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   a) Reply to Mr. Tool from Jean Preister, Planning Administrative Officer, with instructions if he wishes to appeal the action.
“Uncle Sam Jam 2013,” the City’s official Independence Day celebration, begins at 3 p.m. **Wednesday, July 3 at Oak Lake Park** in the area of Charleston Street and Sun Valley Blvd. The celebration culminates with the Zambelli Internationale fireworks display at 10 p.m.

Live music returns to the celebration as the Meadowlark Music Festival presents Trinkle Brass Works, a 14-piece brass and percussion ensemble.

Dave Norris of CIC is the City contact at the park. He can be reached via cell phone at 402-540-2780.

For more information on the celebration, visit the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: uncle sam jam).
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
The Lincoln Arts Council announces the 7th annual City of Lincoln National Arts Program®
Awards to be presented in City Employee and Lincoln Public Schools Employee Art Contest
Lincoln, Nebraska
July 2, 2013

The National Arts Program® was established in 1982 to identify, showcase, and reward the visual artistic talent in America. The program sponsors 82 venues in 38 states. Coordinated by the AmeriCorps staff at the Lincoln Arts Council, this is the seventh year Lincoln has had the chance to offer this opportunity to our community. Every year, the National Arts Program invites City of Lincoln Employees and Lincoln Public Schools and their family members to participate in this exhibition opportunity. The National Arts Program is designed to give visual artists, at all skill levels, an uninhibited opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional manner and to compete for cash prizes. This exhibit is judged by professional artists and visual art professionals in Amateur, Intermediate, Professional, Teen and Youth classifications, and it is free to all.

This year the program has 66 registered participants who will exhibit 110 pieces of artwork. Eligibility for this program requires that the artwork has been created within the last 3 years and fits into one of the six categories which include: Painting, Works on Paper, Photography, Sculpture, Craft, and Mixed Media.

The Lincoln Arts Council invites the community of Lincoln to attend the opening reception and presentation of awards, which will be held at Bennett Martin Library on July 12, 2013 at 6pm.

Prizes will be awarded by classification:
Adult (Amateur, Intermediate and Professional): 3 - First Place Awards of $300; 3 - Second Place Awards of $200; and 3 - Third Place Awards of $100

Youth / Teen: 2 - First Place Awards of $75; 2 - Second Place Awards of $50; and 2 - Third Place Awards of $25

A Best of Show Award of $300 will also be presented

Additional awards including Honorable Mentions and Youth Scholarship classes to the LUX Center for the Arts will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

The exhibit is free to the public and will take place at the following Lincoln City Library locations: Eiseley Branch, 1530 Superior St.; Gere Branch, 2400 S. 56th St.; Walt Branch, 6701 S. 14th St.; and Bennett Martin Library, 136 S.14th St. All artwork entered will be exhibited July 12 through August 9, 2013. We encourage the public to visit this exhibition in the libraries to experience and witness the talent that lies within our community.

This program is coordinated by the Lincoln Arts Council and is sponsored by the National Arts Program Foundation with the support and cooperation of the City of Lincoln and Lincoln Public Schools. The National Arts Program is coordinated by AmeriCorps staff at Lincoln Arts Council. A special thank you to the LUX Center for the Arts for providing the youth scholarship awards for this year’s program.

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HEALTH ADVISORY ISSUED DUE TO FIREWORKS SMOKE

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) today issued a Health Advisory for people with asthma, other respiratory conditions or heart disease due to high levels of smoke from fireworks.

In recent years, LLCHD has found high levels of particulate air pollution from the night of July 3 through the morning of July 5, resulting in the Air Quality Index level of “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups. Fireworks may be used in the City of Lincoln from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. July 3 and 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. July 4.

“It is very likely that there will be high concentrations of fine particle pollution due to fireworks,” said Chris Schroeder, LLCHD Air Quality Program Supervisor. “Those most affected are the young, the elderly, and those sensitive individuals with respiratory conditions.”

Schroeder said fine particle pollution is so small that it can get deep into the lungs and enter the blood stream, causing serious health problems. He said most people will not be affected, but warned that even a few hours of exposure to high levels of particles can aggravate lung disease, cause asthma attacks and acute bronchitis, and may increase the chances of respiratory infection. For people with heart disease, short-term exposures to high levels of particle pollution have been linked to angina, heart attacks and arrhythmia.

Schroeder said those at risk should avoid extensive physical activity outdoors or remain indoors with windows and doors closed. Those who experience health effects are encouraged to consult their doctor.

For more information, visit health.lincoln.ne.gov.
Memorandum

Date: ♦ July 2, 2013

To: ♦ City Clerk

From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.

Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals

cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from June 25, 2013 through July 1, 2013:

**Administrative Amendment No. 13013**, approved by the Planning Director on June 28, 2013, requested by Center Associates, LLC, to extend the time for two years to install sidewalks and street trees for King Ridge Addition, Lots 3-8, on property located at N. 27th St. and Folkways Blvd. The improvements shall be completed by June 28, 2015.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13027**, approved by the Planning Director on July 1, 2013, requested by Village Gardens Development Co., to extend the time for two years to install the sidewalks along non-major streets, a pedestrian sidewalk, street trees along a non-major street, trees along an improved major street and for a landscape screen along Pine Lake Rd. for Village Gardens 1st Addition, on property generally located at S. 56th St. and Pine Lake Rd. The improvements shall be completed by July 1, 2015.

**Administrative Amendment No. 13035** to Special Permit No. 1609, Paul VI Heights Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on July 1, 2013, requested by Progress for People LLC, to reduce the area of the community unit plan by removing the area west of N. 18th St.; realigning N. 18th St. and reducing the allowed density from 57 dwelling units to 37 dwelling units on property generally located at N. 18th St. and Superior St.
I am extremely disappointed with the recent decision by the Planning and Engineering departments to approve the Joshua Glen development while denying them direct access to 56<sup>th</sup> Street. The city has a guideline to control access to arterial streets only every quarter mile. The blind following of this guideline was used within this decision, without regard to the unique circumstances of the area. This area of Lincoln is constrained by 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Pine Lake Road, city parkland, Beal Slough and railroad tracks.

Currently the resolution and permit require that access to Joshua Glen be via Shadow Pines Drive, with the thought that additional access could be achieved at a later date when additional property develops. There is currently no time line or estimate when this development could occur, as multiple properties are involved.

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I ask that the city allow the Joshua Glen development to have access to northbound 56<sup>th</sup> Street until such time that development would occur to allow full access at Cumberland Drive.

Please feel to reach out to me if you need any additional information from me.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Tool

Home 402-421-1969

Cell 402-499-9691
Dear Mr. Tool:

Thank you for providing a copy of your concerns expressed to City Council members about the Planning Commission’s action on Special Permit No. 13022, Joshua’s Glen Community Unit Plan, generally located at South 56th Street and Shadow Pines Drive. Resolution No. PC-01343.

Please be advised that the action by the Planning Commission is final, and that the community unit plan will not receive formal review and action by the City Council unless it is appealed to the City Council within 14 days following the action by the Planning Commission.

Your message does not indicate that you wish to appeal the action by the Planning Commission. If you do, I am providing you with the link to the appeal form which must be filed with the City Clerk on or before July 10, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. If an appeal is filed, the special permit will be scheduled on the City Council agenda.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 402-441-6365 or plan@lincoln.ne.gov, or the project planner, Brian Will, at 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov.

http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/dev/forms/cityappeal.pdf

Thank you.

--Jean Preister, Administrative Officer
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