IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will join other City Organizations at a news conference, Thursday, June 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss Uncle Sam jam 2009 and other Independence Day weekend activities. (Forwarded to Council Members)
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor welcomes visitors to Lincoln for Independence Day weekend. Uncle Sam Jam 2009 schedule of events, Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra presentation and traffic and parking locations included in release.
3. Drinking water samples tested for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Open house set for section of Antelope Valley roadway, Monday, June 29, 2009, 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at 2143 “O” Street.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Members of the media invited to cover Friday’s culminating exercise of a national Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) training course.

DIRECTORS

FINANCE/TREASURER

CITY LIBRARIES
1. NEWS RELEASE. Library Board of Trustees vacancy announced.

PLANNING
1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for July 1, 2009.

III. COUNCIL RFI’S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence from Mark Kurtenbach regarding safety and traffic flow on Old Cheney Road between 70th Street and 84th Street.
JONATHAN COOK
1. Request to Greg MacLean, Public Works & Utilities Director - RE: Road at 1st & Fletcher (RFI#136 - 06/18/09) SEE RESPONSE FROM DENNIS BARTELS, ENGINEERING SERVICES.
2. Letter from Dave Scheffler asking for the vote in August to be preserving the Lincoln libraries.

DOUG EMERY
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IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Don and Diane Crouch email stating that money needs to go to infrastructure first, repair the roads.
4. Letter, with attachments, from Lois Hartzell, Vistar Homes, Inc. asking the City of Lincoln to reduce the amount of impact fees to help relieve the burden of costs on home buyers in this difficult economy. (Each Council Member received individual letter)

V. ADJOURNMENT
DATE: June 24, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will be joined by representatives from Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra, Broadcast House, the Lincoln Saltdogs and the UNL Athletic Department to discuss Uncle Sam Jam 2009 and other upcoming Independence Day weekend activities at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 25 in the Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

The Mayor also will make brief comments about his attendance at Friday's meeting of the State Highway Commission in Nebraska City to discuss the South Beltway project.
Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler said the City is ready to welcome visitors from throughout the region coming to town for the long Independence Day weekend which includes:

- The City's free Uncle Sam Jam at Oak Lake Park Friday, July 3 featuring Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra;
- Larry the Cable Guy's comedy show at Memorial Stadium Saturday, July 4; and
- Lincoln Saltdogs baseball at Haymarket Park on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

“Lincoln is the place to spend your Independence Day weekend and we look forward to welcoming our guests from throughout the state and region,” said Mayor Beutler. “We hope people have an enjoyable, safe holiday weekend full of patriotism and fun for the whole family. We hope our guests will have the time to enjoy all that Lincoln has to offer with a variety of dining, shopping and entertainment options.”

For the fourth consecutive year, the Uncle Sam Jam celebration will include a free performance by Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra (LSO) beginning at 9:15 p.m. At 10 p.m., the 22-minute fireworks show will be choreographed to the live patriotic music from LSO.

The Mayor thanked the City's partners in the celebration, including LSO, the Lincoln Journal Star and the Broadcast House/NRG Media radio stations. The concert will be aired live exclusively on radio stations B107.3 FM, KLIN 1400AM and 105.3 WOW FM beginning at 9 p.m. At 10 p.m., Froggy 98.1 FM will join the broadcast. Pepsi-Cola is the sponsor for the fireworks, presented again by Zambelli Internationale.
The Uncle Sam Jam concerts kick-off LSO's 83rd season. “We are so grateful to the City for its support of this event,” said Barbara Zach, LSO Executive Director. “The positive response from previous Uncle Sam Jam concerts has led us to dream even bigger about this year's performance. Last year, we reached an estimated 30,000 people in the park and through the live broadcasts. It is our hope that having the event on the Friday night preceding July 4 will allow people to kick off their holiday weekend in style.”

Zach said LSO enjoys strong support from the community. The Symphony performance is sponsored in part by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Nebraska, BNSF Foundation, Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Nebraska, Lincoln Parks Foundation, the Nebraska Lottery and Nelnet.

(The LSO repertoire is attached.)

“It's an absolute honor for the Broadcast House radio stations to team with the City and the Symphony once again for Uncle Sam Jam,” said Steve Albertsen, Operations Manager for NRG Media/Broadcast House of Lincoln. “To have the ability to entertain everyone gathered in the park, and to showcase the incredible talents of the Symphony to our radio listeners right here in Lincoln and a wide surrounding area – that makes the evening special for everyone.”

The City Recreation Division of the Parks and Rec Department will team-up with the Lincoln Jaycees to provide family activities and kids games for park patrons. Among the attractions will be an inflatable slide, obstacle course and bounce house provided by All-Star Amusements. The Ashanti Band will perform from 5:30 to 7 p.m. (A complete schedule is attached.)

The Larry the Cable Guy show begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 4 at Memorial Stadium and will include fireworks. Also scheduled is a weekend home series for the Lincoln Saltdogs at Haymarket Park against the Wichita Wingnuts. First pitch for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday games is scheduled for 7:05 p.m., 6:05 p.m. and 7:05 p.m. respectively, with fireworks displays planned after the games on Saturday and Sunday. At the July 3 game, LSO Maestro Edward Polochick is scheduled to throw out the first pitch.

In case of inclement weather, Friday's LSO's concert, the radio broadcasts and the fireworks display will be rescheduled to Sunday, July 5. No other Uncle Sam Jam events will be rescheduled. The rain date for the Saturday show also is Sunday, July 5.

Helpful Web sites:
• The Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau Web site lists hotels with special rates for the weekend – lincoln.org.
• Lincoln Saltdogs - www.saltdogs.com
• Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra - www.lincolnsymphony.com
• Uncle Sam Jam - City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: uncle sam jam)
• Parking - lincoln.ne.gov or parkitdowntown.org.
LINCOLN'S SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Uncle Sam Jam Repertoire

Star-Spangled Banner
Fanfare for the Common Man (Copland)
South Pacific Overture (Rodgers and Hammerstein)
An American Salute (Gould)
Armed Forces Salute (Lowden)
Seventy-six Trombones (Willson, arranged for orchestra by Ricketts)
1812 Overture (Tchaikovsky) *Fireworks will begin during this song.*
National Emblem March (Bagley)
Hoe-down from Rodeo (Copland)
March from Superman (Williams)
America the Beautiful (arranged for orchestra by Dragon)
There is No Place Like Nebraska
Stars and Stripes Forever (Sousa)

UNCLE SAM JAM 2009
Schedule of Events

Food and concessions will be available beginning at 4 p.m. in the main parking lot. The Red Cross will have first aid available.

- 4 to 8 p.m. - Family activities and kids games. City-sponsored activities include canoeing, kick ball, horseshoes, badminton, volleyball, bocce ball, carnival games, inflatables, bingo, water balloons, three-legged and gunnysack races, tire throwing and casting contests. Old fashioned, small town fun in the city!
- 4 p.m. - The Ashanti Band performs
- 9:15 p.m. - UNCLE SAM JAM! Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra (LSO) “pre-fireworks” concert (Broadcast live on B107.3 FM, KLIN 1400 AM and 105.3 WOW FM)
- 10 p.m. - Fireworks display by Zambelli Internationale (Sponsored by Pepsi-Cola) with live music by LSO (Broadcast live on B107.3 FM, Froggy 98.1 FM, 105.3 Wow FM and KLIN 1400 AM)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:
- Fireworks other than those used in the Zambelli show are prohibited in the park.
- Alcohol is prohibited in the park.
- Swimming is not allowed at Oak Lake.
- All pets are required to wear a leash in the park. Residents are discouraged from bringing pets to the park during the fireworks display.

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Uncle Sam Jam, July 3
StarTran will provide free public shuttle bus service from 5 to 11 p.m. between the main entrance at Oak Lake Park and these locations:

- Haymarket Parking Garage, 9th and “Q”
- Gold's bus stop, 11th and “O”
- County-City complex - northeast corner of 9th and “H” and southeast corner of 9th and “K” (free parking in City lot bounded by 9th, 10th, “H” and “G” streets)
- State Fairgrounds lot #9 (west of Devaney, enter off Court Street between 14th and 15th)
- State Fairgrounds lot #6 (west of Devaney, enter off of North Antelope Valley Parkway just north of Military Road)

Special $3 event parking is available beginning at 4 p.m. at these garages:
- Haymarket Garage, 9th and “Q”
- Iron Horse lot, 7th and “Q”
- Que Place Garage, 11th and “Q”
- Market Place Garage, 10th and “Q”

Handi-Van service is available for eligible individuals, and reservations can be made through the normal procedure by calling StarTran at 441-7109.

Larry the Cable Guy show July 4
Special $4 pre-paid event parking can be purchased through lincoln.ne.gov and parkitdowntown.org. for these garages:
- Haymarket Parking Garage, 9th and “Q”
- Market Place Garage, 10th and “Q”
- Que Place Garage, 11th and “Q”

Online, pre-paid parking will be honored on Sunday, July 5 if the Saturday night Larry the Cable Guy show is rained out. On-street meter parking will be free of charge on Saturday, July 5.

The City will offer $5 parking on the day of the show Saturday beginning at 3 p.m. at the following garages and lots:
- Que Place - 11th and “Q”
- Market Place - 10th and “Q”
- Haymarket Garage - 9th and “Q”
- Iron Horse lot - 7th and “Q”
- 14th and “Q” lot
- 13th and “P” lot
- University Square Garage - 101 N. 14th St.
- Lumber works lot - 711 “O” St.

The Lincoln Police Department (LPD) will have increased enforcement efforts in and around the downtown and Haymarket areas focusing on illegal tailgating and liquor violations. LPD also recommends that fans arrive at the stadium by 6 p.m. to avoid traffic congestion.
June 16, 2009

The Honorable Mayor and City Council

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Respectfully,

Sandra Irons
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory
Lab Manager

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City of Elgin Traffic Safety
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OPEN HOUSE SET FOR SECTION OF ANTELOPE VALLEY ROADWAY

The public is invited to an open house Monday, June 29 on construction of the Antelope Valley Parkway from “P” to Vine streets. The meeting is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 2143 “O” Street and is sponsored by the Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA).

The project, now under construction, includes a new roadway along 19th Street from “P” Street to “R” Street, where the roadway will veer east of the Beadle Center and connect to the intersection of Antelope Valley Parkway and Vine Street.

The open house will not include a formal presentation, but those attending will be able to review the proposed improvements and discuss the project with representatives from JAVA, the construction management team and the contractor.

The meeting room is accessible for persons with disabilities. Those requiring additional special accommodations are asked to call Parsons Brinckerhoff at 323-6570. More information on the project is available on the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: Antelope Valley) or by calling Larry Winslow at 610-2474.

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Members of the media are invited to cover Friday's culminating exercise of a national Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) training course that has been going on all week in Lincoln. About 60 participants from throughout the nation will participate in the exercise, which involves setting up a base camp for their teams when deployed. Media can cover the event from 10 a.m. to noon June 26 at the north aircraft hangar (old Goodyear facility) at 4521 N.W. 34th Street.

Nebraska Task Force 1, the US&R team based at Lincoln Fire and Rescue, has been hosting the National US&R System Logistics Specialist Course since Monday. Members of 28 US&R task forces and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have been preparing for deployment to disasters involving structure collapse from natural causes as well as terrorist activity.

The training site can be reached by turning east on West Cuming Street off of N.W. 38th. Parking and the door to enter the building are near the southeast corner of the building.
TRANSPORTATION outline vision for surface transportation authorization. Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee this week released a “blueprint” for the reauthorization of federal surface transportation programs. This blueprint places new emphasis on livable communities and mitigating the effects of climate change.

The T&I Committee blueprint would cost almost $500 billion over a six-year authorization period. Dubbed simply “The Surface Transportation Authorization Act,” the future bill would establish specific national objectives and performance measures for transportation programs. Transportation-related goals for improved mobility and safety in the plan include a reduction in environmental impacts from transportation systems, more transportation choices, and improved livability and sustainability of communities.

Taking a cue from the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Commission report released last year, the T&I Committee blueprint proposes to redefine the role of the federal government in transportation policy by restructuring, consolidating, or terminating over 75 existing transportation programs. Highway funding, set at $337.4 billion over six years in the proposal, would be consolidated into four core categories, including improved maintenance, improved safety, increased capacity, and reductions in congestion and greenhouse gas emissions. Transit projects, funded at $99.8 billion over six years, would be consolidated into four similar core categories.

Under the proposal, the New Starts and Small Starts programs would be simplified greatly in order to speed project delivery. The blueprint indicates that a number of programmatic steps in the approval processes would be eliminated, with a goal to place greater emphasis on the benefits to the community. The Federal Transit Administration’s current cost-effective index would be replaced with a ratings process that incorporates economic development, energy savings, increased mobility, and congestion relief.

Other provisions in the proposal include the creation of a National Strategic Transportation Plan, requirements that states and local governments adopt specific performance measures and monitoring in their transportation plans, and a new requirement that the U.S. Department of Transportation place greater emphasis on intermodal facilities throughout the planning process. To meet these new requirements, state and metropolitan regions would have to develop strategies to meet the proposed emission reduction targets, and given the significant role played by transit in emission reductions, public transportation projects will be a key element in the state and metropolitan transportation planning process.

Of particular note, the T&I Committee proposal would provide $50 billion for a Metropolitan Mobility program, designed to address congestion in and around the Nation’s largest metropolitan areas. In addition, $50 billion would be provided to develop 11 corridors nationwide designated as high-speed rail corridors, in order to link major metropolitan regions and encourage intermodal development.

The T&I Committee blueprint also includes a provision to create a national infrastructure bank that would be funded with $100 billion of general fund revenue. This infrastructure bank would provide the funds to complete industry.
large capital infrastructure projects that have significant national or regional economic benefits. Highway, transit, rail, and intermodal freight projects would all be eligible for funding from the bank. The bank would provide grants and credit assistance, including secured loans, loan guarantees, and stand-by lines of credit.

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) is retained in the blueprint, but would undergo significant restructuring. The CMAQ program provides funds to states and metropolitan areas for projects that help reduce congestion and transportation-related emissions in areas that fail to meet certain requirements of the Clean Air Act. Under the blueprint, CMAQ would be designated as one of the four core categories for formula funding. Notably, the blueprint would require sub-allocation of state CMAQ funds to large metropolitan areas and remove the requirement that priority be given to diesel retrofit projects.

The next step for the Committee is to draft legislative language and consider the bill in a committee markup, which Oberstar insists will take place June 24 or 25 and would like to complete floor action prior to the August congressional recess. A copy of the T&I Committee Blueprint is available here:


The T&I Committee blueprint places the Committee at odds with the White House, which this week proposed an 18-month extension of the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law in order to provide some time to better examine major changes to federal transportation programs and find a suitable funding mechanism (something that was missing from the T&I blueprint). Chairman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee supports such a proposal as well.

Transit operating assistance included in war supplemental. The conference report accompanying the $100 billion supplemental appropriations bill (HR 2346), which was approved by both chambers of Congress this week, includes a provision that would allow transit agencies to use up to 10 percent of their Recovery Act funding for operating costs.

This provision would apply only to the funds received from the stimulus legislation (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or ARRA), which provided $8.4 billion for transit capital expenses.

Under current law, agencies serving populations greater than 200,000 are prohibited from using federal funding for operating expenses. Faced with severe budget shortfalls despite record ridership levels, transit operators across the nation are contemplating fare increases, reductions in personnel, or eliminating some services to make up the shortfall.

**BUDGET**

FY 2010 appropriations remain on track. The House and Senate made progress this week towards the goal of enacting all 12 FY 2010 appropriations bills before the beginning of the fiscal year in October. The congressional leadership wants to complete the appropriations process on time, an elusive goal in recent years, as part of their efforts to show voters that enlarged Democratic majorities in the House and Senate can produce results.

After a day of raucous debate that set a modern day record for roll call votes (53), the House passed its first FY 2010 appropriation bill by a vote of 259-157. Despite the marathon debate on the measure (HR 2847), which would fund the Departments of Commerce and Justice and independent science agencies, the bill approved by the House is nearly identical to the one approved last week by the Appropriations Committee. The debate and ensuing cavalcade of roll call votes were the result of a procedural dispute between the Democratic and Republican leadership over how many amendments should be allowed as FY 2010 appropriations bills reach the floor.

In addition to floor action, the House Appropriations Committee completed work on another four FY 2010 appropriations bills this week: Agriculture (unnumbered), Interior and Environment (unnumbered), Legislative Branch (HR 2918) and Homeland Security (HR 2892). The full House is scheduled to consider all three bills next week. In addition, Appropriations Committee subcommittees completed work on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs (unnumbered) and State and Foreign Operations (unnumbered) measures, both of which the full Appropriations Committee will consider next week. Also on tap for next week is subcommittee consideration of the Energy and Water and Financial Services bills.

In addition to approving its individual subcommittee allocations, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Homeland Security (S 1298) and Legislative Branch (S 1294) bills this week. Next week, Committee members are scheduled to consider the Commerce-Justice-Science and Interior and Environment measures at the subcommittee and full Appropriations Committee level.

However, as is almost always the case with the upper house, the pace of floor consideration of appropriations bills in the Senate will lag behind that of the House. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has set aside floor time next week for consideration of the Homeland Security bill. However, Reid has yet to schedule time for any other appropriations bills. The focus on health care and on confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor and the Senate’s history of lengthy debate means that the Senate remains the biggest obstacle to the leadership’s ambitious goal to complete the FY 2010 appropriations process prior to the start of FY 2010 on October 1.

**HOMELAND SECURITY**

FY 2010 DHS spending clears Senate committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of a FY 2010 budget for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) this week. Overall, the panel provided $42.9 billion in discretionary funding to the agency, an increase of approximately $2.9 billion over FY 2009 levels, excluding funds provided in the stimulus bill.

Committee recommendations for selected programs, with differences from FY 2009 levels (not including stimulus) and levels approved last week by the
House Appropriations Committee in
parentheses:

- $950 million for the State Homeland
Security Grant Program (same as FY
2009, same as House)
- $887 million for the Urban Area
Security Initiative (+$49.5m, same as
House)
- $356 million for rail and transit
security (-$44m, +$106m over House)
- $350 million for port security (-$50m,
+$100m over House)
- $380 million for Assistance to
Firefighter Grants (-$185m, same as
House)
- $420 million for SAFER firefighter
hiring grants (+$210m, same as
House)
- $120 million for the FEMA Pre-
Disaster Mitigation Grants (+$30m,
+$20m over House)

The Senate is tentatively scheduled to
consider the FY 2010 Department of
Homeland Security appropriations bill on
the floor next week. The House is also
scheduled to consider its version on the
floor next week. At this point, the
differences between the two measures
appear to be minor, and the bill is on pace
to be the first of the FY 2010
appropriations bills to reach President
Obama’s desk.

ENVIRONMENT
Senate committee approves Clean Water
Act amendments, but future of bill is
unclear. The Senate Environment and
Public Works Committee approved
legislation (S 787) this week designed to
expand the jurisdiction of the Clean Water
Act.

The “Clean Water Restoration Act” would
amend the Clean Water Act by changing
the scope of its jurisdiction from
“navigable waters” to “waters of the
United States.” Supporters of the change
maintain that the original intent of the Act
was to protect all waters, including
non-navigable wetlands. However, U.S.
Supreme Court decisions in 2001 and 2006
interpreted the Clean Water Act to exclude
channels in which water flows
intermittently or that periodically provide
drainage for rainfall.

Opponents of the legislation, which
includes the National Association of
Counties, argue that such broad-based
changes will result in over-regulation,
and that the Clean Water Act would have
jurisdiction over areas such as ditches,
pipes, streets, gutters, manmade ponds,
drainage features, desert washes, local
mosquito and fire abatement
prohibitions, and home rain gutters.
Neither the National League of Cities
nor the U.S. Conference of Mayors has
taken a position on the measure.

During consideration of the bill,
Senators Max Baucus (D-MT) and Amy
Klobuchar (D-MN) successfully offered
a “compromise” amendment that would
reportedly clarify the definition of a
body of water and would exempt
wastewater treatment plants and
converted croplands from the law.

However, the compromise amendment
did little to appease committee
Republicans, who unanimously voted
against the measure. Senator Mike
Crapo (R-ID) immediately announced
his intention to place a “hold” on the bill
prior to its floor consideration, a tactic
that is essentially a threat of a filibuster
and forces supporters to come up with 60
votes for approval.

The Senate has yet to consider its version
of the Clean Water Restoration Act, but
Chairman Jim Oberstar (D-MN) of the
House Transportation and Infrastructure
Committee has indicated that it is a
priority of his committee and has
supported legislation similar to S 787 in
the past.

WATER RESOURCES
House chemical security bill would
cover local drinking water facilities. In a
hastily scheduled markup this week, the
House Homeland Security Committee
approved legislation (HR 2868) designed
to give the Department of Homeland
Security (DHS) authority to regulate
security at chemical facilities.

Most local drinking water systems
would be considered a covered chemical
facility in the bill, given the large
amounts of chlorine that such agencies
typically have on hand. Local
government organizations have been
urging Congress to place drinking water
facilities under the jurisdiction of the
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
as opposed to DHS. Currently, EPA
receives threat vulnerability assessments
from drinking water agencies and there
is concern that such assessments could
be compromised if they are housed at
two agencies.

In addition, local drinking water
agencies are concerned with language in
the bill that would require chemical
facilities to assess methods that would
reduce the consequences of a terrorist
attack, including the implementation of
“inherently safer technologies.” In the
case of water agencies, this would mean
potentially expensive – and in some
cases not proven -- alternatives to the use
of chlorine.

There has been no date scheduled for
floor consideration of the bill. While
there is no Senate companion to date,
that chamber has struggled with the
matter for several years without being
able to reach consensus.

STIMULUS WATCH
Weekly update on stimulus activities.

Department of Commerce
The National Institute of Standards and
Technology released a report that
proposes priorities for developing
technical standards and architecture for
the Smart Grid funded in ARRA.
http://www.nist.gov/smartgrid/InterimS
martGridRoadmapNISTRestructure.pdf.

Department of Energy
Announced more than $453 million in
Weatherization Assistance Program
funding to expand programs in 15
states. This is the second of a three-step
allocation process used for the WAP
funding allocations:

Western states clean energy and green
jobs funding from DOE:
Department of Health and Human Services
The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is accepting applications for the Strengthening Communities Fund - State, Local, and Tribal Government Capacity Building Program. The purpose of the program is to build the capacity of government offices that provide outreach to faith-based and community-based organizations and to assist nonprofit organizations in addressing the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities. A total of $12 million is available for 48 awards and the deadline for applications is July 7, 2009.

The Health Information Technology (HIT) Policy Committee met to begin the process of defining “meaningful use” of electronic health records (EHRs). A public comment period on the HIT Policy Committee recommendations will be open through the close of business on Friday, June 26, 2009.

Department of Transportation
The DOT published a revised notice of funding availability for the $1.5 billion TIGER Discretionary Grant Program. The revised notice announces funding availability, project selection criteria, application requirements, and the deadline for submitting applications, which is September 15, 2009:

DOT guidelines to states for receiving High-Speed Rail Corridor funding:

GRANTS & NOTICES

The White House
President Barack Obama announced the “United We Serve” program to promote volunteer service this summer. A focus is being placed on health care, energy independence, education and community and economic renewal:
www.serve.gov

Environmental Protection Agency
EPA announced the availability of $10 million in Climate Showcase Communities grants to establish and implement climate change initiatives that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. A 50 percent cost-share is required for the program and the deadline for applications is July 22, 2009.
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

JUNE 24, 2009

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

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<td><strong>Cash Balance on May 31, 2009</strong></td>
<td><strong>$176,951,722.35</strong></td>
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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $22,704,449.94 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

Joel L. Wittrock, Assistant City Treasurer
## CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
### AS OF MAY 31, 2009

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FOR RELEASE: June 22, 2009
CONTACT: Pat Leach, Library Director
PHONE: 402-441-8510
E-MAIL: p.leach@lincolnlibraries.org

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Vacancy Announced

The Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries seeks a candidate to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Library Board. One seven-year appointment (2009-2016) is available due to the completion of a member’s seven-year term.

The Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries is a seven member administrative board appointed by the Lincoln City Council. It is the trustee's obligation to work toward improvement in library services through well-trained staff and efficient use of funds, to support adequate funding for library services, and to promote the best possible use of all library resources. The mission of Lincoln City Libraries is to foster the power of reading and provide open access to all forms of information to enrich people's lives every day.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest along with a completed Board Appointment Information form to library@lincolnlibraries.org - or mail to Candidate Search, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. The Board Appointment Information form is available from the Director’s Office by calling 441-8512 or by printing a copy from the library’s Web site, http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/board/boardappointmentinfo.pdf. Deadline for submission of materials is Monday, July 22, 2009.

After review the Library Board will forward information from all interested individuals to the City Council along with any recommendations the Library Board may have.

Library Board members must be residents of Lincoln.

###
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES BOARD APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

The purpose of this form is to obtain general information for use in the nomination and confirmation process for appointment to the Library Board. If you have recently prepared a biography or resume, please attach it to this form. Complete both sides and return to: Library Board, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 So. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Personal Information

NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

☐Mr.  ☐Ms.  ☐Mrs.  ☐Miss

Residence Address  Street  City  State  ZIP

Business Address  Street  City  State  ZIP

Residence Telephone (  )  Business Telephone(  )

Applicant Occupation  Employer

E-mail Address

To assist in the selection, you are asked to voluntarily provide information which is necessary for statistical reporting purposes. Under State and Federal Law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

Affirmative Action Information: Sex ☐Male  ☐Female  Racial/Ethnic Background

General Information

How long have you been a resident of Lincoln?

How long have you been a Lincoln City Libraries card holder?

Outline your experience in budgeting, human resources/personnel, accounting, technology/Internet, and legal matters relating to government or nonprofit organizations.
What are your goals and philosophy for providing public library service?

How does the First Amendment apply to providing public library service?

What background or experience do you have that would be a benefit to the library?

Please detail present or previous community/volunteer activities

Are you available for monthly library board meetings – generally Tuesday mornings or Tuesday evenings?

Are you available for weekday daytime monthly committee meetings?

06/09
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 1 at 3:00 p.m., County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in the Mayor’s Conference Room on the 2nd Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 441-7491.

AGENDA
July 1, 2009

1. Approval of meeting notes of June 3, 2009.
2. Review of Little Saigon redevelopment project, N. 26th and W Streets
3. Update on Streetscape enhancements on South 48th Street/College View business area
4. Staff Report: Lewis Ballfield Landscaping, etc.
5. Miscellaneous
Mark:

I would suggest a single page letter addressed to Mayor Beutler with copies to the City Council and Greg MacLean.

At this stage, creating an awareness of the urgency to complete Old Cheney is most important. I shared with several City officials, after the neighborhood meeting, the concerns of Edenton South residents on this road project. Surprisingly, one answer was that several of the Old Cheney residents opposed the widening. These may be those homeowners with backyards on Old Cheney, which is understandable.

Thanks for your interest and support on this matter.

Jon

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Dear Mr. Camp and colleagues:

THANK YOU for your prompt response. Considering all the road construction in SE Lincoln that has been undertaken to support new business in this area, I too feel very strongly about this relatively short section of road and the safety hazards that go with it.

Perhaps you can provide some direction to me: I am willing to be a citizen advocate to expedite the improvements on this section of road and am willing to speak to anyone about it and/or organize neighborhood support. However, I am not sure what is the most effective approach to do this (eg signed petitions, council meetings, etc.). Any direction you can provide would be most appreciated.

I would challenge that any other road improvement project planned before this one in 2014 does not exceed or surpass the Old Cheney road improvement in terms of safety and traffic flow in terms of prioritization.

Again, any direction you can provide is most appreciated. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Mark Kurtenbach
Mark Kurtenbach
Director, Strategic Sourcing & Site Logistics
Novartis Consumer Health, Inc.
Phone: +1 402 4676975
Email: mark.kurtenbach@novartis.com
Mark:

Thank you for your email regarding the need to widen Old Cheney Road between 70th and 84th. Although this is currently targeted for the 2014 construction season, I strongly agree the project needs to be considered much sooner.

Unfortunately, street construction funds are our challenge. None-the-less, it helps to have citizen input like yours to ensure the "squeaky wheel" gets the proper consideration and prioritization.

I am forwarding your email to Greg MacLean, the director of our Public Works Department and also to my City Council colleagues.

Best regards,

Jon

From: mark.kurtenbach@novartis.com [mark.kurtenbach@novartis.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 8:40 AM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Old Cheney Road Improvements

Dear Mr. Camp:

I am writing to you to voice my concern over the safety and traffic flow on Old Cheney Road between 70th street and 84th Street.

The lanes are narrow, there is no permanent shoulder, and the surface is in need of repairs. This section of road is heavily travelled, particularly during morning and evening peak traffic times. In addition, the traffic flow is increased when school is in session to transport students to and from Maxey Elementary in the Edenton neighborhood. This situation is exacerbated with a hill west of 80th street, impeding vision to enter Old Cheney Road from oncoming westbound traffic. Finally, no turning lane exists for traffic to turn into either the Edenton, Edenton South, or Barrington Park neighborhoods off of Old Cheney; this results in traffic congestion and poses a significant safety risk.

There have been many road improvements in the area in the past few years, including those made to 84th street and Pine Lake Road. My specific request is: When is this section of road scheduled to be widened or repaired?

As I have stated, there are significant traffic risks and safety hazards because of the current design and state of this road. I would appreciate any response you can provide.

Best Regards,

Mark Kurtenbach
mark.kurtenbach@novartis.com
(h) 489-8726
7811 Casey Lane
Lincoln, NE 68516

Mark Kurtenbach
Director, Strategic Sourcing & Site Logistics

Novartis Consumer Health, Inc.
June 19, 2009

Councilman Jonathan Cook
550 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Lincoln Libraries

Dear Councilman Cook:

I have mentioned before that I feel closing any libraries in Lincoln would be a step back. Our city is known for it friendly atmosphere and catering to its citizens. The library on 27th & South Street is located in an older part of town, but is still the center for many people, both young and old.

I voted in the last election for those I thought had a vision similar to mine. We have a great many things in Lincoln such as our libraries and parks. It would be a shame to see any of those go because of a turndown in the economy.

Please vote in August to preserve the libraries of Lincoln. Also, it would make it a lot easier if you had an email address.

A sincerely concerned Lincolnite,

Dave Scheffler
1801 Pepper Ave.
Lincoln, NE 68503
Dave.scheffler@crop1insurance.net
Memo

To: Council Packet

From: Dennis Bartels, Engineering Services

CC: Greg MacLean, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Tom Cajka, Thomas Shafer

Date: 06/18/2009

Re: JCookRFI#136

The developers of the Links of Lincoln have revised their PUD to show a plan for relocating the intersection of 1st and Fletcher north along 1st Street to a location where Public Works agreed that left turn access from Fletcher to 1st Street can be provided. There is no City condition of approval that provides a date for which the construction must be completed. The developer must final plat the property that includes the relocated Fletcher and the property between 1st Street and relocated Fletcher. If the developer chooses to do the final plat, the subdivision ordinance will require it to be completed within two years after approval of the subdivision. The developer's engineer has submitted design plans to Engineering Services for the relocated street but has not submitted the revised plans needed for construction approval. At present, the developer is under no obligation to the City to complete a final plat, submit final construction plans or proceed to construction. The developer does not have to construct the street unless he chooses.
Dennis D. Bartels

From: Thomas S. Shafer  
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 1:13 PM  
To: Dennis D. Bartels  
Subject: FW: JCookRFI#136

Dennis,

Can you answer this while I'm gone.

Thanks.

Sent from my Windows Mobile® phone.

From: Karen K. Sieckmeyer <sieckmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov>  
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 12:10 PM  
To: Roger A. Figard <rfigard@lincoln.ne.gov>; Randy W. Hoskins <rhoskins@lincoln.ne.gov>; Thomas S. Shafer  
<tsasher@lincoln.ne.gov>  
Subject: FW: JCookRFI#136

Please prepare a response and get me a copy.

Thanks

From: Tammy J. Grammer  
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2009 12:09 PM  
To: Greg S. MacLean  
Cc: Karen K. Sieckmeyer; Rick D. Hoppe; Lin Quenzer; Trish A. Owen; Adam A. Hornung; Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Jayne L. Snyder; John Spatz; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook  
Subject: JCookRFI#136

From: Jonathan Cook - RFI#136  
To: Greg MacLean, Public Works & Utilities Director  
RE: Road at 1st & Fletcher

Please find Request For Information #136 from Jonathan Cook. If you will send your response to the Council Office at CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov, in a pdf format, I will distribute your response in the usual manner on the Directors' Agenda. The Subject line need only read JCookRFI#136.

Here is a question from a constituent. Please send the answer to the Council Office and to me. Thank-you.

"When is the promised road at 1st & Fletcher going to be built? When they built the golf course, there was a commitment by the developer to move the 1st & Fletcher intersection. It's been quite some time and every morning there are dozens of cars doing u-turns up there."

Thanks,
June 19, 2009

Councilman Doug Emery
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Dave Scheffler
1801 Pepper Ave.
Lincoln, NE 6850
Dave.scheffler@crop1insurance.net
I have responded in every survey that money needs to go to infrastructure first. Streets are part of that. Our streets are in horrible shape. Start with O street from 84th to 72nd or Holdrege from 84th to 72nd. Why can't these be repaired/resurfaced????
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Amy Sack
Address: 2424 Ryons Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68510
Phone: 4025703225
Fax: 
Email: caredayquest@windstream.net

Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members:

I am writting to you with great concern for the future and welfare of the American Pitbull Terrier. Just a year ago, my only knowledge of this breed of dog was what I had heard from the media. Things that came to mind were Micael Vick, Dog fighting, dog attacks, and a volital temperment. Something dangerous and frightening. Since that time, I have learned that these ideas are forged in ignorance, propigated by the ill informed.
In November of 2008, our family decided to take the plunge and get our first dog. With not much knowledge of dogs, but a heart for animals in need, we frequented the Capital Humane Society until we found a cute little puppy we fell in love with. We adopted the most wonderful girl. A sweetheart who we were told was a "shepard bulldog mix." We named her Penny and took her to her first visit to the veterinarian who informed us that she was in fact a Pitbull. We were concerned. We have two children who are three and five years of age. So we began researching everything we could about the breed. Was she destined to become a ferocious man eater who would tear our children to shreds?
What I learned turned me into an advocate for this much maligned breed. Not only are they frequently the target of serious crimes and abuse/neglect by individuals of ill repute, but now also they are targeted by those who should be protecting them. People like you. Just a simple "google" regarding breed specific legislation will educate on the failures and just plain wrong of this sort of policy. These dogs are no different than any other, only wanting to please their owners. If any legislation must be considered regarding dogs, it should target dog owners who do not do enough to prevent accidents. A fearful dog is a dog who bites. This is easily prevetable through proper training, teqniques and prevention. Penny has been through several obedience classes and is well socialized and trained, just as any pitbull can be. Sadly, she is now 9 months old and was diagnosed with severe hip dysplasia, requiring major surgery. We have been so frustrated in the stereotypes and discrimination she faces that we are going ahead with her surgery July 1st in spite of what legislation may come in the city. Any city who would'nt want penny is a city we wouldnt want to live in. Please help protect innocent pets like Penny.

Sincerely,

Amy Sack
Concerned Citizen
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President/CEO, 436-5516
Community Health Endowment
Date: June 11, 2009
Re: CHE Announces Annual Awards

Community Health Endowment Announces Annual Awards

The Community Health Endowment (CHE) of Lincoln has selected the recipients of their annual awards. These prestigious awards were presented at CHE’s Annual Meeting with the Community.

Receiving the COMMUNITY HORIZON AWARD, which recognizes a person or group who is enriching the community by sharing their time, resources, and talents to make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation was, Pat Talbott. Pat was selected due to her commitment to community service and long-standing work as a mental health advocate. She has taken a leadership role in training hundreds of peer specialists to provide mental health services and providing hope for recovery to those suffering mental illness.

Receiving the CLOSING THE GAP AWARD, which recognizes a person, program, or agency that has made a significant contribution toward addressing health disparities in our community was Nebraska Appleseed. This organization was recognized for their continued commitment to advancing policies and practices for immigrant and refugee populations and its work in the area of healthcare access. For example, Nebraska Appleseed has made significant contributions to the Medical Translation and Interpretation Leadership Group of Lincoln over the past three years to advance policies related to medical interpretation for limited English proficiency groups.

For more information or for print-ready pictures of the award recipients, contact CHE at 402/436-5516.
June 24, 2009

Councilman Doug Emery
555 So. 10th
Lincoln NE 68508

Dear Councilman Emery,

The attached news article was brought to my attention yesterday and I felt I needed to send you a copy for your consideration. Everyone including “Home Builders” is looking for ways to reduce costs and as a means to stimulate the local economy through new construction the City of Menifee in Riverside County has reduced the amount of impact fees for a specific time frame or on the issuance of a specific number of permits taken.

I am asking for the City of Lincoln to follow suit and reduce the amount of impact fees paid for a brief period of time to help relieve the burden of costs on home buyers, which in turn will make buying a new home more affordable in this difficult economy. The Federal Government Tax Credit has definitely helped people getting into homeownership and I believe a reduction in impact fees would have a similar effect in helping home buyers purchase a new home which in turn stimulates the local economy. An Impact fee reduction should not be based on the size of home, income level of homeowner, or first buyer vs. move up buyer.

Sales from January though June of 2009 for Vistar Homes have totaled 15. Sales for the same time frame for 2008 were 9, 2006 & 2007 both equaled 19. I believe if it wasn’t for the tax credit my sales would have been no more than 9 and possibly less. My timeline is now over on guaranteeing to have the buyer’s home completed and closed before the November 30th deadline for the Federal Governments Tax Credit.

My history has shown that 80% of the sales for the year are complete by June 30th. So following the history of Vistar, I may only have 3 possible sales in the next six months. If we could get some type of reduction of Impact Fee we might be able to spur the buying for the last two quarters of the year.

We need to keep the Home Market active; as this continues to actively grow it will help all of Lincoln. I have also received today information from the “City of Hickman”, they have already begun the process of stimulating their economy by temporarily reducing building permit fees by 40%, I hope Lincoln will be able take a similar action with impact fees.

Sincerely,

Lois Hartzell
(402) 499-0207
lois@vistarhomes.com


5831 S. 58th Street, Ste. A • Lincoln, NE 68516
Phone: 402-499-0207 • Fax: 402-423-8832
www.vistarhomes.com
More Jurisdictions in California Slash Housing Impact Fees

More jurisdictions in California are joining the bandwagon of those who are reducing or deferring impact fees to help revive home building and their stalled-out local economies.

On June 1, the California Building Industry Association reported that the city of Menifee in Riverside County had voted five to zero to lower its development impact fee by $2,585.70 per single-family home, down from a previous fee of $5,185.

The council also reduced its staff hourly billing rates by 20% and said it would formalize a new streamlined entitlement process for development applications.

In an effort to further boost new home construction and sales, the city is working to establish a Menifee Money Program that will provide a gift card for buyers of new homes to be used at local businesses. The amount of the card will equal 50% of the home buyer’s first year’s property taxes.

The city’s fee reduction will go into place on July 1 and end on June 30, 2010, or upon the issuance of 500 permits, whichever occurs first.

The California home builders also reported that the Scotts Valley school district, which had the highest school district impact fees in Santa Cruz County, had recently slashed the amount charged from $6.31 per square foot to $3.27. On a typical 2,000-square-foot home, this reduction of nearly 50% will reduce fees from $12,620 per home to $6,540.

On June 4, the BIA added Santa Maria to its list of jurisdictions in the state deciding to reduce their development impact fees on home building.

The city council of Santa Maria voted unanimously to lower its fees by about 7%, which would reduce the cost of building a single-family home in the city, located in northern Santa Barbara County, by about $2,260. The reductions will remain in effect for the next two years.

The council also gave builders an additional five years to begin...
construction on previously approved projects.

"During the housing boom, many jurisdictions sharply raised the fees they charge new-home builders — and thus new-home buyers — by tens of thousands of dollars per home," said Mick Pattinson, a San Diego-based home builder and chair of CBIA's Impact Fee Task Force. "The average total impact fee today for each new home is about $50,000 statewide, and there are many jurisdictions where the fees total more than $100,000 — nearly as much as it costs to actually build many homes," he said.

"With home prices today half of what they were three or four years ago and builders struggling to compete against repossessed homes being sold well below the cost it took to build them in the first place, it's welcome news to hear that more jurisdictions recognize market realities. Reducing these fees help make projects financially feasible, and in many cases should lead to increased home building activity."

In addition to reducing impact fees, more than 50 jurisdictions across the state have deferred their fees from the time the building permit is pulled until the home is sold, which reduces the up-front costs to builders and helps make more projects pencil out financially.

"I believe that when the housing recovery comes, it will be the cities with the lowest fees that will benefit first," said Pattinson. "Builders (and financiers) are closely watching the fee burdens and those jurisdictions that substantially lower fees will get the early recovery in new-home construction."

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ON NEW CONSTRUCTION

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*Cost for NEW Single Family Residential Home Building Permits is:
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

City of Hickman
Building & Zoning Administrator’s Office
Phone 402-792-2212
Fax 402-792-2210
P.O. Box 127
Hickman, NE 68372
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- Adjacent to Stagecoach Lake State Park
- Close to Hedgefield Dam Rec Area
- Adjacent to 4-Lane Highway System (Hwy. 77)
- Interstate Access only 18 miles North (I-80)
- Major Airport Facility 20 minutes North (Lincoln)
- State Capitol & Offices 15 minutes away
- 12 minutes Southeast of Southpointe Mall
- 50 minutes Southwest of West Omaha Area
- Renowned & Growing Norris School District #160
- 7 New Residential Housing Developments
- 3 New Commercial Development Areas
- 24/7 Law Enforcement & Fire Protection (ISO-5)
- New Assisted Living Facility
- Licensed Preschool & Child Care
- Independent Weekly Newspaper
- Community Foundation & Community Organizations
- Tree City USA Award 17 years
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ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009

I. CITY CLERK - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

   MAYOR -
   1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of June 27 through July 3, 2009 - Schedule subject to change.
   2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: New Web Sites Offer Information In Multiple Languages.
   3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: State Approves Funding For Trail Project.

   DIRECTORS - None

III. COUNCIL RFI'S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL -

   1. E-Mail from Tom Shriner - RE: Item #17, 09-87, Comp. Plan Conformance 09006.
DATE: June 26, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of June 27 through July 3, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, June 28
• Trail Trek kickoff and dedication of North 27th Street Bridge and Mopac West Trail - The Mayor will ride a bike from the 9 a.m. Trail Trek start at Oak Lake Park, 1st and Charleston, to the 9:15 a.m. dedication at 27th and “Y” streets.

Tuesday, June 30
• Budget news conference - 1 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, July 2
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• Budget news conference - 10 a.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• KLKN interview on City's 4th of July activities - 11:50 a.m., 3240 S. 10th St.
• Budget briefing for media (information embargoed until Sunday, July 5) - 1 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room

Friday, July 3 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
• Uncle Sam Jam 2009 featuring Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra - 9:15 p.m. concert, 10 p.m. Zambelli fireworks display, Oak Lake Park (activities begin at 4 p.m.)
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Lincoln Comm. on Human Rights, 440 S. 8th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7625, fax 441-6937

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 26, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Williams, LCHR, 441-7624

**NEW WEB SITES OFFER INFORMATION IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES**

The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have launched new Web sites providing information on civil rights issues in a variety of languages:

* At lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rights), LCHR has anti-discrimination and informational brochures available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Arabic.

* HUD's Limited English Proficiency Web site (hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/lep.cfm) provides free information in English and 12 different languages: Amharic, Arabic, Armenian, Cambodian, Chinese, Farsi, French, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

“Our new Web site gives us a more cost-effective way to share information and updates with Lincoln's diverse and growing community,” said Larry Williams, LCHR Executive Director and City Equal Opportunity Officer. “An attractive and helpful Web site is just one more way that LCHR remains accountable to the people of Lincoln.”

“Not only does the new Web site make our process more efficient, but it is also empowering,” said Margie Kniep, an LCHR civil rights investigator. “The best part of using these technologies and media in the area of civil rights is the ability to further empower the people of Lincoln.”

LCHR is the primary City agency responsible for the resolution of discrimination complaints brought by individuals and serves as the civil rights law enforcement agency for Lincoln. The Commission also provides diversity education, conducts outreach, and offers technical assistance in order to foster more inclusive community relations.
The City has received approval from the State for $301,600 in funding for the Cavett Connector Trail project in south Lincoln. The project will connect the Tierra/Williamsburg Trail that ends near San Mateo Dr. with the Yankee Hill Trail near 34th and Yankee Hill Rd. It also includes a connection to Cavett Elementary. The Tierra/Williamsburg trail now connects to the SouthPointe Trail as well as the Rock Island and Boosalis Trails.

The funding is from the Transportation Enhancement Program administered by the State Department of Roads. The projected cost of the project is $377,000, with the remaining $75,400 coming from City impact fees. Construction is expected to begin in 2010.
RE:

ORDINANCES - 1ST READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (as required)

17) 09-87  Comp. Plan Conformance 09006  Declaring
approximately 21,300 sq. ft. of property
generally located northwest of North 23rd
Street and Q Street as surplus property and
authorizing the sale thereof.

I find it amazing that for the City to sell a 10 year old pickup truck with a broken windshield we have a public auction
that has been advertized to the public, yet to sell prime real-estate in the Antelope Valley it is negotiated behind closed
doors not allowing private developers to a chance to bid.

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