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   a) Residential Land Inventory and Residential Building Permits as of January 1, 2013.

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V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
MAYOR TO PRESENT JANUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for January to StarTran Bus Operator Caleb Whisenhunt in the Public Works and Utilities Department. The award will be presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting, which starts at 3 p.m. in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Whisenhunt has worked for the City since 2011. Bus Operations Superintendent Mike Weston nominated him in the category of valor for preventing what could have been a serious injury to a passenger. On October 24, 2012, Caleb was driving the number 54 Veterans Hospital route when a young woman jumped off his bus and ran in front of it without looking for traffic. At that time, a large truck was passing the bus, and the woman ran into the path of the truck. Whisenhunt honked the bus horn to alert her, and she stopped. The truck grazed her, but her injuries were minimal. Weston wrote, “In my opinion and based on video from the bus, Operator Whisenhunt saved this lady’s life.”

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

All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.
CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE SET FOR APRIL

The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) is hosting its annual Civil Rights Conference Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24 at the Embassy Suites, 1040 “P” Street. Registration is due April 12, and more information is available at humanrights.lincoln.ne.gov.

On April 23, the Realtors® Association of Lincoln is sponsoring a session entitled “Fair Housing for Realtors®” presented by Scott Chang and Stephen Hayes, attorneys at Relman, Dane & Colfax, PLLC of Washington, D.C. Realtors® can earn three Continuing Education hours.

Sessions on April 24 include an 8 a.m. welcome by Mayor Chris Beutler and remarks from two speakers:

• Betty Bottiger, Director, Region VII Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

• L. Jack Vasquez, Jr., Deputy Director, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), St. Louis District Office

Topics for the April 24 breakout sessions include the following:

• Legal Updates for Fair Housing and Equal Employment
• Housing Challenges Affecting Veterans Today
• Citizenship Status and National Origin
• Interplay between the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and Workers Compensation
• Building Stronger Communities by Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
• Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Forum.

Continuing Legal Education credits are available for some sessions on April 24.

The luncheon on April 24 will include the presentation of two awards:

• The Gerald Henderson Human Rights Award honors a local person, organization or group who has made significant accomplishments in promoting human rights.

• The Fair Housing Award honors a local person, organization or group who has made significant contributions to providing equal opportunity in the field of housing.

Nominations for these awards are due March 15 and can be sent to LCHR, 555 S. 10th St., #304, Lincoln, NE 68508.
The conference fee of $45 includes registration, materials, lunch and breaks. Registration information is available at humanrights.lincoln.ne.gov, and brochures are available by calling 402-441-7624 or e-mailing lchr@lincoln.ne.gov. Realtors® attending the April 23 session must register with Christa Decker at 402-441-3621.

LCHR’s conference partners include the Nebraska Department of Economic Development; Realtors® Association of Lincoln, Nebraska Housing Developer’s Association, Omaha Human Rights and Relations Department, U.S. Housing and Urban Development and EEOC.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 12, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Devin Biesecker, Engineering Services, 402-937-5515

WORK TO BEGIN ON N. 27TH STREET VIADUCT

Work will begin Monday, March 18th on the N. 27th Street viaduct over the BNSF tracks south of Cornhusker Highway. Repairs are needed to extend the life of the bridge. During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on N. 27th Street between Fair Street and Cleveland Avenue. Drivers can expect delays and are urged to use alternate routes. Suggested routes are 33rd Street and Antelope Valley Parkway/14th Street.

The 27th Street viaduct project is expected to be completed in late August. For more information, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
Mayor Beutler will make announcements about the City’s 2 For Trees and Lincoln Cares donation programs at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, March 14** at the **Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street.**

2 For Trees allows customers of the Lincoln Water System to add $2 to their bill payments to support public trees. Lincoln Cares allows customers of the Lincoln Electric System to add $1 to their bill payments to support Lincoln City Libraries, Aging Partners and the Parks and Recreation Department.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 13, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steve Nosal, Parks Horticulturist, 402-441-8267

PARKS AND RECREATION OFFERS PROGRAM ON GROWING ROSES

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Lincoln Parks Foundation to offer a new program about growing roses in southeast Nebraska.

The “Roses! Roses! Roses!” seminar will be offered from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6 in the Hamann Rose Garden in Antelope Park at 27th and “C” streets, across from the Sunken Gardens. Sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m. The seminar includes six 20-minute sessions on selecting, planting, pruning and caring for roses. Refreshments and informational packets will be provided.

Registration is $20 in advance or $25 on the day of the event. The public can pre-register in several ways:
• Call Parks and Recreation at 402-441-7847.
• Download a registration form at parks.lincoln.ne.gov. The form can be printed and mailed or delivered to the Parks and Recreation Department Administration Office, 2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502.
• Forms also available to complete at the Parks and Recreation office.

The rain date is Sunday, April 7. Proceeds from the program support care of the public rose gardens in Antelope Park.

More information on the Parks and Recreation Department is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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NEW 2 FOR TREES PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL
New projects announced for Lincoln Cares

Mayor Chris Beutler today said the City’s new 2 for Trees donation program has been very successful in its first year, raising nearly $110,000 to help plant and maintain public trees. He also announced the new projects to be funded this year through the Lincoln Cares donation program. 2 For Trees allows customers of the Lincoln Water System (LWS) to add $2 to their bill payments to support trees along streets and trails, in parks and on golf courses. Lincoln Cares, which allows LES customers to add $1 to their monthly bill payments, was expanded last year to include Lincoln City Libraries and Aging Partners, in addition to Parks and Recreation projects.

“The new 2 for Trees program has been received very positively by the community,” Mayor Beutler said. “From the time of its launch in March of 2012 through January 2013, water customers have voluntarily donated $64,752 to this effort to replace public trees in our community. An additional $45,000 was provided by a matching grant from the Kenneth J. Good Environmental Enhancement Fund at the Lincoln Community Foundation.”

Donations to the 2 For Trees program provided for 180 street trees along “A” Street, Holdrege Street and Capital Parkway; trees planted in Kahoa Park in celebration of Arbor Day; and about 60 trees planted by community volunteers in Densmore Park. The program helped beautify the newly completed Union Plaza, with new trees at the Children’s Discovery Garden and the 21st Street Plaza. Donations also funded equipment and materials for tree establishment and watering.

Lincoln has more than 125,000 public trees including 87,000 that line 1,217 miles of streets. The 2 For Trees program was designed to provide extra funding support to replace public trees lost to disease, decline or damage. The 2 for Trees program supports, but does not replace, the City’s popular street tree voucher program that is available for residential areas.

In addition to donations, 2 for Trees received in-kind donations of materials from private nurseries including Finke Gardens and Nursery; Campbell’s Nurseries & Garden Centers; Earl May Nursery and Garden Centers (north and south); Heritage Nursery West; Nebraska Nursery and Color Gardens; Lanoha Nurseries; and Eagle Nursery.

City Donation Programs
“2 For Trees helps provide the regular, ongoing funding that is needed to maintain a multi-generational urban forest in our public spaces,” said Lynn Johnson, Director of Lincoln Parks and Recreation. “We are very grateful for the widespread support from the community for this program, which shows that Lincolnites really care about their trees.”

Mayor Beutler also announced the projects and partners for the 2013 Lincoln Cares program. From its inception in February 2003 through January 2013, Lincoln Cares has collected $654,510 from LES customers. Nearly 4,000 LES customers donated to the program each month in 2012. Another $531,562 has been contributed through direct donations to the Lincoln Parks Foundation and through community partnerships with local foundations, businesses and neighborhood associations. The total for all collections since Lincoln Cares began is $1,186,072.

The Mayor made the announcements at Eiseley Library, the site of one of the 2013 Lincoln Cares projects. (Lists of the 2013 projects and partners as well as past projects follow this release.)

“Lincoln Cares makes a difference for Lincoln families,” said Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries. “It supports our Leading to Reading spaces which enhance the offerings of the library. As families are choosing books and other items to check out, children are engaged in the kind of play that leads to learning and school success. These are spaces that welcome all families in Lincoln, without charge. We at Lincoln City Libraries are delighted to be part of Lincoln Cares and salute the generosity of the community.”

“This year, contributions to Lincoln Cares will help purchase additional fitness equipment for our Aging Strong fitness program,” said June Pederson, Director of Aging Partners. “Statistics show that people who engage in moderate but consistent exercise experience fewer falls, are happier and live independently longer. Thanks to LES customers who support Lincoln Cares, we can all work to improve our fitness through Aging Strong.”

Mayor Beutler also thanked all five Lincoln media organizations, which for the fourth consecutive year are providing $30,000 of in-kind advertising and promotion for the two programs. Media sponsors are: KOLN/KGIN-TV; KLKN-TV; Three Eagles Communications; Broadcast House; and the Lincoln Journal Star. A sixth radio station, The Ticket, is a new media sponsor.

“The 2 for Trees and Lincoln Cares programs are wonderful examples of how public-private partnerships make Lincoln strong,” Beutler said. “Proceeds from these two programs will benefit all parts of our community. I want to thank our project sponsors and media sponsors for making these programs even more successful, and giving everyone in Lincoln two terrific opportunities to support our community.”

To donate to Lincoln Cares, LES customers can add one dollar to their bill payments each month. Those who pay LES through automatic bank billing can add Lincoln Cares to their payments each month by calling LES at 402-475-4211. Donations also can be mailed directly to the Lincoln Parks Foundation, 2740 “A” Street, Box 201, Lincoln, NE 68502 or made online at LincolnCares.org.

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To donate to 2 For Trees, LWS customers can add $2 to their bi-monthly Lincoln Water System bill; mail their donation to 2 for Trees, 2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502; or make an online donation at 2forTrees.org

2013 LINCOLN CARES PROJECTS AND PARTNERS

Tennis Backboards in Parks: Tennis backboards will be replaced in Peter Pan Park and Eden Park. Two additional backboards will be replaced or added at locations to be identified in cooperation with the project partners. The project partners are Sig Garnett and Tom Tipton in cooperation with Lincoln Tennis Association.

Drinking Fountains on the Trails: New drinking fountains will be placed at two locations along the Billy Wolff Trail. The project partners are the Mike Sucha Memorial Golf Tournament and Vintage Heights Homeowners Association.

Historic Pinewood Bowl Entrance Enhancements: Historic entrance features, originally located at Antelope Park, will enhance the entrance of Pinewood Bowl. Features include four original columns, two lights and several fence panels. The project partner is Pinewood Bowl, Inc.

Haines Branch Prairie Corridor: The 7.5-mile Prairie Corridor will link Pioneers Park with Spring Creek Prairie and provide enhancement and preservation of tall grass prairie, recreational and educational connections and economical development opportunities. The project partners are the Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Prairie Corridor Partnership.

Parker’s Pals: This scholarship program provides financial support for children of low-income families. It includes pool admissions, swimming lessons and participation in the swim/diving league and allows children to participate in youth sports programs offered by Lincoln Parks and Recreation. The project partners are Culver’s, Olsson Associates, Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel and the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

Aging Strong: Aging Strong is part of the health and fitness program provided by Aging Partners to adults age 55 and over. Lincoln Cares donations will be used to finance fitness equipment at the Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center, 233 S. 10th St. The project partner is the Seniors Foundation.

Leading to Reading Spaces: These educational spots for young children at Eiseley and Walt Branch Libraries will offer special computers and developmentally appropriate toys to encourage literacy. The project partners are the Dillon Foundation, Rotary 14 and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.
Projects funded in the first nine years of the Lincoln Cares program include:
Sherman Field
Nebraska’s Centennial Mall
Jayne Snyder Trail Center
Densmore Park Ballfield shade structure
Aging in Place program
Mendoza Park shelter
Leading to Reading spaces at Bennet Martin Library and Gere and Bethany Branch Libraries
Billy Wolff Trail solar lighting
Pioneers Park Nature Center - animal care
Union Plaza
Witherbee Park playground
Air conditioning at Belmont Park enclosed shelter
Hi-tech portable play tower
Boosalis Trail renovation
Solar-heated pool demonstration project
Air conditioning at Antelope Park enclosed shelter
Acquisition of prairie and grasslands at Pioneers Park
Nebraska State Liberty Bell Shelter in Antelope Park
Restoration of the Four Wars Memorial and the Pioneer Woman and Bountiful Prairie sculptures
Sunken Gardens renovation
Addition to the Pioneers Park Nature Center Prairie Building
Park Middle School Teen Center
Benches along the Holmes Lake Trail Loop
Shelters at Woods Park and Bethany Park
Green Team Youth Employment Program
Youth Outdoor Adventure Program
Peach Park expansion
Trago Park Shelter
Hudson Cabin and Heritage School Endowment
Belmont Park Natural Play Area
Lewis Field parking lot lighting
Tierra Park Playground area lighting
Elliott School/Antelope Park/Antelope Valley Trail
Pioneers Park Nature Center art work
Jamaica North Trail Bridge
Lighting at Sunken Gardens and Pocras Park
Picnic tables at Bowling Lake
Trago Park Sprayground
Upgraded toddler play area at the Ager Play Center
Lincoln Safari program
Shooting sports facility
Parker’s Pals swim and recreation program scholarships for low-income youth.
CITY OF LINCOLN
SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 402-441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- Diane Gonzolas cell 402-525-1520

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013
Time: 11:30 a.m.
About 72 plows have been working to clear snow in the residential areas since about 8 this morning. Parking bans are not in effect at this time, but residents are asked to move parked cars off the streets to help with the snow removal operation. The City also has material spreaders out sanding the major streets. The Lincoln Police Department reports 13 accidents in the City since midnight. StarTran buses are running mostly on time, with only a few minutes delay on some routes.

As you are clearing your walks and driveways, remember, it is illegal to push or blow snow into or on any street, alley or sidewalk. More Snow Angels are needed to volunteer to shovel snow for those who are unable to do so themselves. You can sign up online at lincoln.ne.gov, keyword snow.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available at lincoln.ne.gov and in the blue pages of your phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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CITY OF LINCOLN
PARKING BAN UPDATE

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

Date: Monday, March 11, 2013
Time: 4 p.m.
A snow removal district parking ban will be in effect from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 12th and Wednesday, March 13th in the City’s eight snow removal districts. In these areas, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded into trucks and hauled out of the area overnight. To assist with snow removal, parking is prohibited on both sides of the streets in the districts, which include streets in Downtown and the Haymarket; University Place; Havelock; Bethany; College View; 11th and “G”; 17th and Washington; and 25th and Sumner. Maps can be found at lincoln.ne.gov.

To assist downtown residents during snow removal district parking bans, free overnight parking is offered at Center Park Garage, 1100 “N” St. To reduce citations and towed vehicles downtown, the service will be offered from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. when the City is under a snow removal district parking ban. Customers will be charged the posted rate for any time beyond those hours. Vehicles that remain in the garage past 10 a.m. will be charged for the entire time the vehicle was in the facility.

No other parking bans are in effect. City crews have working all day clearing snow in residential areas and spreading sand on the major streets. The Lincoln Police Department reports 28 accidents in the City since midnight. StarTran buses are running on time.

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Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2013
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A snow removal district parking ban will be in effect one more night. This ban is in effect from 12:01 to 7 a.m. Wednesday, March 13th in the City’s eight snow removal districts. In these areas, snow is plowed into windrows, loaded into trucks and hauled out of the area overnight. To assist with snow removal, parking is prohibited on both sides of the streets in the districts. Those include streets in Downtown and the Haymarket; University Place; Havelock; Bethany; College View; 11th and “G”; 17th and Washington; and 25th and Sumner. Maps can be found at lincoln.ne.gov.

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City crews have completed snow removal in most of the residential areas. If you see an area that still needs attention, you can call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
3140 “N” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 11, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Brian Baker, Health Department, 402-441-8046
Captain Joy Citta, Police Department, 402-441-7239

PERCENTAGE OF BUSINESSES SELLING TOBACCO TO MINORS DROPS

The percentage of businesses that sold tobacco to minors during compliance checks dropped from 14 percent in 2011 to 7.6 percent in 2012. The compliance checks are conducted by the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) using youth volunteers. Of the 367 attempts by minors to purchase tobacco products, 28 resulted in a sale.

Brian Baker, Public Health Educator for LLCHD, said national research indicates that when communities consistently conduct compliance checks and keep the sale rate below 10 percent, children in those communities are less likely to use tobacco products.

“According to the Lancaster County Youth Risk Behavior Survey, youth who smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days decreased from 17.6 percent in 2009 to 16.4 percent in 2011,” Baker said. “While youth tobacco use is on a downward trend, the goal is that all youth avoid tobacco use.”

“The partnership with the Health Department allows us to monitor illegal tobacco sales to minors and ensure that retail clerks making illegal transactions are held accountable,” said LPD Captain Joy Citta.

Tobacco Free Lancaster County is a joint effort that focuses on keeping youth from starting to use tobacco, reducing access to tobacco products, and eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke. It is funded by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services/Tobacco Free Nebraska Program as a result of the tobacco master settlement agreement.

The following three locations had more than one sale of tobacco to a minor during 2012:

1. Save Best Foods, 1111 North 27th
2. Jack Pot Convenience, 501 West “A”
3. Discount City, 5560 South 48th

Other Lincoln retailers that sold tobacco products to minors in 2012 are:
4. British Petro, 4801 Randolph
5. Casey’s, 3003 N. 70th and 5500 Superior
6. CVS Pharmacy, 4800 “O”
7. Git N Split, 3201 West “O”
More information on LLCHD’s tobacco education and prevention efforts is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: health). Click on “Health Promotion and Outreach.”
I. 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: Roma Amundson, Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Lisa Peterson, Ed Schneider, Heidi Stark, Marcia White, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Trish Owen (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Karla Lester.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Frederick, Charlotte Burke, Scott Holmes, Gwendy Meginnis, Kathy Cook; Andrea Haberman, Steve Beal, Joyce Jensen, Chris Schroeder, Jim Newman and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Sebastian Newman

Dr. Lester welcomed Ms. Amundson to the Board of Health. Mr. Newman introduced his son, Sebastian, who is attending the meeting as part of his Boy Scout badge program.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Moved by Dr. Peterson that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Moved by Mr. Miller that the January 8, 2013 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated a news conference regarding LB577 was held on February 1,
2013 to discuss Medicaid expansion. LB577 was introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell. Mayor Beutler, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, local hospital and health officials are supporting the expansion of Medicaid.

Staff met with the Lancaster County Risk Manager and Personnel Director to begin discussions of a County Wellness Program.

Ms. Halstead will also attend the Mid-Year County Budget Retreat.

Ms. Halstead stated the Friends of Public Health Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for March 5, 2013 at 7:30 AM at the State Capitol. She encouraged Board members to attend and will provide additional information when details become available.

NACO will also sponsor a conference on Cyber Security in Omaha April 17-19, 2013. Additional information will be provided when it becomes available.

Flu activity continues in the community and Mr. Timmons taped program segments for Channels 5 and 10.

Dr. Schneider commended Mr. Beal and the Animal Control staff for reducing their response time to calls. He asked Ms. Burke about possible legislation to regulate smoking in apartment complexes. Ms. Burke stated many apartment complexes are going smoke free on their own and she did not foresee legislation to regulate smoking in apartment complexes.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Acceptance of the 65th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster county Health Department

Ms. Halstead presented the 65th Annual Report. The report is available on the Department’s website and includes messages from Mayor Beutler, Board of Health President, Dr. Lester, and Ms. Halstead. The report also includes statistical and program information for each of the Divisions. She asked Board of Health members to review the Report.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health accept the 65th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

B. Proposed Revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards, Article 1, Section 6 - Fees

Mr. Schroeder reviewed the proposed revisions to the Air Pollution Program’s fee schedule. The Title V Program was designed to be self-supporting through emission fees charged to local sources. The program will receive $130,000 less in fees because of NPPD’s Sheldon Station’s reduced emissions. Staff presented budget reductions and emission fee options to the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board in November, 2012. The APCAB approved the changes. The Air Program has a vacant position and staff are proposing to eliminate the vacant position,
resulting in a cost savings of $86,000. The Air Pollution Control Advisory Board approved a tiered emission fee structure that would generate approximately $675,000 to $715,000 in revenue, which would be very close to fulling meeting the revised budget of $727,000. The two largest sources, NPPD and Archer Daniels Midland have been advised of the increased fees.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards, Article 1, Section 6 - Fees and forward them to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners for approval. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

C. Public Hearing for Board of Health Adoption of Additional Sanitation and Regulations in Accordance With LMC 8.20.060 - Revision to Policy 222.37 - Food Handler and Food Manager Permit Enforcement

Ms. Jensen reviewed the proposed policy revisions for Food Handler and Food Manager Permit Enforcement. Changes to the policy include: 1) improving clarity through format change to use tables for the enforcement action to be taken; 2) newly hired food handlers will no longer get a 30 day grace period, but if they do not have a permit, it will only be marked as a violation; 3) immediate suspension will be issued when no one with a food handler or manager permit is present and potentially hazardous food is being prepared; and 4) eliminate the technical assistance process of a one-time option to change a “Food Enforcement Notice” to a “Notice of Violation”. She stated the Food Advisory Committee reviewed and approved the proposed revisions.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Food Safety Program Policy 222.37 - Food Handler and Food Manager Permit Enforcement. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

C. Proposed Appointments to the Food Advisory Committee

Ms. Jensen stated staff are proposing the appointment of Vincent Murphy and the reappointment of Robert Skrobecki to the Food Advisory Committee. Their terms would expire in January, 2017. Both have agreed to serve if appointed.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Stark that the Board of Health approve the appointment of Vincent Murphy and the reappointment of Robert Skrobecki to the Food Advisory Committee. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Essential Service #10 - Research for New Insights and Innovative Solutions to
Health Problems

Ms. Haberman provided an update on Essential Service #10. She stated research provides new insights and innovative solutions to problems. The Community Health Services Division works to connect vulnerable populations to a source of medical care. Staff work to understand the population they serve and utilize best practices and quality improvement methods. Staff are utilizing the Healthy Families America model. For Quality Improvement, General Assistance outcomes are exceeding benchmarks. Staff are also looking at reinfection rates for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea. More information will be presented to the Board of Health in coming months.

B. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead reviewed the 12 legislative bills that are of importance to the Department. They include bills on seatbelt usage, the Health Care Cash Fund, Public Health Aid, nurse visitation, an increase in the cigarette and tobacco tax, the soft drink tax and Medicaid expansion. The Mayor’s Legislative Review Team meets weekly to review legislation. The County Board of Commissioners has also prioritized legislative bills affecting the County. She will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health.

C. Vital Statistics Report

Mr. Frederick provided a presentation on the 2011 Vital Statistics. The Health Data & Evaluation Division is responsible for monitoring health status of the community. He stated vital statistics are an important source of health data and birth and death data are utilized. He reviewed the changes that were made to birth certificates in 2005, cause of death changes, and the computation of levels of adequate prenatal care (the Kotelchuk Index). He also reviewed the Nebraska and Lancaster County data for births, deaths, leading causes of death, and unintentional injuries.

D. Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Mr. Frederick stated the Community Health Improvement Plan is an outcome of the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnership) Process. Areas being discussed are Access to Care, Behavioral Health, Preventing Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention. The planning group and staff have been working with area hospitals and using the needs assessment. He noted the collaboration between the hospitals and the Department has been good. The next meeting will be March 1, 2013 at the Health Department.

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
Congratulations to Ms. Burke for receiving the American Cancer Society’s Lifetime Achievement Award.

Next Regular Meeting - March 12, 2013 - 5:00 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark
Vice-President
HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Health Director arranged a news conference for February 1, 2013 regarding LB577 on Medicaid expansion. Mayor Beutler, County Commissioner Deb Schorr, hospital administrators Kim Moore and Kim Russel, and local health officials were in attendance to support the expansion of Medicaid. LB577 was introduced by Senator Kathy Campbell. The hearing is scheduled for February 28, 2013.

- The Health Director continues to meet with the Mayor’s Legislative Review Team and other local health officials regarding legislation.

- The Health Director serves on the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees and the Funding Committee. The Committee completed the review of grant applications.

- The Health Director and Health Promotion and Outreach Division Manager kicked off the County Wellness Program with the County staff and County Risk Manager and Personnel Director.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Stats

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Dead Animal Pickup 620 905 741
Lost and Found Reports 880 918 1000
Phone Calls 16353 18200 20128
Average Response Time (in mins) 16 19 15

- Animal Control participated in the annual Dog Expo at the Lancaster County Event Center on February 23 and 24. This event provides a good opportunity to talk with hundreds of attendees on the importance of pet ownership, pet licensing and rabies vaccinations. There were 75 vendors in attendance, allowing for a lot of networking and possible future collaborations.

- Interviews were completed for the Animal Control Officer I vacancy that was created when Officer Diane Hoy retired. There were 120 applicants and five individuals were selected by City Personnel for interviews. We anticipate offering the position to one of the five candidates.

- The Animal Control Advisory Committee met on February 19th. Annette Bredthauer, DVM with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, provided an update on LB 287, LB 423 and LB 329.

- Animal Control continues to remain optimistic about the decrease in the number of cats and dogs being impounded. For the first 5 months (Sept.-Jan.) in FY 10-11 we impounded 732 dogs and 769 cats. For the first 5 months (Sept.-Jan.) in FY 12-13 we impounded 593 dogs and 476 cats.

- The Manager, Field Supervisor, and an Animal Control Officer II meet regularly to discuss progress on compliance among owners of Dangerous Dogs and Potentially Dangerous Dogs. This is a constant area of attention and important to assuring public safety and bite/attack prevention.

- In response to a comment made at the January Board of Health Meeting regarding our response time to calls, the Field Supervisor and the Division Manager review call volume and locations to better assign officers in the field, keeping them physically located in the higher demand areas. The use of automated vehicle/officer location technology will also help to reduce wasted time and trips by dispatching those officers that can more quickly and efficiently respond to calls.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

New Leadership

- This month, Kodi Bonesteel became the new supervisor of Maternal-Child Health Services. Kodi was the former Executive Director of the Northeast Family Center. She
has many years of experience working with young families, the poor and underserved, and in child development.

**Diabetes Strips for the Poor & Uninsured**
- This is a Community Health Endowment (CHE) funded project for calendar year 2012. Services will be expanded however, for an estimated 6 to 9 additional months. Community partners include: BryanLGH Medical Center, Clinic with a Heart, Lincoln ED Connections, General Assistance Medical Clinic of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, People’s Health Center, Saint Elizabeth’s Regional Medical Center/Diabetes Center, & Wagey Drug.

**Distribution Data**
- From March 1 through December 31, 2012, 843 vials of glucometer strips were distributed to uninsured people who have an income at or below 300% of the federal poverty level. If the person's income level was at or below 100% of the federal poverty level, the CHE grant paid the $10 per vial of 50 glucometer strips price. If the person's income level was greater than 100% but at or below 300% of the federal poverty level, the client paid the $10 cost. Of the 845 vials; CHE paid for 598 vials, Clinic with a Heart paid for 77 vials, Lincoln ED Connections paid for 2 vials and the remaining 168 vials were self-pay. One hundred forty three (143) unique patients were served in this grant from March 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012. For reference, 100% of the federal poverty level in 2012 was $11,170 per year for a single person or $23,050 per year for a family of four.

**Project Outcomes**
- 1) Cost Savings:
  a) Due to combined purchasing power of the project partners, retail price for a 50 count vial of glucometer strips was lowered from $69.00 per vial to $10.00 per vial (a $59.00 per vial savings). With 843 vials distributed from March 1 - December 31, 2012 - that is a savings of $49,737.00. With the initial investment of $15,000 subtracted, the total savings so far is $34,737.00. There is approximately 50% of the grant funds left to expend.
  b) Reduced use of 911 calls with access to a glucometer and free or reduced price glucometer strips, we potentially avoided four 911 calls.

- 2) All clients received a free glucometer and education on its use.

- 3) All clients accessed glucometer strips through one pharmacy, Wagey Drug. The durable medical equipment supply staff, Sarah Scholl, was available at Wagey to reinforce teaching on the glucometer and help the client "troubleshoot" as needed. Free delivery of glucometer strips was available to all clients in this program via Wagey Drug. Transportation is a huge barrier to accessing needed health care services within our target population.
- 4) Clients without a medical home were connected to People's Health Center for ongoing care. There were three partner agencies that would typically see clients not established with a medical home who provided access to the free glucometer and strips, and who would refer to People's Health Center to establish a medical home; Clinic with a Heart, Lincoln ED Connections and Bryan Health discharge planners. One of the primary successes of the grant that was somewhat unexpected, was the number of clients who were discharged from Bryan Health inpatient stays as "self pay" (i.e. uninsured), who were then linked to a provider and this program - 22 unique people fell into this category.

- 5) Clinicians who provide in-depth diabetes case management to the poor and uninsured met on a monthly basis for over 18 months to plan for, implement and evaluate this program. Improved case coordination was realized with sometimes non-compliant and hard to reach clients. The connection with Wagey Drug was especially helpful to reinforce teaching. Information about other free diabetic supplies was realized through this partnership - free lancets, syringes and needles were accessed by other clinicians/partners for their poor and uninsured clients.

**Partnership with Lincoln City Libraries**

- The Lincoln City Libraries and the Community Health Services Division worked together this month to develop a project we hope will enhance early childhood literacy among poor and underserved families. We plan to pilot a project among two CHS programs; the Immunization Clinic and Maternal-Child Health Services which serve very young children, pregnant and parenting families. The aim is to introduce age-appropriate books to children ages 2 months-4 years of age while educating caregivers on ways to develop a language-rich environment. If successful, we will replicate this approach within other direct service programs and will leverage its community partnerships to encourage duplication beyond our organization. We are hoping to serve approximately 1,000 low-income children during a year-long pilot project. Adding interventions to support early childhood literacy is a natural adjunct to our established services. The proposed project focuses on poor and underserved families who would not otherwise have access to books and the education and support needed to assure a language-rich environment for their children.

**DENTAL HEATH & NUTRITION**

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**Caseload (Participation):** (301 report)

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Dental

- Through a Community Health Endowment grant, the Dental Clinic began extending clinic hours on Thursday evenings until 8:00 p.m. beginning January 3rd. During January, the dental staff served 63 children and 3 adults with the convenient after school and evening appointments. Of the patients served during the evening hours, 73% were Medicaid enrolled and 75% were of racial and ethnic minorities.

- As follow-up to the LPS school based dental screening program, dental staff worked collaboratively with the school nurse of Clinton Elementary School to obtain health information and parental approval for LLCHD to transport and provide treatment for the children identified with urgent dental needs. During the month of January, 10 children received transportation from school for dental services at no cost to the families. Of the children 10 served, 30% were Medicaid enrolled and 70% were of racial and ethnic minorities.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Program Area: Waste Management

Specific Program: Household Hazardous Materials & Waste Management Program (HHW)
Waste Management Program Goals

Protect human health and the environment by: reducing exposures to hazardous materials; assuring proper management and disposal of special wastes; preventing hazardous waste from being illegally disposed of in the Bluff Road Landfill; reducing litter; and preventing illness and disease caused by improper waste management.

Methods/Strategies

- Provide 6 to 8 mobile HHW collections in Lincoln and Lancaster County
- Promote collections via community partners, print material, radio, signage, and media releases
- Educate the community about risks and change behavior on: choosing least toxic alternatives and using, reusing or recycling materials
- Collaborate with private and public partners to increase efficiency and effectiveness

Indicator

Divert at least 100,000 pounds (50 tons) of toxic material from the landfill annually from household hazardous waste collections

![Bar Chart]

Source: LLCHD (3/13)

Funding/Source: Waste Hauler Occupation Tax; Grants in Aid; SEPs

Comparison
### Description

- EPH Waste Section staff have been coordinating Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for Lincoln and Lancaster County residents for 28 years. These mobile collections provide residents an opportunity to reduce environmental health hazards and risk in their homes by removing the hazardous waste such as pesticides, solvents, oil-based paint, mercury-containing items, and other dangerous household products. The long-term impact of ongoing public education/behavior change strategies is less hazardous waste being generated and proper reuse, recycling and disposal of hazardous waste. Combined, these efforts reduce the amount of hazardous waste disposed in our landfill and protect our stormwater system and streams from contamination. The HHW Program is cited as one of the best management practices in the City of Lincoln’s Stormwater permit. Two appointment only collections were held at the N 48th St. landfill site. In FY12, the HHW program required 2.3 FTE and direct program costs were $294,411 and total costs were $372,795.

### Partnerships & Efficiencies

- Mobile HHW collections are efficient and cost-effective in providing convenient public access to dispose of hazardous waste. Community and corporate partners continue to be a cornerstone to success. In 2012 corporate partners included Pfizer Inc., Lincoln Industries, Veyance Technologies, Union College, and Walmart, who contributed staffing, food, promotion and event sites. Additional volunteers assist with the unloading of the waste, education of participants, and traffic control. Only hazardous waste is accepted, reducing costs and increasing efficiency. Wastes which can be reused, recycled, or managed by local businesses, such as unwanted medications, oil, lead acid batteries, button batteries, and antifreeze are not accepted at collections. Staff work with local businesses to help ensure that these items be used, reused, recycled or disposed of properly. Current strategies for non-hazardous latex paint target changing...
behavior at point of purchase and promoting latex paint exchanges coordinated by EcoStores Nebraska. The Lincoln Solid Waste Management Plan 2040 Advisory Committee will consider a permanent facility for household hazardous materials and waste management, which could potentially include a “reuse center”. Such a facility would decrease risk to health and the environment and increase the availability and convenience of hazardous waste disposal for the public.

EPH also partners with the Aging Partners’ Home Handymen Program to offer the “Safe Homes for Seniors service”. This free HHW service helps older adult who cannot participate in a typical mobile HHW collection. From corrosive drain cleaners to toxic pesticides, elderly clients often have a lifetime’s accumulation of dangerous chemicals. Trained handymen provide assessment, organization, and possible removal of hazardous products. Health-impaired older adults are at greater health risk from exposure to hazardous chemicals.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- While colds and coughs are common at this time of year, it is important to be on the watch for a lingering cough (two weeks or longer) that may be pertussis, or whooping cough. Recently, there have been several children with confirmed cases of pertussis in Lincoln. While the numbers of pertussis cases recently are not large, and our history shows a relatively small annual number of confirmed cases (numbers in the teens, twenties or thirties) of pertussis each year there is always the potential for an outbreak. The reason is that pertussis is fairly contagious and children who have not been fully immunized as well as adolescents, teens and adults are susceptible to the disease as the immunity they may have gotten from their childhood vaccines has probably waned. Last year a number of states experienced the largest outbreaks of pertussis they have seen in years and there were a high number of infant deaths in those states. Childhood vaccinations (DTaP) are available against pertussis and it’s important that older children and adults receive a booster shot (Tdap) against pertussis.

- Infants under 6 months of age are at the highest risk for complications from pertussis and possibly death so it is important that older children and adults who are in contact with infants get vaccinated (children 6 and under generally are recommended to be vaccinated
with DTaP) or receive a booster for pertussis (children and adults 7 or over should be given Tdap).

* After several months of a high level of flu activity, the good news is that locally the number of cases has begun a downward slope and that we are past the peak for this flu season. The CDC has indicated that the states in the West are now seeing their flu activity pick up, but for the rest of the nation, the level of flu activity is on the decline. Based on reports through February 9, 2013, there have 64 pediatric deaths in the U.S. during the 2012-2013 months associated with seasonal flu. The number of adult deaths nationwide from flu and pneumonia, which are not mandated to be reported, will not be reported until later. In Nebraska, so far there have been 14 deaths (13 adults and one pediatric) associated with the flu.

* While flu cases may have peaked, the number of confirmed cases of Respiratory syncytial (sin-SISH-uhl) virus, or RSV, have continued to rise locally and colds and other respiratory conditions are certainly present in Lincoln at this time. (The percent of positive laboratory tests for RSV in the latest three weeks have increased from 34.7 percent to 57.6 percent, an unusually high rate.) RSV is a respiratory virus that infects the lungs and breathing passages. Most otherwise healthy people recover from RSV infection in 1 to 2 weeks. However, infection can be severe in some people, such as certain infants, young children, and older adults. In fact, RSV is the most common cause of bronchiolitis (inflammation of the small airways in the lung) and pneumonia in children under 1 year of age in the United States. In addition, RSV is more often being recognized as an important cause of respiratory illness in older adults.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Early Development Services Coordination

The EDN supervisor and three services coordinators attended a training regarding Project Safe Start led by Jennie Cole-Mossman, the Service Coordinator for Project Safe Start Nebraska. Project Safe Start provides mental health services to children ages 0-5 years and their parents who are involved with Family Treatment Drug Courts. Services include Parent Child Relationship Assessments and Child Parent Psychotherapy. Ms. Cole-Mossman will be presenting to the EDN primary provider group in April on trauma therapy and its benefits for young children. Project Safe Start is one of the EDN program’s community partners, especially in regard to CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) referrals. The project stresses the importance of young children receiving early intervention and especially stresses the importance of providing early intervention to children who have suffered trauma at an early age.

Chronic Disease Prevention - Physical Activity
The first and second segments of the “Bike Lincs” series, “Bike Basics” and “Commuter Basics” are now airing on Channel 10 Health. This series of five videos uses the League of American Bicyclists curriculum to increase interest and knowledge among viewers of bicycling in Lincoln. The videos are a combined effort of the LLCHD, 10 Health, Community Health Endowment, Lincoln’s certified bicycle educators, and the bicycle community.

Tobacco Prevention
- Staff presented to 22 NEBCO health ambassadors (wellness representatives from the various business components of NEBCO) regarding preparing for and implementing tobacco-free campus policies. Staff also provided the health ambassadors information on the “Living Well Chronic Disease Management” program including the purpose of the program as well as times and locations.

- Staff coordinated a tobacco retailer compliance check with the Lincoln Police Department and 4 youth volunteers. Six sales out of 43 attempts to purchase tobacco were made for an 86% compliance rate (14% noncompliance). Management from one of the businesses that sold tobacco to a minor requested the Tobacco & ID Check Training for six employees.

Media Opportunities
- Staff appeared on Channel 8 Midday Forum to discuss the Living Well Program
- Staff met with Channel 10 Health program staff to develop content and timelines for production and airing of programs on Crusade Against Cancer, Living Well, and 54321 GO!
- EDN information in the Lincoln Kids! publication for the winter issue.
- Smoke-free housing news article for landlords was published in the January REOMA newsletter

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT
- Department policy and guidelines for cash handling, travel and purchasing are being reviewed and updated. The purpose is to assure that department practices are consistent with City requirements and meet requirements for accreditation.

- The Fiscal Office Supervisor is coordinating the Department’s activities related to the implementation of a new phone service. The city is moving to the use of Voice over Internet Protocol or VOIP. This is projected to provide significant savings over the next ten years. The Health Department was converted to VOIP on February 8th.
Memorandum

Date: ♦ March 12, 2013
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Jean Preister, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Teresa McKinstry

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from March 5, 2013 thru March 11, 2013:

Administrative Amendment No. 12073 to Special Permit No. 1947, approved by the Planning Director on March 5, 2013, requested by Verizon Wireless, to replace the existing antennas located inside the monopole, and to erect an equipment shelter on the roof of the commercial building, which will be of a color and finish to match the building, on property generally located on the northeast corner of 33rd St. and “O” St.

Administrative Amendment No. 12064 to Special Permit No. 1999A, Wilderness Hills Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on March 6, 2013, requested by Sterling Group, Inc., to show setbacks, grading, utilities and sidewalk connections for the multifamily lot south of Crescent Drive, on property generally located at S. 33rd St and Crescent Dr.
PLANNING DEPARTMENT SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department invites members of the public to take an online survey to share their thoughts on the community’s growth and the service provided by the Planning Department. The survey is available at lincoln.ne.gov (use keyword “plan,” then select “Planning Assessment Survey”). Paper surveys also are available at the Bennett Martin, Anderson, Gere, Eiseley and Walt branches of the Lincoln City Libraries.

Planning Director Marvin Krout said the survey is the first step in a community outreach project that will include focused discussions with various interest groups. “We want to take some time to ask all our stakeholders how the Planning Department is doing and if they are satisfied with the way the community is growing,” Krout said. “We also want their suggestions for improvement and their ideas on how we can better inform and involve residents in the planning process. Our goal is to develop some concrete steps our department can take to improve the service provided to the public.”

Krount said the Planning Department’s role is to help guide growth in the City and County in a way that promotes new private investment. He said that includes decisions on how to best spend public funds to efficiently provide public facilities and services to accommodate development and improve the quality of life for residents.

Krount said Planning Department stakeholders include elected and appointed boards, other departments and agencies, developers and their agents, business and neighborhood organizations, and the public at large. “Our challenge is to develop and maintain consensus on a long-term vision for the community’s growth, while resolving the day-to-day issues of developing specific tracts of land.”

For more information on the survey or outreach efforts, contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491 or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.
From: Jean Preister

Attached for your information is a report of the Residential Land Inventory & Residential Building Permits as of January 1, 2013, prepared by the Planning Department. This report includes updated data regarding the supply of urban residential lots in Lincoln’s developing areas (within the 2040 Future Service Limit) and historical data on residential building permits for the entire city.

If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Garrett in the Planning Department at 402-441-6373 or bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission

FROM: Marvin Krout, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Residential Land Inventory & Residential Building Permits as of January 1, 2013

DATE: March 11, 2013

COPIES: Rick Hoppe, Mayor’s Office,
Fred Hoke Development Services Center,
Public Works & Utilities Staff,
Building & Safety Staff,
Planning Department Staff,
Urban Development Staff,
Development Community Mailing List

This memo includes updated data regarding the supply of urban residential lots in Lincoln’s developing areas (within the 2040 Future Service Limit) as of January 1, 2013 and historical data on residential building permits for the entire city.

Detached Single Family Lot Supply
As of January 1, 2013, there were 7,535 detached single family lots in the City of Lincoln’s lot supply in its developing areas. These lots are in various stages of the approval process including final platted lots, preliminary platted lots, and submitted lots that are in the process of review. Of this number, 1,826 single-family detached lots are final platted and available more immediately. (Please see the attached “Residential Land Inventory Review” for detailed historical data.) This updated single family lot supply is reduced from one year ago, reflecting developers’ response to reduced demand by slowing down the creation of new lots.

Detached Single Family Demand
The number of building permits for new detached single family homes increased last year to the highest level in five years. (Please see the attached “Number of New Construction Dwelling Units” for detailed historical data.) In 2012, 525 detached single family building permits were issued, compared to 388 in 2011, 370 in 2010, 378 in 2009, and 410 in 2008. Each of the past six years has yielded fewer than 600; lower than the 10-year average of 718. The slowdown in the national economy and more restrictive lending practices have been especially harsh on the construction sector over the past several years, and Lincoln has experienced a related slowdown. With lower building and platting trends, the supply of final platted detached single family lots is now at a 4-year supply, based on the 3-year building average. This compares to a 2-3 year supply in the peak homebuilding period of 2002-2004. Using the overall number of 7,535 single family detached lots available and in the pipeline (final platted, preliminary platted, and submitted), the lot supply increases to 17.6 years based on the 3-year building average, and 10.5 years based on the 10-year average.
Multi-Family Supply
574 multi-family building permits were issued in 2012. The supply of potential multi-family land decreased over the past year by 873 units, with most of the decrease coming in preliminary platted land. 2010-2012 saw more multi-family building permits compared to 2008-2009. During the downturn in the economy and slowdown in single family permits, demand for new multi-family units has remained strong. Multi-family building permits have accounted for over 40% of all residential building permits for the last three years; a much higher proportion than experienced from 1998-2005, but consistent with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Overall Supply
Lincoln has the potential to accommodate 40,510 new dwelling units in Tier I developing areas within the 2040 Future Service Limit. This represents a 29.9 year supply based on the 10-year average demand. What this means is that we have enough land available in those developing areas to build roughly 1,400 dwelling units every year for the next 30 years. That is a much faster pace than the average over the last five years, but right about on the 10-year average. To the extent that infill and redevelopment in downtown and other established areas of the city is successful, the land supply in the developing areas will last even longer.

Of the 40,510 dwelling units, 14,888 (single family and multi-family combined) are approved or in the approval process. The remainder of the potential units is currently without infrastructure.
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Note: Based on building permits issued, not actual construction and occupancy. There are some permits issued, particularly in multi-family, that are never built.

- Year is based on date permit issued, not date of completion and occupancy.
- Single Family Detached is a Single Family Detached unit on a Single lot.
- Single Family attached is defined as one dwelling unit on a single lot attached by a common wall to one or more other dwelling units.
- Duplex is two dwelling units built on one lot.
- Multi-family is three or more units built on a single lot, typical of apartments or condominiums.
- Totals include only City of Lincoln and not Lancaster County.

Source: Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department (March 11, 2013)

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### Vacant Lot Study

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### Residential Land Inventory Review

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03/11/2013
March 12, 2013

WORK TO BEGIN ON N. 27TH STREET VIADUCT

N. 27th Street / Leighton Viaduct Reconstruction

State Project No. LCLC-5231(13)
City Project No. 540023

Work will begin Monday, March 18th on the N. 27th Street Viaduct over the BNSF tracks south of Cornhusker Highway. Repairs are needed to extend the life of the bridge. This work will include new: concrete barrier rails, pavement expansion joints, roadway approach paving on N. 27th street, miscellaneous structural repairs, and pedestrian walkway improvements. The contractor will be United Contractors, Inc., of Johnston, IA.

During construction, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on N. 27th Street between Fair Street and Cleveland Avenue. Drivers can expect delays and are urged to use alternate routes. Suggested routes are 33rd Street and Antelope Valley Parkway/14th Street. In the interest of public safety, the intersections of Theresa Street & Center Street will be restricted to right turns only.

Overhead work above the following streets will require temporary street closures to safely perform the required construction operations: Leighton Avenue, State Fair Park Drive, and Kimco Drive. These closures will only occur from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and should be infrequent. One of these three streets will be left open to traffic during night work.

The 27th Street Viaduct project is expected to be completed in late August.

For more information, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

Chuck Kadlecak, Project Manager
United Contractors, Inc.
(515) 276-6162
c Chuckkadlecak@unitedcontractors.net

Tim Byrne, Project Manager
City of Lincoln, Engineering Services
(402) 416-5342
t bvr nc@lincoln.ne.gov

City Project Number  540023
State Project Number  LCLC-5231(13); CN 13137

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I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of March 16, 2013 through March 22, 2013.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Artistic rain barrels now on display.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket JPA will meeting on Friday, March 22, 2013, 3:00 p.m., 555 S. 10th Street, in City Council Chambers. Agenda and attachments are available on line.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. The Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization, Technical Committee, will meet on March 21, 2013, 555 S. 10th Street, conference room 113.
   a) The Lincoln MPO Technical Committee agenda, and reports, available on line.
2. Invitation to participate in the Planning Assessment Survey posted on line.
3. Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for Thursday, March 21, 2013, 555 S. 10th, 1:30 p.m.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Street and Alley Vacation No. 13002. Schmidt Drive between West Denton Road and South 1st Street.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Building and Safety – Inspections & Enforcement  DATE: February 21, 2013

NEED: This request is to adjust the amount originally requested for the additional 1 FTE plumbing inspector approved in December 2012. Building and Safety Department has no spare vehicles so a new CNG sedan, cost $18,000 will need to be purchased.

No adverse affect on the General Fund budget for the Department will occur since this position is funded by user fees from the Building & Safety Special Revenue Fund.

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| TOTAL EXPENDITURES: | $18,000 |
| SOURCE OF REVENUES: | Building and Safety Fund |

DIRECTOR [Signature]  DATE 2-21-13
FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Availability of Appropriations: Yes ☐ No ☐

BUDGET OFFICER

PURCHASING AGENT

FINANCE DIRECTOR ☐

DATE 2/11/13

APPROVED: Yes ☐ No ☐

MAYOR

DATE

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of March 16 through March 22, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Monday, March 18
•  Award of Excellence - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, March 19
•  KLIN - 8:10 a.m.
•  International visitors from Armenia - 10:30 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Wednesday, March 20
•  Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Group (YPG) visit/tour, remarks - 7:45 a.m., County-City Building, room 303

Thursday, March 21
•  KFOR - 7:45 a.m.

Friday, March 22
•  West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Watershed Management Division, 901 N. 6th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7701

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 18, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ellen Wright, Watershed Management, 402-441-7075

ARTISTIC RAIN BARRELS NOW ON DISPLAY

The public is invited to see the 25 rain barrels painted by local artists as part of the fifth annual Recycling Raindrops: Artistic Rain Barrel Program. The barrels are on display through April 19 throughout SouthPointe Pavilions® Shopping Center, 27th and Pine Lake Road. The Artistic Rain Barrel Program is sponsored by the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the Watershed Management Division of the City Public Works and Utilities Department in cooperation with SouthPointe.

Rain barrels are above-ground containers modified to receive, store and distribute rooftop runoff for non-drinking uses. The Artistic Rain Barrel Program has raised more than $24,000 for community youth education programs.

“If Zoo Director John Chapo and I have our way, these 25 extraordinary rain barrels will help make standard rain barrels far more ordinary in Nebraska,” said Ellen Wright, an Environmental Health Educator in Watershed Management who organized the program. “This community art program raises awareness of the adverse effects of urban stormwater runoff. By installing a rain barrel, homeowners can help improve our water quality by slowing the flow of rain water runoff. More importantly, it helps keep pollutants like motor oil, pet waste and other contaminants out of our wetlands, lakes and streams.”

Wright thanked the artists participating in the program. She said SouthPointe also demonstrates its environmental awareness by partnering with the Lincoln Electric System in its annual Sustainable Living Festival and by recycling more than 300,000 pounds of cardboard each year.

The rain barrels will be auctioned April 20 at SouthPointe to benefit the Lincoln Children’s Zoo’s environmental education programs. Individuals wanting to purchase barrels prior to the auction may use a new “Buy Now” feature, using their smart phone to scan the QR code placed near each rain barrel or logging onto the Zoo’s website “Buy Now” page at www.lincolnzoo.org. More information about the rain barrels and this program is available on the City website, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rain barrel). More information also is available by contacting Wright at 402-441-7075 or ewright@lincoln.ne.gov.
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting March 22, 2013

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on **Friday, March 22, 2013** at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers Room 112.

Agenda and attachments are online at [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm)

Pam Gadeken
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II
CITY PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES | 555 So. 10TH, SUITE 203 | LINCOLN, NE 68508
P 402-441-7558 | F 402-441-8609 | pgadeken@lincoln.ne.gov
TO: Technical Committee Members  
FROM: Miki Esposito, Chairman, Technical Committee  
SUBJECT: Technical Committee Meeting

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: March 21, 2013  
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room #113  
County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

**Roll call and acknowledge the “Nebraska Open Meeting Act”**

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the **February 14, 2012 Technical Committee meeting.** (enclosure)

2. Review and action to accept the **Pedestrian and Bicycle Capital Plan** that will be used to implement portions of the **2040 Long Range Transportation Plan.** (enclosure)

3. Review and action on amendments to the **MPO Management Plan.** This document is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, [www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/).
   a) Add the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District General Manager as a non-voting member of the MPO Technical Committee,
   b) Revise committee activities to include program oversight and project selection for the Transportation Alternative Program,
   c) Add a reference to the new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Lincoln MPO and Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), and
   d) Update language that refers to SAFETEA-LU as the current federal legislation to state MAP-21 is the current federal transportation legislation.

4. Briefing on the Lincoln MPO **Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategy** for improving individual travel choices and options within the MPO planning area.

5. Briefing on the draft **NDOR Operating Manual for MPO Transportation Planning** that provides guidance and outlines procedures policies and timelines for Nebraska MPOs.

6. Other topics for discussion.

**Next MPO Technical Committee Meeting: April 18, 2013**
From: Mike Abendroth
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 3:59 PM
To: Barb Fraser; Brad Zumwalt; Chris M. Schroeder; David J. Pesnichak; David Landis; David R. Cary; Don R. Thomas; Douglas A. Pillard; John Wood; Justin Luther; Kaine McClelland; Larry D. Worth; Lynn Johnson; Mark Bechtel; Marvin S. Krout; Michael D. Brienza; Mike Owen; Mike Esposito; Randy W. Hoskins; Roger A. Figard; Tom Goodbarn
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Subject: Lincoln MPO Technical Committee Agenda

A Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the County/City Building, Room 113. The agenda and reports are available on our web page at lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/tech/tech.htm.

If you have any questions regarding this agenda, please feel free to contact Mike Brienza with the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

Michele Abendroth
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6164
The Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department is taking some time to look at the services they provide to the public and the way the public feels Lincoln is developing.

We want to take this time to survey all of our stakeholders, asking them; how we are doing, how satisfied are you with the way the community is growing, what suggestions do you have for improvement, and how can we improve on informing and involving citizens in the planning process?

At the end of the survey, participants will be asked if they want to participate in focus groups planned in the months of April and May.

To share your thoughts regarding the growth of Lincoln and Lancaster County, and the service provided by the Planning Department, please fill out an online survey at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/survey_pas.htm. A paper survey is also available at the Bennet Martin, Anderson, Gere, Eisley, or Walt branches of the Lincoln City Libraries.

Please forward this email to any interest groups to which you belong, or any friends or family who would like to participate in this conversation. The survey will be available online through April 8th.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491 or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.
Boards & Commissions

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

NOTICE

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2013. The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. in Room 214 in Development Services Center, 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

March 21, 2013

1. Approval of HPC meeting record of February 21, 2013.

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

HEARING AND ACTION

Memo from Ed Zimmer

3. Application by Michael Sinclair for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 301 N. 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

4. Application by WRK for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at the southwest corner of Holdrege Street and Idylwild Drive in the East Campus Neighborhood Landmark District, including 1417 and 1423 Idylwild. Staff Report - Part 1 * Staff Report - Part 2

5. Application by Greg Munn on behalf of NeighborWorks Lincoln for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at O. C. Reynolds House, a designated landmark at 2530 Q Street.

6. Application by Sinclair Hille Associates on behalf of DelRay Ballroom for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 817 R Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

7. Application by Nebraska Neon Sign Company on behalf of MacPractice for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at the H. P. Lau Building, 247 N. 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

8. Application by Glaser Sign Group for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 235 North 9th
Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

9. Application by Jonathan Camp for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at the Armour Building, 100 North 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

10. Application by Kevin Clark on behalf of Lazlo's for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 700 P Street/210 North 7th Street, dba Lazlo's in the Haymarket Landmark District.

11. Application for a Special Permit for Historic Preservation for the Atwood House, a designed landmark at 740 South 17th Street.

DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION

12. Endorsement of work program/grant application to the Historic Preservation Fund of the U. S. Dept. of the Interior through the Nebraska State Historical Society for City of Lincoln as a Certified Local Government.

DISCUSSION

13. Staff Report & Misc.
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler & City Council Members
FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office
DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 
DATE: March 15, 2013

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
Marvin Krout
Rod Confer
Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning
SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No.13002
Schmidt Drive between West Denton Rd. and South 1st St.

A request has been made to vacate a portion of Schmidt Drive between West Denton Road and South 1st Street. This request is made in conjunction with the Southwest Village Planned Unit Development and was anticipated as a part of the PUD. As a part of the PUD additional street right-of-way will be dedicated to offset the value of the portion of Schmidt Drive being vacated. As such, it seems it would be in the City's best interest to vacate this street right-of-way to provide for better redevelopment of the area. It is therefore recommended that if the area be vacated it be deeded back to the abutting property owners at no cost with the understanding that replacement street right-of-way would be dedicated in conjunction with the Planned Unit Development.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Lloyd Hinkley; DiAnna Schimek; Doug Emery; Jonathan Cook; and Gene Carroll

Absent: Jon Camp, Vice Chair

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Rod Confer, City Attorney; Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Director; Judy Halstead, Health Department Director; David Landis, Urban Development Director; and Hallie Salem, Comm. Development Program Specialist

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Ross stated the formal agenda for today has a short public hearing time, and Item No.13 contains a Motion to Amend, a clean up of a clerical error.

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present January Award of Excellence to Caleb Whisenhunt.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Civil Rights Conference set for April.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Work to begin on No. 27th Street viaduct.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will make announcements at a news conference on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 regarding the City’s 2 for Trees and Lincoln Cares donation programs.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Parks and Recreation offers program on growing roses.
6. NEWS RELEASE. New 2 for Trees program successful. New projects announced for Lincoln Cares. No comment

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER
2. City of Lincoln parking ban update. Monday, March 11, 2013, 4:00 p.m.
3. City of Lincoln parking ban update. Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 11:45 a.m.
No comment

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER
Hoke requested Item 21, First Reading regarding Lincoln Fire Suppression Systems be put on pending. Working with additional individuals and want to review carefully before bringing before Council. Question asked if indefinite pending, with reply of yes.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Percentage of business selling tobacco to minors drops.
2. Health Department, Board of Health, minutes of February 12, 2013.
No comment
Judy Halstead, Health Department Director, spoke on agenda item No. 13. First, the fund is not overruled by the Council if the County Board fails to act. The Lincoln Journal article said if the County Board fails to act, but actually it’s if the Community Health Endowment Board fails to act in 48 hours. The City Council would not be over ruling the County Board on the issue, as they don’t have a vote on the funds.

Halstead wanted to clarify the language related to the invasion of the fund is not new language but in the ordinance for over a decade. Trying to have a process as to how to request the funds. Realized with H1N1 that if Federal had not reimbursed us, we would have had a significant fiscal obligation. While the Community Health Endowment designated, the funds could be used for public health emergency up to $9.25 million. We didn’t have a process in place to request, or how to access.

Thirdly, to remind everyone, Community Health Endowment was put in place by the sale of Lincoln General, by the City. A City asset, and while CHE manages the funds and award grants, this is a City asset. Making sure if the City needs it would be accessible. Then, making clear, the $9.25 million is a quarter of original proceeds of $37 million. We could delay to clarify through law it’s a fourth of original proceeds, not a fourth of the entire fund.

Confer stated the question was, if you had $23 million in earnings on the original $37 million, would you be limited to $9.25 million in the event of a community disaster? You could take out one-fourth of the original, leaving three-fourths of the original corpus in addition to the earnings. Not the understanding of the Community Health Endowment. Halstead added, not the intent. Confer said we want to amend making sure the language is reflective of the intent. Eskridge asked if $9.25 million is the fixed amount? Confer replied they would like to limit any use of the Community Health Endowment total fund to $9.25 million.

Halstead stated that was the original intent when the language was originally inserted. Obviously, there’s other City, County, federal and state dollars. Then, the County can levy property tax specifically for public health emergency beyond existing limitations. We need to make sure everyone is comfortable it is $9.25 million, and ask to extend for one week.

Cook stated, when extending a week, we’re not voting until next week, just an ordinance. Would you prefer public hearing be held for third reading next week? To carry over second reading? Halstead replied whatever is easiest. Nothing is occurring other than to clarify the original intent. If we keep open a week, doing public hearing today and extend, fine. Hoppe thought this was best, voting next week. Cook asked if they want the third reading with the vote next week? Halstead replied yes.

Cook stated he received calls. Many people were unaware of what was in the ordinance, but this brought forward, with the question, why is it in the ordinance at all? Why not strike from the ordinance rather than clarifying we can take money in a particular way? Heard it may be harder to get state or federal reimbursement if we’re put our money forward. Federal may say we don’t need.

Halstead stated the rules have a Federal Declaration. Federal funds deemed available for an emergency. Comes down to a Federal or State declaration. The State applies for State declaration, and then for Federal declaration when it meets thresholds. Do not think having local funds available will make it a determination. Cook stated this would make obvious there is a pot of money, with mechanisms to pass emergency declarations and borrow money. Then, is it possible to put in place language saying we want to repay the fund? Wouldn’t just be permanently out. A concern. Confer stated, is actually in now. When the fund dips below $37 million you cannot make any grants until it goes back up. Cook replied that’s
different. Halstead said FEMA may pay a year later. Cook added those funds should be used to reimburse the fund. Essentially we’re paying up front, as it’s money we need now. But would like to be reimbursed if federal or state money is available. If this could be more clearly specified. A loan in case of an emergency. Confer said the ordinance states you can accept other donations, or reimbursements, to replenish the fund. Cook asked all to think about which would be more explicit.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Approvals by the Planning Director from March 5, 2013 through March 11, 2013.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Planning Department seeks public input.
3. Memo from Jean Preister, Planning Administrative Officer, regarding the report of the Residential Land Inventory and Residential Building Permits as of January 1, 2013.
   a) Residential Land Inventory and Residential Building Permits as of January 1, 2013.

No comment

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. ADVISORY. Work to begin on No. 27th Street viaduct. No. 27th Street / Leighton Viaduct Reconstruction. State Project No. LCLC-5231(13); City Project No. 540023.

No comment

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
David Landis, Urban Development Director. Hallie Salem, Community Development Program Specialist
– Project Oscar Update
Landis stated following the Urban design, with concerns on first floor illumination, and subsequent to public hearing have had discussions between the administration and developer, and developer and Urban Design Committee. A timing issue of when they’ll work on this. Property acquisition first and then they’ll return to design issues. Salem added when Project Oscar came to the Joint Urban Design Committee-Preservation Commission meeting they didn’t have a plaza concept. Had place holders, some ideas on lighting and seating. Just ideas, not design plans. The committees were concerned. But, items were shown in the plaza and wanted open for discussion. They presented particular ideas, pieces, design thoughts. They had been working hard on the building and hadn’t focused as much time on the plaza.

Salem said when negotiating these agreements typically public spaces are the last spaces to be designed. Usually designed after the agreement. In line with the typical process, just concerned committees to see they had spent a lot of time on the building and not yet spent much time on the plaza. We will be bringing back, as early as May, with illuminating concepts, and a lighting consultant hired with their design team, Davis Design, Design 360, to look at the plaza space. We do not expect final design right away. Do expect to come back, at least a couple of times, depending on their comments. Fairly typical.

Eskridge stated we’re happy to have the building in place with tenants occupying the upper floors. Feel the whole West Haymarket area is public space in essence. Very important on whatever is there, retail, open plaza, etc., is for the public. Vital that it is attractive, useful, and beneficial to the public.

Salem stated these are the tenants front doors, not wanting it to look like a parking garage first floor, but corporate headquarters front doors. Landis said constructive advise. Not inconsistent with our view.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK
Cook stated City Attorney Confer will prepare an amendment on the fiber network and infrastructure position. Discussed with various people, including Miki Esposito, Public Works/Utilities Director, on their needs of having someone who manages right-of-way, plus all things associated with the right of way. The
person wouldn’t be just about conduit and fiber, a priority issue, but would also look at the larger management of right-of-ways with people wanting to put in new lines in existing right-of-ways. Not City conduit but it needs to be managed well, with taxpayer benefits with leasing space in the right-of-way. Wanted to make clear. Think the job description can be dealt with separately.

Hoppe stated right-of-way management is part, with the City having a substantial part of the job description. Do not object to changing the title. Cook stated he would change infrastructure, to right-of-way. It would be a fiber network and right-of-way manager. A Public Works position.

Hoppe stated as long as everyone understands the conduit is the preeminent issue the first couple of years, the part needing the management. The right-of-way piece could come second.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m.