DIRECTORS’ MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014  
555 S. 10TH STREET  
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

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II. MAYOR  
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to “Planting for Pollinators” workshop.  
3. NEWS RELEASE. Health Department awarded two Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) grants.  
5. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln named “Playful City”.  
7. NEWS RELEASE. “Civic Hacking” event set for Saturday, May 31.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/TREASURER  

LINCOLN LIBRARIES  
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   a) Why Lincoln needs a New Downtown Library - Board of Directors, Lincoln City Libraries.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 20, 2014 through May 26, 2014.  
2. Lincoln Water System Facilities Master Plan, Executive Summary. (On file in the City Council Office)  
3. Memorandum from Marvin Krout, Director of Planning, on different routes to selling alcohol in Lincoln.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION  
1. Memo from Clint Thomas regarding: Street and Alley Vacation No. 14003, East/West Alley, Block 28, Lincoln Original Plat.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP  
1. Randy and Maria Taylor correspondence on the proposed development of LHA housing project at the location of 84th between South Street and Karl Ridge Road, stating reasons the project would cause stress and anxiety for many in the neighborhood.
V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
   1. Doris Stoner message giving reasons why she is opposed to the LHA project at 84th and South Streets.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 22, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Aaron Druery, Parks and Recreation, 402-499-1044

PUBLIC INVITED TO “PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS” WORKSHOP

The public is invited to discover ways to promote native pollinators in their gardens at a workshop Saturday, May 31 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center Auditorium. The City Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring the workshop from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the fee is $10 per person. To register, call 402-441-7895. The first 30 people to sign up will receive a free native plant.

The presenters will be Park Planner Mark Canney, Naturalist Andrea Faas and Land Manager Aaron Druery. Participants will explore the gardens and native landscaping at the Nature Center. They also will receive native seeds and have the chance to win a plant identification guide. Products from K&D Bees will be available.

More information on Parks and Recreation facilities and programs is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of May 24 - 30, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Monday, May 26 - City offices closed for Memorial Day holiday

Tuesday, May 27
• Corrections Joint Public Agency - 9 a.m., Bill Luxford Studio, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (Recorded earlier)

Wednesday, May 28
• Community Health Endowment news conference - 11 a.m., Jayne Snyder Trails Center, Union Plaza
• Annual Mayor’s Arts Awards, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th Street

Thursday, May 29
• Open house for Dr. Jack Huck, retiring President of Southeast Community College (SCC), remarks - 4 p.m., SCC, 8800 “O’ Street
Health Department Awarded Two NET Grants

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) has awarded two grants totaling $303,281 to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD). The Community-Driven Toxics Reduction Program was awarded $149,265 to help develop a facility for year-round hazardous waste recycling and disposal. The Nebraska MEDS Disposal Program was awarded $154,016 for its work to provide convenient, safe and legal disposal options for unwanted medications.

“The goal of both of these programs is to keep harmful chemicals out of our landfill and out of our water supply,” Mayor Beutler said. “Our Health Department has done an excellent job organizing special events to collect these wastes, but we need to develop a more permanent solution to handle these chemicals and protect public health.”

With the grant funds for the Toxics Reduction Program, LLCHD will coordinate a facility site analysis to look at options for locating a hazardous waste collection facility on City property. The Solid Waste Master Plan Advisory Committee has recommended expansion of the Toxics Reduction Program and the creation of a facility for year-round access.

With the grant funds for the MEDS Disposal Program, LLCHD will partner with local pharmacies and law enforcement agencies and work with similar projects across the state. The program is currently implementing a pharmacy-led “product stewardship” model in which producers manage the environmental impact of a product from the time of its creation through its disposal. The draft Solid Waste Master Plan identifies product stewardship as a strategic option for source reduction. More information on the program is available at leftovermeds.com.

The Nebraska Legislature created the NET in 1992 to preserve, protect and restore natural resources for future generations. Using revenue from the Nebraska Lottery, the Trust has provided over $213 million in grants to over 1,600 projects across the state. More information is available at environmentaltrust.org.

More information on LLCHD is available at health.lincoln.ne.gov. More information on the Solid Waste Master Plan is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: solid waste).
Lincoln City Libraries today announced the top three finalists for its 2014 One Book – One Lincoln community reading program. The program, which began in Lincoln in 2002, encourages all adults in Lincoln and Lancaster County to read and discuss the same book at the same time. The finalists are:

**The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Must Exclusive Fraternity** by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy
The Presidents Club, established at Dwight Eisenhower’s inauguration by Harry Truman and Herbert Hoover, is a complicated place. Its members are bound forever by the experience of the Oval Office and yet are eternal rivals for history’s favor.

**The Light Between Oceans** by M.L. Stedman
After four harrowing years on the Western Front, Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia and takes a job as the lighthouse keeper on Janus Rock, nearly half a day’s journey from the coast. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes once a season, Tom brings a young, bold and loving wife, Isabel. Years later, after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel hears a baby’s cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby.

**The Shadow of the Wind** by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
Hidden in the heart of the old city of Barcelona is the “cemetery of lost books,” a labyrinthine library of obscure and forgotten titles that have long gone out of print. To this library, a man brings his 10-year-old son Daniel one cold morning in 1945. Daniel is allowed to choose one book from the shelves and pulls out *La Sombra del Viento* by Julian Carax. But as he grows up, several people seem inordinately interested in his find.

The public was invited to nominate books for the program, and 194 titles were submitted. A selection committee of 17 community readers worked for two months to pare down the list to three finalists. The community is now invited to vote for the final book. Ballots are available at all Lincoln City Libraries locations and at lincolnlibraries.org. Votes are also being accepted via Facebook and Twitter. All votes must be received no later than Friday, July 25. Copies of the finalists are available at Lincoln City Libraries and local bookstores.

More information about the program is available at lincolnlibraries.org.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 27, 2014  
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831  
Charlotte Burke, Health Department, 402-441-8011

LINCOLN NAMED “PLAYFUL CITY”

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Lincoln is the first city in Nebraska to be named a “Playful City.” Playful City USA is a national recognition program sponsored by Humana Foundation in partnership with KaBOOM! The program honors communities that are taking bold steps to ensure that all children have easy access to balanced and active play in their communities.

Playful City USA honorees are recognized for making a commitment to transform their communities to become more playable by developing unique local action plans to increase the quantity and quality of play in their communities. The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will represent the City in the community effort to raise awareness of the importance of play.

Mayor Beutler said keeping Lincoln a great place for kids to play is extremely important in attracting and retaining families in our community. “The entire community can take pride in our national recognition as a Playful City,” Mayor Beutler said. “With the public’s help, we are able to provide trails, playgrounds and other affordable and accessible facilities where families can play together. Because play contributes so much to healthy minds and bodies, we can’t rest on our laurels. We need to continue to work together to create even more opportunities for families to get out and play in Lincoln.”

The Playful City designation supports Mayor Beutler’s efforts to make Lincoln the healthiest city in the country. In 2010, Mayor Beutler signed on to First Lady Michelle Obama’s national childhood obesity prevention campaign, and in 2013, Lincoln was recognized by the National League of Cities as a Let’s Move! City. In August, Mayor Beutler issued a five-year challenge to the community to make healthy living a top priority. He called upon young people and adults to improve their health with more physical activity and healthy food choices.

Lincoln was one of 212 Playful City USA honorees. KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that all children, especially the 16 million American children living in poverty, get the active play they need to become health and successful adults. More information on the Playful City program is available at kaboom.org. The Humana Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Humana Inc., a national health care company. More information is available at humanafoundation.org
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 28, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, 402-441-8265
Holly Lewis, Asst. Recreation Manager, 402-441-7960

PAINT ISSUE CLOSES HIGHLANDS POOL UNTIL JUNE 9

A problem with the paint has created safety issues and forced the immediate closure of the Highlands Pool, 5511 N.W. 12th Street. Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson said the paint is prematurely flaking off or “chalking.” When swimmers are in the pool the water becomes cloudy, making it difficult for lifeguards to monitor the safety of swimmers.

The pool will be drained today, and the basin will be scrubbed and pressure washed to remove loose paint. The basin will be painted later this week, and the paint needs to cure for about seven days before the pool can be refilled. Parks and Recreation Department staff anticipate that the pool will reopen on Monday, June 9.

Families and individuals with season passes to Highlands Pool will be contacted by Parks and Recreation Department staff and offered three options:
• Return the pass and receive a full refund of the purchase price.
• Use the pass for the remainder of the pool season and receive a 20-percent refund of the purchase price.
• Use the pass for the remainder of the pool season and receive a one-third discount on the purchase of a 2015 pool pass.

Swimmers are encouraged to visit the two other northwest Lincoln pools during the Highlands closure – Belmont Pool at 12th and Manatt Streets, north of Belmont Elementary School, and Air Park Pool at 4000 N.W. 46th Street, north of Air Park Recreation Center. Highlands Pool passes are accepted at the other six neighborhood and community pools. During the closure, the additional fee to use Star City Shores will be waived for those with Highlands Pool passes.

City pool basins are generally painted on a three-year cycle, and the condition of the paint is evaluated at the end of each pool season. The paint at Highlands Pool is going into its third season. Environmental conditions could have shortened the useful life of the paint surface.

“We apologize for the inconvenience that the closure of Highlands Pool creates for pool patrons,” Johnson said. “The safety of swimmers has to be a primary concern. We appreciate the patience of children and families in the Highlands neighborhood as we work to get the pool back into service as quickly as possible.”

Information about hours of operation, admission fees, and programming at Lincoln’s nine public pools is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov, or by calling 402-441-7487 and selecting option “4”.
"CIVIC HACKING” EVENT SET FOR SATURDAY

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged the public to support the National Day of Civic Hacking by participating in an event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 31 at the Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street. The City is a partner in the event, which provides an opportunity for government agencies, businesses, nonprofits and individuals to work together to tackle community challenges through technology.

“The idea is to use public data to create technology-based tools and services to improve our community,” said Mayor Beutler. “It’s an event where creativity is valued as highly as technical expertise. Anyone can participate by simply proposing new projects. This is a great opportunity to join other civic-minded people with diverse areas of expertise who want to make a positive impact on our City.” Beutler said an example of a challenge the group could take on is to make the online municipal code more usable and searchable.

Sponsored nationally by Intel, the local effort is being organized by #LNK Coding Women, a new group formed to encourage women, under-represented groups and beginning coders to explore and use technology. Saturday’s event is sponsored by Argyle Octopus Press and MusicSpoke.

Lincoln’s event is one of more than 100 taking place throughout the U.S. May 31 and June 1. Federal government agencies participating include NASA, the Census Bureau, FEMA, the National Institutes of Health and the Peace Corps.

“The National Day of Civic Hacking offers the chance to bring together some of the best and brightest minds in the technology arena to push forward civic innovation and open idea-sharing,” said Carol Coletta, Knight Foundation vice president for community and national initiatives. “We hope to see some promising prototypes come out of the event that will contribute to the success of cities across the country.”

For more information on #LNK Coding Women, visit lnkcodingwomen.org. For more information on LNK Civic Hack Day 2014, visit hackforchange.org/events/lincoln-hackathon. For more information about the national initiative, visit hackforchange.org.
OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

May 28, 2014

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business April 30, 2014:

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I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

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The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of $23,941,726.93 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]
Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

[Signature]
Sandy Dubas, Deputy City Clerk
CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
AS OF APRIL 30, 2014

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At the request of the Library Board, Library Director Pat Leach is calling to your attention a paper adopted by the Library Board on October 15, 2013, regarding a new downtown library. The paper is available at http://lincolnlibraries.org/board/Main_Library_Position_Statement_adopted_10-15-2013.pdf

Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
WHY LINCOLN NEEDS A NEW DOWNTOWN LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

I. INTRODUCTION

The Library Board of the City of Lincoln has determined that the current main library,
known as Bennett Martin Public Library (BMPL) no longer meets the needs of the city
and should be replaced by a new library on Block 63, the current location of Pershing
Center. This paper discusses the reasons why we need a new library.

The City of Lincoln Library System consists of the main library, BMPL and seven branches. The
annual budget is about $8M for fiscal year 2012-13, which is about 5.2% of the $154M Lincoln
city budget. We have a collection of about 800,000 books, magazines, and other items, and 113
public computers.

Residents visited our libraries 1.5 Million times last year. There’s simply no question that
statistics like these demonstrate that people use Lincoln’s libraries. The questions remain,
though: What kind of a main library will those people use now, and in the future? And what role
should the City of Lincoln play in ensuring the citizens of Lincoln have a vibrant main library to
use their daily lives?

According to the 2012 US Census estimate, Lincoln’s population is 265,000 and Lancaster
County is about 293,000. We must not forget that the current main library was built when
Lincoln’s population was less than half its current size.

II. EDUCATION

A cornerstone of our democracy is a well-educated population. We may disagree with each
other, and often with great passion, but even in this time of political polarization our fighting has
been done with words and ideas rather than with guns and bullets.

We take free public education for granted now, but public education in the United States is
relatively new and only goes back to the 19th century. Public education as we now know it,
consists of two separate, but equally important branches.

a) First are the public schools. In colonial times, education was often considered a
function of the churches. But, during the 19th century, public education became increasingly
accepted as a public community duty. The first public high school was started in Boston in
1821. By the 1870’s, all states had free elementary schools. By the close of the 19th century,
almost all communities had free public secondary education. The 20th Century saw an ever-increasing rise in the number of Americans who were high school graduates in order to meet the challenges of the country’s industrial and technological development.

b) The second branch of public education is the public library. Public libraries have
a mandate to serve the general public’s information needs. Equal access to information is a
core value of our country, and the American library system is an essential part of an educated and literate population. The first libraries, such as the one founded by Benjamin Franklin in the 18th century, were subscription libraries, and were only open to people of means. But free public libraries, are truly an American innovation. Free public libraries in the United States began to flourish in the 19th century alongside public schools. The first major public library in the United States was also established in Boston in 1852.

The free public library as we know it is truly an American innovation. The most significant contributor to American libraries was Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie, the Bill Gates of his Era, donated money to build 2,509 libraries between 1883 and 1929. Of those, 1,689 were built in the United States through the use of Carnegie grants, Lincoln was a beneficiary of these grants.

The history of libraries and public schools in this country – as well as their continued support – show that such financial support does not constitute a public handout, or ‘entitlement’. It is a public duty and obligation. They are the twin backbones of an educated population, which is the lifeblood of our democracy.

Free public libraries should not be thought of as public entertainment, like parks or the new Arena. Free public libraries are a local responsibility, like police and fire protection. Local governments are obligated to ensure we have a well informed and educated public. Virtually every town or city in the country has a public library.

When it comes to Lincoln’s main downtown library, this obligation has been neglected, almost to the point of abandonment.

III. History of the Lincoln libraries.

The Lincoln library system is governed by a board of directors. The current system goes back to 1936. The Board consists of seven directors who must be residents of the City of Lincoln and are appointed by the City Council. Their terms are seven years and staggered so each year, a new board member is selected, and an old member rotates off. The Board has broad powers including (1) supervising the public library facilities, (2) selecting and purchasing books and magazines, (3) approving the annual budget, and, (4) along with the Mayor, hiring the Director. See Chapter 4.20 Lincoln Municipal Code

Public libraries have been a part of this City since its beginning. Lincoln became the capital of Nebraska in 1867—the same year Nebraska became a state. The first library was established in 1885. Twenty-seven years later, in 1902, the Carnegie Library was built at 14th and N thanks to the Carnegie Foundation at a cost of about $77,000.00.

After 60 years, the old Carnegie Library no longer met the needs of a growing city and Bennett Martin Public Library was built in 1962, thanks to a generous gift of $300,000.00 by Bennett Martin, a Lincoln businessman and former mayor. Lincoln’s population at the time was 125,210, roughly half the current population. Bennett Martin Public Library was expanded in 1968 and again in 1978 by which time the population was about 172,000 people.
Bennett Martin Public Library was a gem for its time, but it was designed for mid-20th century technology and community needs. Computers and e-books were not even mentioned in science fiction when Bennett Martin Public Library was last expanded.

IV. COMPARISON WITH OTHER LINCOLN PROPERTIES

By comparison, almost all other public and commercial buildings built in the mid 1900’s have been replaced.

Here are but a few examples:

The Lancaster County Court was originally built in 1890—approximately five years after the first City library. The County Court was replaced in 1969 with the County City Building. This was approximately seven years after the Bennett Martin Public Library was constructed. A new addition to the Court was completed in 1997. The jail, built in 1980, has just been replaced.

The Pershing Center was completed in 1957 at a cost of $3 million. At that time, Lincoln’s population was about 99,000, and the Pershing Center was designed with a capacity of 7,500 people. As we know, the future use of Pershing is up for discussion.

The Devaney Center was built at a cost of $13 million in 1976 with a capacity of 13,500. This was 21 years after the Pershing Center was built. Lincoln’s population was 145,000. Though its use as a basketball arena is over, the Devaney Center is being redesigned as a state of the art venue for our nationally ranked University of Nebraska volleyball team.

Construction has now been completed on the Pinnacle Arena. This new arena will have a capacity 16,000 at a cost of $180 million. It replaces both Pershing and Devaney.

A number of other developments have occurred in Lincoln over this same timeframe. The common theme is that buildings the age of Bennett Martin Public Library have uniformly been replaced, upgraded, or significantly redesigned to fit the City’s economic growth and the 21st Century.

Memorial Stadium is a prime example of this change. Constructed in 1923, when the population was 55,000, the stadium originally had a capacity of 31,000 people and cost of $430,000. The stadium now seats over 90,000, which is slightly smaller than the entire population of Lincoln when Pershing was built. Recent additions in the east stadium sky boxes and 6,000 new seats cost $63.5 million dollars

The old UNL baseball field was replaced by Haymarket Stadium in 2000.

Among commercial buildings, Farmers Mutual has just replaced a building that was built in 1962, and Assurity recently built a new building in the Antelope Valley area. Moreover, none of the hospitals are in the same buildings that they occupied in 1962.

In contrast to all of these private and public buildings, the Bennett Martin Public Library remains fixed in time. As a community, we need to ask why.
V. COMPARISON WITH OTHER CITIES

Some people seem to think that libraries are going the way of the dinosaur, but, in fact, almost all American cities, big or small, have built new main libraries in the last 15 years in response to public demand and evolving uses of libraries.

A review of libraries in 26 peer cities demonstrates just how far behind Lincoln is by comparison. We attempted to find cities that have something in common with Lincoln such as population, geography, and government. See Attachment 1.

A. Football cities - Let’s take cities which are both state capitals and home to major state universities and have an intense interest in college football.

   Madison, Wisconsin - Similar to Lincoln in both size and government, Madison, Wisconsin is completing a new downtown library that will be 124,000 square feet—about twice the size of Bennett Martin Public Library…and they are crazy about the Badgers.

   Columbia, South Carolina - The State capital and home of the University of South Carolina and an undying love for the Gamecocks, a city of about 300,000 built a 250,000 square foot library in 1990.

   Baton Rouge, Louisiana - Certainly no stranger to college football and also a State capital, the home of the LSU Tigers is completing a 126,000 square foot library this year.

   Tallahassee, Florida - The capital of Florida and home to Florida State Seminoles, built a new library in 1988, which was 88,000 square feet.

   Austin, TX and Columbus, OH have also invested in library improvements, but they are substantially larger than Lincoln, so we are not using them for comparison.

   These cities are no less interested in college football than Lincoln—all have large stadiums and skyboxes. They have done one thing that we have not. They have seen the necessity and the duty of maintaining a modern, up-to-date main downtown library.

B. Peer cities – A review of cities in neighboring states demonstrates the same thing.

   Sioux Falls, South Dakota – a city of about 160,000 modeled their main library in 2010 to about 62,000 square feet, the size of Bennett Martin Public Library.

   Topeka, Kansas – also about the size of Sioux Falls, added to their library in 2001 and now has a total size of 170,000 square feet.

   Pueblo, Colorado – Also similar to Sioux Falls, built a new library in 2003 of 109,000 square feet

   Des Moines, Iowa – about 100,000 larger than Lincoln, opened a new library in 2006 that is 110,000 square feet.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa – roughly the same size as Lincoln, is opening a new library this year at 95,000 square feet.

Cheyenne, Wyoming – The smallest of our peer cities at 93,000, opened a 103,000 square library in 2007.

The purpose of looking at these other cities is not to figure out whether we’re “keeping up with the Joneses.” The purpose is to see whether we’re keeping up with the educational, informational, and community needs of our population; and as of 2013, Lincoln is not doing that.

The attached chart shows exactly where Lincoln is in comparison with our peer group. The common denominator is that Lincoln is far behind everyone else. See Attachment 2.

C. Other Nebraska cities

And we need not go out of state. According to data from the Nebraska Library Commission during the last 10 years, about 100 Nebraska cities have either replaced or rebuilt main libraires, ranging from Grand Island and Bellevue to small villages such as Pierce and Occonto. Omaha has had four main construction projects in branches during that time. Syracuse and North Bend just built new libraries in 2012. And the new Kearny Library has opened in 2011. See Attachment 3.

As we’ve seen, cities smaller than, comparable to, and larger than Lincoln all over the country have new libraries. In essence, we stand alone. A city that once called itself the Athens of the Prairie is far behind the times. Why is Lincoln where it is? We can’t answer that question, but we can tell you we’re not where we should be.

VI. Studies Commissioned by the Library Board.

The Library Board is charged with maintaining the library facilities, and all matters considering buildings start with the Board. (Section 4.20.020 (b), Lincoln Muni. Code).

Pershing is the choice of the Library Board. Pershing is located on Block 63 of the Original Plat of the City of Lincoln. Block 63 was educational land owned by the State. On July 21, 1871 that block was deeded by the State of Nebraska to the Lincoln Public School District and over the years was the site of elementary schools, the original Lincoln High School and an LPS administration building. On July 3, 1940, the school board sold the block to the City of Lincoln. Block 63 has never ever been on the tax rolls, and has always been dedicated for public use. Turning Block 63 into commercial use virtually flies in the face of its intended purpose. It would be similar to turning Antelope Park into an office complex.

In 2003, the Library Board commissioned, the Bennett Martin Public Library Space Needs & Facility Study. It was prepared by Clark Enerson Partners of Lincoln and Dubberly Garcia Associates of Atlanta. It concluded that Bennett Martin Public Library was insufficient to meet future needs and not suited for expansion or renovation. The study concluded that a) Lincoln
needed a new main library; at a full block in the downtown area. The location that made the most sense was Block 63, current site of Pershing. It made sense then, and it still makes the most sense.

Block 63 is right on Centennial Mall, which runs from the Capitol to the University. Over $10 Million is being spent to revitalize the Mall, and there will be a good deal of foot traffic, which is what a library needs. It is an ideal location for a new library. The Board firmly believes this is where the new library should be. The Block has always been dedicated for public use, and we think it should remain such.

The Library Board commissioned the Main Library Vision and Concept Study in 2012 to again look at the subject. The $90K study, paid for by private funds raised by the Library Foundation, was prepared by Sinclair Hille Architects of Lincoln, Jack Poling of Minneapolis, a noted library architect, and Susan Kent of L.A., a Library Planner. Its purpose was to identify the needs of a new library for the 21st century. Relying heavily on public input and library success stories throughout the nation, the study outlined services that a modern library should provide, determined space requirements, and evaluated potential sites. Pershing was the clear choice. The Library Board, after a good deal of study and discussion, voted to submit a proposal for the re-use of the Pershing Center as a new main library. The proposal was modest by peer standards. It proposed a 107,000 SF library in the block now occupied by Pershing. The cost would be about $43M; financed by a bond issue and capital donations. The difference between starting from scratch or rebuilding the current Pershing was relatively minor.

The City rejected that proposal, but the matter remains open. The Library Board still believes that Bock 63 is the most viable location for a badly needed new library. The Board has been diligent in investigating the situation. It appears to us that Bennett Martin Public Library has outlived its usefulness and all roads lead to Pershing as the best location for a new main library.

The reality is that libraries are no longer only a depository for paper books. We all know that electronic books are increasing each year, and the library’s collection of electronic books is also growing. The shift to all forms of media does not mean that the printed page will disappear. One of the important principles of public libraries is they provide access to information to all, not just those who can afford their own computers and e-readers. But contemporary libraries now allocate spaces for people: children, teens, families, studying and tutoring, places for gathering. This is the significance of libraries all over the country and should be the significance of the new library for Lincoln. Again, it is not a matter of keeping up with the Joneses; it’s a question of whether almost every other city in the country apparently knows something that we either do not know or do not want to know: that modern libraries play a major role in our educational system and community life, and they need to be kept current like all other institutions.

VII. FAQs

Since the 2012 Main Library and Vision Concept Study came out, there have been some questions raised, some of which we will try to address.
Why do we need a larger library when the age of electronic books is here? As it has been demonstrated in cities all over the country, a vibrant downtown library symbolizes the intellectual and cultural values of a city. Libraries ensure equal access to information, and they will grow in their importance even as the transition to greater emphasis on electronics occurs. They are a gathering place not unlike a public park and, in fact, have occasionally been referred to as “a park for your brain!”. They are the place to go, the place to meet, and that hasn’t changed. Even with the presence and future increase in electronic literary opportunities, it has been demonstrated in those communities that have invested in a new main library, that they are busier than ever. People still want the library experience. Just go to Bennett Martin Public Library, and you will see it is in constant use. It would be used much more if the building was more attractive, better located, and had surrounding parking.

How will it function to meet needs 20 years from now? We can’t even imagine the growth in technology over the next two decades, but we do know that the library is a core community resource for utilization of these new services over the next many years. Wi-Fi and other services will be a major part of this new entity as we build and embrace the future. If the experience of other communities is any example, the indication is these needs will grow, not shrink. We know that people’s need for community connections and involvement will not go away. We know that a healthy democratic community will answer the needs of all of its people, rich or poor to access information in a variety of forms. We will have to design a building that is flexible enough in nature so that it can change as its uses changes. Unfortunately, Bennett Martin Public Library is not that type of building.

Why not spend $3-5M to renovate? We have done extensive studies over the past ten years, and we found it is not feasible to renovate the existing location especially considering size restrictions. The 2003 study concluded the current library is not meeting the needs of the community and is not suitable for expansion or renovation. It is not feasible for the same reasons that the other private and public buildings we’ve discussed have rebuilt entirely new buildings. It just no longer meets the needs and renovation is insufficient.

Why do we need a new “community center” when we have “learning centers,” “recreation centers,” and “senior centers”? None of those examples offer connection to the world of literature and learning that a public library offers.

What percentage of readers today will be using electronic devices compared to bound volumes? Clearly, electronic devices will continue to grow in popularity. We know that. In fact we are consistently increasing our number of e-books. And the cost is about the same, and we get about the same number of checkouts with e-books as with paper books. That isn’t the point. People will come to libraries, as they always have, as a place of knowledge, for equal access to information, and to meet other people. Doomsayers said about 50 years ago, that movie theaters were on the way out because of TV, and then several decades later, because of videos. Likewise, the same was said with the introduction of paperback books libraries were no longer needed. That didn’t happen. The experience of our contemporary cities should answer that question.
What is the response to those who think libraries will be obsolete in 5-10 years? In communities where they invest in libraries and the intellectual quality of life, libraries are growing in popularity. This is also true in Lincoln and will be more evident as we make the necessary investments to build for the future. They will not be obsolete any more than schools will be obsolete.

What is the plan for technology and how will you keep up with it? Every business, government entity and, certainly libraries throughout the country deal with every day. We plan to develop the new location with as much foresight as possible using the best minds available and, it will be our firm desire, to continue leading this process for intellectual access for the citizens of this city for many years to come.

Why Pershing? First, the City already owns the land, and it has been public use land since 1867, when it was platted. Second, the Board has concluded it is by far the best location for the new library. It does not make sense for the City to spend millions in acquisition costs when we have a great location that we already own. Parking will be an issue no matter where we go, but at least Pershing has an underground lot. Centennial Mall is going to be redone, and it will attract many visitors because of its new vision as an educational and public festival space. The announcement of the upcoming “Wi-Fi” investment for the mall also fits our desire to make the main library a totally accessible facility both physically and electronically. It should also be remembered that downtown Lincoln itself is changing with many people moving into the downtown areas, and Pershing’s location is within walking distance of many of those new developments as well as housing that already exists.

We cannot ignore the importance of a downtown library as an economic catalyst. Economic development specialists will tell you that when a community builds a new downtown library, which becomes a destination location, there is an increase in the economic activity and the street energy in the surrounding area. A new downtown library will become an eastern anchor of a revitalized downtown.

VIII COST TO AVERAGE CITIZEN

The question will inevitably be how much more in taxes will this cost. The exact cost cannot be estimated accurately at this time. Sure, it will cost tax payer dollars, but it will certainly not have a major impact on the average person. Assuming a $42M bond issue, a $150K house, which is about the average value of a home in Lincoln, the yearly cost would be about $21.60 in increased property taxes, which are tax deductible. Assuming four people live in that house, it’s about $5.40 per year each. That is the cost of a bag of popcorn at the movies. And tax deductible popcorn at that. Compare this with the cost of the Arena, which is a project about four times the expense. In a recent Lincoln Journal Star article, it was estimated that the increased cost to an average person for the Arena would be about $40 per year if they spend the national average on eating out. The comparison is stark: Both the Arena and the Library offer doors to publicly owned buildings. In one you pay a high price to enter and to be entertained, be it a basketball game or an ice show. In the other you pay nothing to enter the world of education. Entertainment contributes to the economy, but education contributes to our
democratic society. We as a city do not have a duty to entertain, but we have a duty to educate. When you put this in proper prospective, a new library at Pershing makes a great deal of sense.

IX. CONCLUSION

We know that this is the right course for our city. We have never, in the history of this city, been this far behind when it comes to civic responsibility and that is what we are talking about, civic responsibility. When it comes to our downtown library, we are indeed in the cellar. All over the country, communities large and small are embracing new libraries. It is time to bring Lincoln into the 21st century.

Please help with this project.

Adopted by Library Board of Trustees
October 15, 2013
** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **
May 28, 2014

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2014

[Commissioner Lust absent]

Approval of minutes of the special public hearing held May 7, 2014. **APPROVED: 8-0 (Lust absent)**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 14, 2014. **APPROVED: 8-0 (Lust absent)**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

**PERMITS:**

1.1 Special Permit No. 555B, to expand the area of the existing approved special permit to allow additional on-site parking, on property legally generally located at North 60th Street and Morrill Avenue (4241 North 61st Street).

*** FINAL ACTION ***

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 12, 2014: 8-0 (Lust absent).
Resolution No. PC-01394.
1.2 Use Permit No. 57E, an amendment to the approved Lincoln Crossing use permit to remove the theater and to allow a hotel and other commercial pad sites, including a waiver to increase the maximum height, on property generally located at North 27th Street and Folkways Boulevard (2803 and 2903 Folkways Boulevard).

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing. Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 13, 2014: 8-0 (Lust absent). Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

1.3 Special Permit No. 09022B, to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises, on property generally located at South 33rd Street and Yankee Hill Road (8511 South 33rd Street).

*** FINAL ACTION **
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 13, 2014: 8-0 (Lust absent).
Resolution No. PC-01395.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: (See Item 1.2 above)

4. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 14010, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, the assignment of a permanent conservation easement to the City of Lincoln for the purpose of preserving flood storage volume in the Salt Creek storage area, on property generally located at S. 1st St. and W. South St. (177 W. South St.). *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov

Had continued public hearing. Planning Commission ‘final action’: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 8-0 (Lust absent).
Resolution No. PC-01396.
The Law Department will schedule the acceptance of the easement agreement on a future City Council agenda.
5. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

TEXT AMENDMENT:

5.1a Text Amendment No. 14004, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code by amending Section 27.63.320 relating to special permits to allow community unit plans in the R-7 and R-8 zoning districts by special permit; amending Section 27.65.020 (Community Unit Plan Requirements) to allow community unit plans in the R-7 and R-8 zoning districts and providing for the calculation of the maximum permitted density thereof; amending the catchhead of Section 27.65.070 to reflect its applicability to community unit plans in the R-7 and R-8 zoning districts; amending Section 27.65.090 relating to parking within community unit plans to allow the City Council to adjust the location of required parking and to reduce the amount of required parking, except for dwellings for non-related persons, when justified; amending Section 27.67.040 to establish the parking requirement for Dwellings for Nonrelated Persons for four to six persons living as a single housekeeping unit permitted under a community unit plan as one space per resident; amending Section 27.67.065 to delete special parking requirements for community unit plans; and repealing Sections 27.63.320, 27.65.020, 27.65.070, 27.65.090, 27.67.040, and 27.67.065 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-1 (Harris dissenting; Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

5.1b Text Amendment No. 14005, an amendment to Section 1.1 of Chapter 3.35, Design Standards for Community Unit Plans, to provide maximum density standards for the R-7 and R-8 Residential Zoning Districts and to provide for the calculation of a total maximum density and maximum cluster density for dwelling units when the property within the boundaries of a C.U.P. includes property located in more than one residential zoning district.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-1 (Harris dissenting; Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH RELATED ITEMS:

5.2a Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 14011, to review a proposed amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, to add the "Eleven Hundred Y Street Project" consisting of an infill multi-family apartment complex for 126 dwelling units on approximately 2.2 acres, generally located between 10th Street on the west, Y Street on the south, N. 12th Street on the east and the east/west alley between Y Street and Charleston Street on the north. The Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan area north of Downtown is generally bounded by Salt Creek on the north, by the BNSF Railroad tracks on the south, by Antelope Creek on the east and by Interstate I-180 on the west; the area east of Downtown is generally bounded by 17th Street on the west, 27th Street on the east, the BNSF Railroad tracks on the north and "D" and "E" Streets on the south, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 8-0 (Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

5.2b Change of Zone No. 14011, from B-3 Commercial District, R-4 Residential District and I-1 Industrial District to R-8 Residential District, on property generally located at North 10th Street and Y Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

5.2c Special Permit No. 14008, for authority to develop the 1100 "Y" Street Community Unit Plan, consisting of approximately 126 apartment units, including requests to modify the setback requirements, on property generally located at North 10th Street and Y Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 14, 2014, as revised by staff memo dated May 28, 2014: 8-0 (Lust absent).
Resolution No. PC-01397.
5.3a Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 13020, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposal to declare approximately 9.37 acres, more or less, as surplus property, generally located at South 84th Street and South Street.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 8-0 (Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

5.3b Change of Zone No. 14012, from R-1 Residential District and P Public Use District to R-3 Residential District and from R-1 Residential District to P Public Use District, on property generally located at South 84th Street and South Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-1 (Sunderman dissenting; Lust absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

5.3c Special Permit No. 14009, for authority to develop the Lincoln Housing Authority 84th Street Site Community Unit Plan, consisting of 72 dwelling units, including a waiver request to modify the subdivision development standards to allow more than 40 dwelling units on a dead-end street, on property generally located at South 84th Street and South Street.

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval, as revised by staff memo dated 5/28/14.
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: DENIED: 7-1 (Cornelius dissenting; Lust absent).
Letter of Appeal filed by Thomas C. Huston on behalf of Lincoln Housing Authority on May 29, 2014.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
PERMITS:

5.4 Special Permit No. 1665C, for authority to amend the Van Dorn Meadows
Community Unit Plan to revise the lot layout to allow one 2-story, 20-unit
multiple-family building and 10 two-family buildings, with a waiver to the front
yard setback to allow parking in the front yard, on property generally located
at South 70th Street and Holmes Park Road. *** FINAL ACTION **
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Motion to approve, with conditions, FAILED: 3-2 (Cornelius, Harris and
Scheer voting ‘yes’; Beecham and Corr voting ‘no’ (Weber, Sunderman
Hove and Lust absent).
Automatically carried over for ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ONLY on
Wednesday, June 11, 2014. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED.

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.

PENDING LIST: None

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TO: Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Jean Preister, Planning

DATE: May 29, 2014

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: May 28, 2014

Please be advised that on May 28, 2014, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01394, approving Special Permit No. 555B, with conditions, requested by Lincoln Housing Authority, to expand the boundary of the special permit and add parking stalls, and to reduce the required front yard setback to 8 feet for a parking lot along Morrill Avenue, generally located at North 60th Street and Morrill Avenue.

Resolution No. PC-01395, approving Special Permit No. 09022B, with conditions, requested by AFO, LLC, for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises at Andy’s Express located at 8511 South 33rd Street.

Resolution No. PC-01396, finding the proposed assignment of a conservation easement to the City of Lincoln to preserve flood storage volume in the Salt Creek Storage Area over approximately 5,625 sq. ft. of property, generally located in the southeast corner of Lot 2, Talbert Industrial Park Addition, commonly known as 177 West South Street, to be in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan (Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 14010).

Resolution No. PC–01397, approving Special Permit No. 14008, with conditions, requested by Chris Elsey on behalf of the property owners, for authority to develop a Community Unit Plan for a 126-unit apartment building, together with waivers/modifications to the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the front yard setbacks along North 10th Street, Y Street and North 12th Street to zero feet, and to reduce the rear yard setback to 8 feet adjacent to the building, on property generally located on the north side of Y Street between North 10th Street and North 12th Street.

Special Permit No. 14009, with conditions, requested by Lincoln Housing Authority, for authority to develop the South 84th Street Community Unit Plan for 72 multi-family dwelling units, together with a request to waive the Land Subdivision Ordinance requirement to allow more than 40 dwelling units on a dead-end street, on property generally located at South 84th Street and South Street, was DENIED on a vote of 7-1. (Note: On May 29, 2014, a letter of appeal was filed by Thomas Huston on behalf of Lincoln Housing Authority. The public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2014.)

The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP555B, SP09022B, CPC14010, SP14008, SP14009). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Date:  May 27, 2014

To:  City Clerk

From:  Jean Preister, Planning Dept.

Re:  Administrative Approvals

cc:  Teresa McKinstry

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 20, 2014, through May 26, 2014:

**Administrative Amendment No. 14027** to Pre-Existing Special Permit No. 14007, requested by Temple Baptist Church, approved by the Planning Director on May 20, 2014, to add a 24 foot by 40 foot garage to the parking lot, on property generally located at S. 51st St. and Randolph St.

**Administrative Amendment No. 14033** to Use Permit No. 14001, requested by Rega Engineering, approved by the Planning Director on May 23, 2014, to remove specific notes limiting the ground sign to 32 square feet and 8 feet tall and to revise note 17 to state that signs shall be per Chapter 27.69 LMC, signs on poles are prohibited, on property generally located at Stephanie Lane and Pine Lake Rd.
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Marvin Krout, Director of Planning
SUBJECT: Different Routes to Selling Alcohol in Lincoln
DATE: May 28, 2014
cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Rod Confer, City Attorney
    Rick Peo, Chief Assistant City Attorney
    Tim Sieh, Assistant City Attorney
    Steve Henrichsen, Planning
    Brian Will, Planning

At the hearings on allowing alcohol sales accessory to three proposed new sports parks, one of the Council members suggested that a flow chart of some kind would be helpful to understand the different ways that alcohol sales can be permitted in the city. Attached are two charts:

A. Zoning approval required for liquor license. The state liquor commission requires that a property have proper zoning before they will issue a liquor license. The first chart shows 6 different ways that a property can demonstrate proper zoning, with different requirements depending on the zoning of the property, the specific type of use, and whether alcohol sales on the property pre-dates the current zoning rules. The chart summarizes the process for obtaining approval, conditions that may be applicable, and provides examples. Alcohol sales may be allowed by right, with or without certain conditions, in certain zoning districts, and requires a special permit approved by the Planning Commission and appealable to City Council in other districts. Or, if a property does not conform to the current zoning rules, but alcohol has been sold at the property on a continuing basis since the time that it was legal and conforming to zoning, then the use is “grandfathered” and the state will issue licenses at that location. If the property is eligible by zoning for alcohol sales, then the City Council still holds a separate hearing to consider new and renewed licenses, and makes recommendations to the state, who makes the final decision on issuing a liquor license.

B. No zoning approval required for SDL. The second chart shows the process, restrictions, and examples for obtaining a temporary SDL (Special Designated License) for properties or portions of properties that do not have approved liquor licenses, whether or not the properties are eligible to obtain a license. These temporary licenses are not subject to state review and approval.

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Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Department
555 S. 10th St., Rm. #213 • Lincoln NE 68508
Phone: 441-7491 • Fax: 441-6377
A. Zoning approval required for liquor license

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City Council hearing to recommend approval for new or renewed license

State issues license
No zoning approval required for SDL

Process
- Temporary license (SDL)
- Sign posting, Council hearing

Conditions
- Up to 12 permits, up to 6 days/permit

Examples
- Children's Zoo; backyard of Duffy's Tavern; outdoor area for Zipline Brewery

City Council approves SDLs
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler & City Council Members

FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office

DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION: 

DATE: May 28, 2014

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 14003

East/West Alley, Block 28, Lincoln Original Plat

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier

Marvin Krout

Jeff Kirkpatrick

Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety

Jean Preister, Planning

Sandy Dubas, City Clerk’s Office

Jamie Phillips, Mayor’s Office

A request has been made to vacate the East/West alley in Block 28, Lincoln Original Plat. The alley was viewed and appears as a brick surfaced alley. Overhead electric lines were observed in the alley as well as the evidence of a sanitary sewer. Staff has indicated easements will need to be retained for these utilities.

Long, narrow strips such as this rarely have any value, in and of themselves, and only have value when assembled into the abutting property. In this case, the alley will have to remain in place to serve both abutting property owners as well as the future maintenance and upkeep of the existing and future utilities. As such, the alley is considered to have only a nominal value of $0.15 per square foot. The calculations are as follows:

\[ 4,800 \text{ sq. ft.} \times \$0.15/\text{sq. ft.} = \$720 \]

There are two property owners abutting the alley with the smaller realizing only 800 square feet of additional area and the other the remaining 4,000 square feet. As such, the payment should be divided as follows:

- 800 sq. ft. adjacent to Lots 9 and 10 - $120
- Remaining 4,000 sq. ft. - $600

Therefore it is recommended that if the alley be vacated it be sold to the abutting property owners for $720 divided as shown above.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
To Whom it May Concern:

My wife and I reside at 2330 Devoe Dr. Lincoln, NE 68506. We have owned our home since 1998. Over the course of the last 16 years, we have invested tens of thousands of dollars in the upkeep, updating and maintenance of our home. Additionally, I estimate that we have paid $50,000.00 to $60,000.00 in property taxes since purchasing our home. Our neighborhood consists of single family dwellings and owner occupied homes. The Trendwood area is an example of the typical “middle class” neighborhoods that are so often referred to by our elected officials. We have educators, railroaders, insurance brokers, real estate agents, small business owners, etc. who together create a safe and orderly neighborhood of well maintained residences and contribute a great deal to the City of Lincoln’s tax base. In addition, many of the residents of the properties on Karl Ridge Rd. and surrounding areas are retired and had purchased their homes as their retirement property in a neighborhood of owner occupied, single family residences.

The purpose of this letter is to inform all parties involved with the planning, zoning, development and decision making process regarding the proposed development of the city owned property at 84th & South and Karl Ridge that we are very much opposed and adamantly reject the ideas regarding the building of the project. I would like to outline the specific reasons in a moment but the most crucial and important objection we have is that the development simply does not fit in with the surrounding neighborhood. I view the proposal a complete misuse of the area. The idea of building multi-family housing units in the middle of a residential neighborhood is ludicrous. This project is no different than if a hotel was placed on the property, right in the middle of a residential neighborhood area. The proposed rezoning is an example of a complete lack of respect for the members of the surrounding properties, and in fact the entire area.

Specifically, points of concern are as follows:

1) Increased traffic due to increased population density. The addition of 72 units in 9 buildings is not consistent with the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposal as presented would add 197 parking stalls which is simply an overload for the existing street layout in the area. The added congestion would lead to increased traffic flow on the existing streets in the neighborhood.

2) In conjunction with point #1, the increased traffic flow would lead to a higher potential for accidents as well as cause added danger to the safety of the children and residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. Many children walk to the Lux Middle School and St. Joseph’s school. There are also many families with young children in the neighborhood and the additional traffic in the area would result in a direct threat to the safety of these children. There would also be the issue of the added population using the existing neighborhoods to gain access to the development (ie taking shortcuts through resident’s yards, parking on side streets). An additional concern is the problem concerning the additional burden to the existing schools in
the area. The added number of children could very well overwhelm the capacity of the area schools.

3) Water shed issues which would impact the lower laying areas to the north, west and south of the development. The proposal as now submitted calls for two on-site dry detention cells to hold water during storm events. The detention ponds are designed to drain in 24 to 48 hours. I believe that the potential exists for the standing water to generate a general health hazard to people in the area due to insect infestation and also the inability to handle major rainfall incidents. This inability would cause added water runoff to the existing homes on the west side of the project and potentially cause damage to the properties. There is also a potential safety hazards for children and/or pets due to standing water.

4) The rezoning from R-1 to R-3 is not compatible with the existing neighborhood. In addition, the waiver to allow more than 40 dwelling units on a dead-end street should not be approved. Due to public safety issues such as ability for emergency vehicles and rescue personal to have access to the dwellings in the case of fire or other medical problems, the limited access should not be allowed.

5) Property values of existing properties will be adversely affected by the development. Due to many of the points listed above, the values and attractiveness of the existing properties would decrease. There is also the issue of the invasion of privacy for the people living in the homes around this proposed development. The fact is that the height of the proposed buildings and the current topographical layout of the area would lead to zero privacy for many of the homes on the perimeter of the development. Many of the residents in the area have invested a lot of time, money and effort to improve their homes and a decrease in values would be detrimental to all the homeowners in the Trendwood area. Once again, the fact is that this project is akin to putting a square peg in a round hole, common sense dictates that this project is not a good fit for the area.

6) In regards to the existing Prairie Crossing development that this proposed development is similar to, comparing them is like comparing apples and oranges. The 33rd & Yankee Hill project is not surrounded by single family, owner occupied homes. That development was part of a planned area and therefore is an appropriate development regarding the surrounding buildings. This project is not even remotely comparable to Prairie Crossing due to all of the items I have listed. Therefore any type of comparison is not logical.

7) Additional noise and light pollution would be detrimental to the quality of living for the existing residents. There will be much more traffic, noise, and activity at the development which would adversely affect the people of the neighborhood. Due to the close proximity of the buildings to the existing homes, this factor would cause a negative impact for all of the existing homeowners. It is also a point that there is a potential for additional garbage accumulation, vandalism and crime due to the added population density of the apartments.

In closing, we understand that change is a part of life. Many times positive things can come out of new ideas and developments. However, the proposal as it is written has no positive impact for our neighborhood or community. It is our opinion that this is a completely inappropriate usage of the area and we will do everything within our means to voice our opposition to this development as will
our neighborhood organization. Thank you for your time to review our concerns and I hope that as this proceeds that many of you will look at this logically and understand the validity of our points. Also I would hope that you will show some concern for the many older residents of the Karl Ridge and Alicia Ln homes. Many of these retired people have served the country and community with hard work and dedication for many years. They should have the respect and admiration of the people on the planning commission, the City Council, the Mayor’s office and the Department of Urban Development, as well as all city agencies. They deserve the right to enjoy the peace and quiet of the neighborhood that they expected when they purchased their homes. This project would cause a tremendous amount of stress and anxiety for many of them. Again, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Randy & Maria Taylor
2330 Devoe Dr.
Lincoln, NE  68506
402-486-1882
Message from:

Doris Stoner
Opposed to the LHA Housing Project at 84th, etc.
Reasons include:
Property valuation;
The one exit and entry is by her house;
Safety and crime;
Too crowded;
Health issue with the ponds and who will take care of;
Little income with this project; and
Not a low income neighborhood.
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Williams Library to close Friday and Saturday.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Leadership Lincoln to handle lease of City’s arena suite.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of May 31st through June 6, 2014.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Meeting agenda for Executive Session on June 5, 2014.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning (MPO) Organization/Officials Committee meeting agenda for June 5, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS
1. Question from Susan Melcher on support of a ½ cent sales tax increase to fund infrastructure improvements, sidewalks and public safety.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Sheri Robertson in support of the new ball complex.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Clarice Bailey stating objections to the approval of new sporting facilities, issuance of TIF funds, liquor licenses and approving occupational taxes for them. Are these needs or wants?
WILLIAMS LIBRARY TO CLOSE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Williams Branch Library, 5000 Mike Scholl St., will be closed Friday and Saturday for water system maintenance. The library is located in Arnold Elementary School.

More information on Lincoln City Libraries can be found at libraries.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 30, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

LEADERSHIP LINCOLN TO HANDLE LEASE OF CITY’S ARENA SUITE

Leadership Lincoln will handle all applications to lease the City’s suite at Pinnacle Bank Arena beginning June 1. The application as well as the cost and the leasing guidelines will be available at Leadership Lincoln’s website, leadershiplincoln.org. Applications will be automatically marked with the time and date, and the suite will be leased to eligible individuals or groups on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leadership Lincoln is a nonprofit established in 1985 to provide individuals from diverse backgrounds with the knowledge, experiences, skills and leadership tools to prepare them to become effective leaders within the community.

The Mayor’s Office and City Council members developed a policy to open the suite for use by the public. Private individuals or groups may lease the suite when it is not being used by the City. If not privately leased or used by the City, the suite may be available by application at no cost to local nonprofit agencies that serve low-income families. The policy also outlines use of the suite to honor community heroes and to promote economic development. Money generated by those who pay to use the suite will help to cover the costs when the suite is used without charge. Because of contractual arrangements with some performers, the suite is not available for all arena events.

For more information, call Leadership Lincoln at 402-441-4662.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of May 31 through June 6, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, June 3
• Ribbon-cutting for Angels Boutique, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Angels Boutique, 918 N. 70th St. (Meadowlane Shopping Center at 70th and Vine streets)

Thursday, June 5
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• Mayor’s Environmental Task Force meeting - noon, Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Meeting with Nebraska Girls State “Mayors” - 2:45 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room
• Ribbon-cutting for Hyatt Place Hotel, remarks - 4 p.m., 600 “Q” St.
TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
DATE:  June 5, 2014
LOCATION: 2740 “A” Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)
TIME:  4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
CHAIR:  Peter Levitov

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’

2. Executive Session – real property. No following action will be taken at this meeting.

3. Adjourn.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

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URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2014, 3:00 p.m., in Room 210, Second Floor, County/City Building.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 402-441-7491.

AGENDA
June 3, 2014

1. Adoption of meeting record of UDC meeting of May 6, 2014.
2. Discussion of exterior materials on redevelopment projects (UDD).
3. Y Street Apartments (TIF-assisted redevelopment project), North 10th & Y Streets (Elsey Partners)
5. Resolution.

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TO: Officials Committee Members
FROM: Marvin Krout, Technical Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Officials Committee Meeting

An Officials Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE:  June 5, 2014
TIME:   1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
PLACE:  Mayor's Conference Room
        County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the February 20, 2014 Officials Committee meeting.

2. Election of committee officers. According to the Bylaws, Committee officers consist of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman that are elected annually from the members of the committee. (Bylaws enclosed)

3. Review and action Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) request to amend the Lincoln South Beltway Project within the Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). (Staff report enclosed)

4. Review and action on the Lincoln MPO Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) program of projects developed through the Project Prioritization and Selection Process and recommended programming. (Staff report enclosed)

5. Review and action on a recommendation regarding 2014 Self-Certification review that the Transportation Planning Process for the Lincoln Metropolitan Area complies with applicable federal laws and regulations. (Staff report enclosed)

6. Review and action on the proposed FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed program is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. (Staff report enclosed)


8. Other topics for discussion
Next MPO Officials Committee Meeting: August 28, 2014

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Jean Preister

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Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 9:10 AM
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'Steve J. Werthmann; David Landis; Michelle R. Backemeyer;
'ajandsevean@acl.com'; 'Robin.Hoffman@dist145schools.org'

Subject: Annexation Ordinance 20021
Attachments: 20021_Map.pdf

Attached to this email is a map showing the adjustments to the City limits in accordance with annexation
Ordinance 20021.

If you have any questions regarding this annexation, please contact Steve Henrichsen in the Planning
Department at 402-441-7491.

Michele Abendroth
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6164
Annexation by Ordinance
S 88th St & Pioneers Blvd
Effective: May 27, 2014
2.7 Acres

- Area of Annexation
- Ownership Parcels
- City Limits Before Annexation

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Councilman Camp,
Would you support a ½ cent sales tax increase to fund infrastructure improvements, sidewalks and public safety?
Susan Melcher
2401 Garfield St
Lincoln, Ne 68502
402-304-9217
Melcherj5-2@inebraska.com
Comment or Question:
I find it interesting that LYSA is concerned w/ the new softball complex. They were not concerned about the YMCA program disintegrating when Doris Bair was opened. My daughter plays softball. There are 2 options. Play for the Y with really bad players; or play for LYSA with really good players - if you are able to make a team. If you are lucky enough to make a team, you happily pay the $600-700 for your kid to sit on the bench most of the time, because she is not one of the better players - yet way better than any Y competition.
I see the new ball complex as an opportunity for there to be more teams for all skill levels.
Don't forget how every ball field in town is going until dark with kids practicing.
The new complex is good for Lincoln and great for the girls.
I am against the approval of the sporting facilities, the issuance of TIF funds, approving liquor licenses and approving occupational taxes for them. After seeing the article in the newspaper indicating that the non-profit fields at Bair Park are not utilized to their potential, would we really want to have 2 for-profit facilities now? I know I have heard indications that more fields are needed, but for what sports are these fields really needed? Being a grandparent of children who participated in several sports, I know it got very expensive, especially for parents, to have children attending MANY events for which they traveled and had numerous expenses. So, adding these new facilities which will require not only admission fees but the addition of fees and occupation taxes. I STRONGLY FEEL MORE TIME NEEDS TO REALLY LOOK AT THESE REQUESTS - FOR THE ACTUAL NEED OR JUST "WANTS". Clarice Bailey
Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Roy Christensen; Jonathan Cook; Carl Eskridge; and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Absent: Jon Camp

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Judy Halstead, Department of Health Director; Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney; and Mary Meyer, Council staff

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

In review of the formal agenda Meier stated Items 1 through 3 introduced by Christensen, with a Motion to Amend, No. 1 on Item 1, which Council received. Items 8 through 11 introduced by Cook. Under Liquor Resolutions will call Items 19 & 20 together. We should have a Motion to Amend, No. 1 on Item 29. The Motion has not been received from the Law Department. Meier asked Kirkpatrick if the item should be delayed with response being it may arrive before the meeting.

Item 31 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1. Item 40 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1, to accept a substitute ordinance. Under First Reading, Items 48 & 49 have a request to delay First Reading to June 9th. This is related to the bond ordinance which can move forward. Cook questioned if the request is delay action? Meier replied this applies to Items 48 & 49. Request to delay First Reading one week. With First Reading next Monday. Cook commented, Second Reading and Action on June 16th. The bond item, First Reading, will have Action on the 16th. Hoppe added there was no redevelopment created to put in the packet as we had more details. Meier stated if her office had time they would have pulled the Item. Will delay the First Reading.

On Resolutions, First Reading, Item 53 and Items 56 through 63 will be next week. Cook said with related items, like the delay of First Reading, they’re listed. In this case a related item is the bond, which we won’t delay as it is an Ordinance. But, normally a Action Date listed next to the Item. Meier stated staff may have forgotten. Cook asked, on Resolutions associated with Ordinances, the Resolution will have the Action Date attached? Meier agreed, normally would delay all three but they wanted the bond to go forward.

Emery asked for a clarification on Item 53, Items 56 through 62? Meier replied Item 53 and Items 56 through 63. Cook asked if anyone noted consent? Meier replied she does, and lists on the Action Sheet.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to “Planting for Pollinators” workshop.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Health Department awarded two Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) grants.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln named “Playful City”.
7. NEWS RELEASE. “Civic Hacking” event set for Saturday, May 31.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/TREASURER

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – Judy Halstead, Director
Hoppe stated the Health Department received two Nebraska Environmental Trust Grants, with the Nebraska Meds Program. One deals with disposing of medication. The other a year round facility for hazardous waste recycling. Some misinformation given to the public on the grants and our commitment.

Halstead stated the first grant is to continue work with the Nebraska Meds Coalition. Started in August, 2012, and a partnership with 40 private Lincoln pharmacies. Also, partnering with the Nebraska Pharmacy Association and interested parties. With this grant we want to reduce the contamination of the water system. Tried the message of, “don’t flush medications”. We thought the best way until we realized water supplies were being contaminated. We encourage people to crush medications into items such as coffee grounds so they’re not reused or eaten by a pet. The preferred method and why we’re involved is having pharmacies take back medications and dispose nationally, keeping out of landfills, and not risking improper use. Prescription medication are the most abused drugs. The majority of youth abusing prescription meds get them at home, unused medication. We try to reduce the environment impact and improper medication use. We partner with other agencies who help pay the pharmacy take back charge and continue to distribute education, partnering with the Nebraska Pharmacy Association.

Halstead stated the 2nd grant deals with our household hazardous waste program, in existence for 28 years. We provide household hazardous waste collection and approximately 6 to 10 collections per year. All mobile, in parking lots, and subject to weather. First and last collections are by appointment only. More difficult weather at the beginning, or end, of the year. Requests continue to grow. The collections last about 4 hours and last time had 632 cars. Each site is staff and volunteer intensive helping with traffic, pickups, drop offs. Also need environmental health specialists, and a Hazmat specialist on site.

In addition we do two small business waste collections. As hazardous waste is prohibited at the landfill, if small businesses pay a national firm to collect their hazardous waste it’s very costly. We work with approximately 35 to 55 businesses and private collections so we can pay the city cost and they pay their share. Probably saved businesses around $100,000 combined, per year, by doing the collections. Numerous small businesses in our community. The businesses report they remain in compliance with hazardous waste disposal, and each business saved hundreds, if not thousands, by us doing this. Small quantity generators are what they’re called and we worked with hundreds over the last 18 years.

Our last component of household hazardous waste is our Safe Home for Seniors. We partner with aging and do home based services, training their handymen go into homes to identify. If they have questions our staff will go and collect. These folks go into senior homes in the City and County to help them remove their hazardous waste, if they can’t take to a public site.

Halstead stated the grant is $149,000. Unfortunately there was some mis-communication. From the $149,000 we staff a grant funded person, not a City funded employee. As a City we need to do the site study, approximately $20,000/$25,000. We identified the No. 48th Street transfer site as a location, city
owned with buildings operated by Public Works. We want to look at expanding the location, making more convenient. With the mobile sites we’re dependent upon weather, staffing, and volunteers. In addition, looking at approximately $30,000 for public engagement and education. In remembering the Solid Waste Management Plan one comment made by LIBA is they want public education, focus on public education as a part. We wrote this into the grant, part of the recycling and public engagement, keeping items out of the landfill and how to accomplish. We hope to manage getting information to the public with a better idea on how to do with grant funds.

Halstead commented what upset her about the conversation is that we have been encouraged to continue to apply for grant funds. We are the Department with the most grant funds, and diverse funding. We’ve worked hard to secure grants and move initiatives forward without impacting the City budget, or staffing. We try to follow public recommendations from those who have given opinions on the initiatives. We feel we’re doing with this grant. No obligation on the City’s part except to move forward with what’s written in every grant, which is the site study, education, and the work of the employee.

Emery asked, we’re not obligated past the grant? Halstead agreed. Emery asked if the City goes forward will we pay for items? Halstead replied they’ve worked with NE. Environmental Trust for the last decade, and the NE. Department of Environmental Quality, to help move forward with this initiative. Both giving us pressure for permanent household hazardous waste facilities. We’ll continue and apply for grants. They request we continue with a site study, and hopefully we’ll receive grants to continue. They funded other Nebraska facilities. Emery asked if any in Nebraska? Halstead said a number in the Midwest. Omaha, Sioux Falls, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Council Bluffs, Kansas City, Wichita. Holdrege, Kearney, and North Platte. Red Willow does as a county. Looking at moving forward. No one here is an expert on estimating safe handling, set up, availability. Anticipate it may be 1 day a week to start, and we’ll monitor. Maybe some evening hours. This is why we do public engagement. Emery said to use the No. East Lincoln land, the transfer station. Halstead responded they identified that site.

**LINCOLN LIBRARIES**
1. Correspondence from Lincoln City Libraries. Director Pat Leach calling attention to a paper adopted by the Library Board regarding a new downtown library.
   a) Why Lincoln needs a New Downtown Library - Board of Directors, Lincoln City Libraries.

**PARKS AND RECREATION – Lynn Johnson, Director**
Johnson stated today, under Liquor Resolutions, is a request for a SDL at the Pioneers Park Nature Center for an annual event. Started as Beer, Brats, and Bison; then, Beer, Brats, and Birds and this year it’s Beer, Brats, and Bees. When the ordinance passed in 2008 it allowed alcohol to be served at designated park areas connected with fund raising activities, and a provision for an annual activities report for activities the prior year when alcohol was served. Today have the reports on the two prior events held at the Pioneers Park Nature Center. We have not had any problems with the events. Cook stated it says 120 attended, with 165 tickets sold. Forty-five bought tickets and didn’t show. On the other report it says 135 attended. Johnson agreed, adding these are fund raising events. Cook commented people like to contribute by buying tickets. Johnson stated on some events there’s more concerted effort to sell tickets in advance, which is why we saw people who wanted to support the Nature Center, but didn’t attend.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 20, 2014 through May 26, 2014.
2. Lincoln Water System Facilities Master Plan, Executive Summary. (On file in the City Council Office)
3. Memorandum from Marvin Krout, Director of Planning, on different routes to selling alcohol in Lincoln.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION
1. Memo from Clint Thomas regarding: Street and Alley Vacation No. 14003, East/West Alley, Block 28, Lincoln Original Plat.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Randy and Maria Taylor correspondence on the proposed development of LHA housing project at the location of 84th between South Street and Karl Ridge Road, stating reasons the project would cause stress and anxiety for many in the neighborhood.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Doris Stoner message giving reasons why she is opposed to the LHA project at 84th and South Streets.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.