

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2013  
555 SOUTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 113  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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**Present:** Carl Eskridge, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Trent Fellers; Jonathan Cook; Roy Christensen; and Jon Camp

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:19 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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The minutes presented to Council electronically and with no corrections placed on file in Council office.

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**1. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Gaylor Baird, Eskridge**

Gaylor Baird stated the DLA received a presentation from David Young of the Technology Improvement District. Discussed how important fiber conduits are for downtown, with the DLA very supportive. Heard about Shop the Blocks, and this year will be on November 14<sup>th</sup> with 24 different retailers participating up until 9:00 p.m. There will be an after party at the Single Barrel.

Gaylor Baird announced the P Street progress can be followed on website, [www.pstreetdistrict.com](http://www.pstreetdistrict.com) Trying to make sure everyone has the latest and greatest on the improvements and progress.

Eskridge stated last week there was an open house, ribbon cutting event for Colocation. Understand they have servers in a downtown Omaha building and in the Sharp building in Lincoln. Stores a backup of data in case something happens at one location. In visiting the 1927 Sharp building you see the amazing high tech space they've created. Even have redundant air-conditioners, maintaining at approximately 60 degrees.

**2. Internal Liquor Commission (ILC) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers**

Eskridge stated the ILC began to assess the impact of the 2:00 a.m. closing. Working with LPD, Cornhusker Place and others to receive all relative data to meet and discuss the impact from the time. Expect the presentation will come before Council within the next 2 to 3 months. Actually should have been sooner but with the Entertainment District opening everyone has been very busy. Camp asked when is the evaluation of the 2:00 p.m. closing expected? Eskridge replied they should complete close to the end of the year, so next year should present to Council. Emery asked how long before we have an indication on how the Entertainment District is doing? Eskridge answered they opened September 1<sup>st</sup>, with a gradual collection of different bars and restaurants added. Fellers added Vega had their opening this last weekend, so possibly a year out? Eskridge commented will try to have within six months.

**3. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery**

Emery stated the PRT is at the end of their busy time now with weeds, mowing not being reported. Much more difficult for a property to meet the minimum requirements of 2 specific agencies when mowing isn't done because of weather, and we did close a number of properties. The PRT will refresh their policy in January regarding once a property is listed, even though it may drop below the 2 department requirement, we will keep the property on, at least to monitor. Will be listed under

being monitored so we can reinspect the property to make sure there is no residual backsliding.

Gaylor Baird asked Emery to elaborate on taking mowing away. Emery replied when it's cold there's no longer an issue with weeds. The Health Department and Weed Control were usually involved in kicking off the problems, as typically that's when people start complaining about properties, and as we inspect find other issues. From the end of October until early in March, when it starts warming up, is when we see our numbers drop as those departments are no longer being called.

**4. Lancaster County Correctional Facility JPA - Eskridge**

Eskridge stated the JPA met and learned all of the County's inmates, those next door and those being housed in other county facilities have been transferred to the new facility. Almost everything going well with minor adjustments. Eskridge commented one thing mentioned specifically was the hearings, with lots of different hearings held in the Courts. Judges were leery about how it would work with a very significant number, in the hundreds, of hearings held in the first month with the inmates on West O. From what was reported from Mr. Thurber the Courts are very pleased. One of the Courtrooms is outfitted with teleconferencing.

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None

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None

**V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No comments

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Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m.