AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007
(Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES


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

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. DEC Board Meeting (Svoboda)
3. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion for the appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees. The Library Board recommendations, in priority order, Herbert J. Friedman, Patricia Taft, or Fred A. Hoke for consideration for appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees for the term September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2014. (See Attachments)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. WasteCap Nebraska - A demonstration of technology and open house for the VirtualPaint Training System on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Stephenson Truck Repair, 4201 Industrial Avenue - (See Invitation)

2. Public Open House-MoPac Trail Bridge, North 27th Street on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 2640 “R” Street - (See Invitation)
3. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings:- Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
   1.) ROOST Intense Gourmet Sandwiches, 1451 “O” Street on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 11:45 a.m.
   2.) Edible Arrangements, 70th & Pioneers Blvd., 70th & Pioneers Woods Plaza, Suite 102 on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.
   3.) Shadowbrook Salad, 5445 Red Rock Lane on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

4. Public Open House and Comment Period - Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan on Tuesday, August 28, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Bennett Martin Public Library Auditorium, 14th & “N” Streets - (See Invitation)

5. The Board of Governors of Nebraska Wesleyan University request the honor of your presence at the Inauguration and Installation of Frederik Ohles as the sixteenth President of the University on Friday, October 5, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the O’Donnell Auditorium in the Vance D. Rogers Center for Fine Arts - Campus Celebration on Taylor Commons immediately following the Installation, Campus Celebration at 5:30 p.m. - Oktoberfest Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - RSVP by Sept. 7th - (See Invitation)(Please indicate the events you will attend)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
July 25, 2007

Dan Marvin, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE  68508

Dear Mr. Marvin:

Enclosed are letters and resumes received by the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees from six persons interested in being appointed to the Library Board to fill one seven-year term created by Norm Langemach completing his term on August 31, 2007.

This group of excellent candidates responded to notices posted at all library locations as well as distributed to community, recreation and cultural centers. Individuals from the Mayor’s Board Bank who expressed interest in the Library Board were also notified of the upcoming vacancy.

At its July 17th meeting, the Library Board reviewed the qualifications of the candidates based on current and future needs of the Board of Trustees along with interest in the public library and the community as a whole. The Library Board of Trustees, as an administrative board, strives to collectively develop occupational diversity, diversity in membership, financial experience, political acumen, legal knowledge and understanding of First Amendment issues, and business/management experience.

With these needs in mind, the Library Board recommends, in priority order, Herbert J. Friedman, Patricia Taft, or Fred A. Hoke for consideration for appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees for the term September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2014.

As soon as the City Council completes its appointment process, the new board member will be contacted and the orientation process begun. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Connor

Carol J. Connor
Library Director

Enclosure:  Letters/Resumes
July 10, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Library Board

Dear Trustees:

Please consider this my application to serve on the City of Lincoln Library Board.

I am a fourth generation resident of Lincoln, a graduate of the Lincoln Public School system and the University of Nebraska, College of Law. I served two years in the United States Army Reserve as a JAGC officer, returning to Lincoln in September of 1962 and have been practicing law since that time. I am the founder and senior partner of Friedman Law Offices of Lincoln.

I have had an interest in public service for many years.

I am currently a member of the Lincoln Cable Advisory Board, serving as chair for three years, and on the negotiation team during the renegotiation of the franchise with Time Warner. If appointed, I will resign my position with CAB.

I am vice-president of Nebraska Appleseed for Law in the Public Interest, on the Board of Governors of the American Association for Justice, and on the Board of Directors and past president of the Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, and on the Board of the ADL. I also served as president of the Lincoln Action Program, and been involved with the ACLU for many years.

Philosophically, I am opposed to censorship of any kind; a strong advocate of the First Amendment rights of citizens; and firmly believe that a strong library system is an absolute necessity to this country in general and Lincoln in particular. Lincoln has a history of a strong and proud library system. We were fortunate to have the Carnegie Library, which is the one I first remember, and spent many hours in as a child, and now the Bennett Martin Library. It may be time that Lincoln considers a new downtown library,
which will be of value to a growing and progressive Lincoln. The internet has, and will continue to confront conventional libraries with many challenges, and I believe that libraries should take advantage of that technology.

I believe I have the experience and education to serve on the Library Board, and if selected, will attend the meetings and devote the time required to be a good board member.

Thank you for considering me.

Very truly yours,

FRIEDMAN LAW OFFICES

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HJF/drm
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Lincoln, NE 68516
July 6, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 S. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to be considered for the vacancy on the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees.

Libraries have always been a part of my life and as a patron of the Lincoln City Libraries, I have always found them to be a pleasurable experience and would like to now play a part in helping to keep them that way through the supportive work of the Board.

As a volunteer at Walt Branch, I have been able to experience operations from a different vantage point. With this and my community Board and leadership experience, I feel that I would bring a level of experience that complements the intent of improvement of services and efficient use of funds and other resources.

I believe that libraries are the heart of a community – and one of the few resources for all ages and socio-economic levels. Well managed libraries become the cornerstone of a strong and vibrant community with their public access to information, not only for quality living on a personal basis, but also for local business and non-profits to enhance operations. Additionally, through initiatives like One Book – One Lincoln, the Lincoln City Libraries system has united this community in immeasurable terms.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. Enclosed is a brief biographical resume for your review.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patricia (Pat) Taft
WORK EXPERIENCE

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services
Currently employed as a Program Specialist with services for aged and people with disabilities with primary role of facilitating quality planning meetings. Twenty-seven years with the Department in capacities of case manager, training specialist, resource development coordinator, volunteer program manager, and System Advocate.

CHP International, Inc.
Managed a national training project through a federal funding grant for five years.

Free-lance Trainer
Thirty years experience as a free-lance trainer, speaker, and consultant on personal and professional development, strategic planning, and volunteer program management.

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE
Previous volunteer at Walt Branch including shelf work, leading summer reading group, and providing training session for library volunteer coordinators; current member of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging RSVP Advisory Council and Marketing Chair. Recent member of the Mayor’s Cable Advisory Board; past member of United Way Board of Directors and Chair of Allocations and Chair of Volunteer Cabinet; former member and Chair of the Nebraska Commission on Volunteer Service.

FAMILY
Husband and two adult children; residents of Lincoln for 42 years.
June 28, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees,
136 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Board Members:

I would appreciate your consideration for my appointment as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries.

My personal and professional training and accomplishments parallel the breadth of experience you’re requiring for a new appointee. My work in public and private education, leadership with a number of non-profit associations, and management with diverse corporate organizations have demonstrated practical knowledge and skills necessary to maintain the outstanding work of the Library Board and support improvements in library services for the City of Lincoln.

Library services are an integral part of Lincoln’s heritage. Services need to be available to the broadest citizen spectrum over the most practical operating hours in locations most convenient to all our citizens. City libraries can maintain a breadth of services:

- Young children exploring the library for the first time with their parents;
- School-aged children using the services and search capacity of the library; and
- Citizens enjoying the library as their main repository of reading and study materials

Libraries in Lincoln can continue to incorporate the latest technology to operate efficiently. In addition to the traditional services, libraries can serve as community centers for civic activities, special projects, insightful discourse, and cultural interaction.
I enjoy and have been successful identifying ways to make non-profit and corporate services more practical, worthy and efficient. I have significant fundraising experience and success and have demonstrated that talent most recently with my elementary school leadership. I was able to turn a potential school closing into a financial success through the involvement of individual, life-long donors. My skills and diverse experiences could be beneficial to the Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Fred A. Hoke

Enclosures
FRED A. HOKE

Hoke currently serves the Home Builders Association of Lincoln as the half-time Government Affairs Director. He also works with Midwestern banks as the Senior Account Manager with Network Partners, Inc, in Lincoln and Information Technology Audit Services, LLC, in Omaha. He’s a licensed Apprentice electrician.

He most recently served as Head of Japhet School, a Madison Heights, Michigan independent, co-educational Character Education day school for students from preschool through eighth grade.

He’s a professional educator and a leader and innovator with corporations, non-profits and public schools. He’s served in administrative capacities including supervisor, director and administrative assistant of public schools.

Hoke served as the Lincoln, NE Manager of Business Development with Modis Consulting, one of the largest information technology companies in the US. Previously, he was the Branch Manager with Manpower International in Omaha, NE.

Hoke provided change management and outplacement services with Drake Beam Morin, Inc. as the Managing Consultant in its Omaha, NE office.

He served as Executive Director of the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and Executive Director of the West Virginia School Boards Association where he created the nation’s first school board member certification program enacted into state law.

As Executive Director with a Lincoln, NE professional growth, development and recruitment company, Hoke taught structured interviewing and predictive and developmental profiling to administrators and executives.

Hoke worked with governors from each political party both as a lobbyist at the state and national levels and as a director for the evaluation and recommendation of improvements in vocational education. He designed and conducted workshops, conferences and seminars at the state and national levels.

With a B.S. Degree from West Liberty State College and a Masters Degree from West Virginia University in Educational Administration, he’s written 15 articles in national professional journals and co-authored a 1996 book, Outstanding School Administrators, Their Keys to Success.
FRED A. HOKE  
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SUMMARY

A persistent, results-oriented professional with proven track record of progressive accomplishments as a leader, innovator and builder with corporations, non-profits and public schools. Special skills in executive recruiting, coaching, and management systems.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN, Lincoln, NE 2006 – Present  
A professional association of over 500 commercial and residential developers and builders and affiliate members.

Government Affairs Director  
First Director hired to implement strategic plan for moving the Association into a position of political leadership.

NETWORK PARTNERS, INC. & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUDIT SERVICES, LLC. 2005 - Present  
Two companies dealing with IT security and IT risk assessment audits for banks in the Midwest with yearly sales of over $400K.

Senior Account Manager  
Managing retainer business for banks in six states and selling services to over 300 potential banking accounts in the Midwest.

JAPHET SCHOOL, Madison Heights, MI 2002 – 2005  
A national award-winning preschool – eighth grade Character Education school with a 32-year history of superior student achievement and leadership

Head of School  
Hired to increase non-tuition revenues, increase enrollments and improve teacher performance.

- Closed inefficient daycare program, reduced non-essential staff, increased enrollments and organized programs to increase donor base and revenues received
- Established major fundraising program that raised $176K in less than one hour
- Implemented and expanded system to generate over $600K in yearly pledges and $6.7M in endowment funds
MODIS CONSULTING, Omaha, NE 1998 – 2002
A branch of the largest US Information Technology company with sales exceeding $2B

**Branch Manager/Business Development**
Recruited to create new business and to manage all Lincoln-area technical consultants.
Increased business 24% with yearly billings in excess of $2.5M

MANPOWER INTERNATIONAL, INC., Omaha, NE 1997 – 1998
World’s largest technical contractor with over $12B in sales

**Branch Manager**
Recruited to create and to open first Manpower Technical/Professional office in Omaha
- Hired national and international recruiters to place technical contractors and professionals in four states. Client billings of $50K per week

DRAKE BEAM MORIN, INC., Omaha, NE 1993 - 1997
World’s largest change management and outplacement firm

**Managing Consultant,** Omaha, NE 1995 – 1997
- Promoted to direct sales and delivery for over 20 major corporations and 200 executive clients. Exceeded revenue goal by $107K

**Certified Associate,** Lincoln, NE 1993 – 1995
- Achieved 94% placement for 354 front-line, managers, technical professionals and executives for Centel/Sprint telephone merger

NE COUNCIL OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, Lincoln, NE 1986 - 1992
Professional association of five education administration affiliates

**Executive Director**
- Founded nation’s first Academy Certification Program. Invigorated association, revitalized programs, increased member participation to 68% and expanded net revenues $130K per year and reserves from $135K to $600K.
- Established Liquid Asset Trust Fund. Achieved nation’s second most productive fund with assets of $104M in four years with $250M potential.

VENTURES FOR EXCELLENCE, Lincoln, NE 1985 – 1986
Professional growth, development, and recruitment company

**Executive Director**
Redesigned national professional growth workshops for school administrators and corporate executives. Taught over 350 administrators structured interviewing and
predictive and developmental profiling for new hires to initiate systematic professional development programs

WV SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION, Charleston, WV 1981 – 1985
Executive Director for professional association. Attracted 100% of all school board members from 55 county public school districts. Created first school board member certification program now addressed by State law. Registered lobbyist with WV Legislature.

Executive Director for Charleston-based advisory board appointed by two governors to evaluate vocational education at high school and community college levels. Registered lobbyist with U.S. Congress.

OHIO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, Wheeling, WV 1963 – 1972
A K-12 public school district with over 6,000 students

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Director of Community Education
Supervisor of Community Relations
Director of Public Information
Supervisor of Transportation and Maintenance
Adjunct Faculty, Ohio University
High School Teacher

EDUCATION

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY, MA, Educational Administration
West Liberty State College, WV, BA, English, Speech, Radio & TV
Glassboro State College, NJ, and Ball State University, IN

PUBLICATIONS

Fifteen articles published in national professional journals
Outstanding School Administrators: Their Keys to Success
Praeger, Westport, CT, 1996
Candidate Search,
Library Board of Trustees
136 S 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Ms. Carol Connor and the Library Candidate Search Committee

I received your letter and yes I would like to apply for the vacant term on the Lincoln City Libraries Board of Trustees.

My philosophy and goals in providing library service to Lincoln would be to promote life long reading and thirst for knowledge. This is especially needed in youth, who simply don’t read at the level of their parents and grandparents. Lincoln should maintain a strong central reference library in the downtown area. I believe the 4 stronger quadrant libraries need to be maintained at current levels but am torn about the thought of loosing the two small neighborhood libraries. I realize that the city budget won’t provide as much as in the past. In order to keep the flow of current media and to match Library growth with the growth of the community we will need to do a better job working with private individuals and groups to fund libraries activities.

Thank you for the consideration. I will make myself available at anytime for an interview and the further steps in the application process. My resume is attached.

Thank you

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Employment

Hamilton College of Lincoln – Adjunct Faculty, 1996-1998, 2003-present,  
I teach business classes including Management, Economics and Quantitative  
Methods. I also teach general education class such as career prep. college math,  
database concepts, and classes in Microsoft office products.  

Laboratory developed for University of Nebraska Medical Center and the  
Department of Homeland Security  

Professional Business Services – Manager Software Development, 1998-2002,  
Including developing their current PC based Medical Office Insurance software,  
Managed both software and hardware support personnel.  

S.O.A.P. Notes, Inc – President, 1988-1996, medical software company provided  
Medical Office software and support to 1500 clinics throughout the US  

Infonet – Owner, 1987-1991, retail computer stores, Lincoln and Omaha  

Pathology Medical Service, PC, – Physician's Assistant, Pathology 1976-1988

Education

M.B.A., University of Nebraska, 1984  
Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska Math, 1976

Profession Affiliations

IEEE Computer Society  
Microsoft MVP, NT Technical Advisor, MSCD VC++ Exam Contributing author  
Holder of U.S. Patent 5,296,688 Software for Recording Patient Notes  
P.A. Pathology Fellow, American Association of Pathologist's Assistants

Publications

Author Programming Windows NT 4.0 Unleashed - Sams Publishing  
Author SQL Server 6.5 Programming - Sams Publishing  
C/C++ Journal book reviewer  
Contributing author SQL Server 6.5 Unleashed - Sams Publishing  
Visual C++ Advisory Board - Author  
Contributing author, Keith Buggs Visual C++ Construction Set  
Contributor C Programmers Journal, Share Magazine, misc. computer columns
June 25, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 S 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Trustees:

Please find enclosed my resume for your consideration in filling the vacancy on the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees.

I really don’t have any preset goal or philosophy concerning the library system. Over the last four years I have used the system extensively to provide reading material for my sons. All I can say is that I will work hard to ensure access for all citizens and I will work hard to keep it the best system in Nebraska.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Moeller
Steven James Moeller
7300 South 30th Street  Lincoln, Nebraska  68516  (402) 420-5144

EMPLOYMENT

HISTORY:
Staff Attorney, Legal Division, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, 1998 to present
Research Analyst, Nebraska Governor’s Policy Research Office, 1992 to 1998
Assistant Agency Counsel, Nebraska Department of Health, 1991 to 1992
Assistant Nebraska Attorney General, 1986 to 1991
Special Assistant United States Attorney, 1988 to 1991
Deputy Hall County Attorney, Grand Island, Nebraska 1983 to 1986
Deputy Cheyenne County Attorney, Sidney, Nebraska 1979 to 1983

EXPERIENCE:

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
Litigation, litigation preparation, research and advice given on livestock waste issues, water quality issues, hazardous waste issues and solid waste issues. Appointed many times a Special Assistant Attorney General by the Nebraska Attorney General to handle litigation.

Nebraska Governor’s Policy Research Office
Researched and advised the Governor on nuclear waste issues, environmental issues, energy issues, and agricultural issues. Also as part of my duties, drafted legislation, assisted in formation of policy in these areas, and represented the State in legislative hearings, regional meetings, forums and seminars.

Nebraska Department of Health
Researched, advised and represented the Department in administrative hearings concerning acquisition of land or equipment for medical purposes, personnel issues, vital statistics, emergency medical services and other health department programs. Wrote and reviewed contracts, interpreted regulations and drafted legislation for various Health Department programs.

Nebraska Attorney General’s Office
Litigated various civil and criminal environmental cases. Litigated inmate civil rights suits (both jury and bench trials) brought under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1983, habeas corpus actions and handled appeals of these cases to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and state court system. Represented the State of Nebraska in criminal appeals before the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Special Asst. U.S. Attorney
Took part in tax fraud investigations.

Deputy County Attorney
Conducted jury and other criminal trials, both misdemeanor and felony. Also had experience in civil trials, child support cases and juvenile actions.

EDUCATION:
University of Nebraska; J.D. Degree 1979
University of Nebraska; B.A. Degree in Anthropology 1976
Lincoln Southeast High, Lincoln, Nebraska 1972

COURTS
ADMITTED:
United States Supreme Court, 1989
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 1989
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, 1986
Federal District Court for Nebraska, 1979
Nebraska Supreme Court, 1979
REFERENCES: Available upon request.
June 29, 2007

Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 So. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Hello Candidate Search Members:

I am interested in becoming a member of the Library Board of Trustees mentioned in the June 15th letter, which I received. I have been a resident of the City of Lincoln for over 25 years and can meet the qualifications as stated in your letter. I have reviewed the Board Policies listed on the Lincoln Libraries' website, read most of the previous meetings' minutes, am aware of the Tuesday meeting time and day, and feel comfortable with the expected role I should perform. Attached on separate pages are my brief biographical resume, philosophy, and goals.

I hope you find me a worthwhile candidate. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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I am sincerely,

[Signature]

Marc J. Schniederjans
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Lincoln City Library Card #2 3045 00473 6953
Brief Biographical Resume of Marc J. Schniederjans

**General Work Experience:** Marc J. Schniederjans is the C. Wheaton Battey Distinguished Professor of Business and teaches classes in management information systems, operations management, and decision sciences in the College of Business Administration at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He also teaches in the College's partnership MBA programs at Offutt Air Force Base, J. D. Edwards Honors Program and the Gallup Leadership Program. Dr. Schniederjans has won numerous teaching awards and has authored or co-authored 16 books and more than 100 journal articles in the field of management. Professor Schniederjans has served on the editorial review or advisory boards of more than 30 journals and is currently an Area Editor for the *Operations Management Research* journal. He has served as a consultant and trainer to a wide variety of national and international business and government agencies, including some in Nebraska, such as Lincoln Electric System, National Crane Corporation, Lincoln Department of Transportation, American Tool Company, American National Bank, and the North American Youth Ministry Distribution Center.

**Applicable Work Experience to Board Position:** As an educator in the area of operations management, he is a nationally recognized expert in service management, staffing, and facilities management. His research includes such topics as quality service management and journal selection and cancellation in libraries. He has pioneered Web education in the College of Business at the University of Nebraska and has served as a consultant to the City of Lincoln on service quality and conducted quality service surveys for StarTran.

**Community Service Work:** His elected board service to the Lincoln community includes six years on the Edenton South Homeowners’ Association Board of Directors as member, Vice President and President. He was also elected and served for four years on the Board of Directors of the University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union as a member, Vice-Chair and Chairman of the Board.
Marc J. Schniederjans:
Philosophy and Goals for Providing Public Library Service

In the spirit of Andrew Carnegie, my philosophy of providing library service is simply that knowledge must be shared, efficiently and effectively, to all who are interested in learning. Being a professor, I do not expect everyone to love spending time in libraries like myself or to see libraries as forests of knowledge more alive with diverse wonders of the world than the real forests from which books originate. It is my philosophical belief that libraries offer a major pulse of life for any city, a pulse of life seeking to satisfy human needs for knowledge and self-actualization. Through in-house activities and outreach technology, libraries can stimulate growth, not just in the minds of citizens who use libraries, but in the broader, basic communicative and cultural fabric that makes a city a living entity.

My goal as a Board of Trustee member would be to evaluate, and where possible, support existing library management staff to achieve their objectives. Helping the City of Lincoln Libraries to acquire more funding for staff, facilities, and collections in order to offer greater, higher quality, and more efficient and effective services would be my primary goal as a Board of Trustee member.
LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL
“NOON” MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

Members Present: Dan Marvin, Chair; Robin Eschliman, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; John Spatz; and Ken Svoboda.

Others Present: Dana Roper, City Attorney; Rick Hoppe, Administrative Aide to the Mayor; Denis Pearce, Mayoral Aide; Trish Owen, Mayoral Aide; Deena Winters, Lincoln Journal Star; Kyle Fisher, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Andre’ Mick, LIBA, Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer; Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director; Don Herz, Finance Director; Mary Meyer, City/County Clerk; and other interested parties.

The Nebraska Open Meetings Act posted on rear wall of Conference Room 113. Chairman Marvin called the meeting to order at 11:34 a.m.

I. MINUTES

Marvin called for approval of above meeting minutes. Discussion on whether meeting minutes could be audio recorded and have on file for review with elimination of transcribing minutes. City Attorney Roper stated the minutes do need to be in typed form. Minutes as presented approved by acclamation.

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

A. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
Camp stated they approved the budget and had change orders for the Health Department. Cook added they discussed systems furniture for the Courthouse Plaza, a $153,000 item. The PBC is in charge of systems furniture acquisition and management, which can moved between departments and buildings. All regular desks/chairs handled by the City and County. Discussion on savings and possible additional systems furniture. Did not have information of desks/chairs the County and/or City buys. Camp commented we buy at 27% of list price, meaning $153,000 is about $600,000 systems furniture being purchased for Courthouse Plaza. This building, 555 S. 10th, would be approximately $2 million, which would be $8 million. His thought is to possibly abandon the idea of needing new furniture, as these are very large purchases.

Cook said there was nothing additional on the Juvenile Court status, but had discussion with judges who will be involved in the process. Under New Business Cook reported they elected officers, with Hudkins being chair and Wilson vice-chair, as they are now, having done a fine job.

B. DEC Board Meeting (Svoboda)
Svoboda stated year to date the DEC is in excellent financial shape, with a 22% increase of energy used year to date, which was 4% above budget and 9% over last year. Heard the report on improvements being made to the system. Only one proposal bid received, which was considerably higher than expected. Therefore broke into five separate units, five different project pieces, including Courthouse Plaza and extending the cooling loop, and were able to obtain under budget. DEC did a white paper on the Haymarket Development which outlines what they can offer and would like it to be included in the report, the process, going forward with the 2015 Vision Group.
Discussed the new jail project. DEC is working with the County Board as they would like to provide service to the jail. Would require an off site, new location, power plant, but DEC feels even with the expansion of a power plant in the West “O” area would still develop energy at a lower rate than any other system. A number of agencies would eventually like to move to West “O” along with the County jail, and having the cooling plant would give this option, and the possibility of picking up the National Guard building.

Camp asked if the current jail was expanded would this still be possible with DEC? Svoboda replied a stretch as DEC doesn’t really have the cooling powers, at either station, close to this area and would not be able to increase the load capacity to maintain. Realize the current jail will be used for some purposes, and worried they may not have the capacity to do with the current cooling system. Camp asked how much modification is required? Svoboda would find out and report.

Camp asked with this type of savings why doesn’t LES do this for everyone? Svoboda assumed because of the structure DEC is able to operate at a lower rate. Camp said he’s trying to see the difference between LES and DEC, and why we can’t do for all of Lincoln.

C. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)
Svoboda stated fees were discussed to send to the City Council. Another item was the mobile health unit, purchased 11 years ago. With the vehicle’s age are struggling with maintaining at a cost of approximately $17,000 a year. Looking at selling the mobile health clinic. Talked to fund raisers, mainly BryanLGH and St. Elizabeth, who agree with the idea. The $17,000 saved from maintenance and use would go into a bi-lingual program. Roughly the $125,000 received from the sale of the mobile health clinic would be directed to Health Department functions, but not to personnel. So, would be a one time cost back to the Health Department.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission
Pearce stated there were concerns the City Council hasn’t had an opportunity to speak to individual candidates, one on one. Arranged with the County Board and if City Council members would like to participate in smaller interviews with candidates, could do so during the last week in August. An email was sent outlining options. If anyone wants to participate, coordinate the date, and then would ask to delay voting until September 10th.

Camp said other applicants attend meetings and feel the Planning Commission is a very important entity and not having a public hearing seems counter to what we should do. With private meetings could ask sensitive questions but doesn’t this defeat the whole public process? Pearce responded they have a City public hearing as well. Baird would be unable to attend because of a prior commitment, Moline and Francis will attend. Pearce thought some Council members wanted a chance to talk individually and trying to accommodate both ways. Svoboda said with Baird commitments does she have a date? Pearce replied recalling the resolution and that Baird’s effective date was later, as she had commitments in August and September, we said we would accommodate her. If asking if we can delay the vote another week, would check with Baird to see if she would be able to attend, and hope the other two candidates, Francis and Moline, would be there for a meeting on the 12th. Baird could be in attendance at the meeting two weeks later. If we delay another week will run into problems with the timetable.
Cook stated he understood the way the resolution was written for Baird it did not indicate a delay in her taking the position, only she would keep it slightly longer. Pearce stated Baird would not be there until the 26th. The City is meeting on the 10th, and they’re meeting on the 12th. Cook thought the appointment took effect when the Mayor signed with Pearce agreeing, but Baird’s appointment would take effect the day before the meeting on the 28th. If not in the resolution Pearce said she worded it wrong with the idea Baird would take over the day before the second meeting in September. Camp asked if terms shouldn’t be the same? Cook answered the end of the term can be the same for all. Pearce said they’re trying to keep all the terms the same, but with Baird having commitments said we would accommodate. With a six year term, you start on a date and six years later is when the term ends.

Svoboda said they are three individual appointments and asked if we couldn’t schedule public hearing and they attend when possible? Camp said his concern was a few years ago had an individual who said they would attend all meetings, but never came to the public hearing, and resigned after a year because they were absent a lot. Have a problem changing everything, not having public hearing, and delaying terms. Hoppe replied no one is saying not having a public hearing, she can be there when needed.

Eschliman said if we have concerns probably should discuss on the dias. Marvin commented we rely on people to volunteer and before it was not the custom to have people come forward. The way the County Board is doing it is the right way to talk about philosophies on planning, deciding whether you want to vote for the person. Wouldn’t hold it against someone for not coming to a public hearing. We can delay what is before us, gather questions, and work diligently to allow as many people as possible to come answer our questions when we vote.

Camp said the Planning Commission is an important body, and if other people come forward why not have Planning Commissioners come forward? We should give this body serious attention. Spatz said he agrees but reiterated there is a public hearing. Pearce said she would appreciate guidance on what Council wants. Hoppe asked if the Council wanted to hold over a public hearing, adding Francis and Moline could come next week. Marvin said if Baird is not going to attend on the 10th even though making herself available to the County Board with all members of this Council having an opportunity to visit with her about Planning views, does it negate her for her ability to be voted in on the 10th, if she doesn’t show?

Emery commented the problem is we’re changing the process, but didn’t inform the candidates. Let’s decide what the process is to be and start with the next group, so everyone knows the ground rules going in. Believe it is difficult to say we will hold Baird to this as it wasn’t the process before. Camp said he doesn’t mind waiting with having a public hearing when she’s available. Svoboda added he puts great value in all our volunteers and this appointment is probably the most important appointment any of the Council will vote on. Not often is there a chance to appoint planning commissioners. Would like to work out a schedule so all candidates come before us in a public hearing, being important for the general public to see this process. Do not have a problem with different public hearings. Pearce asked if this would apply to all boards? Svoboda replied no, just this one, because it is substantial.

Hoppe said they would contact the candidates to see if there would be a joint time all could appear before this body and if not will see if we could do another way. Pearce added if there are others coming up under this consideration, to let her know. Hoppe thought possibly starting with this Board, and then the Board of Health, and LES.
IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

The State of the City address from the Mayor will be August 30, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Hoppe said generally the Mayor’s address was connected with the budget but thought it may be wise to separate the two, as in the past focus was on the budget and not on the future of the City. Did discuss with the Council chair and felt this should be separate from a regular meeting.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. City Budget - Steven Hubka, City Budget Officer

Hubka reported the property valuation numbers received from the County Assessor and the handout shows the differences from the Mayor’s budget. Notice the final taxation for prior fiscal year 2006-2007, and the estimates used for the Mayor’s budget. On personal and centrally assessed we assumed a zero percent increase. With the number used for real property overall looking at a 2.55% percent increase in the tax base.

The estimate for real property in the tax base was 2.26%, about 4/10th of a percent less. But in personal and centrally assessed actually had decreases. Ended up with a tax base 2.03% greater than the prior year, and about ½% less than anticipated in the Mayor’s budget when introduced. Following guidance to keep the same tax rate, plus the required for voter approved bond issues, the adjustments made in the schedule ends up being further appropriation of fund balance, which we hadn’t normally done at this stage. Spatz asked what amount was being discussed? Hubka said in the General Fund it was $114,000 and the Library Fund about $28,000. We use the revenue which wasn’t used in the Mayor’s budget, make adjustments with the one-time funding sources, with overall addition of fund balance appropriations of approximately $142,000. Doesn’t change overall budget number, just means less property tax revenue and a little more on the fund balance being used to fund appropriations. Eschliman asked which fund balances? Hubka replied General and Bond Funds, which pays the debt service on the general obligation bonds. A minor consequence is we increased the tax rate to cover the bonds, the tax rate will go up a little more as valuations are a little less, talking about the fourth decimal placed on the tax rate for that particular item. We were at a 1½% increase in the rate and now at 1.6% rate increase. Hubka believes the County will be making more significant adjustments with their tax base going up about 1.65%. Camp added we’re in the County, and will also pay those.

Eschliman commented on the Web were finance shifts and changes, and is this changing again or different? Hubka replied entirely different, the post was about a provision to increase the restricted fund authority under the lid limitation, and schedules of the budget resolution, and will be incorporated into the substitute the Council will receive. Marvin stated the substitute we receive will replace what is on the Web. Hubka highlighted the changes. First, the Parks Department and After School Program will include a transfer from unspent money of the police department to cover next year, and then find future on-going funding. There was a vision name change in the Planning Department included. Will incorporate tax rate and revenue schedules with the schedules reflecting information received this morning. A blank area was in the text of the resolution but now have the numbers of the tax rate and revenue amount and will fill in.

Camp said on the one percent lid would like to make a motion regarding language in the budget resolution which would take advantage of the one percent central rate lid. Discussion followed, with no second to motion. Hubka thought this afternoon they could make the resolution to delete the paragraph, as it doesn’t relate to anything else. Eschliman said it’s like giving ourselves
permission to raise taxes if needed, but not doing at this time. Hubka replied if doing with property taxes would give the authority at some future date, or if there was a greater sales tax revenue now couldn’t spend the money beyond a point as we wouldn’t have enough authority. It could be state money which isn’t bonds or capital projects, possibly sales or property tax, any number of revenue sources. Spatz said it would have a compounding effect over time, and if we don’t do it this year it may be relevant to us in five years. Hubka replied the City is under the lid limit far enough that if we can not do this year, could do next year, or skip a year. Could do at any point until we reach the lid limit, but don’t want it to become a crisis.

Spatz said in working with school boards, they recommend the boards adopt the provision, even if they don’t anticipate using. If the sales tax base changes significantly we may be in a position where we could spend it, and it would give more flexibility over time. Spatz stated it would have a compounding effect over time. Svoboda said this should be discussed on the dias for the general public to understand.

2. Discussion for the appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees

Marvin stated the Library Board recommendations are Herb Friedman, Patricia Taft, or Fred A. Hoke. The Council recommendation will be forwarded for a resolution, and an official form, but we make the decision now. Marvin added the Library Board made three recommendations, and hopefully everyone had a chance to look at the candidates qualifications.

Cook stated he’s read all correspondence and doesn’t have any problem with the Library Board’s recommendations and asked if there is a reason to hold over with Svoboda adding it’s a single appointment. Camp said he would like to see the list of everyone currently serving and wants to see this Board diversified. Cook thought the Library Board often say they have an interest in someone with a particular background. Marvin said the Council could hold this decision over for a week but there is no Noon Meeting next week. Could the Council members spend time today meeting later to make our recommendation? Roper replied if there is a quorum that’s a problem, not a scheduled meeting.

Motion: Svoboda made motion to appoint Fred Hoke to the Library Board. Spatz seconded. Marvin solicited discussion or other comments.

Vote taken: Ayes: Camp; Cook; Emery; Eschliman; Marvin; Spatz; and Svoboda. Vote passed 7 to 0.

3. Correspondence Regarding Item #44, Old Cheney and 25th Street

Cook said there were requests for an night meeting on Item 44. The applicant requested having a public hearing on September 10th, a 1:30 meeting. Could have a public hearing on the 27th, as planned, and then continue to the 10th when the applicant will speak. Believe the neighbors would like if we waited until the last Monday in September to have an evening meeting, so they could speak at the same time. We could vote today to give indication to the public of what will happen. If we wait until next week, we have public hearing, but then to decide on informing people to come back on the 10th. They should know ahead of time. Spatz asked if suggesting having the public hearing next week? Cook replied possibly have a night meeting for people next week, or delay further with the applicant possibly here. Do think it’s appropriate.

Svoboda stated the schedule of the applicant probably most important, as they brought the process forward. The Council has occasionally tried to schedule with applicants in order to meet in an evening meeting, but this is already on the schedule, and to now come and ask the applicant
to wait a month and a half? Marvin thought the driver is that the appeal process should allow people to come on the 27th, having the right to have a hearing within 30 days. It has been requested to hold until the 10th, and with not having a meeting the following Monday the compromise would be to allow the neighbors who are creating the appeal to come to the night meeting on the 27th and then carry over so Hunzeker would be available to make his case.

Cook said there would be no additional delay to the applicant. Marvin added the applicant couldn’t come until the 10th and we are technically denying people due process regarding the 30 days, denying them the opportunity by a night meeting and putting it on the 10th. Cook said the applicant has 30 days and in this case the 27th happens to be a night meeting. The neighbors think a night meeting is important, and if we would not provide a public hearing within the 30 days at that night meeting they may have a legitimate complaint. We can vote at the beginning of the public meeting next week to hold over until the 10th, and let people speak, or wait until the 10th. Thought wise to make motion today to say we’re going to have public hearing on the 27th as scheduled, but also hold over until the 10th. They can attend the night meeting on the 27th and if they want to come during the day will have the opportunity. If Council members are interested in a single public hearing on the last Monday in September no problem as it was the applicant’s fault he couldn’t make this night meeting.

Camp asked if the appeal was set up so they could appear at an evening meeting? Should follow policies and procedures, and if the appeal was made critical on an evening meeting don’t mind waiting.

Marvin didn’t think the appeal was based on an evening meeting. Svoboda said he has no problem with waiting until the end of September, as the project could not move forward until the appeal process is completed. Cook said he’s interested in accommodating those who want to speak at a night meeting, but we have to hope the applicant can make that meeting. Marvin said he would phone Hunzeker with Camp commenting he could send a representative in his place on the 27th.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

CAMP - None

COOK - None

ESCHLIMAN - Eschliman reported on, and read sections of an article regarding cleaning and disposing of the light bulbs received at Christmas.

EMERY - None

MARVIN - Marvin led discussion on articles he read on the Pension Plan and on Omaha’s storm/sewer water. Interesting given the fact we will vote on waste water rate increases. Marvin stated Lincoln has a competitive advantage to our friends up north.

SPATZ - None

SVOBODA - None
VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
Listed on Attend Sheet.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 12:25 p.m.