DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008
11:00 a.m.
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Invites Public to Second Waterfest at Homes Lake.
2. Response to Question on Help Available for Low-Income Elderly or Disabled Residents with Tree and Branch Removal.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Portion of Cornhusker Highway Closed for Several Hours.
4. Information on Debris Removal Assistance.
5. City Issues Guidelines for Clean-Up of Trees and Branches.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER
1. City of Lincoln’s Investment Activity Report for the First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2007-08.

LIBRARY
1. NEWS RELEASE. Library Board of Trustees Vacancy Announced.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2. Waterford Estates 1st Addition. Final Plat #07079, Generally Located at No. 98th Street and “O” Street.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
1. ADVISORY. Storm Water Project to Start. Project No. 702205.
   (a) Map of Area of Project No. 702205.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WEED AUTHORITY

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. InterLinc Correspondence from Brian Peeks. Use of Fire Pits Causing Pollution.
2. InterLinc Correspondence from Jeanette Harris on City Maintaining Weed Height.
3. Email from Lynda Anderson. Proposed Ordinance as it Relates to Library Director Position.
4. Community Health Endowment (CHE) Meeting to Feature Dr. Nicolas Taylor and Kickoff of “Community Compass”.
5. Revision to the Community Health Endowment (CHE) Bylaws.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
MAYOR INVITES PUBLIC TO SECOND WATERFEST AT HOLMES LAKE

Mayor Chris Beutler invites families to the City’s second Waterfest, a fun and free event from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at Holmes Lake Park. The first Waterfest was held in 2006 to celebrate the completion of a major improvement project at the lake and park. Waterfest activities will include fishing, canoeing and other hands on activities. The event will feature a raptor release, a live radio broadcast, a performance by the String Beans, educational exhibits and free refreshments (while they last).

Holmes Lake and the surrounding park are managed by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. The two-year, $5.6 million renovation project included the removal of 321,000 cubic yards of sediment that had accumulated from 40 years of development and agricultural use upstream. The dredging project extended the recreational life span of the lake by more than 100 years. The City, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ), the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund (NET) and other partners funded the project.

“Today, Holmes Lake is once again a top recreational area in our City, and we are doing everything we can to keep it that way,” said Mayor Beutler. “At Waterfest, residents will learn what they can do to help, such as reducing the use of phosphorous fertilizer in the watershed area.”

The City has been promoting the use of no- and low-phosphorous fertilizer in the Holmes Lake watershed and throughout the City. Phosphorous not absorbed by plants runs off lawns and accumulates in creeks and lakes. It can create blue-green algae blooms that can be toxic to humans and pets and cause fish kills.

The Watershed Management Division of the City Public Works and Utilities Department also is working to reduce the threat of future pollution at Holmes Lake through public education, implementing stream bank stabilization projects and promoting water quality improvement efforts such as the use of rain gardens and rain barrels.

- more -
The City’s partners in Waterfest include The Groundwater Foundation, the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, the NDEQ and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Other sponsors are Olsson Associates, The Schemmer Associates, Campbell’s Nursery and Garden Centers, EA Engineering Science and Technology, Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln, Wal-Mart, JEO Consulting Group, HDR Engineering Inc, Hy-Vee, Nebraska Concrete and Aggregates Association, The Home Depot, Walgreens, the American Red Cross and 106.3 KFRX Radio.

More information about Waterfest is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: waterfest).
At the Council meeting with Directors this morning, Robin asked if there was any help available for low-income elderly or disabled residents who need help with tree and branch removal. I contacted Wayne Svoboda at Volunteer Partners. His agency does not send individual volunteers to homes. Instead, he works with groups and organizations willing to volunteer. He provided me with a list of those who were interested in helping with graffiti removal. Dave Norris in CIC is contacting those on that list now to see if they are interested in helping with this kind of tree clean-up.

Diane Gonzolas, Manager, CIC
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 4, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Scott Opfer, Engineering Services, 441-7851

PORTION OF CORNHUSKER HIGHWAY CLOSED
FOR SEVERAL HOURS

Cornhusker Highway is closed from 56th to 70th streets until as late as 6 p.m. The roadway is being blocked by a concrete bridge girder that fell off a truck leaving Concrete Industries Inc., 6300 Cornhusker Highway. Motorists are advised to avoid the area. Traffic is being detoured onto Fletcher Avenue.
For your information,

The City Web site (lincoln.ne.gov) now has a link in the "hot box" called "Debris Removal Available For Low Income, Elderly and Disabled."

When citizens click on that link, it takes them to the following text:

Supervised assistance with tree/debris removal for Lincoln's low income, elderly and disabled citizens is available by calling:

Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court  
Contact Kerry Dean  
441-3858

Anybody inquiring about clean-up projects using this resource should be made aware that these workers are supervised.

I'm still attempting to secure a couple of other groups who may be willing to assist. This link from the hot box will remain in its current location at least through the weekend. Thank you.

Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center

441-7547
After hearing from City Arborist Steve Schwab Wednesday afternoon regarding the cleanup workload the City’s Forestry Division has encountered, it was decided that a more detailed news release was needed for people with questions about tree and branch removal.

As of Thursday morning, the hot box link will read “Tree Cleanup Guidelines” and will link to the news release that follows this note. The information specifically targeting low income, elderly and disabled citizens is included in the body of the news release. Thank you. (DN)

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 441-7847, fax 441-8706

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7548, fax 441-8609

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Schwab, Parks and Recreation, 441-7035
Karla Welding, Solid Waste Operations, 441-7867

CITY ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR
CLEAN-UP OF TREES AND BRANCHES

As residents clean up from recent storms, the City is reminding residents of how to properly dispose fallen trees and branches. Different guidelines exist for trees on public property and those on private property.

Residents who have safety concerns about any fallen tree or branch should call the Lincoln Police non-emergency number at 441-6000. Residents who have downed utility lines or tree limbs resting on utility lines should contact the Lincoln Electric System at 888-365-2412.

Public trees are those that are in the public rights of way, generally between the sidewalk and the curb. Residents are encouraged to contact Community Forestry at 441-7035 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays to report damage to street trees. (Residents who have structural damage from a street tree should call the Lincoln Police non-emergency number at 441-6000.)

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is asking Lincoln residents to help clear fallen limbs from street trees on public rights of way. Small branches and limbs can be left for pick up by refuse haulers on the normal day of garbage service. For large limbs from public trees, Community Forestry staff will leave logs in the right of way next to the sidewalk, and these can be picked up by residents to use as firewood.
Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said the Community Forestry handles nearly 2,500 calls a year regarding broken or fallen tree limbs. He said the assistance of the public can help the Department reduce fuel consumption and equipment operating costs.

**All trees not on the public rights of way are the responsibility of the property owner.** Waste haulers differ on requirements and collection fees for disposal of branches. In general:

- Smaller trees, brush and branches (under four inches in diameter) from public or private property can be cut into lengths of four-feet or less, secured and left for pickup by refuse haulers. Haulers may charge additional fees for branch collection.

- Large trees and branches (more than four inches in diameter) on private property can be cut up and removed by a licensed tree arborist or taken by the homeowner for disposal.

Fees are charged at the two City disposal sites:

- **5101 North 48th Street** (about one-half mile north of N. 48th and Superior streets): This site is for those using small vehicles (one ton and less) and trailers (60 sq. feet and less). Loads must be tied and/or tarped to avoid additional fees.

- **6001 Bluff Road** (one mile north of Interstate 80 and Highway 77): This site is for those using larger vehicles or trailers as well as any landscaping, lawn care, handyman or property management businesses. Fees are charged based on vehicles size. Loads must be tied and/or tarped or the load will be refused access.

These sites are open weekdays from 6:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Saturdays from 6:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sundays from 6:45 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 441-8102 or 441-8104 or see the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: landfill).

Tree debris also can be taken to Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Ct. (438-8733), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. The charge is $10 per pickup load.

**Low-income elderly and disabled residents** who need help with debris removal can contact Kerry Dean at Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court, 441-3858. All volunteers who are part of this program are supervised.

Yard waste (leaves, grass clipping) cannot be thrown away with regular trash. For information on yard waste disposal, see lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: yard waste).
RESOLUTION NO. A-________

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of

Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the Investment Activity report and attached list of investments be confirmed and approved, and the City Treasurer is hereby directed to hold said investments until maturity unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

INTRODUCED BY:

________________________________

Approved:

[Signature]
Don Herz, Finance Director

Approved this ___ day of ____________, 2008

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Mayor
TO: HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: FINANCE DIRECTOR
DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2007
SUBJECT: CITY OF LINCOLN’S INVESTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE FIRST QUARTER, FISCAL YEAR 2007-08

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council accept the City Treasurer’s Investment Report for the quarter ending, November 30, 2007.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the status of the City’s investment portfolio for the quarter ending, November 30, 2007. The City’s investment policy requires that staff report quarterly to Council on the City’s portfolio performance, description of securities, recent market conditions, investment strategies employed and other areas of policy concern warranting possible revisions to the current or planned investment strategies. This report excludes the Police and Fire Pension, the Community Health Endowment funds and other endowment or trust funds held by outside Trustees. Those funds have longer investment horizons and are governed by separate investment policies and the results are reported separately.

DISCUSSION

Investment Portfolio for the Quarter
The City’s investment portfolio is listed and displayed in a graph in the Attachments. It is grouped by investment type and includes coupon rate, yield to maturity, purchase date, maturity date, the book and face (par) value, and the Investment Policy Composition as of November 30, 2007.

The par value of the City’s portfolio is $238.9 million yielding an average 4.2908%. In comparison, last quarter it was $250.8 million yielding an average of 4.4333%. The portfolio consists of $49.2 million in liquid accounts; $175.1 million is U.S. government treasury and agency securities and $14.6 million in Inter-Fund Investments. The $175.1 million in U.S. government securities includes $112.8 million in investments maturing in less than two years, comprising 63.02% of the City’s investments in notes and securities. The average life to maturity of the investment portfolio is 2.27 years.

Investment Yields
During the quarter, the City’s portfolio earned an average yield of 4.3449%. This compares to an average yield earned of 4.0282% for the quarter ending August 31, 2007.

As of November 30, 2007, the average yield to maturity of the City’s Short-Term Idle Funds Pool, with a par value of $70,155,000, was 4.4066%. This compares to a yield of 3.711% of a 28-day U.S. Treasury Bill with an issue date of November 29, 2007. The City’s Medium-Term Idle Funds Pool, with a par value of $185,441,274, average yield to maturity of 4.2244% compares to 3.159% yield for a 2-year U.S. Treasury Bond issued November 30, 2007.

Yield Trends
The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) had lowered the federal funds overnight lending rate by 75 basis points to a rate of 4.5% during this quarter.

Taken from the October 31, 2007 Federal Reserve Press Release:
Economic growth was solid in the third quarter, and strains in financial markets have eased somewhat on balance. However, the pace of economic expansion will likely slow in the near term, partly reflecting the intensification of the housing correction. Today’s action, combined with the policy action taken in September, should help forestall some of the adverse effects on the broader economy that might otherwise arise from the disruptions in financial markets and promote moderate growth over time.

Readings on core inflation have improved modestly this year, but recent increases in energy and commodity prices, among other factors, may put renewed upward pressure on inflation. In this context, the Committee judges that some inflation risks remain, and it will continue to monitor inflation developments carefully.

The Committee judges that, after this action, the upside risks to inflation roughly balance the downside risks to growth. The Committee will continue to assess the effects of financial and other developments on economic prospects and will act as needed to foster price stability and sustainable economic growth.

Outlook*
Market data continues to be mixed. Despite weakening corporate profits, lower consumer confidence, and a depressed housing market, other fundamental data continues to show strength. GDP for the third quarter rose at an annual rate of 4.9%, and the economy added 166,000 jobs in October, significantly higher than market expectations. The ongoing question is whether the market will successfully weather the storm of the sub price shake-out or require additional easing from the Fed. The upcoming employment report will provide important insight just prior to the next meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) on December 11. Keeping in mind that inflation continues to be an ongoing concern, especially in the light of continued strength in commodities prices and a weakening U.S. dollar, the FOMC may be reluctant to reduce rates. However, economic and market conditions may force them into further action.

Funds Held by the City
The Attachment is a consolidated report of all City investments. At November 30, 2007, the investments held in the City’s pooled portfolio were in compliance with the investment policy that was approved in January 2005. The Finance Department holds investments until maturity unless the need for emergency funding warrants redeeming an investment prior to maturity.

Prepared By:
Melinda J. Jones,
City Treasurer

Department Head Approval:
Don Herz
Finance Director

ATTACHMENTS:
Investment Portfolio Composition and Investments Outstanding, as of November 30, 2007

* Provided by PFM Asset Management LLC, Monthly Market Update and Outlook, December 2007
## Investment Quarterly Report

**City of Lincoln**

**As of November 30, 2007**

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FOR RELEASE: June 4, 2008
CONTACT: Carol J. Connor, Library Director
PHONE: 402-441-8510
E-MAIL: c.connor@lincolnlibraries.org

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Vacancy Announced

The Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries seeks a candidate to fill a vacancy occurring as of September 1, 2008. One seven-year appointment (2008-2015) is available due to the completion of a member’s term.

The Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries is a seven member administrative board appointed by the Lincoln City Council. It is the trustee’s obligation to work toward improvement in library services through well-trained staff and efficient use of funds, to support adequate funding for library services, and to promote the best possible use of all library resources. The mission of Lincoln City Libraries is to foster the power of reading and provide open access to all forms of information to enrich people’s lives every day.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and a statement outlining their philosophy and goals for providing public library service to the residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County along with a brief biographical resume. After review the Library Board forwards information from all interested individuals to the City Council along with the Library Board’s recommendation.

Library Board members must be residents of Lincoln. To apply write to: Candidate Search, Library Board of Trustees, 136 So. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, on or before July 8, 2008.

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June 4, 2008

TO: Community, Cultural and Recreation Centers

FROM: Barbara Hansen, Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries

SUBJECT: Library Board of Trustees

A vacancy will exist, as of September 1st, on the Lincoln City Libraries Board of Trustees. One seven-year appointment (2008-2015) will be made by the Lincoln City Council. In an effort to get the word out to a broad and diverse population, I am asking if you could post this memo and the enclosed public notice at your center.

The Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries is a seven-member administrative board appointed by the Lincoln City Council. It is the trustee's obligation to work toward improvement in library services through well-trained staff and efficient use of funds; to support adequate funding for good library services; and to promote the best possible use of all library resources.

Qualifications include
- Resident of the City of Lincoln.
- Commitment to community-wide library service.
- Time to attend monthly board meetings; to participate on committees and to attend committee meetings; to attend annual state and regional conferences and to read publications to learn about library service.
- Understanding of the legal responsibilities and authority of the Library Board.
- Ability to ask probing questions of the library administration on programs, policies and functions.
- Ability to work cooperatively with board members and the public.

The Library Board of Trustees strives to collectively develop
- Occupational diversity (public relations/media; law; finance; accounting; community service/volunteerism; business/management; personnel; and education.)
- Diversity in membership
- Financial experience
- Political acumen
- Legal knowledge and understanding
- Business/Management experience

If interested, please send a letter of interest and resume to: Candidate Search, Library Board of Trustees, 136 So. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 no later than July 8, 2008. The Library Board forwards resumes of all interested citizens to the City Council.

Lincoln City Libraries fosters the power of reading and provides open access to all forms of information to enrich people’s lives every day.
PUBLIC NOTICE
Library Board of Trustees
Vacancy Announced

A vacancy will exist on the Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries as of September 1, 2008. One seven-year appointment (2008-2015) will be made by the City Council. If any resident of Lincoln is interested in being considered for appointment to the Library Board, please send a letter of interest including a brief biographical resume and statement regarding philosophy and goals for providing public library service to:

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

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: JULY 8, 2008

The Library Board will review and forward information from all interested individuals to the City Council along with the Board’s recommendation.

For information call 402-441-8512
City of Lincoln
Planning

Metropolitan Planning
Organization Officials Committee
Agenda

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

A Officials Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: June 12, 2008
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Mayors Conference Room, County/City Building

AGENDA

• Roll Call and Acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the April 24, 2008 Officials Committee meeting.
2. Election of committee officers. According to the Bylaws, Committee officers consist of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman that are elected annually from the members of the committee.
3. Review and action on Amendments to the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners amendments are forwarded to the Officials Committee for inclusion in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
4. Review and action on a recommendation regarding 2008 Certification that the Transportation Planning Process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Area complies with applicable federal laws and regulations.
5. Review and action on Amendments to the current FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include FTA Job Access & Reverse Commute Program - 1) StarTran Bus Route Subsidy and 2) Program Administration as "priority projects" in FY 2008 element of the current program.
6. Review and action on the draft Lincoln City/Lancaster County FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.
7. Other topics for discussion.
June 4, 2008

Mike Johnson  
Olsson Associates  
1111 Lincoln Mall, Ste. 111  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Waterford Estates 1st Addition  
Final Plat #07079  
Generally located at N. 98th Street and O Street

Dear Mike:

Waterford Estates 1st Addition generally located north of N. 98th Street and O Street was approved by the Planning Director on June 4, 2008. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

Brandon M. Garrett, AICP  
Planner

CC:  
RIDGE DEVELOPMENT CO., JOHN C. BRAGER & THOMAS WHITE  
2001 PINE LAKE RD., STE. 100  
LINCOLN, NE 68512
SOUTHVIEW, INC., JOHN SCHLEICH & THOMAS SCHLEICH
8644 EXECUTIVE WOODS DR
LINCOLN, NE 68512
WATERFORD ESTATES, LLC RICHARD W MEGINNIS
238 S 13TH ST
LINCOLN, NE 68508
City Council
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety
Sharon Theobald, Lincoln Electric
Jean Walker, Planning
File

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June 4, 2008

STORM WATER PROJECT TO START
PROJECT #702205

Next week the City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department will be starting a storm water project in your area. We are issuing this advisory because your neighborhood will be affected by this construction.

• **The reason for the work and limits of the construction are as follows:**
  This construction will add new pipes and inlets to the existing storm water system which will increase the capacity and improve storm water drainage. The limits of construction will be in 37th Street from A to just north of C Street (see map on back).

• **Construction Schedule:**
  The contractor for this project is Skoda Construction. Their schedule will begin with sawing the pavement and delivering materials (which will affect parking) during the week of June 9, 2008. 37th Street from A to B Street will be totally closed starting Monday, June 16, 2008. Weather permitting and barring unforeseen conditions, they plan to be completed with the project in approximately six weeks.

• **Temporary Inconvenience:**
  The City of Lincoln realizes this construction project may temporarily inconvenience you. The contractor will try to maintain access to individual properties but at times may have to close the access during that portion of the project. Please contact the contractor if you need special access arrangements.

• **Commonly Asked Questions:**
  Q: Will this project cost me directly?
  A: No not directly, but as a taxpayer we all share in the costs of community improvements.

  Q: If my driveway or sidewalk is damaged or removed, will it be replaced?
  A: Yes.

  Q: If my lawn is disturbed by the construction activities, will it be restored to its original condition?
  A: Yes, the earthwork will be completed as needed and vegetation will be restored in the disturbed areas.

• **Contacts for this project if you have questions:**
  Ron Skoda
  Skoda Construction
  (402) 560-5004

  Brian Dittmann, Project Manager
  City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
  (402) 525-5646
In celebration NeighborWorks Lincoln will present a full week of events.

Saturday, June 7th—Litter clean up, graffiti clean up, and landscaping
HOBY volunteers will be removing graffiti and litter clean up in the Clinton Neighborhood (27th & Dudley) from 8:30am-10:45 am. In the afternoon from 1pm-4pm NeighborWorks staff will be landscaping in the Hartley Neighborhood.

Monday, June 9th—Graffiti clean up
A group of young people with the Salvation Army will be using donated paint by the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department and paint tools provided by The Home Depot to paint over

National NeighborWorks® Week June 7-14th

During NeighborWorks Week, local NeighborWorks organizations mobilize tens of thousands of volunteers, businesspeople, neighbors, friends, and local and national elected and civic leaders in a week of neighborhood change and awareness. They rehab and repair homes, paint and landscape properties, conduct neighborhood tours, recognize successful partnerships, and host events that educate, train and inform. Thousands of families benefit from the week’s activities nationwide.

National NeighborWorks Week — going into its 25th year — is a celebration of the accomplishments of the NeighborWorks network working in more than 4,400 neighborhoods across the nation. It offers a chance for all of us to contribute to the remarkable transformation of distressed neighborhoods in our communities. For more information, http://www.nw.org/network/neighborworksprogs/nww/default.asp
graffiti at 2301 N. 33rd from 1-3pm.

**Tuesday, June 10th - Landscaping and Graffiti Clean Up**
On Tuesday a volunteer group from The Home Depot will be part of a landscaping project in the Everett Neighborhood at 11th & G Streets from 2pm-4pm. Mulch will be provided by the Home Depot and plants will be provided by Urban Trails. Also, volunteers from First E. Free Church will be removing graffiti at 22nd & Dudley from 6-8pm.

**Wednesday, June 11th - Litter Clean Up**
A group of young people with the State of Nebraska Juvenile Probation will be conducting a litter clean up in the Malone & Hartley Neighborhoods. Time has yet to be determined.

**Thursday, June 12th - NeighborWorks® Lincoln Annual Luncheon and graffiti clean up**
*Guest speakers:* Mayor Chris Beutler and John Santner from NeighborWorks® America. Each year we honor local businesses, individuals and community partners whose work in Lincoln has helped to revitalize our older neighborhoods, help increase homeownership, strengthened the Lincoln community or in anyway help NeighborWorks® Lincoln achieve our mission. At our luncheon we invite a key partner to be our keynote speaker and address issues related to homeownership, community development, neighborhood redevelopment. The 25th Annual NeighborWorks® Award Luncheon will be held at 12 noon at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln. Speakers will be speaking about the current status of housing on a local and national level. Award winners this year include *Resident Property Award* – Garry & Becky Martin, 338 S 29 ST, *Business Property Award* – Lighthouse, 2530 N Street, *Individual Leadership Award* – Jean Chicoine, Woods Park Neighborhood, *Business Leadership Award* – Little Saigon, Thuy Nguyen, 940 N 26th St.

Also, First E. Free Church volunteers will be removing graffiti at 22nd & Dudley from 6pm-8pm. Voter registration will take place at the Woods Park Neighborhood picnic at Woods Park (33rd & O Street). Time has yet to be determined.

**Friday, June 13th - North 27th Street Mural Project**
NeighborWorks Lincoln will present a mock up or scale model of the culturally themed mural to be painted on the building at 1434 N. 27th Street. The cultural themes of the mural were developed by art students and staff from Clinton Elementary School. The mural will be painted by an artistic team of area artists and other volunteers. Sponsors of the project include Woods Charitable Fund and the City of Lincoln’s Urban Development.

**Saturday, June 14th - Voter registration drive and mural painting**
NeighborWorks staff will be registering voters from 11:30 am-2pm at the Juneteenth Celebration at Pentzer Park at 26th & Potter Streets. Also, the team of artists will begin painting the mural at 1434 N. 27th Street.

NeighborWorks Lincoln staff and other event participants will be available for interviews during
the neighborhood activities. For additional information please contact Shawn Ryba or Serena Reeves at 477-7181.

The NeighborWorks® Lincoln mission is to keep Lincoln a safe and prosperous community by revitalizing neighborhoods and promoting homeownership.

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original message.
Combined Weed Program
City of Lincoln
May 2008 Monthly Report

Inspection Activity
651 inspections on 601 sites were made during the month. 911 inspections on 861 sites have been made this year.

Noxious Weeds
- Made 317 inspections on 309 sites on 1,753 acres.
- Found 259 violations on 302 acres.
  - 229 musk thistle
  - 29 leafy spurge
  - 1 phragmites
- Found no violations on 45 sites.
- Sent 10 notices, 164 letters, 24 trace cards and made 63 personal contacts.
- 7 sites controlled by landowners.
- Control is pending on 259 sites.

Weed Abatement

About 77% of the 542 sites inspected were violations and 23% were non violations. All but three of the violations were over 12 inches. Just over 50% of the violations were on residential lots. These lots were about equally split between being owner occupied, tenant occupied or un-occupied. About 40% of the violations were on vacant lots. Violations on commercial, public and right-of-way sites were about 6% of the violations.
- Made 594 inspections on 552 sites on 158 acres.
- Found 417 violations on 113 acres.
- Found no violations on 125 sites.
- Sent 211 notices, 84 letters, published 15 notifications, made 106 personal contacts and made 6 referrals.
- Cutting is pending on 356 sites.

May Activities
6 Riparian Veg Management Task Force
9-12 Vacation
12 Council Hearing
19 Begin City Weed Abatement inspections
22 LPWMA Mtng 10:00 AM

June Planned Activities
2 Landowners Mtng
3 Budget hearing 9:30 Rm 113
12 Mgt Team Mtg
12 Streambed Ownership Work Group
18 LPWMA Meeting
30 Monthly activity report
Hi, I'd like to know if the city of Lincoln is addressing a growing issue with the use of fire pits and the pollution they put into the air. Friday and Saturday evening (05/29/08 and 05/30/08) were perfect evenings to have windows open and be outside enjoying the nice weather. We ended up having to close our house up and come inside both evenings by 8:00 p.m. because of a neighbor using a (legal according to the police dept. whom I contacted Saturday evening) fire pit. The smoke drifting into our house was terrible. I walked across the street and my neighbor had to do the same thing. The wood smoke is pollution and we feel the city needs to have an ordinance regarding this issue. People should not have to put up with this as we can't open up our house or go outside to do anything.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Jeanette Harris
Address: 2424 Northline Court
City: Lincoln, NE  68521

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: negenie1@hotmail.com

Comment or Question:
Dear City Council Members:
I read with interest the article in Sunday's newspaper - 'City lacks staff to mow public areas'
I understand that budgeting could lead to low staffing problems. What I don't understand is why should ANYONE feel they need to maintain their weeds if they know they're going to get away with it.
It seems to me that the answer is right in front of Mr. Schultz's eyes......The budget is low; the weeds are high - What he needs to do is start fining those persons who are violating the code, have the City mow their propert(ies), and then send them a bill. Then, in turn, take the extra monies and get more staff.... Won't that work?
I've been a homeowner since 1978. I've been a single divorced mom since 1984. AND, to earn money as a child, I mowed lawns since I was 9. I mowed many lawns up until I went to college....and then, my baby brothers took over. Surely, you can find someone out there that is willing to put a little sweat into mowing for the City (and getting paid for it.)
FYI - I was the gal who brought the 'weeds' to the City Council meeting. AND, so far, they've not been mowed. We have numerous builders who don't keep up their part of deal. It seems to me you could make lots of money on these vacant lots that they're letting go to seed.
PS. How much do you pay an hour?!

Sincerely,
Jeanette
Dear City Council Members

I am currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the Lincoln City Libraries.

You are currently considering an ordinance to change the classification of the position of Library Director as well as the clarification of the power to hire, fire and evaluate that position.

The Library Board gave considerable thought and consideration to these proposals prior to our vote to endorse these changes. The Library Board is a group of 7 Lincoln citizens appointed by the City Council. We have been entrusted with the administration of the library system. We take this obligation very seriously.

A question was raised at the last City Council meeting as to why shouldn't the Library Director position be subject to the same “political will and winds” that other directors do.

The answer to this question goes to the very heart of our library services. Intellectual freedom, freedom from censorship and access to information have always been fundamental to library services in the United States. Intellectual Freedom is the right of every individual to seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction.

If we subject the Library director to the possibility of being terminated for political reasons, or a disagreement on First Amendment issues, access to information or even censorship of a particular book or types of materials we provide in the libraries, what does that say about our Library system as a whole?

If the Library Board does not provide protection and oversight, a director could be terminated for his/her refusal to censor materials, or for refusing to restrict access to materials.

I was probably one of the more vocal board members as it relates to this ordinance. I feel very strongly that the Library Board needs to provide a “buffer” to be sure that the principles of Intellectual Freedom are upheld within the library system.
If the Library Board were to lose this safeguard, it really would cripple its ability to continue to act as an Administrative Board. The Library Board is an administrative board that is appointed by the City Council instead of the Mayor. I would like to think that the reason for the difference was the unique characteristics and duties of this administrative board and the recognition of its role in providing the buffer described above.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will support the proposed ordinance in its current form.

Lynda M. Anderson
Lincoln City Libraries Board of Trustees
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President/CEO, 436-5516
Community Health Endowment
Date: June 5, 2008
Re: Annual Meeting with the Community

Community Health Endowment Meeting to feature
Dr. Nicolas Taylor and Kickoff of "Community Compass"

Nicolas Taylor, Ph.D. will be the featured speaker at the Community Health Endowment's Annual Meeting with the Community at the Plaza Conference Center at BryanLGH Medical Center East on June 11, 2008 at 3:00 pm. A national expert on substance abuse, Dr. Taylor will provide insight into the world of addictive behaviors and will discuss how newer drugs, like methamphetamine, are challenging our community.

In conjunction with the keynote presentation, CHE will kick-off a new initiative, "Community Compass," in collaboration with Cornhusker Place. This project will result in a unique drug profile for Lincoln and Lancaster County, allowing for better understanding of drug abuse and its impact on our community.

The meeting will also feature the presentation of the Horizon and Closing the Gap Awards. The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to CHE at 436-5516.

Dr. Taylor will also provide a presentation on the Delta Model, a community-based program addressing methamphetamine abuse, 9 am – 3 pm, on June 12, 2008. To attend, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Substance Abuse Action Coalition at 441-4944.
TO: Robin Eschliman, Chair, Lincoln City Council  
FROM: Dan Anderson, Chair, Community Health Endowment  
CC: Joan Ross, City Clerk  
     Joe Rupp, City Attorney  
DATE: June 2, 2008  
SUBJECT: Revision to the CHE Bylaws

According to the bylaws of the Community Health Endowment (CHE), "bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees. Notice of a proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be given at the last regular meeting of the Board of Trustees prior to the meeting at which the amendment is considered and the proposed amendment shall be placed on file with the Secretary. No amendment shall be effective until reported to the City Council and a copy placed on file with the City Clerk."

The purpose of this memo is to report to the Lincoln City Council the approved revision to the CHE Bylaws (attached), specifically Article IV, Section 5, reflects the addition of a Committee on Auditing and Accounting. These revisions were considered at the regular meeting of the CHE Board of Trustees on April 23, 2008. The revisions were unanimously approved at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees May 28, 2008.

This memo will serve as official notification of the bylaw revision to the Lincoln City Council and the revision will be in effect on June 2, 2008.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lori Seibel, President/CEO, or me.
BYLAWS OF THE
COMMUNITY HEALTH ENDOWMENT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ARTICLE I

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. **Number; Residence.** The Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment shall consist of fifteen persons. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall be a resident of the City of Lincoln.

Section 2. **Permanent Trustees.** The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director shall be a member of the Board of Trustees. The presidents of Bryan/LGH Health System (or any successor entity thereof) and of St. Elizabeth Community Health Center (or any successor entity thereof) shall, if agreeable to them, be members of the Board of Trustees. If either or both such presidents are unwilling to serve as a trustee, the vacancy or vacancies on the Board of Trustees created thereby shall be filled by Mayoral appointment in the same manner as provided for the remaining trustees.

Section 3. **Appointed Trustees; Qualifications.** The remaining twelve trustees and, if applicable, trustee(s) serving in lieu of an ex officio trustee who has declined to serve, shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the City Council. To the extent possible, appointed trustees shall include individuals from the health care community, business and finance community, and other community stakeholders including, but not necessarily limited to, minorities, under-served populations, individuals with disabilities, neighborhood representatives, community volunteers and representatives from the religious and educational communities. At least five of the appointed trustees must have a recognized background in public health, medicine, human services, registered nursing, mental health, dentistry or related fields.

Section 4. **Appointed Trustees; Term.** The term of each trustee, other than the ex officio trustees, shall be three years, except that at the time of the first appointment, four members shall be appointed for a term of one year from September 1, 1998; four shall be appointed for a term of two years from September 1, 1998; and four shall be appointed for a term of three years from September 1, 1998. Appointed Trustees may serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. A trustee appointed to fill the remainder of the unexpired term of a former trustee may serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms in addition to the remainder of such unexpired term.

Section 5. **Removal of Trustees.** The City Council may remove any member of the Board of Trustees for malfeasance or nonfeasance in office or for any cause that renders a member ineligible to office or incapable or unfit to discharge the duties thereof.

Section 6. **Powers and Duties.** The Board of Trustees shall have the following powers and duties:
(a) To exercise general supervision and control over the Community Health Endowment, provided, however, endowment funds shall be deposited with the City Treasurer who shall place all funds of the endowment in a separate account or accounts for the benefit of the Community Health Endowment. All deposits thereto and disbursements therefrom shall be made through the office of the City Treasurer upon proper certification to the Treasurer by the Board of Trustees or personnel authorized by the Board of Trustees.

(b) To annually prepare and submit to the City Council a proposed budget of the Community Health Endowment for the ensuing year which shall include recommendations regarding the funding of community health projects and programs utilizing Community Health Endowment monies.

(c) To review proposals requesting endowment funds to support existing community programs and new, innovative and creative programs which have a strong potential to improve community health. For purposes of reviewing funding requests, health shall be defined as the ability of all people within the community to reach full mental, spiritual and physical potential by living in safety with vigor and purpose; meeting personal needs; meeting community responsibilities; adapting to change; and having trusting and caring relationships.

(d) To enter into contracts for the disbursement of budgeted endowment funds to approved programs or projects.

(e) To direct investment of all monies in the Community Health Endowment into such investments as may be from time to time authorized by the city charter and state law.

(f) To hire a President/CEO and such employees as may be necessary for the efficient and economical management of the Community Health Endowment.

Section 7. **Annual Report; Budget.** The Board of Trustees shall prepare annually a proposed budget for the ensuing year, for the use and disbursement of funds from the Community Health Endowment, pursuant to the requirements of the City of Lincoln Charter. All monies received and set apart for the Community Health Endowment shall be deposited with the City Treasurer to the credit of the Community Health Endowment and those sums shall be kept by the city Treasurer and paid out upon the order of those persons designated by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall have control over the expenditure of all funds budgeted annually from the Community Health Endowment, provided, however, that the budget prepared by the Board, and any substantial changes therein, must be approved by the City Council.

Concurrently with the annual budget, the Board of Trustees shall present an annual report of the "State-of-the-Endowment" to the Mayor, the City Council and the community. Such report shall include a description of the past year's accomplishments of the Community
Health Endowment, current or anticipated funding priorities, and a financial audit of the Community Health Endowment.

Section 8. **Conflicts of Interest.** Members of the Board of Trustees shall be subject to the provisions of Board policy, Chapter 2.54 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act with respect to conflicts of interest.

Section 9. **Investment Policy.** All monies of the Community Health Endowment shall, to the extent permissible under state statutory and constitutional law, be invested in investments of the nature which individuals of prudence, discretion, and intelligence acquire or retain in dealing with the property or another.

**ARTICLE II**

**MEETINGS**

Section 1. **Organizational Meeting.** The Board of Trustees shall hold an organizational meeting in September of each year for the purpose of electing officers for the year and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Newly elected officers shall assume the responsibility of their offices effective on the date of election.

Section 2. **Regular Meetings.** In addition to the annual organizational meeting, the Board of Trustees shall hold not less than four regular meetings each year.

Section 3. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called at the discretion of the Chair or, in the absence of the Chair, by the Vice-chair, or by any three Trustees upon written request. Not less than three days notice shall be given of any special meeting of the Board of Trustees. If immediate Board action is necessary or an emergency arises, the three day notice may be waived by a majority approval of the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. **Notice; Agenda.** Advance notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be given to members of the Board and to the public in compliance with the requirements of Section 84-1411 of the Nebraska Public Meetings law. Such notice shall contain an agenda of subjects known at the time of the publicized notice. Except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda shall not be altered later than twenty-four hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting. The Board of Trustees shall have the right to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature only at such meeting.

Section 5. **Quorum; Voting.** Eight members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. Eight affirmative votes shall be required for final action in any matter acted upon by the Board.

Section 6. **Conduct of Meetings; Reconsideration.** All meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Nebraska
Public Meetings Law. Any member of the Board of Trustees who voted with the majority may move for reconsideration of any action of the Board at the meeting at which such action was taken or at the next succeeding regular or special meeting of the Board. If a motion to reconsider is made at the next succeeding regular or special meeting of the Board, and notice of the intention to move for reconsideration has not been included on the agenda for such meeting, final action on the reconsidered item shall be delayed until the next regular or special meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers; Term. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Trustees. Officers shall be elected for one-year terms.

Section 2. Duties of Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees, appoint members and Chairpersons of all standing and special committees and perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees may prescribe.

Section 3. Duties of the Vice Chair. The Vice-Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the Chair. In the event of the death, resignation, disability or removal of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the office of Chair for the remainder of the unexpired term. Should the Vice-Chair assume the office of Chair, the Board of Trustees shall immediately elect a replacement for the Vice-Chair from among its members.

Section 4. Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall supervise the keeping of the minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees, read communications and reports, and perform such other duties as the Board of Trustees may prescribe. In the absence of the Secretary, any trustee may be appointed by the Board to act as Secretary pro tempore.

Section 5. Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be the Chair of the Finance Committee, shall review and report on all investments, expenditures and claims, and shall advise the Board of Trustees on all fiscal matters.

Section 6. Absence of Chair and Vice-Chair. If both the Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from any meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board shall select a member to preside at such meeting.

Section 7. Removal of Officers. Any officer may be removed from office, with or without cause, prior to the expiration of the officer's term by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees.
ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees shall consist of the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Administration, the Committee on Funding Process and Recommendations, and the Committee on Auditing and Accounting. Each standing committee shall consist of not less than two members of the Board of Trustees. Members and Chairpersons of standing committees shall be appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Board of Trustees by not later than October 30 of each year.

Section 2. Committee on Finance. The Treasurer shall be the Chair of the Committee on Finance. The Committee on Finance shall have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on fiscal matters, including review and payment of claims, review and approval of investments, the annual audit, allocation of expenditures and review of budget performance.

The Committee Chair, subject to a two-thirds majority approval of the members of the Board of Trustees, may appoint no more than three (3) other persons to the Committee on Finance to act in an advisory capacity to the Committee as to finance and investment matters related to CHE. The Committee members are not Board Members, shall serve voluntarily at the pleasure of the Board or until resignation, and may be removed or replaced at any time by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board. To the extent possible, the Committee members who are not Board Members shall consist of persons whose integrity, capability, experience, and finance/investment knowledge will assist the Board in carrying out its functions.

Committee members who are not Board members shall serve, as is likewise the Board members, without pay. The Committee members shall serve in an advisory capacity only and have no voting privileges or administrative/managerial authority.

Section 3. Committee on Administration. The Committee on Administration shall have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on administrative matters including personnel, purchasing, public relations, media relations, development and distribution of the annual report, and fund-raising. The Committee on Administration shall also have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding nominees for officers of the Board and persons to be recommended to the Mayor for appointment to the Board.

Section 4. Committee on Funding Process and Recommendations. The Committee of Funding Process and Recommendations shall have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on matters relating to funding policy, including funding guidelines and schedules, the funding review process and public input, the setting of funding priorities and the disposition of funding requests.

Section 5. Committee on Auditing and Accounting. The Committee on Auditing and Accounting shall assist the Board of Trustees in its oversight responsibilities related to the integrity of the financial reporting of the Endowment; the independence, qualifications and performance of the Endowment's external auditor; and the maintenance of and compliance with the Endowment's Business Continuation Plan, Conflict of Interest Policy, and with legal and regulatory requirements.

The Auditing and Accounting Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Board of Trustees. One Committee member shall be the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Each member of the Committee shall have a working familiarity with basic accounting and finance practices and it is desirable that at least one member of the Committee be a "financial expert" as that term may be defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
Section 6. **Special Committees.** The Board of Trustees may create special committees from time to time. The chair and members of special committees shall be appointed by the Chair and ratified by the Board of Trustees. All special committees shall expire upon completion of their assignment, or one year after their creation, whichever is sooner.

Section 7. **Committee Meetings.** Meetings of any standing or special committee shall be called by the chair of the committee or by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. The Secretary or the Secretary's designee, shall notify each committee members of a committee meeting. A majority of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. **Reports.** The chair of each committee shall report on the activities of the committee at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**ARTICLE V**

**PRESIDENT/CEO**

Section 1. **Appointment.** The Board of Trustees may select and appoint a President/CEO to serve at the pleasure of the Board at a salary to be determined by the Board.

Section 2. **Duties.** The President/CEO shall be the chief administrative officer of the endowment and shall be responsible to the Board of Trustees for administration and management of the Endowment, shall provide staff assistance as the Board of Trustees may require, and shall be responsible for the care and safekeeping of all Endowment property, subject to regulations, directions and policies of the Board of Trustees. The President/CEO shall be the official custodian of all records and documents of the Board of Trustees. The President/CEO shall make a written report prior to each regular meeting of the Board, describing the activities of the Endowment since the previous meeting. This report shall be filed as a part of the permanent records of the Board of Trustees. The President/CEO shall be an ex officio (non-voting) member of all standing committees.

**ARTICLE VI**

**TRUSTEE COUNCIL**

Section 1. **Purpose.** A Trustee Council has been created to:

- provide a formal network for former Trustees, current Trustees, and CHE staff;
- ensure a pool of individuals from who CHE can seek advice and consultation concerning strategic issues facing CHE; and
- retain historical knowledge and perspective in relation to CHE.
Section 2. Composition. The Trustee Council shall be comprised of former Trustees of the Community Health Endowment who have a continued interest in community health, public health policy, and the ongoing development and success of CHE. Former Trustees removed from their duties per Article 1, Section V of these bylaws shall not be eligible for membership on the Trustee Council.

Section 3. Powers and Duties. Members of the Trustee Council are not Board members and shall serve voluntarily at the pleasure of the Board or until resignation. Members of the Trustee Council shall serve, as is likewise the Board members, without pay. Members of the Trustee Council shall serve in an advisory capacity only and have no voting privileges or administrative/managerial authority.

ARTICLE VII

BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees. Notice of a proposed amendment to the bylaws shall be given at the last regular meeting of the board of Trustees prior to the meeting at which the amendment is considered and the proposed amendment shall be placed on file with the Secretary. No amendment shall be effective until reported to the City Council and a copy placed on file with the City Clerk.
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of June 7 through June 13, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: East Adams Construction Scheduled To Begin Monday.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

HEALTH -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln & Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Food That’s In When School Is Out.

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Fencing Requirements For Soft-Side/Inflatable Pools-18 inches or more require a fence.

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Sandra Mathews - RE: StarTran - bus routes.

2. E-Mail Letter from Ruthann Young - RE: Library issues.
DATE: June 6, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of June 7 through June 13, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, June 7
- Nebraska Auctioneers Association statewide conference, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St.

Monday, June 9
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, June 10
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) breakfast - “Salute to Tom Osborne,” remarks - 7:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St.
- Leadership Link annual awards luncheon, remarks, award presentations - noon, Governor’s Mansion, 1425 “H” St. (lower level)
- Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, June 11
- International visitors from Japan - 9 a.m., Mayor’s Office
- The Nebraska United Methodist Church annual conference, remarks - 2 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott
- Community Health Endowment annual meeting, remarks - 3 p.m., BryanLGH Plaza Conference Center, 1600 S. 48th St.

Thursday, June 12
- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
- NeighborWorks annual awards luncheon, remarks - noon, Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St.
- Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
- Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association 58th annual spring party, remarks - 6 p.m., Isles Pub and Pizza, 6232 Havelock Ave.
Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, June 9 on the East Adams traffic improvement and water main project. East Adams will close from east of North 75th St. to 80th St. and from North 87th St. to east of 90th St.

The East Adams project includes a paved roadway with curb, gutter and sidewalks as well as left-turn and right-turn lanes at intersections. A traffic signal at 84th Street and Leighton Avenue and a new water main in the area of 90th Street are also being installed. Construction is estimated to conclude before the end of this construction season, but factors such as weather and maintaining access could cause delays.

The contractor and City representatives will be available to answer questions at the third and final open house for this project from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at Faith Lutheran School, 8701 Adams St.

Construction is scheduled to occur in the following sequence:

- Adams St. from 75th to 80th streets will be closed to through traffic. Two-way, paved public access to 80th St. and the Mahoney Golf Course driveway will be provided from the east on Adams St. At the same time, Adams St. from 87th to 94th streets will be closed to through traffic for water main installation.

- Upon completion of the section from 75th to 80th streets, Adams St. From 80th to 84th streets will be closed to through traffic. Two-way, paved public access to 80th Street and the Mahoney Golf Course driveway will be provided from the west on Adams St.

- Once the new signal at 84th Street and Leighton Avenue is operational, Adams St. from 84th to 87th streets will be closed to through traffic.

Access will be provided from at least one direction to all properties during construction, except during driveway reconstruction. Road closures will be announced in the Lincoln Journal Star and on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: east adams). The City and the contractor will also communicate with individual property owners regarding driveway closures.

For more information on the open house, the public can call Andrea Bopp, HWS Consulting Group, at 479-2200.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 30, 2008  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Renae Rief 441-4602; Gene Hanlon 441-7043

LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 5, at the Nebraska Champions Club. The awards ceremony will recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated environmental stewardship and dedication to sustaining and improving air, land, and water quality while protecting public health.

The ceremony is designed to bring public attention to those who strive to protect and enhance the beauty and livability of our community. The presentations are intended to inspire others to follow the models and examples set by these 2008 Environmental Leadership Award recipients. Award winners this year include:

- Business and Industry - Telesis, Inc. and Veyance Technologies, Inc.

Telesis, Inc., the parent company for Lazlo’s and FireWorks Restaurants, Empyrean Brewing Company, and Data Security, Inc., utilizes a high level of waste management, water conservation, smart commercial development, and advocates for environmental protection to reduce their carbon footprint. Overall, Telesis’ efforts have saved over 1 million-kilowatt hours a year, equal to the energy use of about 940 homes.

Veyance Technologies, Inc. installed a replacement rubber coating process and emission control system to effectively capture all hazardous solvent emissions. These changes exceed regulatory requirements and have reduced Veyance’s annual emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) by 70%.

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• **Education - Eastridge Elementary Green Club; Fred Hoke and Brock Peters, Stormwater Awareness Network**

  Eastridge Elementary student leaders established a Green Club to teach their peers about how walking, recycling, and reusing products are good for the environment and their health. This youth group is an inspiration of how mobilizing a school community can lead to healthier lifestyles for a healthier world.

  Fred Hoke, with the Home Builders Association and Brock Peters with Containment Contracting provided leadership in the development of the Stormwater Awareness Network (SWAN). SWAN was instrumental in implementing construction site stormwater runoff education for area trade contractors, builders and developers to reduce soil erosion and sediment run-off into streams and lakes.

• **Community or Non-Profit Organization - Lincoln Action Program**

  The Lincoln Action Program integrates environmental practices into nearly all of their programs. They have developed an extensive computer refurbishing and recycling effort, offer energy conservation and weatherization education and assistance to low-income clients, and are partners in neighborhood revitalization, as well as a new "YouthBuild" program, which combines construction education and leadership training with mentoring to low-income youth by local builders.

• **Government - McKenzie Barry, Lower Plate South Natural Resources District**

  McKenzie Barry, with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, initiates programs to reach children through experiencing nature, which is essential for healthy childhood development and environmental protection. She reaches students through a variety of hands-on environmental education programs, field trips to wetlands and prairies, and connecting youth with nature in their own schoolyards. She has started nature clubs at area schools and sponsored school “Family Nature Nights” to extend nature-awareness to the entire family.

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• **Agriculture - Lyle and Alice Sittler**

Lyle and Alice Sittler have farmed for 40 years and were some of the first producers to use no-till farming and bio-solids from the Lincoln waste treatment plant as a natural fertilizer. A state-of-the art drainage system filters runoff to reduce nutrients entering Blue Stem Lake. They entered into a conservation easement with the Lower Platte South NRD to ensure their 200-acre tall grass prairie remains in its natural state.

• **Individual Citizen - Matt Kleinschmit, Pride Homes, Inc. and W. Cecil Steward**

Matt Kleinschmit, owner of Pride Homes, is dedicated to helping educate fellow builders and contractors about green building construction techniques. Matt was one of the first certified Green Build construction companies in Nebraska and is a founder of the Nebraska State Home Builders Green Build Council. He consistently builds homes that are 60 – 70% more energy efficient, compared to standard built homes.

Cecil Steward is the founder and president of the Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities and the Nebraska Center for Sustainable Construction. Cecil is a tireless advocate for smart growth and environmental improvements to communities and lifestyles. Through his leadership he has developed numerous programs to increase the implementation and awareness of sustainable design.

This year’s ceremony will include Rod Fowler from Channel 8 KLKN TV, serving as Master of Ceremonies; comments by Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln; comments by Bob Workman, Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners; and a keynote address by Dr. Donna Woundenberg of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s National Drought Mitigation Center. Community leaders will provide a presentation highlighting the accomplishments of each of the award recipients.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 6, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Heyl, 441-3889

FOOD THAT’S IN WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT

For twenty-eight years, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has been the sponsoring agency to provide summer meals to Lincoln’s low income children. The 2008 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) began on June 2nd at 29 sites in Lincoln’s highest need areas. Lt. Governor, Rick Sheehy, Mayoral Aide, Rick Hoppe, Health Director, Bruce Dart, and representatives from the USDA, the Nebraska Department of Education, and other local agencies will officially launch Lincoln’s program at McPhee Elementary School, 820 Goodhue Boulevard on June 10th at 11:30 a.m.

“Providing thousands of breakfasts and lunches for ten weeks in the summer to children from 2 to 18 years requires a great deal of collaboration among many agencies,” says Dr. Dart. The USDA funds the program through the Nebraska Department of Education. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) coordinates the program in Lincoln and is sponsoring the largest number of sites of any Nebraska sponsor. The Nutrition Services Department of Lincoln Public Schools prepares the meals for delivery to the sites by Health Department staff. The LLCHD provides training to agencies for the food distribution and offers health education on a variety of topics to the children. SFSP community partners include Russwood Chrysler and the United Way of Lincoln-Lancaster County.

This year’s slogan for the SFSP is “Food that’s in when school is out!” With summer meals, children that participate in the program are assured that they are getting the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow during vacation when they do not eat at school. In 2007, 39,000 meals were served to Lincoln children through the SFSP. More are anticipated to be served this summer with an expected increase in breakfast service.

Everyday, more than 150 children are eating breakfast and lunch at McPhee. Food service sites are typically located in schools or at service agencies that provide summer programs for children. These partners donate the use of their facilities, as well as staff and volunteer hours, to help ensure the program’s continued success in providing meals to needy children. Through a donation from the United Way of Lincoln-Lancaster County, three additional sites have been established in areas not otherwise served by a children’s program.

For more information about food service sites and hours of operation, contact the Health Department at 441-8045.
FENCING REQUIREMENTS FOR SOFT-SIDE/INFLATBALE POOLS -
18 inches or more require a fence

Much like every summer, inflatable and soft-sided swimming pools are literally popping-up all over Lincoln. The rising popularity of these deeper family pools pose a serious risk of drowning to children. While the enjoyment and relaxation these pools provide on a hot summer day are appreciated, it is critically important that the public is aware of the potential for drowning and injury associated with using, owning, or having these pools in one’s neighborhood.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) and Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County ask the public to help prevent a tragedy by encouraging neighbors to:

• Be aware of the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) Chapter 8.36 requirements: Family swimming or wading pools with a depth of 18 inches or more require fencing that is at least 4 feet high and gaps, if any, must be less than 4 inches wide. The fence gate must be self-closing and self-latching or locked. A house may be included as part of the enclosure. The complete code can be found under Lincoln Municipal Code 8.36 at: www.lincoln.ne.gov keyword: safekids. For pools with sidewalls greater than four feet high, call 441-8022 for specific requirements.
• Be a good neighbor and encourage pool fencing!
• Report violations of the Lincoln Family Swimming Pool Code to 441-8022 (address of the violation is all that is needed).

“The ordinance is in place to prevent drowning injuries and deaths. Inground pool owners know the risk and are often vigilant about having layers of protection. However, when a pool is placed in an
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ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of June 7 through June 13, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: East Adams Construction Scheduled To Begin Monday.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

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A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

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1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lincoln & Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards.

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1. E-Mail from Sandra Mathews - RE: StarTran - bus routes.

2. E-Mail Letter from Ruthann Young - RE: Library issues.
DATE: June 6, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
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Saturday, June 7
- Nebraska Auctioneers Association statewide conference, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St.

Monday, June 9
- Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, June 10
- Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) breakfast - “Salute to Tom Osborne,” remarks - 7:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St.
- Leadership Link annual awards luncheon, remarks, award presentations - noon, Governor’s Mansion, 1425 “H” St. (lower level)
- Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, June 11
- International visitors from Japan - 9 a.m., Mayor’s Office
- The Nebraska United Methodist Church annual conference, remarks - 2 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott
- Community Health Endowment annual meeting, remarks - 3 p.m., BryanLGH Plaza Conference Center, 1600 S. 48th St.

Thursday, June 12
- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
- NeighborWorks annual awards luncheon, remarks - noon, Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St.
- Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
- Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association 58th annual spring party, remarks - 6 p.m., Isles Pub and Pizza, 6232 Havelock Ave.
Construction is scheduled to begin Monday, June 9 on the East Adams traffic improvement and water main project. East Adams will close from east of North 75th St. to 80th St. and from North 87th St. to east of 90th St.

The East Adams project includes a paved roadway with curb, gutter and sidewalks as well as left-turn and right-turn lanes at intersections. A traffic signal at 84th Street and Leighton Avenue and a new water main in the area of 90th Street are also being installed. Construction is estimated to conclude before the end of this construction season, but factors such as weather and maintaining access could cause delays.

The contractor and City representatives will be available to answer questions at the third and final open house for this project from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at Faith Lutheran School, 8701 Adams St.

Construction is scheduled to occur in the following sequence:

- Adams St. from 75th to 80th streets will be closed to through traffic. Two-way, paved public access to 80th St. and the Mahoney Golf Course driveway will be provided from the east on Adams St. At the same time, Adams St. from 87th to 94th streets will be closed to through traffic for water main installation.

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Access will be provided from at least one direction to all properties during construction, except during driveway reconstruction. Road closures will be announced in the *Lincoln Journal Star* and on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: east adams). The City and the contractor will also communicate with individual property owners regarding driveway closures.

For more information on the open house, the public can call Andrea Bopp, HWS Consulting Group, at 479-2200.
LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 5, at the Nebraska Champions Club. The awards ceremony will recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated environmental stewardship and dedication to sustaining and improving air, land, and water quality while protecting public health.

The ceremony is designed to bring public attention to those who strive to protect and enhance the beauty and livability of our community. The presentations are intended to inspire others to follow the models and examples set by these 2008 Environmental Leadership Award recipients. Award winners this year include:

• **Business and Industry - Telesis, Inc. and Veyance Technologies, Inc.**

Telesis, Inc., the parent company for Lazlo’s and FireWorks Restaurants, Empyrean Brewing Company, and Data Security, Inc., utilizes a high level of waste management, water conservation, smart commercial development, and advocates for environmental protection to reduce their carbon footprint. Overall, Telesis’ efforts have saved over 1 million-kilowatt hours a year, equal to the energy use of about 940 homes.

Veyance Technologies, Inc. installed a replacement rubber coating process and emission control system to effectively capture all hazardous solvent emissions. These changes exceed regulatory requirements and have reduced Veyance’s annual emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) by 70%.

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**Education - Eastridge Elementary Green Club; Fred Hoke and Brock Peters, Stormwater Awareness Network**

Eastridge Elementary student leaders established a Green Club to teach their peers about how walking, recycling, and reusing products are good for the environment and their health. This youth group is an inspiration of how mobilizing a school community can lead to healthier lifestyles for a healthier world.

Fred Hoke, with the Home Builders Association and Brock Peters with Containment Contracting provided leadership in the development of the Stormwater Awareness Network (SWAN). SWAN was instrumental in implementing construction site stormwater runoff education for area trade contractors, builders and developers to reduce soil erosion and sediment run-off into streams and lakes.

**Community or Non-Profit Organization - Lincoln Action Program**

The Lincoln Action Program integrates environmental practices into nearly all of their programs. They have developed an extensive computer refurbishing and recycling effort, offer energy conservation and weatherization education and assistance to low-income clients, and are partners in neighborhood revitalization, as well as a new "YouthBuild" program, which combines construction education and leadership training with mentoring to low-income youth by local builders.

**Government - McKenzie Barry, Lower Plate South Natural Resources District**

McKenzie Barry, with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, initiates programs to reach children through experiencing nature, which is essential for healthy childhood development and environmental protection. She reaches students through a variety of hands-on environmental education programs, field trips to wetlands and prairies, and connecting youth with nature in their own schoolyards. She has started nature clubs at area schools and sponsored school “Family Nature Nights” to extend nature-awareness to the entire family. 

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• **Agriculture - Lyle and Alice Sittler**

Lyle and Alice Sittler have farmed for 40 years and were some of the first producers to use no-till farming and bio-solids from the Lincoln waste treatment plant as a natural fertilizer. A state-of-the-art drainage system filters runoff to reduce nutrients entering Blue Stem Lake. They entered into a conservation easement with the Lower Platte South NRD to ensure their 200-acre tall grass prairie remains in its natural state.

• **Individual Citizen - Matt Kleinschmit, Pride Homes, Inc. and W. Cecil Steward**

Matt Kleinschmit, owner of Pride Homes, is dedicated to helping educate fellow builders and contractors about green building construction techniques. Matt was one of the first certified Green Build construction companies in Nebraska and is a founder of the Nebraska State Home Builders Green Build Council. He consistently builds homes that are 60 –70% more energy efficient, compared to standard built homes.

Cecil Steward is the founder and president of the Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities and the Nebraska Center for Sustainable Construction. Cecil is a tireless advocate for smart growth and environmental improvements to communities and lifestyles. Through his leadership he has developed numerous programs to increase the implementation and awareness of sustainable design.

This year’s ceremony will include Rod Fowler from Channel 8 KLKN TV, serving as Master of Ceremonies; comments by Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln; comments by Bob Workman, Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners; and a keynote address by Dr. Donna Woundenberg of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s National Drought Mitigation Center. Community leaders will provide a presentation highlighting the accomplishments of each of the award recipients.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  June 6, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Mike Heyl, 441-3889

FOOD THAT’S IN WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT

For twenty-eight years, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has been the sponsoring agency to provide summer meals to Lincoln’s low income children. The 2008 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) began on June 2nd at 29 sites in Lincoln’s highest need areas. Lt. Governor, Rick Sheehy, Mayoral Aide, Rick Hoppe, Health Director, Bruce Dart, and representatives from the USDA, the Nebraska Department of Education, and other local agencies will officially launch Lincoln’s program at McPhee Elementary School, 820 Goodhue Boulevard on June 10th at 11:30 a.m.

“Providing thousands of breakfasts and lunches for ten weeks in the summer to children from 2 to 18 years requires a great deal of collaboration among many agencies,” says Dr. Dart. The USDA funds the program through the Nebraska Department of Education. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) coordinates the program in Lincoln and is sponsoring the largest number of sites of any Nebraska sponsor. The Nutrition Services Department of Lincoln Public Schools prepares the meals for delivery to the sites by Health Department staff. The LLCHD provides training to agencies for the food distribution and offers health education on a variety of topics to the children. SFSP community partners include Russwood Chrysler and the United Way of Lincoln-Lancaster County.

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For more information about food service sites and hours of operation, contact the Health Department at 441-8045.
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