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6. Email from Gary Ashmore in opposition to eliminate Council approval of permits and fees.
7. Email from Patrick Helwig opposing any raises for the Mayor and giving ideas for Lincoln’s bus routes.
8. Email from Lily stating opinion on the new bar hours.
9. Letter from N. K. Chandler listing numerous reasons why the Senior Lake Street Center should not be closed. (Council Members received individual letters)
10. Letters/petitions, from St. James United Methodist Church, Calvary United Methodist Church, and Southminster United Methodist Church, all giving reasons why the Lake Senior Center should remain open.
11. Telephone message from Ruth Lagrand commending Councilman Cook for voting no on the bar closing time.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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MAYOR WELCOMES VISITORS FOR FOOTBALL
City experimenting with new all-day meter parking option

Mayor Chris Beutler today welcomed visitors headed to Lincoln for Husker football games and encouraged fans to use one of three City programs designed to ease game-day traffic and parking:

- StarTran is again providing the Big Red Express from five locations.
- Fans can reserve pre-paid, event parking at lincoln.ne.gov and parkandgo.org.
- New this year is an experimental all-day, on-street parking meter option. Meters are enforced Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., but for a $9 fee, fans can purchase a hang-tag to place in their vehicles allowing them to park all day without feeding the meter. The tags can be purchased from any City parking employee with a blue Park & Go shirt at City-operated parking facilities. Initially, a maximum of 400 tags will be sold.

“Game day in Lincoln is a great experience, and we are always looking for new ways for fans to beat the traffic and parking delays,” Beutler said. “We also encourage fans to plan ahead, allow extra time and avoid post-game congestion by lingering in downtown and enjoying our restaurants and attractions.”

The Mayor said federal stimulus funds have allowed for many arterial street repair projects across the City. He recommended drivers check the construction by visiting lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: stimulus). Maps and other parking information are available at lincoln.ne.gov or parkandgo.org and by calling the parking office at 402-441-PARK.

On football game days, Interstate 80 exits at the I-180/Downtown and 27th Street exits can be very congested, so visitors are encouraged to use other routes into Lincoln:

- Fans entering Lincoln from the east should consider Highways 6 (Cornhusker Highway) and 34 (“O” Street). The east leg of the Antelope Valley Project allows those using Highway 6 to access parking east of the stadium.
- The West Bypass allows fans to enter downtown while avoiding the congestion where I-180 meets downtown. Exit I-80 at the Highway 77 South exit, then turn east on Rosa Parks Way.
- Those using Interstate 80 who plan to park in the Haymarket Park lots should use the airport exit.

Contractors will not work on highway or Interstate projects on game days, so I-80 will have at least two lanes open in each direction, and all lanes will be open on highways entering Lincoln.
The following traffic patterns are in effect after the football games:

- 10th Street is one-way northbound from Military Avenue to Sun Valley Boulevard.
- 8th Street is one-way southbound from “S” to “N” streets.

Those traveling downtown should be aware of the bike lanes on 14th Street from “L” to “R” streets and on 11th Street from “Q” to “K” streets.

**STARTRAN OFFERS BIG RED EXPRESS**

In addition to its regular routes, StarTran will provide its Big Red Express service on Husker game days starting two hours before kickoff from five locations:

- Westfield Gateway, 61st and “Q.” Buses load north of Penney’s.
- North Star High School, 5801 N. 33rd St. (six blocks east of N. 27th Street and Folkways Blvd.)
- Holmes Lake, 70th and Normal, north end of the lake.
- Southeast Community College, 8800 “O” St., parking lot on south side.
- SouthPointe Pavilions, 27th and Pine Lake Road, south side of Von Maur

Buses will drop-off and depart from the east side of the stadium. The cost is $4 each way for adults and $1 each way for children age 12 and under, and passengers will need exact change. Electronic signs will help direct fans to the Big Red Express locations. Big Red Express season tickets, good for round-trip travel for all home games, are available for $40 at StarTran, 710 “J” Street; the SouthPointe Pavilions office; Scheels at SouthPointe Pavilions; or at the lots on game day. For more information, call 476-1234 or visit startran.lincoln.ne.gov.

**RESERVED PARKING AVAILABLE**

The City recommends reserving pre-paid, event parking through the City Web site, lincoln.ne.gov, and through parkandgo.org. Football parking locations and fees are:

- **City-County,** 10th and “K” streets - $8 on site, $7 online
- **Carriage Park,** 1120 “L” St. and **Cornhusker Square,** 1220 “L” St. - $11 on site, $10 online
- **Center Park,** 1100 “N” St.; **Lincoln Station South,** 7th and “P” streets; and **University Square,** 101 North 14th - $13 on site, $12 online
- **Haymarket,** 9th and “Q” streets; **Iron Horse,** 7th and “Q” streets; **Market Place,** 10th and “Q” streets; **Que Place,** 1111 “Q” St.; and **Lumberworks,** 711 “O” St.; - $14 on site, $13 online
- **Sun Valley and Charleston St.** (near Oak Lake Park) vehicle parking - $5 on site and online

Grills are not allowed in City parking garages. RV parking is available at Sun Valley and Charleston for $10, and grills are allowed at this location.

A number of private lots are available. Rates vary, and some offer season passes. **NOTE: The railroad lot under the Harris Overpass west of Lincoln Station will probably NOT be available for parking this year.**

Vehicles blocking drives, parked too close to the intersection, parked on public right of way or interfering with vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be towed.
University of Nebraska game day parking information and maps are available at http://parking.unl.edu/ (keyword: football). Parking also is available at the following University areas for $15:

- 17th and “R” garage
- 14th and “R” streets
- 1410 “Q” St.
- Harper Schramm Smith Food Service, 14th and “Y” streets
- 17th and “R” streets (southwest corner)
- Anderson Hall, 16th St. between “P” and “Q” streets
- 18th and “R” streets
- Beadle Center, 19th St. north of “S” St.
- 1820 “R” St.
- 900 North 22nd St.
- Business Services Complex, 17th St. north of “Y” St.

Wheelchair accessible parking is available at UNL Lot 5, Stadium Drive and Holdrege, for $15 per vehicle. Handicapped parking is available at:

- Mabel Lee Hall (vans only) - $15
- 14th and Avery garage - $15, with free cart shuttle
- 14th and “U” streets, east of Morrill Hall - $15
- 14th St. between Vine and “W” streets, free on-street parking where available
- 17th and “R” garage - $15 with bus service

UNL parking lots will be available for use six hours prior to kick off.

Stadium Drive west of the stadium will be closed to all vehicular traffic. Passenger drop-off and pick-up will not be allowed in front of the stadium before or after the game. Fans can be dropped off and picked up at 10th and Charleston streets and 12th and “R” streets.

Only StarTran buses and those using UNL Lot 12 or handicapped parking will be allowed west of 16th St. on Vine.

Charter buses will park on “W” St. between 14th and 16th streets.

The taxi stand is at 14th and Vine streets.

**REMINDERS**
- Alcohol is prohibited on City streets, parking lots, garages and sidewalks including the trail between Haymarket Park and 8th Street.
- The sale of tickets, souvenirs or other items is not allowed on City streets or sidewalks. Officers will issue citations for violations that inhibit the use of the street or sidewalk.
- Lock your vehicle and put valuable items out of sight to prevent theft.
- Backpacks and umbrellas are not allowed in Memorial Stadium.
DATE: September 1, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss a new Cleaner Greener Lincoln project to help local nonprofit agencies save money on energy costs at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 2 at Voices of Hope, 2545 "N" Street.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 1, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erika Nunes, Engineering Services, 441-5675
Warren Wondercheck, Engineering Services, 441-7014

12-BLOCK STRETCH OF N. 70TH STREET TO CLOSE FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Beginning Tuesday, September 7, N. 70th St. From Aylesworth Ave. to Adams St. will close to through traffic for about three weeks for a stimulus-funded project. The existing pavement will be milled, the base will be repaired as needed, and the roadway will be overlaid with new asphalt. The project also includes some sidewalk and ramp reconstruction. The contractor, Pavers Inc., has 21 days to complete the project.

The suggested detour route is Cotner Blvd. and 84th, Holdrege and Adams streets. Local access will be maintained to businesses and residences adjacent to the project.

- Access to the school bus stops at the YMCA and Rosemont Alliance Church will be maintained for Kahoa Elementary students being bused to the Abbott Sports Complex. Those using the bus stops are encouraged to use Huntington Ave. and Ammon Ave. rather than entering the construction area at Aylesworth Ave. or Adams St..
- Those needing to access Mickle Middle School from east of 70th St. are encouraged to use the signed detour. Leighton Ave. also may be used to cross 70th St., except when the intersection is under construction.

Information on all the City’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recovery). More information on the 70th St. project is available by contacting one of the following:

- Erika Nunes, Engineering Services, 441-5675, enunes@lincoln.ne.gov
- Warren Wondercheck, Project Manager, Engineering Services, 441-7014, wwowondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov
- Mike Tidball, Pavers, Inc., 786-5900

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 2, 2010
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Milo Mumgaard, Cleaner Greener Lincoln, 441-7376

NEW PROGRAM TO HELP NONPROFITS CUT ENERGY COSTS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that his Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative is developing a program to help local nonprofit agencies improve the energy efficiency of their facilities and save operating expenses. An energy audit of 13 agencies showed that a one-time investment in the agencies’ buildings could reduce energy consumption by 20 percent, and the investment would pay for itself in only about five years.

“We have set out to demonstrate to nonprofits, their boards and the philanthropic community that improving the energy efficiency of buildings can help their bottom line, giving them the resources they need to provide important services to the community,” said Mayor Beutler. “These funds would stay in the coffers of the nonprofit agencies to support operations instead of leaking out their doors and windows.”

Cleaner Greener Lincoln received federal stimulus funds through an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to start the project. The Human Services Federation helped identify agencies that owned their property and were interested in receiving an energy audit by Energy Pioneer Solutions. The audits identified simple and cost-effective steps the agencies could take to save money, including upgraded lighting systems, improved insulation, heating and cooling modifications, programmable thermostats and energy management training and programs.

The City will use $100,000 in stimulus funds to leverage additional donor and private sector funds to make the recommended facility upgrades and save the agencies thousands of dollars in the future. The Lincoln Electric System’s “Sustainable Energy Program” also will provide significant assistance to each nonprofit agency, especially through the commercial and industrial lighting retrofit credits available through the end of 2010.

The Lincoln Community Foundation (LCF) also strongly supports the program. “The Lincoln Community Foundation looks forward to exploring how it can provide private philanthropic support to this program,” said Sarah Peetz, LCF Vice-President for Community Outreach. “We hear daily about the struggles by local nonprofits to continue to deliver programs and services in the face of today’s recession. Using public and private dollars to directly lower operating costs will give these nonprofits some room to continue to deliver the programs that mean so much to Lincoln’s children, families and other vulnerable populations.”

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Agencies participating in the project are the Center for People in Need, Child Guidance Center, Family Service of Lincoln, the Food Bank of Lincoln, Friendship Home, Good Neighbor Community Center, Houses of Hope, the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, Lux Center for the Arts, the Malone Community Center, the Salvation Army, St. Monica’s Behavioral Health Services for Women and Voices of Hope.

More information on Cleaner Greener Lincoln is available at green.lincoln.ne.gov.

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COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Mary Barry-Magsamen, Executive Director of St. Monica’s Behavioral Health Services for Women -
“Our job as a nonprofit is to provide a service to the community, and when energy costs keep going up, it’s hard to keep programs going. Any way we can reduce these overhead costs leads to better and more services for our clients. We are pleased that the City of Lincoln has stepped forward to help us and others realize these energy savings.”

Marcee Metzger, Executive Director of Voices for Hope, which provides crisis intervention, advocacy and prevention services for domestic violence, sexual assault and incest victims -
“We are a very thrifty organization, and we carefully watch our energy use. Sometimes, though, that has meant we’re cold and uncomfortable. If we can reduce our energy costs and improve the comfort of our clients and staff, we’re all for it. This program will go a long way to helping us do just that.”

Al Linderman MD, President/CEO Lincoln Medical Education Partnership -
“Cleaner Greener Lincoln is providing a tremendous opportunity for the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership to reduce energy costs at a time when nonprofits like ours need it most. Our Partnership provides healthcare and related services to a large portion of Lincoln’s underserved citizens. This program will allow us to update our existing buildings and make them cleaner and more energy efficient.”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries
PHONE: 402-441-8565
EMAIL: v.wood@lincolnlibraries.org

Read to a Dog at the Library

Local therapy dog organization, Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, provides this wonderful opportunity for children ages 6 to 12 who have experienced reading difficulties or who just need to practice their reading. Therapy teams are partnered with children who polish their skills by reading aloud to a dog. Children read to dogs in 20-minute shifts, once a week for six weeks.

Beginning the weekend of Sunday, September 12. Pre-registration is required. Children may read to a dog at these locations and times:

Walt Branch Library
6701 S. 14th Street
Sundays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Gere Branch Library
2400 S. 56th Street
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Eiseley Branch Library
1530 Superior Street
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please call Marla at 450-1081 for more information or to sign up to read to a dog.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: Vicki Wood, Youth Services Supervisor
PHONE: 402-441-8565
EMAIL: v.wood@lincolnlibraries.org

Senator Tony Fulton to Read Aloud at Lincoln City Libraries

September 1, 2010 - Senator Tony Fulton will visit Lincoln City Libraries’ preschool storytimes in September to promote parent-child reading. Fulton, who worked at C.Y. Thompson Library on UNL East Campus as a college student, recalls the benefits of reading aloud as a youngster in the public school system of his hometown of Auburn.

“I remember a program I participated in during the first grade which allowed me to read books aloud to the kindergartners next door. Reading aloud at an early age helped me by improving my articulation and comprehension abilities. Reading aloud introduces the universe to young minds via both sight and sound. Parents, caregivers, and teachers should know there is compelling evidence that reading aloud to children at the earliest ages gives them a gift which does not pass with time.”

The sessions consist of Senator Fulton reading a selected book to pre-school children; engaging their minds during the story with questions and information. The sessions culminate with the children asking questions they are curious to know about the senator and his family. These short sessions will be part of the regular preschool storytimes scheduled throughout the library system as follows:

Monday, September 13 at 4:00 p.m.  Tuesday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m.
Williams Branch, 5000 Mike Scholl Street  Anderson Branch, 3635 Touzalin Avenue

Wednesday, September 15 at 10:30 a.m.  Wednesday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m.
Walt Branch, 6701 S. 13th Street  South Branch, 2675 South Branch

Thursday, September 16 at 10:30 a.m.  Wednesday, September 22 at 10:30 a.m.
Bethany Branch, 1810 N. Cotner  Eiseley Branch, 1530 Superior Street

Thursday, September 23 at 10:15 a.m.  Tuesday, September 28 at 10:30 a.m.
Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street  Gere Branch, 2400 S. 56th Street

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Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
Memorandum

Date:       August 31, 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 24, 2010 thru August 30, 2010:

**Administrative Amendment No. 10036** to Use Permit No. 79, Kohls, approved by the Planning Director on August 30, 2010, requested by Burger King, to revise the site plan by adding one lot for a fast food restaurant and increasing the allowable square feet from 96,284 to 99,384, on property generally located at N. 84th Street and College Park Drive.
A request has been made to vacate the south half of the north/south alley lying in the block bounded by Sumner, Garfield, 29th Streets and Jefferson Avenue. The area was viewed and appears as an unopened alley that is overgrown with trees. No utilities were visible within the alley, but Public Works has indicated the existence of a sanitary sewer in the alley. LES has requested an easement be retained for their use as well as the easement needed for the sanitary sewer. The area to be vacated is calculated at 1,720 square feet.

Long, narrow strips such as this rarely have any value to anyone except the abutting owner and frequently cannot be readily used by them. In the case of a vacant lot, the vacation of an alley will increase the buildable area of the lot, but not to the full extent of the alley being vacated due to the imposition of utility easements. The actual increase in buildable area corresponds with the width of the side yard of the abutting lot. Any abutting lot which has existing buildings in place that are likely to remain for an extended period of time may not be able to utilize the additional area to any great extent. There is also the factor of what must be done to the area to be vacated in order to utilize the expanded buildable area. In this case with the alley being overgrown with trees, it is quite likely the owner of the vacant abutting land would have to go to the expense of clearing the trees in order to build to the existing property line. Because of that additional cost, it is expected a potential buyer would not be willing to pay a great amount in order to utilize the additional area. The property on the other side has buildings in place very near the existing property line. As such, the value of the area to be vacated is considered to be a nominal amount of $0.20 per square foot. Calculations are as follows:

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1,720 \text{ sq. ft.} \times 0.20/\text{sq. ft.} = 344
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Therefore if the alley is to be vacated, it is recommended it be sold to the abutting property owners for $344. If each abutting property owner acquires their half of the adjoining alley, the cost would be $172.00 each.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
Mayor Beutler:

In view of the public outcry on the recent recommendation for an increase in the mayor’s compensation, and your quick response and declination to accept any increase, I respectfully ask that no legislation be forthcoming. The public is looking to the City leaders for fiscal responsibility for the budget and we therefore need to define all programs and fund according to priorities.

As you know, we are starting fiscal year 2010-2011 with a $6 million deficit that was only balanced due to one-time funds. Let’s work together to find avenues to start saving and not get bogged down in issues like the mayor’s salary.

Thank you,

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council

e: 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)
Hello,

I emailed the council a few weeks ago asking for you to visit the downtown area at closing time on a Friday or Saturday night. Especially now that school is back in session. If any of you did you would have seen young girls practically passed out on benches, people throwing up, fights, unbelievable crowds, and so on. adding more drinking time is adding more fuel to the fire. I read many online comments and most of the reasonable ones were against it. just bar owners and "drinkers who just want to party more" were for it.

If we keep following everyone else pretty soon we will be like the "other" towns, Omaha, Tulsa, Kansas City, ETC all of which have areas you don't even want to drive through. bars on windows, boarded up mall area. I've seen them and its not good.

Please make a stand for the people and not business owners who just look at profit!

Thank you

Rex Jordan
Here are a few of the "pro" comments from Facebook. These are the kind of Lincoln citizens that wanted the 2am close. Thank you so much for that.

Geralynn Powell
RockStar Karaoke
6130 Kearney Ave
Lincoln, NE 68507
402-430-9949

Nathaniel Reisdorff Now it's gonna be easier to drive home drunk at 1am.
3 hours ago · LikeUnlike
Cori Lynn Nathan I thought that too Nate..

Chas Huber Hell ya 2 am bar closing times!!!! Crazy times lie ahead (AND THIS PERSON HAS ONE DUI ALREADY)

Chas Huber september 17th is gonna be a shit show lol

Chas Huber lincoln city council passed the 2 am bill today. It starts Sept. 17th. Even more reason for you to drink Britt lol

Nick Dab 2am it passed :) party won't stop til casket drops nickdab
27 minutes ago · LikeUnlike

Ami Werts Pretty Excited about 2 am closing.
Loc Nguyen i bet you are.. you alcky
I am writing to express my reluctance and opposition to increase the mayor’s salary. During these tough economic times I do not think it is right to ask the tax payers to dig deeper into their pockets to increase the mayor’s salary. Mayor Beutler’s salary is fair and appropriate; it is more than the average person in Lincoln earns. The city council needs to realize that if you continue to increase taxes on the citizens of Lincoln (the recent alarm registration program is just one example) they will not continue to spend money to make the economy grow. I believe that if you polled the citizens of Lincoln, a large majority would say Mayor Beutler’s salary is fine where it is at. Please don’t ask us to dig deeper to pay the mayor more when he said yesterday he would donate it all anyway.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cindy Wiltfong
Please do not allow the 20% raise proposed for the Mayor. This is way too great an increase in the salary for this position. A more appropriate amount would be somewhere in the 4% - 5% range, if at all!!!

Thank you for your consideration!

Ingrid Lott
7941 Zachary Circle
Lincoln, NE 68507
To whom it may concern

I am Larry Clymer and would like to ask if you could help in any way to help keep the senior center open at 11th lake st. The people there are like a big family to each other, and enjoy there time together there. The parking is good. They don't have to walk far from the paring lot. Kelley Brandt is a wonderful person for the job of manager there. They do exercise, games and many move activitives.

Thank you very much

Larry Clymer
I oppose Councilman Cooks move to eliminate Council approval of Permits and Fees.

Gary Ashmore
To Ms. Meyer,

With our tight city budget I am opposed to any raises for the foreseeable future for the mayor of Lincoln. We have had to downsize the city budget including the forester position so much that he resigned and as a bus rider who doesn't own a car I was very disappointed to see the two midtown bus routes cut. Lincoln needs more routes like those not less. A grid system would be better for Lincoln as long the buses ran fairly often since the streets are already arranged along a grid. For example, now if you want to go from Northeast to Southeast Lincoln, you must go downtown to transfer (or you will need to once the midtown buses quit running). With a grid system, you would just head South on 70th or 84th and save probably 1 and a half to two hours off of your travel time. Much more efficient.

Sincerely,

Patrick Helwig
Dear Mayor and City Council,

Yay!!! Drunker college kids! Just what this city needs!! They weren't DRUNK enough already! I wonder how many lives this will cost?
So you have proven, AGAIN, that NOTHING matters to you but your beloved arena.

By the way, I see the DESTRUCTION of the once "Historic Haymarket" has begun. You must be so proud.

Thank you to Jonathan Cook for being the only sane voice left on the council. We appreciate you always standing up for what is RIGHT.

Lily in Lincoln
mr. Jon Camp:

If the purpose of the Aging Agency is to serve the needs of the elderly, it is a sad state of affairs when the elderly being served get no say in the matters that affect them! It is well known that the neighborhood centers are "not a budget problem". The neighborhood centers are very successful at meeting the needs of the aging. There is a very wise saying: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

If you are not among the elderly, it may be hard for you to see the issues they face. As one ages, not only do the senses become less acute, making it hard to understand the spoken and the written word, but also the plain pains of aging make it hard to tolerate the unnecessary difficulties created by those who mean well, but really don't grasp the situation. Like herding all the elderly into one main center for "convenience" and thereby disrupting what many have come to know as their home-away from home. You see, as people age, others in the family pass away as do long time friends. So the neighborhood center is a deep human need for "second family". Each one has it's own character.

I have depended heavily on the Lake Street Center for five years. Kelle Brandt is like a sister, mother and mentor to me. She has always been there when I walked the two blocks to ask for help or information or advice. I am one of many. I speak for those who find it difficult to write. We all feel this family atmosphere at Lake Street. We all NEED this atmosphere.

It is not the same when one has to be bussed out of the neighborhood. One cannot come and go as one needs to. One loses the freedom of how long to stay: a short visit passing by, or the whole morning.

A final consideration I wish to offer as a challenge to the whole idea. Remember, we are not cattle to be herded or processed. I ask you then, is it even SAFE to put the members of four centers into a basement when the one elevator is so tiny? Is that legal? Fire rules, emergency exits (and access), number of occupants and other safety and common sense rules - have they all been taken into account?

I beg you to not consolidate the centers. We need them as they are.

cc: Mayor  
City Council  
Journal Star

N. K. Chandler  
2301 S. 14th St. Apt. A2  
Lincoln, NE 68502-3601
To Our City Council Members

We the people of Lake Senior Center have become aware of activities that would close our Center and two other neighborhood centers, Belmont and Maxey.

The question is WHY?

We are being served in a location that is very easy to get to. Parking is ample. We are offered many activities and services. We have the independence to come and go as we please, which allows us to do things in the community and still take part in the Center. The Van Service is very important to those who need it. The Center provides us information on topics important to our lives. We have a variety of activities offered us, plus a meal.

What is very important is the sense of family we have at Lake Senior Center. For most of us it is a 2nd "home". We believe the Centers located in neighborhoods are important. The St James Church where we are located have been our "host" for over 30 years. What a wonderful relationship we have.

That has and does help a lot of older adults and families. Why Take That Away?

As the saying goes, if it ain't broke why fix it? We want to stay at 2400 S 11th, where we have a very caring and loving manager that is always concerned about each and every one of us.

Respectfully,
The People of Lake Senior Center
2400 S 11th St.
P.S.

Signatures will follow but we felt our wishes needed to be presented to you as soon as possible.

Beth Thomas
John Adams
Beverly Root
Dr. Bill Hummer
Marilyn Holtgrieve
James J. Moore
Shirley Horne
Wayne Horn
LeVain Jackett
Keith M. Jarrett
Jody Garcia

5700 Shadow Hills Ct, Lincoln, NE 68516
3615 N 70 Lincoln NE 68507
8370 Rockledge Rd, Lincoln NE 68506
1601 S 11th, Lincoln NE
5901 So. 50, Lincoln, NE 68516
2220 So. 50, Lincoln, NE 68502
1720 Connie Rd, Lincoln NE 68502
1720 Connie Rd, Lincoln NE 68502
2560 Ave Lincoln, NE 68501
1809 SW 18th, Lincoln, NE 68522
1809 SW 11, Lincoln (22)
4724 Woodhaven Dr, Lincoln (116)
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