AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS’ “NOON” MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008
(Immediately Following Directors’ Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from City Council Members’ “Noon” Meeting of July 14, 2008.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES - None

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on the Library Board Vacancy - Recommendations. - (See Attachments)

2. Discussion on the Community Health Endowment Appointments. - (See Attachment)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS -

1. Junior Achievement-Spirit of Achievement Luncheon & Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 - 11:30 a.m., Reception; 11:45 a.m., Lunch and Awards Ceremony at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel - RSVP by July 31st - (See Invitation)
2. Updowntowners, Inc. Friday Fiesta on Friday, July 25, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites Bar, 1040 “P” Street - $5 for members/$7 for guests - RSVP by July 23rd to 434-6902 - (See Invitation)

3. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce - Welcome new Lincoln resident Kimberly Russel, President & CEO BryanLGH Health System at an Executive Reception on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 1135 “M” Street, 3rd floor - RSVP by Aug. 4th to 436-2381 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT
Attached is the Library Board's recommendation for filling the upcoming vacancy on the Board.

Barbara Hansen  
Administrative Aide  
Lincoln City Libraries  
402-441-8512

"Quality of Community Matters - your public library" BL080716.pdf
July 16, 2008

Robin Eschliman, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 So. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE  68508

Dear Ms. Eschliman:

Attached are letters and resumes received by the Library Board of Trustees from eight persons interested in being appointed to the Library Board to fill one seven-year term created by Shirley Maly completing her term on August 31, 2008.

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

At its July 15th meeting, the Library Board reviewed the qualifications of the candidates based on current and future needs of the Board of Trustees along with interest in the public library and the community as a whole. The Library Board of Trustees, as an administrative board, strives to collectively develop occupational diversity, diversity in membership, financial experience, political acumen, legal knowledge and understanding of First Amendment issues, and business/management experience.

With these needs in mind, the Library Board recommends, in priority order, 1) Maja Wiklands Harris; 2) Kathy McKillip; 3) Jeanelle Lust for consideration for appointment to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees for the term September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2015.

Ms. Harris would make an excellent addition to the Library and would fill a demographic on the Board not presently represented, has political acumen, is committed to the community and has fundraising experience. Ms. McKillip too is committed to the community literacy, has participated in community organizations and has a strong sense of accountability and public trust. Ms. Lust, as an attorney, would be an asset to the Board, is a dedicated volunteer in the community and has leadership experience on a number of community boards.

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

Sincerely,

Carol J. Connor

Carol J. Connor
Library Director

Attachments: Letters/Resumes (8 individuals)
To: Lincoln City Libraries
136 S. 14th St
Lincoln NE 68508

Re: Vacancy on Lincoln Library Board of Trustees

My name is Maja Harris, and I am writing to express my interest in serving on Lincoln’s Library Board of Trustees. I was informed about the current vacancy by Polly McMullen of the Downtown Lincoln Association, and was thrilled with the opportunity to serve Lincoln in this capacity.

Growing up, public libraries were a second home to me. My father is a librarian. As a child, I inherited my parents’ love of reading, and I was a known fixture at the public libraries where he worked. Throughout high school, I worked at the main library in my hometown almost every afternoon, and in college, I spent my summers as an assistant at the local hospital library.

Born and raised in southern Sweden, I am a recent citizen of the United States, and a relatively new resident of Lincoln. My husband, Ben Harris, is my connection to the city. A native Lincolnite with family roots in western Nebraska, his family has a long tradition of public and community service in the state. Although our road to Lincoln took a bit of a winding path via Latin America and New York City, we always planned to settle down in Lincoln, and to follow in his family’s footsteps.

We are closely involved in two Nebraska non-profits. The first is the family-run Hormel Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to education and business creation in McCook, NE. This second is Invest Nebraska, a state-wide non-profit initiative to create an angel investor network in Nebraska.

For the last three and a half years I have worked full-time for my husband’s private equity fund, Nebraska Heavy Industries. I focus on PR, web development, administration, and corporate governance. At the present time, I am the webmaster for two business and two non-profit websites, and manage the PR associated with these organizations. I also maintain a personal website dedicated to our ongoing renovation project in the Historic Stuart Building.

As a lifelong lover of language and literature, I would treasure the opportunity to serve Lincoln as a member of the Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Maja Viklands Harris
128 N. 13th St #1200
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 419-1191
PHILOSOPHY & GOALS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

To me, the essence of a library is a deeply personal space that you can share with others. In today’s violent and hectic world, these oases are more important than ever. A library encourages sharing through quiet intimacy, and it is one of the few places in our society where the respect and consideration of others is directly implied. We often speak of reading as escapism, and I believe it should be encouraged as such, especially as a counterweight to violent video games, or mindless TV watching among children and teenagers.

*My goals for public library service fall into four main categories.*

**Aggressive Outreach**

While the public library system should attempt to attract visitors of all ages and backgrounds, I believe that special attention should be paid to these groups:

- Children and teenagers
- Seniors
- Immigrants
- Low income families

As future tax-payers, children are not only the main funders of the public library system; they are also the group of consumers that stand to reap the maximum benefits of developing a love of learning early on. In addition to the great programs and events already offered to children and teens, I would love to see an offering of writing classes for young Lincolmites.

Our seniors are the consumers who have contributed the most to the public library system. They are also the last generation for whom computer/ Internet proficiency has not been a professional necessity. The availability of friendly and skilled library staff to assist these citizens with the procurement of information is an absolute necessity to avoid age discrimination. A broad offering of audio books should be part of this effort, as well as priority seating for elderly visitors.

Public libraries are in a unique position to assist immigrants as they adjust to life in a new country. Offering (and advertising) assistance in the languages of our major immigrant groups is an important step in creating a welcoming atmosphere. Initiatives encouraging the learning of English through immersion in literature would benefit immigrant children and parents alike.

The Internet revolution, along with the advent of large bookseller chains, has provided the public with unprecedented access to information. It has also increased the level of consumerism associated with the procurement of media. Without well-stocked libraries, current on hardcopy and online publishing alike, low-income families risk falling behind. Public libraries have a duty to defend the fundamental right to broaden one’s horizons regardless of spending power.
Literacy Programs and Literacy Follow-Up Programs

The Lincoln Public Library System should deploy a Zero Tolerance attitude toward illiteracy among all age groups. In my opinion, striving toward a 100% literacy rate in Lincoln would be one of the most important tasks the library system could take on. But let us not stop there.

The most serious consequences of illiteracy is the damage it can do to a person's confidence. Overcoming these obstacles often take longer than the act of learning to read itself. Follow-up programs like book clubs for beginner-readers, or career counseling for adult learners, are follow-up tools to ensure that reading is not the end-goal in itself, but a road to continuing accomplishments.

Developing a Clear Internet Strategy

The Internet has revolutionized the way we consume information, and there is no doubt that more and more information will migrate from paper to the computer screen. Every public library will benefit from developing a clear Internet strategy.

Public libraries are in a unique position to complement to Internet. Libraries can provide something that the Internet cannot: reliability of facts. One of the most important roles of libraries today is to help the information consumer navigate the giant sea of facts that is the Internet, and to help him or her rank the trustworthiness of sources.

The need for critical thinking has never been more urgent. Public libraries and the public school system must join in an effort to instill skepticism and critical thinking in students growing up in a free-flow information society.

Ambitious Fundraising

Fundraising is must for the survival of our public libraries. The Library Board must dedicate a significant portion of its time to discussions and brainstorming on how to raise funds for Lincoln’s libraries. With all of the new developments in downtown Lincoln, we have a great opportunity to “kill two birds with one stone”, by drawing library visitors downtown to support libraries and local businesses alike.

There is a plethora of opportunities here: joint events or programs with the Children's Museum, with the University, the Downtown Lincoln Association, or with local coffee shops and vendors. Fundraisers with authors as special guests are a popular way to raise funds, and the beauty of these events is that they can be tailored to almost any audience.
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<th>Objective</th>
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| Profile   | • A commitment to public and community service  
|           | • A lifelong love of languages, reading and writing  
|           | • An extensive background in media and public relations  
|           | • Familiarity with the public library system  
|           | • Strong non-profit experience, including fundraising |

| Education | M.A., Journalism & Mass Communications  
|           | Gothenburg University, Sweden (1999)  
|           | B.A., Linguistics  
|           | Lund University, Sweden (1996) |

| Relevant Background/Experience | Six years of media experience, including press, online publishing, video  
|                               | Five years of public relations experience  
|                               | Two years of governmental experience, working for a Nebraska State Senator  
|                               | Two years of Nebraska-specific non-profit involvement  
|                               | Currently managing 5 websites: 2 for-profits, 2 non-profits, 1 personal  
|                               | Worked in public libraries between the ages of 16 and 21 |

| Professional Experience | Nebraska Heavy Industries (NE)  
|                        | Research, PR, Administration, Web Development, Project Management  
|                        | Assistant to Senator Chris Beutler (NE)  
|                        | PR, Administration, Outreach  
|                        | Gazeta Mercantil (Brazil)  
|                        | Business Reporting, Layout, Broadcast  
|                        | Business News Americas, Chile  
|                        | (Business Reporting, Translations) |

| Community Involvement | Hormel Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to education and business development in McCook, NE  
|                       | Invest Nebraska, a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to the development of an angel investor network in Nebraska |
July 8, 2008

Candidate Search

Library Board of Trustees

136 So. 14th Street

Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Candidate Search Committee,

Please consider me an applicant for the Library Board Vacancy. I am eager to expand my volunteer opportunities within the community of Lincoln as a Board member for the Lincoln City Libraries. I believe that my prior experience professionally and as a community volunteer, has significantly prepared me for this position.

➢ As a resident of Lincoln for more than 24 years, the Lincoln libraries have served as a place of growth and knowledge for me. While attending college at Nebraska Wesleyan University, I utilized my local library regularly. While raising my young children, we often visited and participated in library programs. As an ESL Tutor for the Lincoln Literacy Council, I taught many literacy sessions to students’ within the women’s refugee group, at our community libraries. Some of those students, even continued on with their education and have earned TOFAL and admittance to the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

➢ My goal for the Lincoln Libraries would be to strive to inform, enrich and empower, every person in our community by creating and promoting easy access, to a vast array of ideas and information, and by supporting an informed citizenry, lifelong learning and love of reading.

➢ I support careful stewardship of the public trust, which ensures accountability and makes the most efficient and effective use of funds, both public and private; fosters collaboration, cooperation and co-location where possible with other agencies; and builds public/private partnerships to enhance services to our users.

➢ I value both academic and cultural expansion, and I hope to participate in sustaining and building on the Lincoln City Libraries’ successes. I believe that people are intelligent and with the tools, training, proper mindset and leadership, they can implement progressive change and growth given creative program design and implementation.

I am confident that I can be a valuable asset to Lincoln City Libraries, while working toward improvement in library services through well-trained staff and the efficient use of funds, to support and enhance library services. My strong background within the Lincoln community and my willingness to learn, adapt and listen provide me the tools I need to assimilate new ideas and concepts critical to this position.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy McKillip
As an active member in the Lincoln community, I value and appreciate the commitment of volunteer work and public service. I have participated in many levels of community volunteerism from the grass roots approach of neighborhood associations, the structured trainings of Girl Scouts, to the public format of government boards. I continue to volunteer with local organizations I have personally enjoyed each unique experience. It is time to put into practice my experience and education in a position that supports, compliments and builds upon my passion for public libraries and their significance in our communities. This would occur while focusing on programs, specifically targeting areas that include, investment and impact strategies for the 21st Century.

**Honors & Activities**
- City of Lincoln – Community Development Task Force Board Member 1997-2004
- City of Lincoln – F Street Recreation Center Revitalization Steering Committee Member
- City of Lincoln – Downtown Lincoln Revitalization Task Force Member
- Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) – President 1992-1996
- 19th & A Street Park – Coordinator for NSNA – dedicated to City of Lincoln – 2004
- Prescott Elementary School PTA – President – 1994-1997
- Founding Board Member of Preservation Association of Lincoln
- Lincoln Literacy Council – Certified ESL Instructor
- Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women – Chair 2004 - present
- NUSA – National Board Member and Conference Planning Committee
- Preservation ACTION – National Board Member, Nebraska Delegate
- Junior League of Lincoln – Sustaining Member
- AEYA – Host Parents for Foreign Students (Lincoln High, Southeast High School) - 1995, 2001
- Nebraska National History Day (NWU campus) – Judge – 1997-present
- Nebraska Wesleyan Career Week – Panel Member – 2004 – 2008

**Trainings and Certifications**
- Neighborworks Training Institute – 1998-2003
- Hometown Competitiveness Community Trainer – Certified
- Helping Small Towns II Succeed, - Program Trainer
- Entrepreneurship in Rural America, - National Institute Certification
- National Trust for Historic Preservation Leadership Training Endorsement
- Nebraska Licensed Realtor – Woods Brother Realty, 1993-2005, currently inactive status

**Professional Memberships**
- American Society of Public Administrators (ASPA)
- American Institute of Architects (AIA) – Nebraska Chapter
- National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Nebraska Economic Developers Association (NEDA)
- Nebraska Realtor’s Association
**Academic Recognition and Refereed Conference Presentations**

- University of Nebraska - Omaha  
  2008 ENO Foundation Fellowship award for top graduate student in Transportation  
- University of Nebraska – Omaha – 2007-2008 MPA- Student Senate Faculty member-elected  
- Amherst College – Amherst, MA., French Queens International Seminar – November 2000  
  Paper presentation – “Catherine De Medici – She Had The Power”  
- University of North Carolina – Greensboro, GIRLS VOICES Conference – March 2000  
  Paper panel discussion – “Generational Gaps Within the Body Image”  
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln – No Limits Women’s Studies Conference – Spring 2000  
  Paper presentation - “Gender: What’s in a Name”

**Education**

Peru State College – Peru, Nebraska  
- Master of Science in Organizational Management, Entrepreneurial &  
  Economic Development option,  
- May 2008, Overall GPA: 3.95  

University of Nebraska – Omaha, Nebraska  
- Master in Public Administration  
- Anticipated December 2008 – Overall GPA: 3.78  

Nebraska Wesleyan University-Lincoln, Nebraska  
- B.A., Women’s Studies, with minors in Global Studies & History  
- Overall GPA: 3.88

**Personal**

- First Plymouth Church – Women’s Refugee Outreach Coordinator  
- Southeast High School Booster Club committee member  
- Lincoln Little League Board Member-Secretary and Softball Commissioner,  
  2003-2006  
- Lincoln Baseball Umpire Association – Umpire program trainer, 2003-2006  
- Girl Scouts USA – Lifetime Member  
- Master Gardener Certification

**Professional Profile**

**Nebraska Department of Economic Development – Director, Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission – Lincoln, Nebraska**  
2004-present

Currently, as the Nebraska Innovation Zone Commission, Executive Director, I actively incorporate skills that bring together key city leaders, business industry stakeholders, and residents to stimulate economic development and community revitalization. This takes a great deal of understanding regarding dwindling rural populations and the ability to promote the State as place to learn and earn. In addition, I have an established record of providing dialogue that stimulates creative and effective approaches to redevelopment, policy issues, and program design. These factors include regional master plans, economic growth policies supporting educational targeted job markets. I am a creative problem solver with the ability to resolve conflict, improve program goals and consistently exceed company standards.
- Team Building – Decisive leader with experience recruiting, promoting and coordinating events and programs. Proven ability to develop and create effective programming, strategic planning facilitator, including performance and review assessments of company short term and long term goals and recruit participants from a broad-based approach.

- Communication – Persuasive communicator with well-developed presentation and negotiation skills. Develops productive relationships with colleagues, staff, volunteers, and program collaborators at all levels. Regularly engages in discussions and activities that support collaborative private/public partnerships.

**GIRL SCOUTS - HOMESTEAD COUNCIL** – Lincoln, Nebraska  
**Director of School Programming**

Directed and developed school programs for Girl Scouts. Administered and wrote key funding proposals, generated new programming opportunities, influenced school collaborations, developed training, mentoring and volunteer functions, with recruitment and referral components. Recruited and supervised a staff of 60 school site Program Leaders for Southeast Nebraska, 18 county area.

- Increased program participation by 110%.
- Reduced staff turnover by 45%.
- Streamlined program approach and evaluation strategies, focusing on team building and leadership.
- After school program director for Lincoln Asian Center, Lincoln Hispanic Center, Lincoln Literacy Council – Faces of the Middle-East, City of Lincoln - Refugee Re-location project.

**LINCOLN ACTION PROGRAM** – Lincoln, Nebraska  
**Program Developer**

Created and administered REACH Kids Program. Implemented Federal and State programs administered under Energy Assistance grants. Launched adult education programs and participated in case management. Co-actively worked with clients regarding housing repairs for compliance to NAHTF distressed properties and HUD living compliance standards.

- Taught adult and youth courses through Southeast Community College, City of Lincoln and LAP to ESL families, along with socio-economic diverse populations.
- Wrote, evaluated, and administered state and federal grants.
Candidate Search  
Library Board of Trustees  
136 South 14th Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508  

Re: Library Board Vacancy  

Dear Board of Trustees:  

I would like to be considered for the vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees for Lincoln City Libraries opening up on September 1, 2008. I have attached a brief biographical resume for your review. In looking through the requested qualifications and Library Board of Trustees' development goals, I think my experiences in the community and as managing partner of a fifteen member law firm meets the qualifications you are looking for. As a part of my involvement in the community, I have served the last two years as the President of the Capital Humane Society. In that role I actively participated in the negotiation process with the City to obtain a new contract for the Capital Humane Society. Thus I have business, legal and political experience that meet the board’s goals.  

As for my philosophy and goals for the public libraries in Lincoln and Lancaster County, I would like to see the library services provided by the City continue to expand as the population of the City expands. I certainly understand the budgetary restraints involved in expanding library services, but believe that a well educated populous pays dividends that cannot be directly measured in dollars and cents. As a child growing up in a small town in South Dakota, the public library served as a hub not just for people that loved books but for community meetings, recreation and summertime fun. Public libraries were an important part of my youth and I have enjoyed the high quality libraries in the City of Lincoln since moving to the City fourteen years ago. I would like to see the quality programs that the libraries in this City offer continue and I believe that I would be a good addition to the Library Board of Trustees.
If you request any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

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JRL/lp
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EDUCATION

Legal:

Creighton University School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska.
Juris Doctor 1994 Class Rank: 1 of 178
Recipient of Faculty of Law Award: Highest Triennial Average
American Jurisprudence Highest Grade Awards in 14 classes
Law Review: Associate Editor & Author

Undergraduate:

Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Bachelor of Arts: Political Science & History, 1991, cum laude

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Former President of the Board of Directors, Lincoln Children’s Zoo

Member Nebraska Bar Association Publications Committee

Appointed Member Lancaster County Board of Commissioners Indigent Defense Advisory Committee

President of the Capital Humane Society

Charter Fellow Litigation Counsel of America
MEMBER OF BAR

Supreme Court of the State of Nebraska
United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
Supreme Court of South Dakota
Supreme Court of Colorado
United States District Courts in South Dakota, Colorado and Nebraska
United States Bankruptcy Courts in Nebraska and Colorado.

PUBLISHED DECISIONS


U & I Sanitation v. City of Columbus, 205 F.3d 1063 (8th Cir. 2000)

Francisco v. Burlington Northern R.R. Co., 204 F.3d 787 (8th Cir. 2000)
4225 W Huntington Ave  
Lincoln NE 68524

July 8, 2008

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

To the Search Committee:

Please accept this letter for consideration of the vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees for Lincoln City Libraries. I have resided in Lincoln/Lancaster County for eight years and am a frequent library patron. My public sector experience has provided the opportunity to assist diverse communities in Lincoln/Lancaster County. My public administration expertise focuses on programmatic compliance, fiscal responsibility, policy development and implementation, and group facilitation.

Accessibility and material diversification is the philosophy I have for public library service. I have been fortunate to be involved in community groups with library representatives as an integral part of the decision making process. I am excited to learn about outreach programs tailored to the significant number of limited English proficient residents through material acquisition in multiple languages and interpreter led activities. While there is much to be done, initial stages have already been implemented. As a resident of the NW 48th corridor, I have a vested interest in the construction, staffing, and services to be provided at the newest facility. I would ensure library staff is trained and educated on compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and offer suggestions on how services can be accessible for all. Sound policy development, implementation, and evaluation would also be essential in the assurance of fund allocation.

In all aspects of my life, I have proven to be well-suited to situations which require high expectations, integrity, timeliness, a positive attitude, and an orientation to the team concept. I contribute a sense of vision, strong leadership, an assurance of quality, and a commitment to responsibility. Thank you for reviewing my letter of interest and biographical resume. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the community on the Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Christine Kutschkau

enclosure
CHRISTINE KUTSCHKAU
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~EDUCATION~
University of Nebraska at Omaha - Omaha, Nebraska
June 2001-May 2003
Major: Master of Public Administration, College of Public Affairs
Concentration: Public Management
Honors: 2003 President Management Intern (PMI) Candidate

University of Nebraska at Kearney - Kearney, Nebraska
August 1995-July 1998
Major: Bachelor of Science, College of Education
Emphases: Convention and Visitors Bureau Management
          Convention Meeting Planning and Management
          Resort Management
Honors: 1998 Summer Honors Graduate, Cum Laude
        1997 National Tour Foundation Scholarship Recipient
        1997 Outstanding Tourism Scholar, National Tour Association

~WORK EXPERIENCE~
Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Economic Assistance Program
Refugee Resettlement Coordinator
Refugee Health Coordinator
Repatriation Coordinator

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services HIV Prevention Program
Community Planning Coordinator
Youth Development Coordinator

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Administrative Technician

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services Lincoln Regional Center
Administrative Assistant II

University of Nebraska-Lincoln J.D. Edwards Honors Program
Undergraduate Recruiter
July 5, 2008

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

Dear Search Committee,

I am writing for your consideration to be appointed to the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees. I am a graduate of the Leadership Lincoln program and am committed to serve in this capacity if selected. I applied for a vacancy on this Board in 2003, again in 2005, and due to my level of interest in serving on the Library Board, I am applying again for this current vacancy.

As a high school student, I was given an assignment to write and deliver a speech on President John F. Kennedy’s Inaugural Address. His famous words made such a significant impression on me that I began my career as a high school teacher to fulfill a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. Kennedy’s words continue to ring in my ears.

I am an avid reader. For the last ten years, it has been my goal to read at least 25 books a year. To read as many books as I do, and to gain information from a broad perspective, I utilize the Lincoln City libraries. I am a regular at the Eiseley and Walt branches.

I believe in the tremendous value of the library system to our community. The Library is the place that children can develop a love of reading that will promote lifelong learning. The Library is a gateway to information and must provide quality services and programs to meet the changing needs of our global community.

As a Board member, I will be an advocate for children’s library services. In the tight economic times we are experiencing, I will support opportunities to provide library services in a collaborative way with other entities in our community and throughout Lancaster County.

I began this letter with the mention of John F. Kennedy because I am delighted to participate in public service. JFK’s words have challenged me to make a difference, and I would be honored to serve on the Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Curtis D. Beck
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EDUCATION:  
Ph.D. Candidate in Education and Human Sciences:  
Leadership & Public Administration, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

M.S. in College Student Counseling and Personnel Services  (May, 1995)  
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS  
Cumulative GPA: 3.83/4.0

B.S. in Secondary Education, Cum Laude  (May, 1985)  
Pillsbury College, Owatonna, MN  
Cumulative GPA: 3.45/4.0

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:  
Leadership and Organizational Development Consultant  (January 2005 - Present)

Executive Director  
Associated General Contractors of Nebraska (August 2005 – May 2008)

Special Projects Director  
Nebraska State Patrol (January 2003 – 2005)

Deputy Commissioner and Marketing/Communications Administrator  
Nebraska Department of Labor  (March, 1999 – January 2003)

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:  
- Appointed by Governor to Nebraska Workforce Development Board  
- Member, Leadership Nebraska Council, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce  
- Member of delegation to Taiwan to discuss labor issues/policy  
- Presenter at local, state, and national conferences  
- Implemented a new Agency Identity Plan for the state’s Workforce Development system  
- Facilitated Governor’s Policy Forum on Workforce Development  
- Elected to Platte County Board of Supervisors, 1998  
- Member of team that received the Bellwether Award for Excellence in Leadership and Innovation – National Council for Occupational Education  
- Graduate of Leadership Lincoln Program  
- Graduate of Leadership Columbus Program  
- Founder of grant-funded Youth Leadership Development Program  
- NAIA District 10 Women’s Track Coach of the Year, 1994

TEACHING/COACHING EXPERIENCE:  
College Adjunct Faculty Member, 8 years  
High School Classroom Instructor, 5 years  
Assistant Football Coach – 4 years High School and 6 years College  
Head Track Coach – 2 years High School and 4 years College
July 2, 2008

128 North 13th Street #809
Lincoln, NE 68508

Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries
136 South 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries:

Please consider my application for the upcoming vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

I am proud of the history and role of the public library in American life and greatly admire the work of the Lincoln City Libraries. The public library has always been a democratic institution that offers education, information and enrichment to all individuals. It is increasingly acknowledged as a vehicle for building communities and creating a civil society. As Lincoln grows and becomes more culturally diverse, Lincoln City Libraries can be the city’s primary builder of social capital by fostering even stronger connections among individuals and organizations and by offering the best public spaces, both physical and virtual, for people to gather, learn and share ideas.

I believe that I can contribute to that work in the coming seven years. In over thirty years as a librarian, reader and researcher, I have both frontline and management experience with:

- every aspect of the evolution of libraries and information access
- management issues presented by ongoing technological change, shifting demographics, rising costs, dwindling space and declining funds
- optimization of limited resources
- anticipation of and response to new and high patron demands
- maintenance of staff skills, enthusiasm and sense of purpose
- creation of usable and attractive physical and virtual spaces
- cooperation among local libraries

My resume is enclosed. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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128 North 13th Street #809  
Lincoln, NE 68508  

Education  

University of Illinois  
Masters in Library Science  

Southern Illinois University  
Bachelors in Anthropology and Psychology  

Positions  

Research and Instructional Services  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Lincoln, NE  

Reference Services Librarian, 1997-  
Coordinate services of the Love Library reference desk and email reference service, overseeing the reference desk duties of a desk staff averaging twenty to twenty-five members. Act as coordinator of the Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center. Responsibilities include scheduling, training staff, building the reference collection, acting as the reference expert, advising on policies and procedures, and maintaining up-to-date reference information files. Serve on numerous library committees and task forces.  

Liaison Librarian, 1988-  

Major Accomplishments at UNL:  
- developed initial and in-service training programs for reference desk staff  
- initiated and developed electronic Ask a Reference Question service  
- arranged reference area to create more inviting and useful space  
- served on numerous committees that create library web pages and determine electronic offerings.  
- integrated reference collections and services of the Physics, Biology and Chemistry Libraries  
- integrated and promoted of electronic reference materials  
- coordinated development of a reference wiki for all library staff  
- received the University Libraries ACLP 2005 CAMRE Award in recognition of "creating an atmosphere of mutual respect in the UN-L Libraries"  
- received awards from the Library Instruction Round Table of the American Library Association for one of twenty best articles on library instruction published in 1992 and 1996  
- granted tenure in 1994; promoted to rank of full professor in 2006
Positions prior to 1988:

Librarian, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO, 1977-1980; 1984-1988
Librarian, Yolo County Public Library, Davis Branch, Davis, CA, 1980-1984

Publications


Jeanetta Druke “”Researching Local Organizations: Simple Strategies for Building Social Capital” accepted for publication in *Reference and User Services Quarterly* in summer 2006 (refereed)

Jeanetta Druke “St. Osmund’s New Legacy: The Scriptorium Informs the Electronic Text Center” *Libraries and Culture*, Fall 2001 (refereed)


*Choice Magazine*, over sixty reference book and website reviews published and forthcoming 1992-

*NCB News*, four articles and three book reviews published 2003-

Professional Organizations

American Library Association (ACRL, RUSA, Book History Roundtable) 1988-

Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing 2002-

Community Service

Nebraska Center for the Book Board of Directors, 2003-2005; Publications Committee, Nebraska Center for the Book, 2003-2005; NCB website co-developer, 2003-

Nebraska Humanities Alliance, planning consultant for five-state cultural inventory, 2002

Hospice of Tabitha, volunteer reader and visitor, 1997-2002

Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, selector and donator of research materials, 2004-
July 8, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I recently became aware of an opening on the Library Board of Trustees and am interested in applying.

I am very interested in literacy issues, and am an avid reader. I am a founding member of the NSEA Book Club and have participated in each of the “All Lincoln Read” programs. I believe neighborhood libraries are important for Lincoln and would like to see them developed more as a “third place to be” – home, work, library. The library should be a welcoming place for citizens of every age.

I work as a meeting planner and administrative assistant for the Nebraska State Education Association and would be honored to have an opportunity to serve on the Library Board of Trustees.

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(402) 475-7611 (work)
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julie.wolf@nsea.org

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nebraska State Education Association – 1973 to Present
- NEA Representative Assembly Convention Coordinator
- Administrative Assistant to the President of NSEA
- Negotiations Team Member, Nebraska Staff Organization
- Bargaining and Research Support Staff

COMMUNITY AND CHURCH EXPERIENCE

- Founding Member of NSEA Book Club
- Girl Scout Leader – 1985 to 1992
- Member Eastridge Neighborhood Association
- Women’s Ministry Team – Sheridan Lutheran Church
- Various parent/support groups, Lincoln East High School and Eastridge Elementary School

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Husband: David Wolf
Children: Leah Wolf Heinauer
          Ryan Wolf
          Jacob Wolf
Candidate Search
Library Board of Trustees
136 S. 14th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a brief biographical resume in response to the candidate search for the Library Board of Trustees.

My personal philosophy related to public library service is that all members of the community should have access to our city libraries and that while there, they should experience comfort, convenience and a feeling of safety. I think that Lincoln City Libraries to date has done an outstanding job in making that a reality.

While my goals would naturally include fostering and supporting the work in progress, or new initiatives, through the Board of Trustees and library staff, a specific area of interest for me is the continued mobilization of volunteers not only as resources in light of funding limitations, but more importantly to provide an opportunity for community members to gain an awareness of the operations of a library and to contribute their talents and expertise. From a personal perspective, the library has always been a source of joy for me as a patron, but when I had the opportunity to serve as a volunteer, I gained an awareness of the library’s vast resources and a new appreciation for the extensive work necessary to maintain a quality library system.

I would now like to serve in a different volunteer capacity for Lincoln City Libraries and thank you for your consideration of my interest in serving on the Library Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patricia (Pat) Taft
WORK EXPERIENCE

Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services, Lincoln, NE
Currently employed as a Program Specialist with services for aged and people with disabilities with primary role of developing program for children with autism including state regulations and coordinating the Nebraska State Medicaid Plan. Twenty-seven years (5 year break at CHP) with the Department in positions of Case Manager, Training Specialist, Resource Development Coordinator, Volunteer Program Manager, and System Advocate. Developed and coordinated statewide NDHHS Volunteer and Resource Development Program with 30+staff and the Office of the System Advocate including operating procedures and policies.

CHP International, Inc., Chicago, IL
Managed a national training project through a federal funding grant for five years. Responsible for coordinating training workshops and large conferences in cities nationwide; developed protocol and procedures; managed large budget with multiple funding sources.

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

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

FAMILY
Husband and two adult children; resident of Lincoln for 43 years.
July 8, 2008

Chris Beutler, Mayor
City of Lincoln
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that the three-year terms of the following members of the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment (CHE) will expire on August 31, 2008.

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<td>Rick Boucher</td>
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Ms. Meeks has completed two, three-year terms, the maximum allowed by city ordinance. Mr. Boucher, Mr. Wimes, and Ms. Humphrey are eligible to be re-appointed, at your discretion and with City Council confirmation, to serve an additional three-year term. For your information, Mr. Boucher, Mr. Wimes, and Ms. Humphrey have indicated to me that they would be pleased to accept a mayoral appointment to serve an additional three-year term. We respectfully request that new and re-appointments to the CHE Board of Trustees be made by August 15, 2008.

To fill the vacancy left by Ms. Meeks, the CHE Board of Trustees respectfully requests that you appoint an individual with a high level of finance/investment expertise. As you know, the passage of Amendment 1 will mean significant changes to CHE investment policy. Added expertise in investment/finance matters is critical at this pivotal point in CHE’s history. It should also be noted that two current Trustees with valuable investment experience, Bill Lester and Dan Anderson, will be leaving the CHE Board of Trustees in one and two years, respectively, due to term limits. The exit of these highly qualified individuals gives added gravity to the need for an appointment with finance/investment expertise. CHE would be pleased to discuss our request with you in greater detail at your request, or to provide you with the names of potential candidates.

If I can be of any other assistance to you or your staff in the appointment process, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to CHE.

Sincerely,

Lori Vrtiska Seibel
President/CEO

cc: CHE Board of Trustees
    Members of the City Council
Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair  
Doug Emery, Vice Chair  
Jon Camp  
Jonathan Cook  
John Spatz  
Ken Svoboda  
Dan Marvin

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor  
Trish Owen, Aide to the Mayor

Chair Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act announced.

I. MINUTES  
1. Minutes from City Council Members’ Noon Meeting of July 14, 2008. Above minutes approved by acclamation.

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

LES Meeting  
Craig Ediger, Intern  
(Attachment A)

Ediger stated Bundy, LES, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2008 Rate Adjustment. Eschliman asked if explanation given on proposing 12% and now a 10% increase? Hoppe commented it was $1.5 million moved from their stabilization fund. Svoboda asked if they took a million dollars out of operations and an extra half-million out of stabilization? Eschliman inquired if they discussed the cuts. Ediger replied the rate stabilization funds were low, and looking at a two year plan charted out rate increases for this and next year.

Svoboda asked if the Board wanted to cut an extra half million dollars out of operations, or was it administration’s idea? Fisher replied the administration. Emery stated several Council members met with Bundy and large users of LES the end of May with no announcement on the increase. Seems a bit disingenuous as they talked about rate stabilization, and other matters. Disappointed Council didn’t have the information.

Camp asked at the meeting if rate increase discussed? Emery replied there was no dialogue on a rate increase, but clearly discussing rates. Marvin commented the meeting involved LES, including Board members, Emery and himself, some light and power users with the purpose to set up a framework to bring the budget, and various things, forward.

Eschliman stated they will meet with Council. Hoppe added the Mayor has not seen the resolution passed and do not know if a statement ten, or a natural rate increase, at this time. Svoboda requested Hoppe set up a pre-council with Bundy. Emery added would like an answer to why increase not mentioned before.
OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS
Owen asked if Eschliman, Marvin, and Svoboda would like reappointment to RTSD? Eschliman declined. Svoboda and Marvin agreed to serve another term. Discussion of a Council Member taking Eschliman’s place with Emery agreeing to serve on the Railroad Transportation Safety District.

Owen also asked Marvin if he would want to be reappointed to the Utility Bills Billing Checkoff Program with Marvin agreeing to serve.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR
None

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the Library Board Vacancy
Motion: Svoboda made motion to forward Kathy McKillip to the Library Board as the nominee from the Council. Spatz seconded.

Discussion: Cook asked why not Maja Harris, the Library Board’s first choice? Svoboda stated he knows Ms. McKillip, as well as her being an employee at the State Department of Economic Development, and the Coordinator for the I-80 Commission. She has very high energy and is very locally committed.

Cook stated he would support Maja Harris. The information provided indicates she’s involved with non-profits, supports education and has both business and fund raising experience. Eschliman stated she finds Kathy McKillip excellent at speaking. Svoboda stated all the resumes were extremely qualified, but have a comfort level with Ms. McKillip based on personal experience.

Emery thought if the Board goes through interviews, sending recommendations, don’t know if in a position to supercede the Board’s recommendation. Marvin would also go with the Board’s recommendation. Svoboda questioned why present to Council if we just take the recommendation?

Role Called: Eschliman, Emery, Cook, Marvin voted nay. Camp, Spatz, and Svoboda voted aye. Motion failed four to three.

Motion: Emery made motion to accept the recommendation of the Library Board and forward Maja Harris as the nominee from the Council. Cook seconded

Discussion: Camp thought Maja Harris also lived in New York City. Cook said she always planned, and has now, settled in Lincoln. Discussion on having someone in Lincoln on the Board, and Harris’ work experience.

Role Called: Eschliman, Emery, Cook, Spatz, Svoboda and Marvin voted aye. Camp voted nay. Motion passed six to one.
2. **Discussion on the Community Health Endowment Appointments**

Hoppe stated he’s not sure how this was placed on the agenda but do know Mayor Beutler and Pearce are having discussions on who to move forward. Possibly on agenda in response to a letter regarding four positions being up, with three people eligible to be reappointed.

Marvin commented he didn’t know if everyone was appointed when Council submitted names for the Audit Board. If not appointed this particular position requires someone familiar with investments, financials and would like someone qualified with this background. Possibly go back and look at the individual names.

**VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- Cook  
  No comments
- Spatz  
  No comments
- Camp  
  No comments
- Eschliman  
  No comments
- Svoboda  
  No comments
- Marvin  
  No comments
- Emery  
  No comments

**VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.
2008 Rate Adjustment

Background and Budget and Rates Committee Proposal July 18, 2008

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and Rates

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Timeline of Activity

July 18, 2008 - Administrative Board Meeting
- Budget and Rates Committee Recommendation

July 25, 2008 - Public Meeting Notice – LJS

August 5, 2008 - Public Meeting
- WAC Service Center 7:00 pm

August 8, 2008 - LES Administrative Board Meeting
- To consider Public Comments and Approve Final Rate Recommendation to forward to City Council

August 11, 2008 - First Reading LES Rate Resolution

August 18, 2008 - City Council Public Hearing and Consideration for Approval of Rate Adjustment

September 1, 2008 - New Rates are in effect