I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will join the Lincoln Parks Foundation to celebrate the grand opening of the renovated Sherman Field at Sampson Park at the rededication ceremony Wednesday, April 17th, Second and South Streets.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Community celebrates Sherman Field renovations.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will join campaign leaders on revitalizing Nebraska’s Centennial Mall to announce a major donation at a news conference, Friday, April 19th, 10:00 a.m., in the Warner Legislative Chamber, east of the Rotunda on the second floor of the Nebraska State Capitol.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

CITY ATTORNEY
1. City Attorney, Rodney Confer’s reply to Dave Connely regarding a fireworks display at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s baseball game.
   a) Letter from Dave Connely on fireworks after sporting events.

PLANNING COMMISSION
1. Action by the Planning Commission, April 17, 2013.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 13015 approved by the Planning Director on April 10, 2013.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Memo from James Friedman, on behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association.
   a) Letter from William Carver, President of the Near South Neighborhood Association.
   b) Reply to the Near South Neighborhood Association Members from Lin Quenzer, Ombudsman.
DATE: April 16, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will join the Lincoln Parks Foundation to celebrate the grand opening of the newly renovated Sherman Field at Sampson Park at a rededication ceremony at **4 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 at 2nd and South streets.**

The event is scheduled to take place at the new entry plaza. If the weather is bad, the ceremony will take place under the grandstand.

The ceremony is scheduled to be followed by a 5 p.m. varsity baseball game between Lincoln Northeast and Lincoln Southeast, with the Mayor and John Sampson throwing out the first pitch at 4:50 p.m.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 17, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265

COMMUNITY CELEBRATES SHERMAN FIELD RENOVATIONS
Sampson gift leads to successful fund-raising campaign

Mayor Chris Beutler joined baseball enthusiasts and supporters today to celebrate the newly renovated Sherman Field at Sampson Park. The Lincoln Parks Foundation led a successful $2.2 million fund-raising campaign to renovate support facilities at the historic ballpark, which was built at 2nd and South streets in 1947. The project includes two new dugouts, restrooms and a new maintenance and storage facility, ticket and concession building and concourse.

The park is named for Morris “Sam” and Evelyn Sampson who founded Sampson Construction Company in Lincoln in 1952. The name recognizes a significant contribution from their son, the current President, John Sampson. Sampson provided a significant lead gift and secured assistance from subcontractors for the project. Sampson watched the Lincoln Chiefs play at Sherman Field as a boy, played catcher for Gary’s Sports Shop and Lincoln High School, and has sponsored Lincoln High’s American Legion team for many years.

“This is among the largest donations made to our City Parks and Recreation programs,” said Mayor Beutler. “We sincerely thank John and his family for helping to build Lincoln and for their generous contribution to the iconic Sherman Field. This is a great example of how a hard working family built a very successful company and have now chosen to give back to make Lincoln an even greater place to live and play.”

The Mayor also thanked the many other donors who made the project possible as well as the campaign leaders, including Sampson, Leslie Gordon, Bill Fagler and Dick Clarence. Honorary Chairs were Joba Chamberlain and Alex Gordon, former high school players from Lincoln who played for the Huskers and are now in the major leagues.

The City-owned Sherman Field was the home of the Lincoln Chiefs in the 1940s and 1950s and hosted players like Satchel Paige, Nellie Fox and Bobby Shantz. Since 1961, the field has been used for American Legion and state high school baseball games. The field and grandstand were renovated in 1997. In addition to new support facilities, the recent improvements include energy efficient field lighting, a reorganized parking lot with ADA accessibility and new perimeter fencing. The final phase of renovation is nearly completed and includes landscaping and special donor recognition and historical displays.

Sherman Field
Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said Sherman Field hosts about 250 games between mid-March and mid-July. “Of all the high school fields in Nebraska, Sherman Field is a favorite among players, coaches and fans because of its history, field surface and the large grandstand, which gives everyone the feeling of being in a classic ballpark,” Johnson said.

In addition to Sampson’s lead gift, major contributions came from the City of Lincoln, Lincoln Public Schools, the Lancaster County Visitors Improvement Fund, The Lincoln Community Foundation on behalf of the Myrtle E. Clark Fund; Helen E. Clough Children & Youth Field of Interest Fund; Maurguerite A. Hac Children & Youth Field of Interest Fund; Frances V. H. James Memorial Fund; and Maude Hollingshead Memorial Fund.

“This is a wonderful example of a successful public-private partnership,” said Danielle Conrad, Lincoln Parks Foundation Director. “We appreciate the community’s strong support to help restore this historic treasure that will be an incredible place for baseball, families and our community now and for generations to come.”

Other donors include members of the Diamond Club, who provided a foundation gift for the project; Amigo’s; Bison Inc.; Burlington Northern Santa Fe; BVH Architects; Carpetland; Chief Industries; Culver’s; Great Plains Foundation; John Baylor Test Prep; Krieger Family Foundation; Lincoln Babe Ruth Baseball; Lincoln Industries; Lincoln Parks Foundation; NEBCO; Nebraska Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine; Northwestern Mutual Financial; Pinnacle Bank; Runza; Schaefer’s TV and Appliances; Solution One; Stonebrook Roofing; and Whitehead Oil Company.

The public may still purchase custom crafted recognition ball tiles and grand slam bats that will be added to the display under the grandstand. Proceeds will support an endowment fund for the ongoing care and maintenance of Sherman Field. More information is available at: www.lincolnparks.org
Mayor Chris Beutler will join leaders of the campaign to revitalize Nebraska’s Centennial Mall to announce a major donation at a news conference at 10 a.m. Friday, April 19 in the Warner Legislative Chamber, east of the Rotunda on the second floor of the Nebraska State Capitol.
Dave Connely  
721 Glacier Trail  
Lincoln, NE 68521

April 17, 2013

Re: Fireworks

Dear Mr. Connely:

Thank you for your letter to the Mayor and Council of earlier this month. Mayor Beutler asked that I respond to you. I appreciate your bringing to our attention the March 29th fireworks display that occurred quite late in the evening following the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's baseball game.

By way of background, the Lincoln Municipal Code does require a commercial permit for a public fireworks display, and the State Fire Marshal also has to issue a permit before a public display may occur. The City and the State have issued permits for approximately a dozen displays per year at Haymarket Park since it opened, for both University of Nebraska games and Saltdogs games. Fireworks are generally discharged as the game concludes, which is usually around 10pm or 10:30pm. On March 29th, however, the Huskers baseball game stretched on for 16 innings, resulting in the late start time for the display.

No state or local laws restrict the time when public displays may take place, but as a result of your letter City Fire Inspector Bill Moody did contact the University of Nebraska Athletics Department and the Saltdogs organization to discuss your concerns. Both agreed that in the future they will take steps to insure that firework displays do not extend past 11pm.

I realize this compromise may not satisfy all of the concerns you raise in your letter. Additional restrictions on public displays would require legislative action at either the state or local level.

Thank you again for your letter. I would be happy to respond to any follow-up questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Rodney M. Confer
City Attorney

Cc: Bill Moody, City Fire Inspector  
Fred Hoke, Building & Safety Director  
Denise Pearce, Mayor's Office  
City Council
Fireworks Complaint

TO: City of Lincoln Mayor & Councilmen

Reference: Fireworks after sporting events

In my opinion, fireworks are not safe under any condition and circumstance and if the mayor and city council did any research before approving fireworks after a baseball game especially at 12:00 PM (midnight), as the display of a huge barrage of fireworks that took place on Good Friday after Nebraska’s winning baseball game.

Most Veterans of Foreign Wars including myself, a two term Vietnam veteran does not appreciate being awakened at midnight with a display of bomb sounds and cracking. When I finally realized what it was and went outside to see where the action was coming from only to be followed by neighbors toting weapons and asking what was going on. At that time I figured I was not the only one disturbed by the tremendously loud racket and I live about one half mile north from the Haymarket Park Baseball Field and Oak Lake Park on NW 8th Street. I can’t even imagine what residents that live closer must have thought. At the same time, all the dogs within a mile or more erupted in barking and further awakening residents.

In 2012, the city passed a stronger ordinance against Lincoln residents lighting of fireworks around the fourth of July and for that matter any other time of the year, but for some unknown reason the City of Lincoln decided it was not necessary for the University of Nebraska and Salt Dogs baseball teams to adhere to the same ordinance that is placed on the city’s residents.

I am sure there is an ordinance against excessive noise in Lincoln also which the fireworks barrage that took place on Good Friday had to violate. Most people have to work for a living and need their rest and take offense of being awakened in the middle of the night. It seems that I read somewhere that there was a curfew time for fireworks for sporting events that mentioned 11:00 PM and if that is the case, it needs to be set back to 9:00 PM.

Why is it allowed that the baseball games can take this kind of action, but surprisingly enough you do not see it after a Nebraska football game. The celebration of a touchdown at a football game is a quiet display of airborne balloons. I suggest if the University of Nebraska and Salt Dog baseball players want to celebrate a win, you give them a bunch of sparklers and let them run around the bases.

Lincoln Resident & tax payer

Dave Connely
721 Glacier Trail
Lincoln, NE. 68521

Copies:
University Chancellor (Harvey Perlman)
News stations, Lincoln Journal Star
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

[All Members present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 3, 2013. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Weber absent at time of vote)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

PLATS:

1.1 Preliminary Plat No. 13002, Cedar Cove Townhomes 1st Addition, for approximately 126 lots to develop approximately 125 dwelling units, on property generally located at Cedar Cove Road and Leighton Avenue.

**FINAL ACTION***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated April 4, 2013, 7-0 (Weber absent at time of vote).

Resolution No. PC-01326
2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:

CHANGE OF ZONE:

2.1 County Change of Zone No. 12038, from AG Agricultural District to AGR Agricultural Residential District, on property generally located at NW 126th Street and W. Bluff Road.

Staff recommendation: The applicant has requested deferral
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION SCHEDULED FOR Wednesday, May 29, 2013, 1:00 p.m.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

ANNEXATION WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.1a Annexation No. 12005, to annex approximately 23 acres, more or less, generally located at S. 70th Street and Countryview Road

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated April 4, 2013, 8-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

4.1b Change of Zone No. 12030, from AG Agriculture District and R-3 PUD to R-3 Residential District on property generally located at South 70th Street and Countryview Road.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

4.1c Special Permit No. 12034, Grand View Estates Community Unit Plan, for up to 174 dwelling units, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Countryview Road. *** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated April 4, 2013, 8-0.
Resolution No. PC-01327.
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:
(See 4-3-2013 agenda for staff report on the following item.)

PERMITS:
5.1 County Special Permit No. 13011, to allow a temporary mobile home for
residential occupancy during construction of a permanent residence, on
property generally located at NW 112th Street and W. Rock Creek Road.

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov

Had Continued Public Hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set
forth in the staff report dated March 19, 2013, 8-0.
Resolution No. PC-01328.

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

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PENDING LIST: None

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

The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm
Please be advised that on April 17, 2013, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. PC-01326**, approving Preliminary Plat No. 13002, Cedar Cove Townhomes 1st Addition, with conditions, requested by Cedar Cove Townhomes, LLC, for authority to create 126 lots for 125 dwelling units on approximately 40.48 acres, generally located at Cedar Cove Road and Leighton Avenue.

**Resolution No. PC-01327**, approving Special Permit No. 12034, with conditions, requested by Rokeby Holdings, LLC, for authority to develop Grandview Estates Community Unit Plan, with 64 lots and a maximum density of 174 dwelling units, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Countryview Road. *(Note: The associated Annexation No. 12005 and Change of Zone No. 12030, the approval of which is a condition of approval on this special permit, will be scheduled for Council public hearing on May 6, 2013.)*

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. PP13002, SP13024). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Memorandum

Date:  ♦  April 16, 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 April 9, 2013 through April 15, 2013:

**Administrative Amendment No. 13015** to Special Permit No. 674, Coddington Heights Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on April 10, 2013, requested by Sinda Dux, to decrease the rear yard setback from 20 feet to 5 feet next to common open space, on property located at 2301 S.W. 18th Street.

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Annexation by Ordinance
The Woodlands at Yankee Hill
S 84th St & Yankee Hill Rd
Effective: April 16, 2013
24.16 Acres
Good Morning!
I am writing to you on behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association. Please read the attached letter. We would like to request a follow up meeting with city officials regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

James Friedman
NSNA Administrative V.P.

James Friedman
Manager, Malone Manor
737 N. 22nd St.
Lincoln, NE 68503
(402)476-8895 office
(402)476-8124 fax
April 11, 2013

City Public Works Department

Subject: 17th Street Construction

Thank you for attending the April 8, 2013 Near South Neighborhood Association meeting. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss the 17th street reconstruction project between South and Van Dorn streets. At the meeting Holly Lionberger recorded several issues including school children crossing at 17th and Harwood, considering backing up street parking from intersections to allow better sightlines for cars turning onto 17th street from side streets, and retaining the redstone alley returns.

We are happy to report there seems to be consensus in support of reducing the travel lanes to two and creating an additional parking lane along the west side of 17th street. (There was a request to double-check the traffic counts to ensure capacity.)

The remaining design issue is the historic redstone curbing along the majority of 17th street between South and A streets. There was strong sentiment at the meeting for retaining and resetting (as necessary) all of the existing historic redstone curbing. It has been an element of the neighborhood for over a century; however, it is clear that would add significantly to the project cost and perhaps necessitate a rebid next year or beyond. After lengthy discussion, the NSNA board feels that the best solution would be to focus on keeping the historic redstone curbing in featured areas – those that best represent the historic character of the neighborhood business district along 17th street.

Specifically, the Near South Neighborhood Association requests the following:

1) The redstone curbing on the east side of 17th between Prospect and Sumner be retained. This segment in front of Goodwill is in quite good shape and could probably just remain as-is and where-is during construction.
2) Redstone curbing removed from the residential segments south of Prospect be moved to the historic business district north of Sumner. This would require installation along the west side of 17th street between Sumner and Garfield and along the east side between Garfield and Washington. These two segments, one in front of Russ's Market and the other in front of the 17th street shops, represent the highest visibility and best example of the historic business district. This would be the top priority.

3) The remaining commercial segments between Washington and A Street could either retain their existing redstone curbing or again have stone removed from farther south of Prospect re-installed. We recognize that curbing on the long radius on the east side of 17th street north of the alley between Washington and A Street is completely gone and may not be a candidate for replacement stone.

4) Any remaining stone curbing be placed in city storage for future use in the neighborhood and surrounding environs.

For over forty years, NSNA has worked to preserve and protect our historic part of the community. We believe that the above design elements are essential to any reconstruction of 17th street between South and A Streets. We have noticed and appreciate the additional infrastructure repairs going on in our neighborhood. We are pleased that Public Works, Mayor's Office, and City Council have allocated resources towards helping maintain historic neighborhoods. We hope that this project can be another example of neighborhoods and the city working together to maintain a high quality of life in our community.

Sincerely,

William Carver

President Near South Neighborhood Association

Cc: Mayor Chris Beutler, Councilman Jonathon Cook, City Council Office, Urban Development, Ed Zimmer
Dear Near South Neighborhood Association Members:

Mayor Beutler has received your letter regarding upcoming street work on South 17th Street between A Street and Van Dom. I am forwarding your letter and email on to Rick Hoppe and Miki Esposito for a response.

I am glad you found Holly Lionberger’s presentation useful. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us should you have other questions or concerns on this or other matters of City government.

Sincerely,

Lin Quenzer
Ombudsman
Office of the Mayor
City of Lincoln, Nebraska
402.441.7511

From: James Friedman [mailto:James.Friedman@rhf.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2013 11:30 AM
To: Roger A. Figard
Cc: Mayor; Jonathan A. Cook; Council Packet; David Landis; Ed Zimmer
Subject: Near South Neighborhood requests on 17th street design

Good Morning!
I am writing to you on behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association. Please read the attached letter. We would like to request a follow up meeting with city officials regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Register now for Summer Day Camps beginning Tuesday, May 28, 2013.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Nebraska’s Centennial Mall campaign gets a huge boost. Campaign announced $2 million gift.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of April 20th through April 26, 2013.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Girder failure on the new West Haymarket Pedestrian Bridge halts rail traffic.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. April sales tax reports reflecting February activity:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collection (With Refunds Added Back In) 2008-2009 through 2012-2013;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2008-2009 through 2012-2013; and

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. The Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2013, 1:30 p.m. in the County- City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 113, agenda attached.
2. The April 25, 2013 Nebraska Capitol Environ Commission meeting has been canceled.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Letter from Karen Griffin, President of the Great Plains Trails Network, regarding installing a push-button light on the Mopac Trail at 33rd Street.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Rick Boucher in support of paving the streets about the City Mission.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 18, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lewis, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-4902

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Registration is now open for the "FUNdamental Healthy Me" summer day camps offered by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department. The camps for elementary and middle school children begin Tuesday, May 28. Registration forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: day camps). The camps are offered from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays at these locations:

• Air Park Neighborhood Center, 3720 N.W. 46th St.
• Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson St.
• Bethany Park, Cotner Boulevard and Vine Street
• Calvert Community Center, 4500 Stockwell Street
• “F” Street Community Center, 1225 “F” St.
• Goodrich Middle School, 4600 Lewis Ave.
• Irving Recreation Center, 2010 Van Dorn St.
• McPhee Elementary School, 820 Goodhue Blvd.

The day camp fee is $125 per week per child, and scholarships are available for those who meet income guidelines. As part of the Summer Food Program, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will serve breakfast and lunch at these camps, with the exception of Bethany and Irving.

In addition to the full-day camps, a playground day camp is offered at Cripple Creek Park, Birch Hollow and Beaver Creek Lane, weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The fee is $25 per week, and no meals will be served.

Children can be registered for the entire summer or on a week-to-week basis. Activities will focus on health, nutrition and fitness and will include swimming, archery, tennis, canoeing, gardening, nature walks, field trips to museums and zoos and yoga lessons provided by certified instructors. Two nationally-known programs will be incorporated into the camps. OrganWise uses puppets to provide nutrition education, and the Wise Kids Outdoor Program provides supervised outdoor adventures that teach kids about nature, animals, weather and the earth.

For more information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: day camps) or 402-441-7952.
NEWS RELEASE  April 19, 2013

For more information:
• Lynn Johnson, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Director, 402-441-8265, ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov
• Susan Larson Rodenburg, Campaign Coordinator, 402-440-3227, susan@SLRCommunications.com

NEBRASKA’S CENTENNIAL MALL CAMPAIGN GETS A HUGE BOOST
Campaign announces $2 million gift

The leaders of the campaign to revitalize Nebraska’s Centennial Mall today reached a milestone in a four-year fund-raising effort with the announcement of a historic $2 million gift from a Nebraska native. The donation from Glenn Korff of Boulder, Colorado is the largest amount ever given to the Lincoln parks system. The gift will allow final construction to begin this summer on the seven-block Mall that connects the State Capitol with the University of Nebraska. With the campaign reaching its $9.6 million initial goal, the project will be completed in spring 2015 in time for the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2017. The $9.6 million includes construction costs and a $1.5 million endowment.

Korff was raised in Hebron and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. After earning an MBA at the University of Pennsylvania, Korff worked for Salomon Brothers from 1969 to 1974 and for Goldman Sachs from 1974 to 1992 in New York City. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1967 to 1973 and was cited as a military honor graduate on completion of his active duty. Since 1992, Korff has been semi-retired, managing Korff Holdings, a personal investment company. He is a fourth-generation Nebraskan.

“I am very grateful to have the opportunity to make this gift,” Korff said. “This is a project that sells itself. The renovation of the Centennial Mall will benefit the State of Nebraska, the City of Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus for generations to come. I am happy to be a part of it.”

“This gift allows us to reach our initial construction goal and to revitalize this Mall so that all Nebraskans will enjoy it for many years to come,” said Patty Pansing Brooks, who co-chairs the statewide campaign committee with Roger Larson and Mary Arth. “Glenn’s gift, combined with others from across the state, will make this Mall beautiful, educational, historical and accessible for everyone. We give him our wholehearted thanks.” The campaign will continue raising funds to underwrite additional enhancements to the initial construction plans.

Mayor Chris Beutler also thanked Korff and the other campaign donors. “With this incredible gift, we can begin construction of the Mall’s four outer blocks earlier than expected,” he said. “It is gratifying to see this long overdue project taking shape. We are extremely grateful to Glenn and the many supporters who have helped us through this journey. Remarkable gifts from generous people like Glenn inspire all of us to give back and do what we can to improve and preserve the places that mean so much to us.”

With the entire $9.6 million committed, the City will now be able to start construction of the outer four blocks this fall. Construction and landscaping will be completed by late spring of 2015. Construction of the middle three blocks was completed this spring in coordination with a downtown street improvement project.

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Envisioned by Capitol Architect Bertram Goodhue, Nebraska’s Centennial Mall was built in 1967 to commemorate the State’s 100th birthday. Visitors to the Mall include residents, tourists and 35,000 fourth grade students from across the state who visit the Capitol every year and use the Mall as part of their field trip focusing on Nebraska history.

The condition of the Mall has deteriorated over the years, and it has not been accessible. A master plan for renovation of the Mall was developed by the team of The Clark Enersen Partners, Bahr Vermeer & Haecker, Olsson Associates and Tom Laging. The plan was approved by Nebraska Capitol Commission which is chaired by the Governor as well as the Capitol Environs Commission.

The revitalized Mall will have durable accessible walkways and has been designed to accommodate a wide variety of activities and uses. Features will include the Capitol Fountain and Plaza featuring the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska Plaza and Missouri River Fountain, the Platte River and Ogallala Aquifer plaza areas and the Sparking the Good Life Fountain and Plaza.

The Spirit of Nebraska Pathway is a series of granite and bronze tiles placed along the twin walkways that frame all seven blocks of Nebraska’s Centennial Mall. The pathway program supports the Mall project and endowment fund by providing opportunities to sponsor tiles about famous Nebraskans and to recognize individuals, organizations and businesses. Over time, it is envisioned that these blocks will become a “Mosaic of Nebraskans” and their stories. The tiles range in cost from $1,000 to $25,000. More information is available at NECentennialMall.org

Last month, the campaign unveiled plans for a new interactive education system that includes QR (quick response) technology to give visitors access to more in-depth information through their smartphones or tablet computers. Educators can access the same website for additional information on these topics in their classrooms. Plans also are under way to install Wi-Fi and broadband systems.

Partnerships with the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs and the agriculture industry also were announced in March. The new interactive education system provides an opportunity to provide a detailed account of their roles in Nebraska history.

The project is sponsored by the Lincoln Parks Foundation, and other major partners include the City of Lincoln; the State of Nebraska; Union Pacific; Windstream; the Lincoln Community Foundation on behalf of the Sheila Dickinson Dinsmore Graf Fund; the Lancaster County Visitor Improvement Fund; the Nebraska Environmental Trust; Burlington Northern Santa Fe; the Sunderland Foundation; the Dillon Foundation; Ameritas; First National Bank; State Farm; the Cope Foundation of Kearney; and the Junior League of Lincoln.

For more information about the project and sponsorship opportunities, call 402-441-8528 or visit NECentennialMall.org.
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of April 20 through April 26, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, April 20
• Lincoln City Libraries annual volunteer recognition event, remarks - 2:30 p.m., Auld Pavilion, Antelope Park, 1650 Memorial Dr.

Monday, April 22
• Annual Mayor’s Award of Excellence - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. (Reception to follow on second floor.)

Tuesday, April 23
• Lincoln Rotary Club Salute to Business Award, remarks - 11:45 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.
• KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (recorded earlier)

Wednesday, April 24
• Signing ceremony for Employer Support for Guard and Reserve - Statement of Support for City of Lincoln - 8:30 a.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

The Mayor will participate in the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Federal Fly-in from Wednesday through Friday, April 26 in Washington, D.C.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 19, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-525-1520
Dan Marvin, West Haymarket Project Manager, 402-310-7110

GIRDER FAILURE HALTS RAIL TRAFFIC

East-west railroad traffic has been stopped due to the failure of one girder on the new West Haymarket Pedestrian Bridge now under construction. No one was injured in the incident, which happened about 1 p.m. today. The bridge is supported by three parallel girders, and the middle girder on the north part of the bridge slipped. Cranes are being immediately moved to the site to stabilize the girder that is over the railroad tracks so normal rail traffic can resume. The project’s structural engineers will analyze the girder to determine if all or portions of the girder need to be removed.

No further information is available at this time. The City will release more information about the girder and next steps as soon as the information is received from the construction team.

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Here are the April sales tax reports reflecting February activity.

Jan Bolin
City of Lincoln Budget Office
402-441-8306
## Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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2008-2009 THROUGH 2012-2013 (WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
CITY OF LINCOLN
| Previous Year | July | August | September | October | November | December | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | $1,715,976 | $1,117,021 | $32,310.80 | $1,994,018 | $21,237.82 | $1,261,222 | $1,986,985 | $1,517,018 | $9,385.79 | $1,100,000 | $21,237.82 | $1,517,018 | $1,261,222 | $9,385.79 |
|---------------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| %             | 11.87% | 10.79% | -9.83% | -10.67% | -2.94% | 1.42% | -13.63% | -35.42% | -9.72% | -18.99% | 8.57% | -1.25% | 1.42% | 14.09% | 15.92% | 16.96% |
| $1,517,018   | $1,261,222 | $9,385.79 | $1,100,000 | $21,237.82 | $1,517,018 | $1,261,222 | $9,385.79 | $1,100,000 | $21,237.82 | $1,517,018 | $1,261,222 | $9,385.79 | $1,100,000 | $21,237.82 | $1,517,018 | $1,261,222 | $9,385.79 | $1,100,000 | $21,237.82 | $1,517,018 | $1,261,222 | $9,385.79 |

2008-2009 THROUGH 2012-2013
SALES TAX REVENUES
CITY OF LINCOLN
| Previous Year | $41.1'08'811 | 6.06% | 5.341.3'72 | 4.72% | 5.599.1'013 | 8.26% | $4.2'92'2'06 | 7.42% | $5.5'57'1'605 | 7.14% | $4.1'81'9'66 | 6.30% | $4.8'96'4'168 | 5.10% | $4.9'80'9'1 | 4.17% | $5.3'90'6'134 | 3.62% | $5.8'68'7'115 | 3.92% | $5.2'2'5'3'76 | 3.76% |
|--------------|--------------|-------|------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|--------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------|-------------|--------|
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2008-2009 Through 2012-2013
Net Sales Tax Collections
City of Lincoln
TO: Technical Committee Members  
FROM: Miki Esposito, Chairman, Technical Committee  
SUBJECT: Technical Committee Meeting  

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: April 25, 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 March 21, 2013 Technical Committee meeting. (enclosure)

2. Review and action on revisions to the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program. The approved TIP report is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. (Staff report enclosed)
   a) City of Lincoln: 70th Street, Van Dorn to Eastborough, street rehabilitation project.
   b) City of Lincoln: 27th Street & Fairfield and West ‘O’ Street bridges over Salt Creek, rehabilitation bridge projects.


4. Briefing on the FHWA/FTA Quadrennial TMA Certification Review schedule.

5. Other topics for discussion.

Next MPO Technical Committee Meeting: May 16, 2013
The **April 25, 2013** Nebraska Capitol Environos Commission meeting has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 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
Dear Mayor,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Great Plains Trail Network (GPTN), I am writing to you to request that a push-button light that stops traffic be installed on the Mopac Trail at 33rd Street.

As you know, the Great Plains Trails Network’s mission is to facilitate development of multi-use trails in and around Lincoln. We are proud that our trails promote healthier lives, provide natural green space corridors, and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County. But our mission is nothing new to you and as the only two time recipient of GPTN’s Trail Boss Award; we thoroughly appreciate your ongoing support of Lincoln’s exceptional trail network. It is because of this support that we know our request will be taken into serious consideration.

The urban portion of the Mopac trail extends from 84th Street to UNL City Campus at North Antelope Valley Parkway and Vine Street. Every two years GPTN conducts a census of trail use in Lincoln. The most recent three year census results showed that the Mopac West Trail has on average, 231,200 users per year. The trail users are primarily commuters moving from the neighborhoods on the east end of the town to downtown Lincoln and the University Campus and students going from UNL City to East Campus. With Peter Pan Park on the west side of 33rd Street, there are also a lot of small children going across 33rd Street to get to the park.

Along its route, the urban portion of the Mopac trail crosses many of the City’s main thoroughfares. At each of these major intersections including, 17th, 27th, 48th, North Cotner, 56th, 66th, 70th and 84th, there is either a bridge or a push-button light to facilitate a safe crossing. At 33rd Street there is not.

The recent accident where a child was hit while trying to cross the street on the Mopac Trail is the last incident that we want to see at this busy intersection.
The Board of Directors at GPTN ask that you install a push-button light that will stop traffic at 33rd Street when trail users need to cross this busy intersection. This request is to avoid additional accidents at the intersection as the area continues to develop and trail use increases. This is especially important since the peak season for trail use is upon us.

Sincerely,

Karen Griffin
President of the Great Plains Trails Network

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Comment or Question:
MISSION STREETS. Good morning. I would appreciate your support of the agenda item to pave the streets about the City Mission. As we join hands, look to the sky, & pray for rain for agricultural, city water supply, lawns & gardens, more rain means more mud at the Mission. It's one of the jewels in the City's nonprofit umbrella that forms a safety net for underserved & the unserved. I have reviewed Article VIII of the Lincoln City Charter On Streets, Improvements & Public Assessments. Property Owners (Mission, Towing Company & others will not benefit from the paving but users of the mission will - volunteers & customers. Paving should be at "public cost". See VIII, Sec. 3 & 3(b) &3(b)(1).

Thank you. If you have any concerns, questions, or other requirements, please let me know. Please read this into the record of today's meeting. I hope to be there but have business at the legislative body down the road at the Unicameral. Rick Boucher (Boo-Shay)
Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Gene Carroll; Jonathan Cook, Doug Emery, Lloyd Hinkley; and DiAnna Schimek

Absent: Jon Camp, Vice Chair

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director; Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director; and Steve Hubka, Finance Director

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:22 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Meier reviewed the formal agenda for today’s meeting. She stated for Public Hearing, under Liquor Resolutions, would call Items 13 and 14 together, Items 16 and 17 together, and Items 18 and 19 together. On Item 22 Councilman Camp introduced and today need someone to move forward.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will join the Lincoln Parks Foundation to celebrate the grand opening of the renovated Sherman Field at Sampson Park at the rededication ceremony Wednesday, April 17th, Second and South Streets.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Community celebrates Sherman Field renovations.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will join campaign leaders on revitalizing Nebraska’s Centennial Mall to announce a major donation at a news conference, Friday, April 19th, 10:00 a.m., in the Warner Legislative Chamber, east of the Rotunda on the second floor of the Nebraska State Capitol.

No Comments

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

CITY ATTORNEY
1. City Attorney, Rodney Confer’s reply to Dave Connely regarding a fireworks display at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln’s baseball game.
   a) Letter from Dave Connely on fireworks after sporting events.

No comments

FINANCE
Hoppe stated sometimes during an election season facts are called into question. Now there seems to be quite a few questions on how the city is spending the wheel tax dollars. Afraid some misinformation may be out suggesting wheel tax dollars were going to other areas. Called on the expert, Director Hubka, to clarify where our money is going.

Hubka stated he will assure the money is going, and has been going, to street purposes. At one time snow removal money was included, which was $4.00 of the total wheel tax amount. Now have the residential rehabilitation fund, which Councilman Cook help set up, and the rest of the money and do assure this money is going to street purposes. Know these comments are not coming from Councilmen.

Hubka added being in his position and dealing with wheel tax for a long time he’s sensitive when people start saying it’s being misused. But, it is going where it’s suppose to which is all street purposes. Cook stated, it’s set up in ordinance. A discretionary item and we can’t take and put somewhere else.
Hubka added very specifically set out. There is the residential rehabilitation fund, the street construction fund, and residual funds, all defined as being for residential streets, or arterial streets. Street purposes.

Emery stated in the last budget we even narrowed the scope further back. We did not allow snow removal money. Hubka commented the snow removal was eliminated all together.

Hoppe stated as a follow up, believe it’s also led to the impression we are investing more money in streets. Will remind Council what they did as a result of the 2011-12 budget. Starting in ‘12-’13 we will have put in an additional $5.1 million in street investments. The next year the amount does rise to almost $6.2 million, and for ‘14-’15 on is about $6.3 million additional dollars of street money. He feels this has been lost a little in the debate and wanted everyone to be aware we’re spending the money the way it needs to be spent.

PARKS AND RECREATION
Johnson stated they have a large celebration at Pioneers Park Nature Center this weekend. An event with vendors, music and activities. Will start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Also, at 1:00 p.m. will be celebrating, recognizing, the 50th anniversary of the Nature Center.

Johnson added the Arbor Day Celebration is Thursday morning, 9:30 a.m., April 25th, at Peter Pan Park. Children from Hartley Elementary School will be joining us.

PLANNING COMMISSION
1. Action by the Planning Commission, April 17, 2013.
No comments

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 13015 approved by the Planning Director on April 10, 2013.
No comments

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ StarTran
Hoppe stated we have a new StarTran Manager. Esposito stated they did hire a replacement for Manager Larry Worth, Michael Davis. He comes from New Mexico, where the county has a transfer program. Davis has about 15 years of transit experience, 6 years in Los Alamos County. He has worked in Johnson County, City of Mesa, Billings, Montana, Aspen, Colorado. Mr. Davis has a Bachelor of Science in Urban Planning, from the University of Utah, and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Kansas. Esposito stated she understood he wanted to come to the mid-west to be closer to family. His start date is June 3rd, and will plan a Meet and Greet with members of the community, riders, plus other interested parties. Targeted for May 16th or 17th.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
No comments

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Memo from James Friedman, on behalf of the Near South Neighborhood Association.
   a) Letter from William Carver, President of the Near South Neighborhood Association.
b) Reply to the Near South Neighborhood Association Members from Lin Quenzer, Ombudsman.
No comments

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.