IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

I. MAYOR
1. Fiscal Impact Statement from Urban Development.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents January Award of Excellence to Jay Edmiston and Leroy Rosenthal.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Internet Reality Show to Feature Lincoln.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s News Conference on Seeking Public Opinion on City Budget Outcomes, Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 10:00 am in the Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street.
5. NEWS RELEASE. City to Seek Public Input on Budget Priorities.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler Announcing Projects Funded This Year from the Lincoln Cares Program at a News Conference. February 14, 2008 at 10:15 am at Ager Indoor Play Center in Antelope Park.
7. NEWS RELEASE. New Projects Announced for “Lincoln Cares” by Mayor Chris Beutler.

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

DOUG EMERY
1. Letter from Rose Dudley. Concerns over Restructuring the Creek in Taylor Park.
2. Letter from Bob Bechtolt. Do Not Feel Deadman’s Run Flood Plan is Pressing.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Correspondence from T. Misho. Suggestion for Environmental Impact on Earth Day.
2. Correspondence Received through InterLinc Action Center. Have LES Quit Advertising and Give Citizens a Rate Decrease. (Delivered to Council Members before Formal Meeting on 02/11/08)
3. Email from Lois Poppe Thanking Council for Services and Decision Reached for the Current and Future Citizens of Lincoln. (Delivered to Council Members before Formal Meeting on 02/11/08)

5. Email from J. Douglass Opposing LES Rate Hike.


7. Correspondence Received Ms. Juarez.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Transfer of available WIA funds in current 07/08 budget from Education & Training object code (5961) to Furniture & Fixtures object code (6072) in order to make available funds to pay for needed upgrade in cubicles. No City General revenue funds will be used for these purchases.

NOTE: Fiscal Impact Statement completed on 12-26-07 erroneously omitted expenses for two cubicles.

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WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of ft es the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the index code, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
MAYOR PRESENTS JANUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for January to a team from the Public Works and Utilities Department – Jay Edmiston and Leroy Rosenthal. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

Edmiston and Rosenthal are Inspectors in the Street Maintenance Operations Division, and both have worked for the City since the early 1970s. Supervisor Roger Tiedeman nominated them in the category of productivity for their work to create new training materials for snow removal. The team created two presentations – one for those with Commercial Drivers Licenses and one for those without CDLs. They did all the writing, producing and photography, and the Citizen Information Center helped with production. The result was a package of CDs, DVDs and Power Point presentations that will help to simplify and standardize snow removal training. Edmiston and Rosenthal will be in charge of presenting the information in a classroom setting before the hands-on training with the equipment.

In his nomination, Tiedeman wrote, “I believe their efforts will save time and money. Also, their positive attitude toward our snow removal program is bound to be noticed in a classroom setting to serve as an example for others to follow.”

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
Mayor Chris Beutler today announced his support for a new kind of reality show that will help brand Lincoln as a destination city for Internet-savvy workers. Show creator Thor Schrock, a local businessman and entrepreneur, said it’s a show you won’t find on your television.

“Top Affiliate Challenge” (www.topaffiliatechallenge.com) is the first real-time reality show that will air exclusively on the Internet. The show will feature three teams of four Internet marketers, each led by an online marketing guru. The teams will compete against each other to determine who can best promote and sell products on the Internet.

“Viewers can expect to learn how to successfully promote products on the Internet,” said Schrock, who was the second runner-up in “The Next Internet Millionaire,” the Web’s first reality show. “At the same time, viewers will enjoy the drama that arises as individuals weigh team interests against self-interests, all the time knowing there can only be one Top Affiliate.”

“I’m very enthused that Thor is showcasing Lincoln in such a unique way,” said Mayor Beutler. “We all know that Lincoln is a wonderful city of economic opportunity. Now we have another way of getting that message out.”

Auditions will be conducted on the Internet and at select events. A live audition event will be conducted February 14 and 15 at the Nebraska Bookstore. Video auditions can be submitted to www.topaffiliatechallenge.com beginning in March. The public may view the auditions and vote on them as they are submitted. The top 10 national vote-getters and two additional contestants selected by the producers will come to Lincoln to compete for three weeks in July 2008.

“The Internet has rapidly emerged over the last decade as one of the most important sources of travel information,” said Jeff Maul, Executive Director of the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau. “It has become a major part of our destination marketing program mix, and to have this opportunity to partner in bringing this exclusive Internet event to Lincoln is incredible.”

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The show will feature many local business as sponsors. They will receive name mentions, product placement, commercials during the episodes and in some cases challenges for the contestants that focus around their products and services. “During this event, people are just a click away from learning more about all of the great things Lincoln has to offer!” said Maul.

“This is a great way to bring more national exposure to our local businesses and community,” Mayor Beutler said. “We look forward to welcoming the contestants to Lincoln.”
Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss a new effort to seek public opinion on City budget outcomes at a news conference at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 12 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street.
CITY TO SEEK PUBLIC INPUT ON BUDGET PRIORITIES

Process will include scientific phone survey

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City is launching a major effort to solicit public opinion on how the City should spend tax dollars. Beutler said the project is a necessary first step toward implementing “outcome-based budgeting,” a process that ties programs to the goals that citizens want local government to accomplish.

“We’re looking at a fundamental change in the way City finances operate, and we need to start the process with the people we are elected to serve,” said Mayor Beutler. “Outcome-based budgeting has proven to be effective in other communities that have faced budget challenges similar to ours – escalating costs and declining revenues. This is a great opportunity for citizens to have a real impact, and I hope many will participate.”

The City is working with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Bureau of Sociological Research. (More information on the organizations is available at ppc.nebraska.edu and bosr.unl.edu.)

The project will include a scientific phone survey of 600 randomly selected residents. The surveying will begin later this month. Citizens also will be able to comment in writing, online and at public meetings.

“We encourage people to let us know what they think,” said Alan Tomkins, Director of the Public Policy Center. “We will share the survey responses with the rest of the community as well as with the City. It is an unprecedented opportunity for the public to guide the policy process and to make sure the community members’ voices are heard.” Tomkins said he hoped that people respond when they are called and asked the survey questions to insure the scientific validity of the research.

“Budget decisions must be based on the needs of the entire community, not the special interests or those with the loudest voices,” said Beutler. “This year’s tax-funded City budget is more than $130 million. We want to hear how taxpayers prefer their funds to be spent.”

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The Mayor is scheduled to make his decisions on the 2008-2009 City budget in May, and the budget is released to the public in June. The City Council votes on tentative changes to the Mayor’s budget in July. The public hearing is scheduled for August 11, and the Council is scheduled to adopt the budget August 25.

“We are a City of a quarter-million people and a tiny percentage attend the annual public hearing on the budget or share their ideas with us in writing,” said Mayor Beutler. “To move our community forward, we need consensus on the level of City services we want and what we are willing to pay.”
Mayor Chris Beutler will announce the projects to be funded this year from the Lincoln Cares program at a news conference at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, February 14 at the Ager Indoor Play Center in Antelope Park. (Use the Children’s Zoo entrance off 27th Street). The Mayor also will announce a new corporate matching sponsor for Lincoln Cares.

Note: The news conference is 15 minutes later than the time on the Mayor’s public schedule released last Friday.
Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the Lincoln Cares program will help fund seven projects across the community in 2008. Lincoln Cares is a community donation program, which allows Lincoln Electric System (LES) customers to voluntarily add one dollar to their bill payments each month for projects not included in the City budget. The Mayor made the announcement at the Ager Indoor Play Center, which received air conditioning during the first year of the Lincoln Cares program in 2003.

The Mayor also announced that Lincoln Cares has a third corporate matching sponsor – Time Warner Cable. As a sponsor, Time Warner is providing a 50-cent match for every dollar contributed, up to $30,000 for the next three years. The match began February 1. In addition, Time Warner has agreed to provide $30,000 for each of the next three years for on-air promotion of Lincoln Cares on cable channels. For the sixth consecutive year, Lincoln Cares also will receive $30,000 each year in matching funds from TierOne Bank Foundation and World’s Foremost Bank, issuer of the Cabela’s Club VISA.

“Lincoln residents love their parks, so it’s appropriate that we are making this announcement on Valentine’s Day,” said Mayor Beutler. “In just five years, Lincoln Cares has had a major impact on our parks system. Generous donations from LES customers have really helped us stretch our City resources. The matching funds from TierOne Bank Foundation, Cabela’s World’s Foremost Bank and now Time Warner Cable are making each individual donation go farther. I want to thank all those involved in this outstanding public-private partnership that is truly making a difference in Lincoln.”

“We’re very grateful to the Lincoln community and are proud to be able to support this project and make Lincoln an even better place to live and do business,” said Ann Shrewsbury, Director of Public Affairs for Time Warner. “We have nearly 300 employees who are proud to call Lincoln home, and this was another great way for us to give back to them as well as show our appreciation to customers here.”

In 2008, Lincoln Cares will help fund Trago Park renovation ($30,000); the development of Lincoln’s Central Park ($20,000); the Outdoor Adventures Program ($15,000); Parker’s Pals Scholarships ($15,000); Pocras Park lighting ($4,000); Bountiful Harvest sculpture repair and installation ($4,000); and Bowling Lake Park picnic tables ($3,000). (More details on the projects are attached.)
From its inception in February 2003 through January 2008, Lincoln Cares has collected $376,340 from LES customers adding a dollar to their bill payments and through direct donations to the Lincoln Parks Foundation. An average of 6,273 LES customers donate to the program every month. The total corporate contribution to Lincoln Cares from February 2003 through December 31, 2007 is about $300,000, bringing the total donation to more than $679,000.

Other projects funded in the first five years of the program include the Nebraska State Liberty Bell Shelter in Antelope Park; restoration of the Four Wars Memorial and Pioneer Woman sculptures; the Sunken Gardens renovation; the acquisition of prairie and grasslands at Pioneers Park; an addition to the Nature Center Prairie Building; the Park Middle School Teen Center; benches along the Holmes Lake Trail Loop; a shelter at Woods Park; the Bethany Park Shelter; the Green Team Youth Employment Program; the Youth Outdoor Adventure Program; Peach Park expansion; Pioneers Park Nature Center art work; the Jamaica North Trail Bridge; and Parker’s Pals swim and recreation program scholarships for low-income youth.

“TierOne is very proud to be one of the original sponsors of the Lincoln Cares program,” said Roger Ludemann, TierOne Bank Executive Vice President. “This will be our sixth year of involvement through the TierOne Bank Foundation, and we are strongly committed to the program’s success and its efforts to enhance our community and make Lincoln a better place to live.”

“Cabela’s CLUB is pleased to once again be a corporate sponsor for Lincoln Cares,” said Kevin Werts, Executive Vice President/CFO of Cabela’s World’s Foremost Bank. “The many projects and programs that have been completed would most likely not have occurred without Lincoln Cares, and the list of potential new projects that will enhance our community is truly impressive. The success of Lincoln Cares shows that Lincoln truly does care.”

“We are very thankful for everyone who supports this program,” said Lynn Johnson, Director of the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. “With our tight budget, this program allows us to go the extra mile to keep the parks system one of the jewels of Lincoln.”

To donate to Lincoln Cares, LES customers can add one dollar to their bill payments each month. Those who pay LES through automatic bank billing can add Lincoln Cares to their payments each month by calling LES at 475-4211. For more information on Lincoln Cares, contact the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department at 441-8264 or see the City’s Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: cares).
2008 Lincoln Care Projects

The Lincoln Cares Advisory Board approved the following projects to be funded in 2008:

**Trago Park – $30,000**

The park near 22nd and “U” streets will soon include a new concept for water recreation in Lincoln. An interactive sprayground water feature is being developed in conjunction with the relocated playground east of the park shelter. The sprayground is expected to be open by this summer. Water features will be activated by a sensor and open to the community free of charge. Other improvements include renovation of the basketball courts, a new play field, areas for public art and information on the history of the Malone neighborhood, expanded parking and additional landscaping. It is scheduled to be open by summer of 2008. The estimated cost of the project is $625,000, with $500,000 coming from the parks capital improvement fund. The remaining $125,000 will be raised through private contributions.

**Lincoln’s Central Park – $20,000**

Lincoln’s Central Park is the working name for a new east downtown park planned for the three-block area between 21st, 22nd, “O” and “R” streets. This six-acre park is the centerpiece of the Antelope Valley Project. Park features will include fountains, seating areas, an outdoor amphitheater, an overlook area, a children’s play area, public art and a plaza walkway suitable for events and festivals. The estimated cost of this project and a maintenance fund is $6.4 million, which includes public and private funding.

**Parker’s Pals Swim and Recreation Program Scholarships – $15,000**

Funds are used to provide scholarships to children from low-income families for swimming lessons through a partnership with the Red Cross and Lincoln Parks and Recreation. In 2007, Lincoln Cares provided swim scholarships to 137 children. Lincoln Cares funds also are used to provide admission to public pools for low-income children and families. Scholarships also are provided for before- and after-school programs, summer day camps, youth sports programs, therapeutic recreation programs and outdoor education programs for 185 children.

**Youth Outdoor Adventure Program – $15,000**

This program introduces low-income children to the great outdoors through recreation activities including fishing, archery, canoeing and orienteering. Lincoln Cares funds are used to purchase equipment, provide staffing and pay for transportation and entrance fees.

**Bountiful Harvest – $4,000**

“Bountiful Harvest” is a large steel sculpture representing grains of wheat. The sculpture was originally installed at Westfield Gateway. It was recently donated to the City for display in a park setting. Lincoln Cares funds will be used to restore and install the artwork.

**Pocras Park Lighting – $4,000**

Funding will be matched with neighborhood donations to add lighting to the recently renovated park.

**Bowling Lake Picnic Tables – $3,000**

Bowling Lake was recently renovated as part of the Nebraska Game and Parks Urban Fisheries Program. Lincoln Cares funding will be used to upgrade park facilities for those visiting the park and fishing.
Congress clears stimulus package. After attempts to considerably expand a House-passed stimulus bill (HR 5140) fell short by two votes, the Senate instead passed, by a vote of 81-16, a slightly expanded version of the bill. The House then quickly cleared the modified bill for the President’s signature by a vote of 80-34. President Bush is expected to sign the bill when it reaches his desk.

As cleared for the President’s signature, the $151.7 billion stimulus bill would provide income tax rebate checks of $300 ($600 for couples) to individuals earning less than $3,000. Taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of up to $75,000 ($150,000 for couples) would receive a check of $600, plus an additional $300 per child for those receiving checks. Payments would gradually phase out so that those with an adjusted gross income of $87,000 ($174,000 for couples) would not receive a check. The bill also includes expanded depreciation of new investments for all business, expanded Section 179 depreciation for small businesses and a one-year increase in Federal Housing Administration, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loan limits.

The major changes made to the bill by the Senate and subsequently approved by the House are designed to ensure that low-income seniors, disabled veterans and survivors of veterans receive rebate checks. The changes came as a result of a furious lobbying effort by senior citizen and veterans advocates. (The Senate also added language barring illegal immigrants from receiving rebate checks.)

Earlier in the week, the Senate rejected an expanded $156 billion stimulus package championed by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) and Ranking member Charles Grassley (R-IA). The Baucus-Grassley alternative failed, 58-41, on a procedural vote that required 60 votes for passage. The Baucus-Grassley proposal would have added an extension of unemployment benefits, alternative energy tax incentives, additional small business tax breaks and additional funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to the stimulus package.

BUDGET

President Bush’s final budget targets local government priorities. President Bush released his FY 2009 Budget Proposal on Monday. The blueprint calls for $3.1 trillion in spending and anticipates revenues of $2.7 trillion, for a deficit of $407 billion. It proposes increasing defense spending (not including the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan) by 7.5 percent to $671 billion, the highest level since the Second World War when measured in real dollars. On the domestic side, the budget would eliminate or reduce spending on 151 domestic discretionary programs.

In addition to those unhappy with its proposed cuts, critics of the President’s Budget also argue that its deficit projections are too low because its revenue prediction is too rosy, the $70 billion it assumes will be spent on operations in Iraq and Afghanistan is too low (operations this year are expected to cost approximately $200 billion) and it does not make room for the long term repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax. Critics also note that the President’s budget does not anticipate a prolonged recession where expenditures are certain to rise and revenues will likely decline.

The President’s FY 2009 Budget Proposal met the expected reaction of Capitol Hill, where lawmakers from both parties spent
much of Monday afternoon coming up with novel ways to tell the press that the President’s budget was “dead on arrival.” While true of most budgets, such a description is especially apt for this year’s. With less than a year remaining in his term, President Bush will likely have relatively little ability to influence the final shape of the FY 2009 Budget. Although he was able to use his veto pen last year to cap discretionary spending at his proposed level, congressional leadership are considering options for avoiding spending confrontations with the White House.

HOUSING AND CD
HUD budget proposal rehashes previously rejected proposals. The FY 2009 budget proposal from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) once again includes reductions in key programs and recommendations that are certain to be ignored by Congress. Overall, the $38.5 billion budget would represent a 4.8 percent decrease for the FY 2008 level.

For most of the Bush Administration, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program has been targeted for reductions, and FY 2009 is no different. CDBG formula grants would be funded at $2.934 billion under the White House budget, a decrease of $659 million from the FY 2008 level. The HUD budget proposal also recommends formula changes to the CDBG program that will target the program to areas of the highest need. Congress has annually rejected both the significant budget cuts and the calls for changes in the CDBG formula.

Other key HUD programs slated for reductions in the Bush budget include (with comparison to FY 2008 levels in parentheses):
- $2.024 billion for Public Housing Capital grants (-$415m)
- $540 million for Section 202 elderly housing assistance (-$195m)
- $160 million for Section 811 Disabled Housing (-$77m)

In addition, funding for the $100 million HOPE VI program would be eliminated, and funding for Section 8 contract renewals would be decreased by $1.5 billion to $14 billion, which could result in a loss of as many as 100,000 vouchers.

Programs that would receive increases in the HUD budget include:
- $1.853 billion for HOME Formula Grants (+$224m)
- $1.68 billion for homeless assistance programs (+$94m)

HUMAN SERVICES
President proposes phasing out block grant programs. The FY 2009 budget proposal from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) includes recommendations to phase out or virtually eliminate popular programs such as the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Social Services Block Grant (SSBG). Overall, the White House budget proposal would provide $70.4 billion in non-entitlement discretionary spending to HHS, a decrease of 2.5 percent.

Significant changes in funding levels for other selected HHS programs include (with differences from FY 2008 levels in parentheses):
- $1.3 billion for the SSBG (-$634m)
- $24 million for the CSBG (-$698m)
- $2.065 billion for community health centers (+$24m)
- $7.027 billion for Head Start (+$147m)
- $609 million for state and local bioterrorism (-$137m)
- $326 million for occupational safety and health programs (-$111m)
- Eliminate preventative health and health services grants (-$97m)
- $2 billion for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (-$570m)

According to HHS, neither SSBG nor CSBG has met performance standards set by the White House budget office, and HHS claims its functions are met in other federal programs. In recent years, Congress has ignored similar recommendations for drastic reductions to those programs.

TRANSPORTATION
White House budget would raid mass transit fund for highways. The Bush Administration requested a total of $68 billion for the Department of Transportation in FY 2009, a 10 percent reduction from current year levels. The proposal would fall short of the guarantees for highway and transit programs included in the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law.

The President’s request also includes a provision to allow the transfer of funds from the mass transit account of the Highway Trust Fund to the highway account, should the highway account exhaust its funds prior to the end of FY 2009. The recommendation was met with swift and strong opposition by groups representing both highway officials and transit agencies. Such a transfer could amount to as much as $3.2 billion.

Funding levels for selected DOT programs are as follows (with differences from FY 2008 levels in parentheses):
- $39.4 billion for federal-aid highways (-$816m; $1.8b less than SAFETEA-LU guarantee)
- $10.1 billion for transit programs (+$600m; $202m less than SAFETEA-LU guarantee)
- $2.75 billion for the Airport Improvement Program (-$765m)
- $800 million for Amtrak (-$525m)

Meanwhile, officials from the National Surface Transportation Revenue and Policy Commission have been visiting Capitol Hill the last two weeks to discuss the panel’s recently-released report. In general, the report was praised by members on both sides of the aisle as presenting concrete solutions to current infrastructure funding deficiencies. However, the commission’s long term goal of a funding source based on vehicle miles traveled was met with some skepticism, as the presence of Global Positioning Systems in automobiles raised privacy concerns. In addition, DOT Secretary and commission member Mary Peters was roundly criticized by congressional transportation committees for failing to...
sign the final recommendations because of the Bush Administration’s vehement opposition to any gasoline tax increase.

PUBLIC SAFETY
President requests consolidation of current state and local law enforcement programs.
The President requested a total $20.3 billion for discretionary funding for the Department of Justice for FY 2009. This request is a 3 percent reduction from the FY 2008 enacted level. The requests combine over 70 programs to make four funding programs, and would result in a major reduction for state and local law enforcement assistance.

The Administration proposed $200 million for Violent Crime Reduction Partnership and $200 million for the Byrne Public Safety and Protection Program. For FY 2008, these two programs were combined and were funded at $1 billion. Violence Against Women programs would be funded at $280 million, a reduction of $120 million from the FY 2008 level. Also, $185 million would be provided for a new Child Safety and Juvenile Justice Program, compared to $383 million for various Juvenile Justice Programs in FY 2008.

Many of the Justice programs (Weed and Seed, COPS, Byrne discretionary, Violence Against Women, and Drug Courts) were either eliminated or compiled into one of the above new programs. According to the Administration, this format will eliminate earmarks and formulas to better target key justice priorities.

Congress is likely to ignore these requests, but it may increase the chances that final FY 2009 funding amounts will not be as high as some supporters of local law enforcement had hoped.

HOMELAND SECURITY
President cuts Department of Homeland Security funds for local first responders.
The FY 2009 budget requests $37.6 billion for Homeland Security, compared to $34.9 billion enacted for FY 2008. State and local programs were among those that received reductions while the Immigration and Customs Enforcement received increases in funding.

The budget proposes $2.2 billion for first responders, a major reduction of $1.9 billion from the FY 2008 level. And, once again, the President’s budget proposes a reduction in funding for the Firefighter Assistance Grants. Other proposals of note include (with differences from FY 2008 levels in parentheses):

- $150 million for Flood Map Modernization Fund (-$70m)
- $157 million for National Flood Insurance Fund (-$12m)
- $75 million for National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund (-$39m)
- $37 million for Surface Transportation (-$10m)
- $210 million for Port Security Grants (-$190m)
- $175 million for Public Transportation Security Assistance (-$225m)
- $300 million for Firefighter Assistance Grants (-$350m)

For FY 2009, the Administration continues to support more funding for programs to enhance border security. These increases include:

- $4.7 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (same)
- $7.3 billion for Customs and Border Protection (+$400m)

LABOR
President cuts Department of Labor funds for job training.
The Administration requested $10.5 billion for the FY 2009 budget compared to $11.4 billion enacted for the FY 2008 level. Once again, the President proposed to reduce funding for programs and consolidate training programs.

Reductions and eliminations made in the funding levels for Labor programs include (with differences from FY 2008 levels in parentheses):

- $712 million for Adult Employment and Training (-$150m)
- $841 million for Youth Employment and Training (-$85m)
- $1,223 million for Dislocated Worker Training (-$242m)

- $40 million for Ex-Offender Reintegration (-$33m)
- Eliminate the Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers program (-$80m)
- Eliminate the Employment Services State Allotments (-$703m)
- Eliminate the Work Incentive Grants (-$14m)
- $50 million for Youthbuild (-$9m)

From the programs mentioned above, the President requested to consolidate the Adult Employment Training, Youth Employment Training, and Dislocated Worker Training programs into one block grant called Career Advancement Accounts (CAA). The CAA program would then be funded at $2.83 billion. The Administration has tried to consolidate these programs in the past without success.

As part of the President’s High Growth Job Training Initiative, the Employment and Training Administration’s Community Based Job Training Grants received $125 million which is a $2 million increase from the FY 2008 level. This program helps community colleges to prepare and train workers for designated industries within the community.

ENVIRONMENT
President’s EPA request lowest in eight years.

The Bush Administration’s $7.1 billion FY 2009 budget proposal for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is $325 million below the FY 2008 enacted level. In particular, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund would be reduced by $134 million. Other EPA program recommendations include (with FY 2008 enacted funding levels in parentheses):

- $165.8 million for Brownfields (-$100,000)
- $555 million for Clean Water State revolving Fund (-$134m)
- $842 million for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (+$20m)
DEPARTMENT REPORT
JANUARY, 2008

HEALTH DIRECTOR

- Preparations are underway on the Department’s FY08-09 budget request. The Mayor has requested Department’s submit their requests at 96.5% of the current budget. Departments were asked to submit a numbered list ranking in the order of priority for funding. The Mayor has also requested Departments submit a set of outcomes they want to achieve for the budget year and an indicator or measurement of how it will be achieved. The outcomes and measures were submitted to the Mayor’s Office on February 1st and the budget request is due on February 29.

- Employee of the Month - David Humm - Health Promotion & Outreach Division.

ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR

2006-2007 Annual Report

The 2006-2007 Annual Report is now available on the Health Department’s website. Go to www.lincoln.ne.gov. Type the word “health” in the search box and click on 2006-2007 Annual Report. The report contains a letter to the citizens, Board of Health members’ photos, financial reports, program descriptions and web links for each division, and service statistics for a 3-year period. A link has been provided so that users can get the most recent version of Acrobat Reader, which should help speed up the loading and viewing of the report.

Save the Date – April 9, 2008, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- The Board of Health Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon will be held on April 9, 2008. The luncheon will be held at the BryanLGH Medical Plaza East and will begin at 11:30 a.m.

RESOURCE & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

- The Director’s Office is monitoring the Nebraska Legislature again this session. The Resource and Program Development Coordinator is the Health Department liaison to the Mayor’s committee on legislation, and coordinates the review and recommendation process internally at the department. During this legislative session, 107 bills have been reviewed and recommendations on positions/actions on the bills have been made to the Mayor’s Office. The Health Department is also monitoring 26 bills carried over from the 2006 session. Bills of priority interest to the Health Department are:
LB 395 Adopt a New Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act  (Support w/amendment to keep Lincoln ban intact)

LB 722 Change Tax on Tobacco Products (Oppose taxing based on weight – encourages youth use of chewing tobacco)

LB 812 Primary Seat Belt (Support)

LB 818 Increases Income Eligibility from 185% to 200% for Kids Connection (Support)

LB 836 Prohibits Smoking in Vehicles When Minors Are Present (Support)

LB 963 Requires Verification of Lawful Presence in the US (Would like exemption for Public Health services; particularly Maternal Child Health; need clarification regarding Food Handler Permit)

LB 966 Increases Appropriation for Tobacco Program from $2.5 Million to $7 Million (Support)

LB 1055 Dangerous Dogs and Dogs Running at Large (Some provisions would be positive, some would be problematic – may have preemption concerns)

LB 1074 Certified Pool Operators (Support provisions requiring Certified Pool Operators however, there should not be an allowance for a 90 day vacancy of a CPO)

LB 1122 Require Dental Services for Adults Eligible for Medicaid (Support)

LB 1176 Limit Medicaid Services for Adults (Oppose some provisions of this bill)

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

**January Service Statistics**

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Dogs Declared (PPD, DD, V)  152  148  47  6  9
Animal neglect investigations  1,001  879  251  66  64
Injured animal rescue  949  798  214  38  46
Wildlife removal  396  394  113  19  28
Dead animal pickup  2,188  1,620  500  90  63
Lost and Found Reports  1,649  798  415  75  67
Phone Calls  45,263  41,887  14,019  2,610  2,769
Average Response Time (min.)  36  31  33  32  29

- The Manager met with Assistant City Attorney, Tonya Skinner, to review her suggestions for wording of proposed ordinance revisions previously approved by the Board of Health. Further meetings will be held.

- Field Supervisor, Scott Lowry, responded to a call for assistance at a residence in the 6000 block of Hartley. Upon arrival he found a mix breed dog recently acquired from Omaha and owned by one of the family members had been attacked and killed by 4 other Pitbull mix dogs. The 4 other dogs, which were related, were owned by some of the other family members living at the address and also those visiting. Apparently, the incident started on the first floor with the dogs playing/tugging a ball which then evolved into growling. Then two males started fighting and subsequently the other dogs started fighting. It ended in the basement with one dog dead and one of the dog owners bitten trying to separate the dogs. Three dogs were taken to the shelter and held for observation. A 10 month dog was allowed a home observation. The 3 dogs were declared dangerous dogs.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Community Health Services (CHS) Priority Populations & Critical Needs 2008

- Two workgroups met over the course of a year to identify priority populations and critical needs for priority populations served by CHS programs. Workgroups were composed of front-line staff from across division programs.

Maternal-Child Health

Priority Populations*

- Pregnant women less than 20 years of age. Rationale: Women under 20 are more likely to have low birth weight (LBW) infants (10.7% vs. 7.4% average of all ages) & less likely
to obtain 1st trimester care (70.6% vs. 85.2% average all ages)\(^1\) than women of any other age group. Nationally, 41% of teens who begin families before age 18 never complete high school\(^2\).

- **African-American pregnant women.** Rationale: Mean birth weight among infants born to African-American mothers is lower than the mean birth weight for all races & ethnic origins (6 pounds 13 oz. vs. 7 pounds 5 oz.)\(^1\). Percentage of African-American pregnant women obtaining 10 or more prenatal visits is lower than the percentage of pregnant women for all races & ethnic origins (66.2% vs. 74.7%)\(^1\). Percentage of African-American teen pregnancies is higher than the percentage of teen pregnancies for all races & ethnic origins (22.1% vs. 7.6%)\(^1\).

- **American Indian pregnant women.** Rationale: Percentage of American Indian women obtaining 10 or more prenatal visits is lower than the percentage of pregnant woman for all races & ethnic origins (61.8% vs. 74.7%)\(^1\). Percentage of American Indian teen pregnancies is higher than the percentage of teen pregnancies for all races & ethnic origins (25.5% vs. 7.6%)\(^1\).

- **Latino pregnant women.** Rationale: Percentage of Latino women obtaining 10 or more prenatal visits is lower than the percentage of pregnant women for all races & ethnic origins (65.7% vs. 74.7%)\(^1\). Percentage of Latino teen pregnancies is higher than the percentage of teen pregnancies for all races & ethnic origins (17.5% vs. 7.6%)\(^1\).

- **Pregnant women & children living in poverty.** Rationale: Pregnant women without access to good nutrition, medical and dental homes due to low socioeconomic status, are at high-risk for poor pregnancy and birth outcomes. Socioeconomic factors are associated with iron deficiency in adult females\(^3\). Iron deficiency anemia during pregnancy has been associated with increased risk for low birth weight, preterm delivery, and perinatal mortality\(^3\). Preventive and regular dental care is a major contributor to overall good physical health. Pregnant women with periodontitis have a 3 to 7 fold increased risk of preterm birth\(^4\).

### Critical MCH Needs

- Early and continuous access to prenatal care including first trimester care and at least 10 prenatal visits with a primary care physician throughout pregnancy.

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\(^1\)Women can be represented in more than one group.

Vital Statistics Report Lancaster County, Nebraska 2003, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Division of Health Data & Evaluation.


\(^5\)Vital Statistics Report Lancaster County, Nebraska 2003, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Division of Health Data & Evaluation.
- Early and continuous access to case management services for high-risk families that; (a) are sensitive to the needs of teen parents, improving parenting skills & collaborate with the school system to support ongoing education, (b) incorporate cultural definitions of wellness, illness, treatment and parenting into care with prompt access to the Healthy Homes Program, (c) assure early and continuous screening of infant and early childhood growth & development and prompt access to Early Childhood Development Network Services when delays are discovered, and (d) promote developmentally appropriate and physically safe environments for women and children including environments that are free from substance abuse, family violence, and environmental toxins such as cigarette smoke.

- Early and continuous access to comprehensive nutrition services during pregnancy and throughout infancy and early childhood including access to Women Infants and Children (WIC), Food Stamps, &/or emergency food services as needed & breastfeeding education and support.

- Early and continuous access to dental services during pregnancy and throughout early childhood; information & referral to a dental home and follow up on obtaining needed dental services.

**Chronic Disease Early Detection & Treatment**

**Priority Populations**

- Populations who have or are at risk for chronic disease. Cancer, heart disease, cerebrovascular disease, chronic lung disease, unintentional injuries, and diabetes are leading causes of death in the county. The most common adult chronic disease diagnoses seen in LLCHD’s General Assistance (GA) Medical Clinic are; hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia with diabetes, and musculo-skeletal pain.

- Populations who do not have an established medical home. Establishing a medical home provides a more expedient way for clients to access acute care in time of illness or injury and assures that client history and course of disease management are coordinated by one specific medical provider. **Insured.** People with health insurance (private or public) who have health concerns but lack the information about how to appropriately utilize their coverage which may result in; not establishing a medical home, inappropriate use of urgent and emergency care, and low/no use of screening and preventive care. **Underinsured.** People with health insurance (private or public) who cannot afford co-pays or deductibles which may result in; not establishing a medical home, inappropriate use of urgent and emergency care, and low/no use of screening and preventive care. **Uninsured.** People without health insurance (public or private) due to the lack of their employer offering health insurance, their inability to pay for private health insurance, or due to barriers in obtaining public health insurance which may result in; not establishing a medical home, inappropriate use of urgent and emergency care, and low/no use of screening and preventive care.
Critical Chronic Disease Needs

- **Assessment/Referral/Connecting to Medical Home.** Access Medicaid, Information & Referral, the Minority Health Grant, and Homeless Outreach are programs within CHS that assess for chronic/acute health needs/risks and connect clients to needed community services and appropriate medical homes based on assessment findings and client eligibility. Transitional nursing case management assures underserved populations successfully initiate care with a medical home. Lack of access to a provider due to ability to pay and lack of knowledge about appropriate health care utilization are two major barriers addressed by transitional nursing case management. Once medical homes are established, case management is the responsibility of the medical provider. Mental health co-morbidities are common among populations served by CHS staff.

- **Medical Home Provision.** The General Assistance (GA) Medical Clinic is a medical home for eligible adults (at or below 100% FPL & other medical factors). Eligible adults are assigned a physician and nurse case manager who address the client’s medical needs which may include urgent care, chronic disease management, and specialty care. The nurse case manager coordinates all aspects of the client’s care including referral and follow up for all medical needs and needs addressed by other community based services. Nurse case managers also work with the client to develop a plan of care to track health outcomes including; (a) clinically based outcomes (e.g. lower blood pressure, healthy BMI, reduction/elimination of smoking), (b) health behaviors (i.e. self-care), and (c) informed/appropriate use of the health care system. Holistic approaches are critical as many GA clients have multiple needs/co-morbidities. Over half of all GA patients served have a mental illness.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

- Nebraska State WIC Program recently completed a bi-annual review of the LLCHD WIC Program and had the following comments: The atmosphere was welcoming and your staff truly care about the WIC participants that they work with each day. Staff utilized information from prior visits to build on resulting in a more client centered, goal focused experience. Staff have excellent client centered nutrition counseling skills with a non-judgmental, supportive and encouraging approach. The client chart filing system is very impressive in its ease, speed, and accuracy in finding records. Open access scheduling systems seem to work well. A commendation should be given for the innovative approach to scheduling which helps our WIC population and enhances efficiency in the clinic. The new addition to LLCHD provides a beautiful, clean, efficient clinic setting with well utilized space for comfortable, adequate spaces for clients. The WIC Clinic at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership is a good collaboration. Utilizing the services provided in one location is a good comprehensive approach providing an array of services. MilkWorks representative did a fantastic job counseling a young couple. It was very thorough, informative, and private. *(LLCHD WIC contracts with MilkWorks to provide lactation support. LLCHD is the only WIC program in the state to have such a partnership.)*
With research findings suggesting possible associations between chronic oral infections and low-birth weight, premature babies, the WIC, Dental and Community Health Services Programs have been working collaboratively to assure access to early prenatal care for pregnant women. During the month of December, the Community Health Services’ Presumptive Eligibility Program saw 103 women. Of those 103 women seen through the Medicaid Presumptive Eligibility Program, 43 pregnant women were referred to the dental clinic for preventive and routine dental care and 77 pregnant women were referred to and enrolled in WIC services for nutrition counseling and supplemental food vouchers.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Air Quality

Carbon Monoxide (CO), a toxic gas, is one of several pollutants for which the Federal government has established health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The main sources of CO are cars and trucks. Monitoring equipment measures CO in Lincoln 24 hours per day. The standard is no more than 9.5 ppm in an 8 hour period. The highest levels of CO are found during the colder months - CO levels have averaged about 35% of the standard. If Lincoln were to be in violation of this standard, onerous Federal requirements would have to be applied, such as regular testing of vehicle emissions. This monitoring is done as part of our contract with the Nebraska Dept. Of Environmental Quality. We also monitor for fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) and Ozone.

![Highest 8-hr Carbon Monoxide Level As a Percent of the 8-hr Standard (9.5 ppm) Fiscal Year 2007-2008]

Source: LLHCD (1.08)
Emergency Response

When a Public Works and Utilities employee was exposed to vapors from an unknown liquid at the 48th Street Landfill, the Health Department was called to provide immediate assistance. A 5 gallon bucket of unknown chemical liquid had been received. When a staff person opened the lid to determine what to do with the material, he was exposed to very strong vapors. Lincoln Fire and Rescue responded to provide medical attention. The Health Department’s Chemical Emergency Response Team arrived on scene quickly and was able to test the liquid using high tech field equipment (the FTIR). Analysis revealed a strong acid. This information was provided to medical providers to assist in treatment. The responsible party for this illegal disposal of hazardous waste has not been identified. The FTIR was purchased with Homeland Security money and has been used in numerous responses to hazardous materials spills and suspicious powders. Without such equipment, getting test results can take several days. When people are exposed to such materials, it is imperative to get quick results and it also helps greatly in determining actions that need to be taken to protect the public’s health and the environment.

What’s coming up?

Local industries are regulated under Federal Clean Air Act, which is administered at the local level by our department. In March, regulatory updates will be brought to the Board to assure our regulations are up to date with Federal and State requirements.

The Earth Wellness Festival, a collaborative effort between schools and many public agencies, is the premier environmental education event of the year. About 3000 5th grade students attend interactive presentations on air, waste, water, recycling, conservation and environmental stewardship. This year’s festival is March 19 and 20. Board of Health members are welcome to drop in to presentations by Environmental Public Health staff. Contact Scott Holmes at sholmes@lincoln.ne.gov or 441-8634 for more information.
HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

Recent national reports have highlighted the increases in chlamydia and gonorrhea in the United States. Below, the annual data for Lancaster County through 2006 are presented. (2007 data will be ready soon and we will update the information as soon as those data are complete.) As shown in the charts, the county rates for chlamydia in recent years have been above the state rate and in 2006 both chlamydia and gonorrhea per 100,000 rate rose above the national rates for these diseases.
The HDE Division has prepared a brochure of the 2006 Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) for Lancaster County. The brochure will be printed and released soon. The chart below highlights some of the 2006 survey results along with comparison state and national data for the items selected.

**HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH**

- As a result of the Minority Health Grant and its partnership, 57 new minority clients established a medical home at People’s Health Center and 63 new minority clients established a dental home (39 at LLCHD and 24 at PHC) in the past month. In addition, 61 minority clients received medication assistance through the 340B, Lancaster County Medical Assistance Program or national drug companies.
- A summary of the 2007 tobacco compliance checks shows that of the 388 businesses checked by youth and the Lincoln Police Department 64 clerks (16.5%) were ticketed for selling tobacco products to minors. The program goal is to keep the failure rate of these checks under 10% to be an effective deterrent to youth access to tobacco.

- The walking audit project in census tracts 20 and 21 has begun with promotion of the project to community groups, schools, neighborhood associations, others, and with recruitment of participants to do an audit of their normal walking routes. 1,500 audits will be completed by residents and by 30 UNL students from Dr. Rodrigo Cantarero’s Community Planning class. The goals of this project are to assess each block for safety issues, increase physical activity among residents, and increase a sense of “community” among the residents by increasing pedestrian activity. Results of the safety audits will be provided to Public Works, Planning, Parks and Recreation, and the Health Department and improvements will be implemented where possible.

- Upcoming Events:
  * Car seat check-up event at Anderson Ford on February 12\textsuperscript{th}.
  * Older adult fall prevention program kick-off on February 8\textsuperscript{th}.

**INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**Information Management**

- Staff installed and tested the Dental practice software. They coordinated the schedule for training the dental staff and dentists. Section staff will be responsible for the software and server system administration and user support for the staff. After the initial training provided by the vendor, section staff will provide user training and documentation. The dental software includes practice management that supports scheduling and billing, as well as, chair side charting. It also will support digital radiography. The long term goal is to replace paper records with an electronic dental record. The anticipated outcome is better documentation and access to information by clinicians (dentists, hygienists and dental assistants); increased accuracy and consistency in billing; and the ability to measure and report health outcomes.

**Fiscal Operations**

- We have filled the two vacant positions in the section. Debra Leth is the new supervisor for the Fiscal Operations Section. She comes to the Department with extensive experience and education in business and accounting. James Ring has accepted the shared position between Fiscal Operations and the Director’s Office. The retirements of two staff in November left the section with only two staff to handle the workload.
I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:32 PM by Lisa Peterson at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members present were: Deb Humphrey, Ed Schneider, Deb Schorr, Ken Svoboda, Rick Hoppe (ex-officio) and Lisa Peterson.

Members Absent: Cathy Alley, Rodrigo Cantarero, Tony Messineo, Hena Roy, Tom Fox (ex-officio), and Tonya Skinner (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Bruce Dart, Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Gwendy Meginnis, Andrea Mason, Ann Fetrick, Raju Kakarlapudi, Jim Weverka, Joyce Jensen, Scott Holmes, Steve Frederick and Elaine Severe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Peterson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Svoboda that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Schneider. Motion carried by acclamation.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Peterson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Svoboda that the November 13, 2007 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Ms. Schorr. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

IV. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Dr. Dart stated the monthly highlights were mailed to the Board members. He reported the Department worked with Lincoln Fire & Rescue on a white powder incident at the INS Office earlier in the week. The Departments held a debriefing session following the incident. Dr. Dart reported he Department has developed a great working relationship with Lincoln Fire & Rescue.

The Request for Proposals for the kennel contract will be released on December 12, 2007. Proposals for kennel services must be submitted to City Purchasing by January. The Capital Humane Society continues to provide kennel services to the Department on a month to month basis.
Dr. Dart stated the Department continues to work on Customer Service, both internal and external. He stated Talent + invited a core group of Department staff (12-15) to visit their facilities and participate with their staff on relationship building activities and customer service. The Department will visit Talent + on December 14.

Dr. Dart reported FY08-09 budget discussions will begin in the next month. The Mayor has instituted a hiring freeze for City positions. The Hiring Review Committee will review each vacancy and determine whether the vacancy should be filled. We currently have four vacancies that we will be allowed to fill.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Policy 222.06 - Returned Check Fee and Process

Ms. Jensen stated the proposed policy would establish the different processes for returned checks for establishment permits and for food handler permit fees. She stated the Food Program processes checks for permit fees and in 2005-2006, the Department processed returned checks for 5 food establishments and 6 food handler permits. The proposed policy is the same as the Nebraska Department of Agriculture’s policy and would establish a $50.00 fee for returned checks from Food Establishment Permits. Collecting the fee involves a visit from a staff person and food establishments should not be allowed to operate without a valid permit. The food handler permits are generally collected in cash. The proposed policy for returned checks for food handler permits would suspend the permit that was issued and notify the food handler and their place of employment of the suspension. The permit would be reinstated when the fee is reimbursed. The policy was reviewed and approved by the Food Advisory Committee in November, 2007.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the Board of Health approve Policy 222.06 - Returned Check Fee and Process. Second by Mr. Svoboda. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Revision to Policy 222.33 - Lancaster County Correction Facility Consultations

Ms. Jensen stated the Department has a policy for providing consultation inspections for the Lancaster County Correctional Facilities. The policy is used as a tool to handle the complaints received on any unsanitary conditions within the correctional facility and to report the findings to the officials. The proposed policy revision would clarify the difference between the regulated inspection of the food establishment and the consultative technical assistance inspection of the rest of the facility. The food establishment at a County correction facility is permitted and inspected the same as all other Lincoln food establishments. The revision would make the inspection interval of the food establishment 180 days. The policy revisions were reviewed and approved by the Food Advisory Committee in November, 2007.

Dr. Schneider stated he recently went on an inspection with a Food Program Inspector.
He encouraged all Board of Health members to do the same as it is a valuable learning experience.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Svoboda to approve the revisions to Policy 222.33 - Lancaster County Correction Facility Consultations. Second by Dr. Schneider. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

C. LLCHD Website Upgrade Presentation

Mr. Frederick stated the Health Data & Evaluation Division is updating the Department’s website (www.lincoln.gov/health). Dr. Fetrick and Mr. Kakarlapudi assisted him in the updates. The updates will be done on an ongoing basis. New areas include: Weekly Flu Activity, Pandemic Flu Plan, most current Vital Statistics Reports, etc. Other areas of interest include: Quick Facts, Information, Reports and Program. The Division will host focus groups to solicit information for what people would like to see on the website, what is helpful and what they need. Board members thanked Mr. Frederick and the staff for their work on the website and being willing to provide what people want and need.

D. Board of Health Presentations/Reports for 2008

Dr. Dart and Ms. Halstead provided information to the Board members on suggested ideas for Board Reports/Board Presentations and Board Involvement in 2008. Ms. Halstead presented an outline of various ideas and options for the Board member to consider. Dr. Dart, Mr. Beal and Ms. Halstead will meet individually with each Board member over the next month to gain input and feedback. Board Reports could include: Monthly/Quarterly written reports, photos/graphs, organizational charts, reports prepared for others, review of core functions/essential services of public health.

Board presentations could include: monthly division presentation with supervisors, a “Hot Topic” or “Situation Report” determined by the Division Managers, Special Features, Monthly schedule determined by Division Managers or a schedule as requested by the Board or by staff.

Board Involvement discussion centered around identifying a Division/Program to partner with, identifying community relationships/connections to partner with to share information with to further the Department’s mission, identifying the role the Board member wishes to have, and Board members reporting back as part of the monthly agenda.

Dr. Dart, Mr. Beal and Ms. Halstead will meet individually with each Board member over the next month to determine their interests.
VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is January 8, 2008 at 6:30 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Tony Messineo
Vice-President
*** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ***
February 13, 2008

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

** PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008

[Commissioners Larson and Sunderman absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 30, 2008. **APPROVED, 5-0 (Gaylor-Baird abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent; Taylor absent at time of vote)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   (Public Hearing and Action):

   CHANGE OF ZONE:

   1.1 Change of Zone No. 08005, amending Section 27.63.280 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Zoning Code Special Permits, to allow a special permit to be granted for the expansion or enlargement of premises devoted to or occupied by building or structures, the use of which constitutes a nonconforming or nonstandard use, and repealing Section 27.63.280 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
   Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008, 1:30 p.m.
CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

1.2a Change of Zone No. 08002, from R-2 Residential District to B-1 Local Business District, on property generally located at SW 6th Street and West A Street.
   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
   Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

1.2b Special Permit No. 08006, for the expansion of a nonconforming use, on property generally located at SW 6th Street and West A Street.
   *** FINAL ACTION ***
   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 30, 2008, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
   Resolution No. PC-01094.

1.3a Change of Zone No. 08003, from O-2 Suburban Office District to B-3 Commercial District, on property generally located at S. 48th Street and Meredeth Street.
   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).
   Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

1.3b Special Permit No. 08007, for the expansion of a nonconforming use, on property generally located at S. 48th Street and Meredeth Street.
   *** FINAL ACTION ***
   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
   Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 31, 2008, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).
   Resolution No. PC-01095.
1.4a Change of Zone No. 08004, from R-T Residential Transition District to B-1 Local Business District, on property generally located at N. 48th Street and Fremont Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

1.4b Special Permit No. 08008, for the expansion of a nonconforming use, on property generally located at N. 48th Street and Fremont Street.

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 31, 2008, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Resolution No. PC-01096.

PERMITS:

1.5 Special Permit No. 08001, for the authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises, on property generally located at NW 48th Street and W Adams Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 29, 2008, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Resolution No. PC-01097.

1.6 Special Permit No. 08002, for the authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises, on property located at 2500 NW 12th Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 29, 2008, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Resolution No. PC-01098.
1.7 Special Permit No. 08003, to allow for seasonal outdoor sales, on property generally located at S. 84th Street and Old Cheney Road. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 28, 2008, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Resolution No. PC-01099.

1.8 Special Permit No. 08004, for extraction of soil, on property located at 3601 Waverly Road. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated February 1, 2008, with one amendment, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).
Resolution No. PC-01100.

1.9 Special Permit No. 08005, for an early childhood care facility, on property generally located at S. 56th Street and Pine Lake Road. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 29, 2008, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).
Resolution No. PC-01101.

MISCELLANEOUS WITH RELATED ITEMS:

1.10a Annexation No. 08001, to annex approximately 9.22 acres, generally located at N. 56th Street and Alvo Road.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008, 1:30 p.m.
1.10b Change of Zone No. 08001, from AG Agricultural District to H-4 General Commercial District, on property generally located at N. 56th Street and Alvo Road.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

1.10c Preliminary Plat No. 08001, Northbank Junction 1st Addition, for approximately 34 commercial lots on approximately 68.81 acres, generally located at N. 56th Street and Alvo Road. The Planning Commission action on the plat is final, unless appealed to the City Council. The following waivers are also being requested: a) sanitary sewer running opposite the street grades, b) pedestrian easement, c) side yard setbacks, d) change of zone and annexation on the entire preliminary plat, and e) drainage study. Any waiver requests that are recommended for denial by the Planning Department will be forwarded to the City Council for public hearing. If all waiver requests are recommended for approval, the Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated February 1, 2008, 6-0 (Taylor abstaining; Larson and Sunderman absent).
Resolution No. PC-01102.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

MISCELLANEOUS:

4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 08001, to review the proposed South 19th Street Redevelopment Plan as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The Redevelopment Area is generally one block, bounded by 18th Street to the west, Washington Street to the north, 19th Street to the east and Garfield Street to the south.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Had Public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2008, 1:30 p.m.
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH RELATED ITEMS:

5.1a Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 07003, to amend the 2030 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to designate land as Industrial and Commercial in the Land Use Plan, amend the Priority designation in the Urban Growth Tier with Priority Areas map, adjust the road network and other associated amendments generally in the area of N.W. 48th Street from West O Street to north of West Holdrege Street.

**Staff recommendation:** Approval

**Staff Planner:** Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov

Had Public Hearing.

**Planning Commission recommendation:** APPROVAL, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).

Scheduling of Public Hearing before City Council pending negotiation of Annexation Agreement.

5.1b Annexation No. 07005, to annex approximately 233.36 acres, more or less, generally located at N.W. 48th Street and Interstate 80.

**Staff recommendation:** Approval subject to an Annexation Agreement

**Staff Planner:** Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Had Public Hearing.

**Planning Commission recommendation:** APPROVAL, subject to an Annexation Agreement, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).

Scheduling of Public Hearing before City Council pending negotiation of Annexation Agreement.

5.1c Change of Zone No. 07063, I-80 West Lincoln Business Center Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to I-3 PUD Employment Center District and R-3 PUD Residential District, on property generally located at N.W. 48th Street and Interstate 80; for a Planned Unit Development designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes waivers and modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Ordinance to allow 1.5 million square feet of office, commercial and industrial floor area; hotels and motels of up to 200 rooms; and up to 448 dwelling units in the underlying I-3 and R-3 zoned area.

**Staff recommendation:** Conditional Approval

**Staff Planner:** Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Had Public Hearing.

**Planning Commission recommendation:** CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 7, 2008, with the amendments requested by the applicant, 7-0 (Larson and Sunderman absent).

Scheduling of Public Hearing before City Council pending negotiation of Annexation Agreement.
**PENDING LIST:**

1. Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 “M” Street.  
   *(6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)*

2. Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, "M" and "N" Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & "M" Street.  
   *(3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)*

3a. Change of Zone No. 06082, from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street.  
   *(8-15-07: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)*

3b. Preliminary Plat No. 06011, Woodland View 1st Addition, for 25 single family lots and 4 outlots, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street. The Planning Commission action on the plat is final, unless appealed to the City Council. The following waivers are also being requested: a) to allow sanitary sewer to run against the street grade and b) to allow sanitary sewer to be deeper than 15 feet. Any waiver requests that are recommended for denial by the Planning Department will be forwarded to the City Council for public hearing. If all waiver requests are recommended for approval, the Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council.  
   **FINAL ACTION**
   *(8-15-07: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)*

4. Waiver No. 07009, to waive street paving, sidewalks and street trees, on property generally located at N. 36th Street and Q Street.  
   *(12-19-07: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008.)*
5a. Annexation No. 07004, to annex approximately 31.82 acres, generally located at N. 14th Street and Alvo Road. 
(1-16-08: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)

5b. Change of Zone No. 07062, from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at N. 14th Street and Alvo Road. 
(1-16-08: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)

5c. Preliminary Plat No. 07005, Parrott Addition, for one lot, generally located at N. 14th Street and Alvo Road. *** FINAL ACTION ***
(1-16-08: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on February 27, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)

The Planning Commission will hold a “Retreat” on Friday, February 15, 2008, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board Room, 3125 Portia, Lincoln, Nebraska. The agenda will be available in the Planning Department office on Friday, February 8, 2008.

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The Planning Commission meeting which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5.

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The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pca agenda/index.htm
Doug Emery  
City Council

Dear Mr. Emery:

Just received info from Darryl Pederson in regard to the consideration of the Headman's Run Watershed plan. I conceived the restructure of the creek in Taylor Park.

It seems to me that it is not only a stupid idea, but costly as well. Seems to me the City would be better off spending the money fixing all the city streets.
Everywhere we go there are pot holes and all the main traveled streets are like a washboard. Basically its ruining our tires & cars. I especially noticed the street from 56 & Pioneer to 40th & Pioneer. It's a mess!

In closing, I hope this idiot master plan for Taylor Park will be put in a trash can. Thank you for reading my concerns.

Sincerely,

Rae Dudley
Doug EMERY,

I want to put in my 8t worth on this Dead Man's Run Flood plan. I think we have enough Flood plan to pay for now with this Antelope Creek plan and I don't feel deromis is that pressing.

I don't know if you have much say so about the New Jail but I think we should keep the cost of it as low as possible.

Bob. Dechtler
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Lincoln NE 68507
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
Recently in Colombia they were able to orchestrate in their capital a day without cars in which only public transportation and emergency vehicles were allowed on the streets. Citizens either had to walk, bike, or take public transportation to reach their destinations. They did this as a measure to make their citizens aware of their effect on the environment. I think that we should do this in alignment with earth day, april 22, to bring awareness to our city the effect that our actions have on the environment and to show that we can change our habits, that there are other alternatives. what do you think?
An action has been filed for City Council - General.

Tracking Number: 7719

Problem:

Comments: WHY NOT HAVE LES LOOSE THEIR ADVERTISING BUDGET AS A MONOPOLY HAS NO REASON TO ADVERTISE. THEN GIVE THE CITIZENS OF LINCOLN A RATE DECREASE...

Go to your list of actions:
https://intralinc.lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/action/default.asp

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.
Lincoln City Council Members:

First, I want to thank each of you for your service on behalf of our community and its citizens. Your giving of time, energy, and expertise are valuable and appreciated. I want to remind each of you that the decisions that you make, not only impact all of us today but also our citizens in years to come. For example, the decision on the Lincoln Electric System budget may have long-term consequences as well as short-term ones. A sustainable energy program and replenishment of the rate stabilization fund may have an impact for the future that we may not know about today. I am grateful to the many public officials who made wise decisions concerning our community and its citizens in the past, that make our community what it is today. I urge you to make the best decisions for our community and its citizens now -- for today and for the future. Thank you again for serving on the Lincoln City Council.

Lois Poppe
February 11, 2008

Mayor Chris Beutler
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler;

A check from the Great Plains Bicycling Club for $200 for striping a portion of the City trails by the Parks and Recreation Department this year is enclosed. Terry Genrich of Parks and Rec and I have discussed having this done, and he has agreed it can be done this year.

The Great Plains Bicycling Club Board was disappointed that the $500 requested by the Parks and Recreation Department for the scheduled 2007/2008 on-going striping of Lincoln's bike paths was removed from their budget this past year. We sincerely hope this is not to be repeated in future years.

Striping the trails adds a significant safety element to users of the trails, from people with dogs on leashes, to parents with toddlers and children in strollers, to skaters and joggers and bicyclists. A diverse mix of people use the trails, and the middle striping reminds people that they are not on a sidewalk, they are on a trail, with some slower and some faster users. It helps parents teach their children they need to "Keep To The Right" for everyone to be safe.

Because the Great Plains Bicycling Club believes the striping is important, and because we realize that the City of Lincoln does not have enough money in the budget to stripe the trails this year, the Board has voted to donate part of the money needed to do the striping scheduled for this year.

However, we strongly believe that public facilities like parks and trails, created by the City and used by the general public, should be supported by the general public through the City budget. We hope the budget being prepared for the 2008/2009 year will include adequate support for the Parks and Recreation Department, including the scheduled on-going striping of the trails.

To encourage the City to continue to support the striping program, we have voted that next year we will contribute half of the needed amount for the on-going striping program-$250 of the $500 needed for 2008/2009--if the City will provide funds to cover the other half. This additional check will be sent after the final budget is approved at the end of the summer, when we have the assurance that the City has found the requisite funds.

Thank you for your efforts to make the city of Lincoln a wonderful place to live.

If there are any questions you may contact me at the address below, or by telephone at 770-6865.

Cordially,

Robert L. Boyce, III
Great Plains Bicycling Club
P.O. 5621
Lincoln NE 68505

Copies: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation; and City Council
A number of us folks who live in Lincoln are opposed to the LES rate hike. Our salaries are/have not gone up significantly for a long time. My question is how in the world are we supposed to keep up with all of these hikes when our income does not go up. Gas continues to go up; LES wants to go higher (for what cause, I'm not sure); other utilities continue to go up; cost of living rises higher and higher. Is it any wonder the number of homeless people continues to go up! Foreclosure, too! What about the rate hikes that were supposed to be short-term and went up because of recent storms?

We don't all live in south/southeast Lincoln.

Thank you for listening.
Proposed R & D Corridor Design Standards

Dear Chamber Members,

Please see the following letter regarding the proposed R & D Design Standards and upcoming meetings from Urban Director Dave Landis.

February 11, 2008

Dear Lincolnites:

We asked George Crandall and Don Arambula, architects from Portland, Oregon, to provide Lincoln with a recommended Master Plan for the Antelope Valley Research and Development Corridor.

They have recommended the three attached documents for our evaluation, namely:

1. Research & Development Corridor Master Plan: This is the general vision for the Antelope Valley area to encourage development in ways that produce new economic growth and good jobs.
2. A Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the R & D Corridor: Provides an implementing set of regulations and incentives so the vision of the Master Plan can be realized.
3. Downtown Design Standards: Originally seen as applying to the Corridor only, these standards are suggested for all of downtown, from the Haymarket to the Corridor. The purpose is to have minimum, objective standards that will create a cohesive feel to the urban core of Lincoln: active retail streets, largely masonry buildings opening onto the street, off street parking fits the look of downtown and several other
ideas.

These recommendations are being shared now so Lincoln citizens can be prepared for, and contribute to, the evaluation and implementation of a plan for Antelope Valley's development. The documents are located on the City's web page at the following link:

http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/AVindex.htm

Crandall Arambula will share their report and take questions and comments at a public meeting on:

February 28th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
333 South 13th Street, Lancaster Room

After Crandall Arambula explains their vision, we want to hear your thoughts as we determine the form our final actions will take. The schedule of public meetings is currently planned for:

R & D Corridor Property Owners
February 29, 12:00 p.m.
March 12, 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Property Owners
March 4, 12:00 p.m.
March 10, 5:30 p.m.

Residential Neighborhood Meeting
March 18, 7:00 p.m.
(Downtown Neighborhood Association, North Bottoms, Clinton, Woods Park, Malone, Hawley Historic and Near South)

We will announce locations as they are secured. We will provide coffee and you are welcome to bring food given the meeting times.

When the public evaluation process is over, I expect the Mayor and his administration to make recommendations for City Council action that are shaped by the citizen input we receive between now and the end of March.

Thank you for caring about Lincoln's future.

Sincerely,

David Landis
Director
Lincoln Action Program, H.D.C.

Homestead Act + "Grants"

Free lot Corner (only)

Free lot Family Buying 50 lots at 306 City oft.

H.D.C.

Received your letter, we glad to hear from you.

Sending you this Act.

Please Return to [me]
Manager

City Council

D. Leiken

1. for Corner House & Fig

2. 3 - 4 - 120, 150 ft. from front must be (level) with the U.

close to swap thing, walking close

2. looking for Corner lot

Level & close

3. looking for Corner Fig

4. looking for Corner Old Brick House

5. Please return this

[Signature]
Manager
City Council
Keep me on your mailing list
(Crippled & Homeless)

Rocio V. Juarez
2110 Polk St.
Omaha, Neb.
68110
Grants for housing exceed $6.2 million

LINCOLN — The Nebraska Department of Economic Development has awarded more than $6.2 million in grants as part of the 2007 Nebraska Affordable Housing Program.

The recipients:

- Housing Development Corp. received a $258,000 grant to help homebuyers buy six newly constructed homes in Hastings' South Wood Subdivision.
- City of Schuyler received a $250,000 grant to help 10 homeowners in Schuyler rehabilitate their homes.
- City of Wakefield received a $235,600 grant to provide down payment assistance for 10 homebuyers.
- City of Wayne received a $387,416 grant to build 17 homes and provide down payment assistance to nine homebuyers.
- NED Inc. received a $400,000 grant to build two homes and provide down payment assistance to 10 homebuyers in northeast Nebraska.
- NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska received a $300,000 grant to buy, rehabilitate and resell 10 properties to homeowners living in Cofax and Platte Counties.
- Village of Emerson received a $250,000 grant to help 10 homeowners rehabilitate their homes.
- Falls City received two awards: $250,000 to rehabilitate 11 owner-occupied homes, and $250,000 to provide down payment assistance for 10 homebuyers.
- Lincoln Action Program HDC received three awards: $313,400 to buy, rehabilitate and resell seven properties in Lincoln's Clinton neighborhood; a $258,000 grant to implement a rehabilitation program in the same neighborhood; and a $266,300 grant to buy, rehabilitate and resell four properties in Lincoln's Hartley neighborhood.
- Midwest Housing Initiative received a $72,600 grant to build 10 homes on Graham Park Drive in Seward.
- Nebraska City received two awards: $250,000 to help 10 homeowners in south-central Nebraska rehabilitate their homes, and $250,000 to provide down payment assistance for 12 homebuyers.
- Thayer County Economic Development Alliance received a $175,000 grant to provide down payment and rehabilitation assistance for six homebuyers.