AGENDA
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 113
11:00 A.M.

I. MAYOR
*1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of September 20 through 26, 2008. (Emailed to Council on 09/19/08).

Received Week of October 6, 2008
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Invites Public to State of the City Address. (Sent to Council Members on 10/01/08)
2. 2010 USA National Games for Special Olympics Reaches $1 Million in Local Fundraising through Rallied Community Support.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Says City Strong Because of Community Values.

II. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
*1. Material from Steve Hubka - September Sales Tax Reports.

FINANCE/TREASURER (Received Week of 10/06/08)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT (Received Week of 10/06/08)
2. High Risk Persons Should get a Flu Shot.

HEALTH/ANIMAL CONTROL
*1. Response email from Jim Weverka, Animal Control Chief to Kelli Hogeland (Miscellaneous #*4) - Ban of Pitbull type dogs from the community.

CITY LIBRARIES (Received Week of 10/06/08)
1. NEWS RELEASE. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Bilingual Read-In.

PLANNING
*1. Planning Department’s InterLinc site for the 2008-09 Final Edition of the City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
Received Week of 10/06/08
1. Letter from Robert Boyce on City Change of Zone No. 08040, County Change of Zone No. 08042. Bill #08-137.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
*1. Special Permit #08039. Stone Bridge View Community Unit Plan (N. 14th Street and Humphrey Drive) Resolution No. PC-01142.

Received Week of 10/06/08

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING (Received Week of 10/06/08)
1. ADVISORY. Circle Drive Storm Water Project to Start. Project #702386.

PUBLIC WOKS/STARTRAN (Received Week of 10/06/08)
1. StarTran Advisory Board Actions.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN
*1. Email from Becky Schenaman. Expressing thanks for the much needed and appreciated ordinance regarding couches on porches.

V. MISCELLANEOUS
*1. Email from Brian Peeks. How to make change regarding allowing wood burning in one’s yard.
*2. Email from Ken Vice. In support of the couch ordinance.
*3. Email from Nicki. Couch law is ridiculous and an incredible waste of taxpayer’s money.
*4. Email from Kelli Hogeland. What are steps needed to ban pit bulls in Lincoln?
*5. Email from Rick Tast. Very few supporters of couch ordinance but with many people against.
*6. Email from Ben Placzek. Against couch ordinance. Other stupid ordinance which are law but not enforced.
*7. Email from Ed Martin. Stating the couch ban is one of the stupidest laws ever.
*8. Two emails & copy of pictures from Eunice M. Cernohlavek (The emails are the same). Soil Mining West “O” site.
*9. Email from Greg Nielsen. Fletcher street trees memo 08/15/08.

Received Week of 10/06/08
1. Letter from Cody Merwick, 13 years old and a Boy Scout, thanking Council for the ordinance on couches on porches.
2. Letter from Sidney Smith explaining how new bus schedules for buses #46 and #50 would cause problems.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
*HELD OVER FROM SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

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MAYOR INVITES PUBLIC TO STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Chris Beutler will stress “community values” as well as his vision for the future in his State of the City address at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 2 in the City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street. The public is invited to attend the speech. It also will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV, the government access cable channel and on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov.

The public also is invited to a reception immediately following the speech just outside the Mayor’s Office on the second floor of the County-City Building.

Free public parking is available in the lot north of the County-City Building, across “K” Street. The parking gate on the lot will be open, so drivers do not need to get a pass to exit.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
October 1, 2008

2010 USA National Games for Special Olympics Reaches $1 Million in Local Fund-raising through Rallied Community Support

Companies Invest in Success of Nebraska’s Largest Sporting Event

Lincoln, NE – The 2010 USA National Games for Special Olympics has reached the $1 million mark in local fund-raising, and members of the organizing committee say they are well on their way to financing the games. The 2010 USA National Games will showcase the State of Nebraska on the national stage July 18th through the 23rd, 2010.

The 2010 USA National Games will be the largest sporting event held in the history of Nebraska. Organizers expect 3,000 athletes, 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers and 15,000 family members and friends to come to Lincoln and Omaha for the event. About 4,000 of the nation’s 600,000 Special Olympics families live in Nebraska. The event is expected to have a $40 million economic impact, including $5 million in tax revenue.

“We are honored to be the host for this outstanding event and will do all we can to make it a success,” said Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler. “The Special Olympics touches so many lives, and I am pleased but not surprised that our community has rallied in support of the program.”

Charles Cooper, President and CEO for the 2010 USA National Games, said a number of generous individuals and companies in Lincoln and Omaha have pledged to be members of the “Founders Club,” which requires a financial investment of $25,000. “We are actively seeking local companies to get involved by investing in the games or to serve as the presenting sponsor of a sporting competition,” Cooper said.

Special Olympics offers year-round sports training and competition opportunities for both children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The program gives them the opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and become integrated and valued members of our society.

For more information, contact:
Sarah Leeth, 2010 USA National Games,
at leeth@2010specialolympics.org or (402) 981-4862.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 2, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR SAYS CITY STRONG BECAUSE OF COMMUNITY VALUES
Mayor calls on citizens to consider future generations

In his State of the City address today, Mayor Chris Beutler said Lincoln is strong because of our commitment to one another, our sense of community and our strong work ethic. And he challenged citizens to consider how we will pass on those “community values” to future generations.

“A good starting point is to reaffirm our commitments to each other, to the common good,” he said. “We are one community. We will hopefully reject the old budget process that pitted elements of the community against one another and embrace positive choices that recognize the common good and move the entire community forward. We can, we should, and we will prioritize. But we will not use prioritization as the rationale to starve parts of City government that are essential to the common good.”

Beutler said his first 17 months in office have been spent putting the City budget in order and restoring faith in City institutions. (A list of administration accomplishments is attached.) Now, he said, is the time to focus on the future.

“We have plans, we have accountability, we have bold, new ideas,” he said. “We have civic leaders who are stepping up to the plate. We have leadership in City Hall ready to marshal these great public and private forces. And above all, we have a great and giving people who treasure their community.”

The Mayor cited the “tremendous commitment” from the private sector to move Lincoln forward as well as major donations for projects like Union Plaza and the Breslow Ice Facility. He said the proposed arena project in the West Haymarket area would be a catalyst for events that would bring millions of dollars into Lincoln’s economy.

“It’s hard to believe now that the building of Pershing Auditorium was controversial 50 years ago, but it was,” he said. “Lincoln’s future residents are depending on us to show the same foresight and generational responsibility as those who built Pershing long ago.”

The Mayor said the City must be committed to economic opportunity for all as well as the quality of life issues that attract families and help them become part of the community. “During the budget process, I heard some say the only community value City Hall should express is frugality,” Beutler said. “My vision for Lincoln is bolder. I believe the future is a strong and vibrant community investing in good jobs, economic development and safe neighborhoods with a sense of purpose, a sense of proportion and a sensitivity to unity.”
FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Mayor eliminated the City’s budget gap and balanced two City budgets while maintaining public safety services and other essential programs. In addition to cutting 115 jobs, the Mayor found ways to do more with less by prioritizing and reorganizing. The budget for 2008-2009 reflects the results of the PRIORITY LINCOLN process. About 2,000 citizens participated in this unprecedented effort to gather input on how the City spends taxpayer dollars. It was the first step toward implementing “outcome-based” budgeting for the City. The Mayor also helped to hold the electric rate increase to 9.1 percent.

Local government accountability was strengthened with a ban on City Directors and Mayoral Aides having City contracts. The Mayor also created a City Audit Advisory Board to contract for internal, financial, compliance and performance audits of City government.

SAFETY

The Stronger Safer Neighborhoods initiative is focusing crime prevention and revitalization efforts on problem neighborhoods. In the first six months of 2008, the City crime rate dropped more than 19 percent compared to first half of 2007. The Mayor signed an ordinance proposed by Council members Doug Emery and John Spatz that set higher penalties for substandard housing.

The Mayor and the firefighters union agreed to a program of drug and alcohol testing for firefighters. The City’s EMS fund finished the 2006-2007 fiscal year in the black.

Lincoln drivers are nearly 16 percent less likely to have a collision than drivers in the rest of the country according to an Allstate America report. The City’s traffic safety program has helped to hold the reported number of crashes to its lowest level since 1992.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In the largest Antelope Valley revitalization project to date, Assurity Life Insurance Company will build its headquarters along the new roadway. The City worked with the State to attract a $23 million investment by Perot Systems in a new headquarters at the University of Nebraska Technology Park. Other local businesses expanding include Lincoln Industries, Talent Plus and ITI.

The City chose an architect for the proposed new arena in the West Haymarket Area and a developer for the hotel and conference center complex. The State Legislature passed Senator Bill Avery’s bill that is expected to turn back about $700,000 per year in state sales tax revenues for the proposed arena project.

In his first month, the Mayor established the MOVE (Mayor’s Opportunities for a Vibrant Economy) Council, a group of community leaders who are focusing on economic development policies. MOVE is helping to reform tax increment financing to focus on job creation and blight removal.

Planning continues on the Development Services Center (DSC), a one-stop shop to speed the review, permitting and inspection of development projects. The Mayor named an Impact Fee Study Committee to look at alternatives to the structure and the distribution of the fees collected. The City received a $250,000 Regional Innovation Grant for promoting economic growth in a 12-county area.
ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed the waterway to “S” Street. Bridges are now open on Military Road, “Y”, Vine, “Q”, “P” and “O” streets. The “J” Street bridge is scheduled to open this month, and new bridges on “N” and South streets will follow. 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.

In addition to Assurity, new developments include the Kaplan University expansion, a mixed-use building north of Kaplan and the Creekside Village housing development in the North Bottoms. Design standards were approved for Antelope Valley and downtown.

The State Legislature approved the transformation of State Fair Park into the Nebraska Innovation Campus, which could represent $1 billion of new public and private investment. Other developments in the research and development corridor are the construction of the Physical Science and Nanomanufacturing Center and the renovation of Whittier Junior High.

A campaign has raised nearly 90 percent of the $4.6 million in donations needed for Union Plaza from “O” to “R” streets. Additional park land has opened up for an expanded and renovated Trago Park, including a new sprayground. Work is under way on the Mo-Pac trail bridge over N. 27th Street.

OTHER PARKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

In addition to the projects related to Antelope Valley, other park improvements include the renovation of the Hamann Rose Garden, an addition to the Prairie Building at the Pioneers Park Nature Center and the upgrading of Peter Pan Skate Park.

The new Harris Overpass is expected to have one lane of traffic in each direction open this month. A report from a Mayoral task force on road design standards recommends the City consider simplified and less costly designs for some projects to stretch available funds. An agreement was reached to pave two miles of Alvo Road to link two schools in north Lincoln. Construction is under way on a major water transmission line from Greenwood to increase water capacity to meet the future growth needs of the City.

OTHER

The City sold the Burnham Yates Conference Center, putting the property back on the tax rolls and providing funds for the City’s share of the new Breslow Ice Center in the West Haymarket.

The Mayor’s leadership contributed to the passage of Amendment One to the State Constitution in May 2008. The change allows public endowments, like the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln, to earn more on their investments and increase contributions to community projects by millions of dollars.

Following the disbanding of the Lincoln Lancaster Women’s Commission, the Mayor established the Mayor’s Commission on Women to advise him on issues impacting women.

The City of Lincoln was named the top “digital city” in the nation by the Center for Digital Government and was awarded the prestigious Laureate Gold Medal by the Computerworld Honors Program.

America’s Promise Alliance named Lincoln as one of the “Best Communities for Young People.”
Thank you for being here today to discuss the State of the City: where we’ve been, where we are and where I hope the future will take us.

When I took office nearly 17 months ago, we faced many challenges. Confidence in City government was low. Job creation efforts were yielding small returns. We had an enormous budget gap. Citizens complained of City processes being too slow and otherwise inhibiting. Deep rifts among the City’s political interests created roadblocks to progress.

Today, I am pleased to report that City Hall is on the right road. There is a new spirit of optimism, growth and cooperation. We continue to make progress every day. We have made many hard, but important, choices that have planted us on solid ground for the future.

Our commitment to fiscal responsibility is nearly unparalleled in the history of the City. Over the past two budget years, we’ve prioritized, re-organized and found new ways of doing more with less. We have cut over 115 jobs from City government. The $9 million gap we inherited upon taking office is nearly gone. With continued prudent management, we can enter the next budget cycle with an eye toward the future instead of an eye to the past.

City Hall’s revival isn’t just about the budget. We have changed how we do business and restored confidence in how the City conducts itself.

The PRIORITY LINCOLN public engagement process opened up City Hall and allowed us to hear what the public thinks. You have helped us create performance standards based on your priorities. We intend to continue PRIORITY LINCOLN so you can continue to help us evaluate City Hall’s performance and give us feedback on how we can improve.

We have restored accountability. We implemented new tools to help us monitor our success and ensure your tax dollars are well spent. Every department now has or will soon have a clearly defined set of outcomes for which they will be held accountable. Combined with our new City Audit Board, these changes will help us measure and demand the results people expect from City Hall.

We have set the standard for ethical and transparent government by banning City directors and mayoral aides from having contracts with the City. The City Council has also made progress in this area.

With help from the citizen members of my MOVE Council, our economic development council, we reformed our tax increment financing policies to better focus our economic incentives on job creation and blight removal. TIF should be used wisely, sparingly and toward improvements that benefit the entire community.

We are making it easier to build new streets. I convened a task force comprised of community members and City staff to review our road building standards. We are now ready to implement their recommendations, allowing us to build more streets at less cost without compromising public safety.

These are just a few examples of management changes that make government more responsive, more efficient and more ethical.
No Mayor does it alone, and the Lincoln City Council’s partnership with my administration has been central to our City’s acceleration. Ken Svoboda and John Spatz went the extra mile during the budget process, working diligently with my office to find a budget compromise. Robin Eschliman has been a leader on business policy and City government support of economic development. Jonathan Cook continues to be a champion for our neighborhoods and our quality of life. Jon Camp challenges ideas at every turn to ensure that City policy is thoughtfully conceived. Doug Emery’s work on housing code violations showed his passion and spirit for protecting our core neighborhoods from blight. Dan Marvin’s creativity and unique ability to find consensus has definitely made a stronger City government.

I am proud to report that our energized approach to economic development and job creation is paying off. Perot Systems will add 150 jobs in the coming year and maintain 1,000 jobs already here. We’re seeing expansion at Lincoln Industries, Talent Plus, ITI, Bosch Telex, TMCO, Kawasaki, Lincoln Composites and other local firms, notwithstanding problems with the national economy. We continue to encourage plans for job creation and business expansion across the City.

We are tearing down the barriers and cutting the red tape at City Hall by creating the new Development Services Center. The DSC will speed the development process and enhance job creation. Space has already been set aside for the DSC and the funding source identified. By January 2010, businesses and entrepreneurs will spend less time on their projects because they’ll spend less time navigating the bureaucracy.

The business community has responded to our efforts. Investors are lining up, for example, to be part of the new Innovation Park, which will transform the University of Nebraska research efforts, creating new businesses and good jobs for our City.

The Antelope Valley project is well past the halfway mark, and we are now beginning to see the economic dividends. The new Assurant headquarters represents a $55 million investment in the area. The planned research and development corridor will be a huge economic engine for our City. The new Union Plaza in the east downtown will be a donor and taxpayer legacy for the next generation – a legacy like Pioneers Park that a previous generation left for us.

That kind of generosity and public spirit can be seen across the community. Our neighborhoods are energized like never before. Our Stronger Safer Neighborhoods program is helping focus our resources to resolve issues such as crime, unsafe homes and graffiti. We are bringing landlords and neighbors together to find innovative solutions. Over 350 people attended the first meeting to find out how they could help. Over 80 landlords met at Police Headquarters determined to improve their properties and their neighborhoods. Business leaders have donated time and materials for clean up and improvement projects. Organizers have hit the streets, going door-to-door to help us build a sense of community. We are making neighborhoods stronger, and we are making them safer.

Lincoln continues to be one of the safest cities in the nation. In the first six months of the year, crime has dropped compared to the same period last year. Despite our City’s limited resources, our police officers continue to find creative and cost efficient ways to protect Lincoln’s families. Our emergency response system is strong and getting stronger. Three new 911 operators allow us to more quickly send help where it is needed. Our firefighters and paramedics are maintaining a high level of service and efficiency. Under new Chief Niles Ford, the Ambulance Service Fund finished in the black for the first time.

We are now engaged in a community discussion about the future of the West Haymarket, including the building of a new arena. Pershing Center, built over half a century ago, was a tremendous gift from a previous generation, but it has outlived its time. Every year, we are threatened with the loss of high school sports championships, concerts and shows because Pershing cannot support more sophisticated, modern events. The proposed civic arena would be a catalyst for entertainment and sporting events that could be worth millions of dollars a year to Lincoln’s economy. It’s hard to believe now, that the building of Pershing Auditorium was controversial 50 years ago, but it was. Our children and grandchildren are depending on us to show the same foresight and generational responsibility as those who built Pershing long ago.
While signs of Lincoln’s progress abound, we must always remember that our future is more than just concrete and steel. It is more than policy and politics. The soul of our City isn’t in our skyline and it isn’t at City Hall. It’s in the hearts and minds of all of us who call Lincoln home.

Lincoln is a great City because of our values: our commitment to one another, our sense of community and our strong work ethic. Unity is our strength, cooperation is our calling card. It is our commitment to family and children, our belief in the importance of the civic interactions that take place at our places of worship, our public schools and other public and private places, that is a hallmark of a great city.

We express these community values in the choices we make for our future. During the first months of my administration, we have been rightly focused on the present. The issues of trust in City Hall, putting the City budget in order and restoring faith in City institutions had to be solved before we could look forward.

Now is the time to begin to address the future: what choices will we make to strengthen those community values for the next generation?

A good starting point is to reaffirm our commitments to each other, to the common good. We are one community. We will hopefully reject the old budget process that pitted elements of the community against one another and embrace positive choices that recognize the common good and move the entire community ahead together.

We can, we should, and we will prioritize. But we will not use prioritization as the rationale to starve parts of City government that are essential to the common good. We must recognize that a well-rounded community that provides a diverse menu of opportunities contributes to a safe and financially sound City.

We must reaffirm our commitment to families. Good paying jobs are critical to the ability of families to put down roots and become part of the community. Economic development is key.

But so are the quality of life amenities that attract families to our community: good schools and parks for their children, trails for recreation, local venues for entertainment and a vibrant downtown.

We must reaffirm our commitment to economic opportunity for all members of our community. It means finding resources for the City services and the non-profits services that help support self-sufficiency. These efforts provide the critical foundations that people need to succeed in raising themselves out of poverty.

We must reaffirm our commitment to face-to-face civic interaction. Public amenities bring people together. They create the ties that bind and make us a unique community. They form the historical and signature cornerstones of what makes Lincoln a great place to live. That is why they must be part of our community’s future.

During the budget process, I have heard some say the only community value City Hall should express is frugality, that cutting City services is the only future they will support. My vision for Lincoln is bolder – I believe the future is a strong and vibrant community investing in good jobs, economic development and safe neighborhoods, with a sense of purpose, a sense of proportion and a sensitivity to unity.

Certainly, careful fiscal management is crucial. But investment is also necessary to create the future. And the windows of opportunity may be open only for a short time. Right now, we have seen a tremendous commitment from the private sector on a number of projects that will move Lincoln forward. Citizen groups are raising money and volunteering their time, because they understand the importance of these projects to our quality of life. Philanthropy has touched Lincoln in many ways lately, most recently with the donation of money that will build the Breslow Ice Facility and Union Bank’s leadership on Union Plaza. With private sector and citizen leadership, these opportunities for growth will be realized in the next couple of years.
We have to act. Lincoln’s time to move forward is now. We have plans. We have accountability. We have bold, new ideas. We have civic leaders who are stepping up to the plate. We have leadership in City Hall ready to marshal these great public and private forces. And above all, we have a great and giving people who treasure their community.

To close today, I’d like to tell you about a national organization called the Foundation for a Better Life. Its mission is to communicate the core values that make a difference in our communities and personal lives, such as honesty, caring, optimism, hard work, integrity and hope.

You’ve probably seen some of their values messages on billboards. Some are humorous. A message on “living your dreams” features Kermit the Frog with this caption: “Eats flies. Dates a pig. Hollywood star.”

Others are a bit more thought provoking. A message on “unity” features a picture of a child in a crowd waving the American flag and these four words - “what makes us great.”

Some inspire us with amazing stories of real people, like a man who climbed Mount Everest – a great feat for anyone, especially this man, who is blind. The value this billboard promotes is vision.

But the Foundation doesn’t stop at merely communicating these values. It sends the message that the values we live by are worth more when we pass them on.

And so I ask, “What values will we pass on to the next generation?” Will we dare to hope and “live our dreams” or fall short or our potential? Will we act in “unity” or in self-interest? Will we pursue a “vision” or miss seeing what could be?

These choices will determine the future state of our City. We are becoming the progressive, dynamic City we have envisioned. We should not doubt ourselves. There is no doubt in my mind that we can and must preserve our small town values as we evolve into a vibrant urban center. We can be and will be an example to the nation that no value need be left behind. I hope you will join me in passing on the values that will set Lincoln on a positive course for generations to come.

I have the great honor and good fortune to be Mayor of Lincoln. I am proud to report today that the state of our great City is strong and growing stronger every day.
CONGRESS
Members work into the weekend in hopes of adjournment. With no agreement on a Wall Street bailout plan, as well as a Presidential debate scheduled for tonight, members of Congress can expect a rare weekend session, as they race to complete action on “must-pass” legislation before returning to their districts until after the November elections.

In addition to addressing the financial crisis, Congress must pass a stopgap funding measure known as a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep government operations running in the absence of a completed FY 2009 budget (see related story below). Also pending is a comprehensive package of tax breaks, an Amtrak reauthorization, and possibly dozens of non-controversial bills that have been approved by the House but have been waiting for Senate action.

Once Congress does complete its business, it is not expected to formally adjourn (sine die) in order to allow Members to come back to Washington quickly should additional matters relating to the economy need to be addressed. In addition, the Senate will have members gavel the chamber into session for a few moments every few days to prevent the President from making any controversial “recess appointments.”

Given that Congress is expected to approve a CR that funds the government into March 2009, chances of a “lame duck” session following the election have diminished.

FORECLOSURE
HUD releases allocation for federal foreclosure assistance program. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published information on its website today regarding the distribution of funds from the $3.9 billion Neighborhood Stabilization Program that was authorized by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008.

In the distribution of funds directly to local governments, HUD took the law’s direction of targeting funds to those jurisdictions with the highest rates of foreclosure. As a result, only jurisdictions that would have received over $2 million from the program received direct allocations. Others will have access to the allocation provided directly to states. Each state received a minimum allocation of $19.6 million.

A notice in the Federal Register is expected on Monday that will go into the formula in greater detail. Allocations by state and jurisdiction, as well as the methodology that HUD used to develop the formula, can be seen at:
http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/neighborhoodspg/

HUD now has 30 days to distribute the funds and grantees will then have 18 months to spend them.

BUDGET
House clears combined security appropriations and continuing resolution; Senate vote set for tomorrow. By a vote of 370-58, the House cleared legislation (HR 2638) that would provide full FY 2009 funding for the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security. (See the related story below for Department of Homeland Security programs).

The bill also includes a continuing resolution (CR) that would provide stopgap funding for the rest of the federal government through March 6, 2009 at FY 2008 spending levels. The bill makes exceptions to the FY 2008 funding level for agencies, such as the Census
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The House will consider its stimulus package on the floor today, while the Senate has not finalized its plans. Reports were that Senate leaders may try to attach their stimulus plan to the stopgap funding measure known as a Continuing Resolution (see related story) on Saturday and if that fails, try to consider it as a stand-alone bill.

**ECONOMIC STIMULUS**

House and Senate introduce competing stimulus plans. Democratic leaders in the House and Senate each unveiled plans for a second economic stimulus package late Thursday/early Friday. The ambitious proposals are intended to offer relief to suffering taxpayers but are not expected to survive Republican objections in the Senate or a presumed Presidential veto.

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makes any changes to the bill, the House would then have to vote on it again to clear it for the President’s signature. Both the House and Senate are scheduled to consider economic stimulus bills (HR 7110 and a Senate draft) today or tomorrow.

**FINANCE**

House and Senate still grappling over tax package. House and Senate negotiators continued to work on a huge package of tax breaks for energy efficiency, disaster assistance, relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), and a variety of popular expired tax credits. While virtually all of the components of the tax package were approved by the Senate last week (see details in September 19 Washington Report), there are major differences in how to pay for the plans.

The Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) wanted to quickly follow the House vote and clear HR 2638 for the President’s signature, several GOP senators insisted on fully debating it, setting up a rare Saturday debate and votes on the measure. At press time, discussion of adding an economic stimulus package to the spending bill threatened to further complicate final clearance of the measure, which needs to pass before the end of the fiscal year on Tuesday to avoid a government shutdown. If the Senate
managers and other executives that would save almost $25 billion. Both the White House and Senate Republicans oppose many of the revenue raisers, and most observers believe that the House bill would not survive an expected filibuster in the Senate.

The Senate bill (HR 6049) included relief from the AMT and disaster relief that was not offset, a package of energy-related tax breaks that were offset, and a partially offset, two-year extension of expired tax credits such as the research and development tax credit and the sales tax deduction for states with no income tax.

There is also a discrepancy in the two disaster relief proposals. The House’s $8 billion package of tax benefits would apply to any federally-declared disaster over the next three years. The Senate plan is also $8 billion, but it would only apply to the areas affected by Hurricane Ike and the Midwest floods this year.

There are a number of options as to how to proceed, including the House ultimately agreeing to accept the Senate-passed package as is, or breaking the plans into separate parts. However, with little time left to forge compromises and House Democrats continued insistence on offsets, chances are dwindling that a final product will be approved.

TRANSPORTATION
Congress looks to clear Amtrak reauthorization. On Wednesday, the House of Representatives approved the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2008 (HR 2095), a large package of rail safety improvements that includes a five-year reauthorization of Amtrak. The bill is now pending in the Senate, where its fate is unknown, due to the very long list of must-pass items on the agenda and the very short timeframe in which to do so.

Senator Tom Coburn (R-OK) has objected to the House-passed version of the bill, meaning a cloture vote, which requires 60 votes or more to pass, must be taken to allow the bill to come to the floor for debate. Coburn objects to a provision in the bill that would provide funding to the Washington, DC subway system.

The bill includes a controversial provision that would allow private transportation companies to offer proposals on eleven high-speed rail corridors, beginning with the Northeast Corridor from Washington, D.C. to New York City. This provision won over many House Republicans and allowed for smooth passage of the bill in that chamber. Sponsors of the Senate bill maintain that the bill includes no money for privatization, but merely allows private companies to offer proposals.

The authorized level of funding in the bill for Amtrak would be $13.1 billion over five years, including $1.9 billion in grant funding for intercity passenger rail projects and $1.5 billion for high-speed routes. Additionally, $1.4 billion would be authorized to pay down Amtrak’s debt and $325 million for grants to reduce congestion.

Congress clears another FAA extension. Meanwhile, the House and Senate passed legislation (HR 6984) on Tuesday to extend the authority of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to collect aviation taxes for an additional six months. Taxes collected on aviation fuel sales provide the revenue for the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, which comprises approximately 80 percent of the FAA’s budget.

HR 6984 also includes funding authorizations of $4.5 billion for operations, $1.36 billion for facilities and equipment, $85.5 million for research, engineering and development, and $1.95 billion for the Airport Improvement Program, an amount pro-rated from the $3.9 billion contained in the House and Senate versions of the multiyear FAA reauthorization currently stalled in the Senate.

The House passed a four-year FAA reauthorization (HR 2881) in 2007, but the Senate has been unable to overcome Republican objections to additional tax provisions, to the frustration of many House members. The reauthorization debate is expected to resume in early 2009.

HOMELAND SECURITY
DHS receives FY 2009 levels in stopgap spending measure. The House passed legislation (HR 2638) on Wednesday to keep the federal government running at the start of the new fiscal year on October 1. The measure will continue funding most government programs at FY 2008 levels, but includes exceptions for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), as well as the Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs, and Military Construction.

Regarding final FY 2009 levels for DHS programs, the State Formula Grants Program will receive $950 million, the same level as FY 2009, while the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) will receive $838 million, an increase of $18 million. Firefighter Assistance Grants will jump from $750 million in FY 2008 to $775 million in FY 2009. Of that amount, $210 million is set-aside for the SAFER firefighter hiring grant program. Emergency Management Performance Grants would receive a $15 million boost, to $315 million.

The National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund was cut to $90 million in FY 2009, a reduction of $24 million from current levels. Programs that will receive the same funding as FY 2008 include: $35 million for Emergency Operations Centers; $220 million for Flood Map Modernization; $50 million for Interoperable Communications; $41 million for Metropolitan Medical Response Systems; $400 million for Port Security Grants; $400 million for Rail & Transit Security Grants, and $33 million for Urban Search & Rescue Task Forces.

This stopgap funding measure is likely to pass favorably in the Senate this weekend and will be sent to the President for immediate approval.
PUBLIC SAFETY
FCC to make second attempt at auctioning off public safety spectrum. The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) issued a proposed rulemaking this week that would once again open up for bidding a swath of the nation’s airwaves partitioned off for public safety interoperable communications.

The agency tried to auction the spectrum -- known as the “D-Block” -- earlier this year but it received no bids. Many observers concluded that the $1.3 billion asking price was too high, and prospective bidders were concerned with vague outlines of how to work with public safety agencies that would use the spectrum.

FCC hopes to have allayed fears this time by lowering the asking price for a nationwide license for the airwaves to $750 million and reportedly clarifying how the private entities owning the spectrum would work with the public safety interests using it.

The second proposal also allows for the possibility of splitting the airwaves into 58 smaller parts in order to give multiple companies a chance to bid and possibly create regional systems. However, the process still does favor a single company making a nationwide bid.

Even with the changes, Democrats on Capitol Hill and the two Democratic appointees to the FCC maintained that the plan still has some technical uncertainties and urged the agency not to rush the auction.

The September 25 notice of proposed rulemaking, as well as statements by the five FCC commissioners may be found at: http://www.fcc.gov/

Meanwhile, the FCC seeks comment on proposed E-911 location accuracy requirements. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) seeks comment on proposals submitted by Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), AT&T, Sprint Nextel Corporation, and Verizon Wireless regarding wireless Enhanced 911 (E-911) location accuracy requirements.

Currently, FCC is seeking comments on the newly proposed wireless E-911 location accuracy rules. Comments on the proposed rules are due on October 6, 2008 by Noon and can be submitted online or through the mail. Electronic submissions can be done using the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System at http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Comments sent by mail must be addressed to the FCC Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, at Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

The FCC notice for comments can be found at: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-22645.pdf
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

SEPTEMBER 30, 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 August 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 $24,288,108.12 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer
# CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
## AS OF AUGUST 31, 2008

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REDUCE CIGARETTE LITTER—RECEPTACLES AVAILABLE FROM KEEP LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

Cigarettes are the most littered item across the nation. Lincoln businesses can cut down cigarette litter in front of their business by obtaining a cigarette receptacle from Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB). KLLCB is offering a cost-sharing grant to any business in Lincoln to defray half the cost of these receptacles. Made of sturdy, black powder-coated steel, these receptacles are sleek in design and approved for installation in the downtown and Haymarket areas.

The reduced cost of the receptacles is $100 plus $20 installation (or bolts can be provided for self-installation). Fifty receptacles are available at this price. Nearly 100 of them have already been installed in the downtown area and at other locations around town.

KLLCB also has free pocket ashtrays that businesses can provide to their smoking customers. To order receptacles or request some pocket ashtrays, contact Harry Heafer at 441-8035. The cigarette receptacles are funded by a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality’s Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund, which partially funds the KLLCB program.

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful’s mission is to improve waste handling practices and increase environmental awareness through education and participation, and to keep Lancaster County litter free. KLLCB is a local affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

###
**HIGH RISK PERSONS SHOULD GET A FLU SHOT**
The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is encouraging persons at high risk for complications due to influenza to begin obtaining a flu shot. At the current time, influenza vaccine manufacturers are projecting that as many as 143 to 146 million doses of influenza vaccine will be available from currently licensed manufacturers in the U.S. for use during the 2008-09 influenza season. This is an all-time high supply of vaccine making it possible for more people than ever to seek protection from the flu. The recommendation is that all children 6 months through 18 years of age receive an annual flu immunization. In the past the recommendation was for children 6 months through 4 years of age only.

Influenza (flu) vaccination is the primary method for preventing influenza. Influenza is a highly infectious disease of the lungs, it can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. Every year in the United States, on average 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and about 36,000 people die from flu.
The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will provide flu shots to low income uninsured adults beginning October 13, 2008. All children between the ages of 6 months through 18 years of age will be provided a flu vaccine as part of the Department’s childhood immunization program. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is located at 3140 N Street and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Department will not be providing flu shots to adults who are covered by insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, other third-party payers, and those who do not fall at or below 185 percent of the U.S. poverty guidelines. Medicare continues to cover flu shots and those on Medicare can obtain their flu shot through either their doctor or health care provider or by checking with the many flu clinic sites available in the community.

Individuals considered at high risk include the following:

- Children aged 6 months up to 4 years
- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older
- People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions (Chronic Lung disease, asthma, chronic cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, liver disease, blood and metabolic disorders such as diabetes.)
- People with any condition that can compromise the respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or can increase the risk of aspiration.
- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who are immune compromised
- Children on long-term aspirin therapy

Others who should get a flu immunization include:
- Health care workers
- Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
- Household contacts and out of home caregivers of children less than 6 months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated)

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department’s (LLCHD) local Flu Hotline is available to the public to provide information about flu immunization availability in the community. The local Flu Hotline can be accessed by calling 441-0358. The Health Department has also posted many of the locations at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov), Keyword “Flu”.

###
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
Hispanic Heritage Bilingual Read-In

Enjoy listening to community members reading excerpts by and about individuals of Hispanic/Latino descent or Latin culture on Wednesday, October 8\textsuperscript{th}, at 12 noon. This bilingual Read-In will take place at the Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 So. 14\textsuperscript{th} Street.

Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 – October 15, recognizes the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and celebrates Hispanic heritage and culture. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. They all declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

The Read-In is open to the public, free of charge. Readings may be of most interest to adults (middle school age and above).

Hosted by Lincoln City Libraries and El Centro de las Americas

For more information contact Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, Nebraska, 441-8500, www.lincolnlibraries.org.
LIBRARIES OFFER PARENT-CHILD BOOK GROUPS

Parents, get the school year started off right by joining a book group with your child. Meet new friends, learn more about each other and explore different genres by sharing the rich and varied world of books!

Lincoln City Libraries is offering three parent-child book groups for various grade levels and their adult reading partners starting this fall. These groups will meet once a month and will be lead by a trained facilitator. Register by calling the library where you would like to participate.

For second and third graders and their reading partners we offer:

- Reading Partners at the South Branch, 2675 South Street, meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Their next meeting will be Monday, October 6th. Please call South Branch at 441-8570 to register.

For third through fifth graders and their reading partners we offer:

- A group at the Anderson Branch, 3635 Touzalin Avenue on the first Thursday of every month at 6:45 p.m. Their first meeting will be Thursday, October 2nd. To sign up, please call Anderson Branch, 441-8540.

For fourth and fifth graders and their reading partners we offer:

- A group at Gere Branch, 2400 S. 56th Street that meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10:15 a.m. The first meeting is October 18th. Please call Library Youth Services at 441-8566 to register.

For information about this program or any other programs offered by Lincoln City Libraries, please visit our Web site at www.lincolnlibraries.org.

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Lincoln City Libraries fosters the power of reading and provides open access to all forms of information to enrich people’s lives every day.
Dear Members of the Lincoln -

Lancaster County Planning Commission -

Thank you for your approval of the policy change which makes it possible for us to install wind turbines on homes, businesses, and other buildings in Lincoln! Way to go! We'll all benefit from the wise use of one of our natural resources - non-polluting, "renewable," free!

Bob Boyce

Mr. Robert Boyce
735 S 37th St
Lincoln, NE 68510-1611
City of Lincoln
Planning

Metropolitan Planning Organization
Officials Committee Agenda

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

An Officials Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: October 10, 2008
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building

AGENDA

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

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the June 12, 2008 Officials Committee meeting
2. Presentation of the Lincoln MPO Public Participation Survey. This is a two part survey developed by Sigma Group to evaluate the effectiveness of public involvement activities within the Lincoln Transportation Planning Process.
3. Review and action on Administrative Modifications to the StarTran section of the current FY 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program.
4. Review and action on revisions to the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program:
   a) TIP amendment to remove funding from the State of Nebraska program for construction of the Lincoln South Beltway project.
   b) TIP Administrative Modifications to the City of Lincoln: Public Works program for minor funding revisions/adjustments.
   c) TIP Administrative Modifications to the City of Lincoln: StarTran System program for minor funding revisions/adjustments.
   d) TIP Amendment to the Federal Transit Administration: Section 5310 Program of projects to add one project.
5. Other topics for discussion
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : September 25, 2008

RE : Special Permit No. 1965A - Amendment to
     Hartland Homes Northwest 1st Addition Community Unit Plan
     (N.W. 48th Street and W. Madison Avenue)
     Resolution No. PC-01141

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2008:

Motion made by Cornelius, seconded by Francis, to approve Special Permit No. 1965A, with conditions, requested by Hartland Homes, Inc., for authority to expand the Hartland Homes Northwest 1st Addition Community Unit Plan to add five lots and to combine two detention cells into one, together with a waiver of the Zoning Code requirements to allow unenclosed decks to encroach into the required rear yard setback, on property generally located at N.W. 48th Street and W. Madison Avenue.

Motion for conditional approval carried 7-0: Cornelius, Esseks, Francis, Sunderman, Larson, Taylor and Carroll voting 'yes'; Partington and 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.

The Letter of Acceptance will be mailed to the permittee by the City Clerk at the end of the 14-day appeal period.

Note: On September 24, 2008, the Planning Commission also recommended approval of the associated Change of Zone No. 08048, from R-3 Residential District to B-1 Local Business District, which is tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the Lincoln City Council on Monday, October 13, 2008, 1:30 p.m.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Lyle Loth, ESP, 601 Old Cheney Road, Suite A, 68512
    Hartland Homes, P.O. Box 22787, 68542
RESOLUTION NO. PC- 01147

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 1965A

WHEREAS, Hartland Homes, Inc. has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 1965A for authority to expand the Hartland Homes Northwest 1st Addition Community Unit Plan to add five lots and to combine two detention cells into one, together with a request to waive Zoning Code requirements to allow unenclosed decks to encroach into the required rear yard setback by a maximum of 10 feet and to reduce rear yard setback to 20 feet on Lots 1 through 28, Block 1 and Lots 1 through 18, Block 3, on property generally located at N.W. 48th and W. Madison Ave. and legally described as:

Lot 1, Hartland Homes Northwest 4th Addition; Lots 1 through 8, Hartland Homes Northwest 5th Addition; Lots 1 through 8, Block 1, Lot 1 through 8, Block 2, Outlots A and B, Hartland Homes Northwest 6th Addition; and West Madison Court; all located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M. of Lancaster County, Nebraska, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of said Lot 1, Hartland Homes Northwest 5th Addition and extending thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east, 104.65 feet; thence north 00 degrees 30 minutes 16 seconds east, a distance of 313.96 feet; thence south 89 degrees 58 minutes 41 seconds east, a distance of 119.85 feet; thence north 00 degrees 34 minutes 03 seconds east, a distance of 120.31 feet; thence south 89 degrees 58 minutes 50 seconds east, a distance of 119.92 feet; thence south 00 degrees 31 minutes 46 seconds west, a distance of 279.16 feet; thence north 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds east, a distance of 419.48 feet; thence north 00 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds east,
a distance of 161.89 feet; thence south 89 degrees 58 minutes 44
seconds east, a distance of 300.35 feet; thence south 00 degrees
37 minutes 50 seconds west, a distance of 144.73 feet; thence
south 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds west, a distance of
120.12 feet; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 00 seconds
west, a distance of 340.33 feet; thence south 89 degrees 59
minutes 00 seconds east, a distance of 21.13 feet; thence south
00 degrees 01 minutes 05 seconds west, a distance of 55.00 feet;
thence north 89 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds west, a distance
of 112.83 feet; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 16 seconds
east, a distance of 134.88 feet; thence south 89 degrees 59
minutes 37 seconds west, a distance of 774.61 feet; thence north
00 degrees 27 minutes 12 seconds east, a distance of 165.23
feet; thence north 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds west, a
distance of 98.64 feet; thence north 03 degrees 38 minutes 07
seconds east, a distance of 24.97 feet; thence north 11 degrees
05 minutes 23 seconds east, a distance of 39.72 feet; thence
north 09 degrees 47 minutes 27 seconds east, a distance of 35.00
feet to a point on a circular curve to the left having a central angle
of 9 degrees 47 minutes 27 seconds, a radius of 225.00 feet and
whose chord (38.40 feet) bears north 04 degrees 53 minutes 44
seconds east; thence along said curve 38.45 feet; thence north 00
degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds east, a distance of 59.25 feet to
the point of beginning and containing a calculated area of 12.53
acres more or less;

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 amendment to the community

unit plan, 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 Duane Hartman, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to amend the Hartland Homes Northwest 1st Addition Community Unit Plan to add five lots and to combine two detention cells into one, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.320 and Chapter 27.65 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said community unit plan be in substantial compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves 87 dwelling units and waives the Zoning Code to allow unenclosed decks to encroach into the required rear yard setback by a maximum of 10 feet and to reduce the rear yard setback to 20 feet on Lots 1 through 28, Block 2, and Lots 1 through 18, Block 3.

2. Before receiving building permits:
   
a. The Permittee shall cause to be prepared and submitted to the Planning Department a revised and reproducible final site plan including 5 copies with all required revisions as listed below:

i. Remove Outlot D from the CUP. Only residential uses are allowed in a CUP. Revise the legal description and the density calculations accordingly.

ii. Add to Note 1 in General Notes that there are 32 unassigned dwelling units.

iii. Remove the 60 foot wide public access note from W. Madison Ct. This is a public street and no easement is needed on a public street.

iv. Remove the City Council approval block.

v. Change Autumn Purple Ash to another tree species.


b. Provide documentation from the Register of Deeds that the letter of acceptance as required by the approval of the special permit has been recorded.

c. Ornamental street lights for private roadways and pedestrian way easements must be approved by LES.

d. Provide documentation that an avigation and noise easement to the Lincoln Airport Authority on all or that part of the land located within the Airport Environs Noise District has been received by the Lincoln Airport Authority.

e. The construction plans substantially comply with the approved plans.

f. Final plat(s) is/are approved by the City

If any final plat on all or a portion of the approved community unit plan is submitted five (5) years or more after the approval of the community unit plan, the city may require that a new community unit plan be submitted, pursuant to all the provisions of section 26.31.015. A new community unit plan may be required if the subdivision ordinance, the design standards, or the required improvements have been amended by the city; and as a result, the community unit plan as originally approved does not comply with the amended rules and regulations.

Before the approval of a final plat, the public streets, private roadway improvements, sidewalks, public sanitary sewer system, public water system, drainage facilities, land preparation and grading, sediment and erosions control measures, storm water detention/retention facilities, drainageway improvements, street lights, landscaping screens, street trees, temporary turnaround and barricades, and street name signs, must be completed or provisions (bond, escrow or security agreement) to guarantee completion must be approved by the City Law Department. The improvements must be completed in conformance with adopted design standards and within the time period specified in the Land Subdivision Ordinance. A cash contribution to the City in lieu of a bond, escrow, or security agreement may be furnished for sidewalks and street trees along major streets that have not been improved to an urban cross section. A cash contribution to the City in lieu of a bond, escrow, or security agreement may be furnished for street trees on a final plat with 10 or fewer lots.

g. Permittee shall enter into an agreement with the City wherein Permittee as subdivider agrees:

i. to complete the street paving of public streets, and temporary turnarounds and barricades located at the temporary dead-end of the streets shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.
ii. to complete the street paving of W. Cleveland Ave. from the boundary of the CUP to NW 48th St. within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

iii. to complete the paving of the turn lane and acceleration lane in NW 48th St. at the Cleveland Ave. intersection within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

iv. to complete the paving of private roadway, and temporary turnarounds and barricades located at the temporary dead-end of the private roadways shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

v. to complete the installation of sidewalks along both sides of NW 51st St., W. Madison Ct., W. Cleveland Ave., and W. Madison Ave. as shown on the final plat within four (4) years following the approval of the final plat.

vi. to complete the public water distribution system to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

vii. to complete the public wastewater collection system to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

viii. to complete the enclosed public drainage facilities shown on the approved drainage study to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

ix. to complete the enclosed private drainage facilities shown on the approved drainage study to serve this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

x. to complete land preparation including storm water detention/retention facilities and open drainageway improvements to serve this plat prior to the installation of utilities and improvements but not more than two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

xi. to complete the installation of public street lights along streets within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

xii. to complete the installation of private street lights along private roadways within this plat within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

xiii. to complete the planting of the street trees along both sides of NW 51st St., W. Madison Ct., W. Cleveland Ave., and W. Madison Ave. within this plat within four (4) years following the approval of the final plat.
xiv. to complete the installation of the street name signs within two (2) years following the approval of the final plat.

xv. to complete the installation of the permanent markers prior to construction on or conveyance of any lot in the plat.

xvi. to complete any other public or private improvement or facility required by Chapter 26.23 (Development Standards) of the Land Subdivision Ordinance in a timely manner which inadvertently may have been omitted from the above list of required improvements.

xvii. to submit to the Director of Public Works a plan showing proposed measures to control sedimentation and erosion and the proposed method to temporarily stabilize all graded land for approval.

xviii. to comply with the provisions of the Land Preparation and Grading requirements of the Land Subdivision Ordinance.

xix. to complete the public and private improvements shown on the Community Unit Plan.

xx. to keep taxes and special assessments on the outlots from becoming delinquent.

xxi. to maintain the private improvements in a condition as near as practical to the original construction on a permanent and continuous basis.

xxii. to maintain the street trees along the private roadways, outlots, and landscape screens on a permanent and continuous basis.

xxiii. to maintain and supervise the private facilities which have common use or benefit in a condition as near as practical to the original construction on a permanent and continuous basis, and to recognize that there may be additional maintenance issues or costs associated with providing for the proper functioning of storm water detention/retention facilities as they were designed and constructed within the development and that these are the responsibility of the land owner.

xxiv. to retain ownership of and the right of entry to the outlots in order to perform the above-described maintenance of the outlots and private improvements on a permanent and continuous basis. However, Subdivider may be relieved and discharged of such maintenance obligations upon creating in writing a permanent and continuous association of property owners who would be responsible for said permanent and continuous maintenance subject to the following conditions:
Subdivider shall not be relieved of Subdivider's maintenance obligation for each specific private improvement until a register professional engineer or nurseryman who supervised the installation of said private improvement has certified to the City that the improvement has been installed in accordance with approved plans.

The maintenance agreements are incorporated into covenants and restrictions in deeds to the subdivided property and the documents creating the association and the restrictive covenants have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and filed of record with the Register of Deeds.

xxv. to inform all prospective purchasers and users that the land is located within the Airport Environments Noise District, that the land is subject to an avigation and noise easement granted to Lincoln Airport Authority, and that the land is potentially subject to aircraft noise levels which may affect users of the property and interfere with its use.

3. Before occupying the dwelling units all development and construction is to substantially comply with the approved plans.

4. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping and recreational facilities, are to be permanently maintained by the owner or an appropriately established homeowners association approved by the City.

5. 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.

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

7. The Permittee 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 Permittee.
8. The site plan as approved with this resolution voids and supersedes all previously approved site plans, however all resolutions/ordinances approving previous permits remain in force unless specifically amended by this resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 24 day of September, 2008.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]
Chief Assistant City Attorney
Special Permit #1965A
Hartland Homes NW 1st Addition CUP
NW 48th St & W Cleveland Ave

Zoning:

R-1 to R-8 Residential District
AG Agricultural District
AGR 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
B-5 Planned Regional 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. 18 T10N R06E

2007 aerial
CIRCLE DRIVE
STORM WATER PROJECT TO START
PROJECT #702386

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

• **The reason for the work and limits of the construction are as follows:**
  This construction will add new pipes and inlets to the existing storm water system which will increase the capacity and improve storm water drainage plus rehabilitate the street. The limits of construction will be all of Circle Drive from where it intersects 58th Street at the north to where it intersects 58th Street at the south.

• **Construction Schedule:**
  The contractor for this project is Pavers Inc. Their schedule will begin with sawing the pavement and delivering materials (which will affect parking) during the week of October 6, 2008. Weather permitting and barring unforeseen conditions, they plan to be completed with the project in approximately three to four weeks.

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

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

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

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

  Q: If I have decorative rocks or plantings in the park space, will I need to move them?
  A: Yes, if you want them saved, move them prior to construction.

• **Contacts for this project if you have questions:**
  Manuel “Manny” Martinez
  Pavers Inc.
  (402) 430-1344

  Brian Dittmann, Project Manager
  City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
  (402) 525-5646
MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Lincoln City Council
From: Greg MacLean - Director, Public Works & Utilities Dept.
Date: September 25, 2008
Subject: StarTran Advisory Board Actions
cc: Mayor Chris Beutler, Larry Worth - StarTran

In conformance with 2.38.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) this memo is to advise of actions taken by the StarTran Advisory Board following the September 25, 2008 public hearing regarding StarTran routes and schedules, as follows...

- #53, SouthPointe route to divert to 18th & "J" Streets in order to accommodate transportation needs of Lincoln High School students. The morning (inbound/northbound) trip scheduled to arrive at 18th & "J" Streets at approximately 7:30 a.m., and the afternoon (outbound/southbound) trip scheduled to arrive at 18th & "J" Streets at approximately 3:15 - 3:20 p.m. Service on weekdays only, year around.

- Remove reference to Saturday service on #50 and #53 route revisions previously acted upon at the August 28, 2008 StarTran Advisory Board meeting.

The above-approved minor operational route revisions will be effective on October 1, 2008 on a "temporary" basis, and then, per 2.38.100 of the LMC, will be "permanent" 45 days after Advisory Board action, on November 10, 2008.

bd action 9-25-08
September 27, 2008

Lincoln City Council Members:

My name is Cody Merwick. I am 13 year old and I go to Culler Middle School. I am also a Boy Scout working on my Citizenship badge. Last week you passed a law about having couches on the porch. I just want you to know that I support what you have done. When it rains it get wet and moldy which can lead to illness. It also looks trashy and hurts the area. I want to thank you for caring about our city.

Sincerely,

Cody Merwick
Hello, My Name is Sidney Smith. I live in Oak Park at 5120 W. Thatche LN. I catch on the Star Train Bus daily!! After I catch bus number #40 Arnold's Heights downtown, and then I wait on bus #50 College View Line. 

I truthfully & honestly, it's always 15 to 20 minutes late a lot! There is a late or too early major problem. It's about to be winter and I need the van Bus, and am legally disabled once or twice, that anyone has to wait that long! Just my opinion, we don't need a new bus route schedule for buses #46 and #50!!! Please respond. Thank You

Sidney Smith
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of October 4 through October 10, 2008 - Schedule subject to change.

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: America Recycles Day Is November 15 - Those who sign pledges to recycle can win prizes.

II. CITY CLERK - None

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - None

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from Robert Boyce - RE: Item 21, 08-137, Change of Zone #08040.
DATE: October 3, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of October 4 through October 10, 2008
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, October 5
- Near South potluck dinner - 6 p.m., First Plymouth Congregational Church, 2000 “D” St.

Monday, October 6
- Joint City-County-LPS Common meeting - 7:30 a.m., County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., room 113
- City-County Common meeting - 8:30 a.m., County-City Building, room 113

Tuesday, October 7
- Kaplan University ground-breaking, remarks - 9 a.m., Kaplan University campus, 1821 “K” St.
- HyVee grand opening, remarks - 10:30 a.m., 51st and “O” streets

Wednesday, October 8
- Interview on 104.1- FM “The Blaze” - 7:20 a.m., 38th and Cornhusker Hwy.
- Mental Health Awareness Week, remarks and proclamation - 8:10 a.m., BryanLGH Medical Center, 1600 S. 48th St.
- International Walk to School Day celebration, remarks and proclamation - 2:15 p.m.,
  Everett Elementary School, 1123 “C” St.

Thursday, October 9
- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
- Carl and Mildred Curtis Lecture on Public Leadership presented by Bob Kerrey - 7 p.m.,
  Nebraska Wesleyan University, O’Donnell Auditorium, 50th Street and Huntington Avenue

Friday, October 10
- Harris Overpass re-opening (one lane each direction) news conference - 10 a.m., remarks,
  9th and “O” streets
AMERICA RECYCLES DAY IS NOVEMBER 15
Those who sign pledges to recycle can win prizes

Lincoln area residents have the opportunity to win prizes by signing pledge cards making a commitment to increase their recycling efforts over the next year. The prize drawing is part of the 12th anniversary of America Recycles Day on November 15, an annual nationwide campaign to promote increased recycling and local opportunities to recycle.

“Citizens have the option to subscribe to a curbside recycling service or to take recyclables to one of 33 recycling drop-off sites in the County,” said Gene Hanlon, City Recycling Coordinator. “Our hope is that once people make a pledge they will have a greater commitment to participate in local recycling. We will also send citizens recycling information and remind people of their pledge if they ask.” Hanlon said that by doing the right thing and recycling, citizens help conserve resources and save valuable landfill space.

Grand prizes are available to both adults and youth. The first grand prize is a $1,500 Holiday Special Computer System courtesy of Schrock Innovations. Other adult prizes are a year’s worth of curbside recycling courtesy of Star City Recycling and Recycling Enterprises, a $100 gift card from Russ’s Market and scratch tickets from the Nebraska Lottery. Additional prizes for those under 18 years old are a $100 gift card to Wal-Mart and a year’s worth of curbside recycling courtesy of Lincoln Journal Star Recycling and RecycleLink.

Pledge cards are available at these locations through the month of October:

- The customer service counters of any Russ’s Market store
- Both Wal-Mart stores – 4700 N. 27th St. and 8700 Andermatt Dr.
- the Lincoln Journal Star, 926 “P” St
- Schrock Innovations, 7160 S. 29th St., Suite C2
- A-Can Recycling Center, 3255 S. 10th St.
- A & J Recycling 3250 N. 20th St., Suite 8
- Alter Scrap Processing, 525 “N” St.
- Mid-City Recycling, 4900 Vine St.
- Sadoff Iron and Metal, 5020 N.W. 39th St.
Schools can also participate in a special competition for recycling pledges. The school that collects the most pledges per student will receive $500 and a four-foot wide park bench made from 100 percent recycled plastic that has a retail value of $450. The Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association and Coca-Cola Bottling donated $250 each while local recycling processing centers Recycling Enterprises and Firstar Fiber purchased the recycled plastic park bench.

Prize will be awarded Friday, November 14 at Westfield Gateway shopping center.

Local sponsors for America Recycles Day are the City of Lincoln, Lincoln Public Schools, WasteCap Nebraska and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

For more information on America Recycles Day or to pledge on-line, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: ARD) or call the City recycling hotline at 441-8215.
To members of the City Council--
I was greatly pleased to learn that the Planning Commission has forwarded for your approval changes in the zoning code to permit wind energy conversion systems--wind turbines--within the city of Lincoln!

This is great! We need to make use of the wind--a clean, renewable energy source, non-polluting, and free! I hope you will pass this change.

Thank you.

Robert Boyce
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