

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013**

NO DIRECTORS' MEETING DUE TO VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. MCIF - Mayor's Committee for International Friendship, and LCIV - Lincoln Council for International Visitors, elected officers at the joint annual meeting.
2. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran to offer free fare for Veterans on Monday.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from October 29, 2013 through November 4, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Seeding Notice. Washington Street; 27th Street - 29th Street - 28th Street; A Street - Everett Street. Project #540620.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Correspondence from John Atkeison, Energy Policy Director, Nebraska Wildlife Federation regarding the hearing on the LES rate increase and budget.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. InterLinc correspondence from Linda Barnett regarding the Piedmont shopping center with restaurants with alcohol.
2. Mike Kreikemeier asking Council to close the alcohol sales loophole created by Change of Zone #13019.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 6, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Carmelee Tuma, MCIF, 402-471-1969

MCIF AND LCIV ELECT OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Mayor's Committee for International Friendship (MCIF) and the Lincoln Council for International Visitors (LCIV) elected officers at the joint annual meeting October 15 at the Nebraska Club in Lincoln.

Officers elected for 2013-2014 are Brian Ridenour, President; Dolores Mather, Vice-President and Second Contact; Debbie Engstrom, Secretary; Elaine Hammer, Treasurer; Lisa Lee, First Contact; Bob Stoddard, Advisor; Carmelee Tuma, Newsletter Editor and Public Relations Coordinator; and Sherri Johnson, Director.

Peter Levitov, Emeritus Associate Dean, UNL International Affairs, presented a program on International Students at the University of Nebraska. Former Mayors Coleen Seng and Don Wesely and four educators from India were among those attending.

LCIV provides support for the MCIF, a volunteer organization which hosts visitors from around the world. The committee arranges visits with professional counterparts and plans cultural exchanges and learning experiences to promote international understanding among the visitors and citizens in the Lincoln area. Participants are established or potential foreign leaders and are selected by American Embassies overseas to visit the U.S. to experience this country firsthand.

Any individuals interested in volunteering to help MICF/LCIV in its mission can contact Ridenour at 402-488-4500 or Engstrom at 402-327-9936.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
StarTran, 710 "J" St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7185

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 7, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Michael Davis, StarTran, 402-441-7185

STARTRAN TO OFFER FREE FARE FOR VETERANS MONDAY

StarTran will observe Veterans Day and honor all former and current members of the military by offering them free fare all day Monday, November 11, 2013. Sapp Brothers is sponsoring StarTran's holiday promotion.

"We want to thank all the men and women who served their country so proudly over the years and those who continue to serve today," said StarTran Transit Manager Michael Davis. "We appreciate Sapp Brothers helping us honor these brave men and women with a small token of our appreciation for the sacrifice they've made for their country."

StarTran offices will be closed Monday for the holiday, but buses will be running. For additional StarTran information, call 402-476-1234 or visit startran.lincoln.ne.gov.



Memorandum

Date: ♦ November 5, 2013
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

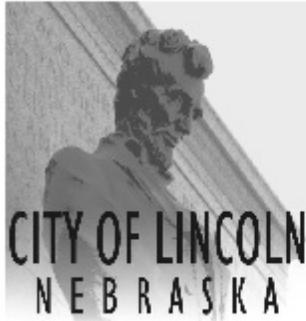
This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from October 29, 2013 through November 4, 2013:

Administrative Amendment No. 13067 to Final Plat No. 96011, approved by the Planning Director on October 30, 2013, requested by University of Nebraska Foundation, to extend the time for two years to install sidewalks and street trees for University of Nebraska Technology Park Original Addition. The improvements shall be completed by October 30, 2015. Property is generally located at NW. 1st St. and Highland Blvd.

Administrative Amendment No. 13069 to Final Plat No. 06109, approved by the Planning Director on October 30, 2013, requested by University of Nebraska Foundation, to extend the time for two years to install sidewalks and street trees for University of Nebraska Technology Park 2nd Addition. The improvements shall be completed by October 30, 2015. Property is generally located at NW. 1st St. and Highland Blvd.

Administrative Amendment No. 13075 to Special Permit No. 07041, Fox Trail Estates Community Unit Plan, was denied by the Planning Director on October 29, 2013, requested by Vladimir Gorelyy and Nataliya Chorna, to reduce the setbacks on outlots, on property generally located at SW. 56th St. and W. Old Cheney Rd.





PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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November 6, 2013

Seeding Notice
Washington Street; 27th Street - 29th Street
28th Street; A Street - Everett Street
Project #540620

Since we had sporadic results with seeding last fall due to the dry weather, the City of Lincoln has hired ImageScapes to seed the area between the curb and sidewalk.

After ImageScapes has completed the seeding, it will be the property owner's responsibility to maintain this area.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following people:

Ron Edson, Construction Project Manager
City of Lincoln
402-525-9294
redson@lincoln.ne.gov

Jamie Ramaekers
ImageScapes Inc.
402-580-0188

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: LES follow-up

From: John Atkeison [<mailto:john@nebraskawildlife.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 3:26 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: LES follow-up

Dear Councilmember Camp,

Thank you for the open way the Council received the input of the public at last evening's hearing on the LES rate increase and budget.

There are a couple of points and clarifications I would offer in addition to my testimony and the [Local View](#) column in the *Journal Star*.

Please study for yourself the **LES survey (PDF here)** concerning renewable energy. Particularly I would ask that you look at the actual questions that were asked and their results. I do not think reading the summaries can substitute, nor can one evaluate the disparate claims made about the survey without doing so.

Some interpretations have made rather grand generalizations from responses to very narrowly focused questions. One example concerns Question 5, which asks about preference for the locating renewable generation in Lincoln as opposed to elsewhere, but was represented as reflecting attitudes about renewables in general. Questions 2 and 4 can better be used to gauge attitude towards renewables, and the response was overwhelmingly positive.

Let's clarify one point in the survey that came up at the meeting: Those who indicated an unambiguous willingness to pay more for renewable energy *if it were sited locally* were 50.7% of the respondents.

Another clarification-- a very large part of the increase in the price of electricity is the huge increase in the **price of delivered coal**, especially in 2008 and 2009, when for many utilities the cost of coal doubled. The data that demonstrates this is available for download on the Energy Information Agency web site. If you would like a copy of the data and my preliminary analysis, just send me a high-capacity thumb drive and I will be glad to share.

You may also be interested in the recent reports that raise serious questions about [the actual supply of economically extractable coal](#). I find the authors' concerns to be worthy of further study.

Simultaneous with the escalation of coal and natural gas prices we have seen the price of wind generated electricity available to Nebraska utilities drop to the level of coal-fired power and below. CEO Wailes confirmed that last evening. The cost of photovoltaic installations continues its remarkable drop as well, and sometime over the next decade or two may displace much of the wind power that we love today.

Clean Energy Lincoln is an informal group of Lincoln citizens who have been meeting for over a year to craft an energy plan that would better meet the needs of our City. Some of it encourages LES to do more of the same, such as adding more renewables and expanding the District Energy initiatives. Some sections urge our utility to go further-- to make a plan to transition completely off fossil fuels, for instance. I'll be sharing that plan with you soon.

One final point. Most of us who spoke last night were very tightly focused on the immediate business at hand. But there was one voice that rose above the concerns limited to this moment and addressed the context of all decisions about energy that we make. That voice was Rev. Ken Moore, who provided a realistic and moderate expression of concerns that were shared by many-- I am guessing most-- of those who spoke in favor of the LES budget.

Please do not think of his as a lone voice, but as the voice of conscience and realism that speaks for very many people in Lincoln.

Sincerely, *John*

John Atkeison, Energy Policy Director, Nebraska Wildlife Federation
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<http://bit.ly/CeaFaultyCoal>

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2013 1:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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City: Lincoln, NE 68510

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Fax:
Email: lindadeanne@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Council,

I read the article in this morning's paper about the Piedmont shopping center and the limitations on a restaurant with alcohol. I live in the Piedmont neighborhood, we are excited and supportive of the renovations to the shopping center in Piedmont. I've spoken to a couple of my neighbors and we are wondering why someone from the Clinton Neighborhood Association would weigh in on something that is far from their area. Unfortunately we, as a neighborhood, were not aware of this on the council agenda and would like to have some discussions about the concept of a restaurant with alcohol sales. Since the shopping center is so old, and there are other zoning changes that have been made thru the years, I would hope some compromise could be worked out for this renovation.

Linda Barnett.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mike Kreikemeier [mbk@windstream.net]
Sent: Monday, November 04, 2013 1:49 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Change of Zone # 13019

I respectfully ask city council members to close the alcohol sales loophole created by the Piedmont shopping center change of zone #13019. I supports removing the loophole but allowing restaurants to serve beer or wine with meals.

Mike Kreikemeier
mbk@windstream.net