AGENDA
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009
(Immediately Following Pre-Council Meeting)
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113

I. CITY CLERK -

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Set On Centennial Mall Renovation (Council received on 11/02/09).

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Antelope Valley Bridge and Area Streets To Close For Deck Sealing (Council received on 11/02/09).

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Local Activities Highlight America Recycles Day.

4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler news conference to discuss public meetings on the proposed Lincoln Haymarket Arena development on 11/05/09 at 10:00 a.m.


CITY OMBUDSMAN -

1. E-Mail from Vicki Hessheimer regarding children’s safety in crossing streets to go to Schoo School, with response from E. Susan Gourley, Ph.D., Superintendent of Lincoln Public Schools.

DIRECTORS -

FINANCE/BUDGET -

1. E-Mail Memo from Steve Hubka, Budget Officer - RE: October Sales Tax Reports reflecting August activity: -
   a.) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b.) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2004-2005 through 2009-2010; and
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION -

1. Preliminary Plat #09001 - Van Derslice Addition (South 70th Street between Countryview Road and Rokeby Road) Resolution No. PC-01182.

2. Special Permit #804K - Taylor Meadows CUP Amendment (1341 Silver Ridge Road) Resolution No. PC-01181.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY -


III. COUNCIL RFI’S AND CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS - None

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL -

1. E-Mail from Andrea Davis - RE: Testifying before the City Council on energy rate increases.

2. E-Mail from Andrea Davis - RE: In support of the 2.9% LES rate increase.


V. ADJOURNMENT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 2, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
                        Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 441-8265
                       J.J. Yost, Parks and Recreation, 441-8255

OPEN HOUSE SET ON CENTENNIAL MALL RENOVATION

Mayor Chris Beutler today invited the public to attend an open house Tuesday, November 10 to
learn more about a major renovation planned for Centennial Mall. The event is from 4 to 6 p.m.
at the Scottish Rite Temple, 322 Centennial Mall. Free parking behind the Temple is accessible
from “L” Street. The design team – The Clark Enersen Partners, Bahr Vermeer Haecker, Olsson
Associates and Tom Laging – will present preliminary concepts for the Mall and gather
comments from the public.

The City has committed $2.2 million to assist in funding essential improvements to Centennial
Mall, which links the State Capitol to the UNL campus. The project includes new landscaping
and green spaces and addresses safety and accessibility issues.

“The City is committed to bringing key partners together to restore this historic Mall to its former
beauty,” said Mayor Beutler. “This renovation has been on the back burner too long, and we are
excited to help gather the statewide groups who will work to preserve and improve this public
treasure.” The Mayor said the City will reach out to other financial partners including the State
of Nebraska, the University of Nebraska and private donors.

Built in 1967 to commemorate the state’s centennial, Centennial Mall extends from the State
Capitol seven blocks north on what would be 15th Street. The renovation will create durable
accessible walkways along with expanded lawn and landscape areas and updated fountains.
Funding has not been available to make improvements in the past, and the Mall has deteriorated.
Future fund-raising efforts will include a plan to create an endowment for future maintenance of
the Mall.

“The Capitol is a popular attraction for the more than one million people who visit Lincoln each
year,” Beutler said. “Centennial Mall enhances the beauty of that historic building, provides
community gathering space and links two of our state’s most important institutions. This project
will create a place of pride for all Nebraskans.”

More information about the Centennial Mall project is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 2, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Traffic Operations, 441-8238

ANTELOPE VALLEY BRIDGE AND AREA STREETS
TO CLOSE FOR DECK SEALING

The Antelope Valley Big “T” Bridge and some adjoining roadways will be closed to all traffic for several hours the morning of Wednesday, November 4 for a bridge deck sealing operation. The bridge as well as all roadways between Military Road and “Y” Street will close beginning at 9 a.m. The west leg approach of Salt Valley Roadway also will be closed at 14th Street, prohibiting any traffic from going eastbound. The bridge and roadways will reopen once the material has time to dry, which is usually three to four hours.

The City’s Engineering Services Division and the Nebraska Department of Roads will spray a concrete sealant on the bridges. It prevents road salt and de-icing chemicals from penetrating the new concrete and extends the life of the bridge decks. The product is very sticky, so the roadways are being closed to reduce the risk of spray affecting passing vehicles.

StarTran buses and UNL Shuttle bus routes will be altered to accommodate the bridge closure. Lighted message boards will be posted to help route traffic around the area.

Antelope Valley is a flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization project in the core of the City. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7043, fax 441-8735

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 4, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043

LOCAL ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHT AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

A number of local environmental-friendly activities are scheduled in conjunction with America Recycles Day on November 15.

The City Recycling Office’s America Recycles Day pledge drive will continue through November 9. Residents can fill out cards pledging to increase their recycling efforts. The cards can be found at Russ’s Markets, City libraries and local recyclers. Residents also can pledge online at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: ARD). All those who pledge form are entered into a drawing for prizes, including:

- a computer system valued at $1,300, donated by Schrock Innovations;
- a one-year curbside recycling subscription, donated by the Lincoln Journal Star, Midwest Refuge, Recycling Enterprises and Star City Recycling;
- $100 gift cards donated by Russ’s Market and Wal-Mart; and
- free Panera Bread for one year.

The City Recycling Office will notify winners the week of November 10. A prize presentation is part of an event at noon Saturday, November 14 at Eco Stores Nebraska, 530 West “P” St.

The Recycling Office developed a pledge drive competition among local schools about five years ago. Coca-Cola Bottling, Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association and Midland Recycling will donate $250 to the elementary school, middle school and high school that generate the most recycling pledges per student. One school also will win a park bench made from recycled plastics valued at $459 from Precast Products and Landscape Village, donated by Firstar Fiber and Recycling Enterprises.

Several businesses are organizing recycling events on the morning of November 14:

- A usable latex paint exchange is set for 8 a.m. to noon at Eco Stores Nebraska. A two-dollar fee will be charged for unusable paint.
- An electronics recycling event is planned for 8 a.m. to noon at Techware Recycling, 1835 West “O” St. Fees will apply. Call 499-3103 for more information.

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- Wood waste can be recycled for free from 8 a.m. to noon at Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Ct. Painted wood will not be accepted.
- Free paper shredding will be offered from 9 to 11 a.m. at three locations - Midland Recycling, 440 “J” St.; Recycling Enterprises, 6100 N. 70th St.; and Shredding Solutions, SouthPointe Pavilions, 27th Street and Pine Lake Road (parking lot east of Famous Dave’s). There is a 75-pound limit per person.

Traditional recycling collection (newspapers, plastics, etc.) will be provided free of charge by Journal Star Recycling from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, November 14 at Eco Stores and Techware Recycling. Midland Recycling and Recycling Enterprises also will accept traditional recyclables as part of their paper shredding services Nov. 14.

For more information on America Recycles Day, visit www.americarecyclesday.org. To learn more about related events in Lincoln, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: ARD) or call the City Recycling Office at 441-8215.

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DATE: November 4, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss two upcoming public meetings on the proposed Lincoln Haymarket Arena development at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 5 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
OPEN HOUSES PLANNED ON PROPOSED LINCOLN HAYMARKET ARENA PROJECT

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged Lincoln residents to learn more about the proposed Lincoln Haymarket Arena project at one of two open houses next week:
- Tuesday, November 10, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., The Falls, 5925 Adams (Touzalin and Adams)
- Thursday, November 12, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Auld Recreation Center, Antelope Park

“We have done the due diligence necessary to make the proposed Lincoln Haymarket Arena development an enormous financial success that will create good paying jobs and take us a giant step closer toward being a leading 21st-century city,” Mayor Beutler said. “The next move is up to the residents of Lincoln when they vote in May. We are confident we have a great plan, and we want the public to come and review our work and ask us the tough questions.”

In addition to the arena, the development would include new festival space, an ice center, hotels, shops and housing. Beutler said a public-private partnership will result in four of every five dollars spent coming from private investment in new businesses and new jobs as well as tourism dollars. Economic analysis projects that 7,800 jobs will be created during construction of the project (employment for 2,600 workers in Lincoln per year over the three-year construction period). Long term, the project is expected to generate 1,200 permanent jobs and about $260 million annually in local economic activity—the equivalent of 65 additional Husker home football games per year.

Beutler said his administration has developed a “solid and conservative” fiscal plan. He said those attending the open houses will be able to talk with project team members about funding, transportation, parking, sustainability and environmental opportunities.

“I am confident that once residents hear the experts and see the plans, they will share my strong belief that the Lincoln Haymarket Arena is the right step in the direction of an even brighter future for Lincoln,” Beutler said.

More information on the proposed project is available at www.westhaymarketarena.org.
Congress approves new CR; House to take on health care next week. Since the beginning of FY 2010 on October 1, most federal agencies have been operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) at their FY 2009 funding levels in the absence of an approved FY 2010 spending measure. That CR is scheduled to expire on October 31, and since only five of the twelve FY 2010 measures will be law at the time, another CR was necessary.

The new CR, which was attached to the conference report for the FY 2010 Department of Interior-EPA appropriations bill, will fund agencies at their FY 2009 levels through December 18. It is likely that this will be the last CR, as Congress will almost certainly roll any unfinished FY 2010 measures into an “omnibus” package by then. In addition to the Interior-EPA bill (see related story below), the other FY 2010 bills that have been cleared by Congress to date include: Energy and Water Development (which includes the Corps of Engineers); Department of Agriculture; Department of Homeland Security, and Legislative Branch.

Meanwhile, health care continues to dominate the headlines on Capitol Hill, as House leaders unveiled their version of health care reform this week and Senate leaders confirmed that the bill they bring to the floor will include a government-run insurance plan from which states would have the option to opt-out. The House bill is expected to be considered on the floor next week (see related story below).

The Senate will attempt next week to clear two pieces of legislation that have been stalled for weeks. A measure to extend unemployment benefits for an additional 14 weeks also includes an extension until April 30, 2010 of the $8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. Republicans are insisting on offering an amendment to that bill that would sunset the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), an effort that Senate Democratic leaders insist is politically motivated.

Senators will also take another stab at approving their version of the FY 2010 appropriations bill for the Departments of Commerce and Justice. A Republican amendment that would require the 2010 Census form to include a question regarding immigration status is holding up that bill.

Finally, Chairman Barbara Boxer of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee announced this week that her panel would begin a markup of climate change legislation next week. However, Republican members of the committee have threatened to boycott the proceedings until they receive more information on the legislation from the Congressional Budget Office. In order to hold the markup, at least two Republicans must attend.

HEALTH CARE

House leadership unveils health care measure; floor debate set for next week. The House leadership unveiled landmark legislation (HR 3269) this week that would expand health insurance coverage to almost all legal residents of the United States by the end of the next decade.

According to a preliminary Congressional Budget Office (CBO) analysis, the bill would extend health insurance to 96 percent of all legal residents at a net cost $894 billion over
10 years, below the Administration’s target of $900 billion, and would reduce the federal deficit over the next ten years by $104 billion versus existing law and by a smaller amount in the following decade.

General Overview
HR 3962 would mandate that most legal residents obtain health insurance either through their employer or by purchasing coverage through a health insurance exchange. The health insurance exchange for individual coverage would include coverage offered by private insurers and coverage provided by a plan, popularly known as the “public option,” administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Individuals without employer-provided insurance who chose not to purchase health insurance would have to pay a penalty of 2.5 percent of their adjusted gross income. Employers with payrolls over $750,000 would have to provide their employees with health insurance or pay a federal fee of approximately 8 percent of their payroll. (In order to cover one potential gap that analysts found in earlier bills, HR 3926 would provide a tax credit of up to 50 percent of health insurance costs for small employers with low wages.)

The bill would also impose a number of changes on private health insurers. Under the bill, health insurance providers would have to accept all applicants, could not limit coverage because of preexisting conditions, would not be allowed to vary premiums based on differences in enrollee’s health or gender and would be limited to a 2-1 ratio in premium differences due to age.

HR 3269 includes a 5.4 percent surtax on individual incomes over $500,000 ($1 million for couples) and a 2.5 percent excise tax on the sale of medical devices. Most of the bill’s cost savings would come from a reduction in the annual growth of Medicare fee-for-service payment rates combined with an increase in Medicare payment rates to physicians for primary care services.

HR 3962 also includes a major new program that earlier versions of the House health care bill (HR 3200) or the various Senate bills did not include: a voluntary federal long-term care insurance program that would be available either through health exchanges or through employers.

Local Governments
Of interest to local governments, the bill would authorize significant new funding for a wide array community health, prevention and wellness and health professions training and education programs. Specifically, HR 3962 would authorize an additional $12 billion over five years for Community Health Centers. It would also authorize $6.8 over five years for a new Community Prevention and Wellness Services Grants. HR 3962 would also authorize $5.365 billion over five years for formula grants to state health departments and competitive grants to state and local health departments to increase core public health infrastructure.

Strategy for Passage
The House leadership appears to have crafted a measure that will garner significantly more than the 218 votes it will need to pass despite what will likely be unanimous opposition from Republican members. The CBO's positive scoring of the bill’s deficit impact will garner at least some moderate Democrats and it appears that the inclusion of a public option with separately negotiated reimbursement rates may be enough to mollify the liberals and cement the vote of most Democrats for the bill.

In the Senate, Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) continues to work with key senators to craft legislation that combines measures approved by the Finance and Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committees. Beyond indicating that the Senate bill will include some version of the “public option” and will finance increased health insurance coverage through a tax on “Cadillac” health plans, Reid has not yet released any details of the bill he will bring to the floor. However, he has committed to taking up a bill in November and has told senators to expect to be in session through as late as mid-December.

ENVIRONMENT
Congress clears Interior Department spending bill. Both the House and Senate this week approved the conference report to the Department of Interior and Related Agencies appropriations bill. The measure also funds programs at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The $32.2 billion measure represents an increase of $4.7 billion over FY 2009 levels.

Final FY 2010 funding levels for selected programs include (with changes from FY 2009 levels in parentheses):

- $2.1 billion for the EPA Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (+$1.4b)
- $1.38 billion for the EPA Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (+$551m)
- $100 million for the EPA Brownfields Program (+3m)
- $557 million for U.S. Forest Service hazardous fuels reduction projects that reduce wildfires (+$25m)
- $474 million for the newly authorized Wildfire Suppression Reserve Fund
- $79.5 million for National Park Service (NPS) Historic Preservation Grants (+$4.5m)
- $37.2 million for NPS Land and Water Conservation Fund statewide grants (+$2.2m)
- $167.5 million for the National Endowment for the Arts (+$12.5m)
- $167.5 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities (+$12.5m)

The President is expected to sign the bill into law prior to the expiration of the current Continuing Resolution on October 31 (see Congress story above).

PUBLIC SAFETY
House subcommittee approves Youth Promise Act. The Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security of the House Judiciary Committee approved legislation (HR 1064) this week that is designed to reduce youth by encouraging the creation of local partnerships to develop crime prevention and intervention strategies.
Under the legislation, representatives from local law enforcement, schools, court services, social services, health and mental health providers, foster care providers, community and faith-based organizations would form a council to develop a comprehensive plan for implementing “evidence-based” prevention and intervention strategies. Funding from the bill would be provided for these programs for up to four years.

The bill authorizes $300 million annually for assessment and planning grants, while authorizing “such sums as may be necessary” for implementation grants. Ultimately the congressional appropriations committees would be responsible for funding the programs. The legislation would also authorize $100 million annually for grants for the COPS Office at the Department of Justice to hire “youth-oriented” police officers to work with the local coordinating councils on prevention strategies.

Subcommittee Chairman Bobby Scott (D-VA) has promoted the Youth Promise Act for several years as a comprehensive manner in which to address youth and gang-related crime. No amendments were offered to the legislation during the subcommittee markup, and the bill was approved by voice vote. However, committee members are expected to offer amendments when the bill is considered during the full committee markup, which has not yet been scheduled.

The Youth Promise Act has also been introduced in the Senate, but no action on the bill has been scheduled. Additional information on the bill may be found on Rep. Scott’s website at: http://tiny.cc/jg7gy

**Transportation**

Stopgap spending measure also includes SAFETEA-LU extension. The FY 2010 Interior-Environment spending bill also includes a six-week extension of the law governing surface transportation programs (SAFETEA-LU). The law was set to expire on September 30 but has been kept afloat by one short-term extension bill, which expires on October 31.

The Senate made an effort this week to take up a six-month extension of SAFETEA-LU and pass it quickly under unanimous consent, a procedural move that requires the agreement of all 100 Senators. However, objections by a few Republicans officially derailed that process and stalled the longer-term extension.

Had the Senate been successful in passing a six-month SAFETEA-LU extension, it would still be at odds with the House of Representatives. Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) of the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee reiterated on Tuesday that he remains opposed to any extension of SAFETEA-LU beyond the end of the calendar year. Oberstar favors a short-term extension to keep pressure on lawmakers to adopt a full, multi-year surface transportation authorization bill, such as the draft $500 billion authorization bill unveiled by the T&I Committee in May of this year.

The stopgap extension bill will keep highway and transit programs funded through December 18. The Senate’s willingness to extend SAFETEA-LU for six months does show a possible openness to considering a multi-year authorization bill early next year. If the three-month extension favored by Oberstar is adopted in mid-December, it would have much the same effect as a six-month bill now.

The White House and Democrats in the Senate had been pushing for an 18-month extension of SAFETEA-LU, to insulate members from tough decisions on transportation financing, including the possibility of a gasoline tax increase, until after the mid-term elections in November, 2010.

In a related event, Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) announced this week that he would support “frontloading” as much as $150 million in General Funds in the transportation reauthorization bill in order to stimulate the economy. A number of Democrats that support an immediate multi-year reauthorization have argued that robust transportation spending would be an excellent job creation mechanism.

This week, a coalition of industry stakeholders, including unions, road builders, carpenters, general contractors, and public transportation operators sent a joint letter to Congress urging passage of a six-month extension.

**Stimulus Watch**

Weekly update on stimulus activities.

**White House**

The White House plans to release a new stimulus report on www.recovery.gov that details the number of jobs saved and created throughout the nation because of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Recipient reports were used to collect this data. The White House reported today that 650,000 jobs were saved or created because of ARRA: http://tiny.cc/s4Hh6

Recipient reports should be made available to the public on www.recovery.gov today, October 30.

**Department of Energy**


**Department of Commerce**

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration has delayed the First Round grant award announcements for the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program (BTOP) until the beginning of December. Grant awards were originally expected to be announced in early November. NTIA is currently finalizing a new request for information that will help shape the Round Two application process.

**Grants & Notices**

Department of Homeland Security

DHS announced it will be posting the FY 2009 SAFER Grants Program Guidance in the near future at www.firegrantsupport.com. Applications will be accepted beginning on November 16, 2009. We will include the guidance in the Washington Report as soon as it is made available.
Dear Ms. Hessheimer:

We in Lincoln Public Schools take the safety of all of our students very seriously. The accident you refer to did not happen on Highway 34, but in a residential area of the Highlands, specifically at NW 2nd and West Fletcher. The accident was investigated by Lincoln Policy Officer Nichol, who provided the following information to Bill Kuehn, our Director of Security:

The accident happened at NW 2nd and West Fletcher around 7:00. A car was stopped at a stop sign and the student was on his bike on the sidewalk. The student darted out in front of the stopped car just as the car started to pull away from the stop sign. The driver did not see the boy on his bike approaching as he darted right out in front vehicle as it started to pull away from the stop sign. The student sustained minor injuries and refused medical assistance. No ticket was issued on this accident.

I hope you find this information helpful.

E. Susan Gourley, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Lincoln Public Schools

Hessheimer, Vicky wrote:
This comes after a wonderful fall break. Now into only the 2nd quarter of this school year and only the 2nd day of this 2nd quarter a terrible, but yet not unexpected accident happens! A student on a bicycle is hit trying to cross the street to get to the wonderful new school across the very busy, dangerous, and under construction roadway. This city has admitted to its
failure in planning for our future and our students to get to this school, but yet their safety is still an issue. I have no idea if
this student was seriously injured or not. What I do know is the potential is there and something needs to be done before
one is killed! This is a reminder and wake up call for all of YOU to take YOUR responsibilities and figure out what it takes
in the interim to make it right. I realize it will take years to make it right for the long haul, but you have to make something
work in the interim you don’t just leave them hanging!

Let’s just say for a moment that this was a different type of situation and that the failure was that of not paying your
electric bill in the summer or not paying your gas bill in the winter we know that failure would result in no power or no gas.
This is very simplified I realize, however the point is that the consequence is severe and you would have to deal with it
immediately. So why do you all think that our student, our future is so unimportant that they are not worth dealing with
immediately? Do they not deserve the same? Should they not have some type of system in place to make their safety
number 1 right NOW?

As a concerned parent and citizen who lives in the Highlands I would like to see someone step up to the plate and make
some things happen for those kids who don’t have a ride everyday so their safety is ensured!
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I appreciate everyone’s time.

Thank you,
Vicki Hessheimer
Attached are the sales tax reports for October reflecting August activity. Part of the information we get from the Dept. of Revenue is a figure on the monthly sales tax collected on motor vehicle sales. This is collected when people license their vehicles rather than when they buy them. We received $483,093 from motor vehicle sales for August activity, which is the largest monthly total since August of 2007. It is clear that the Cash for Clunkers program has provided a temporary boost. I would also expect to see a boost next month in the motor vehicle number followed by a drop-off the following month. Otherwise the numbers are more of what we've been seeing. We are still comparing to months in 2008 before the economy nearly collapsed. (See attached file: Bfb091022-1.pdf) (See attached file: Bfb091022-2.pdf) (See attached file: Bfb091022-3.pdf) (See attached file: Bfb091022-4.pdf)

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Actual collections through October are .266% above projections for the year.
## CITY OF LINCOLN
### GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
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Year to date vs. previous year
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : November 4, 2009

RE : Preliminary Plat No. 09001 - Van Derslice Addition
     (South 70th Street, between Countryview Road and Rokeby Road)
     Resolution No. PC-01182

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2009:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Gaylor Baird, to approve Preliminary Plat No. 09001, Van Derslice Addition, with conditions, requested by Ramona Van Derslice, for three lots, on property generally located at South 70th Street between Countryview Road and Rokeby Road.

Motion for approval, with conditions, carried 8-0: Esseks, Cornelius, Larson, Partington, Lust, Francis, Sunderman and Gaylor Baird voting 'yes'; Taylor absent.

The Planning Commission's action on the preliminary plat 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.

Attachment
cc: Building & Safety
    Rick Peo, City Attorney
    Public Works
    Mike Eckert, Civil Design Group, 8535 Executive Woods Drive, Suite 200, 68512
    Ramona Van Derslice, 9715 South 70th Street, 68516
    Marvin B. Jaques, 6501 Vanderslice Lane, 68516
WHEREAS, Ramona Van Derslice has submitted the preliminary plat of Van Derslice Addition for acceptance and approval on property generally located at South 70th Street, between Countryview Road and Rokeby Road; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended conditional approval of said preliminary plat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission that the preliminary plat of Van Derslice Addition, generally located at South 70th Street, between Countryview Road and Rokeby Road, as submitted by Ramona Van Derslice is hereby accepted and approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. After the subdivider completes the following instructions and submits the documents and plans and 6 copies to the Planning Department office, the preliminary plat will be signed by the Chair of the Planning Commission certifying approval: (NOTE: These documents and plans are required by ordinance or design standards.)

   a. Revise the preliminary plat as follows:

      i. Make the revisions requested by the Public Works (Dennis Bartels) e-Plan Submittal review.

      ii. Remove the Notes common to CUPs as noted in the Planning review comments.

      iii. Delete Notes #4, 9, 14 and 15 as they are not needed.
iv. Make the revisions requested by Ken D. Schroeder, County Surveyor, in his memo to Mike Dekalb, Planning Department, dated October 20, 2009.

v. Note elevations are in NAVD 88.

vi. Provide ground water information to the satisfaction of the City County Health Department.

vii. Expand Note #18 to include tree types to be removed.

2. Final Plats will be approved by the Planning Director after:

a. The streets have been completed or the subdivider has submitted a bond or an escrow of security agreement to guarantee their completion.

b. The subdivider has signed an agreement that binds the subdivider, its successors and assigns:

i. to complete the street paving of public streets, shown on the final plat within two (2) years following the approval of this final plat.

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

iii. to timely complete any other public or private improvement or facility required by the Land Subdivision Ordinance which have not been waived but which inadvertently may have been omitted from the above list of required improvements.

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

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

vi. to complete the public improvements shown on the preliminary plat.

vii. to maintain the County roads in good order and condition including repair and replacement of paving as reasonably
necessary until the County Board specifically accepts the maintenance.

viii. to protect the trees that are indicated to remain during construction and development.

ix. to relinquish the right of direct vehicular access to South 70th Street.


ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney
Preliminary Plat #09001
Van Derslice Addition
S 70th St & Rokeby Rd

Zoning:

R-1 to R-8 Residential District
AG Agricultural District
AGR Agricultural Residential District
O-1 Office District
O-2 Suburban Office District
O-3 Office Park District
R-T Residential Transition District
B-1 Local Business District
B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District
B-3 Commercial District
B-4 Lincoln Center Business District
B-5 Planned Regional Business District
H-1 Interstate Commercial District
H-2 Highway Business District
H-3 Highway Commercial District
H-4 General Commercial District
I-1 Industrial District
I-2 Industrial Park District
I-3 Employment Center District
P Public Use District

One Square Mile
Sec. 28 T09N R7E

2007 aerial
TO : Mayor Chris Beutler  
   Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : November 4, 2009

RE : Special Permit No. 804K - Taylor Meadows CUP Amendment  
(1341 Silver Ridge Road)  
Resolution No. PC-01181

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2009:

   Motion made by Larson, seconded by Gaylor Baird, to approve Special Permit No. 804K, with conditions, requested by Ellen Hadley, for authority to adjust the rear setback from 30 feet to 23 feet to allow an existing patio to be enclosed, on property generally located at Silver Ridge Road and Teton Drive (1341 Silver Ridge Road).

   Motion for conditional approval carried 8-0: Gaylor Baird, Esseks, Francis, Lust, Partington, Sunderman, Larson and Cornelius 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 on the special permit 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  
   James Churray, Husker Exteriors, 5335 N. 57th Street, 68507  
   Ellen Hadley, 1341 Silver Ridge Road, 68510
RESOLUTION NO. PC- \textcolor{red}{01181} \\

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 804K

WHEREAS, Ellen Hadley has submitted an application designated as Special Permit No. 804K for authority to adjust the rear setback from 30 feet to 23 feet to allow an existing patio to be enclosed on property generally located at Silver Ridge Road and Teton Drive, and legally described as:

Lot 83, located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 10 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., 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 adjustment of the rear setback 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 Ellen Hadley, hereinafter referred to as "Permittee", to adjust the rear setback in order to enclose an existing patio on the property described above, be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of Section 27.63.320 and Chapter 27.65 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said addition be in substantial compliance with said application, the site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

1. This permits approves an adjustment to the rear setback from 30 feet to 23 feet in the Silver Ridge Condominium portion of the Taylor Meadows CUP to allow an existing patio to be enclosed.

2. Before receiving building permits the Permittee shall submit to the Planning Department a revised and reproducible final site plat, including five copies, of the Silver Ridge Condominium portion of the Taylor Meadows CUP to show an expanded building envelope and amended setback consistent with this request.

3. Before occupying the enclosed patio 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, and her 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.

7. The site plan as approved with this Resolution voids and supersedes all previously approved site plans, however, all resolutions approving previous permits shall remain in full force and effect except as specifically amended by this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this _4_ day of _November_, 2009.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

[Signature]

Chief Assistant City Attorney
Official Survey Record

LANCASTER County, Nebraska

ALLIED SURVEYING AND MAPPING, INC.
6120 South 58th Street - Suite "A" - Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

Survey of 1341 Silver Ridge Road located in SILVER RIDGE CONDOMINIUMS
located in the Southeast 1/4 of
Section 28, T. 10 N., R. 7 E., of the 6th P.M.

Sheet 1 of 2

October 8, 2009

Job No. 37062

30' building setback line

311.42'
N89°45'54"E

 property line

N72°31'15"W
61.69'

N72°31'15"W
61.69'

30.00'

Silver Ridge Road

Scale: 1"=30'

Signed this 8th day of October 2009

NAME DENNIS D. SIMONDS

Surveyor's License # 343
Nebraska L.S.

SURVEYORS CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have accurately surveyed the property in the above plat.
All dimensions are in feet and decimals of a foot.

N.A.

= Set

= Monuments Found as shown
**Inspection Activity**

A total of 3,823 inspections on 1,798 sites were made this year.

**Noxious Weeds**
- Made 679 inspections on 395 sites on 2,283 acres.
- Found 330 violations on 299 acres.
  - 242 musk thistle
  - 26 leafy spurge
  - 50 phragmites
  - 10 purple loosestrife
  - 1 saltcedar
  - 1 Canada thistle
- Found no violations on 68 sites.
- Sent 43 notices, 168 letters, sent 31 trace cards and made 70 personal contacts.
- Landowners controlled 260 sites
- Contractors controlled 4 sites.
- Inspectors controlled 16 sites.

**Weed Abatement**
- Made 3,144 inspections on 1,403 sites on 853 acres.
- A total of 1,430 complaints have been received 1,214 sites.
- Found 1,069 violations on 527 acres.
- Found no violations on 246 sites.
- Sent 743 notices, 497 letters, published 15 notifications, made 9 personal contacts.
- Landowners cut 889 sites.
- Forced cutting contracts on 152 sites.
- Cutting is pending on 20 sites.

**Phragmites Control**

A total of 50 phragmites infestations were found in the City of Lincoln with a total of 245 sites in the County. Over 25 acres were found on the North 48th Street Landfill. Arrangements were made to have this site and other larger sites in the County sprayed by helicopter. Response by all landowners including the public lands has been outstanding. Over 99% of the infested acres were treated this year.

**September Activities**
- 2 NAWMA planning meeting
- 3 State Fair booth
- 10 Management Team meeting
- 15 LPWMA Meeting
- 21-24 NAWMA Conf Kearney
- 25-30 Vacation

**November Planned Activities**
- 5 Dep of Ag Office evaluation
- 12 Mgt Team Mtg
- 17 LPWMA meeting
- 30 Monthly activity report
Hello.

I testified for the first time today.

Mr. Cook, I may have lost some members today when I gave my perception of some data I'd seen recently on gov't use of energy in Kansas City.

But I hope my efforts were not completely lost.

As a citizen, I feel like businesses SHOULD have tax benefits for employing workers. I do NOT ask citizens to sacrifice their shot at retrofitting their homes with efficient appliances after last winter's cold and rate increase.

I offered my home for a program to air on NET2 recently. I would save HALF my energy costs with a new furnace and heat pump. For the life of those appliances! And those figures I'm very sure of.

It was hard to ask my boss for time off to stand up there and basically put my circumstances out to the public. Without the help of a lobbyist. But it was even harder to be laughed at for trying to grasp what information I did not have.

Please ask businesses to be the ones to cut back on energy to keep afloat. As individuals, we are willing to give even more for the rate increases, just so we can do right by our own homes.

Andrea Davis
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Andrea Davis
Address: 2144 S. 13th St.
City: Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone: 261-5830
Fax: 
Email: andreadavis45@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Dear City Council,

A couple of legal reps stood up to support your denying LES's rate increase.

I believe that one of them said the big bang for your buck is not with individuals, and so the sustainable energy program should be cut for the year.

Because the city does not have the authority to audit businesses for their practices, I think they should be held accountable for conserving energy just as we individuals are.

If businesses are having trouble with energy, they can take advantage of the SEP program, too, and retrofit their largest appliances with high tech efficiencies. It is not just made available to individuals, but to businesses.

I believe LIBA's legal representation also said they didn't think businesses would stay here in Lincoln. I do not believe, in this climate, that there is anywhere better for them to go.

Businesses are reluctant to cut energy costs unless they are expensive (just like the rest of us).

Please support the 2.9% rate increase on November 13th.

Andrea Davis
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President & CEO, 436-5516
Date: November 4, 2009
Re: 2009-10 Funding Priorities

Community Health Endowment Announces Funding Strategy for FY 2009-10

During FY2009-10, the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) will make nearly $1.5 million available to improve community health in Lincoln and to achieve CHE's vision of "making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation." The amount available from CHE in 2009-10 is a 50% increase from total funding in FY2008-09.

Ed Wimes, Chair of the CHE Board of Trustees, says of this year's funding announcement, "CHE is pleased to offer added opportunity to inspire creative and bold ideas and to support projects that contribute to the health and wellbeing of individuals in our wonderful city. We look forward to assisting many organizations continue their great work."

The following three funding categories have been established for eligible organizations:

1. **Targeted Initiatives.** Up to $850,000 has been designated for targeted initiatives in the following areas:
   - Integration of behavioral health and primary care services at the People's Health Center;
   - Implementation of a two-year, public/private initiative to create a healthier, more active Lincoln; and
   - Implementation of the recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net.

2. **Open Funding.** Up to $200,000 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.
3. **SPARK! Funding.** Up to $100,000 is available from CHE's SPARK! Fund for one-time, non-renewable grants of up to $10,000 each. Funds are intended to ignite new ideas and to help develop bold and innovative projects that have the potential to make Lincoln a healthier community.

Applications for targeted initiatives may be by invitation only. Additional information, including eligibility criteria, deadline information and application forms, will be available at [www.chelincoln.org](http://www.chelincoln.org) beginning November 16, 2009.

In addition to new funding, CHE approved nearly $350,000 for ongoing grant obligations, including support of building projects for the Child Advocacy Center and Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach; Community Compass, a data collection project related to drug use in Lincoln; Project SOAR, an outreach program to homeless and near-homeless persons who are disabled; and Project ALL, a leadership program that identifies and encourages ethnic/minority individuals to serve on non-profit boards and governmental commissions.

For further information, contact CHE at 402-436-5516.
ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

I. CITY CLERK - None

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL -

MAYOR -

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Big “T” Becomes Big “X” (Forward to Council & copy sent out in their packets on 11/05/09).

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Final Leg of Big “X” Opens Ahead of Schedule.

3. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule Week of November 7 through November 13, 2009 - Schedule subject to change.

DIRECTORS -

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES -


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

JAYNE SNYDER -


2. E-Mail from Alan Matzner with response from Councilwoman Snyder - RE: NW 12th Street Overpass.


IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL - None
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: November 5, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

BIG “T” BECOMES BIG “X”

Mayor Chris Beutler, UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman and Glenn Johnson, Executive Director of the Lower Platte South NRD, will participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the east leg of the Antelope Valley elevated roadway at 10 a.m. Friday, November 6.

Those attending can enter from the west, and park on the new bridge/roadway. After the ceremony, you can continue east on the new roadway to North 27th Street or make a u-turn at a median break and go back west.

In case of bad weather, the ceremony will take place in the rock parking lot under the bridge, which is accessible from North 17th Street. More information on the Antelope Valley Project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 6, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Kris Humphrey, City Engineering Services, 441-7592
Mike Mascoe, Lower Platte South NRD, 476-2729
Kelly Bartling, UNL, 472-2059

FINAL LEG OF BIG “X” OPENS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The east leg of the elevated roadway near the Devaney Center opened this morning, about nine months ahead of schedule. The project completes the Big “X,” a major feature of the Antelope Valley Project traffic improvements. Cutting the ribbon to open the new bridge and roadway were Mayor Chris Beutler, Glenn Johnson, General Manager of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD); and a representative of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. The City, LPSNRD and UNL are partners in the Antelope Valley Project, which also includes flood control and community revitalization efforts.

“This is another important milestone for the historic Antelope Valley Project,” Mayor Beutler said. “An efficient transportation system drives investment, and the Big ‘X’ is one of the biggest traffic improvements in recent history. I want to thank U.S. Senator Ben Nelson for his terrific work to secure the federal funding to make this possible.” Beutler also thanked U.S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, a former Lincoln City Council member, and U.S. Senator Mike Johanns, a former Lincoln Mayor, for their continued support of Antelope Valley.

Future vehicle counts on the Big “X” are estimated to be 44,400 vehicles per day. The Big “X” also spans one of the busiest railroad corridors in the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) system. Before completion of the elevated roadway, about 48 trains blocked pedestrian and vehicle traffic for about five hours every day. The removal of the at-grade crossings has two more positive benefits: BNSF will now be able to expand the number of tracks and trains in the corridor. And the “quiet zone” – the area where locomotive horns are not routinely sounded – can be extended from 6th and “L” streets to 70th Street and Cornhusker Highway.

The east leg includes about 4,500 feet of new roadway and a 1,100-foot bridge, which required more than 7 million pounds of steel. The 220-ton steel “straddle cap” – the structural bridge base that rests on the columns – was shipped in three sections, pre-assembled and lifted in place in August 2008. The operation, conducted by Hawkins Construction, was the largest steel pickup in Nebraska history.

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The other three legs of the elevated intersection opened in 2006. The entire Big “X” project includes 1.5 lane miles of bridge deck and 7.5 lane miles of new pavement – 5.4 on the main legs and 2.1 on the frontage streets.

The flood reduction component on Antelope Creek, designed and constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is nearly completed. “The remaining work includes final grading and seeding in certain sections, and the final touches will be added to the low-flow channel and some of the amenities in the Union Plaza area,” Johnson said. “The new two-mile long open waterway is fully functional to handle a 100-year rain event without overbank flooding, essentially removing over 400 acres, 800 buildings and 1,200 residents from the floodplain.”

The waterway runs from “J” Street to Salt Creek at the future UNL Innovation Campus. It is anticipated that the Letter of Map Revision, effectively revising the floodplain for regulatory purposes, will be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency by August 2010. The next phase of the Union Plaza development is expected to start early next year.

In addition to Innovation Campus, other new investment in the Antelope Valley Project area includes the UNL’s renovation of the former Whittier Junior High into research space; construction of the new $53 million headquarters for Assurity Life Insurance Co.; and the creation of the Antelope Village housing development.

The Antelope Valley Project recently won a 2009 National Bentley Systems “Be Inspired” Awards Competition. The project received a Special Recognition Award for Sustaining Our Environment. Bentley System develops Microstation, the computer software used to design major projects. The project was nominated by Olsson Associates.

More information on the Antelope Valley Project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of November 7 through 13, 2009
Schedule subject to change

Monday, November 9
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, November 10
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
• Centennial Mall open house (*Mayor may attend*) - 4 to 6 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 332 Centennial Mall S.
• Lincoln Haymarket Arena open house (*Mayor may attend*) - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., The Falls, 5925 Adams (Touzalin and Adams)

Wednesday, November 11 - *City offices closed for Veterans Day*
• Veterans Day program, remarks - 11 a.m., Auld Recreation Center, Antelope Park

Thursday, November 12
• KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
• Lincoln Haymarket Arena open house (*Mayor may attend*) - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Auld Recreation Center, Antelope Park
• Mayor’s Commission on Women - 6 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
Mayor and Everyone,

I’m not sure that I can add anything to this report... except an enthusiastic and well deserved “BOO-YAH!!” for Lincoln’s water and the entire Lincoln Water System. Please check the following links and remember to drink plenty of Lincoln water. After all, it’s tasty and oh-so-good for you too.

A job well done and something we can all be proud of.

Greg

something you will want to see and probably share with the Mayor.

Omaha World Herald article.

http://www.omaha.com/article/20091105/NEWS01/711059913&SearchID=73371732902750&frompost=1

I looked up the Kearney Hub, and they had the same article the Omaha paper had in it. However, there is a video on this page that you may like to see.

http://www.kearneyhub.com/news/local/article_db7f413c-ca45-11de-a4ec-001cc4c03286.html

Allison Trentman
From: Jayne L. Snyder  
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 8:24 AM  
To: Valerie Meyer  
Subject: RE: Fallbrook Overpass  

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Jayne Snyder  
Lincoln City Council

From: Valerie Meyer [mey4015@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2009 8:44 PM  
To: Jayne L. Snyder  
Subject: Fallbrook Overpass

Dear Ms. Snyder,
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I am worried about the safety of the kids walking to and from School or the Y. There is an issue of speeding up and down the Parkway and the traffic congestion is overwhelming during the times when kids are being dropped off or picked up at school. There needs to be a consideration for speed bumps. We love our neighborhood and want it to remain safe and appealing to future homeowners.

Thank you for your time,

Charlie and Val Meyer  
6535 Saltgrass Rd
From: Jayne L. Snyder  
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 7:11 PM  
To: A. H. Matzner  
Subject: RE: NW 12th St Overpass

Alan - I share your concern and have been working with councilman Spatz to reach a resolution. I did run most of Fallbrook last Saturday morning and share your concern re the sidewalks up to the school and to the YMCA. I am working on the sidewalk issue.

Thanks so much for your input. Keep me in the loop.

Jayne Snyder  
Lincoln City Council

From: A. H. Matzner [norval1935@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 3:06 PM  
To: Jayne L. Snyder  
Subject: NW 12th St Overpass

Ms. Snyder,

The recent opening of the Schoo Middle School and Fallbrook YMCA are excellent examples of solid community progress and a testament to long-term strategic thinking. However, short-term considerations including child safety and traffic congestion have been woefully overlooked. To have spent 2+ years constructing the Schoo Middle school and to have put essentially no thought into how students would walk and bike there is at best a serious oversight and at worst unconscionable neglect.

I commute to work by bicycle from Fallbrook 100 times a year during all seasons and I have a very acute knowledge of the dangers of having to cross Highway 34. I am an adult and wear lights, reflectors, and helmet and am used to being in close proximity to cars, and I can say with some experience that the Hwy 34 and NW 1st intersection is one not designed for pedestrian or cyclist traffic. I wouldn’t want my children to have to cross that intersection with any regularity.

Thus, I am writing in support of councilmen Spatz’s proposal for a Hwy 34 bridge and pedestrian overpass at NW 12th street. It would be an excellent means of providing a safe passage for students to and from Schoo Middle school.

In the meantime, the city needs to provide additional traffic and speed signage as well as enforcement within Fallbrook to help control traffic speeds. Further, the city needs to place pressure on the State to provide even more caution lights and reduced speed on Hwy 34 during school hours. Additionally, there is sidewalk work to and from the school that needs to be completed so that students need not trudge across mud and dirt.

Please take this issue seriously,

Alan Matzner  
6820 NW 6th St.  
Lincoln, NE
Jayne Snyder

From: mey4015@aol.com [mey4015@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, November 06, 2009 9:13 AM
To: Jayne L. Snyder
Subject: Re: Fallbrook Overpass

Thank you for your response. About the sidewalks we were told that they would not be completed until the home development is done along the route. I can understand both sides of this issue, but the safety of the kids should be the first concern and there needs to be temporary sidewalks along the full route to the school. The YMCA needs to encourage safe driving of their employees coming down the hill. The neighbors in the area monitor this and can tell because they have on the RED Y staff tee shirts.
I worry so much about the kids walking.
Thank you for your support.
Val Meyer

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