IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

I. MAYOR
1. Letter sent to Mayor Beutler and Lincoln City Council. Thank you for taking action on the sidewalk at North 66th.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at 555 So. 10th Street to announce the StarTran Award and to name a new City-County Personnel Director. (Forwarded to Council Members on 11/05/08)
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler names Mark Koller as Personnel Director.
4. StarTran joins Blue Skyways collaborative to work to reduce air pollution in Lincoln area.
5. NEWS RELEASE. 911 Center recognized for excellence.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. Nebraska Task Force 1 (NE-TF1), the Urban Search and Rescue Team will conduct training exercise, Wednesday, November 5, 2008. (Sent to Council Members on 11/04/08).

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
2. Special Permit No. 08044, landmark special permit for office use. Foster House, 1021 D Street. Resolution No. PC-01148.

PUBLIC WORKS/STARTRAN
1. StarTran Advisory Board Action following October 30, 2008 public hearing. Voted unanimously of proposed discontinuation of #53, SouthPointe route service to 18th and J Streets.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WEED AUTHORITY
1. City of Lincoln combined weed program, October, 2008 monthly report.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE
V. MISCELLANEOUS
1. Letter from Kenneth C. Winston, Nebraska Sierra Club. Support proposal for a LEED platinum renovation on Block 85. (Council Members received on 11/03/08 before formal meeting)
2. Email from Eric Foster with suggestions on Lincoln’s parking garages and pedestrian safety.
3. Letter from Trevor White. Suggestions for Lincoln’s traffic lights at night.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Oct 28, 2008

Mayor Chris Beutler
and City Council persons

Just following up with my letter of August 25, 2008,

I want to thank you for taking action on the sidewalk on North 60th by the bike path. It has been replaced.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Virginia Kirkland
Mayor Chris Beutler will have a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 6 in the area outside the Mayor’s Office, second floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

The Mayor will make two announcements:

- StarTran has received an award from the Environmental Protection Agency for its efforts to reduce air pollution.
- The Mayor will name a new Director for the City-County Personnel Department.
Mayor Chris Beutler today announced his appointment of local businessman Mark Koller as Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Personnel Department, effective December 11. Koller is the President and CEO of HRConnex, Inc., a business consulting firm that focuses on human resources and economic development. Koller will replace Don Taute, who will return to the City Attorney’s Office where he worked from 1984 to 2003.

“Mark already has served my administration and this community through his work on the City budget and Fire Chief selection committee,” said Beutler. “I have been very impressed with his ability to build consensus, his problem-solving skills and his involvement in the community. We are very fortunate that he has agreed to share his knowledge and expertise with us as Personnel Director.”

Koller said he would suspend the operation of HRConnex, the one-person firm he started in 2004. He came to Lincoln in 1998 from Lexington, Kentucky to join Commercial Federal Bank. In Lexington, he also had his own consulting firm and worked for other banking institutions. He has a bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Cincinnati and completed graduate courses at the Universities of Delaware and Kentucky.

“I am extremely honored to have been nominated to be the Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Personnel Department,” Koller said. “I greatly appreciate the trust that the Mayor has placed in my abilities to execute the duties of that position. I look forward to joining the team and helping our outstanding City and County workforce to be even more productive.”

Koller has served on the boards of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; NeighborWorks Lincoln; Community Development Resources; the Lincoln Area Workforce Investment Board; and Rotary International #14. He also was a member of the Mayor’s Community Development Task Force from 2002 to 2006.

The Personnel Department is responsible for the recruitment, testing and selection of applicants for County and City positions. It coordinates training, conducts salary surveys, performs classification studies and recommends compensation.
The department also is responsible for labor relations, maintaining employee records, administering drug and alcohol testing, and administration of the police and fire pension, group insurance and all employee benefit programs. The department includes the Risk Management division, which administers workers compensation for City employees and liability, property and casualty insurance.

The City employs 1,892 full-time plus and 104 part-time persons (as of Sept. 10). The County employs 1,132 full-time and 125 part-time persons (as of Nov. 5). The Personnel Department has a staff of 20.

The appointment of Koller will require approval of the City Council and County Board.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Kansas City, Kan., Nov. 6, 2008) – StarTran, the mass transit agency for Lincoln, Neb., has joined the Blue Skyways Collaborative as a partner in reducing air pollution. StarTran joins 184 other Blue Skyways partners who are working to reduce air pollution in 10 states in the heart of the United States.

StarTran is acknowledged nationally as a leader within the transit industry in the utilization and promotion of Clean Diesel/Alternative Fuels Programs. Between 1994 and 2000, four ethanol-powered (95 percent ethanol, 5 percent gasoline) buses were operated in regular transit service. In 2000, the engines were replaced, and until 2008, the entire fleet was powered by an 8 percent ethanol/92 percent diesel fuel blend. Since January 1994, two StarTran buses have been powered by biodiesel fuel (75 percent diesel/25 percent soybean oil). Since 2008, the entire fleet has been powered by biodiesel. More than 341,000 gallons of alternate fuels are used by the 60 fixed-route buses. Biodiesel use significantly reduces exhaust emissions and lowers overall diesel fuel use.

EPA Region 7 Administrator John Askew said, "We want to celebrate and recognize StarTran for its efforts to reduce air emissions from its equipment. We're proud to welcome this new partner to the Blue Skyways Collaborative."

StarTran’s efforts will reduce annual air pollution emissions by the following amounts:

- 10 tons of carbon monoxide
- 556 tons of carbon dioxide
- 3 tons of hydrocarbons
- 15 tons of nitrogen oxides
- More than 1.43 tons of particulate matter

The Blue Skyways Collaborative leverages resources and shares professional and technical expertise with public and private entities in the 10-state region of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, New Mexico, Iowa and Minnesota, and border areas of Canada and Mexico. The collaborative has grown to 184 partners who work with EPA to complete projects that use innovations in diesel engines, alternative fuels and renewable energy technologies to reduce air emissions along major transportation corridors. To date, the partnership has implemented about $1.1 billion in projects spanning all 10 states.

Since 2006, Blue Skyways partners have cut pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and volatile organic compounds by more than 52,000 tons per year; reduced greenhouse gases by 1.6 million tons per year; and saved 76 million gallons of fuel per year.

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For more information about The Blue Skyways Collaborative, go to: [http://www.blueskyways.org/index.html](http://www.blueskyways.org/index.html)
911 CENTER RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

The Lincoln Emergency Communications/911Center has been selected as a “Flagship Agency” by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). The Center will be recognized at CALEA’s conference in December in Tulsa.

“A Flagship Agency represents an extraordinary example of excellence in public safety and is recognized as a potential resource for future and current CALEA clients,” wrote Sylvester Daughtry, Jr., CALEA Executive Director, in his letter of congratulations.

“This is well-deserved recognition for the excellent leadership and dedicated staff of our 911 Center,” said Mayor Chris Beutler. “I am pleased that, working with our City Council, we were able to add three emergency service dispatchers in this year’s budget. It is crucial that we continue to provide the resources the Center needs to keep our community safe.”

In 2002, Lincoln’s 911 Center became the 14th center in the nation to be accredited by CALEA. Accreditation is for a three-year period. The Center was re-accredited in 2005 and was named a Flagship Agency at that time as well.

The Center is now seeking accreditation for the next three-year period. A team of assessors was in Lincoln April 26 through 30 to examine all aspects of the Center’s policies, procedures, management and operations and take public comments. The Center will have an accreditation hearing at the December CALEA conference, and will be notified of its status at that time.

More information on Lincoln’s 911 Center is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 911). More information on CALEA is available at calea.org.
LINCOLN FIRE AND RESCUE
1801 “Q” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7363, fax 441-7098

DATE: November 3, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: John Huff, Assistant Fire Chief, 441-8351

Nebraska Task Force 1 (NE-TF1) the Urban Search and Rescue Team based at Lincoln Fire and Rescue, will be conducting a training exercise Wednesday, November 5 in conjunction with Capital Towing at 101 Charleston St.

The exercise involves vehicle and machinery extrication by rescue team members. The media are invited to cover the exercise from 9 to 11 a.m. to inform the community about the capabilities of NE-TF1. For more information, contact NE-TF1 Training Coordinator Captain Dave Kluthe at 540-2848.
DEPARTMENT REPORT
OCTOBER, 2008

HEALTH DIRECTOR

- Orientation was provided to new Board of Health member, Karla Lester.

- Work continues on the Operational Plan for the Department. The Assistant Health Director and Resource & Program Development Coordinator coordinated the completion of the Planning Matrix. Next steps include a Gaps Analysis and external focus group meetings. Possible participants for the focus groups are being identified.

- Department employees are participating in the City’s Charitable Giving Campaign for the United Way, Community Health Charities and the Community Services Fund. Mayor Beutler has challenged each Department to increase their percentage of employees who participate in the campaign.

- Employee of the Month - Kathy King - Environmental Public Health Division

ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR

- We have started working on the annual report. We are looking at a way to reach more people and provide brief yet useful information about the Department. For the past several years we have used the Department’s website as a way of distributing the annual report. The annual report will be released in January.

- Work is nearly complete with the operational planning of the regulation committee. The product along with the work of the access and prevention work group should provide a more solid bases for identifying important health indicators and seek input from key stakeholders.

- The Assistant Health Director attended the National Public Health Leadership Institute training October 19-22. Fifty public health scholars from across the US were invited to this year long Institute. This continues to be a great opportunity for Department and the Assistant Director’s development.

- Work on the Department’s accreditation process continues. We are working on Public Health Essential Services #1 and #2.

- The Assistant Health Director attended board meetings for Matt Talbot Kitchen, Boys and Girls Club and Health Partners this past month.

- The Assistant Health Director worked with staff on an agreement with National Pharmacy for our emergency drug cache and with Bryan/LGH on a agreement for electronic lab reporting.
RESOURCE & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

- No Report.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Statistics

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- Jim Weverka retired as the Animal Control Manager on October 15, 2008. Robert Westfall was selected to be the Animal Control Manager. He assumed his duties on October 16, 2008.

- The Animal Control Advisory Committee met on October 7, 2008 to review the newly adopted Omaha ordinances. The Committee was of the opinion the proposed fees would discriminate against individuals. It was recommended that committee members review ordinances in detail and bring suggestions to the next meeting on December 2, 2008.

- Animal Control Officer DeMon Wimes responded to a call of a dog stranded at Salt Creek. Officer Wimes arrived at the creek to find a dehydrated and weak boxer sitting on a small ledge near the water and unable to escape. Officer Wimes climbed down to the animal and with the help of some citizens who were in the area, successfully rescued the dog.
- At the request of Communicable Disease, water samples were taken at the Children’s Zoo Turtle Pond by Jim Newman, Robert Westfall, and intern Brian Field. Communicable Disease staff had received an e-mail from a parent indicating her child had become infected with Salmonella when water from the Turtle Pond splashed on her child. The three samples collected were found to be all negative.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Youth Services Center (YSC)

Overview

The County’s Youth Services Center (YSC) contracts with LLCHD’s Public Health Clinic to provide on-site health services to youth through 18 years of age detained at the facility. The goal of this program is to assure that the health needs of the residents are met and prevent delay in care. There are approximately 50-75 youths housed at the facility at any given time.

Health Maintenance Program

Nursing staff of LLCHD provide education, health assessment, and case management services to youth housed at the facility. In addition, they consult with and provide basic training for YSC staff to effectively deal with the urgent and emergency needs of youth. Nurses work with a variety of staff resources within the facility such as LPS educational staff and mental health practitioners.

Addressing the variety of health issues and needs are an important part of the nursing case management. The following are descriptions of some of the health/case management services offered at YSC:

- Provide initial and ongoing health assessments and develop treatment plans as needed.
- Connect with providers to obtain medication orders, health information, and to report concerns relating to the health of the youth.
- Connect with parents to determine if the youth has a medical home, inform them of health issues and plan of care for the youth, inform of new orders received from the provider(s), and obtain current information regarding medications being taken by the resident.
- Schedule doctor, dentist, and mental health treatment appointments.
- Contact other case managers and legal guardians regarding medical, social, and transportation needs.
- Coordinate medical transportation with YSC staff.
- Make referrals to doctors, dentists, specialists, and emergency departments.
- Make referrals to on-site mental health counselors.
- Coordinate weekly visits of consultant psychiatrists, including updates on concerns and medication issues.
- Work with contracting pharmacy to order and/or verify medication information and to assure prescribed medicine is received in a timely manner.
- Complete regular review of medication plans for prescription and over the counter medications to assure accuracy, therapeutic effect, and identification and timely
• Communication of adverse effects and noncompliance.
• Manage controlled substances in the facility.
• Perform blood draws when ordered by the physician.
• Develop and implement staff orientation and in-service education related to medications, medical policies/procedures, and relevant health topics.
• Provide 24 hours 7/days a week telephone consultation, assessment, and referral.

Most Common Medical Issues

• Asthma: forty percent (40%) of youth receive asthma medication.
• Cardiovascular disease: includes youth with hypertension or requiring pacemakers.
• Diabetes: includes youth with poor control of their disease. Nursing staff provide case management to four (4) to five (5) youth with diabetes each year.
• Orthopedic injuries: includes youth with broken fingers, hands, and sprains sustained prior to admission or from injuries while residing at YSC. Approximately two (2) injuries occur in the facility daily.
• Psychiatric conditions: over one-third (1/3) of the youth at YSC receive prescribed medicine. Of those, over eighty percent (80%) are prescribed psychotropic drugs. Bipolar, oppositional defiant disorder, ADHD, and depression are the most common diagnoses.
• Reproductive/ Sexually transmitted infections: approximately 50% of youth at YSC are examined and/or treated for these issues. Nurses provide case management to four (4) to six (6) pregnant adolescent girls residing at YSC each year.

Community Outreach to Assure Early Prenatal Care

In September, one hundred and fifteen (115) low-income women were provided their first prenatal care appointment with their physician via the Presumptive Eligibility Program of Maternal-Child Health (MCH) Services. Based upon risk criteria, acuity, and client choice, thirty one (31) of the 115 women were referred for public health nursing home visitation. Clients followed by a public health nurse are assessed for compliance with all prenatal appointments. The remaining 84 women were referred to a new effort led by a Community Resource Specialist (CRS) to assure that the first prenatal visit with a physician was completed. If the appointment was not completed, the CRS identified and addressed barriers to receiving the first prenatal appointment.

A “barriers checklist”, originally developed for the Outcomes Pathways Project of the Health Partners Initiative in collaboration with LLCHD, is completed on each client followed. General categories of barriers addressed include:

• Child care (needing child care for appointment)
• Family (family transition effecting ability to follow through on appointment, domestic violence)
• Financial (inability to pay health insurance co-pay/premium, inability to pay for medication, employment conflict including no sick leave benefit, inability to pay for basic needs)
- Housing (inability to obtain safe & affordable housing)
- Language (unmet need for interpretation and/or translation)
- Literacy (care limited by literacy issues)
- Personal (access to care limited by beliefs/practices of the client and/or caregiver, access to care limited by criminal record)
- Provider (access to care limited by providers beliefs/practices, no available appointments when needed by client, lengthy wait time for appointment, provider not taking new clients)
- Scheduling (appointment time in conflict with work/family/other appointments)
- Transportation (unmet need for taxi service, relied on family/friends who didn’t follow through, unreliable car, lacks knowledge of bus service)
- Other

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

WIC

- The greatest success of the year was reaching a caseload of 3931 in the month of July. Staff worked very hard to maximize appointment times/work days. In the area of client education, we are making strides to move closer to the desired outcome through Value Enhanced Nutrition Education (VENA). Staff are working through self-assessment modules as just the beginning step to transforming how we deliver services. Breastfeeding is another area that we have strived to provide excellence. Supporting breastfeeding mothers is something we take seriously and therefore will be continuing the contract with MilkWorks to provide lactation support to our pregnant and breastfeeding women. This outcome of this collaboration has been an increase in initiation and duration at our LMEP clinic. An article was printed in the summer edition of “The Digest”, the Public Health and Community Nutrition practice group newsletter of the American Dietetics Association, regarding the lactation consultant contract and its effects.

- Over 50 students a year from UNMC, Bryan School of Nursing, Union College, Wesleyan, and UNL cycle through our WIC program and receive introductory information regarding the WIC program and how WIC fits into other career paths as well. Comments from professors reflect the quality education the dietitians and nurses provide for the students; all while serving WIC clients in an exemplary manner.

- WIC staff also continues to be a part of a variety of committees both internally and externally. Internally, staff provides input into the BIB (breastfeeding) committee, the domestic violence committee and quality improvement committees. Externally, staff participates on the 1-2-3 Action Now Diabetes Committee, the Health Services Advisory Committee for Head Start, YWCA Peer Review committee, and as a member of the MilkWorks Board of Directors. WIC staff also exhibits leadership through participation on State WIC committees including the Nutrition Education Workgroup, the Customer Service Workgroup, the Performance Measure Workgroup, and hope to help with the
food package workgroup in the coming year.

**DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

- For the month of September, the dental clinic staff provided 423 clinical visits. Of the total clients served, 61% were of racial and ethnic minorities and 42% had interpretation and translation needs. Forty-one percent (41%) of the clients served were Medicaid enrolled while another 42% fell at or below 100% of poverty, receiving dental services at the minimal fee of $20. Four (4%) of the clients were General Assistance enrolled, receiving dental services at no fee, and 13% of the clients’ income fell between 125-200% of poverty, receiving services on a sliding fee scale. The dental clinic became a dental home to 42 “new” racial and ethnic minority clients during the month of September.

- Other activities for dental staff included participating in the Hispanic Festival, providing dental health education materials and information with an attendance of over 1,000 participants. In addition, staff provided dental health presentations for another 120 children and adults for the F Street Community Recreation Center Health Fair and Centerpointe.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM**

- The community outreach team provided 4 community screening sites for 69 clients. Screening sites included Deeter Foundry, El Centro Madres, Oak Lake Church Madres and Abbott Field Soccer Tournament. Forty-nine of the clients screened needed interpretation services with ages ranging from 20-81. Of the 69 clients served, 14 clients had cholesterols of 200 or over; 44 had blood pressures of 120/80 or above; 17 clients reported a family history of diabetes; 32 clients were uninsured; 42 clients reported having a regular dentist but only 26 clients had seen that dentist in the last year; and 31 reported having a regular physician, but only 24 had reported having seen that physician in the last year. Forty-six (46) referrals were made for medical and dental needs.
ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup™: Return the Warmth Project

- The Keep America Beautiful (KAB) Great American Cleanup™ is the nation’s largest organized litter cleanup, beautification and community improvement program. KAB provided incentives for schools to recycle plastic bottles (#1 PET) through a nationwide project called Return the Warmth. The top 50 schools in the nation receive $1000 Sam’s Club gift cards and the top 100 schools receive 250 fleece jackets, all made from recycled #1 PET plastic (i.e. soda and water bottles). Keep Lincoln-Lancaster County Beautiful led the local Return the Warmth project to cause behavior change in students and the public by providing an incentive to encourage recycling, which in turn keeps our communities clean by reducing littering. Three of 7 Lincoln public high schools finished in the top 50 schools in the country for the amount of #1 PET recycled per student, with 3 more high schools finishing in the top 100. The LPS Recycling Coordinator arranged that the 1,500 fleece jackets and the $3,000 Sam’s Club gift card would be donated to Bubba’s Closet, a Lincoln Elementary Principal’s Association program that provides warm clothing to families in need. In addition, Recycling Enterprises, Star City Recycling, Midland Recycling and Journal Star Recycling made cash donations totaling $2500 to Bubba’s Closet based on the #1 PET that was recycled.

Environmental Health Permits Plus Database Update

- In 2006, Environmental Public Health (EPH) and the Fiscal Services and Information Management Division joined the Building and Safety (B&S), Public Works and Utilities (PWU), and Planning Departments in the development of a shared Permits Plus database. With 20 of about 25 data sets converted, EPH is nearing the final phase of its conversion. Project supervisor Mark Kenne estimates the conversion should be complete by August 2009. However, managing the databases, developing and modifying reports, generating documents, such as official notification letters, and issuing permits will require an ongoing significant level of effort.

- One key feature is access to the County Assessor’s common address and parcel database. This allows staff to immediately and accurately determine the property owner prior to
sends out complaint notices, saving considerable staff time. Another time saving feature involves electronic review for permits that require approval from another department. An email notification is automatically sent to reviewers and they access all case information on their computers. In the past, hard copies of documents had to be delivered by mail, hand or courier. The new electronic review saves both staff time and improves our responsiveness to the public.

- EPH is also moving toward an electronic document management system, integrated within Permits Plus. When a document is created using Permits Plus, an electronic copy is stored in a digital case file. Other case related documents (digital photos, scanned paper documents) are uploaded into this digital case file. In the Food Program this has reduced the staff time needed to photocopy documents and file hard copies. The ability to recall these digitally stored documents within seconds is extremely efficient, especially when you have someone on the phone. We no longer need to put them on hold to run to a file cabinet.

- Over 200 reports have been created using Crystal Reports, which are available via the Department’s Intranet server. Up-to-the-second data can be retrieved from the database for analyzing and exporting. Historically, each change in the few reports we had required the City Information Systems programming staff to make changes costing hundreds or thousands of dollars. Now reports are created in-house, helping us have better data for monitoring programs, creating reports on services, and improving revenue accounting and budget projections.

On the Horizon

- Volunteers are being sought for the Star City Holiday Parade, both for a walking unit focusing on litter education and for litter patrol along the route.

- The next small business hazardous waste collection is scheduled for November 14, followed by our last public hazardous waste collection on November 15 at State Fair Park.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- December 1, 2008, is World AIDS Day, which is observed every year on December 1st. It was established in 1988 by the World Health Organization (WHO). World AIDS Day is recognized each year to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic.

- In 2007, the estimated number of persons living with HIV worldwide was 32.2 million. There were 2.1 million AIDS deaths that year. In a recent article published in the August 6, 2008, issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, the CDC estimated that there were 56,300 new cases of HIV in the U.S. in 2006. That was considerably above the previous estimate of 40,000. The difference is not an actual increase in HIV cases, but a more accurate way of measuring new cases.

- To give some state and local perspective, the following two graphs represent the reported
cases of AIDS and HIV in Lancaster County; and the cumulative number of AIDS cases in Nebraska and Lancaster County from 1983 through 2007. While yearly numbers are somewhat volatile, the number of new HIV and AIDS cases in the county has been somewhat level in the past few years. (The early years of reported HIV cases reflect a reporting bias rather than that year’s incidence of new cases.)
HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

- On average, twenty child pedestrians are struck by motor vehicles each year in Lincoln. Many of these accidents are the result of unsafe behaviors of students as they walk to or from school. To address these unsafe child pedestrian behaviors, the Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County Child Pedestrian Safety Task Force conducted pedestrian safety activities at Everett elementary School, a school in the core neighborhood that has continuing challenges with pedestrian safety. The Task Force worked with six Everett students this spring on a photojournalism project that produced photos and narrative describing the walking environment around the school from a child’s perspective. These photos were “unveiled” through a table-top display and slide presentation by Mayor Beutler at an all-school assembly held on October 8th in conjunction with International Walk to School Day at Everett Elementary.

- Other community leaders participating in and attending this event were Dr. Susan Gourley, LPS Superintendent; Dan Marvin, Lincoln City Council; and, Tom Casady, Lincoln Police Chief, who challenged three students in a game of “Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader.” The fifth graders “won”. Both local television stations featured the event during the evening news, allowing thousands of other Lincoln citizens to hear important child pedestrian safety reminders.

- Leading up to the all-school assembly, all 480 Everett students participated in a pedestrian safety educational day on Tuesday, October 7th. This consisted of students rotating...
through four safety stations. The first station involved students using an interactive computer program to choose safe routes and behaviors to guide “Jose” from school to soccer practice at a neighborhood park. Thanks to FedEx, the second station allowed students to sit in the driver’s seat of a large FedEx truck to help them understand how difficult it is for drivers to see kids playing or walking close to large vehicles. At the third station, students learned to effectively focus their attention to changes in their walking environment and understand threats to their safety as pedestrians. At the fourth station, children were taught the basics of how to safely cross the street at both signalized and non-signalized crosswalks and intersections. All 480 students practiced safely crossing streets.

- Funding for this effort was provided by Safe Kids WorldWide and FedEx. Brian Baker, coordinator of Safe Kids, and Mike Heyl of the HPO Division organized the two days of activities. The community members of the Child Pedestrian Safety Task Force spent many volunteer hours during these two days to help keep Lincoln’s children safe.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- Information Management staff have developed a small database application for the WIC fiscal reporting. The existing reporting requirements from the state were time consuming taking at least 3-4 hours a month. New reporting requirements which begin this month, would have doubled or tripled that time. In addition to the state reporting requirements, we have internal requirements to be able to reconcile to our city fiscal system. Meeting both of these has become time-consuming. With the new application, reporting time has been reduced to 1-2 hours.

- The Department with the City Purchasing Agent and Law Department are negotiating the contract with the software vendor to provide electronic medical record software to support all of our direct services in the clinic and home-based services.
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Jean Preister, Planning

DATE: November 6, 2008

RE: Special Permit No. 08046 - Expansion of nonstandard dwelling
(1601 Cheyenne Street)
Resolution No. PC-01147

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008:

Motion made by Cornelius, seconded by Francis, to approve Special Permit No. 08046, with conditions, requested by Brian and Mary Berlin-Coyle, for authority to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required side yard setback in order to construct an addition on the back side of an existing residence, on property located at 1601 Cheyenne Street.

Motion for conditional approval carried 8-0: Cornelius, Esseks, Francis, Sunderman, Larson, Partington, Gaylor Baird and Carroll voting 'yes' (Taylor 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.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Pea, City Attorney
Public Works
Mike Gall, MCS Custom Homes, 5324 Stonecliffe Dr., 68516
Brian and Mary Berlin-Coyle, 1601 Cheyenne Street, 68502
John Cummins, 1609 Cheyenne Street, 68502
RESOLUTION NO. PC-01147

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 08046

WHEREAS, Brian and Mary Berlin-Coyle have submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 08046 for authority to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required side yard setback in order to construct an addition on the back side of an existing residence on property generally located at South 16th Street and Cheyenne Street, and legally described as:

Lot 12, Block 11, E.E. Brown's Summit, 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 nonstandard single-family dwelling 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 Brian and Mary Berlin-Coyle, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to expand a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required side yard setback in order to construct an addition on the back side of an existing residence on the property described above, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.540 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said addition be in substantial compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permits approves the expansion of a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required side yard along the east side of the property for a 7' by 7.5' addition, located at 1601 Cheyenne St., as long as the addition does not extend any further into the side yard than the existing house as shown on the site plan.

2. Before receiving building permits:

   a. The Permittee shall provide documentation from the Register of Deeds that the letter of acceptance as required by the approval of the special permit has been recorded.

   b. The expansion shall not extend further into the required side yard along the east side of the property than the furthest extension of the existing house.

   c. The expansion shall meet all other yard and heights requirements of the zoning district.

   d. The use of the main structure shall remain a single- or two-family dwelling.
3. Before occupying the expansion of the dwelling all development and construction is to substantially comply with the approved plans.

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, their successors and assigns.

6. 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, filing 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 5th day of November, 2008.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
Special Permit #08046
S 16th St & Cheyenne St

Zoning:

R-1 to R-4 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. 01 T09N R06E

2007 aerial
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
LOT 12, BLOCK 11, E. E. BROWN'S SUMMIT, LOCATED IN THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER OF
SECTON 1, TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M., LINCOLN, LANCASTER
COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

OFFICIAL SURVEY RECORD
1601 CHEYENNE STREET

I, KYLE E. CATT, A REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR IN THE STATE
OF NEBRASKA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SURVEY WAS
MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION. ALL DIMENSIONS
ARE IN FEET AND DECIMALS OF A FOOT AND ARE CORRECT TO
THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

KYLE E. CATT, L.S.
10-10-2008

PROJ. #0810001
B/F: FILE

NEBRASKA
LAND SURVEYOR
KYLE E. CATT
LS-609 DATE
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : November 6, 2008

RE : Special Permit No. 08044 - Landmark special permit for office use
(Foster House - 1021 D Street)
Resolution No. PC-01148

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Francis, to approve Special Permit No. 08044, with conditions, as amended, requested by Engineering Design Consultants with the permission of the property owners, Kevin and Carla Pinneo, for authority to allow the single-family dwelling, located at 1021 D Street (the Foster House), to be used for an owner-occupied professional office.

Motion for conditional approval, as amended, carried 8-0: Cornelius, Esseks, Francis, Sunderman, Larson, Partlington, Gaylor Baird and Carroll voting 'yes' (Taylor 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 owner/permittee by the City Clerk at the end of the 14-day appeal period.

Note: On November 5, 2008, the Planning Commission also voted 8-0 to recommend approval of the associated Change of Zone No. 08053 to designate the Foster House as a Historic Landmark. This change of zone request is tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on Monday, December 1, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety  
Rick Peo, City Attorney  
Public Works  
Pam Dingman, EDC, 22300 Fletcher Avenue, Suite 102, 68521  
Kevin and Carla Pinneo, 1021 D Street, 68508  
Sue Landholm, Everett N.A., 946 Peach Street, 68502  
William Wood, Everett N.A., 808 D Street, 68502  
Jeff Tangeman, Everett N.A., P.O. Box 81044, 68501  
William J. Wood, Attorney at Law, 808 D Street, 68502
RESOLUTION NO. PC-01148

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 08044

WHEREAS, Kevin D. and Carla J. Pinneo have submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 08044 to allow the single-family dwelling generally located at 1021 D Street (the Foster House), and legally described as:

Lot 4, Block 207, Original Plat of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska;

to be used for an owner-occupied professional office; and

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 use of an historic landmark as a professional office in a single-family dwelling 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 Kevin D. and Carla J. Pinneo, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to allow the single-family dwelling on the property described above to be used as an owner-occupied professional office, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.400 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said office space be in substantial compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This approval permits use of the Foster House for an owner-occupied professional office (not including medical or dental uses) of not more than ten (10) employees; or for a two-family or single-family residence; or for a single dwelling-unit and owner-occupied office of not more than five (5) employees.

2. Any modifications to the building exterior or to the proposed site plan must be submitted and approved for a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Historic Preservation Commission; moreover, if the garage is removed and proposed for rebuilding, it must meet standard setback requirements.

3. This approval waives parking requirements except that the site plan shall be revised to indicate the parking area north of the alley and west of the existing garage will be paved on or before July 1, 2009, and that area and the garage shall be used to provide on-site parking.

4. A freestanding, non-illuminated ground or pole sign, not to exceed 6 feet in height and 10 square feet in sign area (per face if two-sided) may be installed in the
front yard of the Foster House, upon approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the
Historic Preservation Commission. The site plan shall be revised accordingly.

5. Any modifications to the interior of the building shall be reviewed by
the Historic Preservation Commission, with approval granted so long as they do not lessen
the feasibility of returning the property to single-family use.

6. The City Council approves the associated request for Change of
Zone08053HP designating the Foster House as a landmark.

7. Before occupying the property all development and construction shall
have been completed in compliance with the approved plans.

8. All privately-owned improvements shall be permanently maintained by
the Permittee.

9. The site plan accompanying this permit shall be the basis for all
interpretations of setbacks, yards, locations of buildings, and similar matters.

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

11. 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, filing fees therefor to be paid in advance by the
Permittee.
The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 5th day of November, 2008.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]
Chief Assistant City Attorney
Special Permit #08044
S 10th St & D St

Zoning:

One Square Mile
Sec. 26 T10N R06E
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : November 6, 2008

RE : Special Permit No. 08045 - Early Childhood Care Facility
     (Touzalin Avenue and Fremont Street)
     Resolution No. PC-01146

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their
regular meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008:

Motion made by Esseks, seconded by Sunderman, to approve Special Permit
No. 08045, with conditions, as revised, requested by Evangelical Lutheran
Church, for authority to operate an early childhood care facility for up to 40
children, on property generally located at Touzalin Avenue and Fremont Street.

Motion for conditional approval carried 8-0: Cornelius, Esseks, Francis, Sunderman,
Larson, Partington, Gaylor Baird and Carroll voting 'yes' (Taylor 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.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Ralph Haen, Design Associates of Lincoln, 1609 N Street, 68508
    Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5945 Fremont, 68507
    Doug Kerns, Havelock N.A., 6y120 Havelock Avenue, 68507

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RESOLUTION NO. PC-01145

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 08045

WHEREAS, Evangelical United Lutheran Church has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 08045 for an early childhood care facility for up to 40 children on property located at Touzalin Avenue and Fremont Street, and legally described as:

The north half of Lot 8 and remaining portions of Lots 9 and 10, Block 181, Havelock Addition to Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and

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 early childhood care facility 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 Evangelical United Lutheran Church, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to permit an early childhood care facility for up to 40 children, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.070 the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that development of said early childhood care facility be in substantial compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permit approves an early childhood care facility for up to 40 children.

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 five copies to add to the General Notes, "Signs need not be shown on this site plan, but need to be in compliance with Chapter 27.69 of the Lincoln Zoning Ordinance, and must be approved by Building & Safety Department prior to installation."
   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. The construction plans must substantially comply with the approved plans.

3. Before occupying the early childhood care facility, all development and construction is to substantially comply with the approved plans.

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, their successors and assigns.

6. 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, filing fees therefor to be paid in advance by the Permittee.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 5th day of November, 2008.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
Special Permit #08045
Touzalin Ave & Fremont St

Zoning:

One Square Mile
Sec. 09 T10N R07E
To: Members of the Lincoln City Council  
From: Greg MacLean - Director, Public Works & Utilities Dept  
Date: October 31, 2008  
Subject: StarTran Advisory Board Action  
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 action taken by the StarTran Advisory Board following the October 30, 2008 public hearing regarding StarTran routes and schedules, as follows...

- Proposal to discontinue #53, SouthPointe route service to 18th & “J” Streets.

No one testified at the public hearing and no correspondence was received regarding this proposal. The StarTran Advisory Board voted unanimously in favor of the proposed service deletion. This approved minor service deletion will be effective on November 7, 2008 on a “temporary” basis, and then, per 2.38.100 of the LMC, will be “permanent” 45 days after the Advisory Board action, on December 14, 2008.
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler & City Council Members
FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office
DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 
DATE: October 30, 2008

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
Marvin Krout
John Hendry
Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning
SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 08004
Antelope Valley Right of Way

This request has been made by the Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA) so the various streets and alleys can be vacated and incorporated into a replat of the area which is being done to facilitate transfer of the properties fromJAVA to the respective partners once construction of the projects has been completed. Since this is being done in conformance with the Joint Antelope Valley Authority Agreement which lays out the disposition of the various parcels, it is recommended no value be placed on the areas to be vacated.

Therefore, if the areas are vacated it is recommended they be deeded to the Joint Antelope Valley Authority at no cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
    & City Council Members
FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office
DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 
DATE: October 30, 2008

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
           Marvin Krout
           John Hendry
           Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
           Jean Preister, Planning
SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 08007
         approximately South 19th & K Streets

A request has been made to vacate the portion of the alley between 19th and 20th Streets, K to L Streets. The area was viewed and appeared as an alley that had been surfaced at one point. There was evidence of electric, telephone, and cable lines in the alley as well as a sanitary sewer manhole. Public Works has indicated the existence of these utilities and has requested easements be retained for them as well as a public access easement to allow circulation over the area.

It is this writer’s opinion that long, narrow strips such as this do not have a great amount of value and the imposition of easements, especially the public access easement which allows the public to use the alley much as they do today, would render it to have only nominal value. As such a value of $0.15 per square foot is deemed to be appropriate. The calculations are as follows:

\[ 2,592 \text{ sq. ft.} \times 0.15/\text{sq. ft.} = 388.80 \ \text{Called} \ 390 \]

Therefore, it is recommended if the area be vacated it be sold to the abutting property owner for $390.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
**Inspection Activity**
A total of 5,355 inspections on 2,488 sites have been made this year.

**Noxious Weeds**
- Made 735 inspections on 371 sites on 1,888 acres.
- Found 299 violations on 318 acres.
  - 245 musk thistle
  - 29 leafy spurge
  - 13 phragmites
  - 11 purple loosestrife
  - 2 saltcedar
- Found no violations on 65 sites.
- Sent 53 notices, 187 letters, 24 trace cards and made 64 personal contacts.
- 180 sites controlled by landowners.
- Control is pending on 15 sites.

**Weed Abatement**
The number of inspections and sites inspected continue about the same as 2007.

But, the number of forced cuttings went from 115 to 197. The increased number of foreclosures and plentiful rain contributed to this higher number of forced cuttings.
- Made 4,620 inspections on 2,117 sites on 903 acres.
- Found 1,651 violations on 602 acres.
- Found no violations on 455 sites.

**October Activities**
2 Phragmites field trip UNL class
6 Weed Mg Assoc Meeting
8 Streambed Ownership Workgroup
8 State RC&D Tour
16-22 Vacation
27 2009 Nawma planning committee
28-29 Fall training

**November Planned Activities**
5 Van Deist Vegetative Management
18 Streambed Ownership Workgroup
20 LPWMA Meeting
November 3, 2008

Members of the Lincoln City Council
City County Building
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club in support of the proposal for redevelopment of Block 85. Specifically the Sierra Club supports incentives for sustainable design and believes this venture will generate numerous public benefits.

A LEED certified structure provides many public benefits. It reduces the amount of landfill waste thereby reducing the stress on publicly funded landfill space. It also reduces the amount of run-off into the storm water system, which has been a long-term issue for local officials and still needs attention to meet federal storm water management requirements.

There are also numerous economic benefits from this type of sustainable design. Energy efficiency investments can create many jobs in the community. These are often high paying jobs in construction and renovation, lighting, heating and air conditioning systems, efficiency measurement and evaluation, and operation and management through controls, and architecture and engineering.

In addition, jobs created from investments in energy efficiency are service jobs which cannot be outsourced to other countries or even to other states. These jobs will remain in our community and benefit the local economy.

Finally, studies of green buildings indicate that businesses are using the availability of incentives for sustainable design in decisions about where to locate their business. A vote in support of this proposal sends a message to businesses that it supports their efforts to be more efficient and invites more businesses who intend to use this model.

We encourage your support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Winston
Nebraska Sierra Club
Dear City Council Members:

I am writing concerning parking garage design standards and pedestrian safety.

I do a lot of walking in downtown and the Haymarket. In my experience, the Market Place Garage, at 10th & Q, is a good example of how a garage should not be built. The exit to the garage (facing north, toward the Journal Star's printing facility) is located directly at the edge of the sidewalk. Once drivers pay their fare at the booth and the cross arm goes up, their immediate instinct is to hit the gas. After nearly being hit there a time or two, I've learned to be more careful, of course, but there are many other pedestrians and visitors who pass by on that sidewalk.

The Haymarket Garage exit (at 9th & Q), by contrast, is much safer, and how I believe future garages should be designed in the Haymarket and other high-activity areas. The booth and cross arm are located at least a car length back from the sidewalk. It's a wider and more open exit passage in general, affording drivers and pedestrians the chance to see each other.

The Haymarket is already a very pedestrian-friendly environment. But with the City Council set to vote on many more high-dollar projects there in the future, I would ask that the rights and safety of pedestrians be given special consideration.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Eric Foster
1910 J St. Apt. 209
Lincoln, NE 68510
1608 S. 190th  
Walton, NE 68461  
September 24, 2008

City Council Office  
County-City Building  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members:

I really enjoy the city of Lincoln and the many things Lincoln has to offer. There are many things that make Lincoln a fun and great place to be. However, while I enjoy the many activities Lincoln presents me with, commuting through the city late at night can be quite frustrating.

I find that driving through the city at night can be very exasperating. This is because I’m required to stop at unnecessary stoplights. Often I’ll have to stop at a light and when I look around there are no cars in sight. It’s extremely bothersome and annoying to be sitting at an intersection with no cars crossing. This is most troublesome when sitting at a light on a small road that intersects with a large road because you may sit there for several minutes and not even see a single car go down the large road.

I have noticed that at night in Omaha they change many of their lights to flashing yellows that intersect with flashing reds. I think this is a clever idea and Lincoln could greatly benefit from switching their lights to a similar system. This would be a great convenience to the citizens of Lincoln and would make for happier nighttime drivers.

I hope you will consider my suggestion as you hold future city counsel meetings. I think that this is just one more thing that will make Lincoln an even better place to live.

Sincerely,

Trevor White
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor’s Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President & CEO, 436-5516
Date: 10/22/08
Re: 2008-09 Funding Priorities

Community Health Endowment
Announces Funding Strategy for FY 2008-09

During FY2008-09, the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) will make nearly $1.4 million available to improve community health in Lincoln and to achieve the CHE vision of “making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation.”

“During this time of economic turmoil, the Community Health Endowment has made a bold decision to increase, and not decrease, available grant funding to the community,” stated William Lester, Chair of the CHE Board of Trustees. “The non-profit sector will bear the brunt of shrinking resources and growing need in our community, and we are committed to helping them weather these challenges.”

Three types of funding will be made available to eligible organizations.

1. **Open Funding.** Up to $350,000 is available from CHE as part of an open application process. Any non-profit, 501(c)3 organization may request funding for programs or projects that further the health, safety, or welfare of Lincoln area residents. This includes funding for capital construction, facility renovation, and equipment.

2. **SPARK! Fund.** Up to $100,000 is available from CHE’s SPARK! Fund for one-time, non-renewable grants of up to $10,000 each for innovative ideas that have the potential to make Lincoln a healthier community.
3. **Targeted Initiatives.** Up to $550,000 is available for targeted initiatives. Applications for these targeted initiatives are by invitation only. The three areas for targeted funding are: sustainable, operational funding to the People’s Health Center in collaboration with community partners; the development of community-based, culturally-appropriate integration of primary care and behavioral health services; and a targeted effort to address the childhood obesity epidemic through the power of policy development and reform.

In addition to these new funding opportunities, CHE has also committed $337,223 to continuation grant awards:

- Ongoing operation of Year Two of Project ALL: Academy for Local Leadership, a project to identify and encourage ethnic/minority individuals to serve on non-profit boards and governmental commissions and task forces;
- Support for the implementation of the Community Compass Project, an innovative research and education program that will assess the sale and use of illegal drugs in our community;
- Continued operational support to Health360, a health system reform project for the uninsured;
- Continued operational support for Lincoln’s Medication Assistance Program (MAP);
- Multi-year capital construction funding to Houses of Hope and Child Advocacy Center, and
- Multi-year program funding for Project SOAR, an outreach program for homeless and mentally disabled persons.

For further information and to obtain application materials, visit the CHE website [www.chelincoln.org](http://www.chelincoln.org) or contact CHE at 402-436-5516.
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Invited To Annual Veterans Day Program.

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of November 8 through November 14, 2008 - Schedule subject to change (Forward to Council on 11/07/08).

II. CITY CLERK - None

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - None

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS - None

C. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. E-Mail from William J. Wood, Attorney at Law, President, Real Estate Owners and Managers Association - RE: Item 15, 08-157, To increase the apartment license fee and to increase the unit cost, for building units in excess of three on Formal Council Agenda of 11/10/08.

2. E-Mail from Mary Jo Bousek - RE: Item 15, 08-157, The Health Department request for money-proposed change in the ordinance on the licensing fee for apartments.
PUBLIC INVITED TO ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

The Veterans Memorial Garden in Antelope Park will again be the site of the City’s annual Veterans Day program at 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 11. It is sponsored by the Mayor’s Advisory Council for the Veterans Memorial Garden.

Speakers will include World War II Veteran Lambert Mills; Keith Fickenscher and Jess Smith of the Mayor’s Advisory Council for the Veterans Memorial Garden; and Jim Krysl of the Stars and Stripes Sertoma Club. A special award will be presented to Pat Raybould for the contributions of B & R Stores to the garden. Rev. Tim Wiggins will give the invocation and benediction, and VFW Post #3606 will provide the color guard for the event.

Zuri will sing “The National Anthem” and “You’re a Grand Old Flag” and pianist Nancy Wolfe will play “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “My Country ‘Tis of Thee.” Edwin Mukusha will play “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes, and Lumir Vajgrt will play “Taps.”

The public is encouraged to arrive early to tour the Garden and its memorials. Bench seating will be available, but those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Parking is available north and south of the Auld Recreation Center. Handicapped parking is available south of Auld. In case of rain the event will move inside the Auld Recreation Center.
DATE: November 7, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of November 8 through 14, 2008
Scheduler subject to change

Sunday, November 9
  “India Nite” Diwali celebration, remarks - 5:45 p.m., Nebraska Union (Centennial Room), 14th and “R” streets

Monday, November 10
  Nebraska Financial Education Coalition’s “Money Smart Nebraska” kickoff breakfast - 8 a.m., Governor’s Mansion, 1425 “H” St.

Tuesday, November 11
  CITY OFFICES CLOSED – VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday, November 12
  Face the Chamber: Mayor and Athletic Director discuss the arena project - noon, Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.

Thursday, November 13
  KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
  News conference on Star City Holiday Parade - 10 a.m., float factory (directions will be sent)
  Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Friday, November 14
  Health and Homeless Coalition recognition breakfast, remarks and proclamation - 10:15 a.m., Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department training center, 3140 “N” St.
  Visit with Boy Scouts (Pack 78) earning citizenship badge - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
The Real Estate Owners and Managers Association has been informed that the City-County Health Department is having an ordinance introduced, that will be read for the first time on November 10th, the purpose of which is to increase the apartment license fee by five dollars for the base fee and to increase the unit cost, for building units in excess of three, by one dollar per unit.

At the October meeting of REOMA 61 members, and others in attendance, signed a statement opposing such an increase. We request that the second reading of this matter be scheduled for December 8th, an evening meeting, so that many of our members who oppose this ordinance, can testify.

Our opposition stems from several reasons. The first is that this fee is being imposed on a small segment of the larger community which benefits from air quality inspections, so we believe the fee we would pay is out of proportion to the services we would receive and believe case law supports our opposition to paying for services which will benefit the community at large.

Secondly, these inspections in the licensed properties could be done by Building and Safety when they do other inspections on our properties. Apparently, at some point, the City Attorney indicated that the Health Department could not delegate this responsibility, but we believe that could be cured by a change in the respective city ordinance.

Thirdly, this is an expense that has been paid from the General Fund in the past and we oppose the shifting of General Fund expenditures onto our shoulders without a reduction of the same amount of overall city general fund expenditures.

Finally, Building Codes has agreed to wait six months to seek any increase in their various permit and license fees due to the poor economy. Why shouldn't the Health Department also observe this moratorium? We believe that Building and Safety wishes to seek a substantial increase in apartment licensing fees and that if the two were requested at the same time the percentage increase would be so large that it would be deemed outrageous, and would fail, so the increases are being introduced separately.

Please consider our request for a night meeting and we request that you vote against this fee increase.
Sincerely,

William J. Wood
Attorney at Law
President,
Real Estate Owners and Managers Association
I understand that you have in your packets today a proposed change in the ordinance regarding the licensing fee for apartments, that the Health Dept wants to add an additional $5 per building and $1 per unit for their "mold" inspector. Two men from the Health (I forget their names) spoke to REOMA last month about this proposal. Ken S. told me that they went back to the "city" and said that REOMA was in favor of this!. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE. They DID NOT ask for the a vote from our membership and we did not offer one. I have no idea where they got the impression they we are in favor of this. Perhaps, because we politely listened to their presentation??

I, and I'm sure MOST, if not ALL, REOMA members are OPPOSED to the city cutting their budget for citywide "mold" inspections and then coming to a minority of the citizens to replenish that cut. Why should rental property owners be the only ones financing their mold inspections. I can't believe apartments are the only places in Lancaster County that have mold. If you can't give them enough money for that inspector, please change the law so that Building & Safety inspectors can be trained to inspect for mold since we are already paying for their salaries through our licensing fee.

Thank you for listening. Mary Jo Bousek, 475-1449, mjbousek@neb.rr.com