

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012
555 S. 10th STREET, ROOM 113
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

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2. MPO Officials Committee - Eskridge, Hornung
3. Internal Liquor Committee - Hornung, Schimek, Eskridge
4. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Hornung
5. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll
6. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery

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

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Trish Owen, Deputy chief of Staff; and Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel

Chair Hornung opened the meeting at 2:11 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

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1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll

Carroll stated they had two items at the last meeting, one for the approval of the Judd contract for track removal. The second contract was with Mortensen for the curtain which is hung in the middle of the arena. Did through the Mortensen contract as they have done all the high steel. Both contractors have done a very good job. On time and in budget.

Hornung inquired about the South Street construction. Carroll replied there are assurances the work almost completed. Eskridge asked when expected? Hoppe replied the section on South Street would open tomorrow. Do have more work on the rest.

2. MPO Officials Committee - Eskridge, Hornung

Eskridge stated they reviewed plans and processes. At this time Monty Frederickson is retiring and this was his last meeting. Hornung added they have state projects which have to be approved. Eskridge stated a large one is the I-80 Interstate widening which includes the west O Street entrance and exits ramps to be closed.

3. Internal Liquor Committee - Hornung, Schimek, Eskridge

Eskridge stated one of the main issues worked on was the entertainment district, and some of the rules, what is included. Moving along. Hornung added interest expressed in the entertainment setup, how it may expand and contract. The street is designed for traffic and foot traffic. Eskridge stated it is proposed that the *yard* will be the entertainment district normally, day to day, but for special events it can be enlarged and would close off streets for larger events. Camp asked if the redevelopment agreement has restrictions. Eskridge replied yes, inside the yard.

4. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Hornung

Hornung stated they approved expenditures. Discussed where they are holding their money while continuing to have outlay. Getting closer to being done. Eskridge inquired if they had a date when it would be open? Hornung replied believe it will be at the beginning of the next calendar year.

5. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Carroll

Carroll stated the DLA received a presentation from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Rec Director, on City Plaza, location and design. The DLA Board approved the design. Looking forward to raising funds and presenting to the public. Hornung asked for a description of the art. Carroll stated in the quarter block there will be an art piece in the front third, with the lot containing trees and fixed seating areas. Wi-Fi available and the restaurant will have open seating to the Plaza. Now trying to see if the restaurant to the east will also open to Plaza seating. Will have a zero raised curb so people attending large events can flow into the street.

Hornung inquired as to the design of the art. Carroll replied a large like tower, probably 45 feet tall and lighted. Hoppe added for the art piece private funds are being raised. The City money will go into the infrastructure. Carroll commented also private money to maintain the art. Cook asked for a copy of the presentation, possibly to present to the public. Pearce will send.

6. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery

Emery stated the Problem Resolution Team is now in their worse part of the year, as there is grass, growing vines, weeds, automatically giving locations reported a one (1), but the PRT accepts properties which have two (2) or more departments with issues on a property. Added nine (9) new properties this month. Next month will distribute a recap sheet. We are marking progress on some long term projects, but sometimes difficult as we resolve one property problem but add two more.

Camp asked if Roberts Park at 56th and A Streets is being put on the PRT list. Emery replied no as it does not meet requirements. Overgrown but does not have an animal problem, a building and safety problem, etc. Needs to have two (2) specific issues with two (2) different City departments. Hoppe asked Camp if it wouldn't be as easy to request the City put back the funds for this park's maintenance? Emery stated again remember the PRT is not the weed and grass committee but the problem property committee. We deal with bad properties. While we may not agree with the mowing issue it is not an issue the PRT would accept. Schimek asked if talking about health and safety issues? Emery replied it could be but now usually it's grass, weeds, overgrowth, a bad soffit, roof, something along those lines. Many go away with cold weather as we no longer will have overgrowth and grass.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Pearce stated none at this time. Hornung asked if all Council assignments which required resolutions are complete, with Pearce responding yes.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

Hoppe reported none at this time.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

None

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No comments

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Chair Hornung adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.