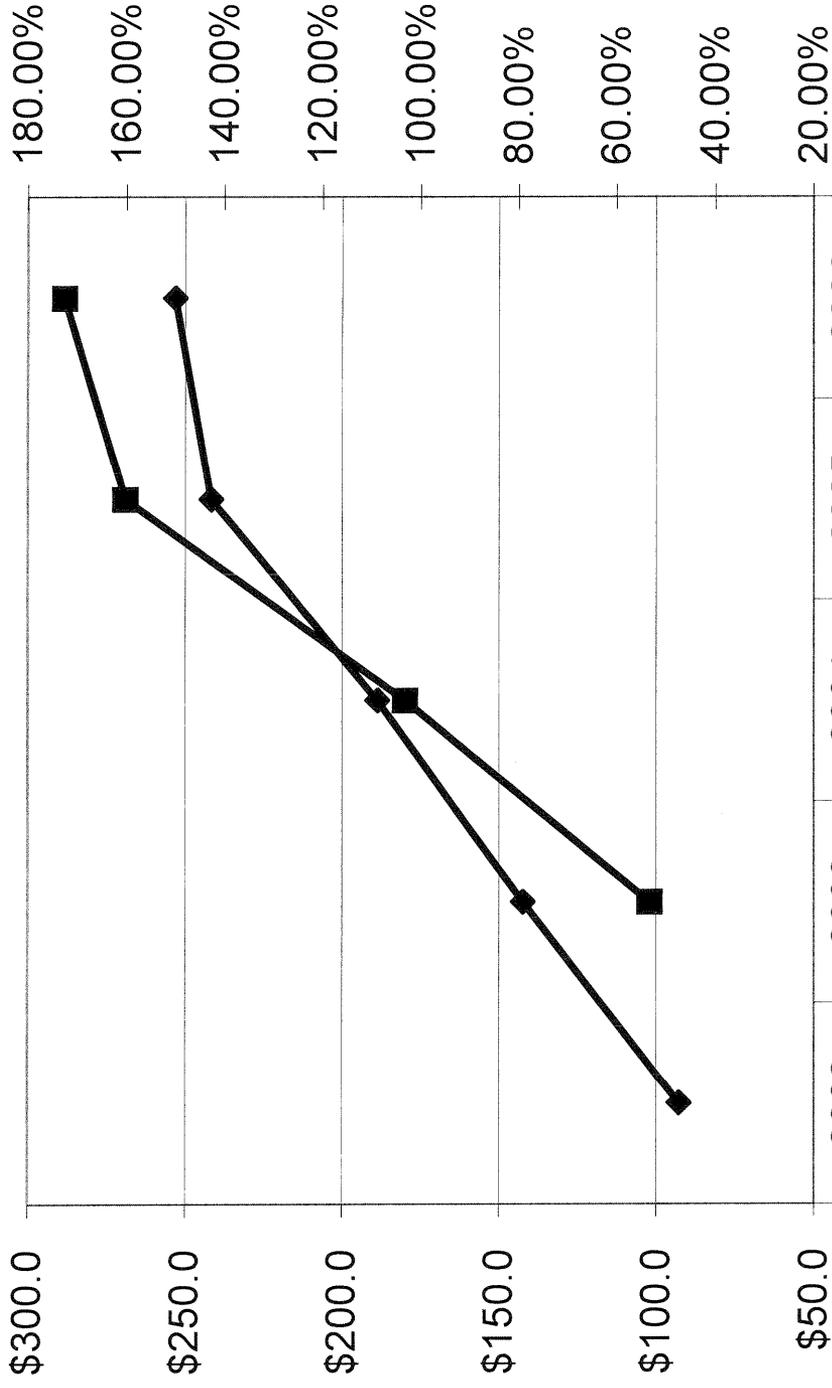
The attached chart provides the history you had requested. Some items of note:

- The source of this information is the NE Department of Revenue (NDR).
- The NDR reports tax collections on a calendar year basis.
- The amount and percentages for 2006 were projected by totaling the actual revenues for the first eleven months of 2006 and adding the same amount as collected in December 2005. The final amount for 2006 will be updated when the NDR reports December 2006 collections.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Encl.: Graph of NE Corp. Tax Collections

## Nebraska Net Corporate Tax Collections (by calendar year)



◆ Amount in Millions  
 ■ Cumulative % Change

Year	Amount in Millions	Cumulative % Change
2002	\$92.9	
2003	\$142.4	53.3%
2004	\$188.7	103.1%
2005	\$241.7	160.2%
2006	\$253.1	172.4%

**Total Tax Supported FTE's  
Funded Wholly Or In Part By Tax Dollars**

**Tax Funds - separate levy**

General Fund	1,126.89	
Library Fund	119.04	
Police and Fire Pension Fund	1.00	
Social Security Fund	1.00	
		1,247.93

**Tax subsidized Funds 1/**

Animal Control	15.00	
Health	92.72	
Aging	56.59	
911 Communications	39.50	
StarTran	108.90	
Building and Safety 2/ Fire prevention	8.20	
Housing	5.12	
		<u>326.03</u>

Total tax supported FTE's 1,573.96

- 1/ These funds are funded through a variety of fees and other sources and also receive a General Fund subsidy.  
 2/ Building and Safety costs in these two areas are paid by a combination of fees and General Fund dollars

**Breakdown of Staffing Related to Public Safety Funded  
Wholly Or In Part By Tax Dollars**

Police Department	397.63
Fire and Rescue Department	260.62
911 Communications	<u>39.50</u>
Total Public Safety	697.75
Percentage of Public Safety to tax supported FTE's	44.33%

The difference between the total FTE's (1,573,96) and the Public Safety FTE's (697.75) is 876.21 FTE's.

Other employees such as the Law Dept. prosecution division, Fire Prevention Bureau and certain functions of the Health Department could be considered "Public Safety."

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# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council  
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners  
Planning Commission

**FROM:** Marvin S. Krout, Director of Planning



**SUBJECT:** Planning Department Projects for 2007

**DATE:** December 15, 2006

cc : Mayor Coleen Seng  
Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office  
Mark Bowen, Mayor's Office  
Kerry Eagan, Lancaster County Board  
Karl Fredrickson, Public Works & Utilities  
Mike Merwick, Building & Safety  
Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development  
Kent Morgan, Assistant Director of Planning  
Bruce Bohrer, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce  
Coby Mach, LIBA  
Fred Hoke, Home Builders Association of Lincoln  
Doug Rauthaus, Realtors Association of Lincoln

Attached is a list of key projects that the Planning Department expects to continue or initiate in this next calendar year. I have no doubt this list will be modified over the course of the year to reflect new issues and priorities that we could not anticipate. But it should give you an idea of what we expect to be doing. The attachment also includes a list of key projects that were completed over this past calendar year.

I would be glad to discuss these projects with any interested individuals or groups, or to hear about any issues or projects that are not on the list but you think the Planning Department should take up this next year.

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## **Key projects for Planning Department in 2007**

### **Began in 2006 and continuing:**

- Complete the Transit Development Plan and assist in implementing the recommendations
- Provide continued support to implement recommendations of Mayor's Event Facilities Task Force
- Support County's efforts to pass enabling legislation for Transfer of Development Rights, and then prepare local text changes
- Complete the outdoor lighting study, share with community, and use to amend City design standards
- Amend zoning code to reflect the Health/Planning report recommendations on land use and hazardous materials
- Participate with Public Works in updating design standards for collector streets, arterial access, sight obstructions, etc.
- Assist Public Works with southwest wastewater facility location study
- Assist City departments and LPS with bond projects
- Participate with Building & Safety in setting up digital submission of building plans
- Complete land use/zoning reference table, and prepare text changes to clarify and consolidate land uses in zoning code
- Develop database for prospective developments
- Participate with other agencies, departments in developing plan for tiger beetle protection
- Assist IS develop new software for submission and production of CIP
- Staff and supervise the new GIS Manager position
- Notable applications in progress: County dragstrip, Firethorn annexation, 84<sup>th</sup>/Adams corners, 14<sup>th</sup> and Saltillo

### **Beginning in 2007:**

- Multimodal mobility plan (Union College area)
- Prepare for Cornhusker corridor annexation
- Hold workshop on context sensitive road design
- Assist with Health Board/Planning Commission review of land use issues related to transportation-related noise, air pollution, and exposure to hazardous materials
- Assist Public Works in preparing sewer and water master plan updates
- Build database for projects in pre-application stage
- Complete updated commercial floor area survey
- Set up system for digital submission of Planning Department applications including plats

### **Ongoing:**

- Coordinate preparation of City 6-year Capital Improvement Program
- Restored role in coordinating MPO, including budget/administration, clarifying departments' roles and responsibilities, planning use of traffic model and relation to traffic studies
- Prepare Annual Indicators report
- Prepare new What's Up in Lincoln report
- Assist Public Works with traffic studies as directed by Comp Plan and stormwater management plans

- Assist Urban Development and Mayor's office with review of blight studies, redevelopment plans, agreements and policies
- Assist Mayor's Economic Development Director with information for employment prospects
- Staff and assist various standing and adhoc city/county advisory committees
- Review and process 700+ development applications of various types
- Program training workshops for the Planning Commission and staff
- Provide public education on planning and preservation through local schools, universities, business, charitable, civic, professional, and religious organizations
- Maintain and expand GIS layers, capabilities
- Maintain and expand webpage applications, including internet mapping services and Permits Plus access for applicants

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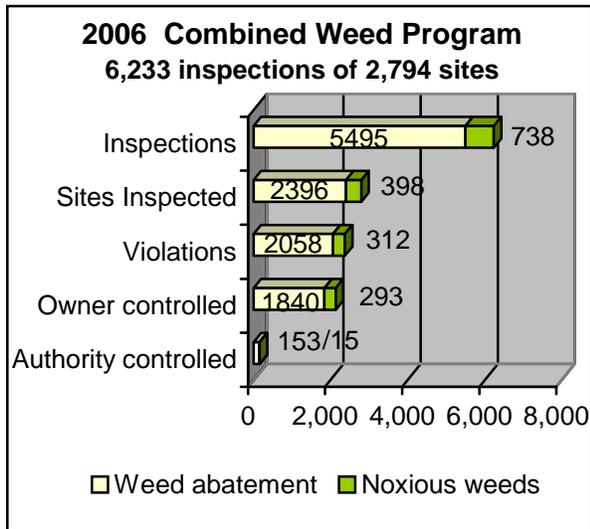
### **Planning Department Accomplishments in 2006**

- Completed Comp Plan/LRTP update
- Amendments to city/county regulations including: electronic changeable copy sign standards; nonstandard and nonconforming use provisions; administrative waivers of design standards; amendments to landscape/screening standards; new pedestrian circulation standards; reduced front yard setbacks in commercial/industrial zones; more flexible treatment of outdoor dining; reduced parking requirements in the H2-3 districts; removed setback between ground signs and buildings
- Assisted Public Works implement downtown bikelanes
- Assisted joint Planning Commission/Health Board committee prepare report on land use relationships to healthy living, pipelines, and hazardous materials
- Assisted Planning Commission's downzoning committee
- Assisted Mayor's Permitting and Process Committee in their review of Zucker report
- Organized project management training for key staff from various city departments and the private sector
- Established formal pre-application process
- Initiated weekly meetings with other department staff to review applications
- Assisted LPS in project selection for school bond program
- Completed historic surveys for Eastridge, Country Club, and Antelope neighborhoods
- Participated in developing "directed impact fees" policy and application to numerous annexation agreements
- Notable applications completed: Northbank Junction, Southwest Village, Prairie Village North, Waterford Estates, Highlands View, Woodland Hills, Jensen Park Estates, 40<sup>th</sup> and Rokeby, The Links at Lincoln, Harrison Heights, Cardinal Heights, Grand Terrace, Charleston Heights, Hartlands Garden Valley, Fallbrook, Apples's Way, downzoning of 40<sup>th</sup>/A, Witherbee, and Woods Park neighborhoods, 10<sup>th</sup>/Van Dorn, 33<sup>rd</sup>/O, and South/16th.

# Combined Weed Program City of Lincoln November 2006 Monthly Report

## Inspection Activity

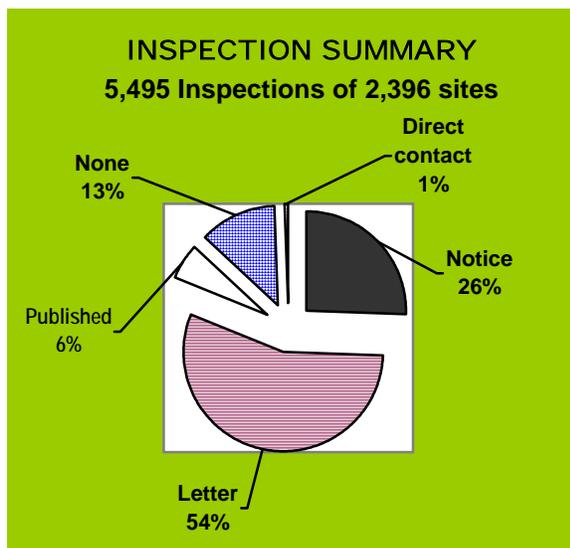
A total of 6,233 inspections were made of 2,794



sites during the year. 2,370 violations were found on 1,203 acres. Inspections increased by 465 from last year, an 8% increase.

## Weed Abatement Program

A total of 5,495 initial and follow-up inspections were made on 2,396 sites on 1,474 acres. The



2,058 violations were found as a result of 1,717 complaints and inspector observations. This was 223 more violations than in 2005. Bankruptcies continue to be a problem. 171 notifications had to be published in the paper. Over 40% of these had to be forced cut. These 72 represented almost 1/2 of the required forced cuttings. Forced cutting had to be performed on 153 sites at the cost of \$21,107. This was an increase of 46 sites forced cut at an increased cost of \$7,145. 117 of these sites had to be specially assessed for \$16,530.

## Noxious Weeds

Infestations were found on 312 sites and 453 acres as a result of 738 inspections on 398 sites. The number of infestations found decreased by 90. There were 112 less purple loosestrife infestations found. This decrease was the result of less ornamental plantings found. The number of infestations found by noxious weed is shown above. Landowners controlled 293 of these sites. The Authority controlled 3 sites.

## NOVEMBER Activities

- 9 Talk at Lancaster Manor
- 20 Threats to Nebraska Rivers Planning Meeting
- 28 LPWMA meeting
- 30 Nebraska Cattleman's Convention
- 30 Monthly activity report

## DECEMBER Planned Activities

- 6-7 NACO Annual Convention, Omaha
- 14 Director evaluation
- 18 Weed Assessment Hearing 1:30
- 19 Threats to Nebraska Rivers Planning
- 31 Monthly activity report
- Department head evaluation



**Tammy J Grammer/Notes**  
12/19/2006 04:11 PM

To commish@lancaster.ne.gov  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Fw: Pick member for Motorsports Task Force

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 12/19/2006 04:10 PM -----



**"Robin Eschliman"**  
<robine@neb.rr.com>  
12/19/2006 03:56 PM

To <tbogenreif@lincoln.ne.gov>  
cc  
Subject Fw: Pick member for Motorsports Task Force

Tammy, could you forward this both to the City Council and also to the County Board? Thank you.  
Robin Eschliman

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [JEFF ATKINSON](mailto:JEFF.ATKINSON)  
**To:** [reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2006 3:31 PM  
**Subject:** Pick member for Motorsports Task Force

Hi Robin,

The County Board selected some names for the 15 member Motorsports Task Force. The County Board is going to ask the city council for a recommendation for a Task Force Member and would ask if you would consider me for this group.

As a licensed NHRA competition member of the National Hotrod Association and familiar with the rules and regulations of the NHRA since I build competition cars and there is no one on the Task Force that is a NHRA member, I would like to ask you if you would recommend me to the County Board. I have already filled out an application for the task force and they have my name on file. I feel that my background would be a great asset to this Task Force.

Thanks again and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Jeff Atkinson  
NHRA Member SG5328  
1800 Branched Oak Rd  
Davey NE 68336  
402-432-6212

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**Tammy J Grammer/Notes**  
12/21/2006 11:59 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes, Lynn Johnson/Notes@Notes  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Fw: Message from constituent about liquor

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 12/21/2006 11:58 AM -----



**robine@neb.rr.com**  
12/21/2006 10:48 AM

To tbogenreif@lincoln.ne.gov  
cc  
Subject Message from constituent about liquor

Tammy, please pass on to the Council and Lynn Johnson. This constituent had some interesting ideas about how to handle liquor in the parks.

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Subject Motorsports will help reduce the Cities budget shortfall

City Council members and County Board members

You guys have a huge opportunity to increase sales tax revenue right in your lap. Yesterdays news was "Budget gap of nearly 9 million" Elected officials, you have a terrific opportunity of increasing our sale tax revenue, increasing revenue from lodging taxes and a spring board for new businesses. That opportunity is NHRA Championship Drag Racing. Look around the country and see what motorsports has done for their communities. New Orleans has just received approval to build a Drag strip. Dale Earnhardt Jr is working with investors to build a motorsports complex in Alabama including a drag strip. Banning California is just finishing their NHRA facility with projections of a 34 million dollar impact to the local economy. Des Moines is just finishing up a Rusty Wallace speedway in Iowa. Wake up guys and gals, we have the opportunity, motorsports is the fastest growing sport in America, tracks are being built accross the county, NHRA is definitely interested as by evidenced with their divison 5 director Rob Park being present and giving testimony at the Planning Commission Meeting in October, lets make the most of this opportunity before its to late."

If you would like additional information or would like to contact Rob Park with the NHRA, or myself or Greg Sanford 429-3364.

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
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Comment or Question:

I would like to know why the Asst. Fire Chief remains on "paid leave". Who is responsible in overseeing the investigation of the Assistant Fire Chief, and how long is this process going to take to complete? How can the city justify paying the cost of this paid leave for such an extended amount of time!? Wouldn't the expenses being incurred be enough to get someone to take notice and try to expedite the investigation, bringing it to completion? My household cannot afford this!!! In a time when so many costs of living in this city have been raised, I feel like my tax dollars are being grossly mismanaged!

# Position Statement

For Immediate Release

Contact: Phil Young  
Board of Directors  
475-7445

Coby Mach  
Executive Director  
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RE: Nebraska State Fair

The following statement has been approved by the LIBA Board of Directors.

The Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) would like to thank those involved in studying the co-location concept for the Nebraska State Fair and Lancaster Events Center.

LIBA believes that efficiencies and synergies can be achieved by combining the State Fair and Lancaster County Event Center facilities. We believe that with a combined facility, overhead can be reduced along with duplication of equipment and facilities. We also believe that a combined facility will be busy and productive for more days of the year thus generating more revenue for the state fair and Lancaster County event center.

However, there seem to be unanswered questions. LIBA would like to know if the University of Nebraska is truly interesting in acquiring the existing State Fair property and if so, does UNL have a plan for using the ground. We would also like to know if UNL has other commitments or if the State Legislature is willing to make a financial commitment to the University to make the property a premier research facility.

LIBA agrees with the State Fair Board that tax dollars should not be sought as a funding source for moving the Nebraska State Fair. LIBA has found that each group is using different dollar figures when estimating the cost of moving the State Fair. Since no two groups agree on a dollar amount, and the groups are arriving at different conclusions regarding co-location, LIBA recommends starting a facilitative process, such as, conducted by the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution at Creighton Law School.

Those who should participate include Governor Heineman, Mayor Seng, Chancellor Pearlman, representative from the State Legislature, State Fair Board, Lancaster Events Center, Lancaster County Board, Planning Commission, Lincoln City Council, LIBA, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 2015 Visioning, Pershing Center, Planning Director Marvin Krout and Dick Campbell, the Chairman of the Mayors Arena Task Force.

This group should take no longer than 90 days to determine if there is sufficient private interest and financing available so that the taxpayers of Lincoln and Lancaster County are not burdened with additional funding. The State Fair Board and Lancaster County AG Society should hold off on any major capital outlays while this new group is working.

Finally, LIBA believes a cost vs. benefit analysis must be produced.



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Subject Quiet Zones

To: Mayor Seng, Lincoln City Council & RTSD

The LIBA Budget Monitoring Committee is aware of the noise problems created by trains along Cornhusker Highway. As the process moves forward to create "Quiet Zones", the committee would like to know if the city has officially asked our U.S. Congressmen or Senators to intervene.

The train operators appear to be responding to Federal legislation regarding the use of train horns. The LIBA Committee would like to know if you think it would be appropriate to delay spending the "Quiet Zone" dollars while our Congressmen or Senators study and/or amend the federal guidelines. LIBA would only encourage changes if they can still accomplish necessary safety goals.

We look forward to your response.

Coby Mach  
For the Committee



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Comment or Question:

The City Council has no right to use public property for the purpose of entertaining those who can not go out in public without imbibing. I do not pay taxes to provide a place for drinkers to drink. I do however pay taxes to have said drinkers policed. The public parks are for the enjoyment of all citizens and should reflect a family-friendly atmosphere, not teach our children that drinking is wholesome.

Another consideration is the legal implications of sanctioning and condoning drinking on public property and the actions of those drinkers after they leave. Impaired drivers. An accident. A lawsuit. All drivers who have one drink in one hour are legally impaired and should be arrested but they will not be. The police will have instructions to not bother them because they are drinking for charity. If I were the victom of one of these charity drinkers I would look first to the City for a responsible entity to sue.  
Please vote common sense on this one.



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To <oped@journalstar.com>, <council@lincoln.ne.gov>  
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Subject BILLBOARDS

So we get brighter lighting and more rotations on our billboards in spite of the fact many Lincoln citizens asked the council not to give in to these requests by the companies. Please help me on this. What language does it take for the city council to hear the private citizens? I thought we all spoke the same dialect. I guess not. They seem to be able to hear the big money, big corporations language when they ask for what they want. Please does anyone know the language of the council so they can hear the tax payer?

Remember you and I are paying for these "cancer sticks". The businesses that use these to advertise only pass on their cost to us, you and me. Council woman Robin Eschliman said the council should stop thwarting retailers and "we need to remember who's paying the bills in this community". Excuse me, we all know this one fact, the citizen tax payers are always the ones that pay nearly ALL the bills. I will remind you to that several cities like Monterey Bay and Carmel CA. plus the whole state of Vermont do not allow any billboards and they have NOT disappeared, crumbled nor fallen apart.

It is time for the citizens of Lincoln to learn the language, to become a member of the city council and planning commission that will represent to tax payers of this once livable city. Lincoln is in GREAT need of REAL leadership and not be puppets. There are many excellent wise people that write in to the editorial page. I hope some of you will step up. Lincolnites are great on wringing their hands and complaining about their taxes. NOW is the time to learn the language and take responsibility for ourselves and create the town we want.

Lynn Darling  
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"Steve Johnson and Rachel"  
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Subject Expressway name change to "Rosa Parks Way"

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RE: Proposed name change of Capital Parkway West to "Rosa Parks Way"

Dear members of the Lincoln City Council,

My name is Rachel Johnson. I am 15 years old and live in the City of Lincoln. I am a sophomore at Lincoln East High School. I am writing this letter because I was unable to testify in person at your Monday meeting.

Unfortunately, I could not leave school due to school commitments. This issue is very important to me so I want to take this opportunity to express my views in letter form to be included in your weekly packet before your vote.

First, I want you to know I am in strong support of the proposed name change of Capital Parkway West to "Rosa Parks Way". This is a great opportunity for our community to show that our city **Can Do The Right Thing!** Rosa Parks did the right thing 51 years ago. Her acts of courage impacted more people around the world than I have time to address. I'm sure you all know the history and her many positive actions and attributes.

What I want you to know is her influence is still impacting us. Even right here in Lincoln Nebraska! I am a real life example. In 1998 my dad took me to Washington DC. While we were there, he took me to see a Rosa Parks Exhibit. It was there that I learned about Rosa Parks and her story of courage. I returned with her spirit alive inside me. I chose to be Rosa Parks in my elementary school Book Parade. A few months later, I did my Black History Month project on Mrs. Parks. Then, seven years ago I won the Lincoln City Libraries Essay Contest on "**The Woman I Admire The Most Is ...**"

The woman I admired the most was **Rosa Parks**. I ask you to pause and think about this for a moment. **I was an eight year old white girl from Lincoln Nebraska in the Midwest United States.** Her power and spirit reached and impacted me greatly. Rosa Parks's spirit was (and is) alive in Lincoln, Nebraska. I still remember asking my father "who is Rosa Parks?" Wouldn't it be wonderful if other children would look at a street sign and ask that same question? Even more important, who could be more worthy of this tribute. I have been a part of Tributes to Rosa in Detroit during and after her funeral and continue relationships there. I have donated my own money to be a part of the Wall of Tolerance in Montgomery, Alabama. I even chose Mrs. Park's name as 'the recipients name to be memorialized' from my memorial. Wouldn't it be a wonderful experience to be able to participate and actually see a tribute to Rosa Parks happen in my own city. Her spirit doesn't just blow in the North, East, and South. The most important sentence I wrote in my winning essay was "Rosa Parks showed that women can use their minds and their courage to be more powerful than people with stronger muscles." I still have such respect for that kind of strength. Mrs. Parks had the courage to "Do the right thing". I ask you as our City Council to do the Right Thing! Please vote in favor of the proposed name change to the expressway on January 8, 2007. I am aware that street name changes are rarely approved. However, that is where "using the mind" to gain a larger understanding of an issue can show your strength. Renaming this expressway would keep the spirit of courage alive in the way Rosa Parks would ... hm, sounds good doesn't it Way Rosa Parks. Wait.....this even sounds better **"Rosa Parks Way"!**

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Rachel Johnson



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Ms. McRoy,

On December 20th, My wife and children (ages 6, 4, and 6 months) were heading southbound on NW 48th street. My wife observed a vehicle in the process of rolling over and over on the side of the road. She was concerned, but having our small children in the van, could not stop to help. She noticed that the vehicle behind her was stopping, so she did what she could do to help, which was to call the police. She was greeted by a very rude female on the phone and attempted to tell her what had just happened. I understand that adrenalin can kick in at times and cause a person's behavior to become agitated and short. I do not believe this was the case here. The dispatcher was throwing up road blocks in front of every attempt my wife made to explain to her what had happened and where it had happened. When that stage of the call had finally been handled, the conversation took a, in my opinion, bizarre turn for the worse. The dispatcher asked my wife if she had stopped to help the occupants of the vehicle. My wife replied that she had not due to the problem of not wanting to leave our children in the car unattended. The dispatcher then, very sternly, proclaimed to my wife that she had broken the law and that it was her duty to stop and help. She said that the police could prosecute her for failure to render and punish her accordingly. My wife tried to explain to her the many reasons why stopping to help the occupants of the vehicle while neglecting and endangering our small children was the most logical thing she could've done in the situation, but the dispatcher got annoyed with my wife and told her, "You need to let me go so I can get help for them!" I am appalled at the behavior of this employee! We are law-abiding, productive citizens of Lincoln and do not deserve to be treated this way by city employees. I could build on this more, but I'll spare you.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Tammy J Grammer/Notes  
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Tammy, please pass on to the Council and Lynn Johnson. This constituent had some interesting ideas about how to handle liquor in the parks.

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