

AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008
(Immediately Following Directors' Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. MINUTES

- *1. Minutes from Directors' Meeting of September 22, 2008.
- *2. Minutes from City Council Members' Noon Meeting of September 22, 2008.
- 3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Fire Contract Negotiations - September 29, 2008.

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

- 1. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (Emery/Eschliman)
- 2. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting (Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - To Be Announced

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - To Be Announced

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

- *1. Discussion on the attachment regarding Jobs Stimulus Proposal Committee Formation. (Requested by Robin Eschliman) (See Attachment)

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

- 1. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cutting: - Please RSVP to Kathy Hale at 436-2385 or E-Mail: -
 - A.) Pediatric Dentistry PC, 3901 Pine Lake Road, Suite 250 on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

2. The Board of Directors of the Clyde Malone Community Center-Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at The Clyde Malone Community Center, 2032 "U" Street - 5:30 p.m., Light Dinner served; 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Business Meeting - RSVP by Oct. 10th to T.J. McDowell, Jr. at 441-6738 or by e-mail - (See Invitation)
3. 2008 NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street - RSVP, To obtain tickets, please call Leroy Stokes or e-mail - (See Invitation)
4. Downtown Lincoln Association - 2008 Downtown Impact Awards on Friday, October 31, 2008 at 11:30 a.m., Doors open - Noon, Luncheon & Awards Ceremony at Embassy Suites Hotel Ballroom - \$30/person - RSVP by Oct. 21st - (See Invitation)
5. Near South Neighborhood Association Potluck on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at First Plymouth Church, 20th & "D" Street - (See E-Mail Invitation)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2008.**

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' NOON MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008**

Present: Robin Eschliman, Chair
Doug Emery, Vice Chair
Jon Camp
John Spatz
Ken Svoboda

Absent: Jonathan Cook
Dan Marvin

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Aide to the Mayor
Denise Pearce, Aide to the Mayor

Chair Eschliman opened the meeting at 11:21 a.m.. Announcement made of The Nebraska Open Meeting Act being posted on the rear wall of Room 113.

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With no corrections the above minutes were approved by acclamation.

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

Joint Budget Committee Meeting Emery/Eschliman

Emery stated guidelines were discussed for bringing in new agencies which the JBC supports. Also, there will be legislation through next week with some changes being one year contracts are now two year contracts. Hoppe added the first reading for several of the contracts would be today and the contracts will require Council approval from being one year to two year reflecting the change the JBC has made.

Eschliman reported the City Mission is opening a medical clinic, similar to People's Health. Do have clients at the location but another reason is seeing clients quicker. Sometimes people are booked too far in advance, whereas the Mission would book a day in advance, not having a problem with no shows. Hoppe thought the scheduling issue was with new patients not getting an appointment quickly at People's Health Center, not returning patients who are timely scheduled. Pearce added Bruce Dart is on the People's Health Center Board and is addressing the problem. Svoboda added acute patients are seen within the time frame necessary, being sent through the Health Department, Dental College, or other agency, and are not waiting.

Internal Liquor Committee Meeting Eschliman/Spatz/Svoboda

Svoboda stated the ILC is asking for different detailed information from Cornhusker Place Detox Center to help analyze trends. He added one item being tracking the trend in youth alcoholism. Svoboda said he would send the handouts received from the Cornhusker Detox Center showing last drink data, and the bars tracked to Council members. Eschliman added if there is a problem with a bar the Committee brings them to a meeting to discuss.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Attachment A

Pearce stated the Library Director, Pat Leach, will be here for public hearing next week.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe announced the annual charitable giving campaign, United Way, will begin October 13, 2008. All departments will again compete for the Mayor’s Cup. Will be a month long campaign with two winners. A small, and large, division winner. The theme is, “Thank You, Thank You Very Much” and working with an Elvis impersonator to hopefully do publicity.

Pearce stated an invitation was sent from the Mayor’s office regarding a reception for Ms. Shamsa, a visiting scholar from Pakistan, associated with Southeast Community College. The reception will be next Monday, after the Noon Meeting.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion on Jobs Stimulus Proposal Committee Formation Requested by Robin Eschliman

Attachment B

Eschliman asked if Council Members were interested in meeting as a committee on the Job Stimulus Proposal. Eschliman thought a committee would assess what the City has and possibly the Council could have information posted on the City Web site, or brochures could be handed out. She believes lending will be tight and therefore hard for entrepreneurs and start up businesses. Hopefully the committee would meet two or three times and after assessing what the community has would look at the gaps. Also would find out if other cities do anything similar. One idea received is possibly getting involved with business counseling. Eschliman asked if anyone could make the time to serve? Hoppe stated the Mayor’s Office may nominate Mike Lang to represent their office. Eschliman also thought someone with the WIA from Urban Development. Svoboda stated he would serve and Eschliman named persons interested in serving. Would not be in competition with banks, not a housing lending program, and would not prolong bad credit problems. We would try to help people who have very little business credit history, and caught in the financial crisis.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Emery No comments

Camp No comments

Svoboda asked if there was an agenda update on the Joint Lincoln-Omaha City Councils Meeting? Pearce replied not at this time, but will email. If anyone has additional topics let her know so she can forward. Camp thought to call as it is in two and a

half weeks, and if they do a tour of the facility it may limit time for the meeting.

Spatz No comments

Eschliman No comments

VII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eschliman adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

***Held Over From September 29, 2008.**

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MEMO

TO: City Council

FROM: Denise Pearce
Aide to the Mayor

DATE: October 6, 2008

RE: Boards and Commissions Update

COUNCIL VOTES on October 13

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Jim Johnson	Historic Preservation Comm.	4.15.11 (New)
John Kay	Capitol Environs Comm.	1.9.10 (New)
Amir Azimi	Multicultural Advisory Comm.	9.18.11 (Reappt.)
Thomas Christie	“ ”	9.18.11 (Reappt.)
Amrita Mahapatra	“ ”	9.18.11 (Reappt.)
Dan Marvin	“ ”	9.18.11 (Reappt.)

Director Appointment–Vote on October 13

Pat Leach	Library Director
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Upcoming Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Sheryl Jordan	Lincoln Area Agency on Aging	7.1.11 (New)
Leola Bullock	“ ”	7.1.11 (New)
Corrine Simon	“ ”	7.1.11 (New)
Martha Brown	“ ”	7.1.11 (New)

Via EO

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiration/Comments</u>
Lisa Chandler	Greater Lincoln Local Workforce Investment Bd.	12.1.08 (completing unexpired term)
Steven Wanser	“ ”	12.1.10 (completing unexpired term)
Bob FitzSimmons	Mayor's Commission on Women	8.31.09 (Reappt.)
Mahe Naseem	“ ”	8.31.09 (New)

JOBS STIMULUS PROPOSAL COMMITTEE FORMATION

WHAT THIS COULD BE:

1. An alternative to the Housing Stimulus idea, but this addresses fundamentals in our economy.
2. A means to jumpstart sectors of the economy that could be collateral damage from tightening loan restrictions:
 - a. Startup businesses
 - b. Businesses that rarely borrow money and thus do not have much credit history, but are in the mode to hire
3. Psychological boost to businesses who are in acceptable financial condition but hesitant to hire given the bad news in the economy
4. Could be predominantly the marketing of assets we already have: CDGB funds, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, EDI Grants, SBA loans, microenterprise funds (if we have them), LPED funds, NE Business Development Center, Midlands Venture Forum about Venture Capital and Angel Investor opportunities. Perhaps the City's primary role would be to educate the community on resources available through Channel 5 or other media. Education about what we DO have could start immediately.
5. Look for gaps. What do other cities have to assist start-ups and small businesses that we don't have? Could be a matching grant of some kind from the City, or leveraging some new type of government business-startup loan. Empowerment zones, enterprise communities program, Office of Community Services discretionary grants, JOLI, private philanthropic foundations.
6. Business counseling, or training for volunteer counselors, for businesses going through a hard time.
7. Stakeholders participating in the committee would be Council, Mayor's Office, Urban Development and Economic Development, and people such as bankers, Rick Wallace, LPED. Perhaps revive the MOVE Council for this.
8. Potentially we could be the first City Council in the nation to take a proactive stance to what has happened this past two weeks.

WHAT THIS IS NOT:

1. Loan for houses. This is to start jobs only.
 2. Extending loans to businesses with credit problems.
 3. Competition to bankers.
 4. Loans to retailers. This should be geared towards primary jobs. A question would be, should it be for jobs such as those in the construction industry.
 5. A committee that meets many times for many months.
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