

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
MAY 12, 2014  
555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BILL LUXFORD STUDIO  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Directors' Meeting minutes of May 5, 2014.
2. Organizational Meeting minutes of May 5, 2014.

**II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS**

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook

**III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR**

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**VI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Others:** Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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With one correction made the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

**II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook**

Cook stated that he was unable to attend but asked Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, to report.

Johnson stated the Board discussed establishing a Recreation Committee. The committee core would be Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Members and we would reach out to the community, such as the YMCA, the Sports Council, and Lincoln Public Schools. People with an interest in recreation facilities and programming. Essentially the Health Department would be engaged, possibly their development department. We would look at provisions of facilities, playgrounds, play fields, and encourage families and children to play outside. Also look at programming and try to identify the gaps and coordinate between agencies to cover.

Johnson added they wrote a report on the golf program, and put a number of items in motion. The budget is essentially based on 170,900 rounds, a new benchmark to work against. The downfall are our rounds this year. We experienced a hard winter and the courses are struggling but headed in the right direction.

He commented regarding a couple of construction projects, the Centennial Mall is in motion. The contractor had stated the two south blocks, immediately north of the Capitol Building, will be finished this year. Then they will essentially shut down for the winter, and resume construction in the spring of 2015, finishing the two northern blocks. "P" to "R" streets will be finished by late 2015. There was a question on a possible dedication event. Probably some time in 2016, as we want to be sure the plantings are in place and everything is operating.

Johnson stated they also discussed the timing for Civic Plaza, 13<sup>th</sup> and "P" Streets. The construction being done should be finished in July. The Hour Glass Tower will arrive in Lincoln the first weekend in September, and erected the week of September 9<sup>th</sup>. Looking at a dedication early in October, possibly the first Friday.

He added they received a briefing on summer recreation programming. Day camps and pools will open on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Less than two weeks away. The Day Camp registration shows approximately 750 children each day. Registration going well.

Cook mentioned The Party in the Plaza on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., what event is this? Johnson replied they started last year doing the Party in the Parks series. Now expanding to include different sites. The first of the Parties in the Parks is this Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with children art activities. Also theatrical arts, which is pretty new to the event, and live music. Hopefully the upgrade will increase attendance.

Eskridge asked if there was any news on Antelope Valley regarding the storms last night? Johnson answered he hasn't heard any. Camp added it was fine today when he drove by at 8:00 a.m.

Cook stated there is the underground conduit which takes most of the water. Johnson added, so it doesn't overflow. Cook said he would be interested to know if most water went through the conduit? Johnson replied he would find out by asking if there were indications of overtopping last night. So far haven't heard anything.

### **III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR**

Hoppe stated not at this time.

#### **Denise Pearce - Senior Policy Counsel (Attachment A)**

Pearce stated Council typically reorganizes every two years in terms of what boards or committees they serve on. Usually after the Chair and Vice Chair elections. This year we just have four appointments. If everyone is okay with the Member appointed on the list, we would be okay. Agreement from Council. Pearce stated she would prepare the resolutions.

### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

None

### **V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

No comments

### **VI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

2014 City Council Appointments

- Doug Emery to the JBC for a two-year term expiring on 5.31.16 (the interlocal requires two-year, staggered terms for the two Council members)
- Doug Emery to the Board of Health for a one-year term expiring on 5.31.15
- Carl Eskridge to the Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring on 5.31.17
- Jonathan Cook to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a one-year term expiring on 5.31.15
- Roy Christensen, Doug Emery, and Leirion Gaylor-Baird to the Railroad Transportation Safety District for one-year terms to expire on 5.31.15