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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 25, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 402-434-2787

NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR MAYOR’S ARTS AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 36th annual Mayor’s Arts Awards. The awards will be presented by the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at the Lied Center. The Mayor’s Arts Awards program formally recognizes artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. Nomination forms are available by calling the LAC at 402-434-2787 or printing a form from the LAC website, www.artscene.org. A list of previous winners also is available at that website. The nomination deadline is Jan. 13, 2014

A new award has been created this year. The Legacy of Art Award will recognize a senior (age 55 and up) actively involved in creating, teaching, sharing or inspiring artistic expression in any discipline. Legacy Retirement Communities will sponsor this award for three years. A panel of arts professionals will select the winner for that award and these:

- The Richard Hay Arts Organization Award recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln’s arts community over a period of years. (Dr. Richard Hay bequest)
- The Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts, including theatre and film. (Sponsored by Speedway Properties)
- The Artistic Achievement Award - Youth recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger. (Sponsored by Lincoln Industries)
- The Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts, including film. (Sponsored by Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital)
- The Gladys Lux Education Award recognizes special initiatives in or dedication to arts education and is endowed by the Gladys Lux Foundation.
- The Heart of the Arts Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln. (Sponsored by Talent Plus, Inc.)
- The Outstanding Event Award recognizes a performance, exhibition or project in the previous year (2013) that will be notable in the community memory for years to come because of its content or cultural significance. (Sponsored by Joe and Judye Ruffo)
- The Halcyon Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award honors an individual, family, organization or business making significant financial contributions to the arts. (Sponsored by RUNZA® Restaurants)

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• The Lincoln Community Foundation Arts for Kids Award honors an individual from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children. (Sponsored by the Lincoln Community Foundation)
• The ArtScene Backstage Award recognized extraordinary service to the arts through behind-the-scenes efforts. (Sponsored by A to Z Printing)
• The Mayor’s Choice Award is sponsored by Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson and Oldfather LLP.

Nominations from 2013 are automatically resubmitted, and updates are accepted. The public is encouraged to submit names of members of the arts community who have died since the last awards ceremony in June 2013 for memorial recognition. Those interested in sponsorship opportunities can contact the LAC at 402-434-2787.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 26, 2013
FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547
Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities, 402-441-7458

MAYOR ANNOUNCES FUNDING PLAN FOR STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIR

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced a plan to invest nearly $7 million dollars to repair City streets and sidewalks without raising taxes or shifting funds from other programs. About $4 million for sidewalk repair would be generated by issuing “certificates of participation,” a funding mechanism similar to bonds. Additional residential street rehabilitation would be funded by an unexpected $3 million increase in the City’s share of State gas tax. Repair and maintenance of sidewalks and streets was identified as a top priority by the recent Taking Charge public engagement process.

“Street rehabilitation and sidewalk repair aren’t glamorous, but as the Taking Charge participants reminded us, maintenance and upkeep are the most fundamental of City Hall’s responsibilities,” said Mayor Beutler. “This $7 million booster shot of infrastructure funding allows us to solve our worst street and sidewalk problems while we work with the community on a more comprehensive, big-picture plan for infrastructure funding.”

The City currently uses certificates of participation to fund the street light program. Some of the oldest and largest of the street light certificates will be paid off in about two years. The funds that would have gone to debt service will be available for the sidewalk repair.

“Four million dollars allows us to immediately tackle our most dangerous sidewalks with heaves and separations of two inches or more,” Beutler said. “The City has identified approximately 1,400 of these locations that could be fixed with an infusion of $2.1 to $2.5 million. The additional $1.5 to $1.9 million will be used to repair another 1,100 to 1,400 locations, removing nearly 3,000 problem sidewalks from the City’s list.”

The Mayor said certificates of participation would also be used to build additional high-speed telecommunications fiber throughout the community. “Using expiring debt service payments to fund additional fiber improvements will help us build on our success and meet community demand for competitive broadband services,” he said.

The City received $19 million in State gas tax funds instead of the projected $16 million. The Mayor said the additional funding will allow the City to fix an additional 87 residential streets over the next year, bringing the total to 163.

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“We chose neighborhood rehabilitation for two reasons – it’s the priority we heard from citizens in the Taking Charge process, and it’s where you get the biggest bang for your infrastructure buck,” Beutler said. “2.7 million pays for nine miles of residential rehabilitation versus only a half mile of new street construction.”

The Mayor said the plans announced today are the first step in developing a strategic plan for funding transportation infrastructure. He plans to propose a comprehensive long-term plan by next spring.

Survey results and more information on the Taking Charge process are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: taking charge).
2014 Residential
Resurfacing

114% Increase

76 BLOCKS TO 163 BLOCKS!!!
Memorandum

Date: November 26, 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 November 19, 2013 through November 25, 2013:

Administrative Amendment No. 13080 to Use Permit No. 04006A, Baron’s Ridge, approved by the Planning Director on November 20, 2013, requested by Tru-Built Investments, to revise the building envelope, reduce the side yard setback to 10 feet between Lot 9 and 10 and add parking stalls on the south side of the entrance drive, on property generally located at NW. 1st St. and W. Highland Blvd.

Administrative Amendment No. 13071 to Final Plat No. 05043, approved by the Planning Director on November 22, 2013, requested by Dial-Salt Creek, L.P., to extend the time for two years to install sidewalks for Salt Creek Center 2nd Addition. The improvements shall be completed by November 22, 2015. Property is generally located at N. 27th St. and Husker Circle.

Administrative Amendment No. 13072 to Final Plat No. 08013, approved by the Planning Director on November 22, 2013, requested by Dial-Salt Creek, L.P., to extend the time for two years to install sidewalks for Salt Creek Center 4th Addition. The improvements shall be completed by November 22, 2015. Property is generally located at N. 27th St. and Husker Circle.
Mr. Mixdorf --

My concern is not getting a warning notice although I wasn't pleased about that either. My concerns are the violation of policy and the vandalism of my car.

When I signed up for my parking permit, I was told I had to provide my phone number because a city employee would need to call me should there be a problem with my car. Obviously, there was a problem, but no one called me, thus the policy explained to me by the city employee was not followed. Nowhere on the forms nor verbally was I informed that glue would be applied to my car should the city employee deem it necessary to warn me of a problem with my car. Also, I did not give anyone permission to GLUE anything to my car.

When a city employee applied glue and paper to my car, he or she vandalized my car. You said "We want to ensure that the warning is not overlooked, or removed by someone other than the owner." I doubt that driver would be able to "overlook" a 8.5"x 4.25" piece of paper if it was tucked under their windshield wiper. Likewise, glue strips would not have stopped anyone from removing the paper from the car; but the glue would remain! Thus the glue was and is unnecessary. Therefore, the glue served no purpose other than bullying the car's driver, which is unacceptable behavior for children much less adults.

It also costs taxpayers a lot of money to have that glue and added strips of paper applied to that 8.5"x 4.25" warning notice. So, now this bullying-method is also an unnecessary expense!

As for determining who is at fault for a domino-effect parking problem -- obviously the cars in the middle would not have forced anyone up the line to park wrong; only down the line. The domino that falls backward can not affect those in front of it. That leaves the first domino that fell as the culprit.

Ann Chalupa