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VII. ADJOURNMENT
MAYOR PRESENTS DECEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for December to Randy Winch, Heavy Equipment Mechanic for the Street Maintenance Operations Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

Winch has worked for the City since November 1977. Jim Chiles, Superintendent of Fleet Services, nominated Winch in the category of productivity for his work to create a vacuum system to clean up concrete slurry, the runoff from the process of cutting concrete with an industrial saw.

The project started with an e-mail complaint that concrete slurry was running into the storm drain on South 84th Street. Rock Krzycki of Watershed Management confirmed that keeping the slurry out of the bodies of water and the storm drain system was important because it can be as caustic as drain cleaner. Concrete slurry also is considered a pollutant under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System stormwater permit.

Chiles said a vacuum system is not yet available commercially, so his staff purchased components to create a system. His goal was to create a system that was easy to operate and maintain. Once the components arrived, Winch volunteered to tackle the job of assembling the wide variety of parts and pieces which included the vacuum system, hoses, reels, pumps, tanks, straps and trailers.

Winch met with the operating sections, shop personnel and considered all suggestions, opinions, advice and constructive criticism. The result was a concrete slurry vacuum system that looked professional and was easy to operate and maintain. It also exceeded all of the expectations on functionality, cleaning more than 95 percent of the slurry created during the sawing operation.

Working with the state stormwater grant program, the City was able to fund two units to collect the slurry and dispose of it properly. The equipment they purchased allows the process to be a one-person operation – the concrete saw operator collects the slurry using a customized vacuum head mounted directly onto the saw.

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Chiles says he would not be surprised to see a very similar product being marketed in trade journals in the near future as an “only one man concrete slurry vacuum system.” He said Winch’s knowledge, experience and “thick skin” were all very apparent throughout this project.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 6, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bob Weyhrich, Community Forester, 402-441-7035

TREE CLEANUP CONTINUES IN LINCOLN

Community Forestry crews continue to work throughout the City to clear trees and branches that fell as a result of this weekend’s storms. To report City street tree branches down on sidewalks or in the public right of way between the sidewalk and the curb, call Community Forestry at 402-441-7035 during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays or e-mail the location to forestry@lincoln.ne.gov. During non-business hours, call the Lincoln Police Department’s non-emergency number at 402-441-6000.

If power lines have fallen into trees or branches, call the Lincoln Electric System (LES) at 888-365-2412. LES advises residents to stay away from any downed lines, even if they appear to be dead.

 Those with damage from privately-owned trees have four options:

• Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Court will accept tree debris at no charge from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, February 10.

• Cut branches into lengths of five feet or less and bundle them for collection by waste haulers.

• Haul debris to the small vehicle transfer station at 5101 North 48th Street.

• Contact a private arborist.

The City Forestry Office is acting on all messages left on the Forestry Office voice mail. Calls are being recorded with names and residences added to the list for service.

More information on Community Forestry is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
The Lincoln Commission on Human Right (LCHR) is seeking nominations for two awards to be presented this spring:

- The **Gerald Henderson Human Rights Award** was established by the LCHR in 2000, and it was renamed in 2003 to honor Henderson, the first director of the LCHR and a long-time civil rights activist. The award recognizes outstanding achievements in furthering human relations in Lincoln, including a demonstrated commitment to improving cooperation and understanding among people of different racial, ethnic, religious and other backgrounds and the use of new and creative measures to fight discrimination, prejudice and the effects of past discrimination.

- The **Fair Housing Award** recognizes outstanding achievements in improving housing opportunities including a demonstrated commitment to fair housing activities and the use of new and creative measures to fight housing discrimination, prejudice and the effects of past housing discrimination.

LCHR also is seeking to honor individuals who foster positive intergroup relations by promoting mutual respect, understanding, cultural awareness and appreciation in business, education, government, health, housing, religion and other areas of civic endeavor. Nominees will be judged based on activities implemented, service performed or programs operated in the City of Lincoln. Those who submitted previous nominations are encouraged to resubmit those entries.

**Nominations are due March 19**, and can forms are available by calling LCHR at 402-441-7624, sending an e-mail to nhope@lincoln.ne.gov or printing a form from the LCHR’s website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: human). Completed forms can be faxed to 402-441-6937; dropped off at LCHR, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th; or mailed to LCHR, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

LCHR is the primary City agency responsible for the resolution of discrimination complaints brought by individuals and serves as the civil rights law enforcement agency for Lincoln. The Commission also provides diversity education, conducts outreach, and offers technical assistance in order to foster more inclusive community relations.
DATE: February 8, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce a new technology initiative utilizing the City’s Fast Forward funds for economic development at a news conference at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, February 9 in Room 303 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

MEDIA NOTE: This is 15 minutes earlier than our usual 10 a.m. start time.
LF&R PROMOTES BORER TO ASSISTANT CHIEF
Jones to replace him as Battalion Chief

Fire Chief John Huff today announced the selection of Battalion Chief Patrick Borer as Assistant Chief of Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LF&R). Captain Eric Jones has been selected to take Borer’s position as Battalion Chief. Both promotions are effective immediately.

Chief Huff said Borer brings a wealth of knowledge and career experience to this position. He has been with LF&R since August 1988, previously serving as a Firefighter and Captain. Borer earned an associate’s degree in Applied Science in Fire Protection Technology, a bachelor’s degree in Education, and a master’s degree in Executive Fire Service Leadership. He also is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer program. Borer is an adjunct instructor for Southeast Community College and a Task Force Leader with the NETF-1 Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Jones joined LF&R in July 1994 and has also served as a Firefighter and Paramedic. He is responsible for the Information Management and Geographic Information systems, special events teams and the LF&R Accreditation program and serves as the liaison to the 911 Communications Center. Jones is a peer assessor and mentor for the Center of Public Safety of Excellence, the fire service industry’s premier accrediting agency. Jones also is a Task Force Leader with the NETF-1 Urban Search and Rescue Team. He has contributed to fire service trade magazines as a writer and technical editor. His awards include Firefighter of the Year, Sertoma Award, Firefighter of the Month, Award of Merit and the Chief’s Award of Excellence.

For more information on LF&R, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: fire).
MAYOR BEUTLER SAYS DOWNTOWN FIBER PROJECT WILL PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City of Lincoln will place a grid of communication fiber conduits in downtown Lincoln. He will propose to the City Council that up to $700,000 from the City’s Fast Forward Fund be used to finance the City’s costs. Mayor Beutler established the fund in 2009 to assist with infrastructure improvements that help drive economic development and job creation.

“In this century, telecommunications fiber has taken its place next to roads as key infrastructure for the promotion of economic growth and job creation,” Beutler said. “As Mayor, my goal is keep Lincoln among the most competitive economies not only in Nebraska, not only in the United States, but the entire world. Today’s announcement will stamp Lincoln, Nebraska as a national leader in critical communication infrastructure and further our goal of being a city that can compete with anyone, anytime, anywhere. It will be a game changer.”

Under the proposal, the City would finance a grid of conduits to ultimately hold fiber from Unite Private Networks and possibly other Internet service providers. The expected cost is about $600,000, and an additional $100,000 would allow for contingencies. The Fast Forward Fund currently has a balance of $6,266,875.

Mayor Beutler said the conduits can be installed while the City is rehabilitating downtown streets this spring, and the project would create a number of advantages for Lincoln:

- Increased competition for Internet services will create pressure for lower prices and expanded services. New service providers will be able to enter the Lincoln market. The project will lay the foundation for possible private sector investment in “carrier hotels,” which allow greater access to multiple providers and are key infrastructure components in other communities.
- A new fiber grid provides critical redundancy for businesses that depend on Internet service.
- Additional fiber will help City government save taxpayer dollars by providing capacity for smart technology such as signal light sensors and remote safety cameras in parking garages.

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The Mayor thanked Unite Private Networks and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce for their work on the project.

“In Lincoln, our fast growing technology sector is an engine for economic growth,” Beutler said. “Companies like Nelnet and Nanonation are utilizing the talent nurtured at UNL’s Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management to create new, good-paying jobs in the community. The development of Innovation Campus will only accelerate that trend.”
CITY OF LINCOLN PARKING BAN UPDATE

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center - 402-441-7644
Diane Gonzolas, cell 402-525-1520, work 402-441-7831

Date: Monday, February 6, 2012
Time: 1:30 p.m.

The residential parking ban for the odd-numbered sides of the street will expire at 8 p.m. Monday night. Parking will again be allowed on both sides of residential streets. If your street has not been plowed, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

A snow removal district parking ban remains in effect for Monday and Tuesday nights. In these districts, parking is banned on both sides of the street from 12:01 a.m. to 7 a.m. Feb. 7th and 8th to allow for crews to load the snow into trucks and haul it out of the area. For downtown residents, free overnight parking is available in the Center Park Garage, 1100 “N” Street, from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Maps of the snow removal districts and details on the free parking are available at lincoln.ne.gov.

Vehicles parked illegally during parking bans are subject to fines, towing and storage costs at the owners' expense. Vehicles parked in a way that does not allow emergency vehicles to pass may be ticketed for obstructing a public street.

Additional information is available at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

(MEDIA NOTE: A separate release will be sent on tree cleanup)
CITY OF LINCOLN PARKING BAN UPDATE

For more information: Public Works Snow Center - 402-441-7644 Dave Norris 402-441-7547

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2012 Time:
3:30 p.m.

The snow removal district parking ban that was to go into effect tonight at midnight has been cancelled. Public Works crews were successful the past two nights in removing snow from downtown and the other districts so the parking ban is no longer necessary. Parking bans are no longer in effect for the City of Lincoln. If City crews have not yet been to your street or if you need to report problem areas, call the Public Works Snow Center during regular business hours at 402-441-7644.

Information on snow operations is available at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory.
The Cat in the Hat will be visiting many of the Lincoln City Libraries prior to Read Across America Day on March 2. Read Across America Day, sponsored by the National Education Association, is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss.

Bring your camera and take a photo with the Cat in the Hat at the following library locations and times:

Monday, February 27—Williams Branch Library, NW 48th and West Cuming St., during Family Storytime, 4:00-4:45 p.m.
   Gere Branch Library, 2400 S. 56th St., during Family Storytime Craft Time, 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28—Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St., during Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
   Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior St., during Preschool Storytime, 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 29—Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Ave., during Preschool Storytime, 10:30-11:00 a.m.
   South Branch Library, 2675 South St., during Preschool Storytime, 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1—Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14, during Preschool Storytime, 10:15-10:45 a.m.

More information about Read Across America can be found at www.nea.org.

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Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 7, 2012
CONTACT: Carol Swanson, Librarian
EMAIL: c.swanson@lincolnlibraries.org
PHONE: 402-441-8575

Celebrate Black History Month at the 7th Annual African American Read-In

Join in celebrating Black History Month by attending the 2012 African American Read-In on Wednesday, February 15, 2012, at the Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th & N Streets, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Community guests will read excerpts by or about African Americans. This year’s program is dedicated to the memory of Lincoln humanitarian and activist Lela Knox Shanks. There will be an appearance by members of the Quinn Chapel Choir and a performance by the Belmont Elementary School 5th Grade Ambassadors of the book, These Hands, written by Margaret H. Mason, illustrated by Floyd Cooper.

This program is co-hosted by Lincoln City Libraries and Doane College.

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Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
Dear Members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board:

We hope that you will join us for the launch of the Nebraska Centennial Mall campaign at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, March 1 at the Capitol Rotunda. We will recognize our lead donors and unveil a special program that provides an opportunity for everyone across the State to help us finish this project.

For more information about the Nebraska Centennial Mall project, please visit: www.NECentennialMall.org

Hope to see you March 1!

Susan Larson Rodenburg, Campaign Organizer on behalf of all members of the Nebraska Centennial Mall Campaign Committee

Susan Larson Rodenburg
SLR Communications
402-440-3227
Susan@SLRCommunications.com
You are cordially invited to join us for the public unveiling of the Nebraska Centennial Mall project and to hear other exciting announcements by celebrated officials.

Thursday, March 1, 2012
at 8:30 a.m.
Statehood Day
State Capitol Rotunda

For more information contact:
Susan Larson Rodenburg
Susan@SLRCommunications.com • 402-440-3227
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**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, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

[Commissioners Francis and Weber absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 25, 2012. **APPROVED, as amended, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent)**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

   PERMITS:
   1.1 Special Permit No. 12002, for a farm winery, on property generally located at 6305 W. Adams Street. ***FINAL ACTION***

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 26, 2012, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
   Resolution No. PC-01265.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL** (See Items 4.1, 4.3 and 5.1 below)

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

CHANGE OF ZONE:
4.1 Change of Zone No. 11042, Lincoln Public Schools District Office Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from R-1 Residential District, R-2 Residential District, B-1 Local Business District, and H-2 Highway Business District to B-1 Local Business District PUD, on property generally located at the southeast corner of Cotner Blvd and O Street; for a planned unit development district designation of said property and approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning Ordinance, Land Subdivision Ordinance and Design Standards to allow office and commercial uses not exceeding approximately 200,000 square feet in floor area.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for two-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.

PERMITS:
4.2 Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 23G, to expand the boundaries, to accommodate additional off-street parking for Nebraska Wesleyan University, on property generally located at N. 56th Street and Madison Avenue. *** FINAL ACTION***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 25, 2012, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
Resolution No. PC-01266.

4.3 Special Permit No. 06001A, an amendment to the Grand Terrace Community Unit Plan to expand the boundary of the CUP by approximately three acres to allow for approximately seven additional residential lots, on property generally located as South 84th Street and Highway 2. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 1:00 p.m.
4.4 Special Permit No. 12001, for a health care facility, on property generally located at S. Coddington Avenue and West O Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***

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

Had public hearing.
Resolution No. PC-01267

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATION ACTION:
(See 1-25-12 agenda for staff report on the following item.)

CHANGE OF ZONE:
5.1 Change of Zone No. 11044, from P Public Use District to R-7 Residential District; from R-7 Residential District to P Public Use District; and from P Public Use District and I-1 Industrial District to B-1 Local Business District, on property generally located at N. 17th Street and R Streets.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Rashi Jain, 441-6372, rjain@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Department request for additional two-week deferral granted with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at 1:00 pm.

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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:

1. 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. (11-30-11: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on February 22, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)
2a. Change of Zone No. 11045, from R-2 Residential District, I-1 Industrial District, and R-5 Residential District to H-3 Highway Commercial District, on property generally located at N. 40th Street and Colfax Avenue.

(1-25-12: Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue public hearing on April 18, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)

2b. Preliminary Plat No. 11002, MJ Tent, for approximately 14 commercial lots, with requests to waive storm water detention facilities, sanitary sewer running opposite the street grades, and the centerline grade more than one foot below the 50 year flood elevation, on property generally located at N. 40th Street and Colfax Avenue.

*** FINAL ACTION ***

(1-25-12: Planning Commission voted 7-0 to continue public hearing on April 18, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)

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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.

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

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : February 9, 2012

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: February 8, 2012

Please be advised that on February 8, 2012, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

 Resolution No. PC-01265, approving Special Permit No. 12002, with conditions, requested by Ben and Nancy Sand, for a farm winery in the AG Agricultural District, on property generally located at N.W. 70th Street and West Adams Street (6305 W. Adams Street).

 Resolution No. PC-01266, approving Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 23G, requested by Nebraska Wesleyan University, to expand the boundary of the special permit to accommodate additional off-street parking for a private school, on property generally located at North 56th Street and Madison Avenue.

 Resolution No. PC-01267, approving Special Permit No. 12001, requested by Umbay Corporation, for authority to develop a health care facility for an assisted living facility, on property generally located at S. Coddington and West O Street a/k/a 2231 West O Street. (Note: Staff recommendation: Denial. Planning Commission vote: 5-2)

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk 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. SP12002, PESP23G, SP12001). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Memorandum

Date:  February 7, 2012
To:  City Clerk
From:  Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:  Administrative Approvals
cc:  Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from January 31, 2012 thru February 6, 2012:

Administrative Amendment No. 12004 to Use Permit No. 117C, Horizon Business Center, approved by the Planning Director on February 3, 2012, requested by Olsson Associates, to increase the total square footage allocated to Lots 23 and 24 from 48,000 to 59,000 by increasing the overall permitted square footage for this development by 5,603 square feet or approximately 1% of the total approved square footage of 582,497 square feet. Property is generally located at S. 14th Street and Infinity Court.
A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: February 9, 2012  
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 113, County/ City Building

AGENDA

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the November 17, 2011 Technical Committee meeting.
2. Review and action on an amendment to the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to add an I-180 resurfacing project, Cornhusker Hwy to US-34, Lincoln.
3. Briefing on the proposed City of Lincoln Access Management Policy to cover the conditions and requirements for access to property within the City of Lincoln and the surrounding three-mile zoning jurisdiction limit.
5. Briefing the development of a regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategy to support individual travel choices as identified in the 2040 Long Range Transportation. See the proposed project oversight Technical Subcommittee for this study.
6. Other topics for discussion.
Dear Eugene Carroll,

I came into the capital building to sign my sheet after helping Occupy Lincoln clear snow off the campsite. When I thought: "I should write my letter," because I need city government to understand what it would do my car & part of Centennial mall at 4am under snow & walls of snow.

This campsite is really important. Occupy Lincoln doesn't have corporate membership to campaign our message to the masses. We can't afford paid advertising to explain that we're not asking you handouts; we just want to be able to live simply & provide you our families without having to work three jobs. We want to make a living, we can enjoy living but not make money as it's our land, at any cost as corporations are known to do.
we need this space to connect with the public, to tell them what we represent, and to counter ill-advised arguments against us.

- I don't consider myself an activist.
- I really don't like writing letters.
- I really HATE modeling now.

This is your important occupy kindred is to me.

Thank you for your attention,

Jacek England
Dear Cheri Carroll,

My name is Amanda Owen, and I am a resident of Lincoln. I moved here from North Carolina because many residents told me about Lincoln being a great place to live, work, and raise a family. I have seen that this is very true.

I do have a few concerns that are addressed by the Occupy Movement.

I met a lady that works 10 to 12 hours a day. Once her insurance and taxes are taken out, she barely has enough money to eat. She can't afford to pay rent, so she lives on the street.

The Occupy Movement, and Occupy Lincoln locally, are the best advocates for her story and many other similar stories. The camp and its current location are the best way to spread the message that people are more important than corporations and money.

Please allow Occupy Lincoln to stay in its current location for as long as it takes to spread the message. This is good for the city and for the movement.

As Concerned Citizen,
Amanda Owen
I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to open house on downtown projects.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of February 11, 2012 through February 17, 2012.

CITY OF LINCOLN - SNOW UPDATE

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS - TBA

JON CAMP
1. Councilman Camp’s reply to Steve at Stone Brook Roofing on the ice/water shield portion of the International Residential Code.
2. Question to Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent, on solicited bids and approved agreements for unit pricing.

DOUG EMERY
1. Message from Max Osborne regarding the article in today’s morning paper on ice guards for roofs. In complete opposition to this. We now have too much government and we do not need to be told what kind of roof to install.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
2. Email from Jim Yeggy as for two (2) additional exceptions to be added to the existing ice barrier exceptions for existing homes.
3. Message from Joyce Perry in opposition to selling alcohol on Sunday mornings.
PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE ON DOWNTOWN PROJECTS

Downtown event producers encouraged to attend

The public is invited to an open house on three downtown projects from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 15 at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, 1135 “M” Street. Event producers planning downtown activities are strongly urged to attend the open house and to submit permit applications as soon as possible to allow for coordination with the projects.

No formal presentations are planned, but City staff will be available to answer questions regarding the projects slated to begin construction this spring:

- **Downtown street resurfacing:** This project includes the mill and overlay of about six miles of roadway surfacing on 11 streets in the central business district. Pedestrian curb ramps that do not meet current ADA standards will be reconstructed. Three traffic signals on “N” Street (at 13th, 14th and Centennial Mall) and four traffic signals on “Q” Street (at 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th) will be replaced. Construction is expected to begin the week of March 12. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: downtown). Those with questions may contact Erika Nunes, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 402-326-1037 or enunes@lincoln.ne.gov.

- **“O” Street reconstruction:** This project is part of the Antelope Valley Project now under construction on 19th Street from “K” to “P” streets. “O” Street will be reconstructed from 17th to 21st streets, and a new traffic signal will be installed at 19th and “O” streets. Once this project in complete, 19th Street from “K” to “P” streets will be renamed “Antelope Valley Parkway.” During reconstruction, “O” Street will be closed, and traffic will be detoured to “P” and “Q” streets from 16th to 21st streets. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope, click on “construction information”). Those with questions may contact Kris Humphrey, City Public Works and Utilities Department, at 402-326-1176 or khumphrey@lincoln.ne.gov.

- **Renovation of Nebraska’s Centennial Mall:** The project addresses safety, security and accessibility issues along the entire seven-block mall from “K” to “R” streets. Improvements include new paved walkways, green spaces and landscaping, fountains, lighting and furnishings.

- more -
The first phase of construction, expected to begin in May, includes the central three blocks from “M” to “P” streets that are open to vehicular traffic. Additional phases will include the two blocks on the north end and two blocks on the south end that are closed to vehicular traffic. More information is available on the project website at necentennialmall.org. Those with questions can contact J.J. Yost, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, at 402-441-8255 or jyost@lincoln.ne.gov.

For questions about the open house, contact Erika Nunes at 402-326-1037. Those needing special accommodations are asked to call at least 48 hours prior to the open house.

For questions about special event permits, contact Teresa Meier, City Clerk’s Office, 402-441-7437.
Date: February 10, 2012
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of February 11 through 17, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, February 12
• University Place Community Organization 40th anniversary celebration, proclamation presentation - 2 p.m., Huntington School, 2900 N. 46th St.

Monday, February 13
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, February 14
• News conference, topic(s) to be announced - 1:30 p.m., Room 303, County-City Building
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Wednesday, February 15
• Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Face the Chamber lunch, remarks - noon, Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.
• Police Academy graduation and awards ceremony (fall 2011 class), remarks - 7 p.m., Lancaster Room (lower level), Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Thursday, February 16
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• News conference, topic to be announced - 10 a.m., Room 303, County-City Building

Friday, February 17
• Friendship Home “Heart of the Matter” luncheon - 11:45 a.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” St.
CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center - 402-441-7644
Diane Gonzolas, cell 402-525-1520, work 402-441-7831

Date: Monday, February 13, 2012
Time: 4:30 a.m..

About one inch of snow has fallen in Lincoln since midnight, with another inch or so expected. The City has had 19 Public Works crews out since 3 a.m. plowing and material spreading on emergency snow routes and arterials. Parking bans are not in effect at this time. Drivers are advised to leave early and be cautious on their way to school or work this morning.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.
The City of Lincoln's Urban Design Committee and Historic Preservation Commission will hold public meetings on Thursday, **February 16, 2012**.

The meetings will convene at **1:00 p.m.** in **Room 214 (in Development Services Center, 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska)**, to consider the following agendas.

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

**Agenda of February 16, 2012**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

1:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the joint meeting record of **January 12, 2012** and regular meeting held **January 19, 2012**.

2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION**

3. Application by Craig Smith for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 151 North 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

4. Application by **USA Rollersports** for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 4730 South Street, the LT&T No. 4 Exchange, a designated landmark.

5. Application by Deborah Kowamoto for a Certificate of Appropriateness or certificate of exception on the ground of hardship for work at 345 S. 29th Street in the East Lincoln/Elm Park Landmark District.

6. Application by Liz Kuhlman for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 301 N 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

**DISCUSSION**

7. Misc., Staff Report: Upcoming National Register nominations, etc.

**JOINT MEETING OF URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Approximately 2:00 p.m.**

8. Call to order joint meeting.


10. West Haymarket Streetscape Master Plan (The Clark Enersen Partners and associated firms).

11. Adjournment of joint meeting.

**URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE**

**Approximately 3:30 p.m.**

* Memo from **Ed Zimmer**

12. Approval of the joint meeting record of **January 12, 2012**.

**DISCUSSION**
13. Amendments to Special Sign District, Haymarket Park & Environs.

14. Enersen Urban Design Award.

15. Adjournment of Urban Design Committee meeting.

History List

http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/hpc/agenda/021612.htm 02/10/2012
Steve:

Thanks for your telephone call this morning. As I indicated, today the City Council will vote on the International Residential Code—there is no further public hearing.

However, you can email your comments to: mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov and your email will be distributed to all of the Council members prior to the meeting.

The fact that your company installs over 500 roofs a year makes you qualified to comment on the ice/water shield portion of the Code.

I do not want to put words in your mouth, but the gist of your observations appears to be summarized as follows: ice/water shields do not prevent ice dams. . . to be effective, the ice shield should extend at least “2 feet” beyond the “warm wall” to do any good. . . less that 1% of homes have water leakage from ice dams. . . that the water leakage is more about “ventilation and insulation”. Further, I heard you to say that a home needs to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if the situation can be better addressed by better insulation and ventilation . . . OR . . . by installing the ice/water shield.

Thank you in advance for send an email, Steve. Your input is valuable to us due to your long-term business and the years of experience that your father also has. Since you indicated that you install ice/water shields in a significant number of homes, I understand you to agree that this solution may be appropriate in many case. . . but not all. . . and to mandate the ice shield in a Building Code is overreach.

Again, please put your email in your own words—I just wanted to capture notes I made during our conversation for the benefit of my Council colleagues.

Best regards,

Jon
Vince:

Would you clarify the procedures the City, County and Public Building Commission follow pertaining to the bids we solicit and the approved agreements for unit pricing?

In particular, does each of these 3 entities consistently use those vendors, who respond to bids and meet the qualifications? Or do various agencies within each organization use whomever they desire?

I know that you and your staff go to a lot of work preparing bid specifications and the successful bidders have a number of requirements to meet. Thus, if agencies are still utilizing other vendors, it would appear these Unit Pricing Contracts are not achieving the desired result.

Thanks in advance for your response and any suggestions you can provide to ensure our procedures work most effectively for the 3 entities and are respectful of the potential vendors.

Jon

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

~ Alexis de Tocqueville  (French Historian and Political scientist. 1805-1859)

Check our reception and event venues at:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Apothecary-Lofts-Ridnour-Room/173175799380032
To: Councilman Doug Emery

From: Max Osborne

02.13.12

RE: Ice guard for roofs as read in the morning paper.

We now have too much government. Do not tell us what kind of roof to put on. We do not need, nor want, this advice.
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, February 17, 2012 – 9:30 A.M.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.
1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the January 20, 2012 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board
3. Comments from Customers
4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff
   A. Duane Dubas, Meter Technician 1st Class, Consumer Services, Meter Services
5. Appointment of 2012 LES Administrative Board Committees
6. Committee Reports
   A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
   B. Budget & Rates Committee
      *1. Approval of Amendment to Policy and Guidelines for Customer-Owned Generation - LES Resolution 2012-4
   C. Personnel & Organization Committee
   D. Finance & Audit Committee
      *1. Approval of 2012 Bond Resolution and Ordinance - LES Resolution 2012-5
   E. District Energy Corporation Update
7. Administrator & CEO Reports
   *A. Authorization of Board Attendance at the 2012 APPA National Conference and Pre-Conference Seminars in Seattle, WA June 16-20, 2012
   B. State Legislative Report
8. Chief Operating Officer’s Reports
   A. 2011 Interruption/Outage Report
   B. Transmission Line Ratings Update
   C. Southwest Power Pool Integrated Market Update
   D. 2012 Coincident Outage Replacement Energy Purchases
   E. 2012 Sustainable Energy Program Roll-Out
9. Other Business
   A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
   C. Miscellaneous Information
10. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

Next Administrative Board meeting Friday, March 16, 2012.
To whom it may concern:

I am writing to request 2 additional exceptions be added to the existing ice barrier exceptions for existing homes:
(1) Exempt roofs with steeper pitches (I am not sure of the exact number, but a builder or the housing codes folks should be able to address this, and
(2) Exempt roofs with eaves not exceeding some distance; e.g., eaves not exceeding 2 ft. (Again I am not an expert, builders/city code folks are better qualified to set the spec).

Homes with low pitch roofs, large eave overhangs and poor attic insulation are susceptible to ice dam caused water damage. The code as written will not necessarily address these problem homes. Ice damage is not common place because most home/roof designs are adequate to prevent it without additional barriers being in place. This ice barrier requirement as written will not prevent the problem on many problem homes and will waste money on non-problem homes.

My home has a steep pitch, which makes it very resistant to ice or other roof damage issues. Requiring an ice barrier would be a waste of resources.

I believe most of the vulnerable homes have certain common attributes. In my experience 2 types of homes have commonly had problems:
(1) Older homes with moderate pitches, poor attic insulation, and eave overhangs that are 2 ft or more. Many older 2 story homes in Lincoln have these attributes. The heat escaping through the attic melts the snow on the roof, it runs down and freezes when it gets to the eave, which is cold.
(2) In the 1960's there were ranch-style homes built with very low pitch roofs and large eave over-hangs (the eave was used to form a porch roof in the front or back of the home). These homes were initially built with an asphalt/gravel roof. When these roofs needed replacement, ashlat shingles were allowed and typically installed. Because there is no heat under the eave, snow and ice builds up there after it melts from top of the roof. The low pitch angle exasperates the problem.

The current ice barrier language under consideration would require the barrier extending 3 ft up from the bottom of the roof. If the home has a 3 or 4 ft eave, a 3 ft barrier is insufficient.

My opinion: if you are going to allow asphalt shingle replacement on these very low pitch homes then use the barrier on the whole roof; better yet install a steel roof, new designs that appear shingle-like are aesthetically acceptable.

Thank you for considering my input.

Jim Yeggy
6842 Dudley St
402/202-0272
Message from Joyce Perry

In complete opposition to selling alcohol on Sunday mornings. Huge mistake. Just look at the people who sleep at the City Mission on Saturday night.

February 13, 2012
Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; DiAnna Schimek; Jon Camp; Carl Eskridge; Jonathan Cook; and Doug Emery

Absent: Adam Hornung, Vice Chair

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Judy Halstead, Health Director

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Ross reviewed the formal meeting agenda, stating which items would be called together, and other points in the formal agenda.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents December Award of Excellence to Randy Winch.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Tree cleanup continues in Lincoln.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Human Right Commission seeks nominees for awards.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, February 9, 2012. 9:45 a.m., at 555 S. 10th, Room 303 to announce a new technology initiative utilizing the City’s Fast Forward funds for economic development.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LF&R) promotes Battalion Chief Patrick Borer to Assistant Chief.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler says Downtown Fiber Project will promote economic development.

No comments

CITY OF LINCOLN - SNOW UPDATE
1. The residential parking ban for odd-numbered sides of the street expire at 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 6, 2012.
2. Snow removal district parking ban for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 canceled.

No comments

III. DIRECTORS

CITY LIBRARIES
1. NEWS RELEASE. The Cat in the Hat will be visiting many Lincoln Libraries prior to Read Across America Day on Mary 2, 2012. Libraries, dates, and times listed.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Celebrate Black History Month at the 7th Annual African American Read-In.

No comments

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Judy Halstead, Director
Halstead spoke on three (3) animal ordinances which will come before the City Council. Two involve fees, different for an altered animal from one that is not neutered or spayed. Now asking on the first time of licensing an animal the City be given a Veterinarian certificate stating the animal’s condition.
The third ordinance involves the confiscation of dangerous dogs. Before in Chapter 6 of the Ordinance it read after confiscation of a dangerous dog it shall be destroyed. Now asking for clarification, shall or may, on destroying the animal. As there is a definite difference want clarification.

Camp asked about an incident which occurred two years ago with Halstead replying this ordinance would not have anything to do with that incident.

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Memo on the launch of the Nebraska Centennial Mall campaign on Thursday, March 1, 2012.
   a) Invitation to public unveiling of the Nebraska Centennial Mall Project, Thursday, March 1, 2012.
   No comments

PLANNING COMMISSION
No comments

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 12004 approved by the Planning Director on February 3, 2012.
   No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
No comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS
None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Letter from Jacque England giving reasons why Occupy Lincoln’s location is important. (Each Council Member received individual letter)
2. Letter from Amanda Owen in support of the Occupy Movement and Occupy Lincoln. (Each Council Member received individual letter)
No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.