DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2010
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 1:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
   1. NEWS RELEASE. Stimulus project to begin in area of 70th and Cornhusker.
   2. NEWS RELEASE. Portion of K Street to close Thursday night.

WEST HAYMARKET JPA
   1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting agenda for Friday, August 13, 2010.
   3. West Haymarket JPA website address.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT
   1. Board of Health meeting minutes of June 8, 2010.
   3. NEWS RELEASE. Wanted: Help to Clean Up Litter at Area Lakes and Streams.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
   1. List of Administrative Amendments approved by the Planning Director from August 3, 2010 through August 9, 2010.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
   1. Memorandum on upcoming resolution for a Stormwater Bond issue on the November 2, 2010 ballot from Ben Higgins, senior engineer.

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

JON CAMP
   1. Request to Public Works on the Stormwater Bond issue (#1 - Public Works & Utilities/Watershed Management) for breakdown within the categories of individual project anticipated costs.
   2. Response to Councilman Camp’s request from Ben Higgins of individual anticipated costs for the November 2, 2010 Stormwater Bond issue.
3. Question to Ben Higgins if any of the projects would be reimbursable from Tax Increment Fund (TIF).
4. Ben Higgins reply regarding Tax Increment Funds.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

No. 1 through No. 38 delivered to Council Members before Meeting on 08.12.10

1. Marvin Thompson. Keep support for the Band in the budget. Enhances the enjoyment of living in Lincoln.
4. Brian and Brenda Wandzilak. We need someone to care for our trees making sure that resource is around for future generations.
5. Dan Schlitt. Disappointed in the way Lincoln has made repeated cuts in city services. Hope the Council refuses to use the one-time funds and instead would make a small increase in the property tax to provide the funds.
6. Gene and Louanne Cook. The Lincoln Municipal Band is important not only to us but many others in Lincoln. It’s a 104 year old tradition of band concerts in Antelope Park.
7. Kenneth D. Frank. Not wise to cut the forestry division or the municipal band.
8. John E. and Alene J. Holt. Do not take away the Lincoln Municipal Band. One of the few forms of entertainment all people enjoy.

Form letter sent to Council stating - Do not eliminate our City Forester, or the two Arborists and the number of tree crews from five to four giving reasons to retain. Received from:
9. Twae 38939;
10. Ruffes 45423;
11. Purfle 35667; and

13. Terry Hiatt. Reconsider funding the Municipal Band for next year.
14. Dewaine Alcorn. Cutting $1000 from the Municipal Band damages the concert season, but the budget cut of $9000 would kill the concert season for the Band.
15. Beth Thacker. On Lincoln’s parking meters, look into purchasing the system which services a block of parking spaces instead of one meter for one and/or two parking spaces.
16. InterLinc correspondence from Pat Freese. Large impact on budgets result from salaries and benefit packages.
17. Email from Pat Anderson-Sifuentez addressing some budget items. (Delivered to Council before meeting on 08.09.10)
18. Letter from Glenda Peterson commenting on the funding for the City Forester position. (Delivered to Council before meeting on 08.09.10)
19. Telephone message from Alan More commenting on the City Forester and PSO positions and possibly how to retain.
20. Telephone message from Jeff Klintberg requesting funding not be cut for the Lincoln Municipal Band, giving reasons.
22. Dean Haist, Executive Director, Lincoln Municipal Band. Reconsider plan to cut all 
funding for the free Lincoln Municipal Band concerts in Antelope Park.
23. Mary Geisler. Budget suggestion is to Cut Across the Board. Also, the city arborist needs 
to be kept.
24. InterLinc correspondence from Mikayla Lund. The 2:00 a.m. bar closing time will benefit 
Lincoln.
25. InterLinc correspondence from Jude Cox. As a taxpayer do want the bars to stay open until 
2:00 a.m. Do what the general public wants.
26. InterLinc correspondence from Catherine Herzberg. Leave the bar closing time at 1:00 
am.
27. InterLinc correspondence from Brian Doty. Approve to extend the closing time of 
restaurants and bars to 2:00 a.m.
28. InterLinc correspondence from James McClelland. Willing to pay higher property taxes if 
necessary to save the City Forester and tackle our sagging infrastructure.
29. InterLinc correspondence from Justin Young. Do support the 2:00 a.m. bar closing time.
30. Email from Paul Madvig. Raise taxes to fund needed components in Lincoln, such as the 
free Municipal Band concerts. The $9000 would cut all the funding for the band.
31. Ric Ricker. Do not remove any funding for the tradition of free music in the park by the 
Lincoln Municipal Band. Do what is necessary to fund.
32. InterLinc correspondence from Kim Wimberly. Extend bar closing time to 2:00 a.m.
33. InterLinc correspondence from Terry Nelson. In favor of the 2:00 a.m. bar closing time.
34. InterLinc correspondence from Mike Figueroa. In support of the 2:00 a.m. bar closing 
time.
35. InterLinc correspondence from John Hamilton. Support the resolution to allow bars to stay 
open until 2:00 a.m.
36. InterLinc correspondence from Jim Brodhagen. Disappointed if leaving the bar closing 
time at 1:00 a.m.
37. InterLinc correspondence from Brock Minert. Strongly consider the 2:00 a.m. bar closing 
time.
38. Email from Richard Goodban. Do not eliminate the City Forester or the Lincoln Municipal 
Band.
39. InterLinc correspondence from Bailey McAllister supporting the bar closing time of 2:00 
am.
40. InterLinc correspondence from Kyle Klems. Leave the Lincoln city bars closing time at 
1:00 a.m.
41. Email from Ardiss Cederholm. Do not cut funds from the Lincoln Municipal Band. It is a 
104 year old tradition.
42. Letter from Twila Wilson listing reasons to keep the bar closing time at 1:00 a.m.
43. Letter from Wallace Becker, an advocate of extending the bar closing time to 2:00 a.m. 
and giving reasons.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
STIMULUS PROJECT TO BEGIN IN AREA OF 70TH AND CORNHUSKER

The north half of the N. 70th Street and Cornhusker Highway (Highway 6) intersection is scheduled to close for construction at 6 p.m. Friday, August 13, weather permitting. The westbound lanes of Cornhusker at 70th will be replaced with concrete. N. 70th Street is scheduled to reopen to northbound and southbound traffic the morning of Monday, August 16. The westbound lanes of Cornhusker Highway from Russell Drive to 70th Street will remain closed for the overlay of new asphalt. The contractor, Pavers Inc., has 18 days to complete the project.

The eastbound lanes of Cornhusker Highway and 70th Street south of Cornhusker will remain open during this construction. The City will work with local businesses to maintain access during construction. Recommended detour routes are as follows:

- Westbound traffic: Take the “70th Street South” exit off Cornhusker onto N. Cotner Blvd, which will lead to 70th Street. Go south on 70th, west on Fremont Street and north on 48th Street back to Cornhusker.

Digital message boards on Cornhusker Highway and on Interstate 80 east of the Cornhusker Highway/I-80 interchange will inform westbound drivers of the closure on Cornhusker and direct them to take I-80 to the 56th Street exit.

- Northbound traffic: To go west, use Fremont Street.

- Southbound traffic: To go west, use Fletcher Ave. or Arbor Rd.

The project is one of those being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Information on all stimulus-funded projects is available on the City’s website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recovery). For more information, contact the Engineering Services Division of the City Public Works and Utilities Department – Erika Nunes, 441-5675, or Warren Wondercheck, 441-7014.
NEWS RELEASE

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Street and Traffic Operations, 901 N. 6th Street, Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7701, fax 441-8194

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 10, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kelly Sieckmeyer, Traffic Operations, 441-7454

PORTION OF “K” STREET TO CLOSE THURSDAY NIGHT

“K” Street between 16th and 22nd streets will be closed for surface milling at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 12. At 7 a.m. Friday August 13th, the south two lanes of “K” Street will reopen. The project is scheduled to be completed October 1. The suggested detour routes are north on 14th Street or south on 16th Street.

Information on City street projects is available on the City’s website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). For more information, contact Kelly Sieckmeyer with the City Public Works and Utilities Department at 441-7454.

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HOUSE CALLED BACK FOR VOTE NEXT WEEK

CONGRESS
House called back from recess to consider teacher/Medicaid measure. In the wake of Senate approval of a bill that would provide emergency funds to states for teacher hiring and Medicaid expenses, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced this week that the House would reconvene early next week for two days to consider the measure so that it can be cleared for the President’s signature as soon as possible.

When the House adjourned last Friday for their summer break, few thought that the Senate would be able to clear the 60-vote hurdle needed to end a Republican filibuster of the bill. But bill sponsors managed to come up with revenues to offset the entire cost of the $26.1 billion measure ($10 billion for teacher hiring and $16.1 billion for Medicaid reimbursements), which attracted the support of the two GOP Senators from Maine and put it over the 60-vote threshold.

An unfortunate byproduct of the agreement is that some of the offsets had been previously recommended to pay for a package of popular tax credits (known as “extenders”) that had expired at the end of 2009 and had yet to be extended. They include the research and development tax credit, the brownfields tax credit, the deduction of state and local sales taxes, and the alternative fuels tax credit. The loss of those potential offsets will make it even more difficult to approve the extenders package when Congress returns.

Sponsors and supporters of the teacher/Medicaid package would prefer that the bill be signed into law as soon as possible, particularly to assist teacher hiring before the start of the school year, so the House will reconvene Monday to begin debate and vote on the measure Tuesday.

The House had not been scheduled to return to Washington until September 14.

Meanwhile, the Senate began its summer recess on Thursday, following the confirmation of 52 judicial and Executive Branch nominees, including Elena Kagan as a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, passage of a child nutrition bill (see details in July 16 Washington Report), and the unexpected approval of a $600 million emergency spending bill for border security.

The cost of the border security bill -- which calls for sending 1,500 new agents, two additional unmanned aerial drones and communications equipment to the border to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs -- will reportedly be offset with increased fees on work visas. It is unclear whether the House will also take up the border security bill during their brief session next week.

Senate leaders were unable to come to any agreements on consideration of a scaled-back energy bill or a measure to create a small business lending fund prior to adjournment. Both of those bills are expected to be considered when the Senate returns to Washington in September.
JOB TRAINING

Senate bill would boost Labor Department spending. Last week, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of the FY 2011 Department of Labor budget, and the $17.2 billion recommended for the agency represents a $603 million increase over FY 2010 levels.

Recommended funding levels for agency programs include (with difference from FY 2010 levels in parentheses):

- $897 million for adult job training (+$35m)
- $995 for youth job training (+$71m)
- $1.47 billion for dislocated worker training (+$57m)
- $110 million for Youthbuild (+$7.5m)
- $65 million for Green Jobs Innovation Fund (+$25m)
- $98 million for re-entry assistance for ex-offenders (-$10m)
- $1.7 billion for Job Corps (+4m)
- $600 million for Community Service Employment for Older Americans (-$225m)

According to the Appropriations Committee, the large reduction for the Older Americans program is due to the fact that it received a one-time boost in FY 2010 appropriations bill to assist with the economic downturn and that the FY 2011 recommendation is in line with its traditional funding level.

The Senate will not consider the FY 2011 Labor Department spending bill on the floor until mid-September at the earliest. The House version of the bill has been approved on the subcommittee level but not by the full Appropriations Committee.

HUMAN SERVICES

HHS budget approved by Senate panel. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of a FY 2011 budget for the Department of Health and Human Services last week. The overall level of discretionary and entitlement spending at the agency would be $577.8 billion, which would represent a $32.4 billion reduction from FY 2010.

Most of the savings in the bill are derived from entitlement savings, as most programs of interest to local governments did not suffer large reductions. The committee recommended the following funding levels for selected HHS programs (with difference from FY 2010 levels in parentheses):

- $2.1 billion for community health centers (same as FY10)
- $673 million for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (+$12m)
- $103 million for Healthy Start (-$1.5m)
- $2.3 billion for Ryan White AIDS programs (+$28m)
- $191 million for environmental health (+$4m)
- $1.46 billion for public health preparation and response (-$84m)
- $102 million for Preventative Health Block Grant (same)
- $399 million for the Mental Health Block Grant (same)
- $1.7 billion for the Substance Abuse Block Grant (same)
- $3.6 billion for children vaccinations (+$327m)
- $3.3 billion for low income home energy assistance (-$1.8b)
- $834 million for refugee assistance programs (+$103m)
- $3.1 billion for the Child Care Block Grant (+$1b)
- $1.7 billion for the Social Services Block Grant (same)
- $700 million for the Community Services Block Grant (same)
- $1.66 for Aging Administration programs (+$143m)
- $8.2 billion for Head Start (+$990m)

The House Appropriations Committee approved its version of a FY 2011 HHS budget on the subcommittee level last month, but the measure has not come before the full committee. The next step for the Senate bill is floor consideration, which will not occur until after Congress returns from its summer recess on September 14.

SUSTAINABILITY

Senate panel approves Sustainable Communities Initiative. The 12-10 vote in favor of the bill was along party lines, though several Republicans voiced support for the bill’s overall goals.

The heart of the Administration’s Sustainable Communities Initiative is a set of “livability principles:”

- Provide more transportation choices to decrease household transportation costs, reduce dependence on foreign oil, improve air quality, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote public health;
- Promote equitable, affordable housing by expanding location- and energy-efficient housing for all;
- Enhance economic competitiveness through reliable and timely access to employment, education and services;
- Support existing communities by targeting federal funding to existing communities and encouraging transit-oriented development, mixed-use development and land recycling;
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment, and
- Value communities and neighborhoods.

Supporters of the bill, which include AARP, local government organizations, affordable housing advocates and alternative transportation groups, argue that a combination of energy security, an aging population and the need to maximize the return on public infrastructure investments lend urgency to the need to plan communities that place housing within easy reach of work, shopping and transit. Though no Committee member specifically objected to the overall goals of the bill, several raised concerns about federal interference in a traditionally local concern and with the cost of the bill. This ambivalence was best expressed by Senator Robert Bennett (R-UT), whose home state’s “Envision Utah” program was cited by Committee Chairman Chris Dodd (D-CT) as an example of the type of program he hopes the bill will support. At the markup Bennett said “I think the overall philosophy is wise, but I will be voting against it.”
As approved by the Committee, S 1619 would:

- Establish an Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities within the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist local planning and sustainable development, help foster energy-efficient housing and serve as a resource for technical assistance and information;
- Create an Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities;
- Authorize $400 million over four years for competitive grants to metropolitan planning organizations and other consortia of local governments to develop comprehensive regional plans that incorporate transportation, housing, community development, economic development, energy, and environmental needs and goals, and
- Authorizes $3.75 billion over three years for competitive grants to metropolitan planning organizations and other consortia of local governments for sustainable development projects (transit-oriented development, affordable housing, public transportation infrastructure and facilities, pedestrian and bicycle thoroughfares, redevelopment of brownfields and economic development projects) that are included in comprehensive regional plans.

Congress has already appropriated $225 million for similar grants that the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Transportation are jointly administering. Applications for those grants are due August 23 and awards will be announced in September. FY 2011 appropriations bills pending in the House and Senate would appropriate a similar amount of funding for a second round of grants next year.

The next step for the bill is the Senate floor. Given the scarcity of floor time and the bill’s lack of bipartisan support, the Senate may not take up the bill before adjourning at the end of September. However, with bill sponsor Dodd having publicly stated that he wants to see the bill enacted before he retires at the end of this Congress, there is a chance the Senate will pass the bill in an effort to allow one its longest serving members to exit on a high note.

**GRANTS & NOTICES**

**Department of Housing and Urban Development**

HUD is accepting applications for the Housing Counseling Grant program. HUD-approved local housing counseling agencies, state housing finance agencies, and HUD-approved multi-state organizations are eligible to apply. Funding should back the delivery of housing counseling services to homebuyers, homeowners, low- and moderate-income renters, and the homeless. The services for these groups are expected to boost financial literacy, homeownership opportunity, access to affordable housing, and preventing foreclosure. HUD will award grants to approximately 550 applicants. Applications for the $79 million program are due August 27, 2010: [http://bit.ly/aDbkxT](http://bit.ly/aDbkxT).

**National Endowment for the Arts**

NEH is accepting applications for the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grants program. This program is designed to encourage innovations in the digital humanities by awarding relatively small grants to support the planning stages. Two levels of awards will be made in this program. Level I awards range from $5,000 to $25,000 and should fund brainstorming sessions, workshops, early alpha-level prototypes, and initial planning. Level II awards range from $25,001 to $50,000 and can be used for more fully-formed projects that are ready to begin implementation. Applicants must state in their narrative which funding level they seek. Cost sharing is not required but applicants are welcome to use cost sharing for start-up projects in which the total budget exceeds the NEH grant limit. NEH anticipates making 150 awards. Applications are due October 05, 2010: [http://bit.ly/bIqEPT](http://bit.ly/bIqEPT).
AGENDA FOR THE WEST HAYMARKET 
JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA) 
TO BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2010 AT 3:00 P.M. 

CITY-COUNTY BUILDING 
555 S. 10TH STREET 
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM 112 
LINCOLN, NE 68508 

1. Introductions and Notice of Open Meetings Law Posted By Door (Chair Snyder) 

2. Approval of the minutes of JPA meeting July 22, 2010 (Chair Snyder) 

3. Public Comment and Time Limit Notification Announcement (Chair Snyder) 

   Individuals from the audience will be given a total of 5 minutes to speak on specific items listed on today’s agenda. Those testifying should identify themselves for the official record. 

4. Bill No. WH 10-01 Approval of Assignment and Assumption Agreement(s) attached to WH JPA Resolution (Rick Peo) 

5. Approval of Payment Register (Steve Hubka) 

6. Bill No. WH 10-02 Reimbursement Resolution for West Haymarket JPA (Lauren Wismer/ Lisa DeBuse) 

7. Public Officials Liability Insurance (Bill Kostner) 

8. Discussion of upcoming 2010-2011 JPA Budget and Public Hearing (Steve Hubka) 

9. Executive Session for Purposes of Negotiation with proposed Program Manager (Roger Figard) 

10. Set next meeting date: Friday August 27, 2010 3:00 P.M. (Council Chambers Rm 112) 

11. Motion to Adjourn
WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY (JPA)
Board Meeting
July 22, 2010

Meeting Began At: 3:05 P.M.
Meeting Ended At: 3:40 P.M.
Members Present: Chris Beutler, Tim Clare, Jayne Snyder

Item 1 - Introductions and Notice of Open Meetings Law Posted by Door
Chair Snyder opened the meeting and introduced herself, Mayor Chris Beutler and Regent Tim Clare.

The open meetings law is in effect and is posted in the back of the room.

Item 2 – Approval of the Minutes of the JPA Meeting July 8, 2010
Snyder asked for any corrections or changes to the minutes from the JPA meeting on July 8, 2010. Hearing none, Beutler motioned for approval of the minutes. Clare seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Item 3 – Public Comment and Time Limit Notification
Snyder stated that the Board will allow public comments related to the specific items listed on today’s agenda. Anyone in attendance wishing to speak should come forward to the microphone and will be given a total of five minutes to speak.

Item 4 – Bond Resolution/Preliminary Official Statement/Facilities Agreement
Lauren Wismer and Scott Keene came forward to discuss the Bond Resolution for the issuance of the first series of bonds by the JPA. The authorization before the Board is not to exceed $100 million with an interest rate not to exceed 5.5% for a term not to exceed 35 years. Those are the general parameters for financing that are frequently used by the City of Lincoln and University of Nebraska. It is anticipated that the bonds will be sold in a public sale. The plan is to go to market in the middle of August and close at end of August or early September.

Keene explained to the Board that the market for Build America bonds has been choppy over the last month. He has seen a bit of dislocation in the market place but still feels there is a
significant amount of savings that can be achieved through Build America bond financing. Current interest rates have Build America financing with net costs of 4.5% to 4.6%. The Bond Resolution allows for a rate not to exceed 5.5%, so there is still a fair amount of cushion available. Build America financing provides for the bonds to be issued on a taxable basis with the federal government paying 35% of the semiannual interest payments back to the issuer. Keene and Wismer are currently working with the rating agencies and will know more about the ratings in early August.

Clare asked Keene to explain the pros and cons of Build America bonds and why those are preferable over tax exempt bonds. Keene stated that the interest rate is a big advantage of the Build America bonds. Currently they estimate tax exempt financing would be in the 4.9% to 5.0% range. Build America bonds tend to have a greater advantage the longer the maturity period which is beneficial with a 35 year financing. The down side to this financing is the required filing of an 8038-CP that provides for the repayment of the subsidies back to the issuer. The guidelines state that it must be filed no less than 45 days and no more than 90 days in advance of an interest payment date. There is also some additional scrutiny with this financing as the IRS has indicated that they will be looking at these carefully in relation to pricing and how the proceeds are used. There could be some additional administrative costs if the IRS comes in to look at the financing.

Clare inquired about what would happen if we did not comply with the IRS guidelines. Wismer acknowledged that the federal government could discontinue the subsidy. If that should happen the JPA would have the option, if we are in the period in which the bonds are callable, to roll into tax exempt financing. However, that would be a worst case scenario. The government could do a number of things ranging from nothing to removal of the subsidy.

Snyder asked Keene to explain to the public what happens when the bonds go to market and how they can be purchased. Keene explained that the City of Lincoln usually sells their new money issues through a competitive sales process in which a public auction is held. Bid specifications will be provided to all of the securities firms in the country. Those firms will be communicating with potential buyers the week prior to the sale. Hopefully on the day of the sale we will receive a number of bids and the bonds will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The winning firm will then turn around and immediately begin the process of selling the bonds. Until the winning bidder is known it is hard to say how interested parties can purchase the bonds. Keene does plan to bring the second series of bonds, which may be Recovery Zone Economic Development bonds, to market through a negotiated sale. This will give local firms a chance to market the bonds and make an effort to sell the bonds locally to interested investors.

Clare inquired if Keene felt that the market would react favorably to the sale of these bonds with the market being choppy over the past few months. Keene noted that what he has seen in the market has been limited to the Build America financing due to the additional interest by the IRS and some negative press in regards to how the IRS will be looking at these financings. He is still seeing some wide spreads but much more comfort from the buyers. He will continue to monitor the situation and would look at switching to tax exempt financing if there is a problem.

Snyder opened the floor for public comments on this item. No one came forward.
Beutler made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution Preliminary Official Statement and Facilities Agreement. Clare seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

**Item 5 – JPA Resolution for Assignment and Assumption Agreement**

Rick Peo informed the Board that this resolution is to accept the assignment and assumption of various contracts that the City has entered into for the West Haymarket project. A couple of the items have been approved for reimbursement at previous meetings. This resolution is broader and includes not only the obligation of payment but the JPA would assume the responsibilities of carrying out the contract obligations. It has been understood that when the Board was created, it would be the owner and operator of the facilities; therefore it would be the party entering into these contracts. If the resolution is adopted, this agreement should be signed by Chair Snyder as well as a separate assignment assumption form that UP has requested we utilize.

Clare asked if the Board would have the opportunity to review the agreements as he had not seen some of them previously. Dan Marvin indicated that he would get the Board members copies of the agreements. Marvin then reviewed the agreements listed in Exhibit A with the Board.

1. Reimbursement of the pledge that 2015 made to the City to get the project going. They pledged up to $1.6 million to do some of the architectural work and planning documents. The understanding was that if the project were to move forward there would be a reimbursement of those funds back to 2015 and if the project didn’t get voter approval there would be no reimbursement. Subsequently 2015 has made a pledge to raise $20 million to contribute towards this project. Snyder added that this agreement has been public previously as the City Council approved this resolution on January 11, 2010.
2. Reimbursement to Burlington Northern for the design of their track. Burlington indicated that if we wanted to start construction in 2010 we need to help get the track design completed. The estimate for that work was $100,000 and that money will come off the purchase price. The City also agreed to reimburse BNSF $25,000 for outside counsel as we were fast tracking the legal agreement.
3. Items 3, 4, 9 and 10 are somewhat related as they are Right of Entry and Access Agreements for properties independent of Burlington Northern. This agreement is to do environmental testing on property owned by JayLynn LLC.
4. Right of Entry Agreement with JayLynn LLC in order to secure an area in which the University could send out anthropologists and archeologists to conserve historical items.
5. Service Agreement for $14,157 with the University to bring in a team to conduct historical testing at 660 N Street.
6. Relocation Agreement with Qwest Communications to reimburse their costs to relocate their conduit system. The reimbursement request came before the Board and was approved on June 10, 2010.
7. Purchase and Sale Agreement with Union Pacific. This agreement consists of constructing new track in what is known as the Y area and the cost of purchasing land for Union Pacific. The cost of the track relocation is an estimate, but the design has been completed. That work will hopefully begin this fall.
8. Reimbursement Agreement with MCI to relocate their conduit system. The reimbursement request came before the Board and was approved on June 25, 2010.
9. Right of Entry Agreement with Magdalen Franssen in order to do environmental testing.
10. Right of Entry Agreement with Noohznik LP in order to do environmental testing.
11. Engineering Agreement with Speece Lewis to perform survey work on the Charleston Bridge. Items 11 and 12 were discussed at the last Board meeting and are within the JPA boundaries.
13. Service Agreement with Benesh to have a team come in and trench to look for artifacts or other historic elements in the area near Salt Creek. This is something that was needed in order to move railroad tracks. They did not find anything but it was an effort to ensure we conserved any historic items that might have been there.
14. Consultant Agreement with Benesh for work as our lead agency for environmental remediation.

Peo noted that all of these contracts are public record and are on file with the City Clerk’s Office for inspection by anyone in the public. Agreements approved by ordinance or resolution by the City Council are available on the City website. Those approved by Executive Order are not on the website but anyone can come and ask to see the document. Snyder added that the JPA was officially formed on June 10, 2010. If these agreements had not been entered into earlier this year, the project would not be moving at the speed it is.

Snyder then opened the floor for public comment. Coby Mach came forward and suggested that the JPA put the agenda online with clickable links to documents as the City Council and County Board do. As Regent Clare has not had an opportunity to review the documents, it would be appropriate to delay a vote to the next meeting. Snyder observed that the JPA currently has no stationary and no webpage since it is only five weeks old, however, there is great interest to create a website and get all of the documents online. Due to the speed that the Board is trying to move at, some of the documents were still being proofed and edited over the weekend.

Snyder inquired if delaying the vote would cause any problems. Herz observed that the Board does not meet again for four weeks and although a delay is not optimal, it wouldn’t create a crisis. Clare indicated that the only agreement he has an issue with is the purchase agreement with UP. The agreement says the JPA is agreeing to be bound by and to perform and observe fully and faithfully all of the covenants, stipulations and conditions outlined in the purchase agreement. He did not feel comfortable agreeing to that without knowing what all of the conditions are.

Marvin suggested amending the Resolution to exclude item 7 on Exhibit A. He will make sure Clare gets a copy of the UP Purchase Agreement and will bring forward a new Resolution for that agreement at the next Board meeting.

Beutler moved to approve the Resolution for Assignment and Assumption Agreements excluding lines 11 through 18 and item 7 on Exhibit A. Clare seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0
Item 6 – Set Next Meeting Date: Friday August 13, 2010 3:00 P.M.

The next JPA Board meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2010 at 3:00 P.M.

Item 12 – Motion to Adjourn

Clare motioned to adjourn. Beutler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:40.

Prepared by: Melissa Ramos-Lamml, Engineering Services
The West Haymarket JPA website is now on interlinc at: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa.htm
I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:04 PM by Karla Lester at the BryanLGH LifePointe Center. Members present: Tony Messineo, Lisa Peterson, Ed Schneider, Deb Schorr, David Smith, Jayne Snyder, Heidi Stark, Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Karla Lester.

Members Absent: Rodrigo Cantarero, Tom Fox (ex-officio) and Rick Hoppe (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Bruce Dart, Steve Beal, Steve Frederick, Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Rick Thorson, Chris Corr, Gwendy Meginnis, Gary Walsh and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Kim Russell, Ken Foster, Diane Vogel, Terry Pope Gonzolez.

Dr. Lester thanked Ms. Russell, Mr. Foster and Ms. Vogel for hosting the Board of Health at the LifePointe Center. A presentation and tour of the facilities was provided.

Dr. Lester presented the Past President’s Plaque to Dr. Peterson and thanked her for serving as President of the Board of Health.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Lester asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Stark that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Schneider. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Lester asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Peterson that the May 11, 2010 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Schneider. Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update
Dr. Dart stated the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) Annual Meeting will be held in Omaha, NE August 5-7, 2010. Board of Health members are encouraged to attend and be greeters at the conference. Members should contact Dr. Dart or Dr. Schneider if they are interested in helping at the Annual Meeting and Conference.

Mr. Messineo asked Dr. Dart to provide his perspective on the National Health Care Scene at a future meeting. Dr. Dart will do so.

Dr. Schneider asked about the status of the Health Care Cash Fund. Ms. Halstead stated the Legislature will be reviewing it. She noted State Senators are concerned about the Fund, but the Department has always been good stewards of the money. Mr. Messineo asked whether staff will be involved from the beginning with operations during the Special Olympics July 18-23, 2010. Dr. Dart stated yes, staff have been involved from the start and will be available during the events. Dr. Smith asked about the feral cat legislation. The matter will be discussed at the July Animal Control Advisory Committee meeting. Dr. Lester asked about bed bugs. Dr. Dart responded staff receive numerous complaints about bed bugs and work closely with the UNL Extension Office on this issue.

Mr. Messineo congratulated Ms. Burke and the Health Promotion & Outreach Division on the many media events and their promotion of the Department and its programs.

Congratulations to Deb Edelmaier - Employee of the Month.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Hazardous Air Pollutant Area Source Fee Proposal

Mr. Thorson introduced Dr. Walsh and Mr. Coor. Mr. Thorson stated Department staff are proposing to amend the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards. He stated the proposed revisions would include the addition of 110 new sources to be regulated. New sources include: auto body shops, bulk gasoline plants, gasoline dispensing facilities, plating and polishing facilities and metal fabrication and finishing facilities. Dr. Walsh stated the fees are based on staff time to inspect the facility and to review the reports and facility records. It is anticipated the fees will support a .5 FTE to do the work. Letters were sent to each of the sources and staff met with the sources who would be affected by the proposed fee structure. The Air Pollution Control Advisory Board approved the revisions.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and
Standards and forward them to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners for review and approval. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried on a 8-0 roll call vote.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Community Assessment Process

Mr. Frederick provided an overview of the Department’s assessment process. The Health Data & Evaluation Division and Epidemiologist are responsible for collecting, analyzing and assessing the community’s health status. Local sources for data include Census data, Vital Statistics, Adult Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System, Injury Data/Hospital Discharge Data, motor vehicle crash data, etc. Potential data sources include additional substance abuse/behavioral health data, surveys on selected topics, Medicare/Medicaid data and research and national surveys. He stated the Community Health Status Assessment is one of four assessments in the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process that the Department will complete. The MAPP process will include continued data collection of core indicators, analyzing and creating a health profile, disseminating the community health profile, monitoring the indicators/measure over time and identifying challenges and opportunities. More updates will be provided throughout the MAPP Process and Board of Health members will have opportunities to be involved in the process.

B. Community Chronic Disease Plan

Ms. Burke provided a presentation on the Department’s approach to chronic disease prevention. She reviewed the definitions of a chronic disease and the leading behavioral causes of chronic disease. She stated 75% of how long an individual lives is determined by lifestyle behaviors and environment. She stated the Department believes you must utilize a comprehensive approach and people must take responsibility for their health behaviors and monitoring their health, the social environment must be supportive and the physical and policy environments of neighborhoods and communities must provide services and be conducive to making the healthy choices the easy choice. The Department is involved in many programs that impact chronic disease. Those programs include the Diabetes Prevention Coalition, Minority Health Initiative, Summer Food Program, Bike Education, Lincoln in Motion, WIC, Oral Health, Outreach Program, 5-4-3-2-1-Go/Teach A Kid To Fish, and many community coalitions and task forces. The Department is currently involved in the chronic disease self-management through the Healthy Lincoln Initiative, the Sidewalk Database/Walkability, and the Colon
Cancer Screening Project with work sites. She stated it is important to integrate community efforts, continue to stress personal responsibility and to provide training and evaluation. Dr. Snyder stated she was pleased to hear about the marketing efforts. Dr. Stark was pleased to hear of the medical community’s efforts to get the message to children regarding physical activity. She encouraged staff to also work with the dental community. The dental community could be very helpful in providing messages and education to their patients and families.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Mr. Messineo asked about Board of Health member/Division assignments. Mr. Beal will review and update the assignments/pairings.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is July 13, 2010 at 5:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark
Vice-President
Wanted: Help to Clean Up Litter at Area Lakes and Streams

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) is recruiting families, groups, organizations, clubs and businesses to participate in the fall 2010 International Coastal Cleanup, picking up litter around area lakes or along streams. Those with boats, canoes, and kayaks are encouraged to register to help reach inaccessible areas of the shoreline.

Each year, volunteers around the world remove trash and debris from beaches, lakes, rivers and other waterways, keeping track of every piece of trash they find. During last year’s International Coastal Cleanup, 498,818 volunteers picked up 7.4 million pounds of marine debris in 108 countries and locations around the world and in 45 US states. The 2009 Lancaster County effort involved volunteers cleaning shorelines at five area lakes. Volunteers retrieved materials such as nets, fishing line, and bait containers, in addition to batteries, plywood, propane bottles, tires, beer kegs, lawn chairs, and car parts. Plastic bags, beverage bottles, and cigarette butts were abundant.

If your group or organization is interested in conducting a cleanup of an area lake or stretch of stream, call KLLCB at 441-8035 or email lerickson@lincoln.ne.gov. Please indicate the lake in which you are most interested. Cleanups must be completed by October 8. Volunteers are provided trash bags and are asked to complete a data card to record the types and amounts of litter collected. Final tallies will be sent to The Ocean Conservancy to be included in their annual international report.

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DEPARTMENT REPORT
JULY, 2010

HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Department’s FY10-11 budget was reviewed by the City-County Common on July 13, 2010. The City Council public hearing on the budget will be August 9, 2010.

- The Health Director attended the National Association of County and City Health Officials Annual Conference in Memphis, TN July 13-16, 2010. Dr. Dart is now the Immediate Past President of the organization.

- Health Department employees participated in the City-County Food Drive for the Food Bank of Lincoln. The drive was held July 12-23, 2010.

- Employee of the Month - Jim Ring - Director’s Office and Business Office.

ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process is underway. The Department received grant funding from the State ($15,000) and we have a contract with the Human Services Federation and their Executive Director, Rick Carter, to work with us to facilitate MAPP. We have had 2 orientation/planning meetings with Mr. Carter.

- MAPP Steering Committee members have been identified and an invitation letter was sent from the Board President, Dr. Lester and the Health Director. The first Steering Committee meeting is being planned for the 2nd or 3rd week in August.

- The Department Accreditation Team continues to meet to work on the documentation of illustrative evidence. We have been following the national Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) activities and outcomes from some of the initial beta test sites and have made adjustments in our work templates so that when we do apply we are consist with the latest requirements from PHAB.

- The Department’s Animal Control Division met with Bob Downey and staff from the Capital Humane Society and with Lancaster County Emergency Director, Doug Ahlberg, to discuss how pets and pet owners will be managed in the event of a disaster. There were several positive outcomes from the meeting and the emergency preparedness plans were improved upon.

- The Animal Control ordinances were discussed by the City Council during July. There was a lot of work on a few amendments and as of July 22nd we were still making some
final changes in the language. All but one of the AC ordinances chapters had passed and that is expected to pass with amendments on July 26th.

- Attended the July meetings of the Health Partners Initiative, Boys and Girls Club and Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach.

- Met with Steve Frederick and Kathy Cook on various projects they are heading up in their respective divisions including: Medical Reserve Corp., MMRS budget tracking and monitoring, dashboard, and GIS applications for the Department.

**RESOURCE & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR**

- Prepared and provided the Department’s Budget presentation to the Joint Budget Committee (City Council and County Board) with Kathy Cook on July 13, 2010. The hearing on the City Budget is August 9, 2010 and the final City Budget will be approved on August 23, 2010. The County Budget date is still pending scheduling (tentatively August 31, 2010).

- Welcomed Mayoral Aide, Denise Pearce, back to work after her extended maternity leave by returning the coordination of the Mayor’s Commission on Women to her July 1, 2010. It was a wonderful group to work with for the past year, and was honored to be asked to work with them.

- Working with staff from the Environmental Public Health Division to write a small demonstration grant ($10,000) to provide Serve/Clean food handler training to individuals with developmental disabilities. The grant funds are made available from the Governor’s Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities and would support people with disabilities to earn their food handler permit and compete with non-disabled individuals for jobs in the food service industry.

- Working with the team for an application to the Management Academy for Public Health through the University of North Carolina. During the 2010-2011 year, the team will develop and implement a business plan for the Department related to chronic disease prevention.

- Compiling the media contacts for the Department and encouraging media outlets to add health related stories when they have “slow news days”. The notebook of articles/stories will be made available to Board members at regular Board of Health meetings.

- Establishing the new contracts for the off-duty Lancaster County Sheriff’s deputies to continue to provide off-duty security for the evening clinics for 2010-2011. The first year was very successful with this effort and saved the Department approximately $5700 in
security fees this past year. We were charged $4680 this past year instead of the $10,000+ the previous year with a different provider.

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

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- The Animal Control Advisory Committee met on July 20, 2010. Members discussed a proposed feral cat ordinance that was brought forward by Lincoln Animal Ambassadors. An update on the AC ordinances was also provided.

- Jackie Purdham started as a new employee. She is an ACO I and is going through training and orientation at this time. We are pleased to have her here.

- Animal Control Officers Dunn, Purdham and Hiltner were called to NW 56th St and W Partridge on a complaint of stray sheep. All six sheep were found with full coats and with possible heat stress. The ACOs along with a deputy sheriff lead the sheep back to their corral and got them water.
- Weekly meetings with the Capital Humane Society have been very productive. Bob Downey has agreed to bring to Lincoln John Synder of the National Humane Society and long time Animal Control expert on August 4th to meet with our staff and staff from the Capital Humane Society. We will be talking about a variety of topics including feral cats/feral cat ordinances, emergency preparedness and pets, and micro chipping and cities that have implemented mandatory micro chipping.

- AC staff compiled data on animal violations and convictions and wrote draft narrative for consideration by City Council members and the City Attorney’s Office for the AC ordinances and amendments.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

HEALTH HUB

- The Community Health Endowment and Catholic Health Initiatives funded a proposal from the Center for People in Need to implement a recommendation of the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net: “Develop a ‘hub’ of patient advocates who personally assist uninsured patients in accessing appropriate care and services”. The CHS Division Manager is a member of the planning team for the Health Hub along with Center for People in Need, Lancaster County Medical Society, Saint Elizabeth’s Regional Medical Center, ED Connections, BryanLGH Medical Center, Clinic with a Heart, People’s Health Center, People’s City Mission, Community Health Endowment, and IT consultants. Full implementation is planned for October 1, 2010. A Health Hub coordinator and health advocates will be hired. AmeriCorps volunteers will also assist in implementing the Health Hub. LLCHD will lend its help to this project in terms of GA Outreach (a case manager helping uninsured adults with health needs apply for GA), Information & Referral (public health nurses providing triage services for the uninsured), and the GA Medical Clinic (medical home services for eligible uninsured adults).

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- This month the Quality Improvement (QI) Guidance Team endorsed recommendations from three QI Expeditions looking to improve/streamline the following programs/processes; Refugee Health Assessment, General Assistance (GA) Medication Refills, and consistent use of Past Medical History in EHS (our new electronic health record). Recommendations will be piloted in August and, if successful, will be implemented fully.

- Refugee Health Assessment: with nearly a four fold increase in the number of refugees served this year and an entirely new process of assessment required, the expedition team refined/organized the process which includes lab testing, nursing services, a Nurse
Practitioner exam, interpreter services, and immunizations.

- GA Medication Refills: will use the EHS medication module to decrease duplication in the process and improve communication among the client, GA nurses, the GA Physician Assistant, I&R nurses, Wagey Drug, the Prescription Assistance Program (LCMS), and County GA as the pay source.

- Past Medical History: will use EHS’ specified view and import functions for client history (medical, family and social history) on initial clinic visit/home visit and review as needed or at least annually for longer term patients.

- Three additional QI Expeditions are continuing to study current processes and formulate recommendations for improvement related to: decreasing wait times in Immunization Clinic, collection of breastfeeding outcomes (initiation, duration, and exclusivity), and preventing duplication/merging duplicate client records in the EHS system.

REFUGEE HEALTH ASSESSMENT & IMMUNIZATION

- CHS’ Public Health Clinics received a grant from NDHHS to complete initial health assessments and needed immunizations for refugees settling in Lancaster County in collaboration with our two local resettlement agencies: Catholic Social Services and Lutheran Family Services. Although LLCHD has provided immunizations to refugees for decades, the new requirement is to provide a comprehensive health assessment via our Nurse Practitioner, lab tests (i.e. blood, urine, and ova & parasite testing), radiology tests (e.g. chest x-rays), and any needed follow-up via nurse case management. We have completed a year of services this month. In our first year, 449 refugees received 8,061 services including 3,101 vaccines, 1,967 clinical/nursing procedures, and 1,386 lab tests. Refugees of all ages are served.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

WIC Program

- WIC will be focusing on breastfeeding promotion and support to a greater degree than ever before. We’ve done a good job convincing new moms that breastfeeding is the healthier option. Unfortunately, the health argument is not enough for most women to commit to breastfeeding long term. We do not live in a pro breastfeeding culture, where women feel comfortable breastfeeding in public or have support from family, friends and employers. Return to work is an often sited reason to stop breastfeeding. The work environment often does not support the breastfeeding mom by providing breaks and space to pump. Even in the most supportive work environment breastfeeding is a huge commitment. One of the WIC staff continued to breastfeed after returning to work and
commented that she would love to celebrate her daughter’s first birthday by running over the breast pump with her car.

National WIC Association (NWA) has identified 7 recommendations to help WIC, public health and community organizations create a supportive environment for moms and babies and improve breastfeeding duration.

- Orient and train all employees on breastfeeding promotion and support.
- Develop policies that encourage a breastfeeding-friendly environment
- Coordinate with private and public health care systems, educational systems, and community organizations to promote and support breastfeeding.
- Evaluate breastfeeding activities on an annual basis.
- Offer appropriate breastfeeding education and support to all pregnant (WIC) women.
- WIC: Create policies that allow breastfeeding infants to receive a food package consistent with their nutritional needs.

Dental Health Services

- During the month of June, 5 dental hygiene students from the UNMC College of Dentistry rotated through the clinic for mentoring and hands on clinical experience.

- The end of June presented our year end for the Community Health Endowment Digital Smiles grant. The project equipped our dental clinic with digital radiography sensors at a 50% match. The use of digital radiography provides the following benefits:

Serve more patients: With digital radiography, the x-ray can be viewed within 3-4 seconds. Minimizing the processing time from 7-8 minutes per patient to just 3-4 seconds per patient allowed our clinic to serve an additional 246 patients for an added 357 patient visits. The goal of the grant was to serve an additional 200 patients. At grant year end, the dental staff provided 8,022 patient visits to a total of 5,912 patients.

Compatibility: LLCHD can share digital x-rays with the College of Dentistry, People’s Health and other private providers electronically in just minutes for use with consultations and referrals.

Reduction in environmental chemical waste and staff exposure to hazardous processing chemicals: Digital x-rays eliminates the use of traditional x-rays containing lead foils and the use of hazardous processing chemicals, including the need to collect and dispose of the lead foils and fixing solution containing lead particles.

Reduction in radiation exposure for patients: Digital x-rays reduces radiation exposure by 70%-90% compared to traditional films.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Recreational Waterborne Illness Prevention

The primary purpose of our public swimming pool inspection and pool operator training program is to prevent waterborne illnesses and injury. Prior to Memorial Day, Health Department staff conducted 112 inspections on seasonal pools to assure that all water quality and safety regulations were met prior to their opening. Throughout the swimming season Environmental Health Specialists inspect each pool at least twice and pools with high patron loads are inspected three times. Regular inspections serve as an opportunity to interact with the pool operator, and help assure that chemical levels are at optimal levels to reduce the threat of recreational water illnesses (RWIs). Based on CDC data, as the swimming season progresses, the risk of RWIs, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia, increases. In fact, the largest Cryptosporidium outbreak in Lincoln was a result of swimmers being exposed to a diarrhea accident in a public pool in late August. In addition to inspecting swimming pools, the Health Department staff trained and licensed 421 pool operators prior to the start of the swimming season. A competent, well trained pool operator knows the importance of ensuring correct water chemistry, and appropriate responses to fecal accidents to protect public health.

Food Handler Training Update

Since December of 2009, nearly 4,000 food handlers have received their training and permit online through the LLCHD/UNL course. Industry feedback on the online courses, and the new permit categories (Serve/Clean, Prep/Cook) that reflect work responsibilities, has been very positive. In that same period, 1300 permits were issued at staff-taught classes. An unexpected benefit of the online courses has been that more food handlers have taken higher level courses and become more knowledgeable on food safety. And, the number of staff-taught classes has been reduced, freeing up staff time for consultations and
inspections. These changes to our program were possible by the ideas, input and support of the Food Advisory Committee. We are proud of our Food Handler Program, which increases the safety of food served to the public, is applicable to the job the worker performs, is accessible 24/7, and is positively regarded by industry.

**On the Horizon/For the Record**

- Annual fee updates will be proposed to the City Council and County Board to meet revenue projections in the FY 11 budget.

- Staff continue to work with the Planning, Public Works and other agencies in the LPLAN 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update. Meetings are scheduled every two weeks through 2011.

- The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, August 28 at Veyance (formerly Goodyear).

- Heavy rain in July has created concern regarding mosquito populations late in the summer. Culex tarsalis, which carries West Nile Virus, usually has its highest numbers in late July and August.

- A record number of food establishments renewed their permits on time this year and did not incur late fees.

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**HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION**
Now that the Special Olympics are finally underway, the planning that we participated in with the volunteer medical director, Dr. Ed Mlinek, and other volunteer medical staff from BryanLGH Hospitals has been put into practice. Tim Timmons, R.N., the Communicable Disease Program Supervisor, kept in contact with Dr. Mlinek throughout the week-long games, and so far the health issues that have been communicated have not been major. We remain on the alert for any outbreaks such as norovirus, pertussis or H1N1 flu that may occur, but hope that no such outbreak will occur due to the careful planning that took place prior to the games.

Great progress has been made with applications from the “business intelligence” software program (LogiXML) that was purchased to allow the Department to present data from our many databases to the key decision makers. Training on the LogiXML software from one of their trainers took place from June 21st to the 24th. The training focused on the technical aspects of developing the many tools available in the program, and staff from HDE, IMFS and EPH learned how to develop dashboards, charts, graphs, analysis grids and other applications. In the weeks that have transpired since the training concluded, Raju Kakarlapudi, Public Health Epidemiologist, and two HDE interns have developed dashboards for the data from BRFSS (Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) and an analysis grid for population estimates. After the BRFSS files are finished, dashboards from the YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) and Vital Statistics are next on the agenda. These applications are only available on the department’s intranet while the data and charts are being assessed for accuracy, ease of use and efficiency of display. During the early testing, there have been some performance issues that have arisen and they are being addressed. Other issues may surface, which is why the shake down test with staff is being conducted. Once the “bugs” are worked out the dashboard applications will be made available to a broader set of users.

The MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership) process is now underway. The department received a grant for $15,000 from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to help fund the 18-month long process and invitations have been sent to those community leaders who have been suggested to serve on the MAPP Steering Committee. Rick Carter, Executive Director of the Human Services Federation, has agreed to facilitate many of the major MAPP meetings and a contract with the Human Services Federation has been initiated. The first meeting of the Steering Committee will be in August and data gathering for the Community Health Status Assessment has begun. The timeline for the remaining assessments will be firmed up soon.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

- Staff is participating on a committee with representatives from the NDHHSS chronic
disease prevention programs to develop a diabetes awareness campaign partnering with the Nebraska Sports Network. This venture is being modeled after the successful Stay In the Game Colon Cancer Awareness campaign that featured popular and well-recognized Nebraska sports figures who were over 50 years old.

- Articles as well as Action Now! ads will be published in the Neighborhood Extra in 9 of the next 12 months starting in July to promote awareness of diabetes risk and to encourage people to visit the Action Now! website. These articles are written by staff working with HPO chronic disease prevention.

- Staff provided swimming pool safety activities at the Air Park Bowling Lake Dedication. Activities engaged parents and children in building a fence around an inflated swimming pool. The activity is designed to increase awareness of the Lincoln code requiring a fence for all pools with a capacity to hold 18 inches or more of water. Most families participating in the activity were not aware of the code. Several had non-compliant pools. The Water Safety Task Force of the Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County Coalition continues their efforts to educate the community including retailers, neighborhood associations, child care providers, mobile home communities on the Family Spa and Swimming Pool Municipal Code requiring fencing around all pools that have the capacity to hold 18 inches or more of water. HPO staff and the task force do this work in conjunction with Environmental Public Health staff.

- The 2010 Summer Food Program opened on June 7 and operated at 30 locations during the month. In the 18 days of Summer Food Program service in June, there were an all time high of 38,464 meals served for an average of 2,136 meals each day. Breakfasts accounted for about 37% of the meals and lunches, 63%. Over 150 people have been trained in the rules and regulations of the program.

- Staff provided tobacco prevention education including a cold turkey tobacco exchange to 45 students at the College of Hair Design. The owners of the College of Hair Design requested this service (after meeting with HPO staff) because of the high percentage of students that smoke, but also because of their interest in providing good customer service. They want their students to recognize that customers don’t appreciate the smell of smoke on clothing, and many people are also physically sensitive to the smell of smoke. Staff will be providing this information to each new class of students.

**INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

- Health Data and Evaluation and Information Management staff have made significant progress toward implementing the new business intelligence capacity. The old internal web server has been retired and all functions successfully migrated to the new server. 20 indicators each with five graphs and charts have been posted on the Behavioral Risk
Factor Dashboard. An analysis grid which allows staff to sort and select information has been developed for population (census) data and posted on the Population Dashboard. Orientation was provided to the Management Team (Division managers and supervisors). All the current Crystal reports have been migrated to the new server and upgraded version of Crystal reports. Staff are currently developing the dashboard for Vital Statistics, testing the Crystal Reports and developing the security procedures. In the next month, we anticipate rolling out Vital Statistics dashboard, work on Permits Plus dashboard and begin development of Fiscal dashboard.

- The first week in August, a team of six (five department staff and one community person) will attend the Management Academy sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This is a joint project of the schools of public health and business, and is designed to train public health teams to develop and implement effective business plans. The Health Department Team includes staff from 5 divisions: Judy Halstead (Director’s Office); Andrea Mason (Community Health Services); Raju Kakarlapudi (Health Data & Evaluation); David Humm (Health Promotion & Outreach) and Kathy Cook (Information & Fiscal Management). The sixth team member is Colleen Svobada for the Office of Community Health in the State Health & Human Services Department.

- Fiscal Office staff are concentrating on year end fiscal activities for budgeted funds.
Memorandum

Date:  August 10, 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 August 3, 2010 thru August 9, 2010:

**Administrative Amendment No. 10041** to Special Permit No. 09029, Springs at Heritage Lakes Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on August 5, 2010, requested by Continental 206 Fund, LLC, to revise the site layout to show the development over one lot instead of two and to eliminate the internal common access easement, on property generally located near S. 91st Street and Heritage Lakes Drive.

**Administrative Amendment No. 10047** to Use Permit No. 117C, Horizon Business Center, approved by the Planning Director on August 5, 2010, requested by Alan Schroeder, to add the use of “storage garage” to the approved 43,600 square feet of mini-warehouse area on Lot 37 of the Horizon Business Center Use Permit, on property generally located at S. 14th Street and Infinity Court.

**Administrative Amendment No. 10032** to Use Permit No. 150B, Appian Way Regional Shopping Center Phase II, to revise the Land Use Table for Lot 1, Block 4, to show one-half the allocated floor area as office and one-half the allocated floor area as medical office and amending the trip generation calculations accordingly, on property generally located near S. 84th Street and Highway 2.
** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **
August 11, 2010

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The LPlan Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

** PLEASE NOTE: The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2010

[Commissioner Gaylor Baird absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 28, 2010. **APPROVED, (6-0) (Esseks and Lust abstained; Gaylor Baird absent)**
1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public hearing and Administrative Action):

MISCELLANEOUS:

1.1 Street & Alley Vacation No. 10009, to vacate the south ½ of the north-south alley between Sumner Street and Garfield Street, and between S. 29th Street and Jefferson Avenue.

   Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
   Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (8-0), (Gaylor Baird absent).
   Public Hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 of the Lincoln Municipal Code have been satisfied.

1.1 Street & Alley Vacation No. 10010, to vacate the east-west alley abutting Lots 4-9, Block 30, Original Lincoln and vacated 8th Street right-of-way, generally located at N. 8th to N. 9th Streets and Q Street.

   Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
   Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, (8-0) (Gaylor Baird absent).
   Public Hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 23, 2010, 3:00 p.m.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

4. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

   (See 7-28-10 agenda for staff report on the following item.)

MISCELLANEOUS:

4.1 Miscellaneous No. 10006, to release a portion of an existing public access easement and convert the remaining portion of the easement to a common access easement on property generally located west of S. 6th Street and Calvert Street.

   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
   Had continued public hearing.
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL with the condition that written agreements be filed with the Register of Deeds for a common access easement over the east 70 feet and a private easement agreement for the remaining portion of the existing public access easement.
   Public Hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

PENDING LIST:

1. Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 10005, to review the proposed addition of Project #0605 City Owned Facility in Northwest Lincoln to the City of Lincoln 2010/2011 – 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Program as to conformance with the 2030 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The area of application is generally bounded by I-80 on the south and east, West Upland Ave. on the north, and West Bond Street on the west.  
(Planning Commission voted 5-0 to continue public hearing on September 8, 2010.)

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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 10, 2010
To: City Council
From: Ben Higgins, Public Works, 441-7589 BH
Subject: 2010 Stormwater Bond Issue
Ce: Mayor Beutler, Greg MacLean, Miki Esposito

Council Members:
This memorandum is to let you know of the upcoming resolution for a Stormwater Bond issue (i.e. Storm Sewer and Drainage System) on the November 2, 2010 ballot. The resolution is planned for introduction on August 16, 2010 with public hearing and action on August 23, 2010.

The November 2010 Stormwater Bond is a net $7.9M bond (approximately $8.2M with finance charges) and is the same as was laid out in the 2010-11 Capital Improvement Program for the Watershed Management Division. The following six project areas are included in the proposed 2010 Stormwater Bond. Also attached is the list of project areas that will be included as an attachment to the bond resolution.

**Water Quality Projects**  $260K
Funding for design and construction of projects to improve water quality in local streams and lakes throughout Lincoln including Holmes Lake. Projects are typically cost shared or coordinated with the Parks Department, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.

**Stream Rehabilitation of Parks Property**  $500K
Funding for design and construction of projects related to water quality and stream stability on Parks and Recreation Department property done in cooperation with the Parks Department. Included in this bond issue are projects for Tyrrel Park (stream stability) and also Bethany Park (repair of failing block wall adjacent to Vine street).

**Floodplain/Floodprone Area Engineering Projects**  $320K
Funding for conservation easements and fee title for property in the floodplain or floodprone area. This funding aids in conserving flood storage, protecting existing infrastructure and
providing other natural benefits (e.g. wetlands, riparian and aquatic habitats). Also may provide funding for major preliminary engineering studies or projects to reduce flooding in Lincoln along Salt Creek and other local waterways.

**Urban Storm Drainage Projects**

$4,770K

A majority of the funds for this bond are for the urban storm drainage projects for rehabilitation, replacement and enhancement of urban drainage systems. For the 2010 Stormwater Bond the current list of projects includes those in the areas of Holdrege - 38th to 40th, 50th and Pioneers, 9th and ‘N’, Fletcher - 57th to 63rd, 48th and Cornhusker concrete ditch liner, 70th and Yosemite, 27th and Bradfield, NW 4th and Harvest Drive, ‘A’ Street culvert, and a preliminary engineering study in the 56th and Morton area. These projects are typically from a list of known drainage problem areas that don’t meet current drainage standards and during significant rains cause excessive street and/or structural flooding.

**Comprehensive Watershed Master Plans**

$500K

Watershed Master Planning is similar in scope to other utility master plans (i.e. Water, Wastewater) for providing guidance for future growth and projects. Previous watershed master plans have provided updated floodplain mapping, guided development policy related to floodplain and stormwater concerns and identified capital projects. All watershed plans are accomplished in coordination with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and with Lancaster County, as appropriate.

**Implementation of Watershed Master Plan Projects**

$1,550K

Funding for design and construction of capital projects identified in approved water master plans. These include projects related to stream stabilization, water quality and flood reduction. Projects identified to date for this Stormwater Bond include grade control structures in Little Salt Creek, a stream stability project in Stevens Creek, a small localized flood reduction project in upper Deadmans Run, a flood reduction project in upper Middle Beal Slough and a stream stability project in Beal Slough. A great majority of these projects are accomplished with cost share and coordination with the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.
CITY OF LINCOLN
PROPOSED STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR BOND ISSUE

Holdrege, 38th to 40th Area Improvements
50th and Pioneers Area Improvements
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Fletcher, 57th to 63rd Area Improvements
48th and Cornhusker Highway Ditch Liner Project
70th and Yosemite Area Improvements
27th and Bradfield Area Improvements
Antelope Creek ‘A’ Street Culvert Enhancement
NW 4th and Harvest Area Improvements
56th and Morton Area Preliminary Engineering
Stream Rehabilitation Projects on Parks Properties
Best Management Practice Projects
Floodplain/Floodprone Area Engineering and Projects
Preliminary Engineering and Projects for Watershed and Basin Management Plans
Miscellaneous Repairs
Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp [JonCamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 9:10 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: RE: 2010 Stormwater Bond Issue

Mary:

Please request a breakdown within the categories of individual project anticipated costs.
Jon

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From: Mary M. Meyer [mailto:mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov] On Behalf Of Council Packet
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 9:06 AM
To: Adam Hornung (ahornung@scudderlaw.com); Doug Emery (Dougemerypm@aol.com); Eugene Carroll (euwc@aol.com); Jayne Snyder (snyderpt@navix.net); Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; jspatz@nasbonline.org
Subject: FW: 2010 Stormwater Bond Issue

FYI. Also will be on the Agenda for the Director's Meeting for next Monday, the 16th.

From: Ben J. Higgins
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 8:34 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Trish A. Owen; Greg S. MacLean; Miki Esposito; Roger A. Figard; Randy W. Hoskins
Subject: 2010 Stormwater Bond Issue

Council Members:
Attached as a pdf document is a memorandum on the upcoming resolution for a Stormwater Bond issue (i.e. Storm Sewer and Drainage System) on the November 2, 2010 ballot, that is planned for introduction Monday, August 16, 2010. If you have any comments or questions please contact myself at the below phone or email contact.

Thanks
Ben Higgins, Watershed Manager
Public Works, Watershed Management Division
(402) 441-7589
bhiggins@lincoln.ne.gov
**CITY OF LINCOLN PROPOSED STORM SEWER AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR BOND ISSUE**

**November 2, 2010**

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Thank you for your prompt response.

Question: will any of these projects be reimbursable from Tax Increment Funds (TIF)?

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From: Ben J. Higgins  
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 8:29 AM  
To: 'Jon Camp'  
Cc: Council Packet; Roger A. Figard; Randy W. Hoskins; Miki Esposito; Greg S. MacLean  
Subject: RE: 2010 Stormwater Bond Issue: Individual Project costs  
Attachments: image001.gif

Mr. Camp

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From: marvt60@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 11:18 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Municipal Band

Please keep support for the Band in the budget. It enhances the enjoyment of living in Lincoln!

Marvin Thompson
3640 Potomac Ln
Lincoln, NE 68516
Dear Lincoln City Council,

Could the City keep the funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band? An awful lot of people go to those concerts. Some people go every week.

Also, the band is something cool that a lot of cities don't have. It's one of the things that makes Lincoln a distinctive and nice place to live.

I don't know how many people have come up to me in Target, in the grocery store, in the library, at the mall and said, "I've seen you before – you play for those band concerts in the park, don't you?" Then they tell me how much the enjoy them.

People go to those concerts!

Sincerely,

Chantry Nelson
oboe, Lincoln Municipal Band
It just occurred to me.... I know the price cannot be raised for this year's home football game parking, but next year you could charge at least $20.00 instead of this year's $13.00 per game... I cannot image anyone objecting... it is a bargain!!... even at $25.00... I think it would be a good deal.  Ann Sidles
To Whom It May Concern,

My wife and I were recently handed a flier regarding the budget cuts that are looming for our city. While we understand the need for a balanced budget and that some things will need to be eliminated to get there, we are not sure this is something that you want to go through with.

We cannot speak to the quality or need for the current city arborist. But what we do care about is one of Lincoln's best resources, our trees. We need someone to care for them and make that is a resource that is around for future generations. Lincoln would just not be Lincoln without the shade, and the rustling, heck even cleaning the things up in the fall makes the experience. So please consider not cutting this position or finding an alternative way around this.

-Brian and Brenda Wandzilak
Since retiring and returning to Lincoln at the end of 2001 I have been disappointed in the way that Lincoln has made repeated cuts in city services. In a death of a thousand cuts the city is sliding down hill.

Each of the individual cuts has been relatively small, but the accumulated effect is very destructive of the qualities that make Lincoln a great place to live.

We harvested one of the fruits of these cuts last winter in a superior crop of potholes. The city wasted thousands of dollars in keeping the streets passable with temporary repairs. Some times filling the same pothole several times. One hopes that in the spring these repairs were made more permanent. The cost was several times what it would have cost to have done proper maintenance two or more years before. The cost to the city does not include the cost of accidents and repairs to people's cars.

Traveling the streets of Lincoln one can see many proto-potholes waiting for the winter to blossom forth full grown. There is little sign that there is activity to prevent another outstanding pothole season this year.

One feature of the proposed budget is particularly troubling. That is the use of on-time funds to support continuing operations. The magnitude of this in the proposed budget is even more troubling. It means that structuring the budget for the following year will be even more difficult.

The items supported by these one-time funds should not be cut. It is the source of funding that is the problem.

I would hope that the council would be brave enough to refuse to use the one-time funds and instead would make the small increase in the property tax to provide the funds.

Lincoln is a prosperous city. That is revealed by their support for the arena. Our unemployment rate remains small and the housing market did not collapse. There is a homestead exemption which protects low income home owners. We need to protect our quality of life.

/dan

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Dan Schlitt
2600 C Street
Lincoln
We would like you to know that the Lincoln Municipal Band is important to us and many others in Lincoln. When weather conditions are favorable very large crowds attend the band concerts at the park. We would be very disappointed if the concerts were forced to be curtailed by a lack of funding support from the city of Lincoln.

We truly feel that it is important to the citizens of Lincoln to retain the Lincoln Municipal Band and its 104 year old tradition of band concerts in the Antelope Park bandshell.

Gene J. and Louanne I. Cook
Honorable Mayor Beutler and Lincoln City Council Members: As a long time resident of Lincoln, I enjoy living here because of city parks, golf courses, bike and walking trails, summer band concerts and the general beauty of the city. Unfortunately, the last several years I have noticed a decline in the city's infrastructure, i.e. streets, malls, and upkeep of the city parks. I don't like to pay taxes anymore than anyone else, however, I cannot let maintenance of my business property fall into disrepair. Could the city not look at a sliding tax based on property values to support a fund to keep the city infrastructure from sliding further into disrepair? I don't think it is wise to cut people from landscaping, i.e. forestry division, I certainly don't want to see funds for the municipal band cut (I donate every year to the band fund). Thus, I hope you will consider to continue funding the municipal band as well as the city forester. Thanks you for your consideration. Kenneth D. Frank, CDR USNR Retired.
To all concerned:

I know our City has tax problems, why I don't know with all the huge homes and the amount of taxes we pay, but I cannot believe you would even consider taking away one of the few forms of entertainment that people who are elderly, people who don't have a lot of money, and people who just plain love the band. It is a tradition that is over 100 years old, something I have gone to since I was a child, have taken our children and grandchildren to and something we rarely ever miss in the summer, despite the weather. Also, what is with the no parking on the grass, (or should I say "weeds") at the edge of the road. People have been parking there for many, many years with no damage to the weeds/grass at all. There is no where near enough parking in the parking lots, and most of them present too long a walk for a lot of the elderly people who have physical problems. Please reconsider and don't cut the band out of the budget, it is very important to a lot of people.

Sincerely yours,
John E. & Alene J. Holt
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Keep Our City Safe - Lincoln needs the experienced leadership of our City Forester and our professional arborists now more than ever. In the next couple of years Lincoln will face the Emerald Ash Borer, an insect which is expected to kill 108,000 ash trees - a huge public safety hazard and a crisis in the making if we do not have a forester.

Keep Our City Green – Lincoln is the home of the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the only city in the US that concurrently holds all 5 Tree City USA designations. Trees increase our property values, they improve our energy efficiency, and they are key to our quality of life through our parks, trails, golf courses, and tree-lined streets.

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Park Director Johnson if you truly want to save money and reorganize your department, how about this? Combine your district shops with the golf courses, cut some of your overpaid and underworked assistants and planners, use your volunteers for mowing, weeding, and litter pickup. The city already has a large base of volunteer tree planters, our neighborhood groups, scouts, businesses and citizens who have used the voucher system. All, by the way, coordinated by our City Forester Steve Schwab. I think the Mayor got some very suspect advice on the budget from Director Johnson; maybe that's where the axe should fall.
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From: pilus92974@mypacks.net
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 12:55 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln needs a City Forester, not more mowing

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Keep Our City Green – Lincoln is the home of the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the only city in the US that concurrently holds all 5 Tree City USA designations. Trees increase our property values, they improve our energy efficiency, and they are key to our quality of life through our parks, trails, golf courses, and tree-lined streets.

Fiscally Responsible Leadership – Lincoln has more than one million trees. We need to retain our professional City Forester to make sure that tax payer dollars are used wisely in maintaining our trees.

Mayor Chris Beutler has pledged not to cut programs essential to public safety but in his proposed budget he plans to cut Lincoln’s Community Forestry program at a time when it is most needed. Now is the time when we need to retain our experienced City Forester and professional arborists.

Let's not forget that Lincoln is designated "Tree City, USA" thanks to Helen Boosalis who, being the great woman and mayor she was, saw the importance of trees to our society. Do not let this position go away. A Coordinator of volunteers cannot replace the experience that Steve Schwab brings to the table.

Park Director Johnson if you truly want to save money and reorganize your department, how about this? Combine your district shops with the golf courses, cut some of your overpaid and underworked assistants and planners, use your volunteers for mowing, weeding, and litter pickup. The city already has a large base of volunteer tree planters, our neighborhood groups, scouts, businesses and citizens who have used the voucher system. All, by the way, coordinated by our City Forester Steve Schwab. I think the Mayor got some very suspect advice on the budget from Director Johnson; maybe that's where the axe should fall.
I hope you reconsider funding the Municipal Band next year. My family certainly enjoys going to the concerts and we support the band.

Terry Hiatt
Your budget cut of $9000 for the Lincoln Municipal Band would cut more than one concert. Cutting $1000 from the Band would be enough to damage the concert season. Please do not "kill" the concert season for the band. We both were band leaders for several high schools in Nebraska and would like to see the Lincoln Municipal Band remain in the Lincoln spot light all year around.

Dewaine and Irma Alcorn
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68516
dalcorn501@mac.com
Mary M. Meyer

From: Dnthlynn@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 5:21 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: parking meters

Dear Mayor Beutler and City Council Members:

Just a suggestion--If we are considering changing Lincoln's parking meters, why not purchase the system that services one block’s worth of parking spaces instead of one meter for 1 and or 2 parking spaces? We first used this system when traveling in Europe and thought it was very efficient. It sure cleans up the sidewalks, makes it easier for snow removal, etc. Just last month we were in Boulder and noticed that they have gone to the same system. I've heard City Hall rejected this in the past because people don't want to have to walk ALL the way back to their car to put a ticket on the dashboard...this would have an adjustment period but once folks got used to it they might even appreciate the extra little bit of exercise!

Let's take this opportunity to make a change that really makes sense!

Beth Thacker
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: 

Comment or Question:
Budget-When will government be realistic and address the area that impacts budgets the most--salaries and benefit packages. We are at a point that the taxpayer can no longer afford to pay for defined benefit retirement plans and free health insurance for retirees. When do you address the elephant in the room? When the budget doesn't balance you cannot continue to fall back on raising taxes. Unions have too much power. Sometimes in hard financial times we all have to give a little yet the unions continue to expect raises and it appears they get what they want. Where's the logic and common sense?
Dear City Council Members:
I am writing in regards to a few budget items. First of all, I appreciate the Mayor keeping the neighborhood PSO's in the budget--please leave them there. PSO's particularly in the more densely areas of the city are kept very busy enforcing parking and dealing with junk cars as it affects our quality of life. This is why junk cars was added as an important part of the quality of life ordinances. A junk car deserted on the street or leaking oil in a back yard is no less detrimental than a broken or boarded up window.

Secondly, while we would all like to keep the city forester position, I respect Lynn Johnson's opinion on where he think's the budget should be spent at Parks & Rec. I also like the Mayor's idea of focusing on planting new trees. I would hope that the city give consideration to a "greener" Lincoln by replacing 70' trees with 70' trees and not 30' as Everett Neighborhood was given to replace our (500)trees in the public right of way. I can't help but wonder if my new record high LES bill would have been lower if trees I helped plant 25 yrs. ago had been the taller specimen.

Thirdly, in regards to bus transportation--this is an annual issues is it not? How about focusing on making the area surrounding downtown a more desireable place to live. Everett, Near South, Malone are well served by the bus system.

Thank you all for your time and service--especially this time of year!

Pat Anderson-Sifuentez
1500 S. 11th Street
Everett Neighborhood
panderson@neb.rr.com
Mayor Chris Beutler, City of Lincoln,

Thank you for your form letter dated July 27 in response to my July 20 letter asking you to reconsider the proposal to eliminate the position of City Forester in the city budget. I would like to hear from you that you actually read this letter as I urge you to consider the following:

1) Our system of government in the United States calls for a balance of power, including on the city level, between the executive (Mayor), legislative (City Council) and judicial. When Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said he “will still eliminate (City Forester Steve) Schwab’s job even if the Lincoln City Council restores funding for it,” as reported in the July 29 Lincoln Journal Star by Deena Winter, he seems to indicate contempt for the role of the Council. He also shows a lack of respect for citizen opinion and has lost contact with the fact that he is himself an employee whose salary is paid for by citizen taxpayers.

2) What bothers me most of all however, is that I do not believe Johnson would have made the statement challenging in advance any City Council input without your approval. He does after all, work in his position as your appointee.

3) With no evidence to the contrary, I’ve come to the unfortunate conclusion that Johnson does not place value on trees even though Forestry is a division within his department. Neither he (nor you?) acknowledge that we need a trained, experienced arborist with expertise to direct a tree program in a city this size. The following cities have a city forester: Saint Paul, Madison, (Wisc.), Omaha, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, Overland Park, Wichita. Note that Madison allocates 27 percent of its parks budget to Forestry. Lincoln currently allocates 11 percent. And now the director (and you?) want to eliminate the position of city forester, salary $81,000, who garnered ten times his salary in grants over two years. Lincoln is subject not “if” but “when” to a coming attack from ash borer, predicted to be as devastating to our urban forest as was Dutch Elm Disease. When Johnson moves on, as he surely will, we in Lincoln will be left with damage from professional neglect and misguided focus during his stint as Parks and Recreation director.

4) I’m asking you to reconsider the effect of eliminating this position – the loss of years of experience needed to perform the job, loss of know-how in getting matching federal-state dollars, overall expertise. Since citizens complain about uncut grass in city parks, use volunteers to mow parks. Recruit from mowing companies, individuals – we already know how to mow – less liability for the city than using volunteers to trim trees. As city head, it’s up to you to put the city forester position back into the budget.

Please overrule Johnson on this poorly thought-out alternative plan. It looks more like some turf war, not a responsible or objective decision.

Phone 450-2350 or 423-2797

Sincerely, Glenda Peterson
Phone message
from Alan More

Comments on Budget:

1) Hate to see City Forester lose his job. Possibly take pay cut and be the Community Forestry Planner.

2) Regarding the PSU's, meter readers, possibly they could take a pay cut and retain their jobs.

3) The equipment (i.e., the coin change boxes) from parking meters should be sold, not given away.

4) Appreciate the job the City Council is doing.
Phone Message
from Jeff Kleinberg

08.10.10

On the budget:

1. Do not eliminate funding for the Lincoln Municipal Band. 1,000 to 1,500 people attend this terrific free entertainment. The band has performed for 104 years. Please find cuts somewhere else.
I oppose the proposed cut of the Lincoln Municipal Band concerts. These concerts have been a tradition in Antelope Park for 100 years and are enjoyed by many in the community. A newspaper article last week indicated that the City provides $9,000 per concert - this information is incorrect! The $9,000 is for the ENTIRE summer season of concerts. The band is also supported by many Lincoln organizations and individuals.

Please reconsider this line item and KEEP the concerts in the future!!

Linda Mason-Witt
4521 Southwood Drive
Lincoln, NE 68512
uswitts@hotmail.com
Dear Mayor Beutler and members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to ask you to please reconsider your plan to cut all funding for the free Lincoln Municipal Band concerts in Antelope Park during July and August.

Last Sunday night, when it was 95 degrees with a heat index of 110 at concert time, there were close to 1,000 people attending our concert in spite of the heat. That should tell you something about how much the citizens of Lincoln appreciate the organization. On a pleasant night, our audience often numbers well over 2,000 people.

100 years ago, pretty much every town of any size in America had a city or municipal band that performed in the town square on Sunday nights during the summer. Over the years, most cities have lost that great American tradition, but not Lincoln. The Lincoln Municipal Band remains today as one of the very few professional bands presenting free concerts for the public and it is one of the things that makes Lincoln such a wonderful community to live in.

It is because of people like John Shildneck (the city named the current band shell after him in appreciation of his efforts), who single-handedly kept the organization going for over 50 years, as its director, hiring the musicians, raising the funding necessary, taking care of the music and everything else that was needed that the band exists at all.

It is because of the dedicated board of directors and the many volunteers, the hundreds and hundreds of people, businesses and community foundations who donate to the organization each year and the hard-working, underpaid staff that it continues today.

The musicians themselves consider this a public service worthy of their time and effort to help continue this tradition for the community, being paid less than half what they would be paid to perform for any of the other professional music organizations in the community that many of them work with such as the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, Nebraska Jazz Orchestra, Third Chair Chamber Players and events at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

Your proposed elimination of the total $9,000 funding from the City of Lincoln would most certainly result in the loss of more than one concert next year and would seriously threaten the ability of the organization’s staff to write grants and solicit the funds they need to survive in the future.

I understand that this is a difficult time for the city, but surely this is such an insignificant amount of the total budget that funding could be maintained at the current level.

Respectfully yours,

Dean W. Haist
Executive Director, Lincoln Municipal Band
First Trumpet and Soloist, Lincoln Municipal Band
Resident and voting taxpayer in the City of Lincoln since 1971
Dear City Council.

My suggestion regarding the city budget is to "CUT ACROSS THE BOARD," 1, 2 or 3 %. That sounds drastic, but the alternative is to cut jobs, people go on unemployment, the government pays for that, the people pack up their bags, leave town and the tax revenue is lessened.

If everyone takes a cut in pay AND a cut in benefits, they still have a job and if they don't like that, they have the option to quit.

The city arborist needs to be kept. This is the tree city USA and if the trees are not kept up, think of the damage, limbs hit cars, electrical wires, fences, people, and just think of the beauty if they are trimmed properly. My brother lives in Marshall MO and their trees are trimmed, by whom? and they look hideous.

Thank you, Sincerely Mary Geisler
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Email: babykk80@live.com

Comment or Question:
I think the 2a.m. bar closing will benifit Lincoln, ne!!!
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Jude Cox
Address: 1144 S.11th Street #B2
City: Lincoln, NE 68502
Phone: 402-601-2629
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Email: benzconvertible@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
yeah i would just like to say, as a taxpayer that wants the bars to stay open til 2 am, im utterly digusted with the fact you all are going against what the general public wants!! no wonder so many people are moving out of lincoln, we hav nazi's for city council!!
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Brian Doty
Address: 2511 S 58th ST
City: Lincoln, NE 68506

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: 

Comment or Question:
Honorable City Council members,

It is with great hope for our local businesses & modern citizens that Lincoln, the 2nd largest "city" in the state, will choose a leadership role in following Omaha & 44 out of the other 50 states in the nation, by joining the 21st century & approving the measure to extend the closing time of our restaurants & bars to the appropriate time of 2am.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Doty
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Catherine Herzberg
Address: 4601 w ramsey rd
City: Lincoln, NE 68524

Phone: Fax: Email:

Comment or Question:
Leave it at 1 am for bar closing
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: James C. Mc Clelland
Address: 2705 Royal Ct.
City: Lincoln 68502
Phone: 423-6090
Fax: 
Email: jmcclelland@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:
I join those willing to pay higher prop. taxes if necessary to save forester and tackle our sagging infrastructure.

Why build a new arena when we can't even maintain what we have?
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Justin Young
Address: 4744 Happy Hollow Lane
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 
Fax: 
Email: 

Comment or Question:
I am writing to express my support for a 2am bar closing time. As a young professional who hopes to see Lincoln continue to grow, prosper, and enjoy a cultural vibrancy that would keep young college graduates in Lincoln, I cannot emphasize enough the message that extending bar hours would send. A 2am bar closing time represents yet another move towards Lincoln joining the rest of the nation and stepping confidently into the future. Please, extend the bar closing time.
To all that this concerns as to the municipal funding of the municipal band concerts:

The budget cut to the municipal band, considered by some as needing to be cut because of budgetary constraints, might be considered as another step in causing the inability for the general public to enjoy live what many might consider "classical" music. Another observation of this could be the elimination of the symphony from the July 4th celebration. I realize these types of opportunities do not come without a cost. My wife and I donate yearly, sometimes twice yearly, to help make for these opportunities. Some cannot or choose not to contribute. The last sentence is evidenced in public radio, television and the like. But to not have the government subsidize is wrong there also. It is becoming more and more difficult for the average person to have access to some of the great music, music being created now as well as that was created over the past centuries. Is this all going to be left to the privileged few?

On a related issue. Public parks, are free today. Could we see coming down the pike, admittance fees to take advantage of going to a park? We have public pools, but we charge to use them. Do I recall correctly that there are even issues with funding the Star City Parade?

Whatever happened to contributing to the greater good? Communities are dissolving. We're becoming just humans that happen to reside next to other humans. I could go on and on as I am sure all of you could do also.

I don't know of anyone that loves to pay taxes. I know I sure don't. Often are times when I wish I were paying less in taxes. BUT, to continue to cut/drop community events, access to the arts (and the list goes on), rather than doing the right, although unpopular, responsible thing. Raise taxes to fund these needed components of a well balance life experience.

With much sincerity,

Paul Madvig

P.S. Please do not use the verbiage of cutting just the funding for one concert, when it is cutting all the funding from our city's budget. It is deceiving and implies ignorance, albeit there is the latter. However, many of these ignorant folk did decide to vote for you. They wanted you to represent them. Please make them proud of their decision.
To the honorable City Council,

Please do not remove *any* funding for the long standing tradition of free music in park provided by the Lincoln Municipal Band. It is a true feather in the cap of the quality of life we enjoy in our fine city and you, the city leaders, should do what is necessary to find a way to continue to fund *all* of these concerts.

Thank you for your service to our city.

Ric Ricker
4830 S 72nd st
68516
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
Please extend bar time until 2 am... thankyou
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Terry Nelson
Address: 5607 NW 11th Circle
City: Lincoln, NE, 68521

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Comment or Question:
Just want to let you know that I am in favor of the 2am time for bar closings, even though at 41 I haven't even closed a bar down for quite some time
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
   General Council

Name:      Mike Figueroa
Address:   728 Q St.
City:      Lincoln, NE, 68516
Phone:     402-314-5609
Fax:       
Email:     mfig0808@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
In support of 2am closing. Please give us the option!
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: John Hamilton
Address: 6720 LaSalle St
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Comment or Question:
Please support the resolution to allow Bars to stay open until 2 am. I feel it is very important to allow private business owners the opportunity to make decisions regarding their establishments without governement intervention.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Jim Brodhagen
Address: 1901 Brower Rd
City: Lincoln, NE, 68502
Phone: 402.909.119
Fax: 
Email: jim@spatialdistortion.com

Comment or Question:
Just writing to state that I'm very disappointed in leaving the bar closing time at 1am. I am a musician and can say that Omaha is a much better place to play due to their recent change to 2am. To be honest, I was very surprised to see such strong opposition to the 2am closing time. What's next, no buying alcohol on Sundays before noon? But seriously, moving the closing time to 2am isn't that much of a difference to bar owners. I used to work at a bar that closed between 2am and 3am depending on business. Most nights, we'd close at 2am with little traffic. But on nights when we'd have shows, we'd have people all the way to 3am. This was great business for the bar (lots of sales) and great for bands due to the fact that they could actually play for a while and hang out a bit afterwards (encouraging more drink sales). I'm just one person, but I'll say that I'd vote to move the closing time to 2am mainly for the fact that it's not going to be that easy to get good shows in Lincoln now that Omaha has changed and the CAPITAL hasn't. Seems a bit strange to me, but then again... we are in the middle of conservative Chrisitian Nebraska. Not exactly my party, but what can I do? Just be a voice in the crowd, I suppose. Hope this doesn't fall on deaf ears.

Yours,
Jim Brodhagen
jim@spatialdistortion.com
Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2010 3:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Brock Minert
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Phone: 402-469-3291
Fax: 
Email: 

Comment or Question:
Please strongly consider the 2am closing time. I know safety is a big concern, however how many of the college crowd that go downtown to the bars that are forced out by 1am then get into their cars and drive to an after party in someone neighborhood? I would rather have these people in bars downtown than in neighborhoods partying.

We need to educate bar and restaurant owners on not serving the overly intoxicated and looking for those signs. We also need to work preventing drunk driving in this town, make it easier for people to get rides. People don't like leaving their cars downtown overnight and having to pay for the parking, and instead would rather risk driving home. These are two issues that need to be worked on whether the closing time is 1 am or 2 am.

Not ever bar will choose to be open till 2, and they won't be open till 2 every night. There will have to be a demand that creates that. I'm almost 27, I'm not going to be regularly out till 2 am, but on special occasions I might be. Say I go to a concert at this new arena that will be built and it doesn't get over till midnight, I might want to go somewhere to hang out with some friends after words, 2am would be enough to give me time, otherwise I have 45 mins to go somewhere and I'll think it's not worth it and go home. This is money that could be spent in our town at a bar that helps fund our arena project.

Lincoln is a college town, that is how it is, we need to accept this fact and cater to it. 2 am is good for business, good for the city with their increase in taxes on bars and restaurants, and good for the University. Any safety concerns need to be addressed in this city no matter what the closing time is.

Thank you for your time, Brock Minert
How can you expect volunteers to trim trees, our forester has done an excellent job, we dealt with him a few times and he knows his job. How can Lincoln be called a Tree City and then Johnson saying he will use the money to mow the grass in the Parks, he has no idea what is important. The Council approves money for certain things and he decides to use it on other projects, great. Lincoln is very hindsightet.
The Municipal Band has been playing in Antelope Park for 100 years, how can you cut such a great program? Ursula Goodban
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Bailey McAllister
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City: Lincoln, NE 68505

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Fax:
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Comment or Question:
I am writing to express my support of the 2 am closing time for bars. I, as well as countless others I associate with, do not work conventional 9-5 jobs and would like to be able to go out after a long evening at work and be able to relax with friends, enjoy the music or a couple of drinks and maybe some dancing. An additional hour to do so would not only make me happy but would also make the local economy happy with the additional (taxable) dollars that we would be spending.

Thank you for your consideration.
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Kyle Klems
Address: 5435 BLUEBERRY CT
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Comment or Question:
Please leave the Lincoln city bar closing time at 1 pm.
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to try and dissuade you from cutting funds from Lincoln Municipal Band. We have long had this worthwhile tradition of summer band concerts in Antelope Park, which are so well attended by hundreds of people. I know that the Mayor and City Council have difficult decisions to make regarding the budget, but please don't take away this 104-year-old tradition.

Sincerely,
Ardiss Cederholm
Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th
Lincoln NE 68508

To: City Council Members

I am writing you concerning the issue of extended hours to 2 A.M. for bars.
I encourage you to vote against this issue.

1st. I mean more police vigilance and increased manpower for that Dept.

But it would increase accidents which we don't need. Persons give less attention to their driving when they have been drinking. Drivers and others may be injured, property damages increase, possible injuries which mean emergency room and/or hospitalization.

But persons are killed or badly injured. Lives are ruined or exchanged. Families are impacted from excessive drinking.
The drinker is spending less time and quality time with friends and family. Temperance place, and fests, knives, guns are used. Money is spent that could and should be used for food, clothing, shelter.

I feel that you, as a voting body, for our city, need to feel responsibility for your decision which affects all of our citizenry.

I am a 77 year old lady have lived in Lincoln since 1960, been very active in my Church and Community. My husband, Leon, now deceased, was very active in Boy Scouts. [You Camping was in his troop.]

I have 4 grandchildren that I'm concerned about. Your vote is important to individuals, to the community.

I am proud of Lincoln. For being a large city, we have low crime, thanks to good concerned decisions along the years, an excellent police dept.

Please vote **NO** on extended hours for bars.

Thank you!

Julia Wilson
6211 Sunrise Rd
Lincoln NE 68510
Advocates of extending bar closing time assert:

- “It will boost tavern revenues with consequent increase in the newly-imposed city occupation tax to support the city arena.”

Revenues, under this analysis, correspond to hours of operation. To raise meaningful revenues, why settle for a paltry single hour: taverns should be permitted to serve 24/7. In fact, per capita discretionary income available for tavern drinking will not increase; the same tavern revenues will simply be spread over more hours. The tavern cohort and its revenue stream is finite and inelastic; increasing drinking hours cannot squeeze more revenues from this turnip.

- “It provides a level playing field.”

Relevant arguably to Omaha with cross border Iowa bars mere minutes away, Lincoln bars compete with no similar rival bordering communities. This is why the enabling state statute provides for local option.

- “Other big city bars enjoy (2 a.m. / 3 a.m.) closing hours.”

Following the herd in lock-stop is an organizing principle of dubious validity as applied to most economic activity (e.g., timing the purchase or sale of investments; the investor who pursues a disciplined buy-sell approach over time generally outperforms the crowd-follower). “Please let me, mom, everyone else is doing it” is an unpersuasive rationale, for child and adult alike.

Extending bar closing time contravenes the public interest. Intoxicants are inherently injurious to human health, dissipate self-control, breed disruptive behavior. It is not by accident that alcohol sales and distribution—as opposed to healthy commerce (restaurants; coffee houses)—are subject to rigorous regulatory oversight by a statewide liquor control commission.

Alcohol encourages behavioral pathologies: (1) a bullet fired from a high-powered weapon by an exiting Sur Tango patron spanned an entire city block from P to O Street—past a residential building—to strike a blameless pedestrian; (2) inebriated hit-and-run motorists exiting the P Street municipal parking garage at bar closing time unable to navigate their pickup trucks when proceeding from upper to street levels have struck hapless parked vehicles; (3) at bar closing time Fridays and Saturdays tumultuous, animated, high-decibel throngs are disgorged onto O Street sidewalks (reminiscent of cavorting peasants depicted on a canvas by Brueghel the Elder); (3) dispelling those throngs challenges the combined efforts of police officers employing back-to-back police cruisers in O Street.

Lincoln has flourished as a city prized for its civilizing educational and religious institutions, its culture nourished by visionary leadership and responsive citizenry.
Proponents have failed their burden of persuasion that additional drinking time is supportive of the city's core values and contributive to its quality of life.

Sincerely,

Wallace Becker
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Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
Work: (402) 438-1313 (ext. 14)
Home: (402) 475-3113
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss results of an investigation into the July collapse of a Wilderness Park Bridge at a news conference on Friday, August 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m. in Room 303 of the County-City Building.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Design and construction contribute to bridge collapse.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for week of August 14th through August 20, 2010.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor promotes school safety.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will honor the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games staff with a proclamation at 3 p.m. Monday, August 16th in the Council Chambers.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Public pool season closures begin Sunday.

DIRECTORS:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Leave your pet at home on hot days.

CITY LIBRARIES
1. Meeting agenda for Tuesday, August 17, 2010.
3. Back to school library card initiative at Lincoln City Libraries.

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

JON CAMP
1. Memo to Fire Chief Ford regarding Resolution 10R-197, requesting the categories of services and rates for years that LFR has operated the ambulance service.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Email from Mary Geisler stating disappointment with the Star City Parade and the Antelope Park concerts being cancelled, and giving suggestions on how they might be revived.
2. Email from David Wysong. Parks Director should maintain the City Forester position at the current level of funding and responsibilities, not create a professional forester position.
V. INVITATIONS

1. Welcome to Dr. Steve Joel, LPS Superintendent and wife, Linda
   Country Club of Lincoln
   3200 S. 24th Street
   Wednesday
   September 1, 2010
   4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
   Remarks at 5:30 p.m.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: August 12, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the results of an investigation into the July collapse of a Wilderness Park Bridge at a news conference at 10 a.m. Friday, August 13 in Room 303, third floor of County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. The Mayor also will discuss the new inspection program for all pedestrian bridges in the City.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 13, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Terry Genrich, Parks and Recreation, 441-7939
Roger Figard, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7711

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRIBUTE TO BRIDGE COLLAPSE
City develops new pedestrian bridge inspection program

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that design and construction issues contributed to the July 21st collapse of a pedestrian bridge in Wilderness Park. The Mayor also announced that a new inspection program for pedestrian bridges in the City is now in place.

“This unfortunate incident prompted us to take a closer look at all our pedestrian bridges and how we monitor their safety,” Beutler said. “We made this a priority. The new program will assure residents and visitors that they can safely use these bridges.”

About 20 youths and counselors from the Wilderness Nature Camp were on the bridge when it dipped 12 to 15 feet in the middle, but only minor injuries were reported. Initial engineering investigations by Speece Lewis Engineers, Inc. indicate that the structure was not properly designed for the load limit stipulated in the design code.

While the youth and counselors were on the bridge, the walkway hand rail buckled and moved sideways several inches. The movement of the hand rail resulted in a loss of structural support, which caused a transfer of additional weight through the support cables into the support towers at each end of the bridge. The support towers were attached to wooden abutments, and Speece Lewis determined they were inadequately designed and constructed. The increased load on the support towers caused the wooden abutments to fail. Once the support towers were free to move, they rotated toward the creek under the weight of the collapsing walkway.

The bridge is about a half mile north of Saltillo Road and was built in 2003. The City took ownership of the bridge only after construction was complete and it was approved by the design engineer.

The Parks and Recreation Department plans to remove the bridge in the next few weeks. The replacement of the bridge is under consideration.

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Bridge Inspections
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Immediately after the collapse, Mayor Beutler directed the City Public Works and Utilities Department to visually inspect the remaining 11 trail bridges in Wilderness Park. Most of those bridges are over smaller tributaries. The collapsed bridge and one in the middle of the park were blocked off. On July 23rd, a 65-foot bridge over a tributary between Densmore Park and Salt Creek was closed due to bank erosion. The three bridges remain closed.

Lincoln Parks and Recreation has compiled a list of all pedestrian bridges along trails and walkways and on public golf courses. Of the 98 bridges, nine are over streets or highways and are inspected every other year by the City Public Works and Utilities Department and the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The City will conduct a visual inspection of the remaining 89 bridges by quadrants on a four-year cycle. The 68 bridges that are more than 20 feet in length will be inspected by certified bridge inspectors on a six-year cycle.

Inspections will be conducted in the late fall and winter when crews can best see the bridges and surrounding area. The first round of inspections will begin this year.

The cost of the program is being determined. Funds will be included in the Parks and Recreation operating budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. In future years, the funding source will be Parks and Recreation maintenance funds which come from cell tower fees. An additional amount will be added every year to remedy any issues found during the inspections.

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Date: August 13, 2010
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of August 14 through 20, 2010
*Schedule subject to change*

Monday, August 16
- International visitors from Armenia - 1:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Proclamation presentation to 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games staff - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building

Tuesday, August 17
- Central Financial Services Educational Conference, medallion presentation to Clayton Anderson - 8 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S. 13th St. (Lancaster Room)
- News conference - Second Annual Smoke Alarm Rally (event is Aug. 21) - 1 p.m., McPhee Elementary School, 820 Goodhue Blvd.
- Rotary International study group from Pakistan, present Honorary Citizenship certificates - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Thursday, August 19
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Legislative Summit Federal Fly-Back - 8 a.m., Strategic Air and Space Museum, 28210 West Park Highway, Ashland
- Census recognition for Lincoln Complete Count Committee, remarks - 3 p.m., County-City Building, room 303

Friday, August 20
- KLIN morning radio show - 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House/NRG Media, 4343 “O” St.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 13, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Scott Opfer, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7711

MAYOR PROMOTES SCHOOL SAFETY

With school beginning Wednesday, August 18, Mayor Chris Beutler today promoted two efforts aimed at getting students to and from school safely:

- The Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), the City’s Public Works and Utilities Department and the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) are sponsoring the annual “Safe Walk and Safe Ride to School Night.” Most schools will participate from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, August 16, and some will participate Tuesday, August 17. All school speed zones will be in operation.

- LPD will conduct its two-week “back to school” traffic enforcement project from Monday, August 23 to Friday, September 3. Additional officers will be posted around schools to promote traffic and pedestrian safety.

“We have numerous roadway projects under way around the City, so drivers need to use caution and patience as the school year begins,” Mayor Beutler said. “I urge drivers to allow some extra time over the next couple of weeks while students and their families adapt to their new routines.”

Three Lincoln schools received some added safety features this summer:
- At Roper Elementary, 2323 S. Coddington Ave., the roadway has been widened to a three-lane cross section, and a pedestrian traffic signal has been installed directly in front of the school on S. Coddington.
- At Arnold Elementary, 5000 Mike Scholl St., a left-turn lane has been installed on N.W. 48th Street at Mike Scholl St.
- A new 45 mph school zone has been established on Highway 34 at Fletcher.

Goodrich Middle School students will continue to be in attendance at the Dawes Middle School at Colfax Avenue and 52nd Street.

Voluntary one-way pick-up and drop-off driving plans and recommended walking routes are available from school principals and the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: schools).

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Pedestrians are encouraged to walk, not run, when crossing streets. Motorists are encouraged to pay attention to the signage in school areas. (A list follows this release).

Except for the new 45 mph school zone at Highway 34 and Fletcher, the speed limit in school zones is 25 mph. LPD has a “no tolerance” policy for enforcing school speed zones, and fines are doubled for speeding in these zones. The fines (not including court costs) for speeding in a school speed zone are:

- $20 for traveling 1 to 5 mph over the speed limit
- $50 for traveling 6 to 10 mph over the speed limit
- $150 for traveling 11 to 15 mph over the speed limit
- $250 for traveling 16 to 20 mph over the speed limit
- $400 for traveling 21 to 35 mph over the speed limit
- $600 for traveling 36 mph or more over the speed limit

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**SCHOOL AREA SIGNAGE**

**No Parking 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. School Days Loading Zone**
These signs are installed in areas designated for picking up and dropping off students. Drivers can legally park in these areas for 10 minutes as long as they remain in their vehicles.

**No Parking 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. School Days Bus Zone**
These signs are installed in areas designated for school bus loading and unloading. Drivers are prohibited from using these areas when they are picking up or dropping off students.

**No Stopping Anytime**
These signs are installed in areas for safety reasons, and drivers are prohibited from stopping in these areas to pick up or drop off students.

**No Stopping 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. School Days or No Stopping 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. School Days**
These signs are the same as the “No Stopping Anytime” signs except that they are only in effect during the times stated.

**Authorized School Crossing**
These signs are installed at locations where drivers should expect to see concentrations of children crossing the street. Crossings adjacent to schools also usually have “No Stopping Anytime” signs nearby to allow drivers to better see the children approaching or standing at the curb.
DATE: August 13, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will recognize and honor the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games staff with a proclamation at 3 p.m. Monday, August 16 in Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., at the beginning of the City Council meeting.

The Mayor will proclaim the day “2010 Special Olympics USA National Games Staff Appreciation Day” in the City of Lincoln.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 13, 2009
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lewis, Asst. Recreation Manager, 441-7960

PUBLIC POOL SEASON CLOSURES BEGIN SUNDAY
Star City Shores to end season with Dog Splash

Lincoln’s public swimming pools will begin closing for the season Sunday, August 15. Pools scheduled to close at 6 p.m. that day are Arnold, University Place and Woods.

Ballard, Belmont, Eden, Highlands and Irving Pools will continue to be open from 1 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 16 and from 1 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 17.

The regular season at Star City Shores also ends at 6 p.m. Sunday, but the pool will host one more public event that night – Dog Splash is set for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 per dog and will go on sale at 6 p.m. at the front gates. A limited number of tickets will be sold. Each dog may be accompanied by up to two adults and one child at least 8 years of age.

Dog Splash features an area for small dogs (measuring 15 inches from the shoulder or less) and retrieval activities in the lap lanes. When the dogs are not in the water, they must be on a leash. Plastic bags will be provided for clean up. Dog splash is sponsored by the Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Greater Lincoln Obedience Club.

The Parks and Recreation Department is asking public input through an online survey. The Public Pool use survey gathers information about current public pool usage and seeks ideas on future programming. The survey is at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/publicpooluse.

For more information on City pools, call 441-7960 or visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pools).

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 12, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Beal, Animal Control Manager, 441-7900

Leave Your Pet at Home on Hot Days

The Animal Control Division of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is reminding the public that you should leave your pet at home in hot weather. On an 85 degree day, it only takes about 10 minutes for the inside of your car to reach 102 degrees, even when the windows have been left open an inch or two.

Leaving your pet in a car can result in the pet owner receiving a citation and fine for animal neglect or cruelty.

If you must travel with your pet, take these precautions:

• Carry a gallon thermos of cold water or a two liter plastic bottle of frozen water.
• Exercise your pet when it is cooler and never immediately following a meal
• Hot asphalt and tar can burn paw pads
• Provide shade and plenty of water in non-tippable bowls

If your dog does get overheated, bring the temperature down by soaking the animal in cool water and seek veterinary care.

For more information on pet safety issues, please contact Animal Control at 441-7900.
MEETING NOTICE

DATE:     August 13, 2010
TO:       Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Media
FROM:     Pat Leach, Library Director
SUBJECT:  Library Board Meeting
DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING:  Tuesday, August 17, 2010
                             Victor E. Anderson Branch Library
                             3635 Touzalin Avenue
                             Lincoln, Nebraska

STARTING TIME OF MEETING:  6:00 p.m.
CHAIRMAN OF MEETING:        Jeff Kirkpatrick, President
PURPOSE OF MEETING:         Monthly Board Meeting

AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items
3. Approval of July 20, 2010, Meeting Minutes
4. Standing Committee Reports
   a. Committee on Administration
      i. Approval of Library Director’s Annual Evaluation*
   b. Committee on Buildings & Grounds
   c. Committee on Finance
      i. Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures*
5. Special Committee Reports
   a. Bookmobile Committee
   b. Downtown Library Development
   c. Foundation Liaison & Executive Director Report
   d. One Book - One Lincoln
   e. Polley Music
   f. Strategic Planning
   g. Technology
   h. Trustee Development
6. Old Business
7. New Business
   a. Approval of Surplus Property List*
   b. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for PIONEER*
8. President’s Report
   a. Adoption of Resolution for Retiring Board Member*
9. Director’s Report
10. Assistant Library Director’s Report
11. Public Comment - Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda, may do so at this time.
12. Tour of Anderson Branch Library

*Action Item

A copy of current Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska is posted in the meeting room.

The Board reserves the right to change the order of business as listed on the Agenda.

The Board reserves the right to go into closed session if conditions warrant.

Proposed agenda kept continually current and available for inspection in the Administrative Office at the Bennett Martin Public Library.

Requests for sign language interpreters require a minimum of 48 hours advance notice to Library Director - 441-8510.
Summer Reading Programs drew nearly to a close in July. Some events, such as swim parties, Burrito Nights, and Library Nights at Haymarket Park, will wrap up in August. Circulation during the summer has been high, and all libraries have noted strong attendance at special events.

Behind the scenes of our busy libraries, staff completed the first part of a system-wide classification study, a collaboration with the Personnel Department. Nearly every classified staff member filled out a job audit form. Following reviews by supervisors, the next step will be an in-person interview with each staff member to review the information. This project serves two purposes. 1) A follow-up to our Strategic Planning process to ensure that our position descriptions support the plan. 2) A response to Personnel’s concerns that the large number of library classifications makes comparability difficult during salary negotiations.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Lincoln City Libraries will provide a welcoming and inviting environment.

Objectives

- Provide well maintained facilities – physical and virtual
  - Julee Hector, Eiseley Branch Supervisor, reported, “Grubb & Ellis began the project of removing some of the large display units from the center of Eiseley.” These units will be replaced by display tables similar to those that have worked so well at Williams Branch, which will be moveable and shorter, which will open up sight lines in the building.

- Provide hours of service that are convenient for the community
  - Our Outreach programs are more about places that are convenient to the community. Sheila Jacobs, Outreach Librarian, reported, “Inaugural visits of Saltdogs to Outreach sites went over like gang-busters. Saltdogs were in Lincoln at the Malone Community Center (80) and at county locations in the town/villages of Waverly (80), Denton (10), Hallam (35) and Firth (50).”

- Complete public library project at Arnold School – Completed September 2009.
- Refurbish Bethany Branch Library for 50th Anniversary – Completed March 2010

Lincoln City Libraries will provide innovative delivery of services.

Objectives

- Experiment with open cataloging and innovative shelving arrangements
  - Jodene Glaesemann, Walt Branch Supervisor, reported, “The jF bundle books continue to circulate well. Of the 204 bundles made by volunteers this month, 182 checked out. We consistently hear positive comments from parents about the ease of grabbing a bundle of books at the correct level for their child.”

- Provide customer-centered service
  - Many of our summer reading program special events appealed to our audience. Eiseley Branch Supervisor Julee Hector noted, “We had excellent attendance at all July events at Eiseley and
Williams branches. For Magician Jeff Quinn’s performances at Eiseley, we had a total attendance of 957!”
- In a similar vein, Bennett Martin Public Library Supervisor Julie Beno wrote, “The large turnout for the Kokyo Taiko Drummers prompted us to schedule a second show, allowing a total of 345 attendees to enjoy the performance.”
- Writing for South Branch Library, Julie also noted, “I believe we had a record attendance at the Jeff Quinn program with over 300 attending.”
- Anderson and Bethany Branch Supervisor Kim Shelley wrote of Bethany, “More than 120 attended each of the summer reading events. The highest attendance – 150 – was at the joint youth/teen Friendship Bracelet program, led by Karrie Simpson and Linda Vollenweider.”
- Heritage Room Curator Meredith McGowan wrote, “Walter Schmitz, of Hamburg, Germany, and very interested in Loren Eiseley, found his way to Eiseley Branch Library. Eiseley staff called the Heritage Room and sent Walter to visit us; he was very pleased to see some of the Eiseley items that we have -- photos, artifacts, our website, the Loren Eiseley Society website, etc.”

- Maintain a strong virtual presence
  - Staff completed the tedious but critical behind-the-scenes work of linking the book lists in the Book Guide portion of our website to our online catalog; this greatly eases a customer’s path from getting a great book idea to placing a hold on that book.
  - Collections Librarian Suzan Connell noted that our online service, Bookletters, has added a feature, “Just In, which automatically updates our boilerplate newsletters, deleting and adding titles in accordance with our holdings. This means staff won't have to spend any time revising Bookletters newsletters before they're sent out.”
  - Polley Music Librarian, Carolyn Dow, reported, “E-mail reference for music hit the 100 mark in July – 106 to be exact.”

**Lincoln City Libraries will be an advocate for community-wide literacy.**

**Objectives**
- Provide equitable access to collections and services
- Collaborate with community entities to enhance literacy
  - Lincoln City Libraries is in its tenth year of collaborating with the Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel to present I Love to Write workshops. Five writing workshops were presented at Eiseley and Walt branch libraries, with school-age and teen-age groups at each site and a family group at Walt branch.
  - Bennett Martin Public Library Supervisor Julie Beno noted, “The Children's Museum Camp continued to visit Bennett Martin Public Library in July with four read-aloud sessions and displays provided on their weekly camp themes.”
  - Gere Branch Library Supervisor Carol Swanson reported, “The Lincoln City Libraries booth at the Haymarket Farmer’s Market was successful, promoted many services, was wonderfully received by attendees, provided for the “I Love My Library” and Mo Willem’s Pigeon “I Read” sticker of hundreds of shoppers.” We estimate that staff spoke with 300 or so people.

- Provide collections that represent the growing diversity of our community

**Lincoln City Libraries will protect freedom to read and view all library information.**

**Objectives**
- Provide a broad range of print and non-print materials in collection and online
- Provide access to the Internet

Submitted by Pat Leach, Library Director
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**Gate Count** 158,434 169,832 -6.71%

**Web Site Visits** 194,336 159,101 22.15%

**Total Unique IPs** 32,479 30,056 8.06%

**Electronic Resource Uses (databases)** 16,980 19,522 -13.02%

**Computer Use** 21,506 22,873 -5.98%

**Reference Transactions** 30,932 32,931 -6.07%

**Polley Music Reference** 3,518 4,747 -25.89%

**Youth Program Attendance** 18,207 10,673 70.59%

**Adult Program Attendance** 143 243 -41.15%

**Registrations**

- **Resident** 173,444 176,331 -1.64%
- **County** 12,199 13,172 -7.39%
- **Non Resident** 1,759 1,664 5.71%
- **Reciprocal** 414 392 5.61%
- **Limited Use** 8,325 8,218 1.30%

**Total Registrations** 196,141 199,777 -1.82%

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# LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
## July 2010

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Back to School Library Card Initiative @ Lincoln City Libraries

Children through age 12 will receive a packet of coupons to the Nebraska State Fair by signing up for a new library card or showing their current card to staff at any Lincoln City Libraries location from August 15 to September 6, 2010.

The Nebraska State Fair will be held August 27 through September 6 in Grand Island, Nebraska. The library will distribute packets while supplies last. The packet contains coupons for free entry into the fair and free or discounted items at the fair.

Lincoln City Libraries encourages all families to sign their children up for library cards as part of their back-to-school preparations this fall. ###

Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
Chief Ford:

This Resolution 10R-197 is scheduled for introduction/first reading on August 16, 2010, with public hearing and action on August 23, 2010.

Would you please provide in spreadsheet format, preferably Excel, the categories of services and the respective rates for all years that LFR has operated the ambulance service?

Thank you,

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council

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“The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money”

~ Alexis de Tocqueville  (French Historian and Political scientist, 1805-1859)
Dear City Council,
I am disappointed that the Star city Parade has been canceled. Perhaps the committee could work with someone like UNL or the Shriner's and still have a parade with bands and vol. floats.

My other concern is to cancel the Antelope Park concerts. It is a great community gathering. Maybe the high schools, there are 6? public schools, at least 2 or 3 parochial and several colleges, Church choirs, that could volunteer to gather a group of interested students/members and do the concerts for free. Yes, they could volunteer and there are probably other groups that would like to use this stage as a place to show their talents.

Lets keep our city a vibrant city and not just expensive "pop concerts" at the new arena for $350,000.00.

Thank you, Sincerely, Mary Geisler
Mary M. Meyer

From: David Wysong [dwysong5@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 3:20 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Urban forestry program semantics

Mayor Chris Beutler:

An article in the Thursday August 12th issue of the Lincoln Journal Star headlined "Council Restores Forester Funds" was very encouraging, and I am delighted that the council members restored funding for the city forester's position to the city budget. This is a positive step forward that took courage and foresight to do so.

However, the article also pointed out that, according to Parks Director Lynn Johnson, the department plans to use the money to create a new "professional forester" position that (1) would pay a significantly lower salary than currently budgeted, (2) would not include management duties, (3) would not oversee the department's forestry division or (4) prepare the forestry division's budget. How can Mr. Johnson call such a position "professional?" It is like calling a truck-driving employee of Harms Refuse a "Sanitation Engineer." Is Mr. Johnson playing word games here? Is this just a name change for an earlier "volunteer coordinator?" Apparently some of these same concerns are bothering certain council members (i.e. Jonathan Cook), while councilperson Jayne Snyder was not present to witness expert as well as layman's comments during the public hearing on Monday, August 9th. A professional forester is just that - a professional forester, and from what I know, Mr.Schwab has been just that for Lincoln for some 20+ years.

I believe Mr. Johnson should acknowledge his mis-directed proposal(s) and maintain the position at its current level of funding and responsibilities. And I also believe that you, as the chief executive officer in Lincoln, have an important role to play in bring this about.

Best personal regards. David Wysong