

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of October 22, 2007.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of October 22, 2007.

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

- *1. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Eschliman)
- 2. Annual Joint Retreat - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (Cook)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - Business After Hours on Thursday, November 15, 2007 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of American Speed, 340 Victory Lane - Cost to attend \$10/person - RSVP by Nov. 13th to Jaime Henning.
2. Updowntowners Revealed: Who's Behind the Star City Holiday Parade? On Wednesday, November 7, 2007 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 "M" Street - RSVP by Nov. 5th to 434-6902 - (See Invitation)
3. Open House -Deadmans Run Watershed Master Plan on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m., Presentation at Warren United Methodist Church, 1205 N. 45th Street - (See Invitation)

4. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings/Ground Breakings: - Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
- A.) Utopia-Ground Breaking, 8540 Amber Hill Road on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.
 - B.) The Spectacle Place-Ribbon Cutting, 5801 S. 58th, Suite A on Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
 - C.) The Spectacle Place-Ribbon Cutting, 201 Capitol Beach, Suite 11 on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM OCTOBER 29, 2007.**

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

Others Present: Denise Pearce, Mayoral Aide; Trish Owen, Mayoral Aide; Rick Hoppe, Administrative Aide to the Mayor; Deena Winter, Lincoln Journal Star; Mary Meyer, City/County Clerk and other interested parties.

Copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posted on rear wall of Room 113.

Chair Marvin opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

I. MINUTES

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Marvin called for approval of above meeting minutes. With no corrections minutes approved by acclamation.

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

1. Joint Budget Committee Meeting - (Emery/Eschliman)

Eschliman stated the committee discussed taking out a prescribed amount of money and putting in a definitive plan every year. Emery added this was done last year, on a two year plan. The money is used in a program essentially designed for people who did not file tax returns being unaware they were entitled to money back. The resulting estimate is this program will generate approximately \$5 million in income back to the city in the next few years. Members thought they should take money, and set aside for these contingencies, with the possibility of some years using the money, and other years not, but certainly want to discuss.

Emery added Spatz currently sits on the Keno Committee and there were thoughts the same person sitting that committee should serve on the JBC, or vice versa, with Emery volunteering to attend both, meeting twice a year. Secondarily there should be a nexus between the two.

Eschliman commented it was suggested Bruce Dart, the Health Department Director, be invited to the next meeting to address the topic of health planning. Emery stated there is an oversight on non-health issues but don't have oversight on health issues. Discussion was to at least look at having the same type of items on the mental health side. Hoppe stated he had

talked about the interaction between Human Services and Health, which is very critical and where there is some joint effort between the JBC and Board of Health.

Eschliman added for those on the Internal Liquor Control Committee, they are going to start sending a SAAC representative to the meetings.

2. Annual Joint Retreat - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (Cook)

No report. Retreat held exactly same time as the Joint Retreat with the Omaha City Council.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

Open House at Gere - Camp/Eschliman

Camp stated he and Eschliman hosted a community open house at the Gere Library with approximately 175 people attending. Meeting held to obtain feedback from citizens on spaying, neutering, and micro-chipping of animals. Some meeting notices were advertised as mandatory spaying, neutering, and micro-chipping with Camp stating he did not want to say mandatory. Had tremendous community discussions and suggestions. Eschliman added at the end of the meeting fifty percent of the audience thought there should be some sort of mandatory micro-chipping. She added some members of the audience contradicted themselves saying even though they do not think it should be mandatory thought all breeders should micro-chip. A good idea suggested was for the pet parents who perpetually break the law, letting animals run wild, to have a STOP class for these types of problems. Also, numerous people stated they would work on a volunteer committee.

Eschliman stated the next step is to send a survey, getting a sense of where the group is. They seems to have the time and it appears they could coordinate with an advisors committee.

Svoboda attended and stated as expected the attendees were the responsible pet owners. The irresponsible pet owners do not show up at this type of meeting. Good topics and suggestions made. Agree involving the Animal Advisory Group from the Board of Health is advised, keeping communication flowing.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Pearce stated with LES there are three appointments in December, with at least one new person. Recall some Council members wanted applicants to attend the public hearing and informal meetings, thoughts on them attending both or just the hearing? Camp thought both, but definitely the public hearing.

Eschliman stated as this is a very important committee possibly have them come in and talk to Council. Camp commented it also is an awareness item, with very significant issues. Marvin thought if people had concerns they should call the appointees and discuss what is bothering them, discussing issues. Do not care to put them through a public meeting.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe stated regarding the recent Lincoln - Omaha Council meeting do assume followup would occur directly between the two organizations. If administrative support is needed advise the Mayor's office. Marvin replied the thank you notes sent out next day, they received baseballs, a stadium tour, and other gifts.

Eschliman added at the meeting discussion was held on coordinating efforts for the Legislative agenda, possibly coming up with two or three items each body could agree on. Our body send to them, or vice versa, for approval on the top three Legislative items. Hoppe asked if this possibly would be better handled through the lobbyists and the Legislative program leaders? Pearce stated she has been talking to Cheloha, Omaha lobbyist, and will inquire if they have their lists ready and will visit with him regarding topics.

Svoboda suggest when making contact with Cheloha ask if there is anything Council members, individually or together, can do in actually meeting, or lobbying, our top three goals, trying to get on their Legislative agenda. Setting up a meeting and/or coffee at the Capital is almost impossible, but if there is anything, i.e., a lobbying day where Council members, individuals or in small groups, meet with senators for discussion. Be more pro-active at this level.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Pearce stated on the Affirmative Action position, a letter was sent, but have not heard anything at this time.
- b) Eschliman stated she sent a survey, via email, to zip code 68508. Results show four to one opposed to the bike lanes. One comment was possibly no bike accidents, but what about car accidents? Meet with her if anyone has suggestions, but believe it is a personal perception.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments.

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm by acclamation.