DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents February Award of Excellence to David Rice.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Severe weather awareness week begins March 22, 2010.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Work to start on Superior Street bridge over Salt Creek.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Open House etc for new Boosalis Shooting Park.
5. Drinking water samples test for Total Coliform and E. Coli bacteria by the Colilert®
method of analysis.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference to discuss the City’s
application for the Google Fiber for Communities Program. Thursday, March 18th, 10:00
a.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, Mayor’s Conference Room.
7. NEWS RELEASE. City makes bid for Google’s high-speed experiment.
8. Mayor Beutler’s memo on the City of Lincoln’s new Facebook page.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
1. Commission on Human Rights meeting agenda for Thursday, March 25, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative amendments approved by the Planning Director from March 9, 2010
through March 15, 2010.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
1. Response to Lisa Pedersen from Scott Opfer, Street & Traffic Operations Manager, on her
suggestion of using cameras to catch red light runners in the City.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Project No. LCLC-5254(9), Superior Street bridge deck repair.
2. ADVISORY. Public Open House. North 14th and Superior Street intersection. Project
#701760.
WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

III. COUNCIL RFI’S AND CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1a. Correspondence from Randy Prince, E-Z-GO, regarding the City’s leasing of golf carts.
1b. Letter to Mayor Beutler, from Randy Prince, on the leasing of golf carts for the City courses.
2. Email from Amber Staehr regarding her claim against the City and the declination notice received from the Assistant City Attorney.
3. Letter from Bob Reeves. Delay a public vote on the proposed arena until next fall in order to evaluate locations and costs.
4. Correspondence from Jane Svoboda, Paradise on Earth.

V. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 15, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

MAYOR PRESENTS FEBRUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for February to David Rice, an Arborist with the Parks and Recreation Department’s Forestry Division. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at today’s City Council meeting.

Rice has worked for the City since 1976. Forestry Operations Supervisor Bob Weyhrich nominated him in the categories of loss prevention, productivity, safety and valor for his efforts to remove safety netting during an ice storm. On the afternoon of Christmas Eve, Weyhrich received a call that half of the safety net and poles at the Mahoney Golf Course driving range had collapsed onto Adams Street. The nets were loaded with ice from freezing rain, and high winds were causing the poles to snap off. Rice had the afternoon off, but because of his expertise on the 80-foot bucket truck, Weyhrich asked Rice to respond.

Rice worked for more than three hours in the bucket truck platform in wind-driven snow and below-zero wind chills. When he cut the bolts to release the net, the 60-foot poles would swing violently just inches from him. Weyhrich writes that Rice showed courage and commitment in dangerous conditions. He said Rice’s work to clear Adams Street and save the remaining seven poles was a remarkable and impressive accomplishment, and his expertise helped save the City any further loss.

The other category in which employees can be nominated is customer relations. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description.

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

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
LANCASTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
575 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7441, fax 441-7407

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 15, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Doug Ahlberg, Emergency Management, 441-7441
Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS MARCH 22
Public invited to WeatherFest March 27

Lancaster County Emergency Management Director Doug Ahlberg today urged all residents to create or review their families’ severe weather plans as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week March 22 through 28. Ahlberg also encouraged the public to attend the free severe weather symposium “WeatherFest” from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27 at Hardin Hall, 3301 Holdrege. WeatherFest is a family event focusing on weather-related issues.

“Flashlights and a battery-operated radio are essential tools to include in a family’s severe weather activity kit,” said Ahlberg. “But they are just ingredients that families should include in their overall severe weather plan. A good plan should include a location where all family members will report in the event of severe weather activity such as a tornado. And like any emergency response plan, reinforcing it on an annual basis is very important.”

Ahlberg said having a NOAA all-hazards radio to stay abreast of potential severe weather gives families the best possible chance of reacting and seeking shelter in a timely manner.

Ahlberg said tornados can happen anytime of the year, but April, May and June historically have the most tornado activity. He said tornados are most likely to occur between 4 and 9 p.m.

Ahlberg thanked the local media outlets whose meteorologists and weather forecasters have been providing severe weather tips in advance of Severe Weather Awareness Week. For the month of March only, the local monthly test of the severe weather notification system was postponed from the usual first Wednesday of the month to Wednesday, March 24 to coincide with Severe Weather Awareness Week.

This test includes the testing of outdoor warning sirens. Ahlberg said that citizens should not rely on these sirens as a substitute for an indoor warning, adding that local weather reports and the NOAA all-hazards radio supply the best, most immediate information. The outdoor warning sirens are designed to be the final warning to seek cover immediately.

For more information on severe weather preparedness, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: emergency).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 16, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Duensing, Engineering Services, 441-8401

WORK TO START ON SUPERIOR STREET BRIDGE OVER SALT CREEK

Work is scheduled to begin Monday, March 22 on the Superior Street Bridge project. The project includes repair of the deck of the bridge over Salt Creek just west of N. 40th Street and is scheduled to take about two months.

The first phase will include the removal of medians and structural work to move traffic from four lanes to two lanes on Superior at 40th and 33rd streets. This will allow two-way traffic to continue on either the north or south half of Superior during the project. Left turns will not be permitted at the intersection of 40th and Superior streets. Those wishing to travel west on Superior can make left turns at 44th Street.

The Superior Street Bridge deck repair is the first of the federal stimulus-funded street projects to begin in Lincoln. In February 2009, the City was awarded about $9.3 million in stimulus funding for streets and roads. Mayor Beutler added $6.9 million in local street funds for a combined roads package of about $16.2 million, which will cover about 20 miles of major street rehabilitation.

For more information on City projects, visit the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keywords: projects or stimulus).
NEWS
RELEASE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 441-7847, fax 441-8706

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 16, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Hiller, Parks and Recreation, 441-8266
Marc Rosso, HDR, Inc., 742-2900

OPEN HOUSE SET FOR NEW BOOSALIS SHOOTING PARK

The public is invited to an open house Tuesday, March 23 on the construction of the new Boosalis Outdoor Education and Public Shooting Park near 44th and Superior streets. The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m. at North Star High School, 5801 N. 33rd Circle. Those attending will be able to view the current plans, ask questions and provide input to the project team. No formal presentation is planned.

The City of Lincoln and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) are developing the plans in cooperation with those involved in recreational and competitive shooting sports. The plans include:

- indoor and outdoor rifle/pistol ranges;
- a 50-yard indoor archery range as well as 3D, 90-meter, and 10- to 60-foot field archery ranges;
- 13 American trap and skeet combination fields;
- Olympic trap and skeet;
- 5 stand sporting clays; and
- a restaurant.

In addition to the City and the NGCP, the project includes the support of the Prairie Bowmen and Lincoln Trap and Skeet Club. The project team also includes HDR, Inc.

The facility is still in the planning stages, and cost estimates have not yet been finalized. The project would be funded in part by the City, the NGPC and private donations. The indoor archery range could be built this year, and other parts of the facility would be built in phases as funding becomes available.

“Our goal is to provide more shooting sports opportunities that will increase youth and family participation,” said Steve Hiller of the City Parks and Recreation Department. “Offering more recreational opportunities can help increase economic development and improve our overall quality of life.”

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The Honorable Mayor and City Council

All of the drinking water samples were tested for Total Coliform and E. coli bacteria by the Colilert® method of analysis.

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Respectfully,

Sandra Irons
Nebraska Public Health Environmental Laboratory
Lab Manager

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DATE: March 17, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the City’s application for the Google Fiber for Communities Program at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 18 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 18, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

CITY MAKES BID FOR GOOGLE’S HIGH-SPEED EXPERIMENT

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City has launched its effort to persuade Internet search engine Google to build an “ultra-high speed broadband network” in Lincoln. The Mayor also is asking the entire community to show its support for bringing the Google Fiber for Communities Program to Lincoln.

“This presents tremendous opportunities for economic development, entertainment, entrepreneurship and education,” said Beutler. “Lincoln has the size, geography, diversity, existing fiber, technology, partners and attitude to make Google’s high-speed goals a reality. Lincoln can hit the ground running, with little lag time and red tape. We have a vision of assuring affordable Internet access for all parts of the City.”

Earlier this year, Google announced plans to test the network in one or more trial locations. Google is asking interested municipalities to submit applications, which the company will use to determine where to build its network. The applications are due March 26. The Mayor appointed a working group of leaders in business and technology sectors to work with the City to develop the application.

A resolution in support of the Google project, submitted by City Council member Jonathan Cook, will have a public hearing at the Council meeting Monday, March 22. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th St. The Mayor urged residents to visit Lnkap.org to find out more about the City’s application, become a fan of the City’s Facebook page or submit comments directly to Google. Lnkap.org also can be reached through the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

On its Web site google.com, the company says it hopes the experiment will lead to better and faster Internet access for everyone. The Web site copy continues, “Our networks will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today, over 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections. We’ll offer service at a competitive price to at least 50,000 and potentially up to 500,000 people.”

“Lincoln’s balanced mix of campus, urban, neighborhood and suburban living, as well as our wide-ranging climate make it an ideal test-bed for fiber delivery to our homes and businesses,” said working group member Bradley Walker, President and CEO of Nanonation, Inc. “Lincoln’s existing infrastructure and level topography could lead to lower cost and faster implementation of Google’s network. Add to that a dynamic environment of technology innovation in the private sector and a ‘can-do’ approach from City leaders, and I think we have a good shot at catching Google’s attention in this process.”

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Dear City Employees,
Facebook has become part of everyday life for many in our community. I am pleased that the City of Lincoln will now be communicating with residents through our new Facebook page: http://facebook.com/lincolnnebraska.
We encourage each of you to become a fan of our page. Simply follow the link in this email and then click on the “Become a Fan” button at the top.
Other cities already have thousands of fans, but I believe we will soon surpass them all! Please help us spread the word about our Facebook page so we can share our affection for this great city with the rest of the world!
Sincerely,
Mayor Chris Beutler
CONGRESS Readies Final Health Care Vote

CONGRESS

Members hoping to clear health care, jobs measure in coming weeks – but an earmark ban makes the most headlines. Congressional Democrats and the White House are working toward completion of comprehensive health care reform, with House consideration coming as early as next week. In addition, both the House and Senate are looking to wrap-up consideration of tax legislation that is part of the Democrats’ job creation plans.

Regarding health care, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) confirmed this week what has been assumed for several weeks: that the House and Senate would vote on a bill using a process known as “reconciliation.” Bills considered under reconciliation are not subject to filibuster rules in the Senate, so a two-thirds majority vote will not be needed to end debate and bring the bill up for a final vote. Use of reconciliation is rare, but not unprecedented – most recently it was used to ease approval of tax cuts sought by President George W. Bush in his first term in office.

Meanwhile, jobs-related measures are expected to be considered in both chambers next week. The House is scheduled to consider a Senate-approved package that includes extensions of a number of popular tax breaks. For the second time -- since the measure was slightly altered by the House -- the Senate is expected to take up a Jobs Bill whose centerpiece is a payroll tax credit for businesses that hire new workers. Both of those measures would be cleared for the President’s signature upon approval (for additional details, see March 5 Washington Report).

Finally, Members in both parties this week were tripping over themselves to make announcements regarding member-directed projects in annual appropriations bill, also known as earmarks. House Democrats struck first, proclaiming a one-year moratorium on earmarks directed to for-profit entities. House Republicans then one-upped the announcement by voting as a group to approve a one-year ban on requesting earmarks of any kind.

Senate appropriators made no effort to follow suit, but they will have to address the issue soon. Senator Jim DeMint (R-NC) is expected to offer an amendment to the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill next week that would impose a one-year ban on all earmarks, and while that effort is likely to be voted down, DeMint is expected to ask for a vote among Senate Republicans to adopt a moratorium similar to their House GOP colleagues. Senate Majority Leader Reid indicated that he would also like to address the issue in the near future.

While the earmark bans have generated significant attention in Washington, the gestures are largely symbolic and do little to reduce spending. In FY 2010, earmarks totaled 0.34 percent of the $3 trillion federal budget (and less than one percent of the $1.13 trillion in discretionary spending, or about $10.2 billion). And in many cases, the funds that would be earmarked by Congress will probably instead be distributed by federal agencies, in which case there is no savings.

JOBS BILL

Jobs bill continues to await Senate action; Miller introduces jobs measure focused on local government. The Senate did not act this week on a jobs bill (HR 2847) that has made a circuitous journey through the legislative process. The House voted on the measure two weeks ago but the bill needs yet another nod from the Senate before it can go to
President Obama for his signature. The Senate is scheduled to vote on HR 2847 early next week.

The core of HR 2847 is four major provisions:

- An exemption from Social Security payroll taxes for businesses for the remainder of 2010 for newly hired workers who have been unemployed for more than 60 days;
- An extension, through December 31, 2010, of federal surface transportation programs (SAFETEA-LU);
- An extension of Build America Bonds through December 31, 2011, but the program would be limited to bonds issued for specific school construction or energy conservation purposes;
- An extension of a small business tax break.

The congressional leadership remains committed to a multi-bill approach to addressing unemployment. In addition to HR 2847, Congress is working on legislation (HR 4213) to extend unemployment benefits and a wide array of expiring tax breaks and the leadership says they will schedule debate on subsequent jobs bills as well.

With the leadership exploring its options for future jobs bills, House Education and Labor Committee Chairman George Miller (D-CA) introduced legislation (HR 4812) focused on helping local governments retain employees. The bill would appropriate $1.179 billion for COPS Hiring Grants, $500 million for Firefighter Hiring Grants and $23 billion to help school districts retain teachers.

The Miller Jobs Bill would also authorize a new program, dubbed the Local Community Jobs Program, that would distribute money to states and local governments to help them retain employees, hire new employees and to help community-based organizations retain employees.

Funds would be allocated by a formula based on population, poverty and unemployment, with 70 percent going directly to entitlement cities and urban counties and 30 percent going to the states for suballocation to non-entitlement local governments, with the definition of entitlement cities and urban counties the same as that for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Each city could use up to 50 percent of its allocation to retain employees that might otherwise have to be let go because of budget shortfalls; up to 25 percent of its allocation could be given to local community based organizations that help provide needed services to hire people, and up to 25 percent could be used for hiring new city employees, or rehiring those recently let go.

This program would not have a local match requirement and there would be no requirement to keep employees once the money ends.

So far, the Miller Jobs Bill has garnered 23 cosponsors and it remains unclear whether the leadership will adopt any portion of it for inclusion in a future jobs bill and if so, whether they could craft a strategy for securing 60 votes necessary to overcome an expected filibuster in the Senate.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

FCC to reportedly back off of cost basis rules for franchise fees. After significant opposition from local governments, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is expected to shelve plans that would have jeopardized local authority over public rights-of-way in its National Broadband Plan.

In the 2009 economic stimulus bill (ARRA), Congress tasked the FCC with crafting a National Broadband Plan by March 17, 2010. As part of that plan, the FCC was reportedly considering telecommunications industry requests to include an interpretation of Section 253 of the 1996 federal Communications Act that would limit local governments to cost-based fees for industry use of public rights-of-way.

Since the enactment of Section 253, courts have repeatedly rebuffed industry efforts to undermine clear congressional intent on this issue. Section 253 clearly allows local governments to collect “fair and reasonable compensation” in a nondiscriminatory way for the use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers.

In filings with the FCC, local governments argued that such a proposal would result in a significant loss of revenue during particularly dire economic times and constrain local government ability to safely and effectively manage public rights-of-way. Local government organizations also point out that the FCC does not have the authority to craft a new interpretation of Section 253 as part of the National Broadband Plan and stressed that there are no documented examples of rights-of-way fees limiting access to broadband.

In lieu of the cost-based fees language, the FCC National Broadband Plan is expected to include a proposal to create an intergovernmental task force to study state and local telecommunications fees and practices. And while local government organizations were pleased with the change of heart by FCC commissioners, there is still wariness that the FCC could still set damaging precedent regarding rights-of-way fees in individual cases pending before the agency.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

House panel holds hearing on collective bargaining for public safety officers. The Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor held a hearing this week on legislation (HR 413) that would mandate collective bargaining for state and local public safety employees.

If enacted, the measure would mandate state and local governments to enter into collective bargaining agreements with their public safety employees. The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) would develop regulations and minimum criteria for state and local governments to permit public safety employees to form and join unions and bargain over salaries, terms, and conditions of employment. Under HR 413, state law must at a minimum provide the following bargaining rights to public safety employees:
• Grant public safety officers the right to form and join a labor organization that is, or seeks to be, recognized as the exclusive bargaining representative of the employees.
• Require public safety employers to recognize the employees’ labor organization and agree to bargain with the union.
• Provide for bargaining over hours, wages and terms and conditions of employment.
• Require enforcement through state courts of all rights, responsibilities and protections provided by state law.

The FLRA would review each state’s collective bargaining agreement to determine if it complies with the minimum bargaining standards. Those states that fail to meet the FLRA criteria would be required to change their laws to come into compliance, or they would be subject to regulation of collective bargaining agreements by the FLRA.

In addition, the FLRA would have considerable authority to, among other things, determine the appropriateness of the bargaining units, conduct hearings to resolve disputes involving unfair labor practices, and supervise and conduct elections.

Similar legislation has been introduced in each Congress since 1995, but has yet to become law. In 2007, the House approved a version (HR 980) but it never received a vote on the Senate floor and died at the end of the 110th Congress.

The Executive Director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities testified on behalf of the National League of Cities in opposition to the measure. A webcast of the hearing, as well as copies of testimony from panelists, can be found at: http://tinyurl.com/vcgwmyw

STIMULUS WATCH
This is the last weekly update of stimulus activities under the Stimulus Watch section. Stimulus updates will now be included in the Grants & Notices section.

Federal Reporting
The next ARRA reporting period begins on April 1, 2010. Reporting information can be found at: www.federalreporting.gov

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTIA has extended the application deadline for Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) projects under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to March 26, 2010. The application deadline for Public Computer Center (PCC) and Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) projects is still March 15, 2010: http://tiny.cc/h0iRe

GRANTS & NOTICES
Department of Energy
The Office of Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs is seeking information on a potential competitive funding opportunity for sustainable energy grants and to “determine the interest and capacity of local weatherization agencies to apply for and implement the Sustainable Energy Grants, and the types of activities that applicants would propose.” Responses to this RFI must be submitted by March 22: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=306

Department of Justice
The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is accepting applications for the FY 2010 Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative. Awards of up to $650,000 will be granted to support the successful and safe transition of juvenile offenders from correctional facilities to their communities. A 25 percent non-federal match is required. Applications are due April 27, 2010: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/SecondChanceActMentoring.pdf

OJJDP is also seeking applications for FY 2010 Family Drug Court Programs. Grants of up to $500,000 will be awarded “to implement new or to enhance pre-existing drug courts for substance-abusing adults involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse and neglect issues.” A 25 percent non-federal match is required. Applications are due April 27, 2010: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2010/FamilyDrugCourt.pdf

Environmental Protection Agency
The Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) is accepting requests for supplemental funding for Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) capitalization grants. OBLR plans to make $58 million available to RLF grantees “who have demonstrated an ability to deliver programmatic results by making at least one loan or subgrant” and who have significantly depleted existing available funds. Requests for supplemental funding must be submitted to the EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinator by April 8, 2010: http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-4965.pdf

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Workshops will be held around the country to provide information about competitive applications under the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grants program. Interested representatives from fire departments and non-affiliated EMS organizations are invited to attend the free, two-hour workshops. Information will be presented on program changes, program priorities, eligibility requirements, and the application process. General assistance in writing a competitive narrative for a department’s grant application will also be covered. Registration is not necessary. The schedule of workshops can be found at: http://firegrantsupport.com/content/html/afg/Workshops/Workshops.aspx
National Endowment for the Humanities
NEH announced the availability of $1 million in Challenge Grants. These capacity-building grants are for helping to secure long-term improvements and support for humanities programs and resources. Draft proposals are requested at least four to six weeks before the application deadline of May 5, 2010: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html

National Institute of Justice
NIJ is seeking proposals to conduct research on improving law enforcement policies and operations at the state and local level. Grants will be awarded for a range of policing topics, but those related to police legitimacy, police disciplinary practices, research on small-town and rural police departments and the impact of technology on policing are of particular interest. NIJ anticipates awarding 8-10 grants totaling up to $3.4 million. No match is required. Applications are due May 3, 2010: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000889.pdf

National Park Service
Applications are available for the Federal Save America’s Treasures Program. The National Park Service expects to award $14 million through 75 grants for “preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites.” Grants are awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar cost-share. Applications are due May 21, 2010: http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/application.htm

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services
The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2010 Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment Grants for Adolescents and their Families. This program provides substance abuse services to adolescents and their families/primary caregivers in geographic areas with unmet need. Over $10 million will be granted through approximately 35 awards. Applications are due April 23, 2010: http://samhsa.gov/grants/2010/TI-10-002.aspx
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, March 25, 2010, 4 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

I. Swear in new Commissioners

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2010 Commission Meeting

IV. Approval of Agenda for March 25, 2010 Commission Meeting

V. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause/No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR No.: 09-0901-045-E-R
      2. LCHR No.: 09-0923-049-E-R
      3. LCHR No.: 09-0923-050-E-R
      4. LCHR No.: 09-1012-053-E-R
      5. LCHR No.: 10-0108-001-H
      6. LCHR No.: 10-0113-002-H

   B. Pre-Determination Settlements
      7. LCHR No.: 09-0731-040-E-R
      8. LCHR No.: 10-0201-002-E-R (to be handed out at meeting)

   C. Administrative Closures/Withdrawal with Settlement
      9. LCHR No.: 08-0408-023-E-R
     10. LCHR No.: 08-0409-025-E-R

   D. Lack of Jurisdiction
      11. LCHR No.: 09-1125-061-E

VI. Old Business
   A. 2010 Civil Rights Conference Update

VII. New Business

VIII. Public Comments **

IX. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the commission will be allowed to examine any individual commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the commission unless invited to do so by the chairperson.
Memorandum

Date:  March 16, 2010
To:  City Clerk
From:  Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:  Administrative Amendment approvals
cc:  Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from March 9, 2010 thru March 15, 2010:

Administrative Amendment No. 09070 to Special Permit No. 228E, Capitol Beach, approved by the Planning Director on March 9, 2010, requested by Josh Schwartz, to reduce the side yard setback to 0.8 feet and the rear yard setback to zero for an existing boathouse at 222 W. Lakeshore Dr. The reduction in the setback will enable the owner to build a deck and cover over the existing boathouse.

Administrative Amendment No. 10003 to Change of Zone No. 04075A, Village Gardens Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on March 11, 2010, requested by Olsson Associates, to add Type B/C to the Lot Building & Type and Parking Matrices on Pages 14 and 16, to add a new use type for Type B/C - Bungalow Court on Page 20, and to add a definition for Bungalow Court to the glossary on Page 28, on property generally located at S. 56th Street and Pine Lake Road.

Administrative Amendment No. 09048 to Special Permit No. 07001, South Shore Townhomes Waterford Estates, approved by the Planning Director on March 12, 2010, requested by Olsson Associates, for an amendment to Note 8 regarding sidewalks to delete “placed 4 feet from back of curb” and to add Note 22 to clarify building setbacks, on property generally located at N. 98th Street and “O” Street.
Dear Ms. Pedersen,

My name is Scott Opfer, Manager of Street & Traffic Operations. Your question regarding using cameras to catch “Red Light Runners” was forwarded to me to answer. Actually, your idea is a very good one, however, there are two problems. First, the existing cameras do not have the capabilities to provide all of the information that our police department would need to ticket and prosecute “Red Light Runners”. “Red Light Cameras” have to be able to do much more than just video someone running a red light, which is basically all our existing cameras can do. Many communities to use special “Red Light Cameras” to enforce this obviously dangerous activity that seems to be increasing daily. This brings me to the second and biggest reason that we cannot use cameras to catch “Red Light Runners” and that is the fact that our State Law does not allow any City, County or State law enforcement agency to use cameras for traffic enforcement. The City of Lincoln has sponsored a bill at the state legislature to change this law, but to this point, we’ve been unsuccessful in getting the law changed. So, until our State Senators are willing to change the law, cameras are not an option.

Thank you for taking the time to write our City Council with your suggestion. We agree, that this would be a great tool to help make our streets safer.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Opfer, Manager
Street & Traffic Operations

-----Original Message-----
From: WebForm [mailto:none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 9:18 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Lisa Pedersen
Address: 2130 S 14th Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
Fax:
Email: lisap731@hotmail.com

Comment or Question:
Has the council looked into using the traffic cameras to ticket drivers who run red lights? It seems that at least one person runs every single light I am at on a daily basis. I think giving tickets from the cameras would cut back on accidents and improve the safety of all drivers on the roadway.
March 16, 2010

Project No. LCLC - 5254(9)
Superior Street Bridge Deck Repair

The City of Lincoln Engineering Services Division would like to take this opportunity to update you on an upcoming project in your area.

Cramer and Associates from Iowa have been awarded the contract for this project.

The contractor will begin work on March 22, 2010 removing medians and constructing paving for traffic crossovers at 33rd and 40th Streets. Once the traffic crossovers are completed, traffic will be maintained with two-way traffic on the south half of Superior Street. This will require no left turns from 40th Street on to Superior Street, but right turns will be permitted. Residents in the 40th Street area wishing to travel west on Superior will need to travel to 44th Street and turn left on to Superior Street.

The construction project should be completed in approximately 60 days.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry Duensing with Engineering Services at 441-8401.
PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
North 14th and Superior Street Intersection
Project #701760

A public meeting on the proposed design of the North 14th and Superior Street intersection will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29, 2010 at Lincoln North Star High School, 5801 North 33rd Street. The presentation will be at 6:00 p.m.

The City of Lincoln is planning roadway improvements to accommodate growth in the area of North 14th and Superior Streets. Two design options currently exist: 1) expand the intersection by adding lanes in all directions or 2) construct a multi-lane modern roundabout.

Before plans are finalized, the project team would like comments from the public about these two options. The public is invited to learn more about these options and share their opinion at the public meeting or through the project website at www.oasites.com/north14th.

At the open house, representatives from the City of Lincoln and its project consultants will be available to discuss the proposed design and answer questions.

If you have any questions before the meeting or are unable to attend, please contact one of the following people:

Jon Olsson
Olsson Associates
(402) 458-5614

Devin Biesecker
City of Lincoln
(402) 441-4955
Lower Platte WMA Award
BASF presented the Lower Platte WMA the Quality Vegetation Management Project Habitat Award for 2009. This awards program spotlights vegetation management projects that make positive environmental changes. They also received this award in 2005. Lancaster County is a member of the LPWMA and Russ Shultz serves as their grant manager. In 2009 the LPWMA with its many partners and landowners completed treatment of over 2000 acres of phragmites infested vegetated sandbars in 120 miles of the Lower Platte River.

Weed Awareness Insert
The annual Weed Awareness insert was published in the UNL Cooperative Extension Service in March Lancaster County NEBLine. It includes the 2009 annual report, phragmites control, Noxious Weed Control Act Revisions, a report on the Lower Platte Weed Management Area and a Invasive and Noxious Weed Alert List. Copies of the inserts are available at the Weed Control Authority office. The insert is also available on the web at http://lancaster.unl.edu/nebline/2008/mar08/weed08.pdf

Inspection Season
Preparations are being made for the inspection season. The locations of 1,007 noxious weeds sites found in 2009 are entered into a statewide mapping program that can be viewed on the internet at www.neweedmapper.org. The inspection information located on the Oracle weeds database which includes records since 1994 is reviewed for selecting sites to be inspected in 2010. Advance work orders are then generated. Two aerial maps showing the location of the infestation are attached to each advance work order. Inspectors use the maps to guide them to last year's location and for entering location(s) of infestations found. They place the inspection information on the advance work order and enter into their PalmPilot that is hot-synced into the Oracle weeds database eliminating the need for data entry by office staff. Additional work orders are prepared by inspectors when they observe other uncontrolled infestations and the inspection of complaint sites found to be infested. All active infestations can be seen listed on the Weed Control Authority Web Page at lancaster.ne.gov/cnty/weeds/ and click on Current Weed Inspections. You can search by address, Parcel ID, or owner's name. Or you can get a list of all the active inspections by clicking on the weed type of your interest.

The 1,069 2009 Weed Abatement Violations inspection information located on the Oracle weeds database is reviewed to determine problem sites that may require forced cuttings in 2010. Advance work orders are then prepared for these sites. Aerial photos are attached on sites with no situs address and/or vacant lots. Inspectors place a priority on making first and follow-up inspections on these sites. Additional work orders are prepared by inspectors when they observe other violations or complaint sites. Inspectors use a PDA for entry of inspection information for direct and immediate entry into the Oracle weeds database. This inspections information can also be viewed by clicking on Current Weed Inspections.

The noxious weed inspection season will begin April 12 and the weed abatement season will begin May 17.

February Activities
9-10 NWCA Conference North Platte
11 Mgt Team Mtg
15 Holiday
16 LPWMA meeting Wahoo
28 Monthly activity report

March Planned Activities
2 Combined Weed Program Report at Commons Meeting
11 Management Team Meeting
16 LPWMA Meeting
26 SE NACO Meeting
30-31 Spring spray seminar Hastings
31 Monthly activity report
31 Publish general notice
31 FY2002 budget to B&F Division
Council Members,

I understand that using the “piggyback” method to purchase equipment for the City is an effective way to do business, but I feel in this case it does not do justice. Please take the time to read the email I sent Mayor Beutler earlier today and consider the bid process for the purchase or lease of you Golf and Utility Carts.

Regards,

Randy Prince  
Sales Representative  
Upper Midwest Branch  

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Mayor Beutler,

I have recently been informed by your Purchasing Department that the City of Lincoln will not allow a bidding process in the leasing of golf cars for the City Courses. Purchasing has chosen to use a “piggy back” deal through the National IPA. The information I have obtained on the NIPA website is the purchase price of the car is around $4000.00, which is the price a lease payment is based on. Our car is priced around $3400.00. It has many excellent features, including a 13HP engine that gets 50% better fuel mileage than anything on the market. I feel the City is not doing itself justice by allowing only one bid, and I would love to have the opportunity to submit one.

E-Z-GO can provide a quality car, with excellent service at a good price. We compete with all local Golf Car Companies on a regular basis. We work close with Drewels Used Cars and E-Z-GO, a local E-Z-GO partner who has been with us for six years and a Lincoln business owner for many. All I am requesting from you is a fair shot at your City’s business.

Mayor, thanks for your time and attention on this matter.

Regards,

Randy Prince
Sales Representative
Upper Midwest Branch
Good morning Doug-

My name is Amber Staehr and I am writing you after receiving a declination notice from Marcee Brownlee, Assistant City Attorney.

I think the city should really think about paying back the expenses I incurred after hitting a huge pothole or at least paying 1/2 of the costs.

I pay city and state taxes every year and expect that with the taxes I paid they will go to things such as keeping the roads in working condition.

Regardless of the weather, it is the city's responsibility to keep the streets safe. It doesn't matter if it's 5 degrees or 70 degrees or if there are 3 workers or 50 workers.

I pay taxes so I can use the streets to get around the city. The declination letter stated that because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, their office can only recommend claims by paid when a legal basis exists. Basically, I paid taxes, the taxes were not used to fix streets, and therefore I shouldn't be held responsible for the damage. Also, in the letter they reference the pothole was actually filled 4 days in a row before I had hit it. I believe that statement is very inaccurate. After I hit that pothole I drove by everyday for 4 or 5 straight days and it wasn't filled once it that time frame.

The council needs to reconsider my case at their scheduled meeting on March 29th.

I'm very much disappointed in the city. Furthermore, the potholes on the streets right now are just as bad and I haven't seen 1 single pothole repairing crew in the last week and the cold weather can't be used as an excuse considering it is 30+ degrees. The city needs to step up to the plate and assume responsibility. If the city can't step up and handle the potholes, please hire an outside company that can. There are hundreds of potholes everywhere in the city that need to be addressed immediately.

Thank you for reconsidering this request.

Amber Staehr
March 16, 2010

To all members of
the Lincoln City Council:

I suppose I’m wasting ink writing
this, but I think you should delay
a public vote on the proposed arena
until next fall’s general election.
That will allow plenty of time to
know the true costs of cleaning up
the West Haymarket site and also
will provide time to reevaluate other
alternatives in light of what appears
to be increasing cost estimates for the
preferred site.

Lincoln needs a good, practical
new arena to replace Pershing, but it
doesn’t have to be luxurious and it
should be built in the best location,
both in terms of total land and dev-

development costs and in terms of
traffic and parking.

I’m still not convinced that the
West Haymarket site meets these
criteria.

RECEIVED  Sincerely,
MAR 17 2010  Bob Reeves
CITY COUNCIL
Dear City Council,

Can you have these two papers on the agenda for Monday at 2 PM?

Exterminations can end. We can have “I 25 do No Harm” Hospitals, nursing homes, psych centers. Just seize the building because a crime has been committed in it. Pull the alarm. Have every health professional give an oath of “I 25 Do No Harm” & pay for catastrophic care with property tax.

End hospices & palliative care this way.

New Laser tech like Laser therapy regrows neurons at a phenomenal rate.

This means no one goes into a coma for too long. Everyone can live to be 100! or more!

Sincerely,

Paradise on Earth

Jane Suzuki
I WANT HEALTH CARE A DIFFERENT WAY

$1 trillion health care bill is for only the uninsured 50 million or 16% of the population. We only take in $2 trillion in federal taxes in 2008 and we have a debt of $1 trillion. Our gross national product is only $14 trillion. We already outspend every nation in health care. This will take out half the money out of the federal government in one day.

We can’t possibly afford this socialist bankrupting health care plan.

We don’t itemize and we save a lot of money. We get hospitals paid by local taxes. In a town of 5,000 population we can pay for 10 doctors at $100,000 and 10 nurses and allied health professionals at $50,000 salary. We add $500,000 for machines and utilities and 500,000 for ambulance, film and lab tests. The total comes to $2,500,000. If the average property tax is 1% of the value of the house, by adding 5% we can have a hospital up and running free to every citizen in town. This means an average person spends $500 a year, I mean $500 a year on health in property taxes.

We just don’t itemize. We put up a banner that says “First do no harm” in the hospital with the Hippocratic oath with no advance directives, no exterminations ever. We care for the weak. Paradise is here if we use touch instead of exterminations.

A HOUSE WITHOUT A KEY:

A little bill for those with HIV was enacted for January 2010. We are providing complete health care for all persons with HIV that come into our country without citizenship.

What this really means is that we have no border control at all. You can be a citizen from another country and come here without a visa or immigration card.

Do you think we are going to ask if they have HIV and then they can come into this country only if they produce a document that says they have HIV and are foreigners? Documents can be forged so easily.

What this means is anyone can come into this country.

Your terrorist next door has come into our country, and will never have to study our country’s laws to pass a test to become a U.S. citizen. Obama opened the doors to our country too wide.

If we have more non-citizens than citizens we will have no freedoms.

We have to have the old laws back.

People with no discrimination is like having a house without a key. Anyone comes in to steal, rape and do away with the fool without a key.

No one has a house without a key so what do you want for your country?

Wise humans can enact border control today. Act that they take a test in English and law before entering.

COMMUNISTS EXTERMINATORS HERE

A real woman named Julie from communist China works as an ombudsman. An ombudsman is a person to complain to if you have a problem at your hospital, nursing home or psych center. She was asked recently “where are the rights for mentally ill?” She said there are no rights for the mentally ill all the five years I have worked here.

Then who does she work for when someone calls to complain?

Obviously she doesn’t know what a human right is. Obviously she has never had a human right. Obviously she is in a government position defrauding the U.S. government at the very least.

Add in that now the mentally ill can have an advance directive.

What does this mean? You go to the hospital and could be exterminated.

If a police picks you up and takes you to a psych center for no reason or as little of a reason as “You walked across the street funny” you could be exterminated.

No one should get police intimidation by being asked to go to a psych center. There should be no “power of attorney” law to let another person exterminate you. Mentally ill sometimes have to find a guardian that does not know the mentally ill personally and could exterminate them legally.

We would like the old laws back in place.
PARADISE ON EARTH
KINDNESS IS THE ESSENTIAL BEHAVIOR FOR SUSTAINING LIFE

FREE FROM EXTERMINATION

In a little town the people hear that parents of an ill child cannot pay their bills of $50,000 this year. Friends have a cookout for them and 500 show up paying $5 per meal. The parents receive $25,000 in one evening and still can’t pay half the bill. What of the 500 who agree that medical bills are too high?

MRI’s were thought to cost too much even in the 1980s when one MRI was $600. Surely the $125,000 MRI was for the first month and the cost of an MRI should have gone down to nothing instead of up.

A small town used to collect taxes to run the community hospital and in 1960 you paid $10 a day for the use of the bed. Today the same small town collects millions of dollars and puts a million dollar gym room in the high school. Meanwhile a townsperson pays huge amounts for a doctor’s visit. He pays the doctor, the clinic and the tests separately to a for profit clinic hospital.

What is happening now is a collection agency that tries to collect all of the $5,000 the first month you are ill and went to the doctor. You are ill and can’t afford to pay any of it, even with health insurance.

This never occurred in your parent’s of baby boomers life. An accountant at the clinic hospital just asks if you didn’t have the money whole could pay a little each month and that should suffice. Rarely the amount was more than a little each month for a year. This was humane service and the few that had long stays were forgiven the whole amount because doctors were kinder.

We can easily go back to the approach of our parents time and have every hospital paid for with property tax. Those communities that were poor could receive from a pool of money collected from several counties and be called the Mother Teresa pool.

If you go in to a hospital and they charge copay of a dollar soon they too might be charging too much so make the hospital entirely free of charge.

Advance directives are a systematic end of life of those that want no recreational drugs. In Amsterdam in 1999 health professionals were doing away with one third of all those in care facilities without anyone signing anything. Who is being systematically exterminated? Those exterminated were the peaceful persons who did not like recreational drugs.

This 2010 we see even Catholic hospitals having to ask a patient if they would like an advance directive. This is an infringement of government on a religious institutions that don’t believe in advance directives.

Advance directives are too easily a way for someone to take advantage of persons with “right to life and liberty” to be exterminated. The doctors and nurses would sign the papers later themselves and after the person has been exterminated.

Proclaim every hospital “right to life and liberty” because if one person loses their liberty, their freedom and is being exterminated this is not a free country anymore.

Proclaim every hospital public property tax funded locally and not allow federal government to have any advance directives.

Make every hospital free and give us cement floors and bare light bulbs and the best low fallutin answers. If an MRI machine costs $125,000 then let nobody add a cent more to the local accountant’s books. Proclaim every hospital free, let local taxes pay for it and let everyone be free from exterminations!

If a crime is committed with a car the car is seized and sold at auction. Crimes have been committed in hospitals. Persons have been exterminated.

A city can seize property of a hospital since crimes have been committed in the hospital. All health professionals lose their jobs and the next day most can be rehired with locally run hospitals with no exterminations. Any advance directives are a crime.

Americans never need a law that make any citizen too easy to be exterminated.

Let the Hippocratic oath be a sign in gold in every hospital foyer. “First do no harm”. We make a paradise by caring for weak persons.
ADDENDUM TO DIRECTORS’ AGENDA MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS TO COUNCIL

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for week of March 20th through March 26, 2010.

DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. City Board of Zoning Appeals March 2010 meeting cancelled.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES ADVISORY
1. Public Open House. Public improvement project near 14th and Highway 2, Project #702402.

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

V. INVITATIONS

1. Lower Platte South Natural Resources Public Improvement Project Open House
   Re: 14th & Highway 2
   Scott Middle School
   2200 Pine Lake Road
   Thursday, March 25, 2010
   4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

2. Easterday Recreation Center
   6130 Adams Street
   RSVP: 441.7901 for lunch by 04.13.10
   Thursday, April 15, 2010
   11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
   12:30 p.m. Guest Presentation
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of March 20 through 26, 2010
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, March 20
• “Wine, Chocolate and Tango” (El Centro de las Americas fundraiser) - 8 p.m., DelRay Ballroom, 817 “R” St.

Wednesday, March 24
• KLIN Jack and John Morning Show - 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House/NRG Media, 4343 “O” St.

Thursday, March 25
• KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
The March 2010 City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting has been cancelled as no applications were received prior to the deadline.

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

Michele Abendroth
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6164
The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 106, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 441-7491.

**Agenda of March 25, 2010**

1. Approval of meeting notes of [December 17, 2009](#) and [February 25, 2010](#)

**Hearing and Action**

2. The Clark Enersen Partners, on behalf of Lincoln Public Schools, request a certificate of appropriateness for a master plan for Beechner Athletic Complex, Lincoln High School, 21st and J Streets

3. The Lincoln Building and Safety Department requests a certificate of appropriateness for demolition of a dangerous building at 610 S. 17th Street ("The Juliet")

4. Community Action (formerly Lincoln Action Program) requests a certificate of appropriateness for work at 1448 E Street, "The Gathering Place"

**Update and Discussion**

5. Staff report/misc.: [2009 Annual Report](#), Centennial Mall redesign and legislation, etc.
March 19, 2010

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE
Public Improvement Project Near 14th and Highway 2
Project #702402

You are invited to attend an open house for the proposed design of flood reduction measures to Beal Slough at South 14th Street and Highway 2 near the Nebraska State Penitentiary and the re-design of the South 14th Street bridge over Beal Slough. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Scott Middle School, 2200 Pine Lake Road. A short presentation will begin at 5:15 p.m.

The goals of the project are to:
- reduce the extent of the floodplain at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and on properties upstream of South 14th Street.
- stabilize the bed and banks of Beal Slough.
- mitigate the impact downstream from project construction.

The project includes channel improvements, low water crossings, channel stability measures, and reconstruction of the South 14th Street bridge over Beal Slough located just north of the intersection of South 14th Street and Center Park Road.

Construction is expected to begin early 2011. At the open house, representatives of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD), the City of Lincoln, and project consultants will be available to discuss the proposed design and answer questions. Traffic concepts and phasing options for the bridge reconstruction will be presented. Attendees are encouraged to provide feedback. If you have any questions before the meeting or are unable to attend and would like information, please contact one of the following people:

Carter Hubbard
Olsson Associates
(402) 458-5948

Devin Biesecker
City of Lincoln
(402) 441-4955
Open House about Public Improvement Project
Near 14th and Hwy. 2 Set for March 25

You're invited to an open house on the proposed design of flood reduction measures to Beal Slough at S. 14th Street and Hwy. 2 near the Nebraska State Penitentiary and the redesign of the S. 14th Street Bridge over Beal Slough.

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- Mitigate the impact downstream from project construction

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At the open house, representatives of the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (NRD), City of Lincoln, and project consultants will be available to discuss the proposed design and answer questions. Traffic concepts and phasing options for the bridge reconstruction will be presented, and you're encouraged to provide feedback.

If you have any questions before the meeting or are unable to attend and would like information, please contact either Carter Hubbard with Olsson Associates at 402-458-5948, or Ed Ubben with the Lower Platte South NRD at 402-476-2729.

This project is funded primarily by FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) program. Funding partners include the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, and the City of Lincoln.
Adult Day Structure Program
FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to join us in recognizing our “True Colors”

Easterday Recreation Center
6130 Adams Street
Lincoln, NE 68507

WHAT:
Day Structure I (Adults with Mental Health Issues)
Day Structure II (Adults with Medical/Physical Health Support Needs)

WHEN:
Thursday April 15th, 2010
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Guest Presentation

WHY:
* Visit, tour, and learn more about our Programs!
* Meet the staff and spend time with our Easterday Family!
* View pictures and posters of our Programs and Community Outings!
* Get answers to any of your questions!
* Enjoy lunch with us at noon!
* Special Recognitions and Awards after lunch!

Please RSVP to 441-7901 for lunch by Tuesday April 13th, 2010