DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
   1. NEWS RELEASE. City kicks off bike and bus program.
   2. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln energy challenge to upgrade nonprofit. Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will start work on Tuesday, April 5th at The Gathering Place.
   3. NEWS RELEASE. The Environmental Protect Agency (EPA) to assist Lincoln with zoning code review.
   4. NEWS RELEASE. Community invited to get involved in Earth Day events.
   5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler with project partners will break ground for the Active Living Center in Union Plaza at 10:00 a.m, Thursday, April 7th on the southeast corner of 21st and Q streets. The center will be home to the Jayne Snyder Trails Center, the Community Health Endowment, a public meeting space and a future fitness-related business.
   6. NEWS RELEASE. Residents invited to share ideas on Access Management Policy.
   7. NEWS RELEASE. Ground broken for Active Living Center.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
   1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday, April 14, 2011, 3:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the City County Building. Agenda and attachments posted on line.

III. DIRECTORS

   PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
   1. Advisory Board Meeting agenda for Thursday, April 14, 2011 with meeting minutes of Thursday, March 10, 2011.

   PLANNING COMMISSION
   2. Final Action, April 7, 2011.

   PLANNING DEPARTMENT
   1. Administrative Amendment No. 11010 to Special Permit No. 228A approved by the Planning Director on March 31, 2011.

   WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Management Structure Analysis - Police Department - Chief Tom Casady

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Correspondence from Bryan and Karin Van Deun stating reasons why they are against the Wilderness Hills Alzheimer facility.

2. Tiffany Moeller email listing reasons why not to put a proposed memory facility at S. 27th and Wilderness Hill Boulevard. On record as opposed to building this facility in the Wilderness Hills neighborhood.

3. Email from Judy Lerdahl giving reasons why they are against building a memory loss facility in the neighborhood when they heard nothing from Lincoln Federal.

4. InterLinc correspondence from Duane Van Dusen questioning why more semi trucks are using 84th Street. (Sent to Scott Opfer, Street and Traffic Operations Manager)

VII. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 4, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Larry Worth, StarTran Transit Manager, 402-441-7185

CITY KICKS OFF BIKE AND BUS PROGRAM

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that bike racks have been installed on all StarTran buses, and StarTran is offering free fares in April to all those who use the new “Bike and Bus” program. The $140,000 project was paid for with federal stimulus funds.

“StarTran ridership is up 10 percent since last fall, and we expect this bike and bus option to further increase the use of our transit system,” Mayor Beutler said. “The bicycling community is very excited about this new travel option, and the program is one more important step in making Lincoln a more bike-friendly community.”

The racks are mounted on the fronts of the buses and each will hold two standard bicycles. They will be available year-round on a first-come, first-serve basis. Bikes are not allowed inside StarTran buses. Patrons are responsible for loading and unloading their bikes. A brochure showing the loading and unloading procedures is available at StarTran, 710 “J” Street, local bicycle shops and online at startran.lincoln.ne.gov. A video showing the procedures also is available through video-on-demand at lincoln.ne.gov (click on the 5 CITY-TV icon).

“The bike racks are very easy to operate,” said Larry Worth, StarTran Transit Manager. “We have had many requests for these racks the last few years, and we expect them to be very popular. Using Bike and Bus is good for your budget, good for the environment and good for your health.”

The public is invited to try the new bike racks at these events:
• The UNL Wellness Fair north of the student union from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. Wednesday April 6.
• The Earth Day Celebration at Antelope Park from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23.
• Bike to Work events in May. (Details will be announced at a later date.)
• Lincoln Children’s Zoo, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 7.

The public also is invited to take a brief online Bike and Bus survey at startran.lincoln.ne.gov. Those who complete the survey are eligible to win prizes, including a new bike. Cycle Works/Moose’s Tooth is the prize sponsor.

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In February, Lincoln was selected as one of America’s Top 15 Smartest Cities For Transit Innovation based on public transit availability and use; household automobile ownership and use; and innovative, sustainable and affordable transportation programs. Worth said recent innovations include:

• The use of solar panels on top of the bus shelter on “Q” Street, between 12th and 13th streets. These panels generate electricity to operate the digital signs and will be used to power a kiosk in the future. Worth said the panels give StarTran the ability to place signs where no electrical power is available.

• StarTran has new 30-foot bio-diesel buses purchased with federal stimulus money. They are expected to improve fuel economy up to 9 percent and lower operating costs as well as emissions.

• Last year, StarTran purchased 13 new 25-foot hybrid buses, also with stimulus funds. These buses operate on electrical power up to 35 mph. The gasoline engine recharges batteries and provides power at high speeds.

• Since June 2010, patrons have been able to track their bus live online at getonboard.lincoln.ne.gov

The public is encouraged to donate new items for the Friendship Home during StarTran’s annual Stuff the Bus event April 15 through 17 at all Walmart stores and Sam’s Club. StarTran also will offer the Big Red Express service to and from the Husker spring football game April 16 at two locations – SouthPointe Pavilions and North Star High School.

More information on StarTran is available by visiting startran.lincoln.ne.gov or calling 476-1234.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 4, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Milo Mumgaard, Mayor’s Office, 402-441-7376
Kelly Heavey, Cleaner Greener Lincoln, 402-441-7658

LINCOLN ENERGY CHALLENGE TO UPGRADE NONPROFIT

Mayor Chris Beutler’s Cleaner Greener Lincoln and Stronger, Safer Neighborhoods initiatives will conduct an energy upgrade for a nonprofit agency Tuesday April 5 as part of the Lincoln Energy Challenge. Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will start work at 9 a.m. at The Gathering Place, 1448 “E” Street.

The volunteers will replace incandescent bulbs with more energy efficient and longer lasting compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs), caulk windows and doors, and apply weather stripping if necessary. These upgrades will save The Gathering Place money on energy bills every year.

This is the second energy upgrade event the Lincoln Energy Challenge has organized. The first event took place Jan. 20 at the Near South Community Bike Kitchen, where volunteers caulked windows, replaced the furnace air filter, weather-stripped doors and more.

Energy upgrade events are part of the Lincoln Energy Challenge, which launched in January. The Challenge encourages residents to “get comfortable saving money” by taking action and sharing progress.

The City's Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative was launched in partnership with the Nebraska Attorney General's office, which provided $50,000 from a lawsuit settlement. The $2.4 million in stimulus funds to support the effort are available through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

Learn more about Cleaner Greener Lincoln and the Lincoln Energy Challenge at green.lincoln.ne.gov.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 5, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Fred Hoke, Development Services Center, 402-441-7584

EPA TO ASSIST LINCOLN WITH ZONING CODE REVIEW

Mayor Chris Beutler has announced that the City of Lincoln is among 32 communities in 26 states that will receive federal assistance under the Sustainable Communities Building Blocks program. Lincoln requested assistance with reviewing its zoning code to help determine any barriers or gaps facing the development community.

“The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a workshop in Lincoln in the next few months to educate the community on smart growth and to solicit input from the development community,” Mayor Beutler said. “This will help us develop meaningful and consistent revision of development codes and to gain buy-in with codes inspection. The workshop also will help refine and expand the new sections being added to our Comprehensive Plan.”

The EPA received 354 letters of interest requesting assistance through the Building Blocks program. The agency, in consultation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), selected the 32 communities through a competitive process. Each community chose a specific development challenge to be the focus of the assistance. During the EPA workshop, private-sector experts and participants will explore the selected issue as well as general strategies for environmentally responsible, economically healthy development.

“This award will help us provide public information and solicit public feedback on building code issues that may limit sustainable development patterns and growth,” said Fred Hoke, Manager of the City Development Services Center (DSC). “It’s more productive to establish code revision priorities with public input. That guidance will help us design and implement our plans.”

The Building Blocks program is part of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, a joint effort among EPA, HUD and DOT to coordinate federal actions on housing, transportation and environmental protection. The primary goal of the interagency collaboration is to invest federal funding more efficiently in infrastructure, facilities and services that meet multiple economic, environmental and community objectives.

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“The public-private partnerships in the Building Blocks program give communities new and proven tools to maximize the health and economic benefits of brownfields revitalization,” said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. “This is another great example of how a targeted investment in protecting public health can create jobs and strengthen the economic future of our communities.”

More information on the Building Blocks program can be found at http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/buildingblocks.htm

More information on the Partnership for Sustainable Communities can be found at http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/partnership/index.html
COMMUNITY INVITED TO GET INVOLVED IN EARTH DAY EVENTS

The Lincoln Earth Day Coalition is offering a variety of ways for the public to participate in the City’s Earth Day Celebration Saturday April 23. The day includes morning fun runs at Wilderness Park, an afternoon celebration in Antelope Park and Earth Night at the Bourbon Theatre. Businesses, governmental agencies, nonprofit groups and individuals are urged to get involved in making the day a success.

The deadline for these opportunities is Saturday, April 9:

- **Sponsorships** are available at five levels – $50 (Recycler), $100 (Reducer), $250 (Renewer), $500 (Sustainer) and $1,000 (Earth Champion). Recognition levels rise with the donation amount and include promotion on the event map, inclusion on announcements throughout the events and free exhibitor booths.

- **Exhibition booths** are available for the celebration from noon to 6 p.m. Booths should have an educational or promotional objective that ties into Earth Day or the environment. Booths cost $50 for businesses and governmental agencies and $25 for nonprofits. Booths are free for sponsors donating $250 or more and for student organizations.

- **Food vendors** may sell fruits, vegetables and baked goods that do not include ingredients that can spoil (e.g. cheeses, meats, spreads). The fee is $25 plus a 12-percent tax.

- Any person, business or organization with an entertainment or activity idea is encouraged to apply for a **Green Space Activity** at no cost. Last year’s activities included demonstrations of rain barrels and solar power. The Earth Day Coalition will determine which applications qualify for Green Space.

- Gather friends and family to compete in the **Earth Day Run** at 7:30 a.m. at Wilderness Park. Children age 12 and under may run the one-mile loop, and adults may run a two-mile or four-mile race. Prizes will be awarded to the male and female first-place winners in each race.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 5, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Emily McKeone, Lincoln Earth Day Coalition,
Cleaner Greener Lincoln, emily@lincolnearthday.org
Kari Rohren, Lincoln Earth Day Coalition,
kari@Lincolnearthday.org
Other opportunities to participate include the following:

- Individuals age 16 and up as well as groups can sign up for two-hour volunteers shifts to help make Earth Day a success. Registration will be open until all shifts are filled. Volunteers will receive food and drinks and should bring a white t-shirt, which will be printed with the Earth Day logo.

- To participate in Green Wheels, recruit a team of up to four in your office to cycle, walk, bus or car pool to and from work from April 11 through 18. Those who sign up online and log their miles are eligible for prizes.

- Participants in Earth Day Ignite will have five minutes to give a presentation on the environments using 20 or fewer slides. Those interested should apply online to appear on stage during this fast-paced event at Antelope Park.

Lincoln Earth Day is being organized by Mayor Beutler’s Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative, the Nebraska League of Conservation Voters and a team of volunteers.

More information is available at lincolnearthday.org. Information on the international Earth Day Network is available at earthday.net.
DATE: April 6, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

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If it is raining, the event will be held in the Cleaner Greener Lincoln office at 2143 “O” Street.
RESIDENTS INVITED TO SHARE IDEAS ON ACCESS MANAGEMENT POLICY

The City Public Works and Utilities Department invites the public to review and comment on a draft Access Management Policy being proposed for adoption later this year. Access management is the process of making streets as safe and efficient as possible by regulating how and where streets and driveways are connected. Residents are encouraged to read the draft policy and submit feedback at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: access) by the end of April.

Assistant City Engineer Randy Hoskins said the policy is very important for overall traffic flow on major streets in the City. “As we look to the future, Lincoln will continue to be challenged by the limited resources we have to build the streets we need,” said Hoskins. “Good access management will help us make the best use of our existing and new streets.”

Hoskins said an example is the way traffic slows on streets lined with many driveways. He said traffic flow can be improved by combining or limiting the number of driveways, installing turn lanes and carefully designing parking lots.

Scott Opfer, Street Operations and Maintenance Manager, said it also helps to install median breaks in locations where traffic lights are likely to be installed in the future. “Most of the complaints we receive on signal timing come from streets where the signals are not well spaced,” said Opfer. “By planning ahead for possible signal locations, we will be able to move traffic more smoothly with fewer red lights.”

The draft Access Management Policy includes the following topics:
• Conditions and requirements that must be met to obtain a driveway approach permit.
• Regulations on spacing between driveways.
• Spacing of median breaks.
• Requirements for turn lanes and the length of the turn lanes.
• The amount of storage space required at businesses where vehicles must wait.
• When to require traffic studies to ensure that traffic from new developments won’t negatively impact nearby streets.
GROUND BROKEN FOR ACTIVE LIVING CENTER

Mayor Chris Beutler and project partners broke ground today for the Active Living Center at 21st and “Q” streets in Union Plaza. The $1.4 million center will be home to Jayne Snyder Trails Center, the Community Health Endowment (CHE), a public meeting space and a future trail-related business. Construction will begin immediately, and the 6,500-square-foot facility is scheduled to open in late summer 2012.

The project is being financed by the partners, including $250,000 in community donations secured by the Great Plains Trails Network (GPTN). The Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative is providing $254,000 in funds from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds to build an energy efficient facility.

“The facility that will be built at this spot will be a monument to the partnerships we have built to make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation,” said Mayor Beutler. “It also will serve as a reminder of what one dedicated leader like Jayne Snyder can accomplish with sacrifice, hard work and a passion for both fitness and for our City’s future.”

The City Council passed a resolution in February to name the trail center after current Council member Snyder for her involvement “…in every major trail development project over the past 20 years.” Snyder was on the first GPTN board of directors and has served on the Nebraska Trails Foundation board and the Mayor’s Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. She also was a leader of the effort to acquire the MOPAC railroad right of way for trail development.

“Today marks the day that health and active living is officially planted in a highly visible way in the heart of our community,” said Ed Wimes, Chair of the Board of Trustees of CHE. “We are pleased to share this space with a trails center that will honor the work, leadership and dedication of Jayne Snyder. The Active Living Center is an important investment in our community’s future.”
“A trails center where residents and visitors can gather, socialize and get information about Lincoln’s trail system has long been a vision of the Great Plains Trails Network and trails enthusiasts,” said Elaine Hammer of GPTN. “We are pleased to have the opportunity to play a significant role in making the Jayne Snyder Trails Center a reality, and want to express our sincere appreciation to the many donors who supported this fund-raising effort, including Assurity Life who provided a major leadership gift.”

Energy efficient features in the new building will include Photovoltaic cells, LED Lighting and energy efficient windows. “These energy features will be central in upcoming educational programs to show the public the value of these cost-effective and environmentally friendly design and construction methods,” said Milo Mumgaard, Cleaner Green Lincoln. “We want people to use the center and realize that energy sustainability is really this simple.”

More information on the project is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
Shutdown looms as House conservatives continue hard line on budget. White House and congressional negotiators thought that they were making progress on an agreement for a FY 2011 budget this week, but the efforts may be thwarted by some rank-and-file House Republicans who are not inclined to compromise on spending cuts.

While FY 2011 formally began on October 1, 2010, Congress has yet to agree on a budget. To keep government operations running, seven short-term Continuing Resolution (CRs) have been approved, the most recent of which expires on April 8. At the time of the last short-term CR, all sides seemed to agree that it would be the last one to be approved, and House, Senate, and White House leaders have been working on a plan ever since. This week, it had been reported that the sides had agreed on a plan to reduce spending by $33 billion under FY 2010 levels, less than the $62 billion approved earlier this year by the House (HR 1), but significantly more than Democrats have been proposing.

However, as quickly as word leaked that an agreement had been forged, a number of newly elected House Republicans voiced their opposition to any compromise. In addition, tea party activists organized a sparsely attended rally at the Capitol this week to urge Congress to cut more spending, even if it meant shutting down the government.

House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) is reportedly reaching out to his caucus to convince them to accept the current compromise while continuing to fight their spending battles on future legislation, such as the FY 2012 budget, raising the debt ceiling, entitlement reform, and efforts to eliminate government programs and agencies. Very few House Republicans were in Washington in 1995 when the last government shutdown occurred and the House GOP bore the brunt of the blame from the public.

Many House Republicans are also insisting on the inclusion of policy provisions in the FY 2011 budget, including prohibitions on items such as federal spending for Planned Parenthood, enforcing EPA regulations curbing greenhouse gas emissions, an implementation of the new health care law.

Durbin & Enzi poised to introduce sales tax measure; Brown Amendment would repeal withholding mandate; rental car tax preemption fails in the House. Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Michael Enzi (R-WY) are poised to introduce legislation that would authorize the collection of sales taxes from remote retailers in states that have enacted simplified sales tax legislation.

Dubbed the “Main Street Fairness Act,” the bill would seek to address the disparate tax treatment of Internet and other remote retailers, which are generally exempt from collecting sales taxes, and “brick-and-mortar” retailers. The disparity dates back to 1967 and 1992 (Bellas Hess and Quill) Supreme Court decisions that ruled that under the Interstate Commerce Clause of the Constitution, state and local governments cannot compel out-of-state retailers to collect sales taxes without congressional authorization. (In their decision, the Justices noted the problems their ruling could create and urged Congress to act accordingly.) The growth of Internet retail in the past two decades has exacerbated the disparity and led...
to billions of dollars in lost state and local government revenue.

To address the issue, the Main Street Fairness Act would codify the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement, an interstate compact designed to simplify state and local sales taxes to ease their collection by remote retailers. The following states have already enacted laws based on the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement to streamline their tax systems: Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The bill would provide states that have adopted the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement with the clear authority to require retailers to collect sales taxes. Unlike iterations of the Main Street Fairness Act in previous congresses, the Durbin-Enzi bill will reportedly not include a title requiring that states simplify their telecommunications taxes in order to be eligible to collect sales taxes from remote retailers. More information on the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement is available at: http://www.streamlinesalestax.org/

On a related note, Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) introduced an amendment to legislation (S 493) to reauthorize Small Business Administration (SBA) programs that would repeal a provision in the 2005 Tax Act that requires state and local governments to withhold three percent of all payments to vendors starting in 2012.

State and local governments along with business organizations have been pushing for repeal of the provision since its enactment, citing the financial and regulatory burden it will place on state and local governments and small businesses. State and local organizations argue that the provision seeks to address what should be an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) enforcement shortfall by placing an unfunded mandate on state and local governments.

The Brown Amendment would offset the cost of repealing the provision by directing the Office of Management and Budget to rescind $39 billion in unobligated funds from unspecified prior year appropriations. The Senate has been debating the small business bill for over three weeks but has yet to vote.

Also this week, Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) introduced an amendment to legislation to reauthorize federal aviation programs (HR 658) that would have prohibited additional state and local government taxes on rental cars (existing taxes would have been grandfathered).

Graves argues that local governments have circumvented a federal prohibition on taxes specific to vendors located at airports by levying citywide rental car taxes and that rental car taxes impose an unfair burden on consumers who, because they are usually from out of town, have no say in the creation of the tax.

Although the House Rules Committee allowed the Graves Amendment, Graves withdrew it in the face of the opposition of House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John Mica (R-FL), who in a subsequent colloquy pointed out that rental car taxes often support amenities that benefit business travelers and tourists.

WASHINGTON

TRANSPORTATION

House begins transportation reauthorization hearings. House Committees held several hearings this week to determine transportation budgets and policies for the coming year and for the next six years.

On March 29 and 30, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee’s Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held the first hearing on the surface transportation reauthorization legislation. The two days of testimony from nearly three dozen witnesses focused on the federal transportation programs authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the transportation authorization legislation that expired on September 30, 2009, but has since been extended through September 30, 2011.

The hearings provided an opportunity to provide input on matters relating to the Highway Trust Fund, project delivery, programmatic reform, and performance standards. Subcommittee Chairman John Duncan (R-TN) stated the hearing would seek “suggestions from the transportation community on how to streamline and consolidate programs, cut red tape to speed up the infrastructure project approval process, and create jobs through wise investment of limited resources.”

Witnesses included representatives from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the Associated General Contractors, and the National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission. Oddly, no local elected officials testified, and neither the National League of Cities nor the US Conference of Mayors was invited. However, Duncan indicated that he plans future hearings to hear from other stakeholders.

Witnesses repeatedly stressed the need to streamline and improve existing programs while maintaining federal commitments to the programs. William Millar, president of APTA, stressed that the demand for public transportation will continue to increase, particularly as gas prices rise. He also called for streamlining the New Starts approval process to remove duplicative requirements and to allow New Starts programs to be eligible to use the Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loan program.

In the coming weeks, the T&I Committee will hold more hearings on the reauthorization legislation and begin crafting its version of the legislation. T&I Committee Chairman John Mica (R-FL) has publicly expressed his anticipation of having a bill on the House floor sometime this summer, which may be a tall order given the lack of serious discussion on how to fund the measure.

Meanwhile, on March 29, Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood testified before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and
Housing and Urban Development regarding the FY 2012 budget and how it relates to the Administration’s reauthorization proposal. While the Administration has released their initial outline, they have not yet released either legislative language or policy papers detailing their plans for the six year, $556 billion proposal; there is frustration on Capitol Hill that the White House has not taken a stronger lead on the financing questions.

GRANTS & NOTICES

Department of Housing and Urban Development
HUD announced the recipients of $4 million in Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants and the six finalists in the running for receiving $61 million dollars in Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants: http://1.usa.gov/dLdzZq

Department of Justice
The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) office is currently accepting applications for the FY 2011 Community Policing Development grant program. FY 2011 funding will be granted for projects related to one of ten specific topic areas listed in the NOFA. The length of the grant awards and match requirements vary by which topic area the applicant will address. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Applications are due April 21, 2011: http://1.usa.gov/gnc4x7.

DOJ announced funds available for federal, state, and local partnerships to replicate proven multi-disciplinary, community-based strategies to reduce violence. Grants of up to $2.2 million each for a 3-year award period are available to state and local governments. Applications are due May 23, 2011: http://bit.ly/h8ykUw.

DOJ released a guide to help law enforcement agencies develop strategies to find missing children and adults. The Guide for Implementing or Enhancing an Endangered Missing Advisory (EMA) outlines how law enforcement can create jurisdictional EMAs plans that will notify the public of missing persons cases that do not meet strict criteria for an AMBER Alert. The guide is available at: http://1.usa.gov/gD6Flw.

Department of Transportation
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is seeking research proposals to examine Railcar Maintenance Practices. Specifically, this research will study and promote the safety and efficiency of rail transit system operations. Eligible applicants, such as state and local governments, public and private transit agencies, and operators of public transportation services, may receive up to $500,000 in funding. Applications are due April 18, 2011: http://1.usa.gov/7Eto05.

Early Retiree Reinsurance Program
The $5 billion ERRP funded through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will exhaust its resources before its sunset date of January 1, 2014. The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight estimates ERRP will exhaust its funds in 2012. Fifty-six percent of the ERRP funding spent in 2010 ($298 million of $535 million) went to state and local government organizations, a group that makes up 47 percent of approved ERRP applicants. The ERRP will no longer be accepting applications after April 30, 2011: http://1.usa.gov/hYZpjj.

Environmental Protection Agency
EPA is awarding four grants of up to $70,000 total to tribes, states and local agencies seeking to help improve chemical accident prevention, preparedness, and response requirements of the Risk Management Program. These funds will be made available to eligible projects, which focus on training, technical assistance, outreach, reviews of RMPs, audits of RMPs, and inspection of risk management program facilities. Applications are due May 13, 2011: http://1.usa.gov/eujKdi.

EPA also announced a total of $4.5 million in available funding for the Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring grants. Proposals for projects designed to assist state, local and tribal communities in identifying and profiling air toxics sources, assessing emerging measurement methods, characterizing the degree and extent of local air toxics problems, and tracking progress of air toxics reduction activities. Applications are due May 23, 2011: http://1.usa.gov/gsK1el.

National End. for the Humanities
Eligible applicants may be awarded up to $125,000 per year for the Preservation and Access Education and Training Grants. Funding is available to preserve cultural collections, and broaden access to these resources. Eligible applicants include State, local and tribal governments, institutions of higher education and nonprofit organizations. Applications are due June 30, 2011: http://1.usa.gov/jycQ0.
The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday April 14, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. in Room 303 of the City County Building.

The agenda and attachments are now posted at: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm
NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: April 14, 2011
LOCATION: Room 113 - County-City Building
TIME: 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
CHAIRMAN: Joe Tidball

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'

3. Approval of Minutes: * March 10, 2011, meeting

4. Comments from the Public for Items not Listed on the Agenda

5. Committee Reports

A. Fees & Facilities Committee - Susan Deitchler (Chair) - 488-4224
   No Report

B. Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
   - * Recommendation re: acceptance of a metal art piece to be placed in
     Witherbee Park
   - * Recommendation re: proposed revisions to the Parks, Recreation & Open
     Space chapter of the Environmental Resources Chapter of the Lincoln-Lancaster
     County Comprehensive Plan in conjunction with the LPlan2040 update

C. Golf Report
   - No report

D. Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638
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7. Staff Report:
   - No report

8. Announcements:
   - Thursday, April 14th @ noon - Dedication of Jan Pitsch Green (on site, south
     side of Sheridan Blvd. between East Summit Blvd. and W. Summit Blvd.)
   - Saturday, April 16th - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Nature's Market at Pioneers Park
     Nature Center including auction of artistic birdhouses.
   - Thursday, April 28th @ 10:00 a.m. - Arbor Day Celebration @ Rosseau
     Elementary/Rock Island Trail/Bishop Heights Park, So 33rd & Calvert.

* Denotes Action Items
MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Room 113, City-County Bldg.
Thursday, March 10, 2011

Members Present:
Andrew Barry  Keelan Chapman  Jonathan Cook  Susan Deitchler
Curt Donaldson  Todd Fitzgerald  Karen Hand  Anne Pagel
Jane Raybould  Susan Rodenburg  Dennis Scheer  Jeff Schwebke
Joe Tidball

Members Absent:
Molly Brommond  Justin Carlson  Bob Ripley

Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’: As per law, Chairperson Joe Tidball announced that the Board follows the regulations of this Act, as posted.

* APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved (Deitchler) and seconded (Hand) to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as mailed. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda): None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fees & Facilities Committee - Susan Deitchler, Chair - 488-4224

* Recommendation re: fee schedule for special use permits and permits to conduct business activities: After brief discussion among staff and Board members, it was moved (Deitchler) and seconded (Hand) to approve the recommendation regarding proposed fee schedule for Special Use Permits and Permits to Conduct Business on Park Property. Motion passed by unanimous vote of members present. A copy of the fee schedule is attached to the file copy of these minutes.

* Recommendation re: guidelines for co-sponsoring of events by the Parks & Recreation Department: During their February, 2011, meeting, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board took action recommending adoption of amendments to the LMC regarding Special Use Permits and Permits to Conduct Business on Park Property. Section 12.03.300 (c) of the LMC states that the permit fee may be waived for a special event co-sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department. This section also states that guidelines will be developed regarding approval of co-sponsorship of events. The proposed guidelines for co-sponsorship of special events establishes criteria to be used in evaluating co-sponsorship of a special event. Review would be completed by the Department, with appeals directed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. After lengthy discussion, it was moved (Rodenburg) and seconded (Hand) to approve the recommendation regarding proposed guidelines for co-sponsorship of special events by the Parks & Recreation Department (in concept only). Motion carried by majority vote of members present with Cook, Deitchler, Raybould and Schwebke voting ‘no’. The Parks Department will make suggested revisions and report back to the Board at a later date. A copy of the guidelines will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.
Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
- No report

Golf Committee
- No report

Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638
- No report

Staff Reports:
- Summary of meeting with ECCO NA Board re: miniature golf course proposal: Lynn Johnson reported that there were about 30 people in attendance at the meeting. A straw vote was taken: 18 voted in favor, 5 voted no and 5 were undecided and needed more information. One of the things the neighborhood wanted to see incorporated into the proposal was that if the project for some reason failed to thrive, that Mr. Madsen would be required to restore the area to greenspace.

Announcements:
- Recommendation regarding naming of park area where Sherman Field and Midget Football fields are located in recognition of a leadership gift from Sampson Construction Co. to the Sherman Field Renovation Project: Lynn Johnson said that due to a tight time constraint this issue did not go before the Fees & Facilities Committee. The area referred to is bounded on the north by South Street, on the east by BNSF Railroad right-of-way and Park Blvd., by Van Dorn Street on the south, and the extension of South 1st Street on the west.

Sampson Construction Co. has committed to secure and provide in-kind donations to the Sherman Field renovation project with an estimated value of $445,000. John Sampson has indicated that the family would like the recognition to be a tribute to his parents, Morris “Sam” and Evelyn Sampson.

The endowment for Sherman Field has been established at $400,000. The leadership gift is in excess of this amount. Sherman Field was named in recognition of sportscaster Cy Sherman, and is a long-standing recognized name. After brief discussion, it was moved (Scheer) and seconded (Hand) to recommend that the surrounding park area where Sherman Field and Midget Football fields are located as Sampson Park in recognition of a leadership gift ($445,000) from Sampson Construction Co. to the Sherman Field renovation project. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Jeanne Bowling, Secretary to the Director
Parks & Recreation Dept.

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: April 14, 2011

Request: Recommendation regarding acceptance of donated artwork for placement in Witherbee Park at 46th & "O" Street.

Discussion: TMCO, in cooperation with the Witherbee Neighborhood Association, has offered to donate a metal sculpture to be placed in the southern portion of Witherbee Park, located at 46th & "O" Streets. The sculpture will be fabricated from stainless steel, and will be approximately seven feet tall and 40 inches wide. A poem titled "If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again" is proposed to be integrated into the base of the artwork.

Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines: The guidelines for acceptance of artwork state that it should be contextually appropriate for the proposed display location, that it be durable, and that it not pose a public safety concern. The proposed artwork conforms with these guidelines.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Committee Discussion and Recommendation: Approve

Committee: Futures

Chair: Bob Ripley 402-488-5131

Date: April 14, 2011

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:
If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again

If I had my child to raise over again,
I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less.
I'd do less correcting, and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I'd run through more fields, and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging, and less tugging.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd teach less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.

From 100 Ways to Build Self-Esteem & Teach Values by Diana Loomans (c) 2004 New World Library
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: April 14, 2011

Request: Recommendation re: revisions to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan in conjunction with the LPlan2040 update.

Discussion: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan guides land use planning, community growth and development, and community infrastructure planning and investment. The Comprehensive Plan is reviewed and updated on a 10-year basis. A major review and update of the Comp Plan, identified as LPlan2040 is in progress. During the past six months, the Future Committee has been systematically reviewing sections of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Chapter and the Environmental Resource Chapter of the current Comp Plan, and making recommendations regarding revisions to the plan. Attached is a summary of these proposed revisions. In addition to review and recommendations by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the Community Forestry Advisory Board is reviewing the urban forest section of the Comp Plan, and the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee is reviewing the bicycle and pedestrian transportation sections of the Plan. The Recommendations of each of the advisory boards will be reviewed and incorporated in the proposed Comprehensive Plan. The proposed Comprehensive Plan will then be reviewed by the Planning Commission, and reviewed and approved by the Lincoln City Council and the Lancaster County Commissioners.

Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines: The Comprehensive Plan provides directions regarding program and facility development.

Staff Recommendation: Approve

Committee Discussion and Recommendation: Approve

Committee: Futures  Chair: Bob Ripley 402-488-5131

Date: April 14, 2011

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, 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, April 6, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, immediately following the regular meeting in the City Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a briefing on "Proposed Access Management Policy" by Public Works & Utilities staff.

**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, APRIL 6, 2011

[All Members present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 2011. **APPROVED, 9-0**
1. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

**CHANGE OF ZONE:**

1.1 Change of Zone No. 10028, from O-2 Suburban Office District to I-2 Industrial Park District, from AG Agricultural District to I-2 Industrial Park District, and from R-3 Residential District to I-2 Industrial Park District, on property generally located at W. Fletcher Avenue and Highway 34.  
Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to a Conditional Zoning Agreement  
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov  
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, SUBJECT TO A CONDITIONAL ZONING AGREEMENT, 9-0.  
Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled upon completion of the Conditional Zoning Agreement.

1.2 Change of Zone No. 11008, from B-4 Lincoln Center Business District to B-4 Lincoln Center Business District with a Special Sign District designation, on property generally located at 2000 Q Street.  
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval  
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov  
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 24, 2011, 9-0.  
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1.3 Street & Alley Vacation No. 11004, to vacate portions of Pine Lake Road between South 84th Street and South 91st Street.  
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan  
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov  
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.  
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None.

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**PERMITS:**

4.1 Special Permit No. 11005, for a domiciliary care facility for up to 32 residents, on property generally located at S. 27th Street and Wilderness Hills Boulevard. ***FINAL ACTION***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval, as revised.

Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 24, 2011, as revised by staff, 9-0. Resolution No. PC-01228.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

4.2 Miscellaneous No. 10005, amending Chapter 26.11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Procedures for Processing Subdivisions by amending Section 26.11.039 to provide that in the event all required street trees are not planted within six years following final plat approval, the subdivider shall provide the City with a cash contribution in an amount sufficient for the City to plant the remaining street trees, to provide that no surety is required for sidewalks along non-major streets abutting residential lots, and to add clarity by dividing subparagraph (g) into two subparagraphs (g) and (h); amending Section 26.11.040 to provide that sidewalks along non-major streets abutting non-residential lots shall be installed prior to the City issuing an occupancy permit or within four years following plat approval whichever occurs first and sidewalks along non-major streets abutting residential lots shall be installed prior to the City issuing an occupancy permit, except under specified conditions, that street trees along non-major streets shall be installed within one year after the issuance of an occupancy permit or within six years of final plat approval, whichever occurs first, and to provide that stormwater detention retention facilities shall be graded at the same time as the overall site grading and that such grading shall be completed prior to installation of required water distribution, wastewater collection, and street improvements and to provide conditions which must be met for the release of any surety to guarantee construction of the stormwater detention/retention facilities; and repealing Sections 26.11.039 and 26.11.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval, as revised

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, as revised by staff on April 6, 2011, 9-0.

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2011, 5:30 p.m.
** AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO **

* Briefing on "Proposed Access Management Policy" by Public Works & Utilities staff.

** PENDING LIST: None **

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** The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm **
TO : Mayor Chris Beutler  
       Lincoln City Council  

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning  

DATE : April 7, 2011  

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: April 6, 2011

Please be advised that on April 6, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01228, approving Special Permit No. 11005, requested by Lincoln Federal Bancorp, Inc., to construct a domiciliary care facility for up to 32 residents, on property generally located at South 27th Street and Wilderness Hills Boulevard.

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolutions may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP11005). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Memorandum

Date:  ♦  April 5, 2011
To: ♦  City Clerk
From: ♦  Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦  Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦  Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Approvals that were approved by the Planning Director from March 29, 2011 thru April 4, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11010 to Special Permit No. 228A, Capitol Beach West, approved by the Planning Director on March 31, 2011, requested by Carrie Stuart, to reduce the front yard setback to two feet for a carport, on property located at 362 W. Lakeshore Dr.
Inspections to begin in April
The Weed Control Office will begin Noxious Weed inspections within the city limits in April. During the winter months a number of phragmites locations have been found by our staff or by citizens and turned into the office. Phragmites seems to be in about every low lying area, ditch, drainage or creek. One report was at a location on a golf coarse in southeast Lincoln, the person mentioned he was tired of having to look for his ball in that stuff last summer. We will work with the manager of the coarse as well as other public and private landowners to eradicate each infestation.

Noxious Weed Control Act Q & A
Q: Who is responsible for controlling noxious weeds on their property?
A: It shall be the duty of every person to control the spread of noxious weeds on lands owned or controlled by him or her and to use such methods for that purpose as are specified in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the director.

NWCA Spring Training
The Nebraska Weed Control Association (NWCA) held its training for Weed Control Superintendents at Central Community College in Hastings on March 29th & 30th. Weed Superintendent Brent Meyer and Chief Inspector Barb Frazier both attended. The Noxious Weed Control Act requires each County Weed Control Superintendent to attend these trainings and pass a written exam to be qualified as a Weed Superintendent.

I was able to present on Japanese and Giant Knotweed. The presentation on how to identify and eradicate knotweed is on our website at www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds and click on the Knotweed presentation link.

I thought it would be neat to dig some root stock and plant it to see if I could get a plant for display by training time. Just to show the superintendents around the state what knotweed looked like in person. I dug up the root stock on March 2nd and we planted it the next day. By the 9th it began to grow and then there was no stopping it. By the 29th it measured at 50" tall. It grew as much as 5 inches some days. (So, from root stock to 50 inches in 27 days.) No wonder this thing is now a noxious weed. I sent out daily pictures and updates to the NWCA and had a contest to see if people could guess the height by the 29th. It gave everyone a chance to see just how aggressive our newest noxious weed is and what to look for.

April Planned Activities
8  NE Invasive Species Council
13  5 Rivers WMA – Tecumseh
14  Management Team
15  Publish General Notice
18  Seasonal inspectors begin
19  LPWMA Meeting - Wahoo
20  Staff training @ Extension
28  Problem Resolution Team
-----Original Message-----
From: KARIN VANDEUN [mailto:kvandeun@usa.net]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2011 9:07 AM
To: Terry A. Kathe
Subject: Wilderness Hills Alzheimers facility

Having just returned from a trip to Europe, my husband and I found we missed the neighborhood meeting held March 15th. It IS our intention to personally attend this Wednesday's gathering at 1:00 pm. Apart from the obvious concerns of reduced property values on our NEW homes, increased traffic flow, and as yet an area NOT zoned for other than single-family dwellings in a residential subdivison, it occurs to me that these few meetings are merely lip-service to an already predetermined site. The red platting flags have been there for some time, LES came by not too long ago for that section, and now the yellow sign notifying us of a zoning action is in progress. What ever happened beyond the newspaper article stating this facility was to be erected near Village Gardens? Seemingly, THEY had enough warning to manage to divert the entire process to OUR neighborhood. SURELY, in a city this size, there is land elsewhere that is NOT totally residential, that will NOT affect new homeowners home values. Had WE known this was in the works, we would NEVER have bought our property, a feeling echoed by our immediate neighbors. Additionally, how does Lincoln Federal HOPE to sell the land on the corner of S. 28th and Keystone?

With GREAT disappointment, Bryan and Karin Van Deun
8940 S. 28th
April 1, 2011

Dear City Council,

I am a resident of Wilderness Hills and live on 28th Street. I am writing to you regarding the "Memory" facility that is proposed to be put at S. 27th Street and Wilderness Hills Blvd. I was told when I called that this location "worked well for the builder" however, I think the current residents of the neighborhood need to be asked if it works well for them and I am telling you I don't feel it's a good fit for our neighborhood.

Not only am I a current resident but I am also a nurse and have experience in dealing with dementia patients as well as insurance companies and I bring insurance companies up (as well as medicaid and medicare) because they usually don't cover a facility for such patients which leaves families stuck with huge payments. As a nurse, I worked in 2 facilities with dementia and Alzheimers patients and they are very very unpredictable as patients. They would manage to get out of the locked facilities at all hours and make their way out onto streets and neighborhoods making it a danger for themselves as well as other people. Dementia patients have a tendency to become very agitated, violent, sexually aggressive and very hard to reason with. I once had a very angry and agitated patient show up at my doorstep, thinking it was his home, at 3pm and the police had to be called to have him taken back as he was trying to break into my home. I can also speak from experience as my grandfather was an Alzheimers patient and had to be kept in a very tight secure place due to his violence and I wouldn't have wanted him in my neighborhood or anyone else's neighborhood. From the standpoint of a patient advocate, I don't think the location that has been picked is a good one and the reason I say this is because Kohl's traffic can become very active on the weekends and if a patient were to get loose ( and I can guarantee they will) it could have a bad ending. Also, there is a large pond by the bank and if a patient were to make their way to that location, they might drowned. Also of concern is the fact that across the road are numerous ponds and a golf course and if a patient ran over to there it could have a tragic ending as well. As a Mother I have to say that my 4 children like to play outside and I would hate for them to have an encounter with a violent dementia patient because it is very scary!!!!!

I found there are other locations that might work better for the builder AND the patients and sometimes we have to think past ourselves with all due respect. There is a wonderful location up the street on 27th by the new bank that is being built. There is more land which means the facility can be bigger and can have a nice fence around it and more places for families to park. There is also some land for sell on Yankee Hill and almost 56th Street which is more open (still residential) but has 20 acres and more possibilities. And I found yet another parcel of land for sell as you work your way down Yankee Hill towards 66th. All of these are still at major intersections but could have better possibilities should the builder continue to move forward with this idea.

I would like it on record that I oppose the building of a memory facility in the Wilderness Hills neighborhood. Please consider all this as you make you decision on the special permit and I ask you this question, would YOU want this facility if YOUR neighborhood??

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Tiffany Moeller
Dear Sir,

For some reason, my husband and I did not receive the flyer about the planning meeting on Wednesday. Heard about it from a neighbor.

Anyhow, we were in shock to hear of the building of the facility. Especially, since none of us had heard anything from Lincoln Federal. Seems like it was "slipped in" right under our noses.

We too are retired and picked this area as a great place to retire with being surrounded by other retired couples and close access to many restaurants, shopping malls and grocery stores.

Now to think of a commercial-type (money making) unit going up across the street, it seems to lose some of its appeal.

We are very aware that that particular lot is pretty much useless, and are sure the price was right. However, there are other areas that could accommodate such a facility that is not right in front of us.

For example, the area owned by Lincoln Federal on 40th and Yankee Hill Road seems to be ideal. At least people would be aware of what is already there before buying a lot for a private home.

We of course are concerned about the valuation of our property. Some say, oh it will not affect it, however, we have heard of folks trying to sell their homes near a similar facility, and have found they cannot get appraised value from their sale.

So, please consider our point of view. We know we need facilities for folks with memory loss. We may need it ourselves. But, please just not there. We would like to see private homes built across the street and keep the "people friendly" atmosphere that we have now.

We do not blame the builder for choosing this lot as the price was no double right. Also, we know he, Dan, will keep it as beautiful as possible. He is not to blame. We are very frustrated with Lincoln Federal. They should have had a representative at the first meeting we attended. Hum....what does that say?

We will be in attendance on Wednesday.

Judy Lerdahl

9020 S. 28th

Lincoln, Ne. 68516
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Duane Van Dusen
Address: 6324 So 85 Pl
City: Lincoln, NE 68526

Comment or Question:
What is with the hundreds of semis using 84 th street.It will not be long and 84 will be as torn up as 70 street.We need to stop all semis from using city streets NOW
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and organizers of the annual Celebrate Lincoln event will hold a news conference on Friday, April 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m., at Lincoln Benefit Life, 2920 S. 84th Street to announce plans for the 2011 celebration.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Celebrate Lincoln to feature national recording artist Rodney Atkins.
3. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of April 9, 2011 through April 15, 2011.
4. Mayor Beutler will recognize the Lincoln Police Department for several awards at the beginning of LPD’s media briefing on Monday, April 11, 2011, 8:45 a.m., at 575 S. 10th Street.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Police Department (LPD) re-accredited as Flagship Agency.

DIRECTORS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Letter to Duane Van Dusen from Scott Opfer, Street and Traffic Operations Manager, with explanation of traffic on 84th Street. Mr. Van Dusen’s InterLinc correspondence with questions regarding 84th Street attached.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. 17th and Q/Credit Union Amendment to the Lincoln Center and Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plans.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board meeting agenda for Friday, April 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the LES Board Room, 1040 O Street.
2. Leona Copley’s email on the Lincoln Journal Star’s article “Scrap yard eyes alternate location”. Listen to the West O residents and businesses opposed to this location.

V. INVITATIONS
See invitation list.
Mayor Chris Beutler and organizers of the annual Celebrate Lincoln event will announce plans for the 2011 celebration at a news conference at 10 a.m. Friday, April 8 at Lincoln Benefit Life, 2920 S. 84th Street. Parking is available in the visitor courtyard in front of the building on the southwest side. Use the entrance on your left as you face the building.

Lincoln’s Symphony Orchestra will make historic announcements regarding its organization and upcoming season immediately following the Celebrate Lincoln news conference in the same location.
Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that country music star Rodney Atkins will headline this year’s Celebrate Lincoln festival June 10 and 11. The family-friendly event with food, art and entertainment from around the globe, is being produced by GOLincolnGo, and the presenting sponsor is Lincoln Benefit Life. Events will run from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. both days on “N” Street between 12th and 14th streets.

Atkins will perform the night of Saturday, June 11. He was named the top new male vocalist by the Academy of Country Music (ACM) in 2006. He’s received six ACM award nominations as well as two from the Country Music Association. Four songs from his platinum-selling album “If You’re Going Through Hell” became number-one hits.

The opening act for Atkins will be local country band Cactus Hill. BryanLGH is sponsoring the Saturday events to celebrate its 85th anniversary. Playing the night of Friday June 10 will be local bands Soul Dawg and the Wheezetones – the top two finalists in the Lincoln Journal Star’s recent cover band contest.

“This is a great opportunity for the entire community to come together to celebrate the unique qualities that make Lincoln special,” said Mayor Beutler. “I salute all the sponsors and donors who are making this event possible.”

Entertainment begins at 11 a.m. each day, and the Family Zone with kids activities and inflatable games is open until 8 p.m. Admission is $6 for adults, $4 for ages 3 through 12, and free for children under age 3. Beginning in early May, coupons will be available at all U-Stop locations for one dollar off the admission prices. Admission to the event is free for the lunchtime crowd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. More details are available at www.golincolngo.com.

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“We are very excited to bring a national recording artist as well as local favorites to the Celebrate Lincoln stage this year,” said Staci Hass, Celebrate Lincoln Chair. “We’ll have 15 acts performing throughout the weekend along with great food, a world market and other fun activities for the entire family.”

Hass said about 400 volunteers are needed for the event, and those interested can sign up online at www.golincolngo.com.

In addition to GOLincolnGO, Lincoln Benefit Life, Bryan LGH and U-Stop, sponsors and partners include Broadcast House, Wells Fargo, Allied Insurance, Farmers Mutual, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Lincoln Arts Council, Debbie Brehm, Pinnacle Bank, SLR Communications, the *Lincoln Journal Star*, U.S. Bank, Ameritas, WRK LLC, Coca Cola, Budweiser and Embassy Suites.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule  
Week of April 9 through 15, 2011  
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, April 9
• Volunteer Partners annual volunteer recognition event, remarks and proclamation - 2:30 p.m., Lancaster County Extension Office, 444 Cherrycreek Road

Monday, April 11
• Lincoln Police Department (LPD) recognition - 8:45 a.m., LPD media briefing room, 575 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, April 12
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building
• E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues - 7 p.m., Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St.

Thursday, April 14
• Board of Health luncheon, remarks and award presentations - noon, Lincoln Station, 201 N. 7th St.
• West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3:30 p.m., County-City Building, room 303

Friday, April 15
• Nebraska Press Association lunch, remarks - noon, Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St. (Grand Ballroom)
Mayor Chris Beutler will recognize the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) for several recent awards at the beginning of LPD’s regular media briefing at 8:45 a.m. Monday, April 11 at LPD, 575 S. 10th St.
LPD REACCREDITED AS FLAGSHIP AGENCY

Mayor Chris Beutler today recognized the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) for receiving its eighth national accreditation and for being honored with the prestigious Flagship Award. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) presented the awards March 26 in Bethesda, Maryland. CALEA selects agencies for Flagship status based on past awards, current assessment and overall professional standing in the public safety community.

“The men and women of the Lincoln Police Department deserve to be recognized for their hard work, integrity and dedication to serve the citizens of Lincoln,” said Mayor Beutler. “LPD personnel can take great pride in their continuing efforts, and the people of Lincoln can count on their police department being one of the most professional in the country.”

Reaccreditation is a three-year process voluntarily undertaken by law enforcement agencies. LPD has been nationally accredited since 1989, when it became the first law enforcement agency in Nebraska to achieve that status.

“CALEA thoroughly examines our employees, our practices and our policies,” said Police Chief Tom Casady. “Being reaccredited verifies our continued compliance with the leading set of standards in the law enforcement profession.”

CALEA also presented Casady with the Egon Bittner Award, given to those who have commanded an accredited agency for 15 or more continuous years.

CALEA’s Flagship Agency Program is designed to acknowledge public safety agencies that have demonstrated success in the accreditation process. The program also serves to provide other agencies seeking accreditation with examples of “best practices” to address compliance, policy development, file maintenance and other issues relating to the accreditation process.

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Lincoln is one of less than ten cities in the U.S. to have all three emergency service providers nationally accredited.

- The Lincoln Emergency Communications/911 Center last received reaccreditation from CALEA in December 2008 and has been named a Flagship Agency twice. CALEA will conduct its site visit later this month, and the agency will appear before the CALEA Commission in November for reaccreditation.

- Lincoln Fire and Rescue was last reaccredited in 2009 by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, Inc, which requires reaccreditation every five years.

More information on the City’s emergency service providers is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keywords: fire, police, 911). More information on the accrediting agencies is available at calea.org and cfainet.org.
April 7, 2011

Duane Van Dusen  
6324 South 85th Place  
Lincoln, NE 68526

Dear Mr. Van Dusen:

My name is Scott Opfer with the Public Works Department. I am the manager of Street and Traffic Operations. The email you sent to our City Council office was forwarded to me. 84th Street is not only a major City street, it is also part of the National Highway System. In addition, 84th Street is identified as one of our “truck routes” which means that we direct truck traffic to use 84th Street. The way our City Ordinance reads as it relates to trucks is that all trucks that originate somewhere outside of Lincoln and that are passing through Lincoln, must remain on either the State highway system (Highway 2, Highway 6, Highway 34, etc.) or they must use our signed “truck routes.” If these same trucks have a destination within Lincoln, they must remain on the State highway system or a truck route until they reach a street that provides the shortest distance between the State highway or truck route to their destination. This ordinance is in place to help to reduce the number of trucks that use City streets that have not been designed or built to handle a large number of trucks. 84th Street has been built to better handle trucks. Now this doesn’t mean that we won’t see wear and tear from the large number of trucks, but 84th is better suited to deal with larger truck volumes versus other major streets in Lincoln.

As you may be aware, the City has identified corridors both south and east of the current City Limits which will hopefully some day be home to the south and east beltways. At that time, we would anticipate removing 84th Street as a truck route, but until that occurs we must provide for the large number of trucks that need to pass through and serve our community. Please remember that these trucks play a larger role in supplying our City with the necessary goods and services that the community needs. They have to have the ability to move about as necessary.

I hope that I’ve answered the questions you have on this issue. If not, do not hesitate to contact me directly with other questions/concerns you may have. You may reach me by email at sopfer@lincoln.ne.gov or by phone at 402-441-7851. Thank you for taking the time to contact us.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Opfer, Manager  
Engineering Services
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

Name: Duane Van Dusen
Address: 6324 So 85 Pl
City: Lincoln, NE 68526

What is with the hundreds of semis using 84th street. It will not be long and 84 will be as torn up as 70 street. We need to stop all semis from using city streets NOW
To: Lincoln City Council Members
From: David Landis, Director
Date: April 7, 2011
Subject: 17th and Q/Credit Union Amendment to the Lincoln Center and Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plans

Attached for your review is an amendment to the Lincoln Center and Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plans to reflect the 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project (see Exhibit A). The amendment has had a change to the estimated TIF funds for the project since it was presented at Planning Commission.

Section 18-2113, of the Community Development Law requires the City to review the project and find that the proposed land uses and building requirements in the Project Area are designed with the general purpose of accomplishing, in conformance with the general plan, a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the City and its environs, which will, in accordance with present and future needs, promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. On March 23, 2011, the Project Area and project components, including proposed land uses and buildings were found to be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, the City’s guiding plan for the protection of public health and safety and sound planning. The Urban Development also finds that the project is in conformance with the existing Lincoln Center and Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plans, which outlines the redevelopment goals and activities planned for the prevention and elimination of blight, and the Downtown Master Plan, a subarea plan for the Comprehensive Plan.

Section 18-2114 of the Community Development Law requires that proposed amendments to the plan be accompanied with a statement that addresses the following areas: 1) Proposed method and costs of acquisition, 2) proposed methods and costs of redevelopment of the project area; 3) estimated proceeds or revenue from disposal to developers; 4) methods proposed for financing projects; and 5) feasible method proposed for relocating families to be displaced by the project.

1. If this project requires the City to acquire property, the funding source for this acquisition would be tax increment financing generated within the project area. The City would not use eminent domain to acquire property.

2 & 3. The total estimated public cost for the project is up to $963,000. The total public cost will be funded through tax increment financing generated by the private development within the project area.
4. Following City Council approval of the redevelopment agreement negotiated between the City and developer(s), the City will either issue and sell Community Improvement Financing bonds or notes to fund the public improvements related to these projects, or permit the developer to finance the public portion of the project through a privately-placed debt instrument.

5. There will be no relocation of families as a result of the project or project amendment.

In addition, Section 18-2116 of the Community Development Law requires the City Council to make the following findings before authorizing the use of Community Development Financing:

- the redevelopment project and plan would not be economically feasible without the use of Tax Increment Financing; and,
- the redevelopment project would not occur in the Community Development area without the use of Tax Increment Financing.

Per Section 18-2116, the costs and benefits of the redevelopment project, including costs and benefits to other affected political subdivisions, the economy of the community, and the demand for public and private services have been analyzed and found to be in the long-term best interest of the City. The Urban Development Department believes that the public improvements included in this plan amendment would not occur “but for” the Tax Increment Financing generated by private redevelopment within the project area. Attached you will find the cost benefit analysis of the 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project, which shows the TIF funds estimated to be generated by the project.

The revitalization of the Antelope Valley and Lincoln Center Redevelopment Areas is in the best interest of Greater Downtown Lincoln and the entire Lincoln community. The additional public investment will complement this project and future redevelopment projects, including the reinvestment in P and Q Streets and the Antelope Valley channel and roadway, creating an opportunity for the highest and best use of these sites. The Urban Development Department recommends your approval of the 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project Amendment to the Lincoln Center and Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plans.

Following the approval of the Plan Amendment, the following steps will occur in the implementation of the project:

- Negotiate redevelopment agreement with the developers and submit to City Council for approval.
- Request approval from City Council for the issuance of Community Improvement Financing bonds or notes, and issue and sell bonds or notes, if needed.
- Select architects/engineers pursuant to city standard practice to design public improvements.
- Approve the public improvement design.
- Competitively select primary contractor to construct public improvements.
- Construct public facilities and improvements.

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Exhibit A

Proposed Amendments to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan and Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan for the 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project

(The project, if approved, will be listed as Project X in the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan and Project L in the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan.)

17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project

Revitalization Project and Site Description

The 17th and Q/Credit Union Project includes the relocation of the Credit Union currently located on the northwest corner of 17th and Q Street to a prominent location on the P Street Retail Corridor (the northeast corner of 17th and P Street). A fraternity will be constructed at the current location of the Credit Union parking lot and drive-through teller building. The 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project area, located on two blocks bounded by 16th, 17th, Q, and R Streets and by 17th, 18th, P, and Q Streets in Downtown Lincoln, includes lots 11 and 12 of the Chisletts Subdivision (location of the existing Credit Union drive-through and parking lot) and lots 7 through 10 of block 11, Kinneys O Street Addition (location of the future Credit Union), and adjacent right-of-way including adjacent east-west alleys on both blocks, 17th Street to the north side of the east-west alley to the south side of P Street, Q Street adjacent to the existing credit union drive-through and parking lot south to the lot line, and P Street adjacent to the future credit union site south to the lot line as shown on the project area exhibit.

The goal of this project is to help revitalize Downtown and the East Downtown/Antelope Valley areas, and improve the connectivity between Traditional Downtown and East Downtown. The project will remove blighted and substandard conditions and will make positive contributions to the continued revitalization of Downtown Lincoln and the Antelope Valley Area.

The project is consistent with the goals of the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan, Downtown Master Plan, and Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan and are intended to support private sector commercial and residential development in this redevelopment area. Publicly funded redevelopment activities may include the construction of project related public improvements and related streetscape amenities. These improvements correspond to several of the Downtown Redevelopment Goals/Principles identified in the plans. The redevelopment project addresses these goals by accomplishing the following:

- utilizing an underdeveloped lot in a key location;
- promoting a range of urban commercial building types;
- integrating streetscape and landscape improvements in the project area with existing public and private amenities; and,
- enhancing the area’s walkable, street-level orientation.
Statutory Elements

Accomplishing the 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project is expected to involve the assembly of property. The project may involve acquisition, sales, or reconveyances as provided by law and as consistent with the plans.

The current and future land use exhibits identify the changes in the proposed land uses in the project area. Land coverage and building density will be altered with the demolition and relocation of the existing credit union and construction of a fraternity at the credit union’s current location. Any demolition or disposition of property will follow policy outlined in the plan. The project site of the existing credit union will be re-platted to create a future site for the fraternity.

The existing street system within the project area may change as a result of this project. Any changes to the existing right-of-way, including on-street parking, lanes, ingress and egress, etc. within the project area will be reviewed by the Public Works Department. Pedestrian streetscape elements will also be enhanced within the project area.

There are no residential units within the proposed project boundaries today. The existing land use in the project area is commercial. The relocation of the credit union will allow for the creation of approximately 60 beds of student housing within the project area. The resulting land uses will be a mix of commercial and residential.

Parking in the adjacent area includes the existing university parking garage with 1,700 parking stalls. Another University-owned garage will be completed in 2014 at 18th and Q Streets. The developer is laying out a plan for on-site parking for the credit union. Various on-street parking configurations surround the project area blocks.

The area is located within the downtown B-4 business zone that allows for a wide range of uses including the developments that are being proposed. Zoning will remain unchanged as a result of this project.

Proposed Costs and Financing

The estimated total cost to implement this mixed-use redevelopment is approximately $6.7 million, including approximately $963,000 in public improvements. The source of funds for public improvements will be Community Improvement Financing (commonly referred to as Tax Increment Financing or TIF) generated from the private developments within the project area, and Capital Improvement Program funding.

Public investment may assist in acquisition, demolition, and site preparation; design and construction of utility improvements; design and construction of streetscape and right-of-way improvements; and, other public improvements and enhancements allowed under the law.

Funding sources and uses will be negotiated as part of the redevelopment agreement, subject to approval by the Mayor and City Council.
17th & Q St / Credit Union Project Area
Exhibit A

Streets  Parcel  Project Area  LCRA  Antelope Valley Redevelopment  Building Footprints

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17th & Q St / Credit Union: Aerial Map

Exhibit B
17th & Q St / Credit Union: Current Landuse

Exhibit C

--- Project Area

Current Land Use
- Commercial
- Commercial with Residential Units Above
- Group Quarters
- Churches, Synagogues and Temples
- Educational Institution
- Light Industrial
- Parking Garage
- Public & Semi Public
- Single Family (Detached)
- Vacant Land
- Parking Lot
17th & Q St / Credit Union: Future Landuse

Exhibit D

- Project Area

Current Land Use:
- Commercial
- Commercial with Residential Units Above
- Group Quarters
- Light Industrial
- Parking Garage
- Parking Lot
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Exhibit B

Cost Benefit Analysis
17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project

As required by Nebraska Community Development Law (Neb. Rev. Stat # 18-2147), the City has analyzed the costs and benefits of the proposed 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project including:

A. Tax Revenues

The 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project is located on two blocks bounded by 16th, 17th, Q, and R Streets and by 17th, 18th, P, and Q Streets in Downtown Lincoln. The area has an estimated property value of $941,600. One parcel is being replatted as part of the project and does not have an assessed value. The parcels are owned or optioned by University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union.

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| Fraternity | **Amount** |
| Base Value | Current Assessed Value | $535,500 |
| Construction/Land Acquisition Costs/(Demo) | Cost to Purchase Land/Construct Project | $2,919,500 |
| Estimated New Assessed Value | New Assessed Value (100% of Construction/Land) | $2,919,500 |
| Increment Value | New Assessed Value - Base Assessed Value | $2,384,000 |
| Annual TIF Generated | Increment x 0.0199595 (2010 Tax Rate) | $47,583 |
| **Funds Available - Dev Purchased** | Annual TIF Generated x 13 years @ 3.5% | $457,644 |

Total Estimated TIF Funds Available Credit Union and Newman $963,204

The assessed value of the property within the project area will increase by an estimated $5.3 million as a result of a projected $5.7 million private investment in the project area. This will result in an estimated increase of $1.3 million in property tax collections over the course of the project, approximately $963,204 of which will be available for the construction of public improvements related to these projects during the 15-year TIF period.

As shown in the table below, the City will forgo 14.42 percent of these collections (or approximately $13,771 of the $95,498 collected per year, after completion of the project). The tax increment gained from this redevelopment project area would not be available for use as City general tax revenues over that time, but would be used for eligible public improvements to enable the project to be realized.
Tax District 1, Property Tax Allocations
as a Percentage of All Allocations, 2010

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B. Public Infrastructure and Community Public Service Needs

Public infrastructure will be enhanced to support the continued redevelopment of Downtown Lincoln. City involvement may include the relocation or extension of and improvements to public utilities on or around the site. Additional City involvement may include acquisition, demolition, and site preparation; street, streetscape, and other right-of-way improvements; and, other related public improvements. The improvements will be financed with tax increment financing generated from the project area.

The use of TIF is being pursued, because the developer is choosing to redevelop in an area with existing blighted and substandard conditions. Without the use of TIF, the City feels that the redevelopment of this site would not be possible as proposed.

C. Employment within the Project Area

In 2008, there were approximately 17,915 persons employed by 862 non-governmental establishments (not including federal, state, local government or the University) within the Downtown (68508 zip code area) according to the Census, County Business Patterns, North American Industry Classification System.
In total the project is expected to create 2.5 to 3 additional FTEs, for the 30-bedroom fraternity. The credit union portion of the project is not expected to generate additional employment at this time. However, the credit union will expand in size from approximately 9,000 square feet to approximately 14,400 square feet. Employment will also be supported in the construction and renovation of the private property and related public improvements. Indirectly, we expect to see an increase in future private sector employment as a result of other redevelopment or new business growth encouraged by this investment.

D. Employment in City outside the Project Area

Approximately 136,258 employees worked in 8,240 private business establishments in the City of Lincoln, Metropolitan Statistical Area, according to the 2008 Census, County Business Patterns. The 2008 median household income for Lancaster County was $52,228, according to the American Community Survey.

The additional employment, as well as, the additional residences in Downtown are expected to support, if not enhance, employment in related industries, including retail services.

E. Other Impacts

There are expected to be many district-wide benefits resulting from the 17th and Q/Credit Union Redevelopment Project. The redevelopment projects will strengthen Downtown, and encourage redevelopment of surrounding blocks along P and Q Streets.

City-wide benefits include the generation of additional tax and other revenues to the City as a whole.
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, April 15, 2011 – 9:30 A.M.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.
1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 18, 2011 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board
3. Comments from Customers
4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff
   A. 20-Year Employee: Krishna Amancherla, Senior Engineer, Power Supply, Project Engineering; James Rigg, Utilities Coordinator II, T&D Construction, Energy Delivery; and Jim Hennessy, Utilities Supervisor I, GIS/CAD Systems, Energy Delivery
5. Administrator & CEO Reports
   A. State and Federal Legislative Report
   B. 1st Quarter 2011 Financial Review and Forecast
   C. 2010 Gross Revenue Tax Payments (PILOT)
6. Chief Operating Officer’s Reports
   A. 1st Quarter 2011 Strategic Plan Indicators
   B. Customer & Employee Lifecycle Project Update
   C. Summer Loads and Resources Outlook
   D. 1st Quarter 2011 Power Supply Report
   E. Southwest Power Pool, Part 3
   F. Miscellaneous
7. Committee Reports
   A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
   B. Budget & Rates Committee
   C. Finance & Audit Committee
      1. 2010 Annual Baker Tilly Audit and Management Letter
      2. Review Commercial Paper Issuance
   D. District Energy Corporation Report
8. Other Business
   A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
   B. Miscellaneous Information
9. Adjournment

Next Administrative Board meeting Friday, May 20, 2011.
John, upon reading the article in Sunday's paper "Scrap yard eyes alternate location," I thought here we go again, if no one else wants it, put it on West "O". When I initially spoke with you when you were running for election, we spoke about how West "O" is the gateway to Lincoln and that we have had some improvements but still need more. Now they are proposing the "scrap yard" be placed within 1/2 mile of the arena hotel being built for patrons to look down on from their rooms. The rats and mice will not have far to go because McDonalds is just right next door. Hopefully, the local businesses and eateries won't mind the dirt and dust that will be generated. The proposed new four lane Sun Valley Blvd. will lead right into Alter Metal.

I voted FOR the Arena, as I felt it would be an asset to the City of Lincoln. However, had I realized that it would mean that West O would end up falling on the sword for it, I would never have voted for it.

I realize that you will not be in office much longer but I hope that you will please listen to the West "O" residents and businesses and voice our opposition to this location. I know they need to relocate certain businesses and while this seems to be the best site for Alter Metal, I can't help but know it truly is not the best for West "O". I feel that Alter Metal’s relocation would be better suited for not only the City but for the looks of our new arena further west, not as close to the downtown area. Is this the kind of welcome we want to portray for our city? Let's try for a win-win, not a win-lose.

I appreciate your time.

Thank you,

Leona Copley
333 NW 17th
402-435-4708
MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011

Present: John Spatz, Chair; Gene Carroll, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; and Adam Hornung

Absent: Jayne Snyder

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Judy Halstead, Health Director; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Don Herz, Finance Director; Greg MacLean, Public Works and Utilities Director

Chair Spatz called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Ross named items which would be called together at the formal meeting. On page 3, Item #17 has four applications regarding the Health Department. Halstead commented these are not controversial items and can be called together. Ross stated Items #21 through #26 are contracts requested by purchasing and could call together. Spatz asked for objections, and with none agreed to call the items together. Ross continued saying on page 6, Item #33 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1, a substitute ordinance. She distributed handout relating to Items #45 and #46 on page 8.

Hoppe added on Item 15, prohibition of trucks within 400 feet of a business, contacted Chief Casady requesting answers to issues with this item. Chief Casady has stated if a vehicle is associated with installations, workers leaving equipment at the job site as a means of locking up or trucks associated with people on call, who may take the company vehicle home and park on the street, wouldn’t apply. Hoppe requested to leave the public hearing open next week in order for Chief Casady to present. Emery and Hornung requested a complete definition of a truck at that time.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. City kicks off bike and bus program.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln energy challenge to upgrade nonprofit. Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will start work on Tuesday, April 5th at The Gathering Place.
3. NEWS RELEASE. The Environmental Protect Agency (EPA) to assist Lincoln with zoning code review.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Community invited to get involved in Earth Day events.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler with project partners will break ground for the Active Living Center in Union Plaza at 10:00 a.m, Thursday, April 7th on the southeast corner of 21st and Q streets. The center will be home to the Jayne Snyder Trails Center, the Community Health Endowment, a public meeting space and a future fitness-related business.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Residents invited to share ideas on Access Management Policy.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Ground broken for Active Living Center.
No comments.
WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday, April 14, 2011, 3:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the City County Building. Agenda and attachments posted on line.

No comments

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE
Herz stated first on the StarTran review. The Audit Board has met several times, and have an RFP almost ready for a management analysis. He stated it appears this analysis will be in excess of $30,000. The Selection Committee for the proposals is comprised of the City Council Chair and two Council Members who serve on the Internal Auditing Review Committee. Currently only one Council Member serves on the Internal Auditing Review Committee, Councilman Hornung, and need another member. Herz added it will be weeks before sending the RFP, and additional weeks before proposals are back. But, at that time need to have three members from Council making the selection of who will do the work. Appreciate receiving the third name.

Herz stated the Board has started looking at the requests and to work on the Public Works description. Spatz commented would list on the Organizational Meeting agenda next week to appoint an additional person.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
1. Advisory Board Meeting agenda for Thursday, April 14, 2011 with meeting minutes of Thursday, March 10, 2011.

No comments

PLANNING COMMISSION
2. Final Action, April 7, 2011.

No comments

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 11010 to Special Permit No. 228A approved by the Planning Director on March 31, 2011.

No comments

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
Hornung No comment
Carroll No comment
Camp had sent Greg MacLean correspondence regarding constituents questioning traffic lights late
at night. MacLean replied they have heard this question numerous times and forming a response. Camp asked to discuss. MacLean replied if doing for energy saving purposes no real energy savings. Whenever we think about going in one direction others speak up. The policy says we can certainly do. Camp asked if MacLean’s opinion would be to not do it? MacLean answered correct, a policy that asks not to do. Don’t think we have reason to change the policy now, but can consider if that is something you want to pursue. Will send copy of our rationale behind the current laws. Camp added to include the gasoline consumed while sitting at a light at 3:00 a.m., and people’s time. At arterial intersections why have them sit there waiting on a red light late into the night?

Emery  No comment  
Cook  No comment  
Spatz  No comment  

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Management Structure Analysis - Police Department** - Chief Tom Casady  
Postponed for one week.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS  
1. Correspondence from Bryan and Karin Van Deun stating reasons why they are against the Wilderness Hills Alzheimer facility.  
2. Tiffany Moeller email listing reasons why not to put a proposed memory facility at S. 27th and Wilderness Hill Boulevard. On record as opposed to building this facility in the Wilderness Hills neighborhood.  
3. Email from Judy Lerdahl giving reasons why they are against building a memory loss facility in the neighborhood when they heard nothing from Lincoln Federal.  
4. InterLinc correspondence from Duane Van Dusen questioning why more semi trucks are using 84th Street. (Sent to Scott Opfer, Street and Traffic Operations Manager)  
No comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT  
Chair Spatz adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.