

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008**

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2. NEWS RELEASE. Tickets available Friday for City's Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration.
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ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

- *1. Request to Steve Hubka, City Budget Officer/ ~~John Hendry, City Attorney~~ - RE: Public notices costs - RFI#17, 12/01/08. **SEE REPLY FROM JOHN HENDRY, CITY ATTORNEY.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Correspondence received through InterLinc from Gregory S. Nielsen, Lincoln North Creek, requesting response to his questions to Public Works and Planning.

VI. ADJOURNMENT



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 15, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for October to Greg Topil, a Traffic Operations Engineering Specialist in the Engineering Services division of the Public Works and Utilities Department. He also presented the November award to Michael Heyl, a Public Health Educator in the Health Promotion and Outreach division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The awards were presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Topil has worked for the City for more than 23 years. He was nominated by Engineering Services Manager Scott Opfer and Senior Engineering Specialist Kelly Sieckmeyer in the categories of customer relations and productivity for his work on the City's annual 4th of July celebration at Oak Lake Park.

Topil serves as the Public Works representative on the Mayor's Special Events committee, and members say Topil has played a key role in the celebration for the last six years. With his background and his excellent working relationship with Police Department staff, Topil has developed a traffic control plan that is safe and efficient. It includes barricades and signs, including dynamic message signs, StarTran shuttle signs and a large number of temporary no parking signs. Public parking areas are outlined in flagging tape to help in the orderly parking of vehicles.

Topil also is responsible for approving and arranging for the delivery of traffic control devices for the many block parties held in conjunction with the holiday. This year, 78 block party permits were approved. To meet the high demand for traffic devices, Topil contracts with a local barricade contractor. He also organizes staff and equipment to pick up the traffic control devices used July 3rd and relocate them to Oak Lake Park for use on the 4th.

The nominators wrote that Topil "is a tireless, energetic employee committed to excellence in his work which ultimately reflects well on the City of Lincoln."

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Mayor's Awards of Excellence

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Heyl has worked for the City for six years. He was nominated by Public Health Education Manager Charlotte Burke in the category of productivity for his work on the Summer Food Program. Heyl, along with program coordinators, arranged for the serving and delivery of 56,684 free meals this summer to children ages two through 18 at the 29 sites in Lincoln. That exceeded last year's total by nearly 17,000 meals.

The program's motto is "food that's in when school is out." For many children, these meals are a vital source of nutrition when the free and reduced-price lunch program at Lincoln Public Schools is not available during summer break. Extensive time and effort goes into outreach in order to recruit sites in areas that had not participated before, and to increase the number of children being served at established sites. A great deal of supervision also goes into coordinating donations for transportation, delivery of the meals, cooler counts, kitchen staff from LPS who prepare the meals, and runners who get the food to the sites.

Heyl also serves as the Health Department's wellness representative. He has helped bring programs and health screenings to the department, enabling more people to participate. Some of the programs Heyl has helped develop are Lincoln in Motion, Walking School Bus and Lincoln Safari as well as trail usage programs and bike routes. He also attends community health fairs and events on weekends and after school hours.

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

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

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



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 17, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Wayne Boles, Celebration Chair, 434-5973

TICKETS AVAILABLE FRIDAY FOR CITY'S ABRAHAM LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Celebration details on Web site at lincoln.ne.gov

Beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, December 19, tickets will be available for "10 Score," the City's celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthday, from the Lied Center box office, 12th and "R" streets (472-4747, toll-free 800-432-3231, TDD 472-4721). Tickets will be required for three events, all beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Lied Center:

- A concert by the **Jay Ungar and Molly Mason Family Band Thursday, February 12.**
- "**Civil War Voices,**" a new musical written by Lincoln attorney Jim Harris based on Civil War correspondence, **Friday, February 13.**
- A free forum **Sunday February 15** with Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin,** author of "Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln."

Tickets for the performances February 12 and 13 are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and students (those over age 18 must show student identification). ***Free advance tickets to the Goodwin forum will first be available only to those purchasing tickets for both Thursday's and Friday's events (\$30 total).*** A limited number of the free forum tickets will be distributed through this promotion. Beginning ***Wednesday, January 14,*** the rest of the free forum tickets will be available on a first-come basis from the Lied Center.

All tickets will be for open general admission seating. The Lied box office is open from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. It will be closed from December 24 through January 5 for UNL's holiday break.

The City has sponsored the Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration since 2001, but the one-day event has been expanded for the Bicentennial. 10 Score is supported by the Nebraska Humanities Council and local businesses and individuals. Information is now available on the home page of the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, or by calling Diane Gonzolas at 441-7831.

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The February 12 concert will be Ungar and Mason's third appearance in Lincoln. They have performed on "A Prairie Home Companion" and their own public radio specials and have worked on soundtracks for films and for Ken Burns's documentaries. Ungar composed "Ashokan Farewell," the theme for Burns' "Civil War" documentary.

"Civil War Voices" has been performed at Doane College in Crete and in Alabama in preparation for the premiere of the new and expanded production for the Bicentennial. Internationally-known composer Mark Hayes of Kansas City arranged the music. A fund-raising preview reception is planned for January 13 at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

Other 10 Score events:

- The premiere of "**Looking For Lincoln,**" a two-hour documentary on Lincoln's life and legacy is set for at 7 p.m. **Wednesday February 11** at the Ross Media Arts Center, 313 N. 13th St. Free tickets will be available that night on a first-come basis. The film is a collaboration of Kunhardt McGee Productions, Inkwell Films, WNET and Ark Media and is presented by PBS and NET
- The annual **Family Day** is set for the afternoon of **Saturday, February 14** at Southwest High School. The event will include music and dancing from the Smith Family Band, which has performed for six previous celebrations. Also returning is local favorite Chris Sayre, who has performed at every previous celebrations. Michael Krebs and Debra Ann Miller will return as the President and Mary Todd Lincoln. The event also will include Civil War re-enactors, historical exhibits, children's activities and the annual Lincoln impersonators contest.
- Free movies about Abraham Lincoln will be offered at 1:30 p.m. Sundays from January 18 through March 1 at the Museum of Nebraska History, 15th and "P" streets. From February 3 through 28, the museum also will feature "African-American Portraits, 1912-1925" and an Abraham Lincoln exhibit including a life mask and ambrotypes (images created through the ambrotype photographic process).
- A free unveiling of the new Lincoln postage stamps is tentatively set for February 12 at the State Capitol Rotunda. The Lincoln Stamp Club will have displays at the Family Day event February 14 and the Goodwin forum February 15. The club's "LINPEX" show February 21 and 22 also will feature an Abraham Lincoln theme. The show is free at the University Place Inn, 5250 Cornhusker Highway.
- The Sheldon Museum of Art will feature "New Acquisitions: African-American Masters Collection" through March 2.
- Memorabilia from the Union's Civil War Balloon Corps, commanded by Professor Thaddeus Lowe, will be exhibited by his great-grandson Terry Lowe at three events: the February 12 and 13 performances at the Lied Center and the February 14 Family Day at Southwest High.



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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

Lincoln Water System, 2021 N. 27th Street, Lincoln, NE 68503, 441-7571, fax 441-8493

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 16, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Owen, Lincoln Water System, 441-5925

FALLBROOK, HIGHLANDS AREAS TO HAVE LOWER WATER PRESSURE FOR ONE WEEK

Lincoln Water System (LWS) officials today reported that lower than normal water pressure can be expected in the Fallbrook and Highlands areas in northwest Lincoln for about one week while repairs are made to a large water main. Last week, the water main developed a leak while contractors were extending a new water main in the area.

In order to repair the leak in the water main without any disruption in service to the affected areas, LWS had to convert the entire Fallbrook area and portions of the Highlands area to a lower water pressure zone.

Repair work is ongoing and the pressure should be restored to normal by next Wednesday, if not sooner.

Diane K Gonzolas/Notes
12/16/2008 06:37 AM

To CIC Snow Notification
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Subject snow report 6:30 a.m.

CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

A complete voice report is available at 441-7783. This number is for news media use only.

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644
Diane Gonzolas, cell 525-1520, work 441-7831

Date: December 16, 2008
Time: 6:30 a.m.

Snow began falling in Lincoln about 5:45 this morning and City crews responded by sending 19 plows out on arterial streets. They also are spreading sand, mostly at the intersections. With temperatures just above zero, it's too cold for salt to be effective. The cold also makes it a very bad day for an accident, so drivers are advised to be extra careful during rush hour this morning.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have question, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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12/16/2008 08:10 AM

To CIC Snow Notification
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Subject 8 a.m. report

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For more information:
Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644
Diane Gonzolas, cell 525-1520, work 441-7831

Date: December 16, 2008
Time: 8 a.m.

The City began a full plowing operation about 8 this morning, with 57 plows out clearing snow. Arterial streets and bus routes will be taken care of first. The Lincoln Police Department reports that street conditions are starting to worsen, and drivers are urged to use caution. About five accidents have been reported since 6 a.m., two of those on West Van Dorn. Stalled vehicles also are causing problems in a few areas. StarTran reports that buses are running about five to ten minutes late.

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David B Norris/Notes
12/16/2008 10:15 AM

To CIC Snow Notification
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CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORT

A COMPLETE VOICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT 441-7783. THIS NUMBER IS FOR NEWS MEDIA USE ONLY.

**For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547**

**Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2008
Time: 10:15 a.m.**

As a light yet steady snowfall continues this morning in Lincoln, City street crews continue their full-scale plowing with 57 plows out clearing snow on snow emergency routes, major arterials and bus routes.

Lincoln Police Department reports that there have been 20 weather-related accidents this morning. Motorists are urged to drive with caution and allow for the slick conditions if they must travel today.

StarTran reports that buses are running about five minutes late.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and on pages 48 and 49 in the blue pages of your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 17, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Engineering Services, 441-8237

Steve Owen, Lincoln Water System, 441-5925

WATER MAIN BREAK AFFECTING GOODRICH

South 40th to reopen Thursday after Tuesday break

City Public Works and Utilities officials advise those picking up students at Goodrich Middle School, 4600 Lewis Ave., to avoid the intersection of Lewis and Holltorf south of the school. A water main break that occurred about 1:15 p.m. today has closed that intersection. Alternative routes include Superior and Grandview. Crews are still assessing the damage, but they say the intersection may be closed until early next week.

Meanwhile, a section of South 40th Street will remain closed through this evening for repairs to a broken water main that occurred yesterday. Traffic from Van Dorn to Smith should be restored in both directions prior to the Thursday morning commute, weather permitting. Cold weather may delay paving repairs, and work will be ongoing in this area with traffic barricades and possible delays. Motorists are urged to consider alternate routes. Lincoln Water System officials report that water service was restored along 40th Street from Pawnee to Smith Street at about 2 a.m. this morning.

Breaks on older water mains are not unusual, especially during cold weather as frost begins to penetrate the soil.



NEWS RELEASE

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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 15, 2008
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Heyl, 441-3889
Brian Baker, 441-8046

COLD WEATHER ALERT

The following cold weather health and safety tips are provided by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

This first “cold snap” of the winter reminds us that precautions must be taken to keep us safe from the cold. Frostbite is the most common injury resulting from exposure to cold. The ears, nose, cheeks, fingers, hands and toes are the most vulnerable. Signs of frostbite include a numb, tingling or burning sensation which can be painful. Just before freezing, the skin turns a bright red. The exposed area should be rewarmed gradually with warm (not hot) water.

Hypothermia is a more serious condition. Hypothermia is caused by the lowering of the body’s core temperature. Normal body temperature is 98.6° F. People are hypothermic when their body’s internal temperature drops to 95° or below. Persons suffering from hypothermia may have a variety of symptoms, ranging from poor coordination, slurred speech, weak pulse, and a blueness or puffiness of the skin. Children, the elderly, and those with heart disease are at special risk for hypothermia. According to the American Heart Association, heart failure causes most deaths in hypothermia.

First aid tips for someone suffering from hypothermia include:

- Bring the victim into a warm room as quickly as possible.
- Remove wet or frozen clothing.
- Wrap the victim in a warm blanket or place them in a warm (not hot) water bath.
- If victim is conscious, give warm, non-alcoholic beverages.
- Obtain medical attention as soon as possible.

To help prevent against accidental injuries due to cold weather, wear layers of clothing. Outer garments should be thin nylon or gortex to protect against moisture and wind. Wearing a hat is important to prevent heat loss from the head. Protect the face and mouth with a mask or scarf. For hands, mittens provide better protection than fingered gloves.

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Strains and sprains are common when people engage in activities such as scooping snow. It is important for people to recognize their limitations, do the job at a pace appropriate for themselves and use proper lifting techniques including using legs rather than back to do the work. If you are concerned about an injury that you have sustained, you should contact your physician immediately.

Cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart. If you have heart disease or high blood pressure, follow your doctor's advice about shoveling snow or performing other hard work in the cold.

Pet owners should also take precautions to protect their pets from extreme cold. One of the most important things to provide for your outside pet is proper shelter away from wind. If possible, bring an outside pet indoors during the most extreme weather.

During cold weather, drivers must take the additional precaution of not "warming up" a vehicle in an enclosed space such as a garage. Carbon monoxide from exhaust can readily enter a house and cause serious and immediate health concerns. It acts quickly and can be deadly.

New Wind Chill Chart

Wind (mph)

Temperature (°F)	Wind (mph)												
	Calm	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
40	36	34	32	30	29	28	28	27	26	26	25	25	
35	31	27	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	19	18	17	
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-45	-63	-72	-77	-81	-84	-87	-89	-91	-93	-95	-97	-98	

Frostbite occurs in 15 minutes or less

$$\text{Wind Chill (}^\circ\text{F)} = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$$

Where, T = Air Temperature (°F)

V = Wind Speed (mph)



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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 18, 2008

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Robert Westfall, Animal Control Manager, 441-7900

COLD WEATHER PET TIPS

Cold weather can be just as hard for pets. Sometimes owners forget that their pets are just as accustomed to the warm shelter of the indoors as they are and the extreme cold can pose similar health risks. Some owners will leave their animals outside for extended periods of time, thinking that all animals are adapted to live outdoors. The following guidelines will help you protect your companion animals when the mercury drops:

- Outside dogs must have well-insulated dog houses that have deep, clean bedding and are free from drafts. Animal Control requires outdoor shelters to include four walls, a roof, and a floor. Straw is recommended for bedding material in the dog house.
- If you suspect your pet has frostbite, contact your veterinarian immediately.
- Staying warm requires extra calories. Pets may need more food if kept outdoors for the winter, or less food if brought inside for the winter. Talk to your veterinarian about your pet's nutrition needs.
- Always provide fresh, clean water for your pet. If the weather is cold, it's essential to keep their water clear of ice. Animal Control recommends using heated water bowls.
- In their search to keep warm outdoors, cats often take refuge next to a warm car engine or tire. To alert an animal that may be in your vehicle, slap the hood before starting your car.
- Never let your dog off the leash on snow or ice, especially during a snowstorm—dogs can lose their scent and easily become lost. More dogs are lost during the winter than during any other season, so make sure yours always wears ID tags, especially its license tag.
- Antifreeze tastes sweet to pets and is poisonous if consumed. Should a pet ingest any amount of it, contact your veterinarian immediately. Antifreeze and coolants that are essentially nontoxic are available at many auto supply stores.
- Keep your pet's coat well groomed during the winter. Fur that is matted will not properly protect your pet from the cold.
- Ice-melting chemicals can irritate and burn the pads of your pet's feet. Don't allow your pet to lick its feet after it has walked outdoors. Use a damp towel to wipe off its feet and underside.
- Remove snow that is piled high next to your fence. It can provide a boost for your dog to jump over and become lost.
- Your pet may look for a warm resting place so keep a fire screen around a fireplace hearth and a wood burning stove. Space heaters pose a triple threat. Your pet may chew the cord, burn itself on the heater, or knock it over and cause a fire.
- Don't let your dog ride in the back of a pickup truck and **never** leave your pet in a car during cold weather.



Michele M Abendroth/Notes

12/16/2008 01:14 PM

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Subject: Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission - Dec 2008 meeting cancelled

The **December 2008 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission** meeting has been cancelled as there are no agenda items.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Planning Department at 441-7491.

Best wishes for a very happy holiday season !

Michele Abendroth
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
& City Council Members

FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office

DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION:

DATE: Dec 12, 2008

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
Marvin Krout
John Hendry
Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Plat Vacation No. 8014
First addition to Hyde Park

A request has been made to vacate a portion of the final plat of the First Addition to Hyde Park and abutting right of way. The purpose of this letter is to establish a value for the included right of way should the City choose to retain title to these streets in the plat vacation process. Public Works has indicated the City does not have any public utilities within the public right of way but has stated the existence of a Windstream pole line. The retention of an easement for that pole line has been requested.

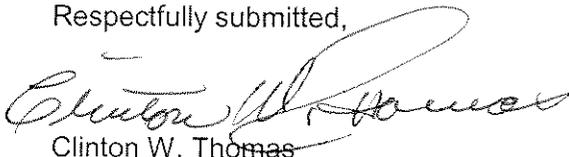
Planning has indicated an area of 1.48 acres, more or less, within the requested vacation. That is thought to be the entire area of the plat and since only the streets and alleys are within the City's ownership, they are the only portion which could be retained by the City. By this writer's calculations, the area of the streets and alleys is approximately .5 acres which is the area that will be used in these calculations. While a portion of the Pawnee Street right of way is of sufficient width and size to constitute a buildable lot, it is highly unlikely it would ever happen in this area. This is due to the isolated area and virtual landlocked condition due to the poor access to the area. As such, the area is considered to be land which would best be assembled into the abutting I-1 zoned land.

Industrial land of this type is estimated to have a value in the range of \$2.50-\$3.00/square foot. Given the shape and location of the area being vacated, the value would be considered to be at the lower end of the range of \$2.50 per square foot. While a prospective buyer may realize a value equal to the surrounding area for assembled land, it is estimated they would rarely give 100% of that value to acquire and assemble the land. While a prospective buyer might be willing to pay 30-33 percent of abutting land value for assemblage land, the location of the area to be vacated is such that it is estimated they would not be willing to pay that much. An amount of 15 percent of the surrounding land value is deemed appropriate. The calculations are as follows:

$21,780 \text{ sq ft} \times .37/\text{sq. ft.} = \$8,058.60$ called \$8,000.

Therefore, it is recommended that if the area be vacated and title be retained in the name of the City of Lincoln, that it be sold to the abutting property owner for \$8,000.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023

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12/10/2008 08:16 AM

To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Gregory S. Nielsen
Address: 6701 Northfork Circle
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 402-540-5600
Fax:
Email: GNielsen@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:

On 11/24/08 I sent Greg MacLean an email to question charges on a billing for a sewer project-No response to date.

On 12/2/08 I left Greg MacLean a phone message to call me regarding the above-No response to date.

On 12/2/08 I called the planning dept to question information on the website regarding finance bonds that is incorrect. The person answering said all planners were in meetings, and I left my name and number to call me-No response to date.

What is going on. In past administrations I had no problems getting response on development questions and now there are no responses forthcoming.

Please feel free to forward this to the mayor.

Please have public works and planning contact me regarding my issues.

Lincoln North Creek LLC
Gregory S. Nielsen