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   WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
   1. Combined Weed Program, City of Lincoln, September 2011 monthly report.
   2. Lancaster County Weed Control, September 2011 monthly report.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Email from Kolleen Krikac regarding the 14th and Superior roundabout project.
2. Email from Pat Anderson-Sifuentes referring to an article on a Urban Development rebuilt house which was purchased by a NeighborWorks Homebuyer graduate.
   a) Everett Express showing casing the home which was previously red-tagged.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
October 6, 2011

VIA EMAIL: jross@lincoln.ne.gov
Joan Ross
Lincoln City Clerk
City County Building
555 South 10th Street, Room 103
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Magic Hills Apartments—Public Hearings on October 10, 2011
Our File No.: 13746.006

Dear Ms. Ross:

I represent Robert Stephens, his company R.I.P. Inc., and his apartment project known as Magic Hills Apartments. My client has a scheduled public hearing before the Lincoln City Council on October 10, 2011. The items scheduled on the City Council Agenda include:

1. Item No. 18 which is Change of Zone #11035, bearing Bill No. 11-157, for a change of zone of a one (1) acre parcel from the R-3 Zoning District to the R-5 Zoning District;

2. Item No. 19 which is an appeal of the approval of Special Permit #11-023 as approved by the Planning Commission, bearing Bill No. 11R-246; and

3. Item No. 20 which is Change of Zone #3413 which is removed from the pending agenda, bearing Bill No. 05-188.

At the request of the City, and to facilitate further discussion, my client has agreed to postpone and defer the public hearing to a date certain of October 31, 2011. Please confirm receipt of this formal request. Due to the request for deferral, neither my client nor I will attend the hearing on Monday, October 10, 2011.
Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Huston
For the Firm

cc: Bob Stephens (Via Email)
    Marvin Krout (Via Email)
    Jean Preister (Via Email)
FRIENDSHIP HOME TO RECEIVE FREE COLOR MAKEOVER
Mayor supported nominated agency’s nomination for “Color Care Across America”

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Friendship Home, a local domestic shelter, will receive a free interior paint color makeover November 6 and 7 courtesy of Benjamin Moore Paints’ “Color Care Across America” campaign. Friendship Home’s nomination was supported by Mayor Beutler. It was one of 51 shelters chosen by the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) through a competitive process to receive the makeover.

“Friendship Home does an excellent job of providing services for women and children who are victims of domestic violence,” said Mayor Beutler. “A fresh coat of uplifting color will provide an emotional boost for those who depend on the Friendship Home for the vital shelter and support the agency provides.”

Benjamin Moore Paints has spearheaded the nationwide initiative with the USCM and the Painting & Decorating Contractors of America. The goal is to give color makeovers to one shelter in each state plus one in Washington, DC, all within a 50-day period.

“We are thrilled to have been chosen for the Color Care initiative and we extend our most heartfelt thanks to Mayor Beutler and Benjamin Moore Paints for their caring and generosity,” said Jane Cogan, Friendship Home Program Director. “The bright colors will help bring about an increasingly warm and welcoming environment that will make a big difference in the lives of the women and children we serve.”

Benjamin Moore Director Carl Minchew said the program was inspired in part by President Obama’s call to service and by the growing ranks of the homeless. He said the program’s goal is to bring attention to the issues of homelessness and domestic abuse while helping to improve the living environments for those who seek the basic human need of having a roof over their heads. “It reflects the importance of forging partnerships between private enterprise and public service to find solutions for the kinds of issues that government no longer can afford to cope with alone,” he said.
“The nation’s mayors are the first to understand the hardships facing families today and have made reducing homelessness one of their top priorities,” said Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director of USCM. “With the failure of the national economy to rebound and the dwindling resources on the ground, many people are out of work, homeless and must turn to these shelters for help. That’s why we are pleased to be part of this Benjamin Moore program.”

Friendship Home exists to support, shelter and advocate for women and children who are victims of domestic violence by providing safe, confidential emergency shelter and transitional shelter to rebuild lives free from fear. The organization also provides an array of crisis intervention services, case management and emotional support to women and children in shelter and those who are awaiting shelter. More information on Friendship Home is available at friendshiphome.org.

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**Media note:** Mayor Beutler is scheduled to visit the Friendship Home at 10 a.m. Monday, November 7, and you will receive information on coverage of the project in early November. Please remember, the location of the Friendship Home is confidential.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 4, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Devin Biesecker, Engineering Services, 402-937-5515

PUBLIC MEETING SET FOR NORTH 14TH STREET PROJECT

The public is invited to an open house to learn about construction plans for the North 14th Street project from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, October 10 at the Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson St. A presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The project will widen 14th Street to four lanes from Superior to Interstate 80 and will include the construction of a multi-lane roundabout at 14th and Superior streets. Pedestrian tunnels will be constructed on the west and south sides of the intersection to accommodate the trail crossings that will exist in the area after the completion of the project. The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) also is building a bridge over Interstate 80 on N. 14th Street.

Street construction is scheduled to begin Tuesday, October 11 and road closures on 14th Street will be necessary throughout the duration of the project. Detours will be posted. Superior Street will remain open to traffic during construction, with some lane closures.

An additional public information session will be scheduled prior to actual construction of the roundabout in order to provide more detail on the construction schedule, to answer questions and to provide information on driving the roundabout.

The I-80 bridge is scheduled to open in August 2012, and the roundabout is scheduled to open in November 2012. The entire project is expected to be completed in May 2013.

At the October 11 open house, representatives from the City of Lincoln, project consultants, contractors and NDOR will be available to discuss the construction phasing and answer questions.

Individuals who have questions prior to the meeting or are unable to attend should contact Devin Biesecker, City of Lincoln, at 402-937-5515, or Jon Olsen, Olsson Associates, at 402-458-5614. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword projects) and on the project website at www.oasites.com/north14th.
Note: Details to be provided at the Open House.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7043

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 4, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043

UNL RECYCLING SITE TEMPORARILY MOVED

Due to construction on UNL Campus, the recycling drop-off site located at 1200 N. 17th Street has been moved one-half block north to the gravel parking lot west of the cul-de-sac where North 17th Street ends. It will remain at this location until construction is expected to be completed in December.

For more information on recycling in Lincoln go to recycle.lincoln.ne.gov or call the Recycling Hotline at 402-441-8215.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Building and Safety – Administration     DATE: September 23, 2011

NEED: This position will serve the Director of Building and Safety and Manager of the Development Services Center. To carry out the responsibilities of the administrator for both departments, this staff person will manage the critical functions while leaving the director and manager to concentrate on the important function of both positions. Cost of this position will be offset by eliminating 1 FTE Interim Director of Building and Safety and 1 FTE Building and Safety Manager.

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DIRECTOR

DATE 9-27-11
WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte’s the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 6, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR PRAISES SNYDER’S STRENGTH, ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Former City Council member passed away Thursday morning

Mayor Chris Beutler today said Jayne Snyder was a true public servant who left a lasting impact on the City of Lincoln. The former City Council member passed away just after midnight this morning from cancer. She had resigned from the Council September 11 because of her illness. Snyder, 66, was elected to her at-large City Council seat in May 2009. She also was the first Chair of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA), the governing body overseeing the arena project.

“I have long admired Jayne’s passion and hard work, but the strength, courage and grace she demonstrated since her diagnosis were an inspiration,” said Mayor Beutler, who also serves on the JPA. “She made her work on behalf of this community a priority, and it was an honor to serve with her. Jayne cared more about people than politics. The City will long benefit from her remarkable legacy as a committed and caring business and community leader.”

Snyder owned and operated Snyder Physical Therapy. She was a life-long advocate for Lincoln’s trails system, and the City Council voted to name the trails center in Union Plaza to recognize her. The Jayne Snyder Trails Center is part of the Active Living Center now under construction. Snyder also was a strong advocate for health care policy and served as a member of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health.

Services for Snyder are pending.

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MEDIA NOTE: Mayor Beutler will be available to talk to the media at 3 p.m. today in Room 303 at the County-City Building. The JPA meeting begins at 3:30 p.m. in the same room.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 6, 2011  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

BEUTLER APPOINTS CARROLL TO WEST HAYMARKET JPA

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that he has appointed City Council Chair Gene Carroll to fill the vacancy on the three-person West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA). The appointment must be certified by the City Council and will be on first reading on the Council agenda for Monday October 10. The vote is scheduled to be taken at the Council meeting Monday, October 17.

Beutler and NU Regent Tim Clare are the other JPA members. Carroll would fill the vacancy left by the resignation of the late Jayne Snyder, a former City Council member who chaired the JPA Chair. Mayor Beutler is now chair of the JPA which is overseeing the arena project.

Carroll was elected to an at-large position on the City Council in May 2009. He has 30 years of experience in commercial construction and has served as project manager on large multi-million-dollar projects. He was a member of the arena general contractor selection committee. Carroll has a master’s degree in city planning, and the topic of his thesis was the District Energy Corporation, which will provide heating and cooling for the arena. He also has 20 years of experience as a college basketball official and has worked in arenas around the nation.

“Gene has a unique combination of education, talent and experience that make him extremely well qualified to serve the public on the JPA,” Beutler said. “He knows how to hold contractors accountable, and that is a skill that will help us keep the arena project on time and on budget.”

“I am honored to be chosen and look forward to working more closely on this exciting project,” Carroll said. “This position is an excellent fit with my professional background. Even more importantly, I am committed to the success of the arena and willing to work hard on a project that is key to Lincoln’s future.”

MEDIA NOTE: Carroll can be reached at 402-440-0385. Mayor Beutler will be available to talk to the media at 3 p.m. today in Room 303 at the County-City Building. The JPA meeting begins at 3:30 p.m. in the same room.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 6, 2011
CONTACT: Pat Leach, Library Director
EMAIL: p.leach@lincolnlibraries.org
PHONE: 402-441-8510

LIBRARY BOARD TO REVIEW INTERNET POLICY

At its regular monthly business meeting on October 18, 2011, the Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries will review its current Internet Policy. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street.

The Library Board encourages members of the public to offer input on the appropriateness of the current Internet Policy, including the question of Internet filtering on public computers. Public comment will be taken at the start of the meeting and will become part of the public record.

All Library Board policies are reviewed on an annual basis and revised as needed. The current Internet Policy was last revised in 2008 and is available for review on the library’s website at www.lincolnlibraries.org.

The Library Board also welcomes written comments. Comments may be forwarded to: Library Board, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 So. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 – or – email to library@lincolnlibraries.org. Written comments on this specific issue must be submitted by November 1, 2011, in order to become part of the Board's information material for the decision on whether to revise the Internet Policy.

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Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **
October 5, 2011

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 5, 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, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, from 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a workshop on “Use Groups”.

**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 or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County 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, OCTOBER 5, 2011

[Commissioners Larson and Francis absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 21, 2011, as amended. 
**APPROVED, 6-0 (Taylor abstained; Larson and Francis absent)**
1. CONSENT AGENDA
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action:

PERMITS:

1.1 Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 28B, an amendment to expand the boundary of the special permit to allow additional parking in the R-6 Residential District, on property generally located at S. 48th Street and Bancroft Avenue.

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated September 21, 2011, 7-0 (Larson and Francis absent).
Resolution No. PC-01251.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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PENDING LIST:
1a. Change of Zone No. 11009, amending Section 27.63.500 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Zoning Code Special Permits for Scrap Processing Operations, Salvage Yards, and Enclosed Disassembly Operations, to allow outdoor salvage material to be located closer than 500 feet from certain entrance corridors if land forms or screening completely obstructs the view by the traveling public of the salvage material, and to authorize the City Council to decrease the 500-foot setback under limited circumstances; and repealing Section 27.63.500 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
(6-11-11: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the applicant’s request.)
1b. Special Permit No. 11006, for a scrap processing operation and to allow salvage material kept outside a building to be located closer than the 500 feet to the West “O” Street entrance corridor, on property generally located at West O Street and Sun Valley Boulevard (545 West “O” Street).
(6-11-11: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the applicant’s request.)

2. Change of Zone No. 11028, amending Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District as a permitted conditional use; and repealing Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
(8-10-11: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on November 30, 2011 at the request of the applicant.)

3. Change of Zone No. 11019, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, the Zoning Code, by amending Chapter 27.03 to add the definition of “Entertainment Restaurant” as Section 27.03.218 and to renumber existing Section 27.03.218 (Existing Urban Area) as Section 27.03.218; amending Sections 27.31.040, 27.33.030, and 27.37.025 to allow entertainment restaurants as a conditional use in the B-2, B-3, and B-5 zoning districts, respectively; amending Section 27.47.020 to prohibit an entertainment restaurant as a permitted use in the I-1 Industrial District; and repealing Sections 27.03.218, 27.31.040, 27.33.030, 27.37.025, and 27.47.020 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
(9-7-11: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the request of the applicant.)
*** Application was withdrawn by the applicant on September 22, 2011 ***

Planning Dept. staff contacts:

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The Planning Commission meeting which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.

The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcaenda/index.htm
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : October 6, 2011

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: October 5, 2011

Please be advised that on October 5, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01251, approving Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 28B, with conditions, requested by Union College, for authority to expand the Union College Pre-Existing Special Permit 28A, to include additional areas to accommodate a new math and science center and additional off-street parking, on property generally located at South 52nd Street and Bancroft Avenue.

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

The Planning Commission Resolution 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. PESP28B). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
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To: Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

Please be advised that on October 5, 2011, during a briefing session by the Director of Planning, the Planning Commission passed the following motion:

Moved by Lust, seconded by Gaylor Baird: “The Planning Commission respectfully requests that the County Board not proceed with any major amendments to the proposed 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan until such amendments have been reviewed and acted upon by the Planning Commission.” Motion carried 6-0: Lust, Gaylor Baird, Sunderman, Esseks, Partington and Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Taylor, Larson and Francis absent.

--Jean Preister, Clerk to the Planning Commission
Planning Department
402-441-6365
Memorandum

Date:   October 5, 2011
To:     City Clerk
From:   Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:     Administrative Amendment approvals
cc:     Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from September 27, 2011 thru October 3, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11048 to Change of Zone No. 2938C, University of Nebraska Technology Park Special Sign District, approved by the Planning Director on September 28, 2011, requested by The University of Nebraska Foundation, to revise Section 3.1, Wall Signs; to delete NW. 1st St. Building ID Signs and to add a new Section 3.3 for Ground Building ID Sign for University of Nebraska Technology Park Special Sign District on property generally located at NW. 1st St. and Highland Blvd.
Memorandum

To: Members of the Lincoln City Council
From: Miki Esposito, Interim Director of Public Works & Utilities
Date: October 4, 2011
Subject: Proposed StarTran Low-Income Fare Increase
cc: Larry Worth, Scott Tharnish, Mayor Beutler

The Lincoln City Council is scheduled to review and act on proposed increases in the StarTran Low Income 31 Consecutive Day Pass from $7.50 to $8.00 (fixed route), and $15.00 to $16.00 (Handi-Van) on October 10, 2011. The proposed increases were recommended by the StarTran Advisory Board on September 9, 2011.

The proposed increases were a portion of the September 9, 2011 recommended actions by the StarTran Advisory Board to address the StarTran budget adjustment. Other recommended actions included the “deadheading” on 12 of 15 weekday and 9 of 12 Saturday routes and the utilization of additional State funding for operating costs. The 9/21/11 memorandum from the Chairman of the StarTran Advisory Board to Mayor Beutler, attached with the fact sheet, summarizes the process of the subject budget adjustment resulting in the StarTran Advisory Board recommended actions.
**Combined Weed Program**
**City of Lincoln**
**September 2011 Monthly Report**
[www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds)

**Inspection Activity**
A total of 5,230 inspections on 2,521 sites have been made this year in the City of Lincoln.

**Noxious Weeds within city limits**
- Made 698 inspections on 421 sites on 3,733 acres.
- Found 331 violations on 490 acres.
  - 205 Musk thistle
  - 49 Phragmites
  - 39 Leafy spurge
  - 20 Knotweed
  - 11 Purple loosestrife
  - 4 Canada thistle
  - 2 Saltcedar
- Found no violations on 41 sites
- Sent 62 notices, 215 letters, 49 trace cards and made 6 personal contacts.
- 175 sites controlled by landowners.
- Contract enforced on 7 sites.
- Control is pending on 24 sites.

**Weed Abatement**
- Made 4,532 inspections on 2,108 sites.
- Found 1,694 violations.
- Found no violations on 414 sites. 9.13% of the initial inspection found no violation.

**Landowner Notification Summary**
4,532 inspections on 2,108 sites

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- Sent 1,093 notices, 898 letters, made 14 personal contacts.
- Received 1,804 complaints on 1,531 sites.

- Owners cut 1,341 sites
- Contractors cut 219 sites
- Cutting is pending on 134 sites.

**UNL Classroom in field**
Thomas Powers, professor with the University of Nebraska Plant Pathology department brought his class of 33 students out into the field to learn first hand the effects on the environment of Phragmites and other noxious weeds.

The location chosen was the 48th street landfill. This site is unique in that some of the patches are on top of hills. Usually we find phragmites in low lying areas along waterways. We used a front end loader to dig a hole in the patch to show the massive amount of root system below the surface. As big as phragmites gets above ground, it is estimated that around 70% of the plant exists in the root mass below ground. We spent almost an hour with discussion and questions on invasive species in Lancaster County.

*Note: We’ve hired a contractor to do ground application on the phragmites at the 48th street landfill.*

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make treatments to area phragmites infestations in Lancaster County the last week of September. Our office throughout the season put together a list of landowners that indicated they would be interested in having the helicopter treat their phragmites this year. We were able to coordinate with Skycopters to get them sprayed. In many cases a helicopter is the only way to gain access to the patches either because it is too swampy to use ground application or they are in the middle of a cornfield.

**Phragmites treatment by helicopter**

Skycopters operation is specifically designed for phragmites applications. The product used requires a specially designed microfoil boom on the helicopter that puts out 15 gallon of product per acre with almost no drift. The support truck consists of one person to mix the chemical, the landing deck, chemical storage and mix tanks as well as the fuel for the helicopter. Once Dan lands it takes only a couple minutes to load and get back in the air. They can operate from almost any location as long as there aren’t power lines or trees close by.

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In reading this Press Release, I am surprised that the construction is beginning when we had requested a meeting months ago to discuss it. How is it possible to have a meeting scheduled for the night before construction is to begin? This appears to be a sneaky way to pass it under the radar of the citizens of Lincoln, especially those whom it will most affect. The vast majority of people who live near this intersection are opposed to it and want their/our concerns to be heard. Of the people in my neighborhood that we surveyed with a petition Opposing the Roundabout on 14th and Superior, 99.02% signed the petition to oppose it. This means that less than 1% are in favor of it!

Some of us attended a City Council Meeting to voice our concerns (which are too numerous to list here). Some of us also had a meeting with Carl Eskridge in May and were told that a meeting would be arranged for us to voice our concerns, but we never heard any more about it, until this Press Release. (After discussing this, I just received the bracketed email showing that a meeting is supposedly scheduled before October 10, although we don’t have any more information or details, so we are unsure whether or not it is actually going to occur.)

Oct. 2, 2011 @ 5:12 p.m.
Kolleen,

This is an email I got from Carl Eskridge before he sent the press release to us. I see that he says he did ask for a meeting, but probably was told there would be an open house instead. Apparently they also changed the date....

Annie

Ms. Clark, We have a new public works director, Ms. Miki Espinosa. I have asked for meeting about the Superior and N. 14th Street project. Tonight I was told there will be a meeting on October 8. Not sure of the time, probably in the morning at Northstar Hl. I’m supposed to get details tomorrow and I will let you know. If you could contact the people we met with in May, that would be great.

Thank you,
Carl Eskridge
Lincoln City Council
District 4

How do we stop this project? How do we make our voices heard? It appears as if it is a “done deal” and nobody in government cares about the negative impact on the people who live near this intersection. I would like to propose a delay in the construction until there is a meeting for all of the nearby neighborhoods to voice their concerns. Who do I need to speak to?

I also understand that projects like this are supposed to be listed under Public Notice, but we can’t find any such information, nor is there any information on the Public Works website. There has been no notification of any public meeting for the citizens who live in these neighborhoods. Why not? Is this meeting an official meeting of the city? If so, isn’t there protocol to be followed? Aren’t there supposed to be mobile signs posted in this area telling of official meetings so the public is informed and can attend? When there is an official meeting, we would request that the mobile signs say specifically that the meeting is about the “Proposed Roundabout and Tunnels on 14th and Superior” so the people who see the
sign aren’t deceived into thinking it’s about the bridge on 14th Street. Isn’t there a mandatory length of time in which meeting must occur before construction projects begin? As far as the title on this Press Release, it doesn’t say clearly what it is about. It says “14th and Superior Street Improvement Project”. What does this mean? The bridge on 14th? The widening of 14th? Or are the tunnels and Roundabout included in the so-called “improvements”? Exactly what construction is beginning on October 11? Nowhere in the Press Release is the roundabout mentioned, but if you go to the website, it is vaguely mentioned. When does the actual construction begin on the roundabout? What about the tunnels? I am very upset with the lack of information given to the public about the so-called “meetings” and “focus group” used. And who exactly were the “stakeholders” mentioned on the “City of Engineering” website information (you can find this website by clicking on it on the press release)? Don’t all of the citizens who live in these neighborhoods and use the intersection count as “stakeholders”? I, for one, was not informed of any “focus group” or “stakeholders” meetings.

This is a huge issue for our neighborhood and community. We are not just going to sit back idly and let the city make decisions for us without speaking up for what we think is right. I’d love to hear from you as I am willing to do everything I can to notify everybody I know what is going on and how poorly it has been handled. When 99.02% of the citizens in an area are opposed to a huge project like this, isn’t it common sense for the elected officials to get all the feedback from them they can possibly get?

Sincerely,
Kolleen Krikac
Citizens Against the Proposed Roundabout on 14th and Superior
402-438-3228

Here is a copy of the press release:

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 901 W. Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

PUBLIC MEETING FOR NORTH 14TH STREET FROM SUPERIOR STREET TO I-80 SET FOR OCTOBER 10

Citizens are invited to attend an open house to learn about construction plans for the North 14th Street project from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, October 10 at the Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson Street. Representatives of the City of Lincoln, its project consultants, and its contractor will be available to discuss the construction phasing and answer questions. No formal presentation will be given and the public may drop in at any time during the open house.

Construction will begin on October 11 and will require road closures on 14th Street throughout construction. Superior Street will remain open to traffic during construction, with some lane closures. The project is anticipated to be complete in May 2013. If you have any questions before the meeting or are unable to attend, please contact either Devin Bieseker with the City of Lincoln at 402-937-5515 or Jon Olsen with Olsson Associates at 402-458-5614. You can learn more at the project website at www.oasites.com/north14th.
Dear City Council Members--
Attached is the Everett Express. There is a very nice article about a house that was red-tagged, demolished by Urban Development & rebuilt and the new house was purchased by a NeighborWorks Homebuyer graduate.

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Pat Anderson-Sifuentes
Community Builder
NeighborWorks Lincoln
2240 Q St.
Lincoln, NE 68503
402-477-7181
panderson@nwlincoln.org
Meet the Stryker Family

From red-tagged to revived, the property at 1114 C St. became the home of Tad and Jean Stryker June 25. They had been looking to relocate to Lincoln from Hickman, Neb., for several months and after touring the completely rebuilt cottage-style, three-bedroom home with a wraparound front porch, they found their first home.

“Jean and I had been looking for houses for about six months when we found this one,” Tad said. “There was no drywall installed yet and the builders were just about to put the shingles on the house when we first walked into it. We thought it had great potential.”

In October, the Strykers took a home ownership class through NeighborWorks Lincoln, which gave them financial incentive to take a serious look at buying a home in the Everett neighborhood. They also felt the home was well-built, energy efficient and designed to fit in with the look of the neighborhood.

“We are thankful to have this house,” Tad said. “We like the front porch and the fact that so many people walk through the neighborhood. We want to get to know people better and plan to do our best to be good neighbors.”

Tad, production manager of News Link at 1845 S. 11th St., enjoys the five-minute walk to work. Jean is manager of The Perfect Cup, a coffee shop at 6811 O St. and a classical realism artist. Their daughter Abby, who lives with them, works at Jimmy John’s. Son Jake, his wife, Monica, and their two children live in Lincoln and son Micah, a Marine, and his wife, Emily, are in Hawaii.

More than 900 Everett neighbors and friends braved the heat July 10 to take part in the annual Everett Neighborhood Festival. Festivalgoers enjoyed free food, entertainment, games and giveaways.

Sponsored by the Everett Neighborhood Association, NeighborWorks Lincoln and Nebraska Family Council, the festival is a way to bring people together. A big thanks to businesses that contributed to the event, including Russ’s Market, Leon’s Food Market, Runza, Pan Dulce, Walmart, Greenfield’s Pancake House, Little King, Neeman Refuse, Raynor Doors, Target, SunMart and daVinci’s. MAD DADS donated 18 bikes in a free raffle, People’s City Mission donated two truckloads of items to give away to families. Entertainment was provided by On Approach, Thirty Pieces of Silver and Consuming Fire.

Thank you to members of Christ’s Place, who contributed generous donations of food, supplies and volunteers. Thank you F Street Community Center for use of the games. Christ’s Place and NFC also donated a bounce house, and the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association provided the use of its snow cone machine, and 1,200 snow cones were served! Lincoln policemen and firemen showed great patience and positive interaction as children checked out their equipment, and 10 local agencies and nonprofits had booth displays to inform the community about their free services.
ALARMS FOR DEAF

Lincoln Fire and Rescue is looking for residents who may not be able to hear the sound of a normal smoke alarm. These special alarms are designed to wake individuals using a lower vibrating tone and bed vibration device. On-duty firefighters install the units by appointment.

Visit www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/fire under “What’s New” and Click on “For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing” or call 402-441-8361. Please direct any questions to Jeff Hatcher at 402-770-5011.

REDUCE UTILITIES

Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties offers FREE weatherization services for income-eligible residents (maximum gross annual income currently $44,700 for a family of four). High priority target groups are seniors age 60 and older, people with disabilities, Native Americans, and families with children under age 6. Energy-saving home improvements can include furnace tune-up/repair/replacement, insulation, weather-stripping and caulking, door and window repair/replacement, and installation of exhaust fans. For more information, contact Ervin Salkanovic at 402-875-9365, esalkanovic@communityactionatwork.org or visit http://www.communityactionatwork.org/programs/housing/weatherization.html.

SAVE ON PRESCRIPTION COSTS

With Americans paying more than ever for prescription drugs, staying healthy often comes at a high price. But thanks to a new program, many now are eligible for significant savings on prescription pharmaceuticals, including name-brand products and generics.

Thanks to the Coast2Coast prescription discount card program, which began July 27 in Lancaster County, big savings are available — as much as 65 percent on some prescriptions.

The card, which is free to all Lancaster County residents regardless of income, also includes discount dental, hearing and vision benefits. It offers 50 to 80 percent discounts on lab and imaging tests.

It includes a toll-free phone number for 24/7, year-round customer service, and translation services also are available.

The Coast2Coast card program, which was approved by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, is HIPAA compliant, and identifying information about card users will not be provided to the county.

There are no claim forms to fill out and no annual fee. More than 54,000 retail pharmacies throughout the country participate in the program, including more than 50 in Lancaster County.

For more information, call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, at 402-441-7447, or at gthorpe@lancaster.ne.gov.

More than 320 neighbors participated in National Night Out at F Street Community Center Aug. 2. Thanks to many for their contributions, including Center for People in Need, Runza, Russ’s Market, Lincoln Poultry, Leonis, Pan Dulce, SunMart, Bank of the West, Coventry Insurance, Tim’s Automotive and Radiator Repair, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, NeighborWorks Lincoln, Lincoln Police Department, St. Paul UCC Farmer’s Market, musician Anne Bremmer, Everett and Near South neighborhood associations, and Target.

F Street Community Center welcomed four fresh faces to their AmeriCorps team Sept. 6. From left are Melanie Allen, Mattie SimBarcelos, Mema-shua Grant and Emily Kennedy.
A Note from Your President

“YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD”

- Mahatma Ghandi

Instigating change and having a say in the process – that’s why most neighborhood associations are formed. It is preferable to be a participant in change rather than a passive recipient. When the Everett Neighborhood Association was formed, the school district was threatening to close Everett Elementary School. Residents fought to not only keep the school open, but to make major improvements to the school and grounds.

If you want to make things happen, get involved. If you don’t like something, get involved. If you want to get to know other people in your community, get involved. If you want to contribute to making your neighborhood a better place, get involved.

What do we do? Annual events always include a neighborhood cleanup and the Everett Annual Festival (co-sponsored with Nebraska Family Council and several other organizations). Other things we’ve done are Home Tour (2010), Walking Tour with Ed Zimmer (2009), barbecues (2008) and plant sales.

What are we currently working on? Improvements on 11th Street, tree planting, a roundabout at 11th and D streets, a historic walking tour with plaques providing the history of the area, a lighting project around Everett Elementary and future garden tours, and marketing Everett as a great, friendly, walking/biking/busing neighborhood.

If you are interested in any of the above or have other ideas, join us at our monthly meetings at F Street Community Center (13th and F streets) the third Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., or email me at panderson@neb.rr.com.

Pat Anderson-Sifuentez

FREE

Original Runza® Sandwich
or 1/4 lb. Burger
with the purchase of a Large Drink.

Good at the 13th & E Runza® location only. Not good with any other coupon or discount. Free items cannot be subtracted from the price of a Combo Meal. Substitutions extra. One coupon per person per car per visit.

Dec. 31, 2011.

Calvary United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Ukrainian Worship: 1 p.m.
Friday Ukrainian Worship: 7 p.m.
Food Net & Harold’s Closet: Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Pastors Bill Hunter and Judy Dye
11th and Garfield Streets www.LincolnCalvary.org
402-476-7353 Email: postmaster@lincolncalvary.org

Open minds, Open hearts, Open doors
The People of The United Methodist Church
Welcome to Everett Express, a newsletter for Everett Neighborhood. Everett Express covers items such as street improvements and home security tips. Local businesses also are highlighted in each issue. Advertisers make this newsletter possible. Please take a look to see what our supporters are up to and the many services they have to offer. To submit article ideas or place an ad, call Jessica 402-475-6397 or e-mail jessica@newslink.com.

**Membership Application**

Everett Neighborhood Association. Yes, I want to support my neighborhood and stay informed about neighborhood activities. I am enclosing $5 for my one-year membership in the Everett Neighborhood Association.

Name __________________________
Address _________________________
Phone ___________________________
E-mail ___________________________

Please send check to:
Everett Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 81044
Lincoln, NE 68501

**Everett Neighborhood Association Board Members**
P.O. Box 81084 Lincoln, NE 68501

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Oct. 5: Seniors! Don’t miss the 13-point pitch tournament at F Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration fee is $5 and includes lunch. Call to register.
- Oct. 19: Pumpkin decorating, sponsored by the South Street Business and Civic Association, at 14th and South streets, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20: Make Ahead Meals at F Street. Must be 18 or older (children may attend with parents). Participants will make four, family-sized meals to take home and freeze for future use. Registration and payment is due each Monday prior to session. Call Mickie at 402-441-7952 to register. Cost is $17 per session.
- Oct. 22: “Prison Ministry, is it for you?” workshop, sponsored by New Visions Community, United Methodist and located at Calvary United Methodist Church, 1610 South 11th St. Light lunch will be provided.
- Oct. 30: St. Paul UCC Haunted House from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 10 p.m.
- Oct. 31: St. Paul UCC Trunk and Treat and Haunted House from 6 to 10 p.m.
- Nov. 17: Thanksgiving senior potluck at F Street Community Center, 11:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish to share or pay $6.
- Nov. 17: Make Ahead Meals at F Street.
- Dec. 15: Winter Holidays senior potluck at F Street, 11:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish to share or pay $6.
- Dec. 15: Make Ahead Meals at F Street.

**Do you have a question or concern you’d like the Everett Neighborhood Association to hear directly? Contact them at Everett.neighborhood@gmail.com.**

**Everett Neighborhood Resources**

- Animal Control: 402-441-7900
- Buried Cable Locations: 800-331-5666
- Child Abuse: 402-441-7900
- Citizen Action Center:
  - www.lincoln.ne.gov
- Crime Stoppers: 402-475-3600
  (Not for crimes in progress. Information on unsolved crimes.)
- Gas Outages and Repair: 800-303-0357
- Emergency Fire, Medical, Police: 911
- F Street Community Center: 402-441-7951
- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce: 402-436-2350
- Lincoln Lancaster Health Dept.: 402-441-8065
- Lincoln Public Schools: 402-436-1000
- Mayor’s Office: 402-441-7511
- Newsletter Office: 402-475-6397
- Poison Center: 800-955-9119
- Police (non-emergency): 402-441-6000
- Pothole Repair: 402-441-7646
- Power Outages/Lines Down: 888-365-2412
- StarTran: 402-476-1234
- Street Light Outages: 402-441-7646
- Telephone Outages and Repair: 611
- Urban Development: 402-441-8621
- Voices of Hope: 402-475-7273
- Weed Control: 402-441-7817
Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor’s Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President/CEO, 402-436-5516
Date: 10/05/11
Re: Election of 2011-2012 Officers

Community Health Endowment Elects Officers

At its most recent Board meeting, the Trustees of the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) elected officers for 2011-12. They are:

Chair: Michael J. Tavlin
Chief Financial Officer
Speedway Motors, Inc.

Vice-Chair: Kim Russel
President and CEO
BryanLGH Health System

Secretary: Doug Ganz
Vice President
Pinnacle Bank

Treasurer: Britt Miller
Ferris Financial

CHE was created in 1999 as a result of the sale of Lincoln General Hospital. As a grant-making organization, CHE supports non-profit agencies in achieving the vision of making Lincoln, Nebraska the healthiest community in the nation. During the past 12 years, CHE has returned more than $14 million to the community.

For more information, contact CHE at 402.436.5516.
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public meeting on North 14th Street Project now set for October 12, 2011.
2. Correspondence between Chief of Staff Rick Hoppe and Carol Brown regarding wording on the sign and media release for the North 14th Street Project.
3. Mayor praises Snyder’s strength, accomplishments. Former City Council member passed away Wednesday night.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of October 8, 2011 through October 14, 2011.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for October 13, 2011.
   a) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board minutes of September 8, 2011.
   b) Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheets.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL
1. Peter W. Katt correspondence regarding the Ringneck Development decisions.
   a) Correspondence on the Ringneck, and property immediately south, from various entities.

VI. INVITATIONS
See invitation list.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services, 901 W. Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711, fax 402-441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 6, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Devin Biesecker, Engineering Services, 402-937-5515

PUBLIC MEETING ON NORTH 14TH STREET PROJECT
NOW SET FOR OCTOBER 12

In order to accommodate residents in the project area, the public meeting on the North 14th Street project has been moved from Monday, October 10 to Wednesday, October 12. The meeting will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Belmont Recreation Center gym, 1234 Judson St., and a presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. The City also has moved the date for the beginning of construction from October 11 to the week of October 24.

The project will widen 14th Street to four lanes from Superior to Interstate 80 and will include the construction of a multi-lane roundabout at 14th and Superior streets. Pedestrian tunnels will be constructed on the west and south sides of the intersection to accommodate the trail crossings that will exist in the area after the completion of the project. The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) also is building a bridge over Interstate 80 on N. 14th Street. The I-80 bridge is scheduled to open in August 2012, the roundabout is scheduled to open in mid-August 2012, and the work on N. 14th Street is expected to be completed by November 2012. The entire project is expected to be completed in May 2013.

The October 12 public meeting will include a discussion of neighborhood traffic issues and tunnel visibility. The public will be able to comment on the project timeline. Representatives from the City of Lincoln, project consultants, contractors and NDOR will be available to discuss the project and answer questions.

Individuals who have questions prior to the meeting or are unable to attend should contact Devin Biesecker, City of Lincoln, at 402-937-5515, or Jon Olsen, Olsson Associates, at 402-458-5614. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword projects) and on the project website at www.oasites.com/north14th.
From: Carol B  [mailto:carolserv@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 7:50 PM  To: Rick D. Hoppe; Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: RE: Mobile sign at 14th and Superior

Rick,
I noticed the mobile signs say public forum however no mention of the roundabout. Please can you have them put on the signs roundabout with the other project information? This is very important information for the neighborhoods and those driving this street every day.
Thanks for your help.
Carol

From: RHoppe@lincoln.ne.gov
To: carolserv@hotmail.com  Date: Wed, 5 Oct 2011 21:53:41 -0500
Subject: RE: Mobile sign at 14th and Superior

Carol
Happy to call it public meeting, but the issue is larger than the round-a-bout. as we discussed today. I could see both project and round-a-bout. Will let you know.

R.

From: Carol B  [mailto:carolserv@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 8:48 PM
To: Rick D. Hoppe  Subject: RE: Mobile sign at 14th and Superior
Importance: High

Rick,
Another item was brought to my attention that I forgot to include. We want the sign and media release to say not only "roundabout at 14th and Superior" we also want the sign and media release should say "Public Meeting" instead of open house.

Thank you for takig care of this.
Carol

From: carolserv@hotmail.com
To: rhoppe@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Mobile sign at 14th and Superior
Date: Thu, 6 Oct 2011 01:23:26 +0000

Rick,
After our meeting tonight with neighborhood representatives from this area we saw the mobile sign was placed at 14th and Superior for the open house Wednesday, October 12th, from 6pm to 8pm, at the Belmont Rec Center. Please have the wording on this sign reflect this meeting is also about the roundabout not only the 14th and Superior project. Or replace project with roundabout.
We hope you are planning to do a press release to the media as well. We will look for that information.
Thank you,
John and Carol Brown
MAYOR PRAISES SNYDER’S STRENGTH, ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Former City Council member passed away Wednesday night

Mayor Chris Beutler today said Jayne Snyder was a true public servant who left a lasting impact on the City of Lincoln. The former City Council member passed away just before midnight Wednesday night from cancer. She had resigned from the Council September 11 because of her illness. Snyder, 66, was elected to her at-large City Council seat in May 2009. She also was the first Chair of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA), the governing body overseeing the arena project.

“I have long admired Jayne’s passion and hard work, but the strength, courage and grace she demonstrated since her diagnosis were an inspiration,” said Mayor Beutler, who also serves on the JPA. “She made her work on behalf of this community a priority, and it was an honor to serve with her. Jayne cared more about people than politics. The City will long benefit from her remarkable legacy as a committed and caring business and community leader.”

Snyder owned and operated Snyder Physical Therapy. She was a life-long advocate for Lincoln’s trails system, and the City Council voted to name the trails center in Union Plaza to recognize her. The Jayne Snyder Trails Center is part of the Active Living Center now under construction. Snyder also was a strong advocate for health care policy and served as a member of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health.

Services for Snyder are pending.

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MEDIA NOTE: Mayor Beutler will be available to talk to the media at 3 p.m. today in Room 303 at the County-City Building. The JPA meeting begins at 3:30 p.m. in the same room.
Date: October 7, 2011
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of October 8 through 14, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Monday, October 10
• Jayne Snyder’s funeral - 10 a.m., First-Plymouth Congregational Church, 2000 “D” St.
• Swearing-in ceremony for new City Council member DiAnna Schimek - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation - 3 p.m., Council Chambers
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, October 11
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Thursday, October 13
• WasteCap Nebraska Sustainability Summit, Mayor’s Policy Forum, remarks - 7 p.m., Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center, 313 N. 13th St. (Summit is Oct. 12 through 14. More information at wastecapne.org.)
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: October 13, 2011
LOCATION: Parks & Recreation Large Conference Room, 2740 "A" Street (Please park in the Children’s Zoo parking lot)
TIME: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
CHAIRMAN: Joe Tidball

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’

2. Approval of Minutes: * September 8, 2011, meeting

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

4. Committee Reports

   A. Fees & Facilities Committee - Susan Deitchler (Chair) - 488-4224
      * Recommendation re: lease of parkland (Wilderness Park) for pasture at approximately SW 2nd and Calvert Streets

   B. Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
      * Recommendation to the Mayor re: continuation of funding for repair and replacement projects within the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 budgets.

   C. Golf Report
      * Report re: changes in clubhouse operations

   D. Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638

7. Staff Report:
   * Pool operations report for Summer 2011
   * Report re: park long grass maintenance / Prairie in the Park
   * Project status report for Sherman Field
   * Project status report for Union Plaza

8. Announcements:
   * ‘Put the Beds to Beds’ volunteer event at Sunken Gardens, Saturday, Nov. 5th, 8:30 a.m.

* Denotes Action Items
MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Room 113, City-County Bldg.
Thursday, September 8, 2011

Members Present:
Andrew Barry       Molly Brummond       Justin Carlson       Keelan Chapman
Jonathan Cook    Susan Deitchler       Curt Donaldson       Todd Fitzgerald
Karen Hand        Ann Pagel            Jane Raybould         Bob Ripley
Dennis Scheer     Jeff Schwebke        Joe Tidball

Members Absent:
Susan Rodenburg

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 (Pagel) to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2011, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as mailed. Motion carried by majority vote of members present with Hand abstaining.

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: modifications to the Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Program for additional expenditures totaling $1,000,000: Susan Deitchler thanked Jonathan Cook and other Council members for their action that resulted in an additional $1 million being added to the Parks & Recreation Department’s Capital Improvement Program this year to be spent on repairs and replacement items that have been delayed for a number of years. Lynn Johnson reported that a parks and recreation facilities finance study was prepared in 2005 that determined the replacement value of Lincoln’s parks and recreation facilities, not including land, was about $130 million. It also showed that about $1.3 million was needed annually for repair and replacement of facilities to keep them in good condition and accessible to visitors and users. Due to economic conditions, funding for facility repair/replacement projects has declined dramatically over the past 10 years and this reduction in funding has resulted in deferred repair and replacement of all types of facilities. With the additional $1 million appropriated by the City Council many of these repairs/replacements can be made. JJ Yost went over the current 2011-2012 CIP proposed list of repairs and replacements and responded to questions asked by Board members. JJ also reported on the new ADA requirements for swimming pools. After brief discussion, it was moved (Fees/Facilities Committee) to approve the Department’s recommendation regarding modifications to the Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Program for additional expenditures totaling $1,000,000. The proposed expenditures will address proposed priorities for repair and replacement of parks and recreation facilities. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.

Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
* Recommendation re: amendments to guidelines regarding inscribed bricks and pavers:
Lynn Johnson reported on the issue of inscribed bricks and pavers. Some of the engraved
bricks (located in Sunken Gardens, the Rose Garden and soon to be at Sherman Field) are
beginning to show wear and tear and are becoming rather difficult to read. Currently the bricks
are engraved by sandblasting. A stain is applied to the letters after sandblasting. Over time this
stain can fade and become difficult to read. In some instances, donors have asked what the
policy is re: refurbishing/replacement of the pavers. The Department is recommending a proposed
amendment to the P&R Dept. Policy. After discussion it was moved (Futures Committee) to
recommend approval of the following language as an amendment to the existing policy:
Longevity: concrete unit pavers are anticipated to have a useful life of more than 50
years. Inscriptions in concrete pavers should be of a font and depth that will allow the
letters to be visible and legible for the life of the unit paver. On occasion, inscriptions in
unit pavers may become difficult to read. When a concern re: the legibility of an
inscribed paver is brought to the attention of Parks and Recreation Dept. staff, options for
addressing the concern should be taken in the following order: 1) clean the paver and
inscription in place, and reapply paint or stain the inscribed letters; or 2) replace the
inscribed paver. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present. Lynn noted that
all the bricks and their location are kept by the Department in a database to make it easier for
the bricks to be located.

* Recommendation re: proposed revisions to the Parks, Recreation and Open Space
Chapter and the Environmental Resources Chapter of the Lincoln/Lancaster County
Comprehensive Plan in conjunction with the LPlan 2040 update re: neighborhood pools:
Lynn Johnson reported that the Planning Commission has some concerns about the current
language in the Comp Plan as it relates to neighborhood pools. The PRAB recommended
adoption of a series of revisions to the Comp Plan in conjunction with the LPlan 2042 update,
including significant revisions to the Aquatic Facilities section. The direction for neighborhood
pools included in the current draft plan states: Evaluate five neighborhood pools (Air Park,
Ballard, Belmont, Eden and Irvingdale) for major renovation or replacement with a sprayground.
Air Park, Ballard and Belmont may be considered for replacement with sprayground facilities due
to cost recovery. The Alternative Proposed Strategy Statement for Neighborhood Pools is as
follows: Renovate the five neighborhood pools (Air Park, Ballard, Belmont, Eden and Irvingdale)
to bring the pool basins and bathhouses into compliance with accessibility guidelines, contingent
 upon adequate funding for annual operations and for repair/renovation costs. The current LPlan
2040 shows five pools - one in each quadrant of the City and one in Air Park. It also calls for a
Star City Shores type facility to be built somewhere in northeast Lincoln, perhaps in the Stevens
Creek Basin, if it would recover all its operating costs. The Board felt that swimming pools are
very important and they would like to be able to keep the pools that we currently have - that the
ability to "swim" would be lost in a sprayground facility. After further discussion, it was moved
(Futures Committee) to recommend approval of the proposed revisions regarding
neighborhood pools to the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Chapter of the ‘Draft’ Lincoln-
Lancaster County Comp Plan in conjunction with LPlan 2040. Motion carried by
majority vote of members present with Cook abstaining.

Golf Report:
- Steve Hiller distributed copies of the “Rounds by Fiscal Year” report that shows the
decrease in rounds played over the last 18 years. Rounds for last season were down
approximately 2.2% and revenue was up about .2%. Pioneers Golf Course continues to
have the most rounds played. Rain conditions at Holmes Golf Course played a large part
in the decrease of rounds played there and the national economy is also a factor in people
playing less golf as rounds are down across the entire country.
- The final payment on the bond for Highlands Golf Course was paid on August 1, 2011.
Some of those funds will now shift to help pay for the new clubhouse at Holmes Golf
Course. Hiller reported that an architectural contract has been signed for the new
clubhouse.
- In honor of paying off the Highlands bond debt, today (Sept. 8th) the Golf Program is
kicking off a “roll back in fees” promotion that you can play 18 holes for a $12 greens fee or $8 for 9 holes. The promotional will go through the end of September. Hopefully it will encourage golfers to play more golf!

Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638

- No report

Staff Report:

- No report

Announcements:

- The Volunteer Tree Planting Project at Pioneers Park will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Plans are to plant 200 new trees.

- Keelan Chapman briefed the Board on the upcoming first time LPS Student Serve (Day of Service) that will take place all over the City of Lincoln on October 1st. Projects will be performed by all grades of LPS students for both government and public/private entities. They will also be helping with the planting of 200 trees at Pioneers Park.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
Request: Recommendation regarding lease of parkland (Wilderness Park) for pasture at approximately SW 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Calvert Streets. (Please note that property is accessed by traveling north from West Pioneers Blvd. on South 1\textsuperscript{st} St. and turning west on West Calvert Street. The subject parcel is located on the north side of West Calvert Street between the privately owned stable at 200 West Calvert St. and Highway 77).

Discussion: In 1985 an area of about 14 acres northeasterly of West Calvert St. and Highway 77 was acquired and dedicated as parkland as part of Wilderness Park as mitigation for acquisition of a nearby area of Wilderness Park for improvements to Highway 77. The subject parcel (identified as “Parcel A” on the attached map) is managed as long grass with annual mowing to control invasive tree species. The predominant vegetation is brome grass.

Recently Chuck Kuhnel, owner of a commercial horse stable at 200 West Calvert Street (identified as “Parcel B” on the attached map, approached the Parks & Recreation Dept. about harvesting hay off of the subject parcel, and about leasing an area of about three to five acres of the property as pasture.

Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines: The Wilderness Park Subarea Plan indicates that the subject parcel should be managed as grassland for diversity of vegetation and land cover within Wilderness Park. The plan does not anticipate improvements to the parcel, such as trails.

By practice, the Parks & Recreation Dept. has established agreements with farm operators to hay or graze long grass areas.

Staff Recommendation: Establish an agreement with Mr. Kuhnel to allow hay to be removed from the subject parcel, and to lease an area adjoining his property for use as pasture/exercise areas for horses stabled at his facility.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation: The Fees & Facilities Committee conducted a meeting involving Mr. Kuhnel and representatives of the Friends of Wilderness Park. There was general consensus that Mr. Kuhnel’s request is consistent with the current management approach for the subject area. Representatives of Friends of Wilderness Park suggested that revenue derived from leasing of the land be directed to management and improvement of areas within Wilderness Park.

The Fees & Facilities Committee is recommending that an agreement be established with Mr. Kuhnel to allow hay to be removed from the subject parcel, and to lease an area adjoining his property for use as pasture/exercise areas for horses stabled at his facility. In addition, the Committee recommends that revenue derived from lease of the land be directed to a fund to be used for management and improvement of areas within Wilderness Park.

Committee: Fees & Facilities Chair: Susan Deitchler, 402-488-4224

Date: October 13, 2011.
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:
Consideration of Property for Lease

Wilderness Park

Parcel A

Parcel B

Property for Lease
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet**

**Meeting Date:** October 13, 2011

**Request:** Recommendation to the Mayor regarding continuation of funding for repair and replacement projects within the FY 2012-13 and FY 2013-14 budgets.

**Discussion:** The adopted budget for the current fiscal year included appropriation of an additional $1 million in general funds for parks and recreation facility repair and replacement projects. On October 3, 2011, the City Council approved allocation of these funds to thirteen projects.

**Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation:** The Futures Committee is recommending that the attached letter be sent to Mayor Beutler and members of the Lincoln City Council encouraging continuing allocation of funding for repair and replacement of parks and recreation facilities.

**Committee:** Futures  
**Chair:** Bob Ripley, 402-471-0419

**Date:** Oct. 13, 2011

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:**
October 13, 2011

Mayor Chris Beutler  
City of Lincoln  
555 So. 10th Street, Suite 301  
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Recommendation regarding Capital Improvement Project Funding

Dear Mayor Beutler:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board applauds the inclusion of an additional $1.0 million of general revenue funds for deferred repair and replacement projects in the FY 2011-12 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Board recommends to the Mayor and to the City Council inclusion of $2.0 million in the upcoming biennial budget, in addition to revenue generated from communication tower leases on parkland, for the purpose of renewing and replacing parks and recreation facility infrastructure.

If this amount is appropriated, the following and similar projects can be undertaken:

**Building Repair/Replacement**
- Antelope Park restroom replacement  
  $90,000
- Mahoney Park restroom/concession ADA renovation  
  $30,000

**Playground Replacement**
- Peter Pan Park playground  
  $40,000
- Williamsburg Park playground ADA surfacing  
  $20,000
- Van Dorn Park playground  
  $40,000
- Taylor Park playground  
  $40,000
- Antelope Park South playground  
  $25,000
- Antelope Park playground surfacing replacement  
  $100,000

**Skatepark Renovations**
- Tierra skatepark equipment replacement  
  $130,000

**Hard Surfacing**
- Zoo entrance plaza/bridge repair  
  $30,000
- Pioneers Park Pathway Replacement  
  $50,000
- Parking lot and roadway resurfacing  
  $500,000

**Pools**
- Star City Shores slides and central play feature replacement  
  $350,000
- Air Park Pool bathhouse and pool basin ADA renovation  
  $85,000
- Eden Pool bathhouse and pool basin ADA renovation  
  $250,000

**Park Amenities**
- Renovation of Cascade Fountain  
  $250,000

**Street Tree Replacements**
- $80,000

**Park Landscape Replacements**
- $40,000
This investment of funds is needed. Parks and Recreation facilities will continue to deteriorate if an ongoing commitment of CIP funds is not made. In addition to commitment of public funds, we anticipate that the Lincoln Parks Foundation will raise an additional $5.5 million of private funds for major facility renewals and renovations, with their primary focus being on the renovation and endowment of Centennial Mall.

We feel that it is our duty to make this recommendation to you and to the City Council. We appreciate your efforts to maintain and improve our City.

Sincerely,

Joe Tidball
Chair, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Cc: Lincoln City Council
The City of Lincoln's Urban Design Committee and Historic Preservation Commission will hold joint public meetings on Thursday, **October 13, 2011**.

The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. in Room 214, 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda.

For more information contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

**October 13, 2011**

1. Approval of the meeting record of **September 8, 2011**
2. Continued discussion of West Haymarket Streetscape concepts (The Clark Enersen Partners, Sinclair Hille Architects, etc.)
From: Peter W. Katt [mailto:PKatt@baylorevnen.com]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 4:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Danay Kalkowski (danay@sk-law.com); Miki Esposito; Bill Langdon (blangdon@theinagroup.com)
Subject: Please Place on Pending for Four Weeks the Ringneck Development Decisions

Dear Council:

The Developer of this project is unwilling to join in any delay of this project. I would ask you to delay your decision for four weeks, not a lot to ask for a project that has been on your pending list for over three years.

First, let me apologize for not clearly articulating the reasons for the delay on Monday. This is not about where the future intersections are to be located but rather how much traffic NW 48th can handle in the future and whether of not both the east and west side properties will be treated fairly in their ability to connect to and use NW 48th street for access.

Contrary to any assertions at Monday’s hearing, the east side property interest has been actively involved since the Ringneck project was first proposed. I attach two letters one from Randy Hoskins and the other from NDOR emphasizing that the access/road capacity/road construction issues needed to be done by the area “property owners”. To suggest that the only proper way to be involved was by filing for an east side project seems to me to be an unnecessary step when the comprehensive plan for nearly a decade has shown both sides of the roadway being developed for similar levels of commercial development. I had been under the impression (apparently mistaken) that when/if Public Works, NDOR and Ringneck came up with a plan for NW 48th street improvements, we would have been included as we had been at the beginning. If not, we should have been told that they were proceeding with their own agreement with out us. A letter from the City Clerk, two weeks before this matter was brought back to you, was not what I had anticipated would be the next step in working through these complicated issues.

The problem with approving the project as presented to you, is that, if approved, virtually 100% of the capacity in NW 48th street available for development will be allocated to the west side of NW 48th street. Assuming that stands and when a project comes forward on the east side of the street in the future, you will need to decide if you approve it, to either potentially overburden NW 48th street or force the east side to pay for improvements to make it six lanes, an unfair cost that should not be borne by one side of the street or the other as a condition of development approval.

I attach the three critical pages from the traffic study relied upon by Public Works and the Department of Roads in recommending approval to you of the Ringneck project. Note that in 2030 virtually no trips are going to or from the east side of NW 48th . Further note in the narrative that if built as projected in the study, “ … the four-lane roadway section will be nearing capacity by 2030. ” You should also note that this study was prepared by a Company that has an ownership interest in the project. I have inquired and not had any response from Public Works as to whether or not they have any policy for accepting studies from a consultant with an interest in the project.

In meetings with Public Works, we have asked for some assurance that if the Ringneck project is approved as submitted to you, that the projected trip counts of the Ringneck project will not be used to determine area traffic counts that the east side must accommodate to obtain approval for its project. No such assurance could be provided even though there is no more likelihood that something will in fact be built on the west side of NW 48th
than the east side of NW 48th. If one side can ignore future development, the same rule should be applied on both sides of the street. The City’s policy has never been that the first one in gets whatever it can take.

While I cannot promise a definitive resolution of this matter with the four week delay, I can assure you greater clarity of what you are voting for or against on the Ringneck project. My client just wants to be assured that the future development of its property on the east side of NW 48th is not unfairly disadvantaged by any approval of the Ringneck project. While moving this project forward on Monday is in Ringneck’s best interest, it is not in the City’s.

Peter W. Katt
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From: Kalkowski, DaNay [mailto:danay@sk-law.com]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 8:36 AM
To: Peter W. Katt
Subject: Ringneck

Peter – I apologize for not getting back to you yesterday, but have been tied up. I have spoken with the client and they are not willing to support a delay. Thanks, DaNay

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January 29, 2008

Gary Prey
Nebraska Department of Roads
District 1
PO Box 94759
Lincoln, NE 68521

Dear Gary:

The Ringneck Development, located on the northwest corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80, is moving ahead in the approval process. Ringneck and the property immediately south, owned by Dowd Grain Co., have an unrestricted access permit for a shared driveway approximately 810’ north of the future I-80 westbound off ramp.

In a recent meeting with Terry Gibson and other NDOR staff, the developer was told that the preferred location for the nearest access point (hereafter referred to as Vine Street) from the off ramp is 1350’ north of the ramp. Ringneck has been showing a location for a full access point located just north of the NDOR control of access. Based on their submittal, a second left turning access point would then be located farther north.

In order to optimize traffic signal spacing along the NW 48th Street corridor, we feel it is in the best interests of all parties to determine where NDOR will allow the Vine Street access break to be made. We have analyzed the potential traffic flow in this corridor and found that an access break 1350’ north of the westbound off ramp works well, while the decline in operations is minimal for the access to be located up to several hundred feet further south.

We would request that NDOR work with the property owners in this area to determine and set the location of the nearest access point to the westbound off ramp. Acting now will ensure that we can optimize access spacing and minimize the number of access breaks along this corridor. Delaying a decision on this access location may result in more access points in the future, thereby degrading the flow of traffic along this corridor.

Sincerely,

Randy Hoskins, P.E.
Assistant City Engineer

Attachment
cc: DaNay Kalkowski, Sea crest & Kalkowski
    Mike Eckert, Civil Design Group
    Tom Cajka, Planning
    Dennis Bartels
February 28, 2008

Mr. Randy Hoskins
Assistant City Engineer
Engineering Services
Public Works and Utilities Department
531 Westgate Blvd Ste 100
Lincoln NE 68528

Dear Randy:

We appreciate the city's review of the traffic operation on Northwest 48th Street with the new access breaks being 1,350' from the north I-80 ramp terminal and your assessment that the traffic flow will work well with this access location.

Roadway Design presented this access location to the department's Access Control Committee, and they approved this location 1,350' north from the north I-80 ramp terminal. This means that the existing access at the south property line of the Ringneck development must be closed with the construction of the drive at the new location.

It is the department's position that the City of Lincoln, the developers and the property owners in this area must work together to solve their access concerns during the permitting and development process. If the above parties can reach a mutually acceptable agreement for the location of the new access, even though it may be different than the state's approved location, the state could again consider the request for access with all the merits of the new location documented. The state feels that it is in the best interest of everyone involved, including the taxpayer, that this access problem be solved before the process moves forward.

The Department of Roads will continue to develop final plans for the rebuild and expansion of I-80 and the interchange at Northwest 48th Street. The department will develop right-of-way plans and purchase the needed right-of-way as part of the normal project process.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Gibson, P.E.
Assistant Design Engineer
Roadway Design Division

TLG/32-A1

xc: Tom Caska, City Planning
    Peter W. Katt, Baylor Evnen
    DaNay Kalkowski, Seacrest & Kalkowski
    Darrell Rademacher, Civil Design
    Jeff Farnham, Attorney
    Duane Dowd, Dowd Grain
    Mike Eckert, Civil Design Group
    Tim Gergen, Olsson Assoc.
    Todd Lorenz, OA
    Justin Petersen, OA
    Gary Britton, NDOR ROW Manager
    Frank Blankenau, NDOR ROW
    Laura Lenz, NDOR Traffic
6.2 2030 Full-Build Conditions

The recommended geometrics and traffic control that are expected to be required to provide acceptable traffic operations in 2030 are illustrated in Figure 47. These recommendations assume full build-out of Phase II development as well as trip estimates from surrounding developments in the study area. Reconstruction of the NW 48th Street & I-80 interchange by NDOR was also assumed to occur by 2030. Major roadway improvements recommended in the study area as a result of 2030 full-build traffic volumes include construction of NW 48th Street as a four-lane divided facility north of W. Holdrege Street and construction of NW 56th Street as a three lane facility from West 'O' Street to W. Partridge Lane. New traffic signals are expected to be required at the intersections of NW 48th Street & W. Holdrege Street, NW 56th Street & West 'O' Street, NW 56th Street & W. Vine Street, and NW 56th Street & W. Holdrege Street. Additionally, dual left turn lanes should be constructed at the intersection of NW 48th Street with West 'O' Street, I-80 South Ramp and W. Vine Street.

The results of capacity analyses and signal warrant evaluations in this report show that roadway widening, traffic signals, and turn lanes are required throughout the study area upon build-out of either Phase I or Phase II development of the I-80 West Lincoln Business Center. However, it could be several years before traffic volumes approach the levels that warrant these recommendations. Coordination should occur between the developer and the City of Lincoln and NDOR to determine the recommended improvements that should be in place for opening day of the development.

Based on the expected traffic volumes in 2030 and the results of analyses in this report, NDOR may want to review their current interchange design for NW 48th Street. The 2030 background traffic volumes in this report assume that I-80 Exit 396 is going to be reconstructed and that a NW 40th Street overpass will be constructed by 2030. If Exit 396 is removed from the NDOR I-80 design and the NW 40th Street overpass is not constructed, a substantial increase in traffic is expected on NW 48th Street, specifically between 'O' Street and the I-80 ramps. Further analysis of this interchange should occur to ensure that the current proposed design is the best type of interchange construction to service traffic in the future at this location.

Widening of NW 48th Street from a two-lane to a four-lane divided facility is proposed in the City of Lincoln-Lancaster County 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan (2030 LRTP). However, the traffic volumes in this report show that the four-lane roadway section will be nearing capacity by 2030. These capacity issues are concentrated to the section of NW 48th Street between West 'O' Street & W. Holdrege Street. As additional development occurs in northwest Lincoln, demand for widening of this corridor to six-lanes is anticipated to increase. Based upon background traffic volumes, potential site trips from the I-80 West Lincoln Business Center and future adjacent developments, and the current uncertainty of the future of I-80 Exit 396 and the NW 40th Street overpass, it is recommended that the ultimate roadway cross-section proposed for this portion of NW 48th Street be kept under consideration. Recommendations made in this report for widening of NW 56th Street and W. Holdrege Street to three-lane roadways match recommendations made for those roadways in the 2030 LRTP.

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Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street, #111
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Re: Conditional Annexation and Zoning Agreement
Annexation No. 07005 and Change of Zone No. 07063
(I-80 West Lincoln Business Center PUD-N.W. 48th & Interstate 80)

Dear Council Members:

Thank you for your time on Monday and I apologize for not being better prepared to Address you. As I stated when I appeared, after receiving notice Tom Cujka advised that the matter before you was only the Annexation of the 7.72 acres, and I did not learn otherwise until shortly before meeting time. I do not fault Mr. Cujka for advising me of this situation since apparently the procedure in approving the Annexation Agreement for the entire parcel when only 7 acres was being annexed was unique and even Ringneck’s counsel admits that this is the first time this process has been used.

At the present time there exists a full four-way commercial access at the north property line of the Dowd property, which access was acquired by Dowd to be shared with the two properties in 1973. Randy Hoskins has advised me that he was confused with the east side when he told this council that access to my property may be a farm access, it is not.

Ringneck and the City of Lincoln are assuming that the NDOR will condemn the existing Dowd access, however this has not occurred and despite the fact that it is not showing on any of the maps presented to the Council, this access exists. The City has ignored this issue by taking the position that this is strictly between Dowd Grain Company and the NDOR.

Assuming for the purpose of discussion that the City is correct and that the closest access off of Northwest 48th Street would be at Vine Street, then how can they take the position that representatives of Dowd Grain Company did not need to be involved with Ringneck and the City Planning Department in the determination of the access to the Dowd property from the Vine/Northwest 48th access point.

In order for orderly development to occur in this area the interests of all property owners need to be addressed by the City. Dowd should have had a voice in the design of the interior
roads that affect its property. The City should not allow the interests of a single developer to negatively impact the development of an adjacent property without a full and fair discussion of significant issues by all affected parties.

Ringneck's request to "master plan" the area south of Holdrege through the use of an "Annexation Agreement" and the resulting elimination of the Planning Commission from considering the future development of the Ringneck property is obviously in Ringneck's best interest, however such a procedure eliminates an important approval step in the development process.

Neither Ringneck, the NDOR, or the City of Lincoln approached Dowd Grain about the provisions of the Annexation Agreement. Dowd was included in the original planning of the development and was involved in the meetings with the NDOR from 2007 to January 2008 but excluded thereafter. In fact while Dowd was involved in the negotiations the parties and the NDOR explored a variety of access alternatives. Dowd although a necessary party as the holder of the unrestricted full access that is being moved was excluded and in fact not even advised or aware of negotiations with NDOR on its access from 2008 to date. Now after Ringneck has apparently entered into an Annexation Agreement it would like to shortcut the process and have it approved by City Council without any future planning board hearings and without an actual annexation. We understand why Ringneck would not contact us but feel that the Lincoln City Planning Department and the NDOR should have consulted with us about the configuration of the roads between the Dowd property and the proposed Vine Street/Northwest 48th interchange. The fact is that the Annexation Agreement has a significant effect on the Dowd property.

For all of the above reasons, on behalf of my client, I would respectfully request that you defer any action on the Annexation Agreement to allow all affected parties to have input in the development of this area. I believe that passage of the Annexation Agreement, as it is presently drafted, will only create more problems in the future.

Yours very truly,

Duane J. Dowd

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MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011

Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; and Carl Eskridge.

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Dave Landis, Urban Development Director; Hallie Salem, Urban Development Community Development Program Specialist; Marvin Krout, Planning Director, and Mary Meyer

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Ross stated there is public hearing with resolution on Items 9, 10, 11, and 12. Public hearing ordinances of Items 13 and 14 will be called together, as well as Items 15 and 16. Items 18, 19, and 20 will be called together but have a request to postpone the public hearing until October 31st. Did we hear another possible week postponement? Hoppe was of the understanding with the meeting on the 31st at 3:00 p.m. it would be all right. Cook added for clarification when making the motion it will be public hearing on the 31st but action on the 7th for all items. Ross replied it is a continued public hearing.

Krout thought they knew the 31st would be a afternoon meeting but subsequently still have discussions. Hoppe stated after this meeting he would clarify and get back to the Chair and let him know the exact request.

Ross stated on Items 31, 32, and 33 have had activity. Distributed a Motion to Amend. Also received a request from Mr. Dowd stating he’d like to place on pending and asked for four weeks. Emery stated he will be asking for a four week delay. The intent is to try an approach to include all three parties, lay out a future road map, but will not go past four weeks. We’ll have a four week delay and then go forward and vote. Cook added, action only no public hearing.

Ross stated on Item 48 we’ll see what the County Commissioners want. Heard possibly the meeting, public hearing, will be canceled. Carroll added because of items having to go back to Planning Commission, the date may change. Krout stated we should know after tomorrow morning when the County Board acts. Possibly just postpone the meeting. Ross added if this happens would put a notice on the agenda for the 17th, noting the meeting has been canceled.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Friendship Home to receive free color makeover.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public meeting set for North 14th Street project.
   a) Map of North 14th Street detour routes.
3. NEWS RELEASE. UNL recycling site temporarily moved.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor praises Jayne Snyder’s strength, accomplishments. Former City Council
member passed away Thursday morning.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler appoints Carroll to the West Haymarket JPA.
   No comments

III. DIRECTORS

LINCOLN LIBRARIES
1. At the regular monthly meeting, October 18th, the Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries will review its current internet policy.
   No comments

PLANNING COMMISSION
2. Final Action by the Planning Commission on October 5, 2011.
3. Planning Commission memo to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners requesting the County Board not proceed with any major amendments to the proposed 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan until such amendments have been reviewed and acted upon by the Planning Commission.
   No comments

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 11048 approved by the Planning Director.
   No comments

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/STAR TRAN
1. Memorandum from Miki Esposito, Interim Director of Public Works & Utilities, regarding the proposed StarTran low-income fare increase.
   No comments

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Landis stated they received stimulus money from the Department of Economic Development, originally from the federal government, to refurbish homes in areas with high foreclosure rates. Not available in the entire city. Landis added they worked on 24 houses. Some we did ourselves but most with partners. Of the 24 homes worked on, 22 are occupied by single family homeowners, 2 are on the market.

We received $2.4 million, sold 22 homes, received $2.2 million back, and have 2 to sell, which means we will break even. We get to keep the federal money and do again. Buying the houses cost us a $1 million. They were foreclosed, or tax sales, and some willing sellers. Did spend almost $400,000 in refurbishing or building. Every contractor is from Lincoln, except for one Hickman electrician, resulting in $1.4 million in local business. Landis then showed slides of the houses, before and after, with explanations.

Landis distributed finished TIF project valuations, some completed projects, over the last 15 years. TIF money which joined the tax roles. Slides presented showing before and after examples. Referring to the handout he explained the land going into TIF. We collect the taxes, called the initial valuation. The 15 closed
projects had a valuation of $15 million going in, and paid $347,000 in taxes for a year. After building, or refurbishing, called them the Exit Valuations. The Exit Valuations on the 15 projects is $105,000 and they paid $2.4 million in taxes, not $350,000. The third number represents the current total valuation in 2011, and taxes. This current valuation is $165,000,000 and they pay $3.3 million in taxes a year. Now that the books are closed if you take the taxes paid going in and run the number today, the total amount of 25 years of taxes for 15 projects, they would have paid $3.2 million in taxes if TIF had not occurred but now actually pay $28.3 million in taxes. The difference is approximately $25 million. Every year the difference is about $3 million.

Landis stated the total amount we collected in taxes and spent on the project was $6.2 million. This has happen over and over but it is the first time we’ve quantified the rate or return, or the rate of investment.

Cook added the taxes now being paid go to all the entities. Is it was possible to arrange a short summary to present to critics? Would be helpful for people to see the numbers. Landis responded could have paper copy. Cook thought maybe a video.

**WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY**

1. Combined Weed Program, City of Lincoln, September 2011 monthly report.
2. Lancaster County Weed Control, September 2011 monthly report.

No comments

**IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No comments

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

Hoppe stated he did buy his first Korean taco from the food vendor and now understand the huge base of fans. They wanted an update and requested we take a look at the ordinances under which they were ticketed.

Salem said after the truck article our Outdoors Dining Committee met to discuss the existing vendor truck ordinance. We need to see what was needed to amend the ordinance, allowing for these vendor truck types to be able to use the downtown right of way. The Outdoor Dining Committee consists of representatives from Planning, Public Works, Health, Police, Building and Safety, Fire. We use a comprehensive blend to examine how this would not only activate the streets, but how to address health and safety issues, maintain the walkability of streets, and the integrity of existing downtown business owners. This will be a huge issue in moving the ordinance changes forward. Vendor trucks are currently permitted under Chapter 10.46 of the Code. Much of the code written for trucks like ice cream vendors, or catering trucks, not so much this truck type. Now vendor trucks are not allowed to vend in the downtown, in the public right of way. Not allow to vend on arterial streets, or highways, or streets with speed limits over 25 miles an hour, and not permitted in school zones. A large issue is they cannot be parked for more than 10 minutes at a time. The vendor trucks are becoming more popular in larger cities and expect this trend to continue. It is cheaper to buy and refurbish a truck, and sell out of a truck, instead of a building. With the economy we are expecting this to pick up.

The Outdoor Dining Committee is reviewing the ordinance as to allow vendors in the downtown, and other business districts. Seeing if there’s a way while encouraging downtown pedestrian traffic without infringing
on others rights. Now if a vendor truck breaks the law they are subject to revoking their permit, a $500 fine, or up to six months in jail. Do not want to fine people, or put them in jail, for doing something which could be good for downtown.

Camp asked what ideas do they have for creating a level playing field of building restaurants versus others? Salem replied they started looking at this and welcome ideas. Now trying to figure out if there are locations not in competition with the restaurant buildings. Do feel a potential for compromise, but don’t know what it is yet. They comply with the existing ordinance if on private property. Hornung has been surprised that there weren’t truck vendors before as this is very common in other cities. Salem replied they started looking at other cities, what they’re doing, and find cities deciding, just like we are.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Email from Kolleen Krikac regarding the 14th and Superior roundabout project.
2. Email from Pat Anderson-Sifuentez referring to an article on a Urban Development rebuilt house which was purchased by a NeighborWorks Homebuyer graduate.
   a) Everett Express showing casing the home which was previously red-tagged.
   No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.