IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

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4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and the Joint Antelope Valley Authority invite members of the media, including editors, news directors and managers, to a guided bus tour highlighting Antelope Valley Project’s latest developments.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor encourages public to tour antelope Valley improvements.
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1. Letter from Marc LeBaron supporting the Antelope Valley redevelopment project. (Each Councilperson received letter on September 5, 2008)
2. Email from Scott Baird. On behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association do support design standards in the Antelope Valley project.
3. Correspondence from Julie Sand, through InterLinc, regarding Dr. John’s store on 48th and Vine. Find a way to control this type of business in the future, and this type of store belongs in a different location.
4. InterLinc correspondence from Rob Mizerski. City should have more important items to work on instead of an ordinance to ban indoor furniture on the outside of a home.
5. InterLinc correspondence from Walter A. Canney. LES continues to remain below much of the country in rates and key operating expense ratios.
6. Email from Paul Horton. Tackle real issues, not legislating against upholstered furniture on porches.
7. Email from Heidi Burklund. We do not need a furniture ordinance.
8. Letter from Lincoln Action Program announcing Vi See to position of Executive Director effective October 1, 2008.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
September 2, 2008

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

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Respectfully,

Mary F. Boden
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory
Lead Chemist

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MAYOR PRESENTS AUGUST AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for August to a team from the Street Maintenance Operations division of the Public Works and Utilities Department: Garage Supervisor Fred Fleming, and Heavy Equipment Mechanics Guy Lahners and Randy Winch. 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.

The team was nominated by Jim Dean and Jerry Morris of the Wastewater Division. Fleming and Winch have more than 30 years of service to the City, and Lahners has 29. The nomination was originally sent to Safety and Training Specialist Gerardo Martinez, and he forwarded the nomination in the category of safety to the Mayor’s Award of Excellence committee.

The Lincoln Wastewater Division uses a truck to perform video inspections and record data on the City sewer lines. While doing the inspections, the truck is stationary over a manhole. Two accidents involving the truck in 2006 prompted safety concerns. In the first incident, a motorist drove through the safety cones and hit the truck, saying he could not see the truck. In the second incident, a delivery truck sideswiped the inspection truck. In both cases the City crews used all the available flashers, beacons and safety equipment available to them.

When it came time to get a new truck, the Wastewater crew put a priority on maximum visibility. The manufacturer of the new truck did install a roof-mounted beacon, but no other lights were installed at eye level. Dean and Morris contacted Fleming in Fleet Services about the possibility of installing safety strobes on the front and rear of the new truck. Fleming assigned Winch and Lahners to order and install the strobes.

With limited installation options, the two mechanics decided the most convenient and quickest option was to install light boxes used on the City dump trucks and utility trucks. When the light boxes arrived, Lahners and Winch were not comfortable with the way the boxes were mounted on the rear of the new truck. They arranged to have more time to improve the installation, despite the extra time and work required.

The nominators say the safety lights on the new truck have significantly improved the visibility of the truck and increased the safety.

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

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

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: September 8, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will participate in the groundbreaking for CenterPointe’s new housing project for those with disabilities at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 9 at the project site, 3161 Overland Trail. The site is two to three blocks north of Vine Street on 33rd, on the north edge of Peter Pan Park.
Mayor Chris Beutler and the Joint Antelope Valley Authority invite members of the media, including editors, news directors and managers, to a guided bus tour highlighting the Antelope Valley Project’s latest developments. The tour will begin with a presentation at 1 p.m., Thursday, September 11 in Room 113 at the County City Building, 555 South 10th Street. The tour is expected to end by 2:30 p.m.

To make sure we have enough space on the bus, please contact Diane Gonzolas to make a reservation at 441-7831 or dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov.

Public tours of the Antelope Valley improvements are scheduled for September 18 and 20.

For more information on the Antelope Valley Project, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).
Mayor encourages public to tour Antelope Valley improvements

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The tour will include the following areas:

- **Flood management** -
  The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed the waterway to “S” Street. By next year, it will run past a renovated Lewis Fields to a new “J” Street Bridge. The waterway is expected to be finished in 2009.

- **Traffic improvements** -
  Three legs of the Big “X” elevated roadway now span the railroad tracks, waterway and trail network, and work is under way on the east leg. The south leg was recently extended to Vine. When completed in 2010, the Big “X” will carry more than 85,000 vehicle trips per day.

  The signature “O” Street bridge opened earlier this month. The “J” Street bridge is scheduled to open in October, and new bridges on “N” and South streets will follow. Bridges completed include the ones on Military Road and “Y”, Vine, “Q” and “P” streets.

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- **Revitalization** -
  In the largest revitalization project to date, Assurity Life Insurance Company will build its headquarters along the new roadway.

  UNL is moving forward with expansion in the research and development corridor. This spring, the Nebraska Legislature approved the transformation of State Fair Park into the Nebraska Innovation Campus, which could represent $1 billion of new public and private economic investment. Work also is under way on the Physical Science and Nanomanufacturing Center, and historic Whittier Junior High will have new life as a center for energy and transportation initiatives.

  The project includes several new and renovated park areas. The first to be completed was the 29-acre Fleming Fields Recreation and Sports Park. As the waterway moves south, additional park land has opened up for an expanded and renovated Trago Park, including a new sprayground. Union Plaza from “O” to “R” streets will be the centerpiece of the waterway, with fountains, art, an amphitheater and trails. A campaign has raised nearly 90 percent of the $4.6 million in donations needed for Union Plaza.

The projected cost of the Antelope Valley Project is about $246 million, with funding coming from local, state and federal sources. About 90 percent of that total has been spent or is under contract. This investment is expected to generate more than $1 billion in economic benefits.

The City’s partners in the Antelope Valley Project are the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. More information on the Antelope Valley Project is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).
The Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) was today named president-elect of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Bruce Dart has been Director of LLCHD since 2001, and his NACCHO appointment was made at the Association’s annual meeting in Sacramento, Calif.

“It has been incredible to be part of such a tremendous organization with passionate and driven employees who support local health departments across the country,” said Dart. “NACCHO connects all of us who are working to improve health status on the local level and gives us tools to help us improve the quality of life for all the citizens we serve.”

As LLCHD Director, Dart leads an agency serving more than 275,000 Nebraskans. He has been a public health practitioner since 1980. Dart is a Registered Environmental Health Specialist and was formerly Nebraska Environmental Health Administrator of the Year. He said his focus is on improving environmental and social conditions that impact the public’s health and building support for healthy communities among local constituents.

Dart received his master’s degree in administration (health services) from Central Michigan University and his doctorate in health services from Walden University. He is Past President of the Public Health Association of Nebraska and serves on the board of directors of several local nonprofit health and human services organizations focusing on community health and health care access issues.

NACCHO represents the nation’s nearly 3,000 local health departments who work every day to protect and promote the health of their communities. NACCHO develops resources and programs and promotes national policies that support effective local public health practice. More information is available at naccho.org.

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*Media note: NACCHO is pronounced NAY-cho.*
The public is invited to a meeting September 16 on the completion of the Antelope Valley waterway from “S” to “J” streets and the grading work for Union Plaza. The meeting is from 4 to 7 p.m. at 2143 “O” Street (the former location of Via Van Bloom Tour/Travel). The work is expected to begin this month.

Antelope Valley is a flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization project in the core of the City. The meeting is sponsored by the Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), which is doing the channel work.

The meeting will not include a formal presentation, but representatives of JAVA, USACE, the contractor and the construction team will be present to discuss the proposed improvements.

More information on the Antelope Valley Project is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope). Those needing more information on the meeting can contact Scott Rathjen from the construction management team at 402-610-6264. The meeting room is accessible for persons with disabilities. Those requiring additional accommodations can contact Parsons Brinckerhoff at 402-323-6570.

As a reminder, tours of the entire Antelope Valley Project will be offered September 18 and 20. A bus tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. September 18 with a presentation at Lincoln High School. On September 20, a bike tour will be offered at 9 a.m. and bus tours will begin at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Saturday tours begin with presentations at the Auld Recreation Center in Antelope Park. Reservations are recommended and can be made online at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope) or by calling 458-5901.
RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PLANT TREES THIS FALL

The public is invited to learn more about planting trees at the “Big Trees for Lincoln” event Saturday, September 20. The event is sponsored by the City Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with ReTree Nebraska Week, September 21 through 27. ReTree Nebraska is a 10-year initiative to plant one million trees by the year 2017.

“Big Trees for Lincoln” will take place in two parts:

- At 9:30 a.m., a program on tree selection, planting techniques and care is scheduled at Bethany Park, 65th and Vine streets. Presenters include Lincoln City Forester Steve Schwab; UNL Professor Kim Todd; Community Forestry Program Leader Eric Berg from the Nebraska Forest Service; and Finke Gardens’ Tree and Shrub Manager Ryan Luckey.

- At 10:30 a.m., “Bigger is Better” will be presented by Todd at Finke Gardens, 500 N. 66th St.

“Many people don’t realize that autumn is an ideal time to plant trees in Nebraska,” said Schwab. “Newly planted trees aren’t as stressed due to the cooler temperatures and reduced humidity. Planting new trees in the fall gives them the opportunity to establish themselves before winter arrives.”

Schwab also encourages citizens to participate in ReTree Nebraska Week by planting a tree during the “Hour of Planting” from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 23. Those who plant trees during the hour are asked to report it to ReTree Nebraska by e-mail at retreenebraska@unl.edu. More information is available at www.retreenebraska.unl.edu.

The large, deciduous trees recommended by ReTree Nebraska include the Kentucky Coffeetree, Northern Catalpa, Baldcypress, Bur Oak, Chinkapin Oak and many insect-resistant elm hybrids.

“Finke Gardens is pleased to donate the trees for planting in Bethany Park,” said Luann Finke, Landscape Designer for Finke Gardens. “We believe that large shade trees are critical in making our neighborhoods both energy-saving and more inviting.”

More information on the City’s Community Forestry and Horticulture program is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: trees).
September 11, 2008

Mark & Barbara Dunning
9000 Colby
Lincoln, NE 68505
mdunning@inebraska.com

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Dunning:

Thank you for taking the time to write Mayor Beutler about your concerns regarding your request for a refund for a street tree you do not wish to have planted at your new home at 9000 Colby. I am the Ombudsman for the City. It is my job to see that you receive responsible, courteous service from all departments of City government.

Upon receiving your correspondence, I contacted Michaela Dugan, the Impact Fees Administrator for the City with the Public Works Department and found that Impact Fees are not spent on improvements that are internal to a development.

The trees are not paid for out of city funds. Trees on individual parcels are the responsibility of the developer. The developer is required to set up a surety bond to assure they will perform as the landscaping was agreed to. The cost of the landscaping (trees) for each home is included in the home's closing documents when the purchase takes place.

In this particular case Campbell's Nursery has posted the surety bond and is the responsible entity for the landscaping. If you wish a refund, you will need to review your closing documents for the cost of the tree in the landscaping fees and contact Andy Campbell for the refund process. Andy's number is 440-5506. You are also required to submit a letter to the Forestry Department notifying them that you have declined to have the street tree, but since you state you have already done this, that step is taken care of.

Please feel free to call on me should you have other comments, questions or concerns about city government. You may reach me at 441-7511 or email lquenzer@lincoln.ne.gov. I appreciate the effort you made in bringing your concerns to the attention of the Mayor’s office.

Sincerely,

Lin Quenzer
Ombudsman
Office of the Mayor
City of Lincoln, Nebraska

cc: Lincoln City Council
    Michaela Dugan, Impact Fees Administrator, Public Works Department
    Steve Schwab, City Arborist, Forestry Division, Parks & Rec. Department
    <mdunning@inebraska.com>

To <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <demery@lincoln.ne.gov>, <reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov>,
    <jcamp@lincoln.neb.gov>, <ksvoboda@lincoln.neb.gov>,
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Subject new tree

09/08/2008 04:49 PM

Dear Mayor Beutler and city council members,

We have a concern. My wife and I built a new house at 9000 Colby. We moved in last December. As you know, we paid about $4,500 impact fees which are currently the subject of the city council for changes. Part of our impact fees included about $200-$250 for a tree to be planted between the street and the sidewalk.

About two months ago Campbell's Nursery workers started planting the trees in our area. The type of tree the city Forestry dept. chose for our area is an oak tree that grows 60-80 feet tall, produces acorns and drops it's leaves over several months. Not a good choice in my opinion.

I don't like to rake and when the Campbell's workers told me what kind of tree they were planting, I asked if I had to accept it. They informed me that I could write a letter of declination to the city Forestry dept. I wrote the letter and also, by phone, asked if I could get a refund since I did not want the tree. The folks at the Forestry dept. said no, I either take the tree or nothing. I don't want a substitute tree even if that's an option.

I can't imagine any business charging a customer for a service that the customer does not want. Is there any way I can get my money back or at least change the Forestry department's policy so future new home buyers don't get ripped off?

Sincerely,
Mark and Barb Dunning

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OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

TO:      MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM:    FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER
SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business July 31, 2008:

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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $23,510,499.45 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

Joan E. Ross, City Clerk
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FOR RELEASE: September 12, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dan N. King, Environmental Health Specialist, 441-8084 or Laurel Erickson, 441-8047

Last Chance in 2008 to Drop Off and Pick Up Usable Latex Paint

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department’s Latex Paint Exchange, held in conjunction with the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection, will be Saturday, September 20, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Veyance Technologies (formerly Goodyear) at 4021 N. 56th St. in Lincoln. This is the community’s last opportunity this year to drop off or pick up free usable latex paint. Latex paint will not be accepted at any other HHW Collection this year.

Residents (not businesses) can bring only usable latex paint to the exchange; the can should contain over ½ gallon of paint which has not been frozen and which is not lumpy when stirred. Anyone can take home free paint from the exchange, and it is not necessary to bring paint in order to take paint. Both interior and exterior paint will be available, in a variety of colors.

While almost everyone has some latex paint they eventually will need to get rid of, it is not hazardous waste, and it costs $4.29 per gallon to dispose of. Therefore, future HHW collections will not accept latex paint for disposal. The Health Department will continue to offer the Latex Paint Exchange for good, usable latex paint in the spring and fall as funding allows.

To avoid leftover paint, HHW staff recommends buying only what is needed for the job. If just a small amount is left, roll or brush the extra on the walls; if a larger amount is left, give it to a neighbor or an agency who can put it to use. If neither of these are sufficient, dry out the paint before throwing it in the regular household trash (trash haulers cannot accept liquid paint):

- Small amounts can be dried in the can. Remove the lid and let it air-dry in a safe place.
- Mix paint with “Waste Paint Hardener” from the hardware store, following package directions.
- Mix the paint with cat litter, sawdust, shredded newspaper, or an “oil-dry” product until hard and dry.
- Pour paint in thin layers onto a plastic-lined tray or shallow box, let dry, and gradually add additional layers.

Latex paint should not be dumped in the street or the storm drainage system. It is illegal to dump latex paint, or to wash out brushes or rollers, in the street, at the curb or into storm drains. Brushes and rollers can be washed in your house in a sink or tub, rinsing with plenty of water.
Although this is the last Paint Exchange for 2008, residents (no businesses) will be able to bring household hazardous waste to four HHW Collections this fall: September 20 (Veyance), October 17 (Waverly), October 18 (Lincoln Industries), and November 15 (State Fair Park). For a list of items accepted, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021, or check www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: “household”). Items not accepted at the HHW collections include motor oil, antifreeze, gas grill cylinders, pharmaceutical waste, electronics, computers, ammunition, and batteries. Recycling information for these items can be also be found on the website.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  September 11, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Harry Heafer, 441-8035

CLEAN UP LITTER FROM SHORELINES OF LOCAL LAKES

Join volunteers worldwide as part of the International Coastal Cleanup

Volunteers are needed to help clean up litter from shorelines of area lakes as part of the annual International Coastal Cleanup. Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) is recruiting individuals, groups, organizations, clubs and businesses to participate in this effort to help keep the lakes clean of litter. Boaters, canoers, and kayakers are encouraged to register to help reach inaccessible areas of the shoreline.

During last years Lancaster County effort, nearly 100 volunteers cleaned the shorelines of four area lakes and collected nearly 2,000 pounds of trash. Internationally, over 6 million pounds of trash was collected and involved people in 76 countries and 45 U.S. states and territories.

If your group or organization is interested in conducting a clean up of an area lake, call KLLCB at 441-8035. Clean ups must be completed by October 11. Volunteers are provided trash bags and are asked to complete a data card to record the types and amounts of litter collected. Final tallies are sent to The Ocean Conservancy to be included in their annual, international report.

“The shorelines and areas around four Salt Valley lakes were cleaned up last year by several volunteer groups,” said Harry Heafer, Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful Coordinator. "They did a great job cleaning up all kinds of litter including fishing line, lures, bobbers, old bait containers, small propane canisters, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cigarette butts and packages. Not only are these items unsightly but they can be harmful to wildlife and aquatic animals.”

The Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful Program is partially funded by a grant from the Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

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September 11, 2008

Michael Johnson  
Olsson Associates  
1111 Lincoln Mall  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: University of Nebraska Technology Park 3rd Addition Final Plat #08037  
Generally located at Discovery Dr. and W. Highland Blvd.

Dear Mike:

University of Nebraska Technology Park 3rd Addition generally located southwest of NW 1st St. and W. Highland Blvd. was approved by the Planning Director on September 11, 2008. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at $.50 per existing lot and per new lot and $20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and $.50 per new lot and $5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

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

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Tom Czajka  
Planner

CC: City Council  
Dennis Bartels, Public Works & Utilities  
Emily Koeing, Lincoln Electric System File  
Terry Kathe, Building & Safety  
Jean Walker, Planning  
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*** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ***
September 10, 2008

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 10, 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.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Conference Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a briefing by staff on the 2008 Annexation Study.

** 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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

[Commissioner Gaylor Baird absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 27, 2008. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird absent; Francis absent at time of vote)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   (Public Hearing and Action):

   COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
   1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 08023, to review as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, proposed amendments to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan for the “Lincoln Flats/Bank of the West Redevelopment Project”. The Project Area, located between 13th and 14th Streets and “O” and “P” Streets, includes Lots 10 and 11 of Block 39, Original Plat, and Lot 6 and Outlot A of the University Square Addition, and adjacent right-of-way to the center lines of
North 13th Street and “O” 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: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird and Francis absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE:

1.2 Change of Zone No. 08045, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Zoning by amending Sections 27.19.030, 27.21.030, 27.23.030, 27.24.030, 27.27.025 and 27.67.040 to clarify that group homes must comply with all applicable state and local code requirements and to add domiciliary care facility and elderly or retirement housing as a conditional permitted use in the R-5, R-6, R-7, R-8 and O-3 zoning districts, respectively; and repealing Sections 27.19.030, 27.21.030, 27.23.030, 27.24.030, 27.27.025 and 27.67.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird and Francis absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

1.3 Change of Zone No. 08047, from H-3 Highway Commercial District to I-1 Industrial District, on property generally located at N. 56th Street and Superior Street.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird and Francis absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

1.4a County Change of Zone No. 08044, amending Article 23, Fees, of the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution, to amend and increase the filing fees for zoning applications.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Ray Hill, 441-6371, rhill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird and Francis absent).
Public Hearing date before Lancaster County Board of Commissioners being requested.

1.4b County Miscellaneous No. 08010, amending Chapter 10, Fees, of the Lancaster County Land Subdivision Regulations, to amend and increase the filing fees for land subdivision applications.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Ray Hill, 441-6371, rhill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird and Francis absent).
Public Hearing date before Lancaster County Board of Commissioners being requested.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1.5 Street & Alley Vacation No. 08004, to vacate the following right-of-way for the Antelope Valley project: **Parcel A**, Vine Street, from the NW corner of the remaining portion of Lot 12, Block 1, Lincoln Driving Park Company’s 2nd Addition, easterly approximately 267.81 feet to a point on the north line of Lot 6, Block 1, Lincoln Driving Park Company’s 2nd Addition; **Parcel B**, Vine Street, from a point 2.59 feet west of the NE corner of Lot 2, Block 1, Lincoln Driving Park Company’s 2nd Addition, easterly approximately 171.30 feet to a point 10.00 feet east of the NW corner of Lot 16, Block 2, Lincoln Driving Park Company’s 1st Addition; **Parcel C**, “S” Street and N. 20th Street, from a point 14.99 feet west of the SE corner of Lot 24, Block 3, Lincoln Driving Park Company’s 2nd Addition, easterly approximately 435.46 feet to the West line of Outlot “B”, Malone 1st Addition; **Parcel D**, East-West Alley, Block 7, Lincoln Driving Park Company’s 1st Addition, from the East line of N. 20th Street, easterly to the West line of Outlot “B”, Malone 1st Addition; **Parcel E**, “R” Street, from a point 7.01 feet east of the SW corner of Lot 26, Block 7, Lincoln Driving Park Company’s 1st Addition, easterly to the NE corner of Lot 1, Block 6, Kinney’s “O” Street Addition; **Parcel F**, N. 18th Street and East-West Alley north of Vine Street, from a point 25.43 feet north of the SE corner of Lot 10, Locust Subdivision, northerly approximately 174.57 feet to the South line of the East-West Alley; from the NW corner of Lot 4, Locust Subdivision, easterly approximately 299.96 feet to the NE corner of Lot 27, J.G. Miller’s Subdivision.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird and Francis absent).

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

1.6 Street & Alley Vacation No. 08007, to vacate approximately the west 162 feet of the east-west alley north of, and adjacent to Block 2, Mc’Murtry’s Addition, generally located at S. 19th Street and K Street.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 7-0 (Gaylor Baird and Francis absent).
Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 have been satisfied.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.1a Change of Zone No. 08030, amending Section 27.63.400 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the preservation of a historic structure as a permitted special use to allow the City Council to grant adjustments to the height and area regulations of the district in which a historic structure is located; and repealing Section 27.63.400 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

4.1b Change of Zone No. 08031, to designate property known as the Griswold House as a Historic Landmark, located at 1256 Fall Creek Road.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
4.1c Special Permit No. 08027, for Historic Preservation, for the addition of a carriage house, guest house plus garage, with waiver requests to the rear and side yard setbacks, on property located at 1256 Fall Creek Road.

**Staff recommendation:** Conditional Approval

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

Had public hearing.

**Planning Commission recommendation:** CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 20, 2008, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

**PERMITS:**

4.2 Special Permit No. 08038, for expansion of a non-conforming use by adding an outdoor café (a bowling alley/restaurant that sells alcohol for consumption on the premises), on property generally located at N. 48th Street and Dudley Street.

*** FINAL ACTION ***

**Staff recommendation:** Conditional Approval

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

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission ‘final action’: DENIAL, 7-1 (Sunderman dissenting; Gaylor Baird absent).

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

4.3 Street & Alley Vacation No. 08006, to vacate N. 9th Street from the north line of W Street to the north line of Lot 6, Block 2, and Lot 5, Block 3, North Lincoln Addition; and to vacate X Street from the west line of N. 9th Street to the east line of N. 8th Street, including the portion of the alleys between Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, and Lots 1 and 12, Block 6, North Lincoln Addition.

**Staff recommendation:** Vacating 9th St. and vacating “X” St. from the east line of the north-south alley in Block 6 to 9th St. are in Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan; Vacating the alley abutting Lots 5 and 6, Block 3 and Lots 1 and 12, Block 6, North Lincoln Addition are Not in Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

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

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL OF THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, as set forth above, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).

Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 have been satisfied.
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION:

MISCELLANEOUS WITH RELATED ITEMS:

(See 8-27-08 agenda for staff report on the following items.)

5.1a Annexation No. 08006, to annex approximately 4.9 acres, generally located at S. 70th Street and Pine Lake Road.

Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to an Annexation Agreement

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

Had continued public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, subject to an Annexation Agreement, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).

Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled upon completion of the Annexation Agreement.

5.1b Change of Zone No. 08041, Pine Woods Planned Unit Development Plan, for a change of zone from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at S. 70th Street and Pine Lake Road; for a Planned Unit Development District designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning and Land Subdivision Ordinances to develop approximately 11 dwelling units and approximately 53,000 square feet of office, retail and/or commercial floor area in the underlying R-3 zoned area.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

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

Had continued public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 13, 2008, with amendment to Condition #2, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).

Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the associated Annexation No. 08006 is scheduled.

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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. **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.)*

2. **County Change of Zone No. 08038,** from AG Agricultural District to AGR Agricultural Residential District, on property generally located north of the interchange of S. 162nd Street and Highway 2.  
   *(8-13-08: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on November 5, 2008 at the request of the applicant.)*

**Planning Dept. staff contacts:**

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

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The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at  
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : September 11, 2008

RE : Special Permit No. 08038
     (Outdoor café - Madsens - North 48th & Dudley Streets)
     Resolution No. PC-01140 – DENIED

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2008:

Motion made by Cornelius, seconded by Taylor, to deny Special Permit No. 08038, requested by Thomas E. Madsen, for authority to expand a nonconforming use by adding an outdoor café at the bowling alley/restaurant that sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, on property generally located at N. 48th Street and Dudley Street.

Motion to deny carried 7-1: Taylor, Francis, Cornelius, Esseks, Parlington, Larson and Carroll voting ‘yes’; Sunderman voting ‘no’; Gaylor Baird absent).

The Planning Commission’s action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Tom Madsen, P.O. Box 30227, 68508
    Cherie Krueger, East Campus Community Org., 1115 N. 44th Street, 68503
    Dean Phelps, East Campus Community Org., 3837 Apple Street, 68503
    Rick Lodes, East Campus, UNL, 107 Mussell Hall, 68583
    Conniesykes49@yahoo.com
RESOLUTION NO. PC-01140

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 08038

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Madsen has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 08038 for authority to expand a nonconforming use by adding an outdoor café at the bowling alley/restaurant that sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises generally located at N. 48th Street and Dudley Street, and legally described as:

Lots 1, 2, and 3, except the east 60 feet thereof, together with the east half of the vacated alley adjacent thereto; and the south half of vacated Starr Street adjacent thereto; Lots 6 and 7, except the east 60 feet of Lot 6, and except that part of Lots 6 and 7 conveyed to the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, in Deed Book 698, Page 303, but including the vacated alley adjacent to Lots 6 and 7; all of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and the west half of the vacated alley adjacent to Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12; and the south 25 feet of the south half of vacated Starr Street adjacent to Lot 12, all in Block 8, Mount Forest, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska;

WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a public hearing on said application; and

WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this expansion of a non-standard area for an outdoor café at the bowling alley/restaurant that sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises will not be adversely affected by granting such a permit; and

WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the application of Thomas E. Madsen, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to expand a nonconforming use to add an outdoor café at the bowling alley/restaurant that sells alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises on property described above be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.280 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said area be in strict compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves the expansion of a nonconforming use for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises.

2. Before allowing the consumption of alcohol on the deck, all development and construction must conform to the approved plans.

3. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping, are to be permanently maintained by the Permittee.

4. The physical location of all setbacks and yards, buildings, parking and circulation elements, and similar matters must be in substantial compliance with the location of said items as shown on the approved site plan.

5. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall run with the land and be binding upon the Permittee and his successors and assigns.

6. The applicant shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The City Clerk shall file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the Register of Deeds, filling fees therefor to be paid in advance by the applicant.
The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this ____ day of ____________, 2008.

ATTEST:

DENIED by Planning Commission 9/10/08 (7-1: Taylor, Francis, Cornelius, Esseks, Partington, Larson and Carroll voting 'yes'; Sunderman dissenting; Gaylor Baird absent).

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]

Chief Assistant City Attorney
Special Permit #08038
N 48th & Dudley St

Zoning:

R-4 Residential District
R-3 Agricultural Residential District
O-1 Office District
O-2 Suburban Office District
O-3 Office Park District
R-T Residential Transition District
B-1 Local Business District
B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District
B-3 Commercial District
B-4 Lincoln Center Business District
H-1 Interstate Commercial District
H-2 Highway Business District
H-3 Highway Commercial District
H-4 General Commercial District
I-1 Industrial District
I-2 Industrial Park District
I-3 Employment Center District
P Public Use District

One Square Mile
Sec. 20 T10N R07E

City Limit Jurisdiction
Zoning Jurisdiction Lines

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2007 aerial
Madsen Bowling and Billiards
1316 North 47th Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

SITE PLAN

32' x 9' sidewalk café
Please post for the next Thursday night. Robin

----- Original Message ----- 
From: "Tom White" <tew@inebraska.com>  
To: "Robin Eschliman" <robine@neb.rr.com> 
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 10:35 AM

> I wanted to make sure that
> someone was looking out for development of new subdivisions and
> infrastructure for the City in places other than Antelope Valley and Hay
> Market. As someone who has invested a lot of dollars on perimeter
> growth for the last 20 years I am concerned about all available dollars
> heading to those two projects.

>Our company has loaned $3,000,000 to the
> city for improvements to N. 56th Street in order to get an employment
> center developed and ready for new tenants and another $6,500,000 to
> Waterford Estates for sewer and water trunk extensions and 98th Street
> construction and it seems that the City is losing site of the fact that
> we need to develop new roadways and take care of old ones and develop
> new subdivisions where houses are being built and retail is being
> developed and sales tax is generated.

> I just want someone to be aware
> of our concerns and hope that the fringe is not forgotten. I know that
> you are one of the ones that are the most aware of this situation but
> thought it important to visit with you about it.

> Thank you.

> Tom White
September 3, 2008

Mr. Doug Emery
City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Council Member Emery:

This letter is in regards to my ongoing support of the Antelope Valley redevelopment project. I would like to encourage you to adopt the Lincoln Downtown Design Standards relative to the Antelope Valley redevelopment project without modifications.

There has been an exhaustive process to encourage input on this project and the development of appropriate standards. To modify these standards at the last minute underscores the efforts that went into this process.

We have a unique opportunity to create an economic development corridor that this community has dreamed about for many years. The opportunities are endless if we create an environment that major companies will be comfortable investing in, not only for their future but the future of our great community. This is our chance to create a corridor that will serve as a major enticement to the types of businesses we have lobbied so hard to acquire, with the understanding Lincoln will best serve them as their headquarters.

Thank you for your consideration and please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marc LeBaron
I am writing on behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association to support the design standards to protect the community's investment in the Antelope Valley project. Narrow-minded projects, especially in the first few years, could impeded or prevent this area from becoming the special civic destination and economic engine that the taxpayers envisioned as they invested in the project over the past decade. While the standards may be imperfect, we trust you to make thoughtful exceptions to them when warranted.

Scott Baird
Near South Neighborhood Association
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name:       Julie Sand
Address:    1148 Mulder Dr
City:       Lincoln, NE., 68510
Phone:      402-489-5186
Fax:         
Email:      rsandclan@aol.com

Comment or Question:
I am concerned about the cities' allowance of the Dr. John's store on 48th near Vine street. I am especially concerned about the very large and seductive posters that it uses for advertisement. I consider that area as one of the hubs of the city and overnight it became more low class and trashy. If there is nothing legal to be done at this point, I would appreciate it if you could tackle this problem and find a way to control this type of business practice in the future. That type of store belongs in a different location. Thank you for the action I know you will take. Julie Sand
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Rob Mizerski
Address: 3801 South 20th
City: Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone: 402-730-3806
Fax:
Email: mizrb102@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
While reading the Lincoln Journal Star this morning, I could not believe that the city is actually working on an ordinance to ban indoor furniture on the outside of a home. Should we be spending our time on something this trivial? Less than two months ago there was talk of budget shortfalls, but now we are talking about sofas on porches. Please find something that is worthwhile to spend time on, like the homeless, potholes, or any other problem that is really affecting the city of Lincoln. Not how people decorate their porches. Crime is constantly in the paper, and you would divert police to give citations for this?
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
       General Council

Name:     Walter A. Canney
Address:  2111 S 66 th st
City:     Lincoln, NE 68506
Phone:    402-489-2373
Fax:      402-489-3459
Email:    wacabbet@inebraska.com

Comment or Question:
After thinking about the recent LES rate hearings and press discussions, I 
would hope you have read the Omaha World Herald front page story today on the 
Power Rate Increase's expected in Omaha, and around the country. 
LES continues to remain below much of the country in rates, and equally 
important in key operating expense ratios. I would hope you would concentrate 
on performance rather than politics and micro managing. The LES Board and 
Staff spend hundreds of hours on issues that you can only spend a few minutes. 
Bottom line and performance measurements should be your key indicators. There 
is the old expression...." If it aint Broke......"
Council Members:

I understand you are considering legislating against upholstered furniture on front porches.

What about 35-year-old travel trailers, ugly as sin and big as a barn, on slabs next to the house?

What about two giant trash bins decorating driveways in front of garages?

Your intended action makes no sense. I encourage you to tackle some real issues.

Paul Horton
2521 Cheshire S.
Lincoln, NE 68512
Please don't legislate decorating taste for people's homes, porches, or yards. We do not need a FURNITURE ordinance. Property owners should have the right to do what they want with their property, unless it creates a hazard to others. Annoyance is not a hazard. If a hazard is created, that specific hazard can be addressed under current law. There are plenty of ordinances in place that address actual health hazards that aren't enforced, or are selectively enforced. We don't need more tools to harass each other. Maybe you should legislate TOLERANCE of other people's choices and rights.

Heidi Burklund
Taxpayer
Lincoln NE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 11, 2008

Lincoln Action Program Announces New Director

Lincoln Action Program’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Vi See to the position of Executive Director effective October 1, 2008.

See brings to Lincoln Action Program more than 25 years experience in non-profit management, including 18 years at the senior executive level as the Executive Director for the Girl Scouts–Homestead Council. See is experienced in developing and implementing innovative services and programs and working in partnership with area business leaders, community members, and volunteers to achieve results.

See holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

See said “I am excited to join the staff and volunteers of Lincoln Action Program in their mission to fight poverty and build a stronger community. For many years I have admired their work in creating and sustaining programming that brings real hope to people in need. I look forward to joining the efforts of staff, volunteers, and the many passionate community partners and funders to build upon the rich history of Lincoln Action Program.”

“We are extremely pleased to have Vi in the role of Executive Director for Lincoln Action Program. As a Board, we are confident that her knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm will lead the agency to even greater success,” said Judy Halstead, President of Lincoln Action Program’s Board of Directors.

Lincoln Action Program is a private, non-profit Community Action Agency dedicated to fighting poverty and building stronger communities in Lancaster and Saunders Counties. Founded in 1964 out of Lyndon Johnson’s War on Poverty, Lincoln Action Program offers individuals and families with low incomes the tools, resources, and support they need to thrive.

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For More Information Contact:

Judy Halstead                Aaron Bowen
Lincoln Action Program Board President  LAP Interim Executive Director
(402) 441-4603               (402) 471-4515
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of September 13 through September 19, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Pioneers Park Golfers Can Reserve Tee Times Online.

II. CITY CLERK - None

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE -

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN -

1. E-Mail from Houghton Furr, Jr. - RE: Item #20, 08R-211, Claim against the City - Claim Denied.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - None

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Bob Leavitt - RE: Item #31, 08R-201, Outdoor Lighting Ordinance.

2. E-Mail & Attached Letter from André Mick, LIBA Director of Policy and Research - RE: Item #15, 08-125, Upholstered Furniture Ordinance.

3. E-Mail from Nan Welsh - RE: The Upholstered Furniture Outdoors Ordinance.

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Date: September 12, 2008
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of September 13 through 19, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, September 14
- Christ Lutheran Church groundbreaking, remarks - 12:15 p.m., 4325 Sumner St.
- Flatwater Shakespeare Benefit - 6:30 p.m., reception, remarks; 7:30 p.m. "Richard III" performance, Swan Theatre (former stable area behind main building), Wyuka Cemetery and Park, 3600 "O" St.

Monday, September 15
- Joint Public Agency public hearing on budget - 9 a.m., City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, September 16
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Federal Fly-in, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, September 17
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Federal Fly-in, Washington, D.C.

Thursday, September 18
- League of Nebraska Municipalities annual conference - 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Doubletree Hotel, 1616 Dodge St., Omaha
- Governor's Lecture in the Humanities featuring David Gergen - 5 p.m. reception and 6 p.m. dinner at Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" St.; 7:30 p.m. program at Lied Center, 301 N. 12th St.
PIONEERS PARK GOLFERS CAN RESERVE TEE TIMES ONLINE

Beginning Monday, Sept. 15, area golfers will be able to reserve tee times at Pioneers Park Golf Course online. Tee times may be reserved up to seven days in advance, and City golf members can make reservations using their membership card numbers. Non-members will pay a $10 reservation fee, which will be applied as credit when they play.

“We hope to reach our goal of offering online reservations for all City-owned golf courses by mid-October,” said City Golf Administrator Dale Hardy. “This will make golfing on our great City courses even more convenient and enjoyable.”

Other City golf courses that will soon be accepting on-line tee time reservations are Highlands, 5501 N.W. 12th St.; Holmes, 3701 S. 70th St.; Jim Ager, 3761 Normal Blvd.; and Mahoney, 7900 Adams St.

To reserve your Pioneers Park Golf Course tee time, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: tee time).
Ms. Robin Eschliman, Chair
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street, Suite 112
Lincoln, NE68508

Dear Madam Chair:

This e-mail is to inform you that I would like to attend the City Council meeting on Monday, September 15, 2008, to discuss the disposition of my claim against the City.

At present, it is included in the Agenda under Item 20, Public Hearing – Resolutions (08R-211), as a denied claim by the City’s Law Department. I would like to request reconsideration of such denial.

The claim itself is for damage caused when a limb from a City-owned tree fell and impacted my vehicle, leaving me with repairs totaling $824.59.

Sincerely,

Houghton Furr, Jr.
3615 So. 37th Street
Lincoln, NE68506
402-489-3470
Dear Council:
I strongly support the proposed design standards for outdoor lighting. These standards will significantly reduce the problems of commercial lighting in Lincoln by controlling the amount of light and the type of fixtures that can be used. These standards promote the use of lighting which is esthetically pleasing (by avoiding harsh glare and similar problems) while reducing waste and inefficiency. Security is also enhanced when using lights which conform to these standards. Bright lights produce deep shadows and lots of glare, making it difficult to see some areas of a property at night. When full cutoff fixtures are used, with the light directed downward toward the ground, it is much easier to see all parts of a property at night. Finally, these standards will help preserve our view of the night sky. In Lincoln it is still possible to gaze up and see many stars at night. This is a resource worth preserving for future generations.

Regards,
Bob Leavitt
1500 Crestline Drive
Lincoln, NE

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Dear City Council Members,

Please find attached a letter from the LIBA Board of Directors supporting the proposed ordinance banning upholstered furniture for outdoor use.

Best regards,
Andre' Mick
LIBA Director of Policy and Research

- Upholstered Furniture Ord..doc
To: City Council Members
From: LIBA Board of Directors
Date: 11 September 2008
Re: Upholstered Furniture Ordinance

The LIBA Board of Directors would like to extend its support of legislation offered by Councilperson Robin Eschliman and the Lincoln Policy Network, which prohibits the use of indoor upholstered furniture outdoors. We believe this ordinance will help enhance Lincoln’s neighborhoods and foster community pride.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name:     nan welsh
Address:  2108 clinton
City:     Lincoln, NE  68503

Phone:    Fax:          Email:    

Comment or Question:
In the same line as removing indoor furniture from the outside, garbage cans and toters need to be out of sight. I agree we don't need a lot of ordinances but some of these concerns are basic to esthetics, health, and safety. Finally, this is very common in other states throughout the country. Nothing wrong with tidying up our older areas.
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http://www.thepost.ohiou.edu/archives/archives2/021199/402.html

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http://www.lawrencecourt.org/docs/goodneighbor.pdf

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http://www.cityofames.org/LivingInAmes/NeighborhoodConcerns.htm

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Even at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, on the New Directions page of information to students, has information about couches on porches.

http://www.nudirections.org/laws_offcampus.php

**Off Campus Laws and Policies**

**Appearance**

Sometimes, neighbors are more likely to complain when they see your house or apartment as an eyesore to the neighborhood -- having a party just adds fuel to the fire. Clean up the porch -- get rid of the old couch, pick up litter, and keep the yard trim. It'll make a big difference with the neighbors.

I hope that you will take time to see what others around the nation are doing about this problem and how it affects behavior, the neighbors, the residents, property values and the community in general.

The Hawley Area Neighborhood Association **strongly supports** an ordinance that restricts indoor furniture from being used in an exterior area. This is something that affects every one of us.

Thank you,
Peggy Struwe
President, Hawley Area Neighborhood Association in the Malone Area

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I was so very happy to read that this council and especially Robin Eschliman has the fore sight and back bone to take this issue on.

For years I have tried to get this problem addressed. believe me trying to work through Urban Development or the City attorneys office is use less. I live in the North Bottoms, we have lived in the same home for 44 years. My 90 year old father lives here. My gram parents came to the North bottoms from Jost Russia in 1912. So my roots run deep in the heart of the North Bottoms.

I have lived to see the ruination of my neighborhood. It went from being the, clean proud neighborhood of my youth, which had two main grocery stores a drug store a filling station a public grade school. Four churches, Family owned homes which were beautifully maintained with gardens and flowers, swings on porches. We even had two mail drop boxes. All are now gone.

Today you cannot find many resident home owners. It is mostly rental properties where the investor land lord lives in another neighborhood or out of city or state. The homes they own are poorly maintained, their are cars parked any where in the yards. The closer to the front door steps as possible. These renters are to tired to walk up a driveway. Dis carded fast food containers or beer cans or bottles are strewn in the yard or street gutter as going to a garbage can is a lot of work, much easier to drop it on the go.

Then we address the un mowed yards, un shoveled walkways. The old discarded soiled mattresses, couches, reclining chairs, which are sat either on the hard packed dirt out in the back yard or the couches, and chairs sit proudly on the front porch which usually has broken or missing porch railing spokes. They also hold students with a cell phone, a beer, a lot of friends, loud music, yelling, just a happy little run down home.

These same land lord property owners will say they will address these couches and chairs but they never do. They just get different renters with different upholstered furniture which they proudly need to display. as they and the land lord are special. They can destroy their resident neighbors home values because after all they are college students who think it is their right of passage to live any way they please. My guess is at home their parents do not allow dirty old upholstered furniture on their porches. What would their neighbors
think?

But in my old blighted neighborhood it is ok and their land lord sure is not going to care. So all I can say to you all. is from the bottom of my heart I thank you.

and Robin you one special lady in my eyes. Please pass this ordinance it possibly will be one of the best pieces of law you will pass in your council service. Right now it is the problem of the older historic areas of town. But it will creep into the more affluent areas of Lincoln in due time. These people eventually move but the habits they have acquired in their youth will follow them the rest of their lives. The Land lords will only change if they are made too. They would not want the homes next to them to have upholstered couches on their decks or porches but it is ok for neighborhoods where their income properties are. Because they are special.

Sincerely
Becky Schenaman
817 Y street
Lincoln Nebraska
477-1627
Having read this morning's editorial, perhaps someone wants to suggest to LJS and Deena Winter an in depth study of building and safety and they're ineffectiveness. It's a simple matter to say use the tools in place but....

-----Original Message-----
From: peggystruwe1943@msn.com
To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us; council@lincoln.ne.us; council@lincoln.ne.gov
  timdfrancis@aol.com; jane
  <jimehrens@neb.rr.com>; pstruwe1943@msn.com; astone59@earthlink.net
  astone@lps.org; Shawn Ryba <sryba@nwlincoln.org>
Sent: Fri, 12 Sep 2008 1:57 pm
Subject: Couches on Porch information for the Council from Hawley Area Neighborhood Association

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Lincoln City Council:

I support the ordinance that bans couches on front porches, etc. Thank you very much for tackling this issue. We have had this problem on our block over the years and will really appreciate having an ordinance with some backbone.

Becky Martin
338 So. 29th
Lincoln, NE 68510
I am writing in support of the proposed couch ordinance.

What may seem like a very common sense thing to a lot of people, does not always translate to common sense action by others. I think is time to have a law on the books that can be enforced when a person has let their upholstered furniture sit in the weather far too long and has no desire to get rid of it when it no longer resembles its original life form or actually has taken on roll of shelter for small animals. Thank you for your consideration.

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hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify the sender via return email and permanently delete the original message from your system. Thank you.
Dear Council Members,

Please show your unanimous support for the Indoor Upholstered Furniture Ordinance. It's not only a Quality of Life Issue it's also a Health Issue.

Thank You,

William Carver
2202 Washington St
Lincoln NE 68502
This is an excellent ordinance.

Please include seats from cars and trucks. Also dressers, entertainment centers etc that are stored on porches and beside and behind houses. Landlords are powerless to make tenants who are slobs and those who do not pay rent on time to do anything. Just look at what it takes to evict someone. This is an issue that needs to be looked at also. Get the deadbeats out of our neighborhoods.

Jeanette Fangmeyer
Dear City Council:

As a board member of the Witherbee Neighborhood Association, I support bill 08-125, which would prohibit indoor furniture from being used as outdoor furniture or stored outdoors.

I believe this ordinance change will help to address two problems that commonly are occurring:

1. Rental properties where tenants are evicted by landlords and furniture and trash is left in the front yard or at the curb and not picked up (in essence littering and an eyesore that does adjacent properties no good nor the neighborhood and the landlord doesn't current have any concerns for correcting this problem). This ordinance change would hold landlords more accountable to rectify such situations when a citizens complaint has been submitted concerning such matters.

2. Property were the owners are storing /using indoor furniture outdoors, especially on front porches and/or landings, which again gives the appearance of clutter and unkept maintenance.

I also concur with the Lincoln Policy Network and Councilwoman Eschliman on this legislation and believe the Lincoln Journal Star editorial on the matter is not taking into consideration that this would be an improvement for neighborhoods.

Please submit my comments for the record as part of the City Council meeting to be held on September, 15, 2008, concerning the 2nd reading and public hearing for this proposed ordinance change. I also ask the City Council to please support this ordinance change and vote yes when its 3rd reading is done.

Sincerely,
Steve Schwab
3510 Woods Ave
Lincoln, NE 68510

Lincoln Policy Network works with Councilwoman Eschliman to Improve Lincoln’s Neighborhoods

LINCOLN, Neb. – Lincoln Policy Network, a grassroots Policy Forum composed of neighborhood association leaders, landlords, realtors, and other interests has proposed a change in the Maintenance of Premises Code for Lincoln to improve the overall appearance of neighborhoods. The ordinance will appear at the First Public Reading at the City Council on Monday, September 8th, 2008.

Councilwoman Eschliman agreed to sponsor and introduce the proposed changes after meeting with members of the Lincoln Policy Network and hearing their concerns. The ordinance would prohibit furniture designed and manufactured for indoor use only from being outdoors. Enforcement would be on a complaint-based system only. Councilwoman Eschliman states, “There are signs we look for in neighborhoods that are on a tipping point and need special attention. One thing we look for is a rising level of rental property versus home ownership. Another thing we notice in neighborhoods that are at a tipping point is debris that is on the property, such as junk cars, appliances, and furniture left outside. We have ordinances to deal with the first two, but we have not had an
ordinance dealing with furniture that is specifically intended for indoor use but is set out on porches or in yards.”

“Michael Snodgrass of NeighborWorks® Lincoln researched other cities in the United States and found ordinance language requiring that outdoor furniture has to have been designed specifically for the outdoor use. I believe that there are certain basic, minimum expectations that we can easily agree are the standards to which we all ought to keep up our porches and yards.” NeighborWorks® Lincoln is one of the many members of the Lincoln Policy Network. Michael Snodgrass, Executive Director of NeighborWorks® Lincoln currently serves as facilitator for the Lincoln Policy Network. “This ordinance is yet another tool in the toolbox to improve Lincoln’s Neighborhoods. The Lincoln Policy Network would like to Thank Councilwoman Eschliman for her support of our neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for all residents”.

Lynn Fisher, College View Neighborhood Association president and past president of the Lincoln Real Estate Owners and Managers Association added, “as a landlord I would be embarrassed to have a property with a tattered old couch sitting on the porch, I think it’s tacky and I wouldn’t allow that kind of thing on my property. It brings down the quality of life for the whole neighborhood.”

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**DETAILS**

Amending Section 21.01.185 and Section 21.01.212 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Maintenance of Premises and Inadequate Maintenance, respectively, to provide that the use of indoor upholstered furniture outdoors constitutes inadequate maintenance; and repealing Sections 21.01.185 and 21.01.212 as hitherto existing.

The presence of indoor upholstered furniture outdoors is one characteristic of property that is inadequately maintained. As a result, that property tends to have a negative impact on the health, safety, and/or general welfare of the neighborhood.

**POSITIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

| Sponsor | Robin Eschliman  
City Council Member |
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| Program Departments, or Groups Affected | Building and Safety  
City Law |
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| Applicants/Proponents | Applicant  
Robin Eschliman |
| --- | --- |

| Opponents | Groups or Individuals  
Basis of Opposition |
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| Staff Recommendations | ☐ For  ☐ Against  
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| CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS  
(For Council Use Only) | ☐ Pass  
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☐ Without Recommendation  
☐ Hold  
☐ Do not Pass |
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Expansion of this ordinance will likely result in an increase of number of complaints received by Building and Safety, which would likely result in more cases being referred to the City Attorney’s office for prosecution.

Fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time, based on number of unknown factors, e.g. actual number of complaints, amount of time expended on investigation, actual number of referrals.

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APPLICABLE DATES:

FACT SHEET PREPARED BY: John C. McQuinn, Chief City Prosecutor

REVIEW BY:

REFERENCE NUMBER
Clinton Neighborhood Organization
September 14, 2008

To: Lincoln City Council Members

From: Gloria Eddins, President

RE: Proposed ordinance regarding upholstered furniture on porches

The Clinton Neighborhood Organization supports the proposed ordinance to make upholstered furniture, other indoor furniture, mattresses, etc. on porches and elsewhere on the property a violation of maintenance standards. Permitting the use of these items in an inappropriate manner creates a neighborhood standard that often results in undesirable social conditions and lowers property values for everyone.

Not only does it affect the aesthetics of the neighborhood, it also represents a potential health hazard. Poorly maintained interior grade furniture attracts vermin and other small animals which spread disease and other such things.

Inappropriate use of indoor furniture outdoors tends to be greater in the older neighborhoods because of the greater proportion of houses with front porches. When any Lincoln neighborhood falls into a state of decline, the entire city feels the impact of such neglect.

For all of the above reasons, the Clinton Neighborhood Organizations supports the adoption of the ordinance before you.

Gloria Eddins
CNO President

Check out our Myspace page
http://www.myspace.com/clintonneighborhood
Dear Council members --

One thing usually leads to another.

First a comfy couch on the front porch. Then a few beverage cans and pizza boxes. Then a car parked on the front lawn and some loud music blasted out through the BROKEN WINDOW.

Remember the "Broken Window" ???

Alene Swinehart