DIRECTORS’ MEETING
JUNE 18, 2012
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK
1. Letter from Downtown Lincoln Association, Terry Uland, President, on Master Plan update.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Lincoln City Councilmen Emery and Carroll, and other Members, will make announcement on the City civilian employee retirement at a news conference on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 1:30 p.m., Room 303, at 555 S. 10th Street.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Citizens invited to participate in “Lincoln at Night” art exhibit.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Council announces end of two-to-one retirement match for new civilian City employees.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Parks and Rec receives grant to fight childhood hunger this summer.
5. NEWS RELEASE, Open house planned on project at Warlock, 14th, and Old Cheney.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 3:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th Street. Agenda and attachments are posted online.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Board of Health meeting minutes of May 8, 2012.

PLANNING COMMISSION
1. Minutes of action by the Planning Commission on Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12001, as amended by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2012.
2. Minutes of continued public hearing and action by the Planning Commission on Annexation No. 12003, as amended by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2012.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence from Sally Schneider on street improvement hearing by City Council.
2. Email from Peter Bleed regarding Special Permit No. 12019, the Lewis - Syford House.
3. InterLinc correspondence from Stanley Krauter giving ideas on government employment and taxes.
4. David Martin email in favor of the proposed site for the FEAT Academy.
5. Jennifer Stoltenberg email in favor of the FEAT Academy for Autism using the proposed site on UNL.
VII. ADJOURNMENT
June 12, 2012

Mr. Adam Hornung, Chairman
Mr. Jon Camp
Mr. Eugene Carroll
Mr. Jonathan Cook
Mr. Doug Emery
Mr. Carl Eskridge
Ms. DiAnna Schimek
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Master Plan Update

Dear City Council Members:

The Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) offers its support for the proposed update to the 2005 Downtown Master Plan. DLA warmly welcomed the opportunity to partner with the City in the creation process of the 2005 Master Plan, and has been committed to its continued refinement. A number of developments foreseen in the 2005 Master Plan are readily visible in today’s downtown landscape. Urban 38, the Arena project, and the continuing evolution of the Haymarket are only three excellent examples of the type of economic development resulting from the Plan. The recommended update to the Master Plan will further enhance an environment that will encourage the growth and vibrancy of downtown Lincoln.

DLA believes two elements of the update will serve as catalysts for potential economic development and the creation of an environment leading to continued growth. Those particular elements are the retail focused streetscape enhancements and the protected bi-directional bicycle lanes.

Retail Focused Streetscape Enhancements on P Street and N. 14th Street. The Downtown Master Plan previously designated the area from 9th Street to Centennial Mall on P Street as a targeted enterprise zone for enhanced retail development. In fact, significant retail growth has occurred in the retail “T” defined by P St. and 14th St. and will be anchored by downtown’s future gathering place--Civic Plaza. The newly proposed streetscape enhancements and pedestrian-friendly amenities along P St. and 14th St. will include such specifics as curbside landscaping and new street trees, new sidewalks, signal and pedestrian lighting, and curb extensions. These improvements will unify elements essential to retail development and support efforts already in motion. Continuing to make improvements in this location can only increase support for current business and retail activity and will significantly contribute to the area’s growing success.

Protected Bi-directional Bicycle Lanes. The Downtown Master Plan update modifies the original Promenade concept to focus on N Street, 14th Street, R Street and 11th Street, including a proposed two-way protected bicycling facility on N St., eventually expanding to 14th Street and 11th Street.
Thoughtful implementation of a protected bi-directional bicycle lane will offer an amenity attractive to a growing number of downtown employees. Our discussions with downtown employers, including the University, indicate there is a growing demand for safe bike travel downtown, and the protected lanes will be well-received and utilized. Attracting and retaining a vital employee and consumer base is a tangible component to maintaining a vibrant and active downtown.

DLA acknowledges the understandable concerns expressed about implementing the protected bi-directional bicycle lanes particularly as related to the loss of some on-street parking. DLA feels it is possible to mitigate the number of spaces and areas affected by continuing to work closely in any future design process. DLA is also committed to ensuring continued pedestrian accessibility for businesses and properties in immediate proximity to the bicycle lanes.

The Board of Directors of the Downtown Lincoln Association voted unanimously at the May 22, 2012 meeting in support of the adoption of the 2012 Master Plan update and respectfully urges you to approve the proposed update. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your continued support of downtown Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Terry Uland, President
Downtown Lincoln Association

Bill Schmeecle, Chairman
Downtown Lincoln Association

c: Chris Beutler, Mayor, City of Lincoln
Dave Landis, Director, Urban Development Department
Dallas McGee, Assistant Director, Urban Development Department
DATE: June 12, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Doug Emery, Gene Carroll and other City Council members will make an announcement regarding City civilian employee retirement at a news conference at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13 in Room 303 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  June 13, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Kathryn Kelley, Librarian, 402-441-8529

CITIZENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN
“LINCOLN AT NIGHT” ART EXHIBIT

Amateur and professional artists are invited to participate in “Lincoln at Night,” a community art display held in conjunction with Lincoln City Libraries’ 2012 summer reading program for adults.

Artists who are at least 18 years of age are eligible to enter their original work based on the theme “Lincoln at Night.” The entry deadline is Monday, July 9. Entry forms are available at all Lincoln City Library locations and at lincolnlibraries.org.

The “Lincoln at Night” art show will be part of the First Friday Art Walk from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, August 3 at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St. Entries will remain on display at Bennett Martin through August 24.

More information on the summer reading program is available at lincolnlibraries.org.
COUNCIL ANNOUNCES END OF TWO-TO-ONE RETIREMENT MATCH FOR NEW CIVILIAN CITY EMPLOYEES

City Council members today announced that the final union representing civilian City employees has agreed to a reduction in the City’s retirement match from 2-to-1 to 1.29-to-1 for newly hired workers. The lower retirement match is included in the tentative agreement reached with the Public Association of Government Employees (PAGE), one of four unions representing civilian City employees.

“The new retirement plan will be more responsible to City taxpayers,” said City Council member Doug Emery. “While the cost savings are limited in the short term, the union’s concurrence has strengthened City finances for the future and likely saved important City services.”

On behalf of Mayor Chris Beutler and other City Council members, Emery thanked PAGE for its “integrity, fairness and commitment to compromise.” He also thanked the Mayor and the City negotiating team for their tenacity. The Mayor and Council members have worked to lower the retirement match since July of 2009.

In 2009, the City Budget Office estimated that the lower retirement match could save $1.6 million over five years. Council member Gene Carroll said actual savings have been lower because the City has not hired many new employees and has reduced the City workforce overall. Ultimately, however, the City could save nearly $3 million per year in the future. And he said the lower retirement match has contributed to the City in other ways.

“We have made tough choices and avoided the fiscal disasters that have played out in other cities during the national recession,” Carroll said. “Unity of purpose has been a key factor in our success and I sincerely believe that the lower retirement match has played an important role in achieving that unity.”

The three unions who earlier agreed to the lower match are the Lincoln City Employees Association (LCEA), the Lincoln “M” (Managers) Class Employees Association and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1293. The Lincoln Firefighters Association Local 644 and the Lincoln Police Union have a separate pension plan. Labor contracts are available online at personnel.lincoln.ne.gov.
Lincoln Parks and Recreation has received a $30,000 grant to support its summer food service program for children from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The grant is part of a $1.5 million grant received by NRPA from the Walmart Foundation to support summer feeding programs in 28 park and recreation agencies across the U.S.

In conjunction with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Parks and Recreation offers the Summer Food program and after-school snacks at five recreation centers and two Community Learning Centers (CLCs).

“Many of these sites are in neighborhoods with high poverty levels,” said Lynn Johnson, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. “Without these meals and snacks, many children would experience hunger, malnutrition and the resulting negative health consequences. Providing these meals and snacks also brings children and families to the recreation centers and CLCs, where they can exercise, learn more about good nutrition and access other community-based support services.”

The grant is part of Walmart’s Summer Giving Campaign, a $20 million initiative aimed at filling the gaps created when schools close for the summer. The initiative will help expand nutrition, learning and employment services to children throughout the summer months. According to a report released by the Food Research and Action Center this month, only one in seven of the low-income students who depended on the National School Lunch Program during the regular 2010-2011 school year received summer meals in July 2011.

“Park and recreation agencies are on the frontline in the fight to reduce hunger especially among children,” says Barbara Tulipane, President and CEO of NRPA. “The generous gift from the Walmart Foundation will help our local champions provide nutritious meals for millions of children and support the development of a healthy, connected and active generation of Americans.”
This is the third year, NRPA has awarded grants to park and recreation agencies for feeding programs that have served more than 16 million meals to low-income children, an increase of 3.7 million meals over 2009 figures. More information on NRPA’s summer feeding support is available at www.nrpa.org/feeding.

More information on Walmart’s initiative is available at www.walmartfoundation.org.

More information about the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Summer Food Program, contact Melissa Harris, Program Monitor, at 402-441-4900 or mharris@lincoln.ne.gov. For more information on Lincoln Summer Food Service sites, contact Janette Johnson at the Health Department at 402-441-8045.

About Philanthropy at Walmart: Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support initiatives that are helping people live better around the globe. In May 2010, Walmart and its Foundation made a historic pledge of $2 billion through 2015 to fight hunger in the U.S. The Walmart Foundation also supports education, workforce development, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness initiatives. To learn more, visit walmartfoundation.org.

About the National Recreation and Park Association: The NRPA is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of 20,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.
OPEN HOUSE PLANNED ON PROJECT
AT WARLICK, 14TH AND OLD CHENEY

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, June 21 on the improvement project planned for the intersections of 14th Street, Warlick Boulevard and Old Cheney Road. The meeting is from 5 to 7 p.m. at Christ’s Place Church, 1111 Old Cheney Road.

The meeting kicks off the design competition phase for the project. The City wants public feedback to help traffic design engineers understand drivers’ experiences in the area and to generate ideas to improve traffic flow and safety. No formal presentations are planned, but representatives of the City Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to discuss the project. The City will provide information about the need for improvements, the design competition, the schedule and the public involvement process.

In the fall, firms in the design competition will present conceptual design ideas. The final design process will occur next year, and construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2014.

More information on the project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). More information on the open houses is available by contacting Holly Lionberger, Public Works and Utilities, at 402-326-0593 or hlionberger@lincoln.ne.gov.
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting June 19, 2012

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers Room 112.

The agenda and attachments are on InterLinc at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm
ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Karla Lester at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members present: Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, David Smith, Brent Smoyer, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Karla Lester.


Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Steve Beal, Steve Frederick, Charlotte Burke, Andrea Mason, Gwendy Meginnis, Chris Schroeder, Joyce Jensen, and Elaine Severe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Moved by Mr. Emery that the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Dr. Smith. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Moved by Dr. Smith that the February 14, 2012 and March 13, 2012 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Mr. Emery. Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead asked Dr. Miller to provide an update on the Board of Health/Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Sub-Committee on tobacco use in city owned parks. Dr. Miller stated the Sub-Committee met and reviewed the public opinion survey. 2,500 responses were received and she reviewed the results. The Sub-Committee will meet again to determine their next steps. She will provide an update at the June Board of Health meeting.
Marcia White has been appointed to the Board of Health. Her appointment was approved by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Lincoln City Council. She replaces Mr. Messineo.

Ms. Halstead stated the department’s budget request was reviewed by the Mayor’s Office. The Department’s budget for the General Assistance program was submitted to the County commissioners at 94.6% of current funding. She continues to work with the Community Health Endowment on implementation of the Health Management Association recommendations.

Work continues on implementation of the Responsible Beverage Server Training ordinance. The Task Force has held 3 meetings to discuss preparations and implementation of the ordinance. An update will be provided at the June Board of Health meeting. The Environmental Awards Breakfast is Friday, June 1, 2012 at 7:30 AM at the Champions Club. Board of Health members are encouraged to attend.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Election of Officers

This item as tabled until the June, 2012 meeting.

B. Proposed Appointments to the Food Advisory Committee

Ms. Jensen stated staff are recommending the reappointment of Kim Brown and appointment of Ryan Cairns to serve on the Food Advisory Committee. Both have agreed to serve if appointed.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Smoyer to approve the reappointment of Kim Brown and appointment of Ryan Cairns to the Food Advisory Committee. Second by Dr. Smith. Motion carried by acclamation.

C. Proposed Revisions to the LMC 8.08 - Body Art Establishment

Ms. Jensen stated staff held a public meeting on February 27, 2012 with body art practitioners. They provided feedback and suggestions for changes to improve the body art code. She reviewed the proposed revisions and recommendations.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Smith that the Board of Health approve the proposed revisions to Lincoln Municipal Code 8.08 - Body Art Establishment and forward the revisions to the Lincoln City Council for review and approval. Second by Mr. Smoyer. Motion carried by acclamation.

D. Proposed Revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards
Mr. Holmes and Mr. Schroeder reviewed the proposed revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards. Changes include specifying nitrogen oxides are precursors to ozone; several definition changes; updating of the primary and secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for lead; and standardization of the use of the term “particulate matter emissions”. The revisions were approved by the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Smith that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards and forward them to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners for review and approval. Second by Mr. Smoyer. Motion carried by acclamation.

II. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislative Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the 2012 Legislative Session. Two legislative bills 968 and 970 (budget bills) were approved and the Department will receive an increase in home visit dollars from funding included in LB968 to assist with Home Visitation. The Health & Human Services & Appropriations Committees will conduct an Interim Study on the Health Care Cash Fund this summer.

B. Ten Essential Services for Public Health - Essential Service #3 - Inform, Educate and Empower People About Health Issues

Ms. Burke provided a presentation on Essential Service #3 - Inform, Educate and Empower People About Health Issues. Information was provided on the importance of health information for the public and the best way to get the information to them. She reviewed the standards and measures, implementation of health promotion strategies and written risk communication plans.

Staff will provide a presentation on Essential Service #4 - Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems at the June 12, 2012 Board of Health Meeting.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting is June 12, 2012 - 5:00 PM.
X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark
Vice-President
HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Health Director and Environmental Health staff continued to work on the Responsible Beverage Server Training ordinance. The City Council approved the ordinance on May 21, 2012. The ordinance enforcement will go into effect in April, 2013.

- The Health Director and several division managers met with Lincoln Fire and Rescue to continue their efforts to enhance collaboration between the two departments.

- The Health Director continues to work with Lincoln Fire and Rescue on the hands only (easycpr.org) CPR Program. A presentation was provided to Health Department staff on May 25th and a press conference was held on May 30th at the Nebraska Heart Institute and Heart Hospital.

- The Sub-Committee of the Board of Health and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Health Department staff continue to meet about tobacco use in City Parks. The Sub-Committee’s recommendation will be presented at the June 12, 2012 Board of Health meeting.

- The Health Director and Assistant City Attorney Tim Sieh are participating in a national study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation regarding the local health department’s relationship with legal counsel.

- The Health Director continues to serve as Vice-President for the Friends of Public Health addressing legislative issues of interest for local health departments. She also met with the Executive Director of the Nebraska Hospital Association to discuss these issues.

- The Service Pin Award Ceremony was held for City employees on May 15, 2012. The following Health Department employees received their service pins: 25 years - Kathy Cook and Magdalena Krynsky; 20 years - Sharla Griess, Carol Kukuk, and Kim Rettig; 15 years - Jim Fobben, Trudy Hofmann, Melissa Oerman, Connie Patterson, Cindy Peters and Anh Tran; 10 years - Angie Elliott, Thurman Hoskins, Corrine Jarecke, Hayley Morinelli and Chris Riffle.

- Employee of the Month - Brenda Monroe - Community Health Services

ANIMAL CONTROL
Animal Control May Stats

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- The Animal Control Advisory Committee met on May 15, 2012. The Committee reviewed reports on potentially dangerous dogs and dangerous dog follow ups, bats, and pet licensing.

- Animal Control Officers responded to 225 bat calls between January 1, 2012 and May 15, 2012 compared to 146 for that same time period in 2011. We expect the increase in bat calls to continue through the year.

- Staff attended the Capital Humane Society’s Tails and Trails event on May 20, 2012. Educational materials were distributed.
- Dog bite and attack reports are increasing with the warmer weather and more people and their pets going outside. Officers have also responded to more wildlife calls recently and more dead animal calls. More time is being spent by the staff on calls from the public regarding a variety of animal issues including; lost and found pets, bites and attacks, strays and potentially dangerous and dangerous dog follow ups.

- The Division Manager and Field Supervisor will meet with several Nebraska Humane Society staff members to discuss common areas of interest and possible joint training.

- Animal Control staff worked with the Center for People in Need to complete a short survey involving low and limited income individuals regarding pet ownership, licensing and rabies vaccination. The survey was completed at the Center for People in Need, Oak Lake Church, and the Malone Center. 200 surveys were completed and are being tallied. The intent is to learn more about pet ownership and the willingness of low income pet owners regarding pet licensing, spay/neuter, vaccination programs and assistance.

- The media information that was distributed regarding bats and rabies was sent to all the local veterinarians.

- The Dental and Nutrition Manager and the Animal Control Manager recently lead a Management Team meeting discussion on employee performance evaluations and employee position descriptions.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

GENERAL ASSISTANCE CASE MANAGEMENT

- In April of 2011, a QI effort began to study the efficiency and effectiveness of LLCHD’s GA Medical Clinic. Revising nurse case management was the focus. Case management outcomes were developed, along with GA staff, the Public Health Clinic Supervisor, and the QI Coordinator, to track health outcomes and possible cost containment. The 4 most common diagnosis/conditions tracked are; diabetes, hypertension, chronic pain management and ED use. In FY 2010-2011;
  
  - 96% of GA clients who were managed for pain and narcotic use had a negotiated pain contract,
  
  - 75% of GA clients with stage 1 or stage 2 hypertension improved their blood pressure by at least one category,
27% of GA clients used the ED and those clients generated 34% of all GA encounters.

- EHS continues to be modified to collect other needed data related to diabetes and ED use which will hopefully be closer to our original outcome measures.

NEW MEDICATION MODULE

- CHS nurses were introduced to a new medication module in EHS, Medications.NET, this month. The new module boasts an expanded data base of medications via First DataBank. CHS nurses have been preparing for this switch by reviewing system release notes, practicing the module in our training database, reviewing a recorded on-line class, and by attending May’s CHS Division Meeting which was dedicated to this topic. IFM helped tremendously in this effort. The conversion to the new medication module will take place May 24th. Helpful features of the new module include; improved display of current medication lists, instant access to medication educational materials for patients, a richer alert system in prescribing medication (e.g. drug-drug interaction severity), and improved search functions (e.g. drug equivalents).

AGES & STAGES DEVELOPMENTAL TESTING

- MCH staff attended a two day training of the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3) held at the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties (CAP) in partnership with Early Head Start of CAP. The ASQ-3 is a screening tool to identify developmental delays in children from 1 month to 5½ years of age. The tool encourages parent/caregiver involvement in the screening and in their child’s development. All of CAP’s Early Head Start staff members were able to attend the first day of training and felt that it was invaluable as they use the same screening tool for the families they serve. The first day of training was titled “An Introduction to Ages & Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3)”. The domains screened by ASQ-3 are: 1) Communication; 2) Gross Motor; 3) Fine Motor; 4) Problem Solving; and 5) Personal-Social. The ASQ is evidenced-based and was initiated in 1980 at the University of Oregon. The second day of training was titled “An Introduction to Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotional”. Utilizing standardized developmental screening tools to monitor child development at specified intervals helps MCH staff meet accreditation standards. All children served by MCH who have a delay or area of concern identified by developmental screening are referred to LLCHD’s Early Development Network. The training was funded by the Community Health Endowment.

Detection Rates of Children with Existing Delays:

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ADVANCED GOAL SETTING

- MCH staff also attended an Advanced Goal Setting webinar provided by Prevent Child Abuse America—New Jersey. Supporting families in setting and achieving goals is a key component of the Healthy Families America home visitation model. The goals of the webinar training were to understand motivational interviewing techniques and to understand and practice developing S.M.A.R.T. goals (Specific; Measurable; Achievable; Realistic; and Time Oriented) with challenging families. The focus of motivational interviewing is to help the family in making their own decisions related to their health and positive parenting. This training was also funded by the Community Health Endowment.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC

More Fruit and Vegetable News!

- In 2009 WIC introduced the “Freggie” check which allowed WIC participants to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables with their WIC vouchers. What a great change to the WIC food package. Research shows that participants are buying more fresh foods, the consumption of fruits and vegetables has increased among WIC families and small neighborhood grocery stores are stocking a larger variety of fresh produce, which benefits the community at large.

- To make purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables with WIC checks easier, participants can now pay the difference between the value of the produce and the value of the WIC voucher. In the past, participants had to return foods if the total exceeded the value of the WIC voucher. Payment may be made with SNAP (food stamps), cash, check debit or credit card.

Dental Health

- During the month of April, dental staff provided 504 patients with 773 patient visits. Of the patients served, 105 were new patients to the dental clinic. Of the 504 clients served, 64% were of racial and ethnic minorities, 53% were children, 47% were adults, 41% fell at or below 100% of poverty, uninsured and receiving services at the minimum fee for service or no fee (5% enrolled in GA), 46% were enrolled in Medicaid, and 13% fell within the range of 100-200% of poverty receiving services on a sliding fee scale.

- Community outreach included working collaboratively with school nurses to identify and transport 7 children from Elliott (3) and Holmes (4) Schools that were identified with
urgent and unmet dental care needs and targeting 5 children and their families at Community Action Partnerships of Lancaster County with the Fluoride Varnish Program and dental health education.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Summer & Swimming – Preventing Waterborne Illnesses

The primary purpose of our public swimming pool inspection and pool operator training program is to prevent waterborne illnesses and injury. Our goal is that at least 80% of pools do not have significant health and safety violations at the time of inspection. In FY11, the goal was exceeded, with 84% of pools meeting public health standards. Prior to Memorial Day, Environmental Public Health Division staff will conduct opening inspections on over 150 seasonal pools. These inspections assure that prior to opening all pools: have a Licensed Pool Operator; have a person trained in CPR; have water test kits; have all required safety equipment, and; meet water quality standards.
Throughout the swimming season, Environmental Health Specialists will inspect each pool at least twice. Pools with high patron loads will be inspected at least three times. Regular inspections serve as an opportunity to interact with the pool operator, and help assure that chemical levels are at optimal levels to reduce the threat of recreational water illnesses (RWIs). Based on CDC data, as the swimming season progresses, the risk of RWIs, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia, increases. In fact, the largest Cryptosporidium outbreak in Lincoln was a result of swimmers being exposed to a diarrhea accident in a public pool in late August.

In addition to inspecting swimming pools, the Health Department staff will train and license over 400 pool operators prior to the start of the swimming season. A competent, well trained pool operator knows the importance of ensuring correct water chemistry, and appropriate responses to fecal accidents to protect public health. LLCHD has issued 207 pool and spa permits so far this year. The swimming pool program is 100% fee funded.

The current City Public Swimming Pool ordinance was last updated in 1990. Health staff has been working with the City Attorney’s Office to update the ordinance and operational standards for public swimming pools. One of the proposed changes is to provide a certification program for any person that is responsible for testing pool water quality and disinfection levels prior to opening and when patrons are using the pool. In 2011, (65) or 58.4% of the 111 pool closures were a result of a lack of a disinfectant or acceptable pH levels.
Once a good working draft ordinance and operational standards are completed, the Department will sponsor several meetings with the pool owners, operators and other key stakeholders to review the proposed changes. After receiving feedback, staff will bring to the Board of Health the proposed Swimming Pool Code and Operational Standards for their review and input.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The MAPP/CHIP committees have been formed and are now beginning to meet. The Access to Care and Chronic Disease Prevention committees are scheduled to meet during the week of May 28th with the other committees scheduled to meet in early June.

There’s still time to add committee members from among our community health partners so if you or you know of someone who is interested in joining a committee please contact Steve Frederick (sfrederick@lincoln.ne.gov or call 402-441-6271). There’s a LLCHD senior staff person responsible for each subcommittee or each topic. One of first items addressed in each committee is to review the current status of the issues and activities and actions taken on the issue. Subject area experts will be asked to pull together information and data about the topic.

- So far this year there have been four bats that were confirmed positive for rabies. While that is a small percent of the total bats that people call about, it is an unusually high number for Lincoln. Animal Control and our Communicable Disease staff work with the persons who may have been in the room with a rabid bat and their health care provider to determine what action, especially prophylaxis, might need to be taken for anyone who may have been in contact with the bat. The ultimate call is the person’s provider. A Physician’s Advisory was sent to both medical practitioners and veterinarians to make
them aware of the unusual number of positive bats this year and the recommendations from the CDC.

- On Saturday, June 9th there is a functional exercise scheduled to set up the 20-bed portable hospital purchased several years ago by the Southeast Nebraska Medical Response System (SEMRS). The Health Department oversees the SEMRS contract and John Cutler, SEMRS Coordinator, and local agency members will be staging the exercise at the Airport. Players will include the Southeast Nebraska Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), the Amateur Radio Club (ham radio operators who are part of the Amateur Emergency Radio System), local emergency managers and a critical access hospital in the region. As with all exercises, any issues and possible improvements will be documented in an After Action Report/ Improvement Plan (AAR/IP).

- A tab for 2010 Census Data has been added to the PHAN (Public Health Association of Nebraska) dashboard that was largely developed by HDE and IMF staff. The data tables are being reviewed now by state and local health department staffs for completeness, and the tab should be live on the site within a short period of time. The link to the PHAN dashboard is data.publichealthne.org.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Injury Prevention

- Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County community task force members and LLCHD Injury Prevention staff coordinated another successful Safe Kids Blast at Pentzer Park. An estimated 500 children and adults attended this safety and health event. Thirty-two community partners participated in the event providing interactive safety education on dozens of topics including how to call 911, why to use seat belts, how to safely cross the street on a bike or walking, water safety, and many more. Numerous city departments in addition to LLCHD participated in this event including Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Lincoln Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Lincoln Electric System.

- Staff presented child passenger safety education to 50 non-English speaking women at Everett Elementary School including information on the state laws regarding use of child safety seats.

Physical Activity/Nutrition

- The City of Lincoln received a Bronze level designation as a Bike Friendly Community in May from the League of American Bicyclists. Lincoln is one of only 214 communities in the country and only the third in Nebraska (Lincoln, Omaha, South Sioux City) to receive the award. In March, Lincoln received
an Honorable Mention designation as a Pedestrian Friendly Community from the Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and Fed Ex. There are 24 designated Walk Friendly Communities in the country. In Nebraska, both Lincoln and Omaha have received an Honorable Mention along with recommended actions to take to achieve a Walk Friendly designation. The applications were completed and submitted by staff from LLCHD, Parks and Recreation and Planning. The first annual Bike to School Day was observed May 9 with events at Prescott and Kahoa Elementary Schools. More than 150 children bicycled to school that day and received information about bicycling safety and bicycling events in Lincoln. 174 second-graders at Maxey Elementary had classroom programs about bicycle safety on May 8.

The Bike to Work Lincoln week launched on May 11 and ended on May 18 with approximately 200 people participating. Lincoln is one of 600 communities nationwide participating in the National Bike Challenge sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and Bikes Belong. The challenge runs from May through August. Lincoln has 605 riders registered with 74 teams and more than 180 businesses. This participation puts Lincoln fourth in the country at this time. Nebraska is currently ranked third out of 50 states and D.C.

**Tobacco Prevention**

Staff coordinated a tobacco retail compliance check with the Lincoln Police Department and four youth volunteers. Four sales were made out of 48 attempts to purchase for an 8% non-compliant rate (92% compliant). Staff coordinated a tobacco retail compliance check with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and 2 youth volunteers. One sale was made out of 21 attempts to purchase for a 4.8% non-compliant rate (95.2% compliant).

**INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

The Information Management Section Supervisor attended the annual SuccessEHS conference with two Community Health Services staff. The Department decided two years ago to send a small representative team every two to three years to the user conference to meet with other users of the electronic medical record; to learn about new features and existing features used in different ways to improve practice. The conference this year focused on the features developed to meet Meaningful Use requirements and Physician Quality Reporting System. The staff attending will bring back information and present what they learned to their peers.
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12001 - Downtown Master Plan Update (Bill #12R-118: Second Reading: 6/18/12)

DATE: June 14, 2012

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
    David Landis, Urban Development
    Marvin Krout, Planning
    David Cary, Planning

Dear Council Members:

Attached please find the minutes of the action by the Planning Commission on Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12001, as amended by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2012. The Factsheet including the minutes was submitted to the City Council prior to the Planning Commission approval of the minutes of May 30, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 402-441-6365, or jpreister@lincoln.ne.gov.

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 12001
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION: May 30, 2012

Francis moved approval, seconded by Gaylor Baird.

Francis believes this is a good plan and she looks forward to seeing the fruits of the labor.

Butcher commended the bicycling community for being actively involved in this process. The safety involved in further development of this process in regard to pedestrians and traffic needs to be a strong consideration. He commended the staff for continuing to develop this effort.

Gaylor Baird expressed her excitement to see this living document, which is in conformance with our larger living document, the Comprehensive Plan, because of all the people who have stepped forward to provide their testimony, input, concerns and cares about our community. She is excited to see improvements in connectivity and refinements in those improvements. It will be a vehicle for redevelopment. Gaylor Baird stated: It’s exciting to see, as Mr. Landis indicated, that this is a living document. It is in conformance with our larger living document, the Comprehensive Plan. It’s living not only because we are seeing all this movement as a result of the plan but also because of all the people who have stepped forward to provide their testimony, their input and their concerns and cares about our wider community. It is exciting to see the improvements in connectivity and the refinements in those improvements. It clearly appears to be something that will strengthen downtown and be a vehicle for economic development. It is very much in conformance. (**As amended at the request of Commissioner Gaylor Baird: 6/13/12**)

Cornelius commented that the value of the plan is demonstrated by the visual aids that indicate the impact the plan has already had in the Downtown, Haymarket and Antelope Valley areas.

Motion for approval carried 8-0: Butcher, Gaylor Baird, Sunderman, Hove, Francis, Lust, Esseks and Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Weber absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Annexation No. 12003 - Villages Gardens PUD
         (Bill #12-70: First Reading: 06/18/12)

DATE: June 14, 2012

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Marvin Krout, Planning
    DaNay Kalkowski, Seacrest & Kalkowski
    Brian Will, Planning

Dear Council Members:

Attached please find the minutes of the continued public hearing and action by the Planning Commission on Annexation No. 12003, as amended by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2012. The Factsheet including the minutes was submitted to the City Council prior to the Planning Commission approval of the minutes of May 30, 2012.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 402-441-6365, or jpreister@lincoln.ne.gov.

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ANNEXATION NO. 12003
and
CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 04075C,
AMENDMENT TO THE VILLAGE GARDENS
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT,
ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED
AT SOUTH 56TH STREET AND PINE LAKE ROAD.
CONT’D PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION: May 30, 2012

Members present: Butcher, Gaylor Baird, Hove, Francis, Lust and Cornelius; Weber, Sunderman and Esseks absent.

Staff recommendation: Approval of the annexation, subject to a revised annexation agreement, and conditional approval of the amendment to the PUD.

There were no ex parte communications disclosed.

Staff presentation: Brian Will of Planning staff noted that these application were on the Planning Commission agenda two weeks ago and delayed at the request of the applicant. About a year ago, the third major amendment to the PUD came through the process, changing the zoning and annexation area. This is a request for both annexation and change of zone in an area that has been shown as part of the larger concept plan of Villages Gardens from the beginning.

Will advised that there is one waiver relative to block length which the staff supports. The only issue relates to access. There is drainage through the site. Staff is supportive of the waiver of block length but suggests that pedestrian access be accommodated. The other issue is connection to Pine Lake Road. As written, staff is recommending that only 60 additional lots be platted until the connection where Blanchard Boulevard is extended to Pine Lake Road. Without that connection, a great majority of the additional traffic would funnel back through the existing development. The applicant is going to suggest a motion to amend which is agreeable to staff. It increases the number of lots from 60 to 66.

Proponents

1. Danay Kalkowski appeared on behalf of the applicants, 1640 LLC and Aspen Builders. This applicant is currently the developer of the property along Yankee Hill Road known as Village Meadows. This proposal basically expands and amends the existing PUD, including an additional 40+ acre area, half of which includes the LPS site and residential property to the east. The plan we are showing does require waiver of block length. The applicant is continuing to work with the City and NRD to provide areas for over-detention, which would provide a public benefit for this entire drainage area by providing additional capacity. This allows some bigger areas with less
crossings, but to do that, the waiver of block length is required. The applicant agrees to include the pedestrian/bicycle crossings requested by Planning.

Kalkowski advised that there will be an amendment to the annexation agreement that will go forward to City Council which addresses the park issue on the LPS site.

Kalkowski agreed with all conditions of approval with the exception of Condition #2.3. Kalkowski submitted a proposed motion to amend:

2.3 Add a note which states “NO MORE THAN 66 LOTS SHALL BE PLATTED IN PHASE II PRIOR TO UNTIL AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR THE EXTENSION OF BLANCHARD BLVD BEING EXTENDED TO CONNECT TO PINE LAKE ROAD IS APPROVED BY THE CITY. LOTS SOUTH OF BRIDLE LANE WILL NOT BE COUNTED WITHIN THE 66 LOTS.”

The applicant was able to meet with Planning and Public Works after the staff report came out. This section of Blanchard Boulevard directly south of Pine Lake Road is a really expensive section of road to build with a drainageway necessitating the construction of a triple box culvert to accommodate the drainage and trail crossing underneath. The proposed amended language provides more flexibility in being able to time that connection in relationship to the actual plans for development. 66 is a better number for the applicant. Staff is in agreement.

Gaylor Baird referred to the comments by the Fire Department, which come up almost every time there is an annexation request. The Fire Department is recommending approval:

under the condition all parties understand the location of these acres relative to the nearest fire station is approximately 2 miles to the corner of 56th and Pine Lake Road with a response time greater than 7 minutes to this intersection.

Gaylor Baird believes this to be a big city-wide problem. This is specifically saying they want people to understand that that is the kind of response time they can expect. Is the applicant addressing this concern or how can it be addressed? Gaylor Baird stated:

We have had briefings with the Fire Department to help us understand that 4 minutes is the standard for response time acceptability, and this is a big city-wide problem and there are things being considered to address it, being very creative and intelligent changes and proposals to locations of fire stations; however, this is specifically saying that they want people to understand that that is the kind of response time that they can expect. Is there any way you are addressing this concern in your development, or do you have any ideas how it can be addressed so that this recommendation that people are aware can be addressed? Kalkowski suggested that the only way to put people on notice is to actually file something of record that is in the of title. Even then, very few people actually look at the title commitment. Kalkowski believes it really comes down to
the community-wide issue and the Fire Department continuing to try to make their issue known, i.e. that we will have this issue about response times while the city grows. This proposal is right next to a developed area. Kalkowski did not have any ideas about how to address this with respect to this specific development. (**As amended at the request of Commissioner Gaylor Baird: 6/13/12**)

There was no testimony in opposition.

ANNEXATION NO. 12003
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION: May 30, 2012

Lust moved approval, seconded by Francis.

Gaylor Baird stated that she will continue to raise this issue on annexations, it is a very real cause for concern should someone need emergency assistance. Four minutes is the standard and we are obviously not hitting that. She is hopeful that the public will make an informed choice when they purchase these lots, recognizing this constraint on the choice that they make: with the hope that this is at least my opportunity and our public body’s opportunity to draw attention to this issue, which is not insignificant because while hopefully an infrequent cause for concern is a very real one should someone need emergency assistance. A response time of 7 minutes is definitely a matter of life or death and brain death. According to the Fire Department, 4 minutes is the standard and we’re obviously not hitting it. So my hope is that the public will just make an informed choice – not that people should not live on the edge or they should not build new homes, but that when they do that they are making an informed choice recognizing that that is a constraint on the choice that they make. (**As Amended at the request of Commissioner Gaylor Baird: 6/13/12**)

Motion for approval carried 6-0: Butcher, Gaylor Baird, Hove, Francis, Lust and Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Weber, Sunderman and Esseks absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.
** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **

June 13, 2012

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 13, 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.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, from 12:00 noon - 12:45 p.m. in Conference Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a briefing by Planning staff on proposed AG Preservation Lots, text amendments to the County Zoning and Land Subdivision regulations.

**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, JUNE 13, 2012

[Commissioners Esseks and Lust absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 30, 2012. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Esseks and Lust absent)**
1. CONSENT AGENDA:
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

PERMITS:
1.1 Special Permit No. 12024, for authority to operate a scrap processing and salvage yard, on property generally located at N. 60th Street and Fletcher Avenue. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 31, 2012, 7-0.
Resolution No. PC-01289.

MISCELLANEOUS:
1.2 Waiver No. 12006, to waive the requirement for a pedestrian way easement from the future N. 91st Street to Blacksmith Road, on property generally located at N. 90th Street and Adams Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Esseks and Lust absent).
Resolution No. PC-01290.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
4.1 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12002, amending the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to add the Antelope Creek Watershed Basin Management Plan to the list of subarea plans in the Plan Realization chapter and to add language to the Energy and Utilities chapter to better describe the variety of watershed planning activities being conducted in Lincoln and Lancaster County.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Esseks and Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
ANNEXATION:
4.2 Annexation No. 10004, to annex approximately 37.00 acres, more or less, on property generally located at N. 108th Street and Holdrege Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to an Annexation Agreement
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, subject to an Annexation Agreement, 7-0 (Esseks and Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council will not be scheduled until the associated Annexation Agreement is completed and scheduled.

PERMITS:
4.3 Combined Special Permit/Use Permit No. 10B, to reduce the minimum required parking on property generally located at N. 66th Street and “O” Street (East Park Plaza).

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 30, 2012, 7-0 (Esseks and Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

5.1a Change of Zone No. 12013, from H-2 Highway Business District to R-2 Residential District, on property generally located at N. 52nd Street and O Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had Continued Public Hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Esseks and Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
5.1b Special Permit No. 435F, to expand the boundaries of the special permit for construction of additional units and a waiver to increase the height, on property generally located at N. 52\textsuperscript{nd} Street and O Street.

*** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission \textit{‘final action’}: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 17, 2012, 7-0 (Esseks and Lust absent).

Resolution No. PC-01291.

PERMITS:

5.2 County Special Permit No. 12015 and City Special Permit No. 12016, for a recreational facility, on property in split jurisdiction generally located at SW 29\textsuperscript{th} Street and W. Wittstruck Road.

*** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had Continued Public Hearing.
Planning Commission \textit{‘final action’}: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 4, 2012, 5-0 (Esseks, Lust and Francis absent; Hove declared a conflict of interest).

Resolution No. PC-01292: County Special Permit No. 12015
Resolution No. PC-01293: City Special Permit No. 12016

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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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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](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 : June 14, 2012

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: June 13, 2012

Please be advised that on June 13, 2012, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolutions No. PC-01289, approving Special Permit No. 12024, with conditions, requested by Sampson Properties, on behalf of Firstar Fiber Corporation, for authority to operate a scrap processing operation and salvage yard on approximately 4.5 acres of property generally located at N. 60th Street and Fletcher Avenue.

Resolution No. PC-01290, approving Waiver No. 12006, requested by Great Western Bank, owner of Outlot F, Prairie Village North Addition, to modify the Land Subdivision Ordinance to waive the requirement that a pedestrian way be provided when a block length exceeds 1,000 feet, on property generally located at N. 90th Street and Adams Street.

Resolution No. PC-01291, approving Special Permit No. 435F, requested by Gateway Properties, Inc., to expand the boundary of an existing special permit for 316 dwelling units of elderly housing and assisted living units, together with a waiver of the design standards to increase the allowable building height to 75 feet, on property generally located at North 56th Street and O Street. (Note: The associated Change of Zone No. 12013, from H-2 Highway Business to R-2 Residential, is tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on July 9, 2012.)

Resolution No. PC-01293, approving City Special Permit No. 12016, requested by Radix, Inc., to expand a special permit to operate a recreational facility in the AG Agricultural District, on property generally located at S.W. 29th Street and Wittstruck Road. (Note: The permitted site is located on property in split jurisdiction. That portion in the Lancaster County jurisdiction was also approved by Resolution No. PC-01292, County Special Permit No. 12015).

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. SP12024, WVR12006, SP435F, SP12016). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
I am one of the owners of the property described as Unit 2, Olston Condominium Regime, located near Hartley and North 36th Street. I receive the tax statements on this real estate.

I received a call from another nearby owner, Jim Olston, that there was to be some hearing today on persons asking for street improvement in that area. I have never received any notice of any proposed improvement hearing, and am wondering if this would in any way affect our property. Could you give me some information on this and let us know if this affects our property in any way. We certainly feel if it does that we should have received a notice of this hearing.

Thank you.

Sally A. Schneider
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June 12, 2012

Dear City Council Member,

I met with both the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission but will be unable to attend the City Council hearing regarding Special permit No. 12019, Lewis-Syford House — 700 North 16th. Please let me use this letter to pose three questions about this matter.

1. **Is the Lewis-Syford house an important Lincoln landmark?**

   Absolutely! The house is unique and everyone agrees that it deserves to be preserved. With open, free discussion, Lincoln should be able to find a use for this property that will preserve its historical integrity and character.

2. **Is the Lewis-Syford House the only or ideal location for the Autism Institute?**

   Many properties have the qualities that the developers of the Autism Institute list as desirable. The Autism Institute does not need to be at the Lewis-Syford house. But plans for the Institute will seriously compromise the property’s appearance and historical integrity.

   The future of the Lewis-Syford house is not a competition between historic preservation and support for handicapped children. The City should instead help the Institute find an ideal site.

3. **Should Lincoln abolish the easements that protect the Lewis-Syford House?**

   The City of Lincoln, the present owners of the Lewis-Syford property, the Historical Society, and the community all accepted easements for the protection of the Lewis-Syford House. We had an agreement. If the Lewis-Syford House has deteriorated, it is because the present owners have not lived up to the agreement they made.

   I hope that Lincoln will keep its word and enforce its agreements.

Please preserve the Lewis-Syford property and Lincoln’s credibility.

Peter Bleed
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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
  General Council

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Comment or Question:
Would you like to create a Christmas for taxpayers?
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Every year, taxpayers could celebrate with a Taxpayer?s Holiday if every federal, state, and LOCAL GOVERNMENT employee was given an annual paid vacation day on the Monday closest to our average rate of taxation. (Google Tax Freedom Day) This new fringe benefit for your secretary should make so many taxpayers mad that every politician will be forced to cut some spending every year just to prevent another revolution. Sort like when the bridge-to-nowhere forced every Congressman to read the bill that they had already voted for. And every daily newspaper will want to maximize their profits during the week of a Taxpayer?s Holiday by publishing a five to seven day series of reports on government fraud and waste. This will make those angry taxpayers even angrier and give them an annual audit they can use for punishing politicians who are not cooperating. Sort of like the report cards that teachers and parents use for rewarding and punishing uncooperative students. Which might explain why my Senators and Congressman have ignored by emails. And why I have written to you.
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But if your secretary is worried about the cost of another paid vacation day for government employees, her concerns could be resolved by rescheduling President?s Day as a Taxpayer?s Holiday. With only one holiday for promoting both patriotism and lower taxes, some people will celebrate twice as hard and stimulate the economy. And I think George Washington would approve of ?No Taxation Without Justification.?
Dear City Council,

Please vote in favor of the proposed site for the FEAT Academy. The school will provide desperately needed help for families with children on the autism spectrum. Having the school at UNL will help integrate the university into the school. Having the site and renovations donated by big hearted individuals in the community means the school can open in months and not years. Study after study shows what an enormous difference a school like this can make -- and what an enormous difference it makes starting as early as possible with these children.

Sincerely,
David Martin
I am writing to you to express that I am in favor of the FEAT Academy for Autism using the proposed site on UNL. This is a much needed service to our community and this unused site would be perfect. I understand the feelings about preserving history, but in my opinion having that building sit empty for any longer doesn't make sense. Especially when we have the opportunity to provide something that is so needed.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Stoltenberg
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Register your child now for “Read to a Dog” program.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. The City Board of Zoning Appeals meeting scheduled for June 29, 2012 has been canceled.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Open House. Warlick; 14th and Old Cheney, Project #701156. The meeting will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Christ’s Place Church, 1111 Old Cheney Road.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. David Clark writing in support of the FEAT academy moving into the Lewis Syford Historic House.
2. Fran Jones asking Council to vote yes for the FEAT Academy move into the Lewis Syford House on the UNL campus.
3. Lorrie E. Bryant, Ph.D. asking for a yes vote on the FEAT Academy being allowed to locate at the Lewis Syford House on the UNL campus.
4. Suzanne E. Kemp. Ph.D., letter in support for the autism private school to be located at the Lewis-Syford House, with Director Chrissy McNair.
5. Michael Collins asking Council to vote yes for the FEAT Academy.
6. Gail McNair listing reasons why the proposed school for autistic children would be a great benefit and that the Lewis Syford House is the ideal site.
7. Dan Schlitt, in support of the proposed bike lane downtown.
8) Article, “Green Lanes Bring Bicycling Into the 21st Century”.
9. Annie Guenzel requesting Council to vote yes to allowing the FEAT academy to use the Lewis-Syford house to serve children.
10. Benjamin Dinger writing in full support of the updated Downtown Master Plan. Happy to see potentially more bike lanes.
11. Aaron Chambers writing in support of the Downtown Master Plan Update and for installing protected bikeway on N Street.
12. Tiffany Ryck expressing her support of the proposed changes to the Downtown Mater Plan, highly valuing the commitment to providing and maintaining trails and bike lanes.
13. Rick Dockhorn writing regarding the proposed bikeway on N Street.
14. Angela Coniglio expressing support of the proposed Downtown Plan which includes a bike lane.
15. Media Release from the Community Health Endowment. Annual Meeting to feature Joe Flower, Healthcare Futurist, June 25, 2012 at 3:00 p.m..
16. Angela Tucci, Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation President, will attend today’s meeting and writing in support of the 2012 Downtown Lincoln Master Plan Update.
17. Louise Guylon giving thoughts on a Lincoln article regarding a child and dog.
18. Steve Beal, Lincoln Animal Control, with information on the owners reclaiming the dog and paying the fees.
19. Holly Foster writing in support for the 2 way bike lane proposed for N Street.
20. Angela Garbacz stating appreciation for an addition of the two-way bike lane on N Street, as well as other improvements to existing lanes on 11th and 14th Streets.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 15, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8565

REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW FOR “READ TO A DOG” PROGRAM

Registration is now open for the “Read to a Dog” program offered by Lincoln City Libraries and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program provides an opportunity for children ages 6 to 12 to practice their reading by reading aloud to a dog.

Therapy teams are partnered with children who read to a dog in 20-minute shifts, once a week for six weeks. The current summer session began June 4 and runs through Friday, July 13 at these library branches:

- Eiseley Branch, 1520 Superior St., Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register, contact Dan at 402-730-5274.
- South Branch, 2675 South St., Thursdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. To register, contact Jayne at 402-440-0983.
- Gere Branch, 2400 S. 56th St., Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. To register, contact Mimi at 402-217-9019.

Pre-registration is required at these branch libraries.

Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St., offers a drop-in program from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. Saturdays June 23, July 14 and July 28. Pre-registration is not required for the drop-in program.

For more information on Lincoln City Libraries, visit lincolnlibraries.org.
Date: June 15, 2012
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of June 16 through 22, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Monday, June 18
• National Congress of American Indians midyear conference, remarks and medallion presentations - 9 a.m., Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.
• Mayor’s Arts Awards, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St.

Tuesday, June 19
• KLIN - 8:10 a.m.
• West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, June 21
• Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development breakfast, remarks - Cornhusker Hotel
• News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
INTERNATIONAL FIRE/EMS SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK BEGINS JUNE 17

Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) will participate in the 2012 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week June 17 through 23. Safety and Health Week is sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) with the support of a network of fire service, health and safety organizations. The goal of the week is to improve firefighter safety and health to help them survive emergencies and live longer.

“Lincoln Fire and Rescue will observe Safety and Health Week by recommitting ourselves to workplace safety,” said Battalion Chief Derald Murrell. “Our firefighters work tirelessly to protect the city. To ensure a constant state of readiness, we’ll focus on our own health and safety to help us deliver the high quality of service residents expect and deserve in the most effective, efficient and safest way possible.”

The theme for this year’s observance is “Rules You Can Live By.” Fire and EMS personnel will use the tools and resources of two nationally acclaimed programs – the IAFC Safety, Health and Survival Section’s Rules of Engagement and the NVFC’s Heart-Healthy Firefighter Program.

Heart attacks are the leading cause of on-duty firefighter fatalities, and about 81,000 firefighters are injured each year.

LFR employs 295 firefighters and EMS personnel. More information on LFR is available at fire.lincoln.ne.gov. More information on International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week is available at safetyandhealthweek.org.
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June 15, 2012

OPEN HOUSE
Warlick; 14th & Old Cheney
Project #701156

The public is invited to an open house on Thursday, June 21, 2012 on the improvement project planned for the intersections of 14th Street, Warlick Boulevard and Old Cheney Road. The meeting is from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Christ’s Place Church, 1111 Old Cheney Road.

The meeting kicks off the design competition phase for the project. The City wants public feedback to help traffic design engineers understand driver’s experiences in the area and to generate ideas to improve traffic flow and safety. No formal presentations are planned, but representatives of the City Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to discuss the project. The City will provide information about the need for improvements, the design competition, the schedule and the public involvement process.

In the fall, firms in the design competition will present conceptual design ideas. The final design process will occur next year, and construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2014.

More information on the project is available at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). More information on the open house is available by contacting Holly Lionberger, Public Works and Utilities, at 402-326-0593 or hlionberger@lincoln.ne.gov.
Dear Council Members,
My name is David Clark and I am a resident and business owner here in Lincoln, Nebraska. I support the FEAT Academy moving into the Lewis Syford Historic House and I hope you will vote to move this much needed project forward. Please vote YES to FEAT!
Thank you,
David Clark
Dear Council Members:

I am a citizen of Lincoln, Nebraska - a registered voter - and I would like to ask you all to vote YES for the FEAT Academy usage of the Lewis Syford House on the campus of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

I believe the vote is Monday, June 18, 2012.

I will be anxiously waiting for the results of your votes.

Thank you, in advance.

Best Regards,

Fran Jones
Dear City Council Members:

As a citizen of Lincoln and a provider of services to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders, please vote YES for the FEAT Academy to be allowed to locate at the Lewis Syford House on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. This school is needed to meet the needs of these children who can benefit from more intensive services.

Sincerely,
Lorrie E. Bryant, Ph.D.

8021 Preserve Ln.
Lincoln, NE  68516
June 14, 2012

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

The purpose of this letter is to state my support for the private school that will be focusing on students with autism at the Lewis-Syford House, whose Director is Chrissy McNair. I have been in the field of special education for more than 27 years. Beginning as a teacher and Education Director for a program for students with disabilities, an administrator in LPS, and currently on faculty at UNL - teaching and supervising future special education teachers. It is based on these experiences that I write this letter of support.

I strongly believe that parents in our community, who have children with autism, need to have an alternative to public education that focuses on their child’s unique needs. I have discussed Chrissy’s proposed mission for the school and educational philosophies and they are grounded in quality research and will have a positive impact on the students attending her school.

While there is no formal relationship between Chrissy’s school and UNL, I can foresee that it may become an appropriate training site for our pre-service teachers and an environment rich for research. Therefore, finding a location close to the UNL campus would be ideal so students can easily access this program.

I wish I could attend the hearing today but I am teaching summer school but hope that my support for the program has been clearly articulated. I believe that educational alternatives are good and the chosen location would be ideal to facilitate students and researchers accessing the school.

Please feel free to contact me at 402-472-0084 if you would like to further discuss my opinions of the school or need clarification on any of my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Suzanne E. Kemp, Ph.D
Assistant Professor of Practice
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Special Education and Communication Disorders
Please vote YES for the FEAT Academy. The FEAT Academy will provide a much needed service for those living with Autism.
Dear Council Members,

I am sure you all agree that the proposed school for autistic children would be tremendous for Lincoln and Nebraska, and especially for our children and families dealing with the effects of autism, providing hope for their futures. I hope that you will consider that proposed site for the school –the Lewis Syford House on the UNL campus- is the ideal site for this school and vote yes to uphold the Planning Council’s decision due to the following:

• The UNL campus location will enable the college students to work with the children dealing with the effects of autism in a hands-on-learning environment, gaining experience that will benefit Lincoln and Nebraska as they graduate and bring their training to the “real” world.

• Refurbishing a historic home and restoring it to a home-life environment to enable these young children to learn skills beyond the classroom to help them live as successful adults.

• Establish the only school for autistic children in Nebraska in a location that makes the statement that Lincoln values all its children and supports efforts to maximize their possibilities.

• Lincoln values historic preservation, while ensuring that these historic sites are revitalized and used as they were intended to serve this community. I have not been in the house for four years, but the house was drastically in need of refurbishing at that point, and I know nothing has been doing to it since then. What better way to preserve its historic value than restoring it to reflect the home it used to be.
Best regards,

Gail McNair

1655 Dakota Circle, 68502

402-421-1740
The issue of protected bike lanes will be coming before you soon. I have attached an interesting article related to this issue which may provide some wider context.

Although I don't ride as much as I did when I was a student at Norhteast long ago or when it was my transportation to work at UNL, I think that the proposed lane downtown is a very good idea.

/dan
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Lincoln

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Green Lanes Bring Bicycling Into the 21st Century

With positive results for the economy, the environment, our health and our commutes

June 5, 2012 | by Jay Walljasper
Community Life, Environment

A few years ago it seemed quixotic to declare city streets as commons belonging to all of us. Cars were the undisputed Kings of the Road. But things are now changing in many places around the U.S. with the rise of Green Lanes—bicycles lanes physically separated from rushing traffic, which makes people feel more safe and secure pedaling around town. Pedestrians and motorists also benefit from this transportation transformation, as bicyclists no longer ride on the sidewalk or take up lanes meant for motor vehicles. — Jay Walljasper

You can glimpse the future right now in forward-looking American cities—a few blocks here, a mile there where people riding bicycles are protected from rushing cars and trucks.

Chicago’s Kinzie Street, just north of downtown, offers a good picture of this transportation transformation. New bike lanes are marked with bright green paint and separated from motor traffic by a series of plastic posts. This means bicyclists glide through the busy area in the safety of their own space on the road. Pedestrians are thankful that bikes no longer seek refuge on the sidewalks, and many drivers appreciate the clear, orderly delineation about where bikes and cars belong.

“The idea is to create the kind of bike networks that will attract the 60 percent of all Americans who say they would bike more if they felt safer.”

About the Author

Jay Walljasper, Senior Fellow at On the Commons and editor of OnTheCommons.org, created OTC’s book All That We Share: A Field Guide to the Commons. A speaker, communications strategist and writer and editor, he chronicles stories from around the world that point us toward a more equitable, sustainable and enjoyable future. He is author of The Great Neighborhood Book and a senior associate at the urban affairs consortium CitiScope. Walljasper also writes a column about city life for Shareable.net and is a Senior Fellow at Project for Public Spaces and Augsburg College’s Sabo Center for Citizenship and Learning. For more of his work, see JayWalljasper....

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Klein heralds this new style of bike lane as one way to improve urban mobility in an era of budget shortfalls. “They’re dirt cheap to build compared to road projects.”

“The Kinzie project was discombobulating to the public when it first went in,” notes Alderman Margaret Laurino, chair of the city council’s Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee. “Business owners had questions. But now people understand it and we’re ready to do more.”

“Protected bike lanes are not just for diehard bicyclists—they offer a level of safety and confidence for less experienced riders,” adds Rey Colón, a Chicago alderman who first saw how well these innovations work on a trip to Seville, Spain.

Mayor Rahm Emmanuel campaigned on the promise of building 100 miles of these “green lanes” over the next four years to heighten the city’s appeal to new businesses. After the protected bike lane opened on Kinzie Street last year, more were installed on Jackson Boulevard and 18th Street on the city’s Near West Side. Thirteen more miles are planned this summer throughout the city. (The Chicago suburb of Evanston just announced plans to install protected bike lanes on one of its busy streets.)

Green Lanes Mean Go

People on bikes everywhere feel more safe and comfortable on busy streets with a physical barrier between them and motor vehicles. In some places it’s a plastic post or line of parked cars. In others it’s a curb, planter or slightly elevated bike lanes. But no matter what separates people on bikes from people in cars, the results are hefty increases in the number and variety of people bicycling.

“We’ve seen biking almost triple on parts of 15th Street NW since installing a protected bike lane last year,” reports Jim Sebastian, Active Transportation Project Manager for the District of Columbia. “And we’re seeing different kinds of cyclists beyond the Lycra crowd. People in business suits, high heels, families out for a ride, more younger and older people.”

This particular bike lane—one of more than 50 protected bikeways built recently in at least 20 cities from New York to Minneapolis to Long Beach, California—is richly symbolic for Americans. It follows 15th St. NW to the White House.

“This is what cities of the future are doing to attract businesses and young people,” notes Andy Clarke, president of the League of American Bicyclists. “People don’t want to drive all the time; they want a choice.”

The Greening of America’s Streets

The Green Lane Project, an initiative to showcase these next-generation transportation improvements, was launched May 31 in six U.S. cities: Chicago, Washington D.C., Memphis, Austin, San Francisco and Portland, Oregon. The effort is coordinated by the Bikes Belong Foundation. Advisors to the project include New York City Department of Transportation (which has already pioneered 5 miles of protected lanes on six streets), the National Association of City Transportation Officials and the League of American Bicyclists. Major funders include Volkswagen of America, SRAM, Interbike, the Taiwan Bicycle Exporters Association and the Bikes Belong Coalition.

The name “green lane” was chosen not only to draw attention to the typical color of protected bike lanes but also to highlight their potential in improving the urban environment and saving on transportation costs. “Green lanes are not just a color on the street. They are paths to better cities,” the project’s website explains, adding that more people on bikes eases congestion and boosts residents’ health, sense of community and economic opportunities.

The project will connect elected officials, city planners, traffic engineers, bike advocates and citizens in these six cities to share experiences, trade data and swap ideas, says Project Director
Martha Roskowski. Until this year she ran GO Boulder, the alternative transportation effort at the city of Boulder, Colorado, which built its first protected bike lane in the early 1990s.

“For cities, green lanes are like finding a whole new drawer of tools in your toolbox,” Roskowski notes. “Our mission is to expand the knowledge on how to use these tools. How to get them on the ground. How to fine tune them. How to make them work best.”

Five years ago, these designs were barely on the horizon in the U.S. although they’ve been standard in Europe for decades. “Today, cities across the country are looking to green lanes to tame busy streets and connect missing links in the bicycling network,” she says. She points to the 2011 publication of a design guide by the National Association of City Transportation Officials as a key factor creating momentum for green lanes. “The guide shows cities how to combine existing, approved design elements in new ways to create these spaces,” says Roskowski.

“The idea is to create the kind of bike networks that will attract the 60 percent of all Americans who say they would bike more if they felt safer,” says Randy Neufeld, a longtime bike advocate in Chicago who as Director of the SRAM Cycling Fund helped start the Green Lane Project. “It’s about helping people from 8 to 80 to feel safe biking on city streets.”

The six Green Lane Project cities will receive technical assistance and support, backed by targeted grants to help carry out their plans. Other cities around the country will soon be able to tap into a comprehensive resource center of data, documentation and best practices compiled by the project.

Protected bike lanes are often accompanied by other safety improvements—paint that marks bicyclists’ path through intersections; designated spaces at stoplights that give two-wheel traffic a slight head start; and traffic signals dedicated to people on bikes. All these measures reduce car/bike collisions by making people on bikes more visible and clearly assigning priority at intersections. In addition, many cities around the country are also building buffered bike lanes, where wide patches of paint rather than physical barriers separate bicyclists from cars and trucks.

The proliferation of new bikesharing systems—where people can conveniently rent bikes at on-street stations with a credit card and return them to another station near their destination—creates new demand for green lanes by getting more riders on the streets. Bike share is now running full board in Washington, Denver, Boston, Minneapolis, Chattanooga and Miami Beach and coming soon to New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and other cities. Roskowski notes that the recent rise of bikesharing and protected bike lanes are linked. “Bikeshare puts new people on bikes who want safer, more comfortable place to ride.”

Bikes—Not Just for Ultra Fit Athletes Anymore

The United States has witnessed a boom in bicycling over the past 15 years, proving that bikes aren’t just for kids and recreational riders anymore. They are an essential component of 21st Century transportation systems that can cut congestion on crowded streets, save money in transportation budgets, improve traffic safety and reduce pollution.

The number of American commuting to work by bike has climbed 43 percent since 2000, according to census figures. And numbers are even higher in places making their streets more accommodating for bicyclists. New York City, Boston, Seattle and Minneapolis-St. Paul have all doubled the number of people on bikes over the past five years. In Portland, Oregon, 6 percent of all commuters travel to work by bike—an achievement matched by smaller cities such as Gainesville, Florida; Madison, Wisconsin; and Cambridge, Massachusetts—and surpassed in Boulder, Colorado (10 percent) and Davis, California (22 percent).

Yet overall, America still lags behind many Western nations in embracing bikes as a form of transportation. Only one percent of all trips nationally are made by people on bicycles today (up from 0.43 percent a few years ago). There are many explanations—some practical, some philosophical—for why most Americans bike infrequently.
The sprawling layout of many cities and suburbs is one obvious cause. The decline of physical activity among many Americans, even kids, is a likely contributing factor. Some observers point to automobiles’ long reign as a status symbol. Others suggest that many Americans view bicycling as a white, upper-middle class hobby, not as a form of transportation for average families.

Many cities are paying particular attention to make sure that low-income and minority communities—where many families don’t own cars and others are financially strapped by the rising costs of operating one—have access to state-of-the-art biking facilities. With a 63 percent African-American population, Memphis was selected as one of the six Green Lane cities in part because of Mayor AC Wharton Jr.’s strong support for biking as essential, not a frill, for a city with one of the highest diabetes rates in the country and where 15 percent of households have no access to a car.

Danny Solis—a Latino alderman representing a district on Chicago’s West Side with a high percentage of Mexican-Americans, African-Americans and Asian-Americans—says good bike lanes are important to improving public safety and economic vitality in lower-income communities. “It increases interaction between neighbors, which is a boost for businesses and keeps the gangbangers away.”

Encouraging more people to ride bikes offers substantial rewards for all Americans, whether they ride a bike or not, by using streets more efficiently to move people and offering an economical choices in transportation as well as addressing looming problems such as the obesity epidemic and volatile fuel prices. And it gets even better from there—the more people ride, the more benefits we’ll all see.

Nobody Said It Was Going to Be Easy

Of course, any proposal to reconfigure the streets—even in modest ways—can stir opposition. It’s true that in some cases, carving out space for people on bikes means reducing parking spaces or travel lanes for cars. In other designs, parking and travel lanes stay the same as existing bike lanes are upgraded with the addition of bollards, or parking is rearranged so that bike lanes run adjacent to the curb.

A follow up study tracking the 15th Street Green Lanes in Washington found that 78 percent of people living nearby view the project as a neighborhood amenity. And in New York City, protected bike lanes sparked a heated debate in recent years when politically well-connected figures lobbied to rip them out. But a slew of opinion polls showed that most city residents approved of the changes, even if they themselves did not ride bikes, and the lanes stayed.

Minneapolis Mayor RT Rybak acknowledges a “bikelash” is possible when Green Lanes are first introduced in a community, but notes that in this era of shrinking municipal budgets, “We need to get more use from all the streets we already have. It really is the idea that bikes belong.”

How the U.S. Can Become a World Leader

It’s not Utopian to think that the United States could become a world leader in bicycling. Americans are an enterprising people, who are capable of almost anything when we apply our ingenuity and technical expertise toward a goal. Who says we can’t match Germany (where 10 percent of all trips are made by bike), Denmark (18 percent) or even the Netherlands (27 percent), all of which are wealthy nations like us where most people own cars?

Protected bike lanes, commonplace throughout Europe and Asia, are a big part of how we accomplish this. Making people feel safer on the streets was how the Netherlands’ engineered a 100 percent increase in bicycling since the 1970s, as well as Germany’s even more dramatic rise from 2 to 10 percent of all trips over the past 15 years. Even a city like Seville, Spain, where almost no one biked a few years ago now boasts a 6-7 percent bike mode share thanks to a network of protected bike lanes built since 2007.
In the United States, we tend to view bicyclists as a unique breed willing to brave city traffic. Bicyclists in Europe are considered no different than anyone else. In the Netherlands, for example, 55 percent of all riders are women, compared to about 25 percent here. Dutch bicyclists over 55 ride at comparable rates to the rest of the population, which is far different than here. And 55 percent of school-age children in the Netherlands ride to school on a regular basis. In the U.S. only 16 percent of kids either bike or walk regularly, down from 42 percent in 1969.

The ultimate goal of the Green Lane Project is to make bicycling feel as normal to Americans as shopping for groceries or walking the dog.

A Tale of Six Cities

Chicago and the five other cities taking part in the Green Lane Project (chosen from a field of 43 applicants) are undertaking ambitious efforts over the next two years to build protected lanes and other 21st century bike facilities. They aim to show how Americans can enjoy the numerous benefits of increased biking—and in the process reap the rewards of standing out as a leader in urban quality-of-life.

San Francisco — San Francisco debuted one of the country’s first protected bikeways on its main commercial thoroughfare Market Street in 2009, which will be expanded as part of the city’s Green Lanes strategy. A new lane recently opened on Golden Gate Park’s JFK Drive and more are planned for the Civic Center, SOMA and Castro districts and potentially the Embarcadero, a road winding along the bayfront.

“Every person bicycling is opening up space on the streets and a parking space at the end of their journey,” notes Leah Shahum, executive director of the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. “The city is projected to grow in coming decades but we have no more space to move people around. It makes smart fiscal sense to invest in bicycling—it’s the most inexpensive way to move more people.”

*Austin*— City officials cut the ribbon April 23 for a protected bike lane running 4/10 of a mile on Rio Grande Street near the University of Texas campus, and as many as 10 are in the planning stage. “Green Lanes are safer, hands down,” observes the city’s bicycle program manager Annick Beaudet. “A lot of people are still afraid to get on a bike here so that makes Green Lanes very important to us.”

Mayor Lee Leffingwell declares, “As one of the most congested cities of our size nationally, bicycling is certainly a realistic way to address this problem. But I also value the contribution to the economy that comes with the provision of smart transportation options that attract major employers to Austin.”

Portland —As the large American city with arguably the best network of on-street bikeways and undeniably the highest ridership, Portland looks to Green Lanes as the best way to make sure the number of bicyclists continues to grow. “The more separation you create between people on bikes and fast-moving cars, the more people you will see on riding,” says city bicycle coordinator Roger Geller. “And the more people biking the more benefits everyone gets in terms of health, community, safety and the environment.”

Portland inaugurated its first Green Lane downtown and recently completed two others in the Northwest and Southwest quadrants of the city with more to come.

Washington D.C. — Washington striped its first on-street bike lane 40 years ago, but bicycling in the city really took off with the advent of the Capital Bikeshare program in 2010 and the protected bike lane on 15th St. NW, which connects to a popular buffered bike lane on Pennsylvania Avenue leading all the way to the U.S. Capitol. Another Green Lane on L Street is up next. Overall, Washington has seen an 80 percent increase in bicycling since 2007.
Capital Bikeshare is currently the nation’s largest with 1200 bikes (2800 by the end of the year) available for short term rental at 180 stations, which average 6000 rides a day by DC residents, commuters and tourists. (New York is set to launch a system this summer that will number 10,000 bikes by next year.)

“This is the time of the bicycle,” observes Ellen Jones, chair of Washington’s Bicycle Advisory Council and a director of the Downtown Business Improvement District. “People want to live and work in places where they have a lot of choices for how to get around. That makes you feel great about a place like Washington.”

Memphis — Mayor AC Wharton Jr. is behind the push to make Memphis a bicycling leader among Sun Belt cities. “We believe in the power of bicycle facilities to enhance the health, economy and safety of our community,” he says.

Work on the city’s first Green Lane, a 1½ mile connection between a popular park and a well-traveled rail-trail, starts soon. Bikeway/Pedestrian Coordinator Kyle Wagenschutz, says, “We’re not building trails just for people who already bike—we want to energize the growth of cycling in the city as a legitimate sources of transportation.”

Memphis, like most cities, does not promote bicycling simply as a transportation policy, but also as economic development strategy. “The job recruiters at FedEx and our medical centers talk about the importance of being a good place to bike in attracting talent here,” Wagenschutz says. “Recently I met with a partner at the law firm, Bass, Berry & Sims, who told me he did not ride a bike and was not interested in riding a bike, but he wanted to tell us how appreciative he is for how helpful all the bike improvements have been in recruiting young lawyers to their firm.”
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Dear City Council,

I am a citizen of Lincoln and am asking you to please vote yes to allowing the FEAT academy to use Syford house to serve children! This is a perfect location and there are so many people devoted to making a difference in children with autism and developmental disabilities, please be one of them.

Thank you,
Annie

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Annie Guenzel
(402) 617-7293
annieguenzel@gmail.com
Ladies and Gentlemen of the City Council,
As a lifelong Lincoln resident, I'm fully in support of the updated Downtown Master Plan that you will be voting on Monday afternoon. I am a very proud bicycle commuter by choice, and it's changed my life so among other things I am very happy to see Lincoln evolving and (potentially) adding more bike lanes.

Please consider this the support of me and my wife.

Thank You,

Benjamin Dinger
5510 Covey Ct, Lincoln
Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing from far away Costa Rica because of my concern regarding the Downtown Master Plan Update and tomorrow's meeting. I am a lifelong resident of Lincoln and find myself quite pleased with our city. One of the main reasons for that is the ease and freedom with which I operate my bicycle around town. As you may know, Lincoln is one of the most friendly cities for bicycles in the Midwest and is currently also leading the nation in the National Commuter Challenge, a free program in which riders track their daily miles on a website sponsored by the League of American Cyclists. We are beating out bicycling powerhouses like Burlington, VT and Madison, WI (and especially Omaha - by a huge margin!).

This tells me that Lincoln is unique when it comes to cycling infrastructure and its potential to reduce wear on the roads, increase residents' wellbeing, and lower health costs. Our network of trails, which comprises more than 120 miles within our 75sqmi area, is nationally recognized and was a major factor in our recent Bronze Designation with the League of American Cyclists for being a "Bicycle Friendly Community".

Installing a protected bikeway on "N" street would do much more than serve as the downtown link between two of our major trail areas (Antelope Valley/MoPac - Salt Creek/Jamaica North), it would also draw more cyclists into downtown and encourage those cyclists who ride on the sidewalks illegally to join street traffic. Objections to losing parking spots because of the bikeway may have their reasonings, but there is also the logic that more bikes downtown equals more open parking spaces for cars. The research on the Master Plan has shown that only 7% of cyclists are confident enough to ride in the lanes with traffic while 40% would ride if they felt safer. We are looking at a significant leap in downtown ridership among families, casual cyclists and commuters that this protected bikeway stands to facilitate. I do not feel it is a stretch to say that this would also constitute a much lighter parking burden on "N" street.

A relevant personal anecdote: my father recently started commuting to work downtown from South Pointe at the age of 58. He is able to ride our wonderful trail system the entire way to downtown, but must get off and walk his bike several blocks down the sidewalk once he reaches 18th street because he does not feel safe in the lanes of traffic. That is just one example of the many people this proposed bikeway would positively affect.

Thanks for your time! Keep moving us forward!

Aaron Chambers
Lecturer of Spanish
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
1124 Oldfather Hall
Lincoln, NE 68588
To Whom It Concern,
I will not be able to attend the City Council meeting on Monday June 18\textsuperscript{th}, but I wanted to write a letter to express my support of the proposed changes to the Downtown Master Plan. As a cyclist in the city of Lincoln I highly value the commitment to providing and maintaining trails and bike lanes. Enhancing our city’s bicycle transportation options is one of the things that makes this city progressive, shows it’s passion for making it better for all citizens, and makes it more attractive to those relocating here from out-of-state. In my management position at a downtown business, I have the opportunity to interview and hire candidates from all over the U.S. In recent meetings with several out-of-state candidates, expressing my passion for biking and the ease of doing so in Lincoln has been a topic of our conversation; and it makes me proud that this is one of the selling points of this city.

As a homeowner living in the Near South neighborhood and working downtown, 75\% of my biking is done in downtown; and having dedicated bike lanes has been instrumental in my choice to commute by bike rather than drive. I have a 1.5 mile commute and the gas, emissions and road-wear hardly seem worth it for that short of a distance. Without the bike lane on 14\textsuperscript{th} Street, I would be more apprehensive about biking to work during the early morning traffic. On the other hand, my return trip during some the heaviest traffic of the day, I do ride in a shared traffic lane, which poses a variety of dangers to me. Having dedicated bike lanes is safer for cyclists and drivers alike; and having them protected is even more beneficial. Shared use lanes are great, but many drivers do not agree and riding in a traffic lane can be very dangerous for a cyclist.

The part of the proposed additions to the Downtown Master Plan that resonate with me can be summed up in this section:

**Guiding Principles**

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**
- Elevate the status of pedestrians and bicyclists in the community to be an integral part of the Transportation Plan.
- Provide bicyclists and pedestrians safe, direct, and convenient access to all destinations served by the Lincoln area streets and roads network.

The status of bicyclists and pedestrians can easily become an afterthought in a Transportation Plan because transportation is typically thought of as driving. In a community such as Lincoln that encourages health and wellness activities among its citizens and focuses on promoting alternative modes of transportation, we must incorporate those needs into the transportation planning. The second bullet is what I feel most strongly about. While there are many bike friendly routes in Lincoln, I typically have to go somewhat out of my way to get from point A to point B or take a more direct path which is likely not as safe of a route. Making trails, sidewalks (where applicable) and bike lanes that allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel safely and conveniently is my number one desire.

Thank you for reading my letter and listening to my concerns. I am glad to be a citizen in a progressive, attentive and vibrant city such as Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Ryck
June 18, 2012

TO: Lincoln City Council
FR: Rick Dockhorn
RE: Proposed Bikeway on “N “ Street Concerns

Council Members:

This letter neither supports nor opposes the proposed bikeway.

- I do support the effort that my city is making to increase interest in bicycling on some other facility than the trail system; this effort is long overdue.
- I oppose the building of the bikeway as a facility to do that.

I understand the perception is that this will provide safe separated travel lanes for cyclists. In reality, while it will provide the separate travel lanes, it will not increase the level of safety, any more than it already exists. Cyclists will still have to deal with cars at intersections and turn lanes as well as any other venues that the cyclists chooses to use when they leave the bikeway. If anything, cyclists using the bikeway will be lulled into a false sense of security.

As an avid commuter, I am on the streets of Lincoln daily, including “N” street, as are many other cyclists. The real problem here is not the lack of facilities, but that my city has not done enough to promote the fact that cycling is already safe on the streets of Lincoln to its residents. Again, as a commuter, I fear that when the bikeway is built I will be required to use it instead of riding where I choose.

Having ridden in many other cities, I am continually impressed as to how accessible, riding by bike in Lincoln is, but we don’t bother to tell our residents this fact.
Dear City Council,

I just wanted to write to express my support of the proposed Downtown Plan that includes a bike lane. A rookie cyclist, I’m in awe of the Lincoln bike trails and how easily someone can get around town on a bike. This plan further promotes the idea that Lincoln is a bike-friendly, green community, which attracts and keeps young professionals in our town.

Thanks for your consideration,
Angela Coniglio
Media Release

To: Media

CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council

From: Lori Seibel, President/CEO, 402-436-5516
Community Health Endowment

Date: May 29, 2012

Re: CHE Annual Meeting with the Community

Community Health Endowment Annual Meeting
To Feature Joe Flower, Healthcare Futurist

Joe Flower, healthcare futurist and writer, will be the featured speaker at the Community Health Endowment’s Annual Meeting with the Community at BryanLGH East Medical Plaza, 1600 S. 48th Street, on June 25, 2012 at 3:00 pm. With over 30 years of experience, Joe Flower is a premier observer and thought leader on the forces changing healthcare in the United States and around the world.

Flower is a systems thinker and change agent and has incorporated these concepts into his forthcoming book, “Healthcare Beyond Reform: Doing It Right For Half The Price.” Visit www.imaginewhatif.com to learn more about Flower and his writings. Prior to the Annual Meeting, Flower will speak to an audience of local healthcare executives.

The Annual Meeting will also feature the presentation of the annual Horizon and Closing the Gap Awards. This event is free and open to the public. Please register to attend at http://cheannualmeeting2012.eventbrite.com or call 402-436-5516.

Joe Flower is available for interview and comment prior to the event. Please contact CHE for information.
Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation
335 North 8th, Suite B
The Hardy Building
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
(402) 435-7496

June 18, 2012

City Council Members
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Downtown Master Plan

Dear Council Members,

The Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation wishes to express its support for the 2012 Downtown Lincoln Master Plan Update.

Members of the LHDC Executive Board participated in several focus groups which discussed the proposed changes to the Downtown Master Plan. We reviewed and unanimously approved the final 2012 Downtown Master Plan Update at the May 21, 2012 LHDC Board Meeting.

The Update provides additional information reflecting changes to the Haymarket Area because of the Arena and other projects. Additionally, the Plan Update shows in more detail the essential linkages between Greater Downtown and the Haymarket Area. Such information is important in guiding future redevelopment and public improvements. The guidance in the Plan, if implemented, will help to improve the flow of people into and out of the Haymarket.

We request your adoption of the Plan Update as part of the Downtown Master Plan and a subarea plan of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Tucci
President
LHDC
I am reading the national news this A.M. and find an article about a toddler wandering the streets with the family dog. Lincoln police locate the family because of previous neglect involving the child. They return the child and take the dog to the "dog pound" for the people to retrieve. If not for the dog, the child may not have been safe. If the parents neglect a child, certainly they cannot be expected to pay for the redemption of the dog! Instead of sending the dog to the dog pound, that animal should be considered a hero for staying faithfully by the two year old's side.

I certainly hope immediate action to remove that dog from possible action by animal control is done immediately! In the interim, I am posting this information to everyone on all of my dog lists with requests to contact city council immediately!

Please respond post haste!

> Toddler Found

Wandering City Streets with Family Dog
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When asked if she could identify herself or her parents, the young child could only repeat the word ‘mommy’. While she clung to the leash of the friend who had guided her, police set out on foot in an attempt to find a nearby home with an open door, but were unsuccessful. The child’s home was located in a matter of hours after police identified her parents from an earlier neglect case.

Beggs said the parents were cited (again) for misdemeanor child neglect before the girl was returned to them. The dog was relinquished to animal control. Beggs said if the parents wanted the dog back they would have to retrieve it themselves. Whether or not they have claimed the dog is unknown.

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THe Learning Centers
Mary M. Meyer

Subject: I am contacting everyone I can regarding this situation!

This is from Steve Beal who heads up Animal Control. Information as reported in email is INCORRECT!!!

Doug Emery

From: Steve R. Beal
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 8:35 AM
To: Doug Emery
Subject: RE: I am contacting everyone I can regarding this situation!

Hi Doug. The owners reclaimed the dog and paid the fees the next day as soon as the shelter opened. I’ll check with our Animal Control Officer that was on call that night to see if they have any additional information. Steve

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From: PommunistParty@aol.com [PommunistParty@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 12:16 PM
To: Carl B. Eskridge; Mary M. Meyer; Jonathan A. Cook; Jon Camp; DiAnna R. Schimek; Eugene W. Carroll; Doug Emery
Subject: I am contacting everyone I can regarding this situation!

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Council members,
Please vote in support for the 2 way bike lane on the proposed N street, and improvements on existing lanes. As an avid biker, I consider these steps in the right direction for the Lincoln community. By promoting a bike friendly community, we can decrease healthcare costs, reduce road congestion and increase safety for cyclists. Your support will make Lincoln safer for cyclists to commute to work throughout the year.
Thank you,
Holly Foster
I appreciate all you have already done to improve downtown Lincoln for cyclists, but I would propose that we keep that momentum going. I, and I know many other cyclists, would so appreciate the addition of a two-way bike lane on N Street, from Antelope Valley to the Haymarket, as well as improvements to the existing lanes on 11th and 14th Streets.

Thank you so much!
Angela Garbacz
Present: Adam Hornung, Chair; Carl Eskridge, Vice Chair; DiAnna Schimek; Gene Carroll; Doug Emery; Jon Camp; and Jonathan Cook

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities Director; and Judy Halstead, Health Department Director

Chair Hornung opened the Director’s Meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
   1. Letter from Downtown Lincoln Association, Terry Uland, President, on Master Plan update.

   Ross handed out a Miscellaneous Referral Sheet, #4 on the agenda. Generally do not have Miscellaneous Referrals but have two items, one is the Country View Studios, who did a couple of STL’s. They brought in their catering application, and to get them in quickly needed to do, so she wouldn’t continue paying the STL’s fees. Ross stated the other is the application for the Guest House.

   Ross stated on page 3 will call items 9 & 10 together, items 11 & 12 together on page 4. Under Public Hearing will call items 15, 16, & 17 together. Agreed to by Hornung. Ross added items 20 & 21 will be called together. Under 3rd Readings Ordinances, page 6, items 24 & 25 have a Motion to Amend, No. 1.

   Ross stated she will distributed a handout on item 46, page 9, which is a correction to page 27 in the Page contract relating to the hours of personal choice holidays to nine hours.

   Hoppe stated Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director, will speak to item 23, creating sanitary district No. 1187.

   Esposito stated she has a follow up on item 23. Mr. Ivy asked about receiving a waiver and not be required to hook up to sanitary sewer. Didn’t know if this would be voted on today and wanted Council to know Holly Lionberger worked with Law and Mr. Ivy does not have the ability to waive the requirement. The general provisions in the clause, says sewage from any building or premises shall not be discharged directly into the community sewage system, when the system is available within 300 feet from the building on the premises measured. Once it comes into that area he is required to hook up. No waiver provision.

   Cook asked if there is a timeline? Esposito replied there is not. Perhaps Council can do something, or make a sunset provision as they move forward. Possibly a year. Don’t see any way around. Cook added not trying to rush anyone and it may take some time. Esposito stated it does say once discontinued have 30 days. Cook said Ivy probably will do at some point but may not be immediately as his system is functional.

   Halstead reminded everyone there is a payment plan. Cook commented a payment plan for running the sewer line, the hook up is their personal responsibility.

II. MAYOR
   1. NEWS ADVISORY. Lincoln City Councilmen Emery and Carroll, and other Members, will make announcement on the City civilian employee retirement at a news conference on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 1:30 p.m., Room 303, at 555 S. 10th Street.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Citizens invited to participate in “Lincoln at Night” art exhibit.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Council announces end of two-to-one retirement match for new civilian City employees.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Parks and Rec receives grant to fight childhood hunger this summer.
5. NEWS RELEASE, Open house planned on project at Warlock, 14th, and Old Cheney.
No comment.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 3:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th Street. Agenda and attachments are posted online.
No comment.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Board of Health meeting minutes of May 8, 2012.
No Comment.

PLANNING COMMISSION
1. Minutes of action by the Planning Commission on Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 12001, as amended by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2012.
2. Minutes of continued public hearing and action by the Planning Commission on Annexation No. 12003, as amended by the Planning Commission on June 13, 2012.
No comment.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
No comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS
No comment.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence from Sally Schneider on street improvement hearing by City Council.
2. Email from Peter Bleed regarding Special Permit No. 12019, the Lewis - Syford House.
3. InterLinc correspondence from Stanley Krauter giving ideas on government employment and taxes.
4. David Martin email in favor of the proposed site for the FEAT Academy.
5. Jennifer Stoltenberg email in favor of the FEAT Academy for Autism using the proposed site on UNL.
No comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Hornung adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.