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2. Email to Denise Pearce, Aide to the Mayor, after receipt of cover memo on homeowners
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3. Email from Eugene R. Schiltz. Opposed to StarTran Proposal for Reduction of Hours of
   Operation.

DAN MARVIN
1. Email from Niki Svik. Concerns on Budget, Closing Elementary School CLC’s. Evaluate
   Whether to Build Convention Center and Arena In This Time of Rising Financial Costs.
   Young Families Think of Moving Away from Lincoln.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Email from Wilbur Dasenbrock. Appreciates Dedication and Effort. Work Together in the
   Best Interest of the People of Lincoln.
2. Email from Michael M. Bartels. Unhappy with Proposed Reduction of Branch Library
   Hours.
3. Email from Fred Marks. LES Rate Increases. If Absolutely Necessary Lighten Burden on
   Older Citizens, People on Disability, Disabled Veterans, Low Income Individuals and
   Families. LES Needs to be More Creative in Solving the Electricity Problem.
4. Email from Mark Hupf. Citizens Depend on Bus Service, Do Not Cut Hours Between
   11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
5. Email from Rachel West. Do Not Reduce Lincoln City Libraries’ Hours of Operations.
   Recommended Reading of Libraries and Democracy.
6. Email from Jeanette Fanneyer. Concern Over Bowling Lake. In Plan and Do Not Skip
   Over Again. Unnecessary Waste Needs to Stop Now.
7. Email from Jodi Delozier. Do Not Approve the 12% LES Rate Hike. LES Should Cut
   Internally with Either Salaries, Salary Increases, or Positions.
8. Email from Russell Miller. More Efficient to Prevent Crime Before Gangs are Established.
9. Email from Larry Jabloncki. Do Not Use TIP for the Rosewood Inn Development.
10. Email from Judd Smith. Words to Live By as a Council Member.
11. Email from Janet Kosch. Adjustment of Library Public Service Hours.
12. Email from Mark Hupf. Do Not Make Cuts Proposed to StarTran.
13. Letter and Newspaper Article Received from Herb Welter. Keep City Vehicles Longer
    Than the Warranty.
14. Letter from People First of Lincoln Outlining How Members Rely on Public
    Transportation, StarTran.
16. Correspondence through InterLinc from Paul Schack. Opposed to Cutting Public Transportation and Proposed Cuts from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
17. Email from Deb Quinn. Do Not Cut StarTran Bus Routes Midday Trips.
18. Email from Joyce Schuette. Proposal to Reduce Four Hours of Midday Route Service Adversely Affects Many People.
19. Correspondence from Judy Schiltz. Appreciate the StarTran Bus New Schedules and Routes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
MAYOR PRESENTS JUNE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for June to Joyce Kubicek of the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging (LAAA). The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

Kubicek is an Aging Program Coordinator for the LIFE division of LAAA, and has been employed by the City for about 30 years. She was nominated in the categories of customer relations and valor by co-workers Joanne Farrell, Donna Mulder, and Barbara Straus. She was nominated for following her intuition regarding one of her cases involving an elderly couple.

A planned, routine home visit to the couple turned out to be a life-saving event. One day in March, when she went to see the couple, they did not answer the door or the phone. The wife has dementia and hearing loss, and may not have heard the doorbell or telephone. Kubicek thought it was possible that they had forgotten her planned visit and went out.

Since it was the end of the work day, Kubicek went home but was unable to stop thinking about the missed visit. She tried to call the couple a few more times with no results. Later in the evening, Kubicek located their daughter’s phone number in another state and asked that she try to call the couple. She also advised the daughter to call the police if she couldn’t reach them in a few hours.

The daughter was unable to reach her parents and called the police, who broke into the home, and found the elderly couple in terrible shape. Both of them were sick with the flu, dehydrated and weak. The elderly couple were transported to the hospital and admitted.

Kubicek followed her intuition that all was not well with the couple, and pursued help for them after working hours. This resulted in the necessary emergency action being taken, which probably saved the lives of the elderly couple. Both have recovered from their ordeal.

The nominators believe that due to Kubicek’s persistence and professionalism, the elderly couple are alive and safe today.

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The nomination stated that Kubicek has always been devoted to the elderly in the community. Over the years, she has helped thousands maintain their independence and quality of life. This time, she made an even bigger difference.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are productivity, safety and loss prevention. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description.

All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
**LANCASTER COUNTY APPRAISAL CARD**

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**RESIDENTIAL SECTIONS**

- RES 1,169

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People First of Lincoln

For Adults 18 years and older Who Experience Developmental Disabilities

July 14, 2008

Mayor Chris Beutler
555 South 10th Street
Room 208
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler:

The People First of Lincoln is a self-advocacy organization for individuals over the age of 18 who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities for which The Arc of Lincoln Lancaster County is a sponsor.

The majority of our members use the public transportation system as their main source of transportation to and from work, medical appointments and social activities. As a group we would like to voice our concerns regarding the removal of StarTran bus services on Vine Street from 33rd Street to 48th Street. This route change has already had a direct impact on the independence and livelihood of several individuals that live in an accessible housing unit built by the League of Human Dignity at 800 North 44th Street.

Our concerns are:

- The housing unit was built for individuals with mobility issues with a bus stop located directly in front of the building to assist them with their daily transportation needs. The nearest StarTran pickup site is 48th and Vine Street which possess many accessibility challenges as well as safety issues. The individuals that live in this multi-housing unit are trying to live productive, independent lives, and this change in StarTran bus services is hindering their independence and quality of life.

- The transition to the new routes has been very confusing for our members, as well as the community at large, as new bus stop signs have not been put up and several of the old bus stop signs have not been taken down. Several of our members have attempted to ride the bus but found themselves on the wrong side of the street since the bus stops are not properly marked, resulting in missed buses and late for work and appointments. This happened several times to two of the individuals that use motorized wheel chairs, which has been frustrating for them because they obviously are not able to “run to the other side of the road” to catch the bus.

If you have questions, or would like to address our comments, you may do so by contacting us through The People First Local Advisor, Teresa Bergman, at The Arc of Lincoln/Lancaster County, 5609 South 49th Street, Suite 5, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Thank you for your time,

The People First of Lincoln Officers

Pam Bentzel, President
Mike Hiles, Vice President

cc: Larry Worth, Transit Manager
Lin Quijano, City Ombudsman
Joe Govier, State Advisor, People First of Nebraska
Teresa Bergman, Lincoln Advisor, People First of Lincoln
Tammy-

This is some backup documentation for Monday's Council meeting, agenda items #10 and #11. We have been notified by the LPSNRD that a hearing on this issue will be held by the Natural Resources District on August 6th. Please add to the City Council's packet.

Thank you-Trish

Trish Owen, MPA, Deputy Chief of Staff
City/County Building
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 208
Lincoln, NE 68508
(402) 441-7511 Phone
(402) 430-3390 Cellular
(402) 441-7120 Fax

"The future influences the present just as much as the past." Friedrich Nietzsche

----- Forwarded by Trish A Owen/Notes on 07/16/2008 01:55 PM -----
LEGAL NOTICE

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, hereby gives notice pursuant to Section 25-2504 R.R.S. 1943, that it will hold a public hearing concerning the acquisition of private property (easements) needed for the construction, operation and maintenance of several stream stability measures, known as Deadmans Run CIP Project #5, such private property being described as follows:

Portions of Chateau First Addition, Lots 1 and 2 and Irregular Tract Lots 159 & 160 NW, Section 21, T-10-N, R-7-E of the 6th P.M. Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The hearing on property acquisition for Deadmans Run CIP Project #5 will be held in the Lower Platte South NRD Office in Lincoln, Nebraska (3125 Portia Street) on Wednesday August 6, 2008 at 3:00 PM.

At the hearing the District will explain the nature of and the necessity for the project, the reasons for selecting the site, the right of the owners to be represented by an attorney and to accept or reject any offer, and the right to require that such damages be determined pursuant to the procedures for acquisition by eminent domain. The District shall hear and consider any objections from any persons.

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, a political subdivision.
Chateau Properties, LLC
3100 South 72nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as formal notification that the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District proposes to acquire an interest in your property for the construction and operation of the Deadman’s Run CIP Project #5, upstream of 56th & Holdrege Streets. The need for this project was determined during a multi-year planning process as we developed the Deadman’s Run Watershed Master Plan with the City of Lincoln. In this plan we identified several projects to address stormwater conveyance and detention needs.

According to the tax records in the office of the Lancaster County Treasurer, you are the owner, or the representative of the owner, of Lots 1 and 2, Chateau First Addition in the Section 21, T-10-N, R-7-E, Lancaster County. The District proposes to acquire from you an easement over a portion of your property as shown on the attached copies of the easement plan.

The District proposes to compensate you for the necessary interest in your property based upon an appraisal from a licensed real estate appraiser. We will begin negotiations with you not less than forty-five (45) days after you receive this letter.

The District is authorized acquire the interest in your property in accordance with Section 2-3234 and 76-701 et. seq. of the Revised, Reissued Statutes of the State of Nebraska. The nature of and the necessity and purpose for which the easement shall be used is to provide the District with the right to construct, operate and maintain Deadman’s Run CIP Project #5.

The District has scheduled a public hearing to explain the project, the right-of-way requirements, the negotiating procedures and schedules, to inform the landowners of their procedural rights, and to hear and consider any comments or objections from any person. The hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at the Lower Platte South NRD Office, 3125 Portia Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. Feel free to give me a call or write if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul D. Zillig
Assistant General Manager

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
July 10, 2008

Lincoln Lutheran School Assn
1100 North 56th Street
Lincoln, NE 68504

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Sincerely,

Paul D. Zillig
Assistant General Manager

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
TURN LAKES AT 10TH AND VAN DORN TO OPEN WEDNESDAY

Two left-turn lanes for northbound traffic at 10th and Van Dorn are scheduled to open Wednesday, July 16 after 9 a.m., weather permitting. The turn lanes are part of a safety improvement project built with 60-percent federal funds. Engineers expect the project will enable the intersection to accommodate the high volume of traffic in the area and reduce crashes at the location.

The project also included the installation of new traffic signals at the intersections of 9th and 10th streets with Van Dorn and construction of a trail from 8th to 10th streets on the north side of Van Dorn. The trail will connect to the existing pedestrian underpass at 8th Street for access to Van Dorn Park. An additional trail will be built to directly connect the 8th Street pedestrian underpass to the Bison Trail on the south side of Van Dorn west of 9th Street.

For more information, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: Van Dorn) or contact Kris Humphrey or Charlie Wilcox, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 441-7711.

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BUDGET

Senate moving forward with FY 2009 spending bill, but to what end? The Senate Appropriations Committee approved three FY 2009 appropriations bills (Transportation-HUD, Financial Services, and Energy and Water Development) this week, but partisan bickering in the House and the threat of Presidential vetoes continues to point toward the eventual passage of a long term Continuing Resolution (CR).

Prior to the week-long Independence Day recess, Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee engaged in a series of parliamentary maneuvers intended to force Democrats into difficult votes on offshore oil and gas drilling policies. The actions so angered Committee Chairman David Obey (D-WI) that he abruptly cancelled any further consideration of the annual spending bills. Instead, Obey suggested the approval of a CR that would fund government agencies at or near their FY 2008 levels until after a new president is sworn in next year.

Obey does not appear to have cooled off after a week-long break, and House leaders appear to be focusing more on the drafting of a second economic stimulus bill. Many Democrats were disappointed that the first stimulus (which funded the IRS checks that taxpayers are now receiving) did not contain spending in areas such as infrastructure, unemployment benefits, law enforcement, and energy assistance. Senate leaders have echoed the desire to have a second stimulus, and the Senate Appropriations Committee plans to consider a package on July 22. However, leaders have indicated there would not be floor time in that chamber to consider any proposals until September.

Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee continues to work through its annual spending bills, having approved five of twelve bills on the committee level thus far. However, this activity may simply be a gesture to Appropriations Committee Chairman Robert Byrd, the Senate’s longest serving member and a stickler for completing his Constitutional duties. None of the spending bills have been scheduled for Senate floor consideration prior to the month-long August recess, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announced this week that he expected no more than two FY 2009 spending bills (Defense and Military Construction) to reach the Senate floor and that a CR would be approved in September.

Even if the House stalemate was broken and the Senate somehow found time for floor consideration of the appropriations bills, the President continues to maintain that he will veto the bills that come to his desk, as they will exceed his requests.

HOUSING

Senate close to clearing foreclosure package, but differences with House, White House remain. The Senate was close to final approval today of housing legislation (HR 3221) designed to address the nation’s foreclosure crisis.

The measure would provide a major regulatory overhaul of quasi-governmental mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac; modernize operations at the Federal Housing Administration (FHA); expand FHA loan insurance programs aimed at helping borrowers avoid foreclosure, and allow for $14.5 billion in housing-focused tax breaks. The Senate bill also provides $3.9 billion (to be distributed through the Community Development Block Grant program) to states and local governments for the purchase,
The White House has issued a veto threat for the legislation, largely over the $3.9 billion in state and local assistance. In addition, a number of budget-conscious House Democrats would prefer that the funds be offset and may withhold their support. On the other hand, the Congressional Black Caucus considers the funds to be of the highest priority and its members are pressuring House leadership to add the funds back into their bill.

House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) has indicated that his panel would take up the Senate bill next week, and he has already been working with his Senate colleagues on a compromise. Frank also indicated that there was a good chance that the state and local government assistance could be dropped if supporters can receive assurances that it will be included in separate legislation that includes offsets.

Meanwhile, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the FY 2009 Department of Housing and Urban Development budget this week. While details of the bill are not yet available, the committee announced that it includes $3.889 billion for the Community Development Fund, which would include CDBG formula grants. The recommendation is $23 million above FY 2008 levels. The House would provide $4 billion for the same fund, although that committee also did not break out how much would be spent on CDBG formula grants.

TRANSPORTATION
Senate committee clears FY 2009 DOT spending measure. This week, the Senate Committee on Appropriations approved recommendations for the FY 2009 Department of Transportation (DOT) budget.

The Senate bill provides a total of $66.8 billion for DOT in FY 2009, including a transfer of $8.017 billion from the General Treasury into the nearly-insolvent Highway Trust Fund. The House Appropriations Committee last month chose not to address the shortfall, insisting that it is a problem created by the congressional authorizing committees, and that they should fix it.

Furthermore, the bill would provide $41.2 billion for the Federal-Aid Highway Program, the same as the FY 2008 level (and House FY 2009 level) and in keeping with the guarantees from the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law. The measure also includes $10.2 billion for programs at the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), which is $100 million lower than the funds provided in the House version of the bill and the level guaranteed by SAFETEA-LU. Within FTA, there is $8.26 billion ($492 million over FY 2008) for formula and bus grants and $1.8 billion (a $240 million over FY 2008) for the New Starts program.

The measure also provides $1.6 billion for Amtrak, including $100 million for a new state intercity passenger rail program. That level for Amtrak is $100 million higher than the House recommended level and a $243 million increase over FY 2008.

During committee consideration, an amendment was approved to clarify the intent of Congress in opposing a DOT pilot program allowing long-haul Mexican trucks to operate within the borders of the United States. Last year, the Senate voted 75-23 to prohibit any funding for this program, but DOT proceeded with implementation of the program.

As mentioned the Budget story above, it is unlikely that the FY 2009 DOT spending bill will be considered on the Senate floor, and agency programs are likely to be funded at or near FY 2008 levels through a Continuing Resolution until a new President is sworn in next year.

ENERGY
Senate panel declines to fund energy block grant. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its recommendations for FY 2009 spending at the Department of Energy this week but failed to provide any funds for the new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.

Overall, the Department of Energy would receive $27 billion in the measure, which represents an increase of $2.6 billion over FY 2008 levels. However, while their House counterparts recommended $295 million for the EECBG, the Senate panel chose to let the program go unfunded. Senate appropriators instead chose to increase nuclear weapons programs at the agency by $200 million, as opposed to the House bill, which would reduce funding in that area by $600 million from FY 2008 levels.

Local government organizations consider the program – which was authorized last year by Congress at $2 billion annually to provide formula grants to communities for energy efficiency programs – a high priority and will likely seek sponsors for an amendment to fund the program when (and if) the bill reaches the Senate floor.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
National End. for the Humanities
NEH is accepting applications for the America’s Historical and Cultural Organizations: Planning Grants and Implementation Grants. This grant program is designed to create projects for traveling museum exhibitions, long-term museum exhibitions, libraries, or websites. Applications are due August 27, 2008 with a maximum of $75,000 available for each award. For more information, see:
http://www.neh.gov/grants/index.html

Inst. of Museum and Library Services
IMLS and the Bank of America Charitable Foundation are accepting applications for the American Heritage Preservation Program. Grants can be used to assist preservation of works of art, books, and other historical documents. Examples of eligible expenses include treatment materials, storage supplies, staff, consultants, repairs, and storage. There will be approximately 50 awards and there is a total of $150,000 available for the program. Applications are due September 15, 2008. For more information, see:
City Council Members
555 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Council Members:

At our budget hearing with the City Council on July 9, 2008, the issue of utilizing funds other than, or in addition to, the General Fund for the Law Department was raised by several council members.

At the Council's request, the Law Department has surveyed other municipalities and after careful evaluation, the creation of an “enterprise fund” and/or charging departments for legal services provided by the Law Department, is not viewed favorably for several reasons.

First and foremost, the Law Department has worked very hard over the years to consciously encourage utilization of Law Department services by all city officials, departments, boards and commissions. By becoming involved in potential legal questions during the earliest phases of a project, the Law Department has found that financial and legal liability issues are significantly reduced. For example, the potential for challenges and/or litigation in employment matters has been mitigated when supervisors request advice prior to taking action. Another example of “preventative legal services” is in the area of contract negotiation and ordinance drafting. A well-drafted contract document and/or city legislation is far more defensible. In those cases when a department has elected not to involve the Law Department, it has often resulted in situations that are either insolvable, or expensive and complex to resolve. The Law Department is concerned that shifting to an “enterprise fund” will discourage some city officials from early contact with our department which could be detrimental to the City.

Second, a survey of other Nebraska municipalities that have in-house legal departments revealed that these departments are funded entirely by the General Fund. These included the cities of Omaha, Grand Island, Norfolk, and North Platte. Additionally, the City of Wichita, Kansas is likewise funded from their General Fund. Attached is a copy of the survey.

Third, Mr. Hubka previously provided the City Council with a cost allocation spreadsheet showing that 26.3% of the Civil Division is currently charged to Enterprise or Internal Service Funds. This currently provides some reimbursement of legal costs to the General Fund in addition to the Public Building Commission’s contribution.
Finally, the administration of an "enterprise fund" and/or time billing would have the potential of diverting a significant portion of time and productivity away from the provision of legal services by the professional staff. The creation of an "enterprise fund" and/or instituting a billing system will require documentation and accounting principles necessitating attorneys keeping detailed records of time committed to each "project". It could also necessitate the purchase of software and/or hardware to manage the billing which could range from $3,000 to $5,000.

Although the attorneys within the Law Department are certainly capable of keeping detailed "time records", the rapidity and number of requests that the Department receives daily would take significant time to record, thus exacerbating our current problem of dealing with requests to the Law Department in a timely fashion.

If require any additional information, please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John V. Hendry
City Attorney

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Steve Hubka, Budget
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(316) 268-4681

Their Finance Department also does a cost allocation which spreads overall overhead to airport, property management, water, sewer, pension funds, etc.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
July 16, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
John J. Chess, MPA, Water Quality Program Supervisor,  
Environmental Public Health Division, 441-8027

West Nile Virus found in Mosquitoes in Lancaster County

“We received news yesterday from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services that mosquitoes trapped by Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department staff in early July were found to be infected with West Nile Virus,” said John J. Chess, Water Quality Program Supervisor with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. “Fortunately there have not been any human cases in Lancaster County yet this year.” Last year of the 163 human cases of West Nile disease in Nebraska, 12 were in Lincoln and Lancaster County residents.

“At this time there are no plans to spray for West Nile Virus. Key factors in the decision to spray include the number of mosquitoes that can carry West Nile Virus, the virus activity in mosquitoes, and if we have human cases. We will continue to monitor both as the summer progresses,” said Chess.

“We want to encourage everyone in Lincoln and Lancaster County to “Fight the Bite” and prevent mosquito bites by wearing repellent and avoiding being outside at dusk and dawn,” said Chess. Only EPA registered insect repellents should be used, such as those with DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Always be sure to follow label directions. People can also wear lightweight long-sleeved shirts and pants outside during hours around dusk and dawn.

In addition, the Health Department is asking for the public’s help to reduce the breeding areas for mosquitoes. The heavy rainfall will increase the numbers of mosquitoes and the risk for West Nile Disease. People are encouraged to take the following actions:

· Store buckets, containers and tires where they cannot collect water.
· Dump small wading pools daily, and maintain swimming pools properly
· Maintain garden ponds and fountains, and always keep water flowing.
· Clear debris, weeds and litter from drainage ways.
· Change water in birdbaths weekly and pet bowls daily.
· Fill in low spots on your property.
· Keep rain gutters free of leaves and debris.
· Remove vegetation from sewage lagoons.
City Council Members:

I realize the concern you and others have about the reallocation of hours that do include some reductions. The library is faced with the situation where our staffing level is such that we no longer have a sustainable ability to deliver the hours that we are now open. It was mentioned that we are a group of “overachievers” and that is accurate. But overachieving is not a sustainable model and we are looking for solutions to best meet the needs of the community with the resources we have available including the proposed budget reductions.

We currently have a somewhat consistent set of hours with the exception of Bethany and Arnold Heights. It would seem that it could be easy to just shift two hours from one location to compensate for the lack of hours elsewhere. The suggestion to open Bennett Martin for one evening for example seems to be reasonable. We did examine that possibility. The reason it was decided not to vary the schedule was the best possibility for the community and the staff available to provide the required services.

To have a consistent schedule is a tremendous advantage to our customers. With a consistent set of hours, the community will know exactly when a building will be open. It will not be a matter of hit or miss of having one evening open. People are looking for convenience. So are we resolving their concern if we are open on Wednesday evening at Bennett Martin? Perhaps someone would rather see a Tuesday night or perhaps a Thursday night? Regardless we are drastically reducing their options by being open one night. It is exactly that hit or miss is not the best solution for our community.

In Lincoln we have the advantage of having quadrant libraries that leaves anyone in the city not too far from a library. Yes it will take some adjustment for the public to perhaps go to one library over another. But the convenience of knowing when the library will be open and our ability to correctly staff those open libraries will be an asset.

The staffing situation is another factor. Currently we operate on a bare minimum of staff to effectively operate. When everyone is available we can reasonably accommodate our current operating hours. When someone is sick or on vacation we can make adjustments to meet the temporary needs. We have been trying to compensate by shifting people from one location to another. So if one location is short of the minimum staff to operate we send out a request to other libraries if they have someone available. This puts a strain on the sharing library and puts everyone in the situation of operating with bare minimums. The other complication we face is who may be available on staff to compensate for the shortage at another location. Many of our positions require specialized skills for optimum delivery of service to the public. For example we may need to cancel a storytime if someone with those skills is not available. Perhaps we may fill
in another staff member who could do a reasonable job of delivering the storytime but it is not
the ideal. Take for example a restaurant. How long do you think a restaurant would remain
popular if you always asked the waiter to help out with the cooking? They may have some skills
in this area but their abilities are no match for a trained cook. In the meantime since the waiter is
now in the kitchen, the other waitstaff have to compensate by covering additional tables and
being stretched to maintain their usual level of service. It may be adequate in a pinch but they
will be out of business if they continue to operate with compromised meals and table service.

So in the best interest of the community we looked for a solution that we felt would maximize
our services while still being sustainable. When staff researched usage patterns it was clear that
Sunday represented our greatest percentage of patronage by the community. It also showed that
the last hour of the weekday was our slowest. Unfortunately we could not meet the public
demands for increased availability on Sunday and still retain all of our evening hours. We also
needed more flexibility to compensate for gaps in our staffing. It is in the best interest of the
public to have an adequate staff at our quadrant facilities than to have to continue to stretch the
entire system.

The realignment of hours will not completely resolve our service challenges. We are currently
exploring other alternatives to allow for more options to our service model. Some of those may
involve technology that will require some capital investment.

In the meantime we realize that budgets need to be balanced and that we all need to contribute to
that goal. The library has to be realistic of what we can accomplish with the resources we have
available. We need to adjust so we have a budget that is sustainable. The library needs to adjust
to accomplish that same goal with our service model. We are focused on our community and
how we can serve the most in the best way possible and remain sustainable.

Carol J. Connor
Library Director
Lincoln City Libraries
136 So. 14th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-8510
City Council Members

Today at the monthly Library Board meeting, the Board discussed the proposed public service hours and public response. No decision was made at the Board meeting.

The Library Board will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 29th at 6 pm at Bennett Martin Public Library to receive public comment regarding the proposed public service schedule and to discuss the proposed schedule.

In response to Council request to inform the public about the proposed public service hours, we listed that information on the library's Web page on Friday, July 11th. In addition handouts with that information will be available at library locations beginning tomorrow, July 16th.

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- Public Service Schedule Proposal Flyer.pdf
An adjustment of public service hours at Lincoln City Libraries is under consideration. Information below displays current and proposed public service schedules. Please comment to:

Library Board: library.board@lincolnlibraries.org
City Council: council@lincoln.ne.gov

Library Board meeting to receive public comment: July 29, 6:00 p.m., Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th & N Streets

City Council Budget Hearing on Proposed Budget: August 11, 2:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 555 So. 10th Street

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Lincoln City Libraries - Lincoln, Nebraska
www.lincolnlibraries.org
July 10, 2008

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

RE: Waterford Estates 2nd Addition
Final Plat #07080
Generally located at N. 98th Street and O Street

Dear Mike:

Waterford Estates 2nd Addition generally located northeast of N. 98th Street and O Street was approved by the Planning Director on July 10th, 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 (July 24th, 2008), 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
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning

SUBJECT: Bill #08R-160 - Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Lancaster County Agricultural Society

DATE: July 16, 2008

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Trish Owen, Mayor's Office
John Hendry and Rick Peo, Law Department
Don Herz, Finance Director
Alan Wood, Attorney at Law
Ron Snover, Lancaster County Agricultural Society
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Attached for review prior to your Monday meeting is proposed language for Section 10 of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Lancaster County Agricultural Society (08R-160), which is one of 4 associated items on the City Council agenda for hearings. The proposed MOU was sent to the Council last week with this provision left blank, as the Administration and the Ag Society were continuing to discuss proposed language.

The MOU is similar to an annexation agreement that typically accompanies requests by private developers to annex land and receive city services. These agreements lay out special obligations of the two parties regarding land development, funding and timing of public improvements, and related issues. In this case, the Ag Society is requesting to annex and provide services to 29 acres of land, including about 12 acres at the southeast corner of North 84th Street and Havelock Avenue that is proposed for commercial development through a land lease arrangement. The MOU recognizes that, although the Ag Society is exempt from local zoning controls outside of the leased land, current and expanded operations at the Lancaster Event Center will have traffic and other impacts that should be mitigated.

In previous discussions with the Ag Society, it was indicated that ultimately, the Lancaster Event Center (LEC) campus could expand to include a new arena with permanent seating for certain regional and national agricultural-related events that could not be accommodated otherwise. That raised the question of how best to coordinate the construction and operation of public event facilities so as not to duplicate facilities and use taxpayer funds inefficiently. The Administration believes that the attached language will help assure effective coordination between the ongoing efforts to construct a new downtown arena and a possible arena
constructed in the future on the LEC campus. The provisions would limit the seating capacity of
an arena constructed on the LEC campus for a limited period of time, and call for the
establishment of a joint committee, if two arenas are constructed eventually, which would
coordinate event planning and avoid conflicts between the two facilities.

The Ag Society has been provided with this proposed language to review between now and the
Monday hearing, and we hope that they will find it agreeable.
Administration's Proposed Language
for Section 10 of the Memorandum of Understanding
08R-160

The City of Lincoln and the Lancaster County Ag Society, a non-profit corporation, commit to a process of coordination and cooperation with regard to the proposed City of Lincoln's West Haymarket Arena and the proposed Lancaster County Ag Society Arena.

The City of Lincoln and the Lancaster County Ag Society mutually agree that prior to December 1, 2012, the Ag Society will honor an agreement to not construct an arena in excess of 2000 fixed seats. After December 1, 2012, the Ag Society will build or expand their arena as they desire.

In the event that both the City of Lincoln and the Lancaster County Ag Society construct arena facilities, the City of Lincoln and the Lancaster County Ag Society, in their capacity as a non-profit corporation, agree to enter into an agreement within sixty days of the completion of construction for the second arena. The agreement will create an oversight board that will be charged with coordination of arena events only should there be an unresolved dispute between the two arenas regarding specific events and the appropriate venue for such events. Composition of such oversight board shall be two appointed representatives for the City of Lincoln, two appointed representatives of the Lancaster County Ag Society, and one member at large approved by the previous appointees. This body shall serve as a dispute resolution board and both parties agree that the dispute resolution board's decisions shall be honored.
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 16, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

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

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

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008

[Commissioner Esseks absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 2, 2008. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird abstained; Esseks absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Action):

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 08013, to review as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, proposed amendments to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan for the “Block 85 Redevelopment Project”. The Block 85 Redevelopment Project Area is generally bounded by Rosa Parks Way and M Street and South 8th Street and South 9th Street. The Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan area is generally bounded by Salt Creek, Interstate 180 and “R” Street on the north, 17th Street on the east, “G” Street on the south, and Salt Creek, 2nd Street and Sun Valley Boulevard on the west.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008, 1:30 p.m.
1.2 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 08014, to review the proposed acquisition of a conservation easement as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, on property generally located at N. 27th Street and Interstate 80. ***FINAL ACTION*** Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov Planning Commission ‘final action’: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 8-0 (Esseks absent). Resolution No. PC-01129.

CHANGE OF ZONE:
1.3 Change of Zone No. 08036, from R-2 Residential District to R-5 Residential District, on property generally located at N. 14th Street and Superior Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to a Conditional Zoning and Development Agreement Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONAL ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, as set forth in the staff report dated July 1, 2008, with amendment to the zoning agreement limiting the development to six (6) units, 7-1 (Gaylor Baird dissenting; Esseks absent).

Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled upon completion of the Conditional Zoning and Development Agreement.

PERMITS:
1.4 Special Permit No. 08029, for expansion of a non-conforming dwelling unit into a required front yard to enclose the existing deck, on property generally located at S. 58th and Stockwell Streets (5750 Stockwell Street).

***FINAL ACTION*** Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 1, 2008, 8-0 (Esseks absent). Resolution No. PC-01130.

1.5 County Special Permit No. 08030, Sagebrook Estates Community Unit Plan, for approximately 10 single family acreage lots, with requests to waive sidewalks, cul-de-sac length, and block length, on property generally located at N. 176th Street and Holdrege Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov Applicant’s request for four-week deferral granted.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m.
1.6 Special Permit No. 08031, for the authority to sell alcohol beverages for consumption off the premises, on property generally located at S. 21st Street and K Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.

Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 30, 2008, 8-0 (Esseks absent).

Resolution No. PC-01131.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1.7 Street & Alley Vacation No. 08003, to vacate the north/south alley between N. 60th and N. 61st Streets, north of Seward Avenue.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov

Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 8-0 (Esseks absent).

Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 have been satisfied.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 08016, to review as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan to add the “AV Parkway Plaza Triangle Redevelopment Project” generally located at North 19th & Q Streets. The Project Area is generally described as the area bounded by “S” Street on the north, “Q” Street on the south, the future Antelope Creek Channel (approximately North 21st Street) on the east, and the future Antelope Valley N/S Roadway (approximately North 19th Street) on the west. The Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan area north of Downtown is generally bounded by Salt Creek on the north, by the BNSF Railroad tracks on the south, by Antelope Creek on the east and by Interstate I-180 on the west; the area east of Downtown is generally bounded by 17th Street on the west, 27th Street on the east, the BNSF Railroad tracks on the north and “D” and “E” Streets on the south.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

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

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 8-0 (Esseks absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008, 1:30 p.m.
CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.2a Change of Zone No. 08027, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the Zoning Ordinance, by adding a new Section 27.25.080 to provide that each application for a building permit in the O-1 Office District shall be reviewed for compliance with the Lincoln Downtown Design Standards; by amending Section 27.35.020 to add permitted uses in the area of the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District from 150 feet east of 17th Street to the eastern edge of said district; amending Section 27.35.025 to delete recycling centers as a permitted conditional use in the B-4 district and to add vehicle body repair shops as a permitted conditional use in the area 150 feet east of 17th Street to the western edge of said district; amending Section 27.35.030 to modify existing provisions regarding permitted special uses in the B-4 district and to add service stations as a permitted special use in the area of the B-4 district from 150 feet east of 17th Street to the eastern edge of said district; amending Section 27.35.070 to modify the height and area regulations in the B-4 district; adding a new Section 27.35.080 to provide that each application for a building permit in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District shall be reviewed for compliance with the Lincoln Downtown Design Standards; amending Section 27.63.180 to modify existing provisions regarding permitted special uses in the B-4 district and to add service stations as a permitted special use in the area from 150 feet east of 17th Street to the eastern edge of said district; amending Section 27.67.050 to modify special parking conditions in the B-4 district; amending Section 27.69.070 to allow certain permitted signs in the B-4 district beginning 150 feet east of 17th Street and continuing to the western boundary of said district and to allow certain permitted signs in the B-4 district beginning 150 feet east of 17th Street and continuing to the eastern boundary of said district.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Steve Henrichsen, 441-6374, shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Esseks absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008, 1:30 p.m.
4.2b Miscellaneous No. 08007, amending the City of Lincoln Design Standards to amend Chapter 1.00, Request for Waiver Procedure, to add a new Section 2.5 to provide a separate process for waivers from the Lincoln Downtown Design Standards; and to add a new Chapter 3.76 to adopt Lincoln Downtown Design Standards for parking and exterior features of projects requiring building permits in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District and the O-1 Office District.

**Staff recommendation: Approval**

**Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov**

Had public hearing.

**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, as revised by staff on July 16, 2008, 8-0 (Esseks absent).**

**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008, 1:30 p.m.**

4.2c Change of Zone No.08026 from P Public Use, I-1 Industrial, B-3 Commercial and R-6, R-7 and R-8 Residential to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District and from I-1 Industrial and R-6 Residential to P Public Use District in the Antelope Valley area, generally from 'K' Street to Vine Street, from 17th to 23rd Street.

**Staff recommendation: Approval**

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

Had public hearing.

**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Esseks absent).**

**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008, 1:30 p.m.**

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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**PENDING LIST:**

1. Change of Zone No. 3321, requested by Michael T. Johnson, on behalf of West Gate, Inc., from R-7 Residential District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District, on property generally located at 1729 “M” Street.  (**Expires 8/14/08**)  
   (6-13-01: Planning Commission voted 6-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)

2. Street and Alley Vacation No. 04013, to vacate all of the east-west alley in Block 65, Original Lincoln, bounded by 13th, 14th, “M” and “N” Streets, generally located at S. 13th Street & “M” Street.  (**Expires 01/28/09**)  
   (3-16-05: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending until completion of the Downtown Master Plan at the request of the applicant.)

3a. Change of Zone No. 06082, from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at SW 40th Street and West A Street.  (**Expires 08/15/08**)  
   (8-15-07: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending at the request of the applicant.)

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

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

The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at [http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm)
SIDEWALK CURB RAMP ADVISORY

The Public Works Department has developed a map with recommended routes for students attending Adams Elementary School. This school is scheduled to open August 20, 2008. The Public Works Department develops these maps to encourage students and parents to take the safest, most direct route to the school.

In association with these recommended routes, several additional crosswalks and sidewalk curb ramps will be installed. The curb ramps will be constructed by the Street Operations Division within the next 14 days. This includes sidewalk and curb ramp work adjacent to your property.

The curb will be ground and a concrete curb ramp constructed at the location marked. Please mark the locations of any sprinkler systems which may be impacted by this work.

A map (on back) depicts driving routes and cross walk locations for the Adams Elementary School.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sidewalk Office at 441-7541.

Harry Kroos
City of Lincoln, Sidewalk Services
(402) 429-4872

July 14, 2008
LEGEND

RECOMMENDED ONE-WAY PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PLAN INFORMATION

---- ONE-WAY FLOW FOR LOADING/UNLOADING STUDENTS

LOADING/UNLOADING AREAS (NO PARKING 8-4 SCHOOL DAYS, LOADING ZONE)
10 MINUTE MAXIMUM WITH DRIVER IN VEHICLE

RESTRICTED AREAS

GOODS SCHOOL BUS STOP (NO PARKING 8-4 SCHOOL DAYS, BUS ZONE)
NO STOPPING AREA

(1) NO STOPPING ANYTIME
(2) NO STOPPING 2-4 SCHOOL DAYS
(3) NO STOPPING 8-4 SCHOOL DAYS

AUTHORIZED CROSSWALK

NOTE TO PARENTS:
The traffic circulation around your school has been reviewed by the Lincoln Police Department, Traffic Engineer's Office, and the Public Schools' Safety Consultant. We recommend that parents follow this plan for the safety of students walking or being driven to and from school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SCALE: NONE
DATE: 6-30-08
VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY PICK-UP & DROP-OFF PLAN

ADAMS SCHOOL
SCHOOL • NA
Jon,

Thanks,

Tammy Grammer  
City Council Secretary  
441-6867

Jon Camp <campjon@aol.com>

----Original Message-----
From: TBogenreif@ci.lincoln.ne.us  
To: Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>  
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Sent: Mon, 14 Jul 2008 9:53 am  
Subject: Re: Homeowners' Stimulus Plan

Jon,  Do you want me to list this on the Directors Agenda for 07/21/08. Please let me know. Thank.s  Tammy Grammer  City Council Secretary  441-6867  
Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>

Denise: Through several individuals the July 11, 2008 cover memo from Mayor Beutler was forwarded. My thoughts are as follows, after consulting with many individuals, including realtors and homebuilders: 1. The program is too little of an incentive. 2. Government should stay out of this arena. 3. Mayor Beutler is NOT paying down the Stormwater Bonds as the Council has directed. . . rather this is simply setting aside $610,000 to meet the GO Bond payments in the 2008-09 fiscal year, which is essentially a “two-step” approach to utilize the leftover Stormwater Bond monies contrary to the direction of the City Council. 4. My understanding was that Mayor Beutler was “withdrawing” this program in light of the LES rate proposal. 5. At this time, I oppose this program.

Those are my thoughts.

Jon

JON A. CAMP
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Star Tran Advisory Board Public Hearing
July 17, 2008.

City of Lincoln, Ne

City Councilman Jon Camp

Dear Councilman Jon Camp,

I send this “E” mail to you in regards to the proposed reduction of hours of operation of the Stat Tran busses during the afternoon schedule.

I want you to know that I and I am sure many others are opposed to this proposal.

My wife and I moved here from Broken Bow, Ne. about two years ago because of the availability of MEDICAL reasons and access to the facilities.

Prior to moving here, I made a list of twenty-one items that were required of a different house, and the availability of bus service was number seven on the list

We had just become familiar with the old schedule and then the route’s changed in June. I would like to recommend to you that the hours of operation to remain the same as they are now, to advertise much more about the service, and to offer more free passes to get more people interested in this type of travel,

We also use the bus system to see the optometrist, to get hair cuts, dentist, grocery shopping, veterans hospital, funerals, and for an afternoon of pleasure. My wife and I are both still able to get around by ourselves however I have seen many who have difficulty or are wheel chair bound and I am sure

that they would greatly feel the loss of transportation and maybe be unable to keep a doctors appointment.

In closing I ask that you keep the schedules as they are now, to advertise more and offer more free passes.
Truly

Eugene R. Schiltz

2120 South 50th Street

Lincoln, Ne, 68506

402-327-0442
To Tammy Grammer <tgrammer@lincoln.ne.gov>

Subject FW: Budget

Tammy

Please put in the directors packet

Dan

From: Niki Svik [mailto:nsvik9803@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2008 11:05 PM
To: dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov
Cc: demery@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov; jspatz@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Budget

It is my understanding that you are currently reviewing the Mayor's budget. As a member of this community, I would like to share my concerns with you. I know you are busy, but I sincerely hope that you take the time to read this email entirely.

Let me start by saying my husband is a teacher for Lincoln Public Schools and I am a Juvenile Probation Officer for the State. We both work directly with the children of our community, but in different capacities. When we returned home from vacation in June, we were "welcomed home" by a letter from Lincoln Parks and Recreation indicating they would no longer be providing after school care for our 9 year old daughter at Beattie Elementary School. We were aware that there was discussion by the Mayor of no longer providing the $178,000 to support the CLC's due to the budget concerns. I want you to be aware that I paid Parks and Recreation $83 per month. I will now need to pay $200 per month to Family Service. This is an increase of $117 per month. I know that does not sound like a lot, but considering the property taxes we currently pay, the increase in utilities (including the sewer and water increases that will be coming), the proposed LES rate increase, other city fees, as well as groceries, and gas; my husband and I are uncertain as to how we will pay for this. It should be noted that we also have younger child already in an in-home daycare and this expense runs us $460 per month. Her
pre-school tuition is $118 per month.

Although my husband and I have excellent jobs that we enjoy, we are stretching our salaries to their fullest extent as are many other families in this community. In addition to our full time jobs, my husband and I work other part-time jobs to help pay for all of these increases and extra activities our children want to be involved in.

I am very concerned about what I feel is the Mayor's neglect in supporting the children of this community. He finds it more important to evaluate and possibly build a convention center and arena that our community may not be able to support and may not need at this time. I love Lincoln and would love nothing more than to see it grow, but now is not the time to consider building a convention center and arena. If the Mayor is asking the community to sacrifice, than he should put his plans on hold. Instead of evaluating whether or not we need this convention center, maybe he should take this money and put it back into the children of our community. Better yet, I understand that there is approximately $10 million in special assessment money that was "just found". Wouldn't it be a WISE decision to invest $178,000 of this money per year into our youth to maintain their programs. I think the decision is easy.

I know there are other families at Beattie who struggle financially. I am curious as to how they will pay for this increase. What I am concerned will happen is that families who cannot afford this increase, will choose to have their child stay home alone after school. What other choice do they have? Daily, I work with youth that have minimal supervision. When youth have unsupervised time, they tend to make poor decisions and get themselves into trouble. This in turn costs our community more and more money in court costs, supervising these youth, and holding these youth in our detention facility. I struggle daily in my job with finding activities for these youth because so many programs continue to be cut each year.

I came to Lincoln when I was a teenager (from a much larger city). I liked this community because we could feel safe walking downtown at night. There were wonderful parks to visit, great pools, libraries, and other family oriented activities. I think all of these reasons are why I have decided to raise a family here. Unfortunately, because of the continuous financial burden, we have seriously considered moving out of Lincoln and away from Nebraska. It is my understanding that there is a push to keep and bring young families to Lincoln, but if this community is not going to focus on our youth and make it affordable for young families to live here, another family will be lost.

I hope you take this email into consideration while you are deciding budget cuts. Please feel free to respond to this email. If you would like to discuss this further, I would be happy to do so.
Lady and Gentlemen of Council:

I have seen you together in action of City affairs since the last election. Obviously, you are all working in the best interests of our City. I appreciate your dedication and effort.

I ask you to provide the needed leadership in solving the serious budget problems. This can be done if you work closely with each other and with the experience available from City staff members. The budget process has been in a state of deterioration for many years. This is not your fault or the Mayor's fault, nor the fault of the City staff.

Let's be honest about the capabilities of our taxpayers. We see considerable income spent on frivolous forms of entertainment; gambling, addictions e.g. alcohol, tobacco, drugs and many forms of lavish living. How then can people raise such a clamor about a modest raise in taxes.

One of the reasons I live in Lincoln is because we live a high quality of life and we have been helping in a modest way those who have been adversely affected by bad luck. Any community that ignores the needs of citizens needing help in times of trouble has a lot of room for improvement.

I ask you to work together in the best interest of the people of our City. Thank you.

Wilbur Dasenbrock
1449 Meadow Dale Drive
Lincoln, NE. 68505
466-2465

Get the scoop on last night's hottest shows and the live music scene in your area - Check out TourTracker.com!
7-11-08

Dear City Council and Library Board members:

I was quite unhappy to read about the proposed reduction of branch library hours from 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. This will hurt many community groups that use the library meeting rooms. We have had to vacate by closing time at 9 p.m., but having to be out by 8 p.m. will make it almost impossible for many to have worthwhile evening meetings. As I understand groups do pay a rental fee and this income would be lost to the system. I belong to one that has met in various libraries for years and I don't know if we would be able to find a satisfactory alternative, especially on short notice. Meeting rooms are not easy to come by and other sites may not be accessible to all, lack convenient parking or do not have the excellent audio-visual equipment the library offers. This is a valuable community service and as supporters of the library system we think it is one that needs to be continued. Bennett Martin is used for various evening programs too and these would basically be eliminated. Shorter evening hours could reduce overall library use. Right now people know they will have to finish up by 8:45 or so. If they have to be winding up by 7:45 they may think it's not even worth it to make a trip after dinner. Evening hours are important for people who have to work during the day and students. Even an 8:30 closing would be better than 8 p.m. I realize the city faces financial problems but I for one would have been willing to pay more in taxes for this service alone. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Bartels
I told you LES would ask for a rate increase...now didn't I? They have been asking for rate increases, consistently, every six months. I would like to know what this CEO is paid? He seems like a real nice guy and he is the kind of guy that a person hates to say no too, but...everybody has to tighten their belts just like the Mayor said. The city has had to lay people off and now...it is time for LES to find ways to save money too!

LES CEO Terry Bundy is probably a nice guy, but I am nice guy too...this is not about politics or personalities. This is about money and the cost of fuel. There are a lot of nice people in Lincoln that can not afford an increase in electricity!

As I said in a previous letter to the City Council and the Mayor...people on Social Security and Disability do not get 5 percent increases every six months. These people are lucky to get a 2.3 percent increase per year. Every year they fall further and further behind and the lines at the Food Bank, the City Mission and Matt Talbot Kitchen are getting longer.

If you must raise rates, at least ask LES to give low income individuals and families a break! It seems to me that there ought to be some kind of way to lighten the burden on our distinguished older citizens, people on disability and disabled veterans? Businesses also need to be held accountable. I love Hy Vee and Super Saver, but perhaps they don't need all the lights on 24/7/365? Perhaps our city and state government offices should consider 4 day work weeks like other communities have done.

I have offered some solutions to look into, so I am not simply whining...although...sometimes I feel like crying. I am asking you Mr. Mayor, the City Council and LES to be a bit more creative in solving this electricity problem! Thank you Mr. Mayor for standing up to LES! I expect the City Council to do the same as they are the ones that can approve or disapprove a rate increase.

LES, you need to face some hard realities! WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY!
Sincerely,

Fred Marks
6701 Vine Street
Lincoln, NE 68505
402-261-5346
Dear City Council members,

It is my understanding that the Mayor's office wants to stop all bus service between the hours of 11am and 2pm. I am a disabled veteran and I completely depend on our bus system to meet all my transportation needs. I do understand that fuel costs have sky-rocketed and has impacted all of our lives. Please don't stop the bus service as the Mayor is proposing. I think there are other alternatives to be considered here. For example: Instead of running the busses so often, cut back the time schedules such as every hour on the hour. On lesser used routes, cut back to every hour and a half or every two hours. We citizens who depend on the bus need this. Surly Star Tran mgt. can change the route times that will both help save fuel and still serve the people who ride the bus.

Respectfully yours, Mark Hupf
It recently came to my attention that the city council has voted to reduce Lincoln City Libraries' hours of operation. Not only does this affect me directly as a library worker, it concerns me deeply as a citizen. Public libraries are one of the few free services that remain available to all Nebraskans, one of the few remaining providers of free and open access to information available nowhere else. This institution should be considered a cornerstone of democracy, something to be celebrated, utilized and supported wholeheartedly. Before taking steps to reduce Nebraskans' access to their libraries, I recommend council members read *Libraries and Democracy: The Cornerstones of Liberty* by Nancy Kranich. If you'd prefer not to buy it from Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com, I know Bennett Martin has a copy.

With appreciation for your time and efforts,

Rachel West
Circulation Aide, Musician, Writer, age 25
So finally someone other than residents of an older neighborhood noticed the situation at Bowling Lake. JJ Yost version of several months is from October to July. If this is the way city employees interpret numbers it is time to take an audit of the timeline and the use of money for this project to insure that the money designated for this project was not siphoned off for pet projects by city employees. The statements that it would not of happened in newer parts of the city if a firmly held belief in this neighborhood and other older neighborhoods. I have also been told by city officials that those who make the most noise get results. Isn't it sad that this had to go to the news media? The traffic light at NW 48 and Humthington was to be finished last summer and supposedly the bids were let several weeks ago, the day after the the neighborhood meeting about the paving on NW 56 was held. Many were heard saying that that statement was not believable. By the way, If money is tight "WHY did the city buy bottled water and other drinks and cookies for this meeting? This is an unnecessary waste of tax payer dollars and needs to be stopped NOW." This neighborhood has been told for years that we were in the plan and that was when money was not as tight. Now that it is our 'turn' money is not available. Do you suppose that when money is available that the older neighborhood will be told that we have had our turn and because the money wasn't available when it was our 'turn' too bad, and we will again be skipped over?
Dear City Council Members and Mayor Beutler,

Please do not approve the 12% LES rate hike. I for one would like to see LES cut internally with either salaries, salary increases, or positions. Like the rest of us it is painful to cut back, but I think that is exactly what they need to do. LES has been very apt to request a rate increase whenever they need more money and as a taxpayer, I would like to have our council and mayor put a stop to it.

Thank-you.

Jodi Delozier
From: Russell Miller 14 July 2008
To: Lincoln City Council
Copy to: Lincoln Mayor
Subject: Crime in Lincoln

Hello,

Denna Winter’s Lincoln Journal Star article of 6 July 2008 makes the statement “police don’t respond to hundreds of people every year who suspect their neighbors are dealing drugs. The city’s 15 narcotics officers focus on the big cases.”

This is a disastrous situation. Drug money fuels the gangs and gangs will intimidate witnesses which then perpetuates the gangs. Lincoln must not have or tolerate gangs in any part of our city. The ugly scene of gangs spreads across the whole city just like north Omaha gangs have spread to Millard as illustrated by the very recent shooting and murder of a Millard student.

This year’s proposed budget that is before us is being framed as cutting taxes. **You are not cutting taxes. You are eliminating vital services** because your budget of last year reduced services and this year you are eliminating. It is more efficient to prevent crime before the gangs are established.

I am sure Lincoln home owners do not want drug houses in their neighborhoods. It is well worth $5 per month in increased taxes to prevent that.

Russell Miller
341 s. 52
Should the council agree to use TIF financing for redevelopment of the Rosewood Inn?

The Lincoln City Council is holding a public hearing on the proposed redevelopment of the Rosewood Inn, a vacant eyesore of an old hotel that was partly demolished recently.

The former hotel has sat vacant for years at 2301 N.W. 12th St., where it’s visible from Interstate 80.

Speedway Properties has owned the hotel since 2003 after buying it out of bankruptcy. Prior to their purchase, it had already been vacant for three years.

Now Speedway is proposing to redevelop it into an upscale strip center with retail and office uses as well as a site for a fast-food restaurant.

The council will be asked to approve up to $300,000 in tax increment financing for the $2 million project. TIF is an urban renewal financing tool in which the additional property taxes generated from the redevelopment is used to help pay for the project or public improvements.

In this case, TIF would be used to help rehabilitate the building, build sidewalks, move utilities and other items.

*Should the council agree to use TIF financing for redevelopment of the Rosewood Inn?*

Please consider my comments when voting on this issue.

No --TIF should not be used for the Rosewood Inn development.

Here is how TIF works: Lawmakers issue debt, using the proceeds to subsidize economic development on the theory that development projects will increase future property tax revenue by enough to repay the debt with a profit.

Sounds like a great deal, right? The only problem is that state and local governments almost never keep score on the costs and benefits of projects, which often end up a net loser for taxpayers.

Although politicians portray TIFs as a great way to boost
the local economy, there are hidden costs they don't want taxpayers to know about.

Cities generally assume they are not really giving anything up because the forgone tax revenue would not have been available in the absence of the development generated by the TIF. That assumption is often wrong.

The original concept of TIFs is to help blighted areas come out of the doldrums and get some economic development they wouldn't [otherwise] have a chance of getting. But what is not talked about is the shift of taxes being paid from wealthy corporations to small businesses and regular people.

Special taxing districts, such as school, water and fire districts, should be extremely concerned with the effects of TIF on the local community. A successful TIF will lead to new business and residential development and thus an increase in population, both in the TIF district and the surrounding area. An increased population means a greater burden on public service delivery, which equates to an increase in taxes to pay for these public services to make up for the lost revenue the TIF authority captures. Therefore, all taxpayers end up subsidizing the public investment that must be made in the TIF district.

The only alternative to raising taxes in response to increased demand is cutting public services. Consequently, the entire community must absorb the negative impacts of TIF, be it increased taxes or decreased services. Either way, there is a large tradeoff between the development of the community and the economy. The citizens of the greater community, not just those within the TIF district, are forced to give up elements of life experienced prior to the implementation of the TIF district in response to increases associated with TIF-induced economic development.

One of the largest downfalls of TIF seems to be that most start out with a "good intention" of improving an area. It does not take long to change those good intentions for what would be accepted as developers start to make offers that
just seem too good to be true. Going by the old adage of "if it seem too good to be true, it probably is", property owners who have used their own money to improve areas get replaced by developers who use YOUR money and reap all the rewards.

For Lincoln to use TIF to help finance the Rosewood project, it must be determined that "but for" TIF, the project would not be undertaken by Speedway Properties.

TIF revitalizes an area, but at what long term cost?

Please **do not agree** to use TIF for this Rosewood Development.

Thanks

Larry Jablonski

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Government always finds a need for whatever money it gets.

Government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them.

Government's first duty is to protect the people, not run their lives.

Governments tend not to solve problems, only to rearrange them.

We don't have a trillion-dollar debt because we haven't taxed enough; we have a trillion-dollar debt because we spend too much. -- Address to National Association of Realtors, March 28, 1982

Please do not spend money you/we don’t have. (that last one is my own request)

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I can see longer hours on Sunday. Most people expect things to be open by noon at least, but I don’t think they expect them to be open late. Noon to 6 p.m. is fine. Let’s not make Sunday a regular day. People still would like to keep ONE day a week as a family/church day. – Janet Kosch
Dear City Council members,

I ride the bus and have for years. I understand the Mayor's office wants to stop all bus service for 4 hours a day; that's insane! I know things are tight and prices of everything are going up but give the bus service a chance to make some money. Raise the fare to $2, raise all the monthly fees, too. At today's gas prices, raise the monthly unlimited pass to $50, that's still a good deal. Cut the number of daily routes. With gas prices the way they are, Star Tran ridership will only increase. To cut the bus service 4 hrs. a day is a slap in the face of all the poor, working poor, the elderly, and the disabled to mention a few. The city is falling apart. There are no decent jobs to be had here and I don't hear any big industries wanting to relocate to Lincoln. So, HAVE SOME BACK BONE AND RAISE THE TAXES! Good grief. it's not like you're asking for that much. Please don't cut the bus service as the Mayor is proposing. I've lived in Lincoln ever since 1986, I guess if the Mayor and you, the City Council wants to get rid of Star Tran, then maybe it's time for me, like others, to leave lincoln. Its funny, out of one side of your mouth you say you want Lincoln to grow, then out of the other side of your mouth you all do nothing to promote growth and stimulate this city's poor economy. HA, it's no wonder our street lights are rotting from the inside out, it's kind of indictive of the city as a whole.

Mark Hupf,

a poor, over 55, disabled, vet
Dear City Council,

The Lincoln Journal Star had an article published in the 11-6-07 edition about the Lincoln Police Department’s Toyota Prius which had 86,000 miles which was to be auctioned off in the spring of 08.

Chief Cassidy’s policy on replacing vehicles appears to be replace them when the warranty runs out to replace city vehicles when the warranty runs out is a mistake. Most vehicles last much longer than 85,000 to 100,000 miles. To give you an example, I drive a 1985 Toyota pickup with over 183,000 miles. Sure I have done maintenance on the vehicle, but only about 10,000 worth, plus the routine maintenance. The cost of maintenance on a well maintained vehicle is nowhere near the cost of replacing that vehicle. If I don't get 250 to 300,000 or more miles out of my Toyota pickup, something is wrong. The City of Lincoln will replace their vehicles 3 times for every time I replace mine. Being told from a City employee that the City of Lincoln has at least 100 vehicles, they could save probably 6 to 7 million dollars a year or more if they didn't replace the vehicles when the warranty runs out. Big deal if the warranty runs out on vehicles and you have to have 2 or 3 more mechanics around for maintenance work. That costs is nowhere near the cost of replacing vehicles when the warranty runs out. The 6 or 7 million dollars saved would help considerably in balancing the budget for the City of Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Herb Welter

Phone nos. 470-3215 202-1450 cell
During the day it is best to reach me on my cell

Lincoln, NE 68524
Lincoln Police Department's Toyota Prius, pictured here in 2002, will go to auction this spring. The hybrid car has logged 86,000 miles in the last five and a half years.

Police Prius set to retire after 5½ years of service

BY LORI PILGER
Lincoln Journal Star

When Debbie Northcott got her new car at work 5½ years ago, she had to get used to the noise and the questions.

The Toyota Prius, with its half-electric, half-gas engine, was brand new in 2002.

It was a rare sight in Lincoln and downright unique considering its Lincoln Police Department blue-and-white paint.

“I can’t tell you how many people would roll down their windows and ask me about that car,” said Northcott, a public service officer in northwest Lincoln.

What kind of mileage does it get, they wanted to know. What did she think of it?

Five and a half years and 86,000 miles later, Priuses aren’t so rare a sight. But people still stop Northcott to ask about the car.

She figures that helped sell a few.

“It’s a nice little car,” Northcott said.

Sgt. Robert Kubicek, who supervises the Northwest Team’s first shift, has driven the car, too, and said it was surprisingly quick and amazingly quiet.

But Car 417’s days with the force soon will be over — the experiment coming to an end.

This spring, Northcott will get a new car (a Ford Fusion or Chevrolet Cobalt) to go out on parking complaints, pick up abandoned bikes and direct traffic.

Police Chief Tom Casady said the Prius had been pretty much trouble free.

“The experiment went great,” he said. “The vehicle performed well, had no major issues, was well-received by its driver and stood up to the pounding that only police fleet managers could appreciate.”

The car averages 34 miles per gallon (nearly triple the fleet average) — despite the fact it’s got a light bar on top and is left idling when officers direct traffic.

Aside from the fact the car cost $4,000 more than its gas equivalent, Casady said the only downside was LPD personnel didn’t have the shop equipment and know-how to handle all service and repair issues.

Because it’s still under warranty, that hasn’t been a problem, he said.

The warranty will run out soon, though, which is why he’s letting it go on the same schedule as the other cars in the police fleet.

The Prius will be sold at auction this spring, along with the department’s other decommissioned vehicles, Casady said.

If the price was right, he said, Lincoln police would buy more hybrids — especially for public service officers and parking enforcement. But so far, the increased mileage doesn’t offset the higher purchase price, Casady said.

He expects the difference in price to shrink in time and said he thought hybrids would become more cost-effective as competition increases, technology improves and gas prices rise.

“I think there are probably more hybrids in our future.”

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People First of Lincoln
For Adults 18 years and older Who Experience Developmental Disabilities

July 14, 2008

Robin Eschliman, Vice Chair
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Dear Ms. Eschliman:

The People First of Lincoln is a self-advocacy organization for individuals over the age of 18 who experience intellectual and developmental disabilities for which The Arc of Lincoln Lancaster County is a sponsor.

The majority of our members use the public transportation system as their main source of transportation to and from work, medical appointments and social activities. As a group we would like to voice our concerns regarding the removal of StarTran bus services on Vine Street from 33rd Street to 48th Street. This route change has already had a direct impact on the independence and livelihood of several individuals that live in an accessible housing unit built by the League of Human Dignity at 800 North 44th Street.

Our concerns are:

- The housing unit was built for individuals with mobility issues with a bus stop located directly in front of the building to assist them with their daily transportation needs. The nearest StarTran pickup site is 48th and Vine Street which possess many accessibility challenges as well as safety issues. The individuals that live in this multi-housing unit are trying to live productive, independent lives, and this change in StarTran bus services is hindering their independence and quality of life.

- The transition to the new routes has been very confusing for our members, as well as the community at large, as new bus stop signs have not been put up and several of the old bus stop signs have not been taken down. Several of our members have attempted to ride the bus but found themselves on the wrong side of the street since the bus stops are not properly marked, resulting in missed buses and late for work and appointments. This happened several times to two of the individuals that use motorized wheel chairs, which has been frustrating for them because they obviously are not able to “run to the other side of the road” to catch the bus.

If you have questions, or would like to address our comments, you may do so by contacting us through The People First Local Advisor, Teresa Bergman, at The Arc of Lincoln/Lancaster County, 5609 South 49th Street, Suite 5, Lincoln, NE 68516.

Thank you for your time,

The People First of Lincoln Officers

Pam Bentzel, President
Mike Hiles, Vice President

cc: Larry Worth, Transit Manage, Lin Quenzer, City Ombudsman
    Joe Govier, State Advisor, People First of Nebraska
    Teresa Bergman, Lincoln Advisor, People First of Lincoln
Please do not cut our bus routes! For many, this is their only means of transportation. For others, it is a growing trend for transportation as gas prices rise and we cannot afford them. I live in an area where the bus used to only stop a few times a day. Now, after the new routes came into place, I can rely on the bus during the day rather than having to pay outrageous rates for a taxi. My father is in the hospital and I need this type of transportation available to me. I challenge those who do not ride the bus and own a car to take away their vehicle during the hours you want to cut our bus routes. Transportation is vital! Leave our bus routes alone!

Sincerely,

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Comment or Question:  
I am sending this message to the general council since I had previously sent this Robin Eschliman and received no response.

I would like to state clearly that I am opposed to cutting public transportation. Your proposal calls to cut bus service from 10 am to 2 pm each day.

This proposal while cutting costs is a step backward for a growing city. Lincoln is no longer a small town but is growing to become a large city. Public transportation needs to be a part of the equation. Many rely on this service to get to medical and other appointments. In addition, the current rising fuel costs are not going to go away. A growing number of people are struggling to find more affordable methods of transportation. A part of this mix is the bus. From speaking to bus officials I have been told that bus ridership is up 8-20%.

Bus ridership is clearly on the rise and becoming a viable option for many. Cutting this vital service will have a negative effect on the city economy as people are forced to spend more and more money on fuel. This will result in continuing to lesses the availability of disposable income.

There has already been several articles in the paper stating how people are spending less money on extra item when buying gas.

Please reinstate the money to bus service in the new budget.
I just started riding the StarTran bus during the month of June. As I drive in from Palmyra everyday, I found this revised schedule would work for me on the SouthPointe bus route, as I park and get on at a half way point. Giving up my parking permit (and independence) from driving all the way downtown to work was a tough choice. But with the economics and gas prices the way it is, I find this to be an alternative solution to help with this economy. BUT I also wonder and now worry if this will be a wise choice. Not that I leave work early on a regular basis, BUT knowing if I need to leave early that I could have scheduled this around my bus schedule was a comfort. IF you take away some of the bus routes midday trips, yes this will greatly impact my decision whether to keep using the bus pass or go back to my parking permit with UNL. I have heard comments on the bus by other bus riders how this midday schedule impacts those with part-time jobs, or flex hours with jobs and the elderly who depend on the bus. I would think that during this time of tough economics, that taking away bus service would be just the opposite of helping the public. Public transportation has not been a big factor in the city of Lincoln as in say New York City, Chicago or San Francisco. But we are a 'small' town growing up and Public Service with available Public Transportation could just be the way to grow.

Deb Quinn
Dear Council Members,

Many changes were recently made to the routes in Lincoln to try to improve use of the bus service and now it is proposed to reduce 4 hours of midday fixed route service.

This will adversely affect many people:
1. Students (both UNL and High School students).
2. Elderly who come downtown to the Senior Center for their noon meal and social contact.
3. Employed people who ride to work in the AM, but may need to leave during the middle of the day to go to a Dr. appointment.
4. Employed people who ride to work but may become ill and need to go home in the middle of the day.
5. People who want to use the bus in the middle of the day to visit a hospitalized friend or family member.

Bus ridership has increased and will continue to increase as the general public looks for ways to conserve their hard earned dollars. I have used the bus for over 7 years to commute to my job each day as it is a safe and economical way for me to commute. I try to schedule my Dr. appointments either early in the morning or late afternoon, but it is not always possible to get those times, so this change could possibly affect me and I am concerned that this change is not a good choice for the mass transit system in the City of Lincoln. Reduction of service will only cause people to stop using the bus system and pretty soon, there will be no system for those of us who are concerned about the environment and choose not to drive gas guzzling vehicles every day.

Please do not approve the proposed reduction of service.

Thank you!

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Comment or Question:
In regards to the Star Tran meeting to take place today, I'd like to voice my opinion.
My husband and I retired in 2006, sold our home in Broken Bow and purchased a home in Lincoln. One of the reasons for our move was the availability of public transportation in Lincoln. We obtained bus schedules and started riding the buses instead of driving part of the time. We really like the new schedules and routes. My brother moved here from Mississippi and started riding the bus as well. I urge you to keep the current schedules and routes.
I have taken the bus recently to two funerals at St. Mary's Church at 14th & K Sts. It was so much nicer than trying to find a place to park, pay to park or worry about getting a parking ticket. We like to go shopping during the less busy hours of the day so the midday buses are much to our liking. The buses we normally ride are #s 43, 40, & 56. We like the way the 56 takes us to Southpointe or Westfield Mall without transferring. If people knew the advantages of taking the bus and what a pleasant experience it can be more might ride the bus. Thank you for listening.
Judy Schiltz