DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007
11:00 A.M.
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public Invited to Groundbreaking for Mopac West Trail.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Seng’s News Conference, Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 1:30 pm at the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Second Floor, Regarding July 4, 2007 Celebration.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Announces Plans for Uncle Sam Jam 2007 at Oak Lake Park.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Candidate Debates Set for March 14th and April 10, 2007.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Water Safe to Drink Despite Uncommon Taste and Odor.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Tree Removal Part of Improvement Project at Van Dorn, 9th and 10th Streets.

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Fewer Lincoln and Lancaster County High School Students Engaged in Health risk Behaviors in 2005.

PLANNING
1. Maps of Annexations by Ordinances 18878, 18880 and 18881.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
1. Water Main Project #700296. 66th Street from Morrill to Havelock and Ballard Street from 61st to 70th Street.

III. CITY CLERK
IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK
1. Email from Joyce Morgan. Do not allow problems with Time Warner to continue.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Letter from Five Lincoln City Unions regarding the fiscal year 2007-2008 budget.
2. Email from John Furstenau regarding snow removal.
3. Email from Jim Hogg regarding Time Warner “Mystro” and DVR Issues. (Delivered to Council Members on 03/05/07, before Formal Council Meeting)
4. Email from Dorothy Porath. Time Warner cablevision is an issue at her home. (Delivered to Council Members on 03/05/07, before Formal Council Meeting)
5. Letter from LIBA regarding Storm Water Bond Issue. (Delivered to Council Members on 03/05/07, before Formal Council Meeting)
6. Email from Jenni VanNess regarding disappointment of having Doctor John’s store at 48th and Vine Streets.
7. InterLinc Action Item. Monte Baatz regarding putting in sidewalk at residence.
8. Email from Jeff Atkinson. Notification of support for drag racing facility #SP06051.
10. Email from SW Mc. Article in Lincoln Journal Star regarding Commissioner Workman and race track.
11. Email from Jeff Atkinson. Receipt of post cards in support of Special Permit 06051.
12. Email from Jeff Atkinson. Support for drag racing facility, Special Permit 06051.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Coleen J. Seng invites the public to the groundbreaking for the Mopac West Trail at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 just south of Heartland Optical near 27th and “Y” streets. This section of trail will connect the west end of the existing Mopac Trail at 30th and “X” streets with the Antelope Valley Trail network near 19th and Vine streets.

“This trail will provide a vital link in our trails network, connecting UNL’s downtown and east campuses,” said Mayor Seng. “I want to thank the Great Plains Trails Network (GPTN) for raising $105,000 for this important project as well as providing $125,000 to help acquire this section of corridor from the Union Pacific several years ago. GPTN has been an outstanding partner in building the trails network that so many of our residents use for recreation.”

The total project cost for this section of trail is $260,000. In addition to GPTN donations, the project is being funded through a federal grant along with $15,500 from the City. Construction on the trail will begin in the spring and is expected to be completed in early summer.

Speakers at the dedication will include Mayor Seng, Lynn Johnson, Director of the City Parks and Recreation Department, and Gale Breed from GPTN. Those attending the groundbreaking may park at Heartland Optical.

A related project, a pedestrian/bicycle bridge over North 27th Street just south of “Y” Street and along the abandoned Mopac corridor, is now in the design phase, and construction is expected to begin later this year. The bridge is being funded through a federal grant, private donations being raised by GPTN and tax increment financing. Until the bridge is completed, traffic on the Mopac West Trail will cross North 27th Street at the “Y” Street countdown crosswalk.
Mayor Coleen J. Seng will be joined by officials with Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra, Broadcast House and the Lincoln Jaycees to announce plans for the City’s 2007 4th of July celebration at a news conference at 1:30 p.m. TODAY Wednesday, March 7 in the lobby outside of the Mayor’s Office, 555 S. 10th St.
Mayor Coleen J. Seng announced today that the City’s annual 4th of July Celebration – Uncle Sam Jam 2007 – will return to Oak Lake Park and will once again feature a live performance by Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra (LSO) choreographed to the Zambelli Internationale fireworks display. Mayor Seng was joined at a news conference today by LSO Music Director Maestro Edward Polochick, LSO Executive Director Barbara Zach, as well as officials from Broadcast House and the Lincoln Jaycees.

“I am very excited to announce that the City will once again be partnering with Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra for our celebration,” said Mayor Seng. “Last year’s Independence Day celebration was a tremendous success as we teamed up with the Symphony, Broadcast House and our longtime 4th of July partner, the Lincoln Jaycees, to produce an event that raised our celebration to a whole new level.”

The Uncle Sam Jam concert will kick off LSO’s 81st season. “It has long been my dream to perform a free outdoor concert that includes and welcomes all citizens of Lincoln, and last year’s Uncle Sam Jam exceeded all of my expectations,” said Polochick. “I am proud to call Lincoln my second home, and I cannot think of a better way to celebrate with my Lincoln family than by partnering to provide this free community concert to Lincoln again in 2007.” Polochick said that the concert will include popular patriotic music including “Fanfare for the Common Man,” “1812 Overture” and “Stars and Stripes Forever.”

“The stations of Broadcast House are thrilled to support the City of Lincoln’s annual 4th of July celebration,” said Mark Halverson, Broadcast House General Manager. “Last year’s event, with the addition of the live performance to the fireworks by Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra, was a spectacular showcase event. We were honored to broadcast that performance on all four of our radio stations. On behalf of NewsTalk 1400 KLIN, B107.3, Froggy 98 and LINC-FM, we are once again thrilled to be part of this year’s celebration.”

“The Lincoln Jaycees are excited to work again with the City of Lincoln, Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra, Broadcast House and all others involved in the partnership,” said Lincoln Jaycees President Chris Peters. “We hope to make this an even better celebration than last year’s precedent-setting event.”

Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln has again agreed to underwrite the City’s cost for the Zambelli Internationale fireworks display. Other plans and specific activities for the City’s 4th of July celebration will be announced in June.
CANDIDATE DEBATES SET FOR MARCH 14, APRIL 10
Debates to be aired on 5 CITY-TV

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster County invites the public to two series of debates featuring candidates on the ballot for the spring City elections. The primary election is April 3, and the general election is May 1.

The first series of debates is set for Wednesday, March 14, in Room 113 at the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street. Seating is limited, but these debates will be aired live by the City’s government access cable channel, 5 CITY-TV, and taped for rebroadcast. The schedule and invited candidates are:

- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - City Council District 2 — Allan Abbott, Jon Camp, and Jane Kinsey
- 7 to 8:30 p.m. - Mayor – Chris Beutler, Mike Deal, Ken Svoboda, and Roger Yant

The second series of debates is set for Tuesday, April 10, in the Bevins Family Life Center on the main floor of Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 “M” Street. 5 CITY-TV also will tape these debates for rebroadcast. The tentative schedule is:

- 1 to 2 p.m. - Lincoln Public School’s Board of Education - Doug Evans and Richard Meginnis
- 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. - City Council District 1 – LaRae Eifert and Doug Emery
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - City Council District 2 – the two nominees from the April 3 primary election
- 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. - City Council District 3 – Jonathan Cook and John Erickson
- 6 to 7 p.m. - City Council District 4 – Annette McRoy and John Spatz
- 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Mayor - the two nominees from the April 3 primary election

Candidates for Airport Authority candidates will be invited to the April 10 debate to visit with voters in the area reserved for distributing campaign materials. If a debate must be cancelled, short forums for Airport Authority candidates may be scheduled.
To reach the Bevins Family Life Center from the west doors, use the elevator (“M” button). If entering the church through the south door, go up the interior stairs and walk away from the sanctuary. Parking is available across 11th Street or in the parking garage one block south of the church. Free space may be available on the street or in the garage under the church (enter from 11th Street).

Debate co-sponsors include the Lincoln-Lancaster Women’s Commission; the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging; the National Council of Negro Women (Lincoln Section); the North 27th Street Business and Civic Association; and Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Funding for the debates is provided by the League of Women Voters of Lincoln-Lancaster Education Fund, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Audience members are asked to not wear or otherwise display items indicating support of specific candidates while in the forum/debate area.

For a schedule of air times, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and click on the 5 CITY-TV logo. The forums and debates also will be available through video-on-demand through the Web site.
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TREE REMOVAL PART OF IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
AT VAN DORN, 9th AND 10th STREETS

Beginning the week of March 12, designated median trees will be removed to prepare for a traffic improvement project near the intersection of Van Dorn with 9th and 10th streets.

Construction on the project to improve safety and traffic flow is expected to begin in May. However, due to migratory bird constraints, some trees south of Van Dorn between 9th and 10th streets will be removed at this time. Only trees that conflict with the construction project, that have been damaged by storms or vehicles, that are diseased or that raise other concerns will be removed. When the project is complete in August 2007, new trees will be planted.

There have been a significant number of crashes involving vehicles headed north on 10th Street and turning west at Van Dorn. The project will create two left-turn lanes for the northbound traffic. The improvements also include the installation of new traffic signals and a sidewalk on the north side of Van Dorn to connect 9th Street with the existing pedestrian underpass to Van Dorn Park. Engineers expect the project will enable the intersections to accommodate the high volume of semi-trailer and passenger traffic and to reduce crashes at this location.

More information about the project can be found on the City of Lincoln Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: VanDorn). You also may call Kris Humphrey in the City Public Works and Utilities Department at 441-7592.
HOMELAND SECURITY
Senate begins debate of omnibus homeland security measure. The Senate started debate this week of legislation (S 4) that would implement a number of the recommendations of the September 11 Commission. The measure includes a variety of homeland security proposals, some of which were included in legislation (HR 1) approved by the House last month.

Chief among the provisions of the bill for local governments is the proposed formula for the distribution of federal homeland security grants. The House version of the bill would guarantee each state at least 0.25 percent (down from the current 0.75 percent) of the total annual funding for formula programs at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Border states would be guaranteed 0.45 percent. The Senate bill, in an acknowledgement of the influence of rural states in that chamber, would guarantee 0.45 percent to each state.

The Senate bill would also authorize a new four year, $3.3 billion program at DHS that would provide grants to first responders for improved communications. It also includes provisions to create eligibility guidelines for the $1 billion interoperability program (paid for by the sale of broadcast spectrum) to be conducted by DHS and the Commerce Department this year.

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The measure would also authorize funds for mass transit, railroad, port, and aviation security programs at DHS.

The most debated items this week were proposals to allow TSA screeners the ability to enter into collective bargaining agreements, as well as the implementation of new driver’s license requirements.

The Senate is expected to debate the homeland security bill through next week.

TRANSPORTATION
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passes SAFETEA-LU technical corrections bill. On Thursday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved legislation to make some minor technical corrections to the 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

In addition to freeing up funds for transportation research programs, the bill would grant the 12-member National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission more time to explore highway funding alternatives. Department of Transportation Secretary Mary Peters, who chairs the commission, asked lawmakers for extra time. To date, nothing significant has come from the committee, though it has spent a considerable amount of time discussing how public-private partnerships could bring new funding to our nation’s highway system. Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) recently expressed concern that the commission “seems to be moving in the direction of replacing the highway trust fund with public-private partnerships.”

The commission’s final report was extended by six months and is now due by December 31, 2007. It is expected to initiate a debate about ultimately changing the funding mechanism that pays for highway programs. Lawmakers anticipate that issue to be a major component of the next highway bill. The current law expires in FY 2009.

Meanwhile, a House panel approved a $5.1 billion transit security bill this week.
Thursday, a subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee approved draft legislation to authorize more than $5.1 billion from FY 2008 to 2011 for rail, mass transit, and bus security. “High-risk” and “medium-risk” transit systems, as determined by the Department of Homeland Security, would be eligible recipients of the funds.

The measure would also authorize new grant programs for rail ($2.4 billion), mass transit ($3.7 billion), and private bus ($87 million) security from FY 2008 to FY 2011. The full committee plans to take up the draft bill on March 6. The corresponding Senate bill (S 1) that is currently on the floor, would authorize $1.1 billion from fiscal 2008 to 2011 to safeguard people and cargo aboard rail and other surface transportation vehicles.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

House passes measure to expand access to HUD brownfield redevelopment funds. The House unanimously passed legislation (HR 644) that would reauthorize the Brownfields Economic Development Initiative Program (BEDI) through FY 2012 and would make it easier for communities to tap into the program.

Administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), BEDI complements the Environmental Protection Agency’s brownfield assessment and remediation programs by providing grants and loans for the redevelopment of brownfields. Under current law, local governments must commit future Community Development Block Grant funds as collateral for BEDI grants and loans since BEDI is authorized as part of the Section 108 Loan Program. HR 644 would repeal that requirement. BEDI grants and loans would remain subject to all other Section 108 requirements and regulations.

Bill supporters argue that many communities cannot take advantage of BEDI because they have reached their Section 108 borrowing limit or fear doing so as well as compromising other community and economic development plans. They hope that decoupling the program from Section 108 loan limits will increase participation in BEDI and bolster brownfield redevelopment.

The bill now heads to the Senate. Similar bills have passed the House in recent years but failed to see Senate action.

**WATER RESOURCES**

House panel revisits clean water infrastructure bill. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee reconsidered legislation (HR 720) to reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund that it previously approved on February 7 by a vote of 55-13.

The Committee needed to revisit the bill after the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) determined that passage of the bill would encourage local governments to issue more tax-exempt bonds to finance wastewater infrastructure projects, thereby reducing federal revenue. Under House rules, any reduction in revenue must be offset. The Committee addressed that issue by approving an amendment that would increase tonnage fees for foreign ships entering the country.

The House is scheduled to consider the bill next week, along with two other water and wastewater infrastructure bills recently approved by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The first (HR 569) would authorize $1.8 billion over five years for grants to replace combined industrial and residential sewers. The second (HR 700) would reauthorize, at $125 million year, a pilot grant program that assists local governments with alternative water supply projects. (See the February 2 Washington Report for a detailed description of all three bills).

**ENVIRONMENT**

White House proposal on fuel tank inspections met with skepticism on Capitol Hill. The President’s FY 2008 budget proposal for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) included a recommendation to relax inspections of underground fuel storage tanks. Leaking tanks have been linked to contaminated drinking water supplies.

The 2005 Energy Act placed additional requirements (and authorized additional funds) on states for the inspections. However, Congress and the Bush Administration have yet to provide the additional funds, choosing instead to use the bulk of the Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) trust funds for deficit reduction purposes. The Bush proposal would allow storage tank owners to conduct annual inspections on their own, and they would then be subject to periodic state inspection.

While the LUST fund generates about $200 million annually, Congress has appropriated just over $70 million annually for cleanup and inspections. The Government Accountability Office estimates that cleaning half of the 117,000 known leaking tanks in the U.S. would cost about $12 billion.

Senior members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, including Ranking Member Joe Barton (R-TX), were not particularly receptive to the White House proposal.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

Department of Transportation

The Federal Aviation Administration has announced the guidance for the Small Community Air Service Development Program for FY 2007. The program is designed to serve communities with smaller airports that have insufficient air service or unreasonably high airfares as well as communities that do not currently have air service. FAA is expected to award 40 grants with no more than 4 per state with $10 million available. Over the years funding has ranged from $20,000 to $1.6 million. Application deadline is April 27, 2007. For more information see: [http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/pdf/100/455917_web.pdf](http://dmses.dot.gov/docimages/pdf/100/455917_web.pdf)

Department of Health and Human Services

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) announced that applications will now be accepted for the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Targeted Capacity Building Program. This program funds community organizations that help with address the needs of the homeless and at-risk youth, rehabilitation for drug addicts and prisoners re-entering the community, and providing social services to rural
communities. HHS has $16.5 million to award to an estimated 33 applicants. The maximum grant allotment is $500,000. A non-federal match of 20 percent of the total cost of the project is expected of each applicant. The application deadline is May 16, 2007. For more information see: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html.

**Department of Veterans Affairs**
The VA announced guidance for VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program for FY2007. This program provides aid to construct and maintain supportive housing that accommodates homeless veterans with the hope of helping veterans attain housing stability, adequate income support and self sufficiency. Priority will be given to projects that support underserved women veterans with dependent children. Approximately $10 million is available and the application deadline is April 4, 2007. For more information see: http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=3

**Department of Health and Human Services**
Administration for Children and Families has announced guidance for the Basic Center Program. The purpose of this program is to establish and/or strengthen community based organizations that provide temporary shelter and counseling for runaway and homeless youth. There is an anticipated $18.3 million available and the grant will fund 91-140 applicants with an award ceiling of $200,000. Applicants must also provide a 10 percent match. Applications are due April 23, 2007. For more information see: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CY-0063.html
FEWER LINCOLN AND LANCASTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENGAGED IN HEALTH RISK BEHAVIORS IN 2005

Fewer Lancaster County high school students are engaging in several health risk behaviors compared to their counterparts from 10 and 15 years ago, according to the 2005 Lancaster County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) results. Survey results along with public health comments on the survey results were recently posted on the City’s InterLinc web page at www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/data/epi/yrbs2005/YRBS2005.pdf.

Two highlights of the survey involve tobacco use and seat belt usage. Tobacco addiction is often established in early adolescence, resulting in lifelong tobacco use, which contributes to lung cancer, heart disease and other leading causes of death. The 2005 YRBS survey results indicate improvement over the last decade in the percent of teens who have ever smoked, those who smoked during the past 30 days and those who smoked every day for the past 30 days. According to Charlotte Burke, Division Manager for Health Promotion and Outreach: “These results indicate that smoke-free programs and state-sponsored anti-tobacco media campaigns as well as our local comprehensive program aimed at preventing youth initiation of tobacco use are helping to change youth and community attitudes regarding tobacco use.”

![Figure 1: Tobacco Use*](High School Students)

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*Grade Adjusted
Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for adolescents in the United States. More than 4,000 youth 11 to 18 years of age die each year in motor vehicle crashes, making this category the leading cause of adolescent unintentional injury death. Occupant restraints (seatbelts) are proven to reduce the risk of death and serious injury in a crash by 55% when used properly. In 2005, only 47.7% of Lancaster County youth surveyed reported always wearing a seatbelt when riding with someone else (Figure 2). Nevertheless, these data indicate improvement from a decade ago. There appears to be a slow, but steady increase in both the percent of high school students who always buckle their seatbelts, as well as reductions in the percent of students who never or rarely buckle their seatbelts. Since unintentional injuries are a major concern for children and teens, improving restraint use and bicycle helmet use will continue to be a focus of education efforts of the Health Department and Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County.

In addition to the highlighted areas, there have been improvements during the past decade, as well as over 2003, in the percent of students who engaged in physical activity in 2005. There have also been reductions in the percent of students involved in a physical fight, students’ level of sexual activity, and those who considered suicide. Alcohol use and illegal drug use continue to show only slight, if little improvement.

The 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) survey is being conducted in public schools throughout the county this spring and we hope to release the data from the 2007 survey later this year. Information from the YRBS survey helps both in determining local programs aimed at intervention and in evaluating the effectiveness of those programs. The Lancaster County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) has been conducted by the Health Department every other year since 1991, coinciding with the State’s YRBS survey.
Annexation by Ordinance
Ordinance No. 18878
Effective: February 20, 2007
22.9 Acres
Annexation by Ordinance
Ordinance No. 18880
Effective: February 27, 2007
379.25 Acres
Annexation by Ordinance
Ordinance No. 18881
Effective: February 27, 2007
336.63 Acres
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Coleen Seng
      Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Walker, Planning

DATE : March 2, 2007

RE : Waiver No. 07001
      (Hartland's Cardinal Heights 2nd Addition CUP - N.W. 57th & W. Thatcher Lane)
      Resolution No. PC-01041

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2007:

Motion made by Carroll, seconded by Cornelius, to approve Waiver No. 07001, requested by Hartland Homes, Inc., to waive the lot depth-to-width ratio requirements associated with the Hartland's Cardinal Heights 2nd Addition Community Unit Plan, on property generally located at N.W. 57th Street and West Thatcher Lane.

Motion for approval carried 7-0: Cornelius, Taylor, Carroll, Krieser, Esseks, Sunderman and Carlson voting 'yes' (Larson and Strand absent).

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
    Lyle Loth, ESP, 601 Old Cheney Road, Suite A, 68512
    Hartland Homes, Inc., P.O. Box 22787, 68542
    Jeff Schwebke, Arnold Heights Neighborhood, 4230 N.W. 54th, 68524
    Karen Griffin, Arnold Heights Neighborhood, 3931 Castle Cir., 68524
RESOLUTION NO. PC-01041

WHEREAS, Hartland Homes Inc. previously submitted for approval by the City Council, Hartland's Cardinal Heights 2nd Community Unit Plan, generally located at N.W. 57th Street and West Thatcher Lane; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Municipal Code Section 26.23.140(a) requires that lots have a maximum depth of three times its width in subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, applicant has requested a modification to waive said requirement for Hartland's Cardinal Heights 2nd Addition Community Unit Plan pursuant to § 26.31.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended approval of the requested modifications to the Land Subdivision Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the strict application of the lot depth to width ratio in Hartland's Cardinal Heights 2nd Addition Community Unit Plan would result in actual difficulties or substantial hardship or injustice to the property owner.

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

1. That the provisions within Sections 26.23.140 of the Land Subdivision Ordinance requiring that lots have a maximum depth of three times its width in subdivisions, is hereby waived for Hartland's Cardinal Heights 2nd Addition Community Unit Plan, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.
The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 28th day of February, 2007.

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 : March 2, 2007

RE : Special Permit No. 07003
     (On-sale liquor: 901 Oak Street)
     Resolution No. PC-01040

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Motion for conditional approval carried 7-0: Cornelius, Carroll, Taylor, Sunderman, Krieser, Esseks and Carlson voting 'yes' (Larson and Strand absent).

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    Public Works
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    DJ Salia Investment Properties, 901 Oak Street, 68521
    Karl Jensvold, West O Area Business Association, 4601 Faulkner Court, 68516
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    Richard Wiese, West O Street Neighborhood, 6300 W. Superior Street, 68524

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SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 07003

WHEREAS, D.J. Salia has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 07003 for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises generally located at 901 Oak Street, legally described as:

Lot 90 i.t., located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 10 East of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this 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.

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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 sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises of the restaurant as designated on the site plan.

2. The construction plans must comply with the approved plans.

3. Before the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, all development and construction must conform to 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. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall be binding and obligatory upon the Permittee, its successors, and assigns. The building official shall report violations to the City Council which may revoke the special permit or take such other action as may be necessary to gain compliance.

6. The Permittee shall sign and return the City's letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 60 days following approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The City Clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filing fees therefor to be paid in advance by the Permittee.
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ATTEST:

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ATTEST:

Chair

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Chief Assistant City Attorney
The week of March 5, 2007, K2 Construction of Lincoln will be starting construction (weather permitting) of a replacement water main and water service reconstruction for the Engineering Services Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department.

The scope of the work involves boring a 6" water main on the east side of North 66th Street from Havelock Avenue to Morrill Avenue. The other part of the project involves transferring water services from an existing 4" water main to a 12" water main. This takes place in Ballard Avenue from No. 61st to No. 70th Streets. The construction will be complete in May, 2007, barring weather or unforeseen conditions.

The City of Lincoln realizes this project may temporarily inconvenience you. Notifications of closure or access to your property will be given to you in a timely order, as the contractor progresses through the project.

If you have any problems or questions during the construction period, please contact K2 Construction Superintendent, Tom Rogge at (402) 770-5728 or the City of Lincoln Project Manager, Warren Wondercheck.

Warren Wondercheck, Senior Engineering Specialist
Engineering Services, Public Works and Utilities
Phone: (402) 441-7014
Cell: (402) 540-2750
Email: wwowondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov

K2 Construction Office
Office Hours: 8:00 - 5:00
(402) 467-2355
Tammy,

Please include in the Directors’ Packet.

Jonathan:

I don't believe we need to do a performance evaluation on Time Warner, as we have had plenty of time to evaluate their performance. They suck!
We need a new and different cable television in Lincoln, providing us with the option of choosing which one we wish to connect with.

Once again last week, I had no TV on Friday night. Of course no one is available at Time Warner until Monday, so it meant no TV all weekend. Luckily, on Saturday a friend was able to unhook and rehook the TV, which rebooted it, and I was able to have TV. Having suffered a stroke earlier this year, it is impossible for me to climb under the bookcase to do this.

Please - please - do not allow this to continue. Allow us to make a choice and not let Time Warner dictate to us. I pay my bill on time, I should have that avenue.

Joyce Morgan
March 6, 2007

Beth Scarborough
President
Time Warner Cable Nebraska
5400 So. 16th Street
Lincoln, NE 68512

Dear Ms. Scarborough;

I am in receipt of your letter (which has no date) trying to explain away the problems with the Navigator system. The letter doesn’t really explain much of anything to me. At this point in time, I cannot see ANY improvements! I personally do not care about making improvements so that the digital phone customers can have Caller ID on the TV screen — I will never have a digital phone from Time Warner — why should I have to suffer so that service can be implemented?!?! Leave me with Passport, and make those people that wish to have those services pay more for them with another product.

I watched you appear before the City Council on the news last night, and can’t really say that I feel any more comfortable after hearing your testimony. Ironically, right after that, I had to reboot, just like I do about once a week. I agree with the gentleman that said Time Warner has no problem with the billing, but can’t seem to get the service right. I don’t really think it is fair that so far, the only people getting any sort of compensation are those that have complained the loudest. You should be compensating all of us — for having to put up with this lousy service!!!!!!

In conclusion, I am glad that the City Council voted for performance evaluation of Time Warner — I don’t understand how you think this is an overreaction. How much time do you people need to come up with a product that works before you put it out into the community?

Sincerely,

Barb Ferris
1140 Idylwild Drive
Lincoln, NE 68503
402-489-3607

CC: Jonathan Cook
February 28, 2007

Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: FY 07-08 Budget

Dear Council Members:

We read with interest the February 14, 2007 Deena Winter City Hall article on how difficult it is for the City Council to identify cuts to reach the 94% budget for FY 07-08. Hundreds of people that we represent are currently working on their budget and feel your pain. However, our members are making the very difficult budgetary decisions and identifying priority program items. If these priority items are not funded, staff will be cut and services to Lincoln residents will be reduced.

We do not believe that a double standard should exist in preparing the FY07-08 budget. The City Council should not be exempted from putting items on priority funding list and suffer a loss of services to your constituents, just like our departments and members are not exempt.

Sincerely,

Les Helms
ATU

Dave Engler
LFFA

Gary Meier
LCEA

Jeff Hillabrand
LPU

cc. Mayor Seng
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City: Lincoln, NE 68522
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Email: jfurstenau@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Saturday March 3, 2007
Guess what, the snow plow finally went by, this is the third time it took three days to get to my street. If I fail to scoop my walks, you can fine me. But the city is not holding itself to the same standard. By the time the city comes by my house, the street is a packed dozen sheet of ice. I guess the only fair thing is for the city to refund the portion of my property tax that goes to snow removal. After all, I am paying for a service that I am not receiving. If this cannot be done, you really need to fire the person in charge of snow removal. If a citizen is not allowed excuses, the city should not be allowed excuses. I look for to the refund.
Good morning,

I have read with great interest about the City Council’s hearing on the performance of Time Warner, particularly as it relates to the new navigation software that’s been operational (and I use that term loosely) since December.

I was particularly amused with the line (in the Journal Star) that indicated that customers are being compensated for their troubles. (“Shrewsbury said the cable company is compensating subscribers who have endured or still are having persistent problems. Compensation is determined on an individual basis, she said.”) That was certainly news to me!

As I sit here on March 5, after using the software since before Christmas, I await any kind of compensation, or satisfaction with the software. As to the fact that the software was updated prior to last Friday (just in time for the council’s hearing), I would like to know why, if everything is remedied as the cable company would like us to believe, I am still having trouble. I’ve called customer service (again, using that term VERY loosely – “Reboot the cable box” is not really service, yet that’s the answer I get every time) repeatedly since the change was made in December. I’ve also had a live technician human being stand here in my living room to diagnose the issue – to date, he was the only employee that’s indicated to me that he’s concerned about my viewing experience. Sadly, he couldn’t fix my problem without suggesting that I change to outdated wiring for my system.

Let me say that I am not a new customer, or a light user. I have been a subscriber to cable service in Lincoln since 1985. Currently, I have 2 digital boxes, an HD DVR, I use Roadrunner, I have multiple movie channels, and I have the sports tier, the HD tier, and more. My bill runs around $175 a month. I have used digital cable and the DVR since the day I was told that they were available in my area. In March 2006, I tried to add TW phone service, but was told (in error) by customer service that it was not available at my address. The afore-mentioned technician that came in late December told me that if I have Roadrunner, which I’ve had here since my house was built, I could also have TW phone since they share the same feed.

All of this is to point out that I’m not a casual customer. In the interest of full disclosure, I should also point out that I own Time Warner stock as well.

This whole situation frustrates me to no end, and I would today give Time Warner the lowest marks I would ever give for the product AND for customer service. This transition has been a disaster since day 1, and I just couldn’t keep that to myself any longer. It infuriates me to see that customers are getting compensated when I have not been. I have 2 friends that have complained loudly enough that they’ve since “gotten a deal.” I think everyone affected should be offered the same thing. If it takes jumping up and down, waving my arms, and saying “PLEASE HELP
ME, AND PLEASE DON’T CHARGE ME FULL PRICE FOR SUBSTANDARD FEATURES AND SERVICE!”, then please let this email serve as that message.

It also irritates me that if I were currently a dish user, Time Warner would bend over backward to entice me to make the change to cable, but as a 21+ year customer, I am taken for granted.

Customer service is laughable – with the exceptions of (I believe his name is) Sean (or Shawn) that mans one of the counters in the lobby, and the technician that came to my house (sadly, I didn’t get his name), no one has helped me at all. NO ONE. I’ve called 3 or 4 times, and gotten no help other than “Reboot the box.” My computer does not have to be rebooted every day, and it still works fine. My telephone never needs a reboot. My electricity does not need a reboot. The HD DVR I have, and the digital box I have and the DVR that I turned in never needed a reboot. When I hit POWER, I expect the service. If not, why am I paying full price? And why am I now paying significantly more than I paid in November 2006 for something that DID WORK then, and DOESN’T WORK now? There were no new channels. No new service. Caller ID on the TV? Big deal – how about actual TV shows that work on my TV? That’s what I pay for, isn’t it? I’ve sent questions in via the Time Warner Lincoln website, asking about things like the NFL Network, and new HD channels, and more – and never have gotten 1 single reply. Ever. That’s laughable.

And as for the assertion in the newspaper that the new software works? I disagree. If “it’s not broken as badly as it was in December” is the definition of it working, then maybe. However, I still cannot change from an HD channel to a standard channel, or vice versa, without the screen going black (or blue).

I use current technology – a DLP 1080p HD television, 5.1 digital surround sound, and HDMI cables for video and optical cables for audio. The existing HD DVR box worked well with everything – for the first time, I had true digital surround sound from the cable, and a flawless picture on the HD set – until the software update. Now, no digital sound (I can tell by a light on my receiver), and the problems when changing channels. The technician’s solution was to lose the HDMI cables – which are the newest technology and were very expensive – to go backward to component cables. That would diminish the picture and the sound quality. Why won’t the software work with current, widely available technology? The old Passport did. Time Warner did NOT build a better mousetrap, and it’s now clear that we are nothing more than guinea pigs or beta testers.

How about these features that I used to pay less for, and worked like a charm, but are now missing:

- When fast forwarding, then hitting Play, the video would bounce back a couple seconds to account for the time delay in pressing the buttons
- When I have a list of recorded shows, I used to be able to move them up and down the list in terms of priority, so if something were to be erased, I’d have more say in what that would be
- When watching DVR shows, or rewinding and forwarding, it would show hours, minutes, AND SECONDS of the spot you were in a program
- When setting a show (series) to be recorded, you could identify “This channel, or any channel” and “This time, or any time”, etc. One software update fixed a portion of that, but you have to save a series again from scratch – anything saved can’t be edited in that way.
- When I had a whole bunch of series recordings, I could change the “importance” of my shows by moving them
up and down the list. That did wonders for resolving recording conflicts.

Of course, the new program guide leaves a ton to be desired:

- The font is not very readable, you can’t make changes to the color scheme
- Often – VERY often – every channel is shown with “N/A” for programming
- The program descriptions are very often (although it’s improved since December) lacking descriptors like “new” or “repeat”
- Often, when there actually is a decent description of a show, the text gets cut off.
- Information on movies – ratings, content, etc. is lacking from what it was.

How about features for HDTV’s or other useful features:

- The “screen saver” function of the cable box only covers the area that a standard TV would have, so the bars on the side of an HD set are still open to burn in
- The program guide and banners do not fully cover the width of the screen on an HD set
- Direct TV is touting up to 100 HD channels by the end of this year. Will there be any additions to the HD tier? 6 channels is really not that great – how about ESPN2, Fox Sports Net, Food, HGTV, etc.
- How about a meter that indicates how full a DVR is, and about how much time is still open to recordings?
- How about a 2-room DVR?

I could go on and on, but I think you get the point. **I really want to be a customer**, but it’s increasingly hard to be convinced. For about $99 a month plus tax, I can bundle phone, cable, and satellite service from the phone company. Can anyone honestly say that the product I am getting and the service alongside of it are worth nearly double?

For about $100 a month, I can get satellite service with at least 25 HD channels, and 2 movie services, and a 2-room DVR, and a more useful and effective guide. I’ve priced it and there are simply more channels, plus many more HD channels, for a lot less money. Consumer Reports has indicated for many years in a row that customer satisfaction is higher with satellite than cable.

**I really want to stay with Time Warner**, but this has gotten to the point of almost being silly. How much more, as a customer, do I need to do? I’ve asked for help, repeatedly. I’ve paid my bill – a very expensive bill – on time with no issues for two decades. I’ve used the services and recommended them to others. What really are my obligations, and shouldn’t I be expecting more for my money?

I’ve hesitated to send this, and I’ve thought long and hard about putting my name to it, because someone at Time Warner may just get angry and cut off my service, but every story in the paper says that you want the feedback. I guess now I will see for myself if that’s true.
I look forward to a reply, and certainly feel I deserve whatever compensation others in my situation have been given. I could just change to satellite, and come back for a deal, but I don’t really operate that way – if I change, I’m likely not to come back. **I don’t know how many ways I can say, or how many more of my actions can show, that I want to be a customer.** Please don’t make it so hard to do so.

Thank you for your time,

Jim Hogg

Lincoln
Sorry I could not make it to the City Council meeting today but the Cablevision is an issue at my house. We just bought a new TV in November which had HD as part of the features. So we went and upgraded to the DVR box that Cablevision offers for HD viewing. It has never worked properly. We thought it was the TV since it was new and had the service man come to our house twice. They said it was the box so we went and exchanged the box which is what Cablevision recommended. It still has not worked and Cablevision did not have a solution for us after many phone calls with this subject.

Cablevision said they compensated viewers that were having difficulty with the box. We have not been compensated nor was an offer made. We did not know we had to ask for this. Needless to say, our house is across town from Cablevision so it is 1/2 hour drive from our house to them.

Bottom line - our TV does not work very well with the box. We get the "blue screen of death" which means we have to turn the TV off, wait awhile, and then try it again to see if the screen will come on. Very frustrating.

Just wanted to provide input with the service we are receiving from Cablevision and to correct a point made at a previous meeting on compensation. I don't want the money - I want the box to work.

Thank you for allowing me to provide comments.

Dorothy Porath
Accountant III
(402) 471-5570
Position Statement
For Immediate Release

Contact: Coby Mach
Executive Director
466-3419

The Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) would like to thank the City Council for delaying action on the Storm Water Bond issue for one week.

LIBA would like to provide three observations and a solution.

Our first observation is that the proposed spending for preliminary engineering and/or design fees with bond funds is excessive. The reason, in our opinion, is that a significant amount of this spending would be more accurately described as being spent on studies and conceptual plan development rather than engineering fees. The watershed models and studies that have been developed to date do not have a 20 year life span. At best, watershed plans are like the Comprehensive Plan, they have a life cycle of about 5 years. The City’s experience with the two Beal’s Slough watershed studies in less than five years demonstrates this fact. This expenditure pattern is also demonstrated with the 2005 Bond funds as well. In round numbers, the city has spent to date $4.1 Million of the 2005 bond. $1.87 Million of that $4.1 Million has gone to private engineering consultants and $258,000 has gone to city engineers. That is 54% of the “spent” funds going to engineering and more still needs to be done. These “engineering” fees are being spent to do more than just design specific construction projects. We must stop using bond funds to pay for studies and plans that do not have 20 or more years of value. We paid city staff a quarter of a million dollars that will take the taxpayers 20 years to pay-off. This is like paying 6 police officers to work in 2007, but bonding their salary for the next 20 years.

A second observation is that the public assumes these bonds are to fix existing problems, not pay more than a million dollars simply to acquire conservation easements on flood prone/plain land well outside the existing City limits. The taxpayers said no in the last elections to bonds to acquire green space easements along the South beltway. LIBA believes it is hard to distinguish that green space from conservation easements. We do not believe that most citizens are in favor of paying a property tax for 20 years to acquire open areas in the country that by definition are not in the flood plain and are not needed for any flood protection purpose. Watershed Management has said that using bond funds for conservation easements is an opportunity to create a significant green belt for the city of Lincoln. If that is the goal, please state this in the bond language.

Our third observation is that the city has started down the path of using bond proceeds to engineer projects that will not be completed with the same bond funds. While occasionally investing in engineering work on major projects in advance may be prudent, making this a routine practice is not fiscally sound given the fact that future funds are subject to taxpayer approval of future bond issues. LIBA encourages the city to stop engineering projects that will not be constructed with funds available from the same bond...
issue. We risk having projects "engineered" that can not be completed if the voters were to vote down future bonds.

To improve upon the current proposal, we would suggest that the Council consider doing the following: First, lower the bond amount to no more than $6 million dollars and impose the following restrictions on the use of the bond funds:

A. No bond funds shall be spent on watershed master plans or concepts.
B. All engineering and design fees shall be spent for work on specific, identifiable projects that have as their primary purpose protecting the public from flood and storm water damage.
C. No bond funds shall be used to acquire more land or conservation easements in either flood prone areas or any flood plain, except as may be necessary to construct improvements to protect the public from actual flood and storm water damage.

LIBA further proposes the following specific line item reductions from the proposed project list and suggests that the City Council scrutinize the list to find and remove additional projects that are "desires" rather than true "needs" to reduce the projects to the requested bond amount. The Council should also determine if any of these projects should fall under the responsibility of the NRD. This is imperative at a time when property tax tolerance appears to be at an all-time low.

Remove all projects outside the Lincoln city limits $1,145,000
Remove all BMP projects $250,000
Remove all proposed project designs with construction in a future bond $1,150,000

In order for LIBA to consider supporting this property tax increase, we feel these changes need to be made.

If you would like more information, LIBA is willing to sit down with Council members and the Storm Water Department to discuss this bond.
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing in regards to the recent addition of a Doctor John’s at 48th and Vine. This store is located in a very populated area with a lot of retail shopping and restaurants. There is a middle school 4 blocks away and The Skate Zone is also 4 blocks away. I was extremely disturbed when the store opened and had floor to ceiling windows so that anyone passing by could look right into the store. I am even more upset at the recent addition of the sign that is now in place outside the store. The bright pink, lighted sign displays the image of a woman wearing nothing but an extremely revealing piece of lingerie. I am amazed and disappointed that the city council or planning commission would allow such a business to be in this area. I have an 8 year daughter who is at a very impressionable age and because we live in Northeast Lincoln we travel by this area everyday. What about the teenagers who attend the middle school just 4 blocks away?? Why was this business allowed in this heavily populated area of town and why weren’t any guidelines set forth as far as some discretion and/or decency to those of us who have to drive by this on a daily basis with our children?

Something needs to be done! Curtains or blinds need to be installed in the windows and the huge oversized outdoor sign of a half naked lady needs to be taken down. Don’t these people have children or how about just a little respect for others who do? This area of town is a great area with many fabulous restaurants, fast food chains, department stores, etc. Don’t let this business bring down the quality of the area, not too mention the property value of our homes.

Sincerely,

Jennifer VanNess
An action has been filed for City Council - General.

Tracking Number: 4317

Problem: my father inlaw lives at 5801 gladstone street, his daughter and I also live there as we take care of him because of his health problems. we have received a letter from the city to put in a sidewalk on the west side of the street along 58th street, he has lived at this location all his life. he brought the property in 1951 and their has never been a side walk on the west side all this time. I called the city and they said that someone called and complained about this. if you look around the neighborhood you will see that 75% of the area is with out sidewalks. also on 57th street between baldwin and knox their is still a dirt street. I know that the person who called is a person who has been trouble for my fater in law in the past. two years ago he took his lawn tractor down the grass to move the snow off the area. grandpa of course called the police and from then on we have had nothing but trouble with this person. if all it takes is to call in and complain about no sidewalks in an area then this could end up being a very big can of worms just waiting to be opened. he feels he is being harrased and this is a unfair situation. he has been living here longer than most of the other people in the area and if they do not have to put in sidewalks why should he after 56 years in the same house. I would like to know if their is a way of addressing this issue and getting this order from the city dismissed. if you need more information on how many homes do not have sidewalks in the area, I went to google earth and pulled up the address and you can see that most of the houses in the 10 square blocks around this home do not have sidewalks that go all around the homes. thank you for your time. monte a. baatz you can reach me at mfbatz@yahoo.com or write me at 5801 gladstone street lincoln nebraska 68507 or by phone (402) 466-7847 I would like not to bring our legal adviser in to this unless it is absolutly nessisary.

Comments:

The citizen has requested to be notified when the status changes.

Citizen Information

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Lancaster County Board of Commissioners  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln NE 68508  

Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and Administrative Staff  

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I hereby request written confirmation that these postcards of support for Special Permit SP06050 be included in the public record for this application, and that the total number be tallied, reported and saved as evidence of public support for this application.

Thank you, and I look forward to your reply on this request.

Jeff Atkinson  
1800 Branched Oak Rd  
Davey, NE  68336
The problem we had with Time Warner was a Pay-to-View Nebraska football game. My husband picked up the box on a Saturday morning for the afternoon game. We were unable to watch the game because the boxes are not activated until after midnight of the day picked up. He was not told this nor were a lot of other customers. We were still charged for this, and Time Warner had no concern for the dissatisfaction they caused. It would be good if Lincoln could have a Cable Company that would have concerns for customer satisfaction, not one that takes advantage of the customer. We now have a t.v dish because of all the problems we encountered with Time Warner Cable. We no longer are a customer of Time Warner. Lincoln needs a different cable company, because of a lot of problems, not just the current one. Julie Lohse
This is a comment I read from the Journal star. I do believe I was there that night.

To my representative commissioner wrote on March 07, 2007 6:20 PM:

"Interesting that Mr Workman our county commissioner visited Scriber NE drag strip on a Friday night with a church group and commented how nice the facility was and it would be nice to have a drag racing facility like this in Lincoln, so much so when he learned that Mr Sanford has been trying to build a race track in Lincoln he wrote a recommendation to John Wood with the Airport Authority that HIGHLY recommended Mr Sanford and his desire and abilities to bring NHRA drag racing to Lincoln. Now that the proposed site is in Bob Workmans district and mite bother some of his 14 neighbors he has been quoted as saying, he has told many elected officials that there is no way he will vote for the race track. One has to ask, Bob are you representing your own interest and 14 neighbors or are you representing the 250,000 people in Lancaster County that would enjoy some tax relief, create new businesses, create sales tax revenue and generally help our overall community. Please think about your actions and represent the people of Lancaster County."
Hi Cori,

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in the Yahoo! Answers Food & Drink Q&A.
Hey thanks Cori,

You guys have been doing an awesome job with gathering information from the Motorsports Task Force and recording the tremendous interest there is in a Drag Racing Facility. The county website providing information on the MSTF and its findings are very beneficial for our community. I appreciate your answer and wanted you to be aware of the support there is for motor sports and a drag racing facility in Lincoln Nebraska.

We have attended the Task Force meetings and appreciate the time, consideration and work that you and your colleagues have been putting in on this issue. The public support is overwhelming as you are finding out and we as motor sports fans, racers, car enthusiasts and hobbyists hope our County Board realizes the interest there is in motorsports with the proposed NHRA Drag Racing Facility and the benefit it will provide to our community and state.

Thanks again,

Jeff Atkinson

CBeattie@lancaster.ne.gov wrote:

Jeff - It is our policy that any correspondence received regarding an item which has a public hearing before the County Board is made part of the record. To date, no post cards regarding Special Permit No. 06051 have been received by this office. Cori

Cori Beattie, Administrative Secretary
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
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D I R E C T O R S’ A G E N D A
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule Week of March 10 through March 16, 2007 - Schedule subject to change.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

JON CAMP -

1. E-Mail from Roger Wilkening - RE: Time Warner Cable.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Information - RE: Safety Improvement Project-Intersection of 9th & 10th Streets with Van Dorn Street - Beginning the week of March 12, designated median trees will be removed to prepare for a traffic safety improvement project.

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE
 Mayor Seng’s Public Schedule  
Week of March 10 through 16, 2007  
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, March 10  
• Laser Quest of Lincoln 10th anniversary, remarks and proclamation - 2 p.m., 6802 “P” Street, East Park Shopping Center

Monday, March 12  
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation - 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, March 13  
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 3:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street

Wednesday, March 14  
• Rotary Club salute to Lincoln’s outstanding Police Officer - 11:30 a.m., Valentino’s, South 70th Street and Van Dorn

Thursday, March 15  
• Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach “Soul of the City” dinner - 6 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” Street

Friday, March 16  
• Graduation for Parks and Recreation Department’s teen volunteer training program, remarks - 2 p.m., Park Middle School, 855 South 8th Street
For Council members' packets.

Jon Camp  
Lincoln City Council  
City Council Office: 441-8793

-----Original Message-----
From: rogerswebsolutions@neb.rr.com  
To: jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov  
Sent: Wed, 7 Mar 2007 9:11 AM  
Subject: Time Werner Cable

I said I would not write to you anymore. After listening and reading about the recent vote to have time werner investigated by panel, I find it necessary to write.

Government has no role in correcting a company's problems with customers, in a free market, let the chips fall where they may and let the consumer make the choice for his/her service received.

When Government gets involved in disputes then government becomes lopsided and borders on being dictatorial.

I hope this panel is soon disbanded and all such panels are eliminated from the public domain.

Free enterprize works because the market place allows for consumer choice. No one is forcing anyone to belong to time werner cable for service, that is all voluntary, and should be allowed to remain as such.

When any panel from government gets involved in such a dispute we are heading for a communistic society run by dictators and power hungry people.

We need representation by the people for the people and of the people. He is speaking mainly for his own bitterness and hatred of a cable company.

I have had both types of service and to my findings, Time Werner has always been better service, I switched once and will never do it again.

However, again, let the market dictate who stays around and get the government out of supporting one or another service.

Roger Wilkening  
papparw@gmail.com
Safety Improvement Project
Intersection of 9th & 10th streets with Van Dorn Street

March 8, 2007

Beginning the week of March 12, designated median trees will be removed at the Van Dorn intersection with 9th and 10th streets to prepare for a traffic safety improvement project.

Construction on the project to improve safety and traffic flow is expected to begin in May. However, due to migratory bird constraints, some trees south of Van Dorn between Ninth and 10th streets will be removed at this time. Only trees that conflict with the construction project, that have been damaged by storms or vehicles, that are diseased or that raise other concerns will be removed. When the project is complete in August 2007, new trees will be planted.

There have been a significant number of crashes involving vehicles headed north on 10th Street and turning west at Van Dorn. The project will create two left-turn lanes for the northbound traffic. The improvements also include the installation of new traffic signals and a sidewalk on the north side of Van Dorn to connect 9th Street with the existing pedestrian underpass to Van Dorn Park. Engineers expect the project will enable the intersections to accommodate the high volume of semi-trailer and passenger traffic and to reduce crashes at this location.

More information about the project can be found on the City of Lincoln Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: VanDorn).