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2. Amendment to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan (Lpan 2040) adopted by the City Council in December 2013. Available on Planning Department website.
3. Memorandum from Planning Department, Jean Preister, Administrative Officer, on Items being introduced on June 9, 2014, and the informational page correcting the minutes attached to the Factsheets for the referenced bill numbers.

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PUBLIC INVITED TO “BEER, BRATS AND BEES” AT NATURE CENTER

The Friends of Pioneers Park Nature Center invite the public to a fund-raiser at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 13 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, 3201 Coddington Ave. “Beer, Brats and Bees” will include dinner, music by Synkope, an evening stroll through the Nature Center trails, and a presentation on the importance of bees. The evening will conclude with s’mores around the campfire. Beer and wine will be offered with dinner, which includes brats, salads and dessert (vegetarian option available).

This will be the third consecutive year the Nature Center has held a fund-raiser of this kind. “We expect the program on bees to be as popular as past presentations on birds and bison have been,” said Nature Center Coordinator Nancy Furman. “Attendees can discover some of the many different kinds of bees that live in Nebraska, whether or not they all sting and why there is so much concern for the reduced numbers of bees.”

Tickets are $25 for members of the Friends of the Pioneers Park Nature Center and $30 for non-members. They can be purchased at the Nature Center or by calling 402-441-7895. The money raised during the event will help fund habitat improvements and hikes for over 12,000 local school children.

Sponsors include Leon’s Gourmet Grocer, Blue Blood Brewing Company, Glacial Till Vineyard and Carlos O’Kelly’s. For more information on Lincoln Parks and Recreation and the Nature Center, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), will arrive June 8 to examine all aspects of Lincoln Emergency Communications Center’s policy, procedures, management and operations. The team’s verification that the Center meets CALEA’s high standards is part of a voluntary process to maintain accreditation. The Center has been accredited since 2002, and Communications Coordinator Julie Righter said the designation is “a highly prized recognition of public safety communications excellence.”

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments by calling (402) 441-1551 between 1 and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10. Telephone comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA’s standards. A copy of the standards is available online at calea.org; Lincoln Emergency Communications Center, 575 S. 10th Street; or by contacting Lindsay Scheer, local Accreditation Manager, at 402-441-6000. Written comments about the Center’s ability to comply with the standards may be sent to CALEA, 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, VA 20155. More information on CALEA is available at calea.org or by calling 703-352-4225.

“Lincoln Emergency Communications Center has to continuously comply with over 200 standards in order to maintain accredited status;” Righter said. “Accreditation provides official recognition of the dedication and hard work of the professionals at the Center who work tirelessly 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist our community in emergency situations.” More information on the Center is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 911).

The assessment team includes communications and law enforcement professionals from similar out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, conduct interviews and visit locations where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are Team Leader Assistant Chief Brett West of the Gwinnett County (Georgia) Police Department and Public Safety Communications Administrative Manager Mark Theurer of Plano (Texas) Public Safety Communications.

“Once the Commission’s assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency will maintain accredited status,” said Christie Goddard, the Accreditation Program Manager for Lincoln Emergency Communications Center. Accreditation status is for three years, and during that time the agency must submit annual reports showing continued compliance with the accreditation standards.
NIGHT LANE CLOSURES BEGIN ON “O” STREET TONIGHT

Pavement repairs on “O” Street from 43rd to 45th streets will close lanes from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weeknights beginning tonight. The work is expected to be completed in two to three weeks, weather permitting. During construction, one lane in each direction will remain open at all times. No lanes will be closed on Saturday and Sunday nights. When this segment of the project is completed, work will continue on “O” Street from 32nd to 34th streets.

The City Public Works and Utilities Department appreciates the public’s patience during construction and urges motorists to use extra caution in work zones. For more information on City construction projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 5, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Melissa Lindeman, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-4900

PARKS GRANT TO FUND FITNESS AND NUTRITION PROGRAM

Lincoln Parks and Recreation has received a $30,000 grant to help increase access to healthy foods when school is not in session and to improve opportunities for physical activity. The gift is part of a $2.3 million grant the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) received from the Walmart Foundation to support programs for students when they are not in school.

The grant will help fund Parks and Recreation’s “Crunch and Lunch” program. On weekdays from May 28 through August 8, young people can go to community centers for an hour of games and fitness activities followed by a healthy lunch. The meal is courtesy of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) sponsored by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.

Crunch and Lunch program locations are:
- Ager Play Center, 1300 S. 27th St.
- Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center, 4621 N.W. 48th St.
- Belmont Community Center, 1234 Judson
- Calvert Community Center, 4500 Stockwell
- Everett Elementary School, 1123 “C” St.
- “F” Street Community Center, 1225 “F” St.
- UPCO Park, 40th and Adams streets.

Grants were awarded to 50 park and recreation agencies. The grant has three main goals:
- Increase the number of healthy meals received by children in low-income communities through the SFSP.
- Teach children the importance of healthy eating.
- Implement nutrition and physical activity standards that increase access to healthier foods and increase opportunities for physical activity.

Grantees also will receive additional support for meals provided through USDA after-school and summer feeding programs as well as nutritional literacy materials. The grant supports NRPA’s new campaign, “Commit to Health,” which encourages the implementation and evaluation of healthy eating and physical activity standards in park and recreation sites across the country. NRPA’s goal is to have at least 2,000 participating sites in five years.

According to the USDA’s 2010 Hunger report, 19.5 million low-income children receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year, but fewer than three million of those children participate in the Summer Food Service Program.

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Lincoln Parks and Recreation has provided programs for children and youth since the 1940s. For more information about School’s Out programs, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

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About National Recreation and Park Association
The NRPA is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through its network of roughly 40,000 recreation and park professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, conservation initiatives and equitable access to parks and public space. For more information, visit www.NRPA.org.
Memorandum
June 5, 2014
TO: City Council Members
FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: Issuance of a License Agreement
Cc: Mayor Beutler

The purpose of this memo is to let you know that a license agreement is being issued, pursuant to Chapter 14.56 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to the City of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department for placement of a sculpture entitled “Reflection” in the center of the roundabout at 9th Street and Salt Creek Parkway. Funding for the sculpture was provided by a private donation from the Sup Family. The piece is insured under the City’s fine arts insurance policy through Risk Management and the Parks and Recreation Department will be responsible for maintenance. The sculpture is 18’9” x 5’5” x 5’2½”. It was created from formed and fabricated steel that is powder coated silver.

The 9th Street and Salt Creek Parkway roundabout location was selected by artist Albert Paley during a visit to Lincoln in November 2013 and is identified on the Public Art Opportunities Map in the approved Public Art Master Plan. You have received an invitation from the Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development for the unveiling of the sculpture on Friday June 6th at 5:00 pm. Below is a photo of the sculpture as displayed on Park Avenue in New York City.

A copy of the license agreement is available for your review by contacting me by phone at 402-441-8265, or by email at ljohson@lincoln.ne.gov.
Memorandum

Date:       June 3, 2014
To:         City Clerk
From:       Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:         Administrative Approvals
cc:         Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 27, 2014, through June 2, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 14032 to Special Permit No. 1762D, Vintage Heights Community Unit Plan, requested by Shawn Lang, approved by the Planning Director on May 27, 2014, to adjust the front yard setback along Parducci Drive from 20 feet to 17 feet to allow an addition to the home at 6443 Gabrielle Drive, generally located at S. 84th St. and Old Cheney Rd.
An amendment to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan (LPlan 2040) was adopted by the City Council in December 2013. This amendment is due to rezoning over 400 acres of land owned by the Lincoln Airport Authority for rail-oriented industrial uses.

LPlan 2040 is available on our website at [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/comp.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/comp.htm) and has been updated to reflect the adopted amendment. In addition, an amendment packet is also available on the same page.

If you have questions regarding this amendment, please contact David Cary at dcary@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-6364.

David Cary  
Long Range Planning Manager  
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department  
402.441.6364
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Items being introduced on June 9, 2014
Surplus Property (Bill #14-66)
Change of Zone No. 14012 (Bill #14-67)
Special Permit No. 14009 (Bill #14R-161)
(Lincoln Housing Authority - 84th Street and South Street)

DATE: June 5, 2014

cc: Thomas Huston
    Marvin Krout

Attached for your information is a correction to one page of the Planning Commission minutes attached to the Factsheets for the above-referenced bill numbers. The vote on Special Permit No. 14009 (Bill #14R-161) was incorrectly stated in the Factsheets. I apologize for this oversight.

Thank you.

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With regard to StarTran, Cornelius observed that it is hard, if not impossible, in this town to locate a development in any location that will take less than 2 hours by public transit anywhere but Downtown. That is not a problem of the developer but of public transit in general. One of the things the Comprehensive Plan attempts to do is address that in various ways, so he suggests that it is hard to let that argument carry water on this proposal.

Harris expressed her desire for more information on the future of the fire station because it would perhaps provide more clarity. If that fire station goes away, there could be more access.

Hove agreed. He has a problem with the traffic.

Motion for finding of conformance carried 8-0: Beecham, Cornelius, Corr, Harris, Weber, Scheer, Sunderman and Hove voting ‘yes’; Lust absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.

CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 14012
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION: May 28, 2014

Scheer moved to approve, seconded by Cornelius.

Corr believes that R-3 is appropriate because it abuts R-3 to the south. It’s really easy when you have this empty field next to you or in your back yard providing that “out in the country” feeling and to want it to stay that way. She understands the water and traffic issues, but she believes R-3 zoning is appropriate at this location. She does, however, have problems with the traffic and access.

Motion for approval carried 7-1: Beecham, Cornelius, Corr, Harris, Weber, Scheer and Hove voting ‘yes’; Sunderman voting ‘no’; Lust absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 14009
ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION: May 28, 2014

Cornelius made a motion to approve the staff recommendation of conditional approval, as revised today, seconded by Harris.

Corr stated that she was excited when she first saw this project because she thought it would be close to SECC where there are a lot of students that might live in such a development. But then with the StarTran comment, they would have to go to 70th Street, up to “O” Street and all the way over, and that’s going to take some time. It doesn’t now seem as nice as she first thought.

Motion for conditional approval, as revised, failed 7-4 1-7: Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Beecham, Corr, Harris, Weber, Scheer, Sunderman and Hove voting ‘no’; Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Lust absent.

Sunderman moved to deny, seconded by Weber and carried 7-1: Beecham, Corr, Harris, Weber, Scheer, Sunderman and Hove voting ‘yes’; Cornelius voting ‘no’; Lust absent. This is final action unless appealed to the City Council within 14 days. (Editorial Note: On May 29, 2014, a letter of appeal was filed by Thomas Huston on behalf of the Housing Authority of the City of Lincoln.)
June 5, 2014

SIDEWALK REPAIR ADVISORY
Priority Sidewalk Repair – Various Locations
Project #702624A

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for sidewalk repair at various locations south of Nebraska Highway 2 from South 14th Street to South 27th Street and also in the area east of South 27th Street to the east City limits from ‘A’ Street to the south City limits. This contract includes sidewalk repair adjacent to your property. The contract for this work has been awarded to Walton Construction of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The contractor is expected to start work in association with this contract the week of June 23, 2014. The repair work will involve removal and replacement of marked sections of sidewalk. There will be some inconvenience to residents in this area as sidewalk sections are removed, replaced and sidewalk locations are closed and barricaded to complete this work. Driveways may also be closed for short durations to complete work on sidewalk through the drive.

We request the patience and cooperation of residents in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. If you have a sprinkler system, it is advisable that you mark the location of the sprinkler lines and heads. It is the City’s policy that sprinkler systems are a private improvement located in the public right-of-way. The Public Works and Utilities Department will not accept responsibility for repair of sprinkler systems which are located adjacent to the sidewalk.

This project is funded with funds allocated through Certificates of Participation issued by the Lincoln City Council. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract. Speece Lewis Engineers will provide project management and inspection as the contractor progresses with the sidewalk repair work. You may contact the Public Works and Utilities Department’s Sidewalk Office at 402-441-7541 with any questions regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program.

If you have questions regarding this sidewalk repair project, please contact one of the following:

Greg Hutmacher, PE
Project Manager
Speece Lewis Engineers
(402) 770-7119

Ken Walton
Project Superintendent
Walton Construction
(402) 464-5797

Harry Kroos
Project Manager
Public Works
(402) 429-4872
Members of the Lincoln City Council,

Today at your Directors Meeting, the Director of the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department quoted me as someone who was supportive of recycling and diversion education. Her quote was accurate, however I would like to take the opportunity to provide the context for my statements.

Both LIBA and I have encourage education and feel that Education should take the place of any type of mandated business recycling. In fact, we are willing to consider grant and other funding sources to perform diversion education as long as it does not accompany a business mandate.

LIBA believes that recycling and diverting waste from the landfill are meritorious goals, however, LIBA recommends focusing on education not regulation. The city should work with individuals and businesses in the community to educate them about recycling, local recycling resources and other ways to improve waste diversion.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Coby

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Lincoln Independent Business Association
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On Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/LIBA.lincoln
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Night lane closures begin on Cornhusker Highway Sunday.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Project to close streets in area of 8th and 9th Streets and Park Avenue.
3. NEWS RELEASE. KLLCB announces results of Cleanliness Survey and winners of cleanest high school campus.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development will unveil a new sculpture, “Reflection”, at a ceremony at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2014, at 9th and Salt Creek Parkway.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Improvement project on Superior to restrict traffic beginning Monday.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
1. Memorandum from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, on issuance of a license agreement for installation of two large ceramic head sculptures.
2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting agenda for June 12, 2014.
   a) Minutes of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of May 8, 2014.
   b) Minutes of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Special Meeting of June 5, 2014.
   c) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet on the use of Golf Cart Handicap Flags.
   d) Press release, Lincoln Named “Playful City”.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. NeighborWorks week is June 7th through June 15, 2014 and packed with fun events. Events listed showing date, location, and time.
2. Message from Mary McGinn. Does not agree with the article in the Sunday Journal Star which stated the city parks could charge children for use.
3. Ted Haubrich with comments on, and suggestions for, the City of Lincoln’s Weeds Policy.
4. Scott Tool commenting on the Shadow Pines neighborhood with the approval of the Joshua Glen development and access to major roads.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 5, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Harry Kroos, Engineering Services, 402-429-4872

NIGHT LANE CLOSURES BEGIN ON CORNHUSKER HWY. SUNDAY

Asphalt overlay work will close lanes on Cornhusker Highway overnight beginning Sunday, June 8. Lanes of Cornhusker Highway will be closed from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. from 31st Street Circle to 48th Street and 11th to 19th streets. Lanes will also be closed on 11th Street from Saunders Avenue to Cornhusker. The work is scheduled to be completed by June 16, weather permitting. The contractor may decide to work through the weekend in order to complete the work on time.

During construction, one lane in each direction will remain open at all times, however there will be disruptions as trucks and equipment enter and exit the work area. Adjacent side streets and driveways will be closed for short durations to allow the contractor to pave intersections.

The project is funded with State highway maintenance funds from the Nebraska Department of Roads.

The City Public Works and Utilities Department appreciates the public’s patience during construction and urges motorists to use extra caution in work zones. For more information on City construction projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 5, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Harry Kroos, Engineering Services, 402-429-4872

PROJECT TO CLOSE STREETS IN AREA OF 8TH AND 9TH STREETS AND PARK AVENUE

Street closures will begin Monday, June 9 in the area of 8th Street, 9th Street and Park Avenue for the relocation of a sanitary sewer main and the replacement of a storm drainage line.

The contractor will first relocate the sanitary sewer main along Park Avenue. The intersection of 8th Street and Park Avenue will be closed to all traffic. Park Avenue from 8th to 9th streets will be closed to through traffic during the sanitary sewer work, but local traffic will be maintained. When the relocation of the sewer line is complete, Park Avenue from 8th Street to 9th Street will be closed to all access and traffic to accommodate the storm drainage reconstruction.

The project is expected to be completed by October 1, with major portions of the reconstruction to be completed by August 15. The project is funded through the 2012 Stormwater Bond issue.

The City Public Works and Utilities Department appreciates the public’s patience during construction and urges motorists to use extra caution in work zones. For more information on City construction projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
KLLCB ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF CLEANLINESS SURVEY AND WINNERS OF CLEANEST HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB), a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), today announced the results of two efforts:

- For the annual Community Appearance Index (CAI), the KLLCB Advisory Committee visited 12 sites on May 22. The CAI is used to visually assess the appearance of communities using a scoring system that ranges from “1” for minimal or no litter to “4” for extremely littered. Lincoln scored a 1.3 on the assessment, with a majority of the surveyed sites showing little to no litter.

- The fourth annual Cleanest High School Campus Competition is a litter awareness and reduction program involving the six Lincoln public high schools and the four County high schools. A team of volunteer judges surveyed each school three times and rated them for the amount of litter visible on campus. The Cleanest Campus Awards went to Norris High, which earned a perfect score, and Lincoln East. Lincoln Southeast received the School Service Award for student-led efforts to maintain a clean campus, and Lincoln North Star was recognized as the most improved school. About 40 percent of the schools were found to have “minimal litter,” and 90 percent scored “slightly littered” or better.

“Clean school campuses are an important part of a clean community,” said Adam Rhoads, KLLCB Program Coordinator. “Benefits of living in a clean, litter-free community include a healthy environment, lower crime rates, increased property values, a better business environment and decreased cleanup costs for local government.”

Funding for KLLCB is provided in part through grants from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: KLLCB).
DATE: June 6, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and the Lincoln Partners for Public Art Development will unveil a new sculpture, “Reflection” by Albert Paley, at a ceremony at 5 p.m. TODAY, Friday, June 6.

The sculpture is in the roundabout at 9th Street and Salt Creek Parkway. The ceremony will take place in the nearby Paragon parking lot. Enter on the east side of 8th Street about 1.5 blocks north of “S” street. Due to space considerations, the general public has not been invited to this event.

“Reflection” has been on display in New York as part of the “Paley on Park Avenue” exhibition. It was purchased with a gift from the Sup family, and family members will attend the unveiling.
Date: June 6, 2014
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of June 7 through 13, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, June 7
• Grand opening of Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center, remarks - 11 a.m., Boosalis Park, 44th and Superior streets
• Waterfest/Public Works Day, remarks - 5 p.m., Holmes Lake Park, 70th Street and Normal Boulevard (east of parking lot #3)

Monday, June 9
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, June 12
• Lunch meeting of Lincoln and Omaha Mayors and City Councils - noon, Pinnacle Bank Arena, Club Lounge

Friday, June 13
• News conference on StarTran’s new CNG (compressed natural gas) buses - 10 a.m., location to be announced
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON SUPERIOR
TO RESTRICT TRAFFIC BEGINNING MONDAY

Beginning Monday, June 9, improvements to intersections along Superior Streets will restrict traffic, causing congestion during peak morning and afternoon commutes. Construction will take place at the intersections of Superior with 21st Street, 24th Street, 27th Street and Bair Avenue as well as the intersection at 27th Street and King Lane.

During construction, left turns onto Superior Street will not be allowed from the adjoining streets. When completed, the median modifications will provide motorists additional u-turn locations. Construction is expected to be completed by late August.

The project is funded through street rehabilitation and construction funds generated through wheel and gas taxes.

The City Public Works and Utilities Department appreciates the public’s patience during construction and urges motorists to use extra caution in work zones. For more information on City construction projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
Memorandum
June 5, 2014
TO: City Council Members
FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
RE: Issuance of a License Agreement
Cc: Mayor Beutler

The purpose of this memo is to let you know that a license agreement is being issued, pursuant to Chapter 14.56 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, to B&J Partnership, Ltd. for installation of two large ceramic head sculptures at the southeast corner of 8th and R in front of the Hilton Garden Inn as an ongoing exhibit. LHDC, working in cooperation with DLA, will be responsible for maintenance, repair and insurance. The sculptures were created by Omaha artist Jun Kaneko. The glazed ceramic heads are black on the top and white on the lower portion. They are each 6 feet high and approximately 5 feet deep and will be placed on steel bases adjacent to the stairway in front of the building.

The placement of the clock at this location has been reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission, who issued a certificate of appropriateness. The photo below depicts the location of the clock in front of the Hilton Garden Inn.

A copy of the license agreement is available for your review by contacting me by phone at 402-441-8265, or by email at ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov.
TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: June 12, 2014
LOCATION: 2740 “A” Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Peter Levitov

A G E N D A

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

2. Approval of Minutes: * May 8, 2014 and June 5, 2014

3. Comments from Public for Items Not Listed on the Agenda

4. Committee Reports:
   A. Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224
      • No Report.
   B. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
      • No Report.
   C. Golf Committee –
      • Status report.
      • * Approval of Policy regarding Handicap Flags for Players with Mobility Limitations
   D. Executive Committee – Peter Levitov (Chair) 402-488-2742
      • Setting the date for the joint meeting and facilities tour with the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors as Thursday, August 14, 2014.
      • Student member appointments.

5. Staff Report
   • Results of 2013 summer day camp program participant fitness and nutrition activities – PowerPoint presentation by Dan Payzant.
   • Proposed interaction between the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the future Lincoln Playful City committee (Please see accompanying news release regarding Lincoln being designated as a Playful City).
   • Public art inventory, including artworks in park areas.

6. Announcements:
   • Dedication of “Reflection” by Albert Paley at 9th Street and Salt Creek Roadway on Friday, June 6th at 5:30 p.m.
   • WaterFest at Holmes Park on Saturday, June 7th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
   • Beer, Brats, and Bees at Pioneers Park Nature Center on Friday, June 13th, 6:30 p.m. Admission fee.
   • Party In The Parks/Party On The Plaza at Union Plaza on Saturday, June 14th, 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

* Denotes Action Items

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE
Lincoln Commission on HUMAN RIGHTS
The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public’s access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.
MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Parks & Recreation Conference Room
Thursday, May 8, 2014 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Bradley Brandt  Justin Carlson  Jim Crook  Susan Deitchler
Larry Hudkins  Peter Levitov  Anne Pagel  Bob Ripley
Jeff Schwebke  Joe Tidball  Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:
Molly Brummond  Jonathan Cook  Todd Fitzgerald  Cleo Mullison
Kelly O’Hanlon

Staff Members Present:
Lynn Johnson, Director  Jerry Shorney, Park Operations
Sandy Myers, Recreation  Terry Genrich, Outdoor Education
JJ Yost, Planning  Susan Larson Rodenburg

Call to Order & Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’: As per law, Chairman Peter Levitov announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, as posted, and called the meeting to order.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Larry Hudkins and seconded by Bob Ripley to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda): None.

WOODS PARKS TENNIS CAMPAIGN UPDATE – Susan Larson Rodenburg
A campaign video was shown to the Board members, followed by an update by Susan regarding the replacement of the current tennis bubbles with permanent structures. The campaign goal by the end of the year is $5.6 million, which would include an endowment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224
No Report.

Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
No Report.

Golf Report
Peter Levitov informed the Board that he has appointed Brad Brandt as the new Chair of the Golf Advisory Committee. Brad announced Matt Noble as the new superintendent at Pioneers Golf. The UNL Turf Grass program with assistance from Zac Reicher was updated. Brad noted that he will be modifying the rounds and revenue reports to a more simplified format, and will also work on providing tracking of the 171,000 rounds goal. Lynn Johnson updated the status of the $800,000 debt from the Golf fund to the General fund, and that the response from the
Mayor was that when the surplus land is sold, that amount can be applied to the debt rather than go into capital improvement. Lynn also noted that the current debt has not grown in the past three years. It was announced that Brad Kai has been hired as the Player Development supervisor and will be at the Ager Golf Course. In addition, Dale Hardy will be retiring the first week of June.

It was suggested by Peter Levitov that future reports and summaries from the Golf Committee could be provided on a quarterly basis.

**Executive Committee – Peter Levitov (Chair) 488-2742**

Lynn Johnson and Sandy Myers discussed the establishment of a Recreation Committee with external representatives that would help to develop and implement strategic efforts to assure access to play and recreation for all residents of Lincoln. Suggestions for representatives on the committee would include members from the Parks & Rec Advisory Board, Lincoln Public Schools, YMCA, Community Partners, Aging Partners, neighborhood associations, and numerous others community organizations. Following various discussion, it was decided that Board members Kathi Wieskamp, Justin Carlson, and Jim Crook would meet as an ad-hoc group to discuss potential purpose, goals, and structure of a Recreation Committee.

It was noted that there were three student member applications received, and that interviews would be scheduled for the next Executive Committee meeting on May 27th. Committee members will receive copies of the applications and the interview questions in advance via e-mail.

The joint annual meeting with the Lincoln Parks Foundation was discussed with a recap of previous outings. It has been suggested that consideration for this year could be a “virtual” tour and lunch, potentially at the new Holmes Clubhouse in August. Discussion was held regarding actual versus virtual touring, transportation, and locations, along with development of a conceptual list of future projects which may need community fundraising campaigns. The joint meeting will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda for final determination.

**STAFF REPORT:**

Terry Genrich provided upcoming events and programs at Pioneers Park, Nature Center, and Wilderness Park. Among many other events, Terry mentioned the PPNC Friends’ fundraisers Coffeehouse on the Prairie on May 16th, and Beer, Brats, & Bees to be held on June 13th on the prairie at the Nature Center.

Sandy Myers informed the Board of the numerous ongoing and upcoming Recreation projects, including Special Olympics, Uncle Sam Jam, swimming lessons, athletics, day camps, gardens, and many other programs. 2013 statistics on Active Play will be addressed at a future Board meeting.

Justin left at 5:20 p.m.
Susan left at 5:28 p.m.
Kathi left at 5:30 p.m.

Under construction: JJ Yost noted the current project underway at Centennial Mall, Civic Plaza, and early stages of the Airport Corridor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.
M I N U T E S
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board SPECIAL Meeting
Parks & Recreation Conference Room
Thursday, June 5, 2014 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Members Present:
Bradley Brandt Justin Carlson Jonathan Cook Jim Crook
Susan Deitchler Todd Fitzgerald Peter Levitov Cleo Mullison
Kelly O’Hanlon Anne Pagel Bob Ripley Jeff Schwebke
Joe Tidball Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:
Molly Brummond Larry Hudkins

Staff Members Present:
Lynn Johnson, Director Jerry Shorney, Park Operations
Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Special Projects JJ Yost, Planning

Chairman Peter Levitov called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

REAL PROPERTY
A motion was made by Susan Deitchler and seconded by Bob Ripley to adjourn from regular
session and convene in executive session for discussion regarding real property, at 4:02 p.m.
Motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

No further action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m., following Executive Session.
Meeting Date: June 12, 2014

**Request:** Approval of Guidelines regarding use of Golf Cart Handicap Flags

**Discussion:** The attached proposed guidelines provide guidance regarding issuance and use of golf cart handicap flags on Lincoln City Golf Courses to golfers with temporary or permanent mobility limitations.

**Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:** The proposed guidelines provide for a consistent approach regarding issuance of golf cart handicap flags. The guidelines also establish rules for use of golf carts on the golf courses to protect course infrastructure.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval.

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation:** Approval.

**Committee:** Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee

**Chair:** Brad Brandt, 402-473-9619

**Date:**

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:**
LINCOLN CITY GOLF HANDICAP FLAG POLICY
Recommended by Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee: June 5, 2014

Lincoln City Golf wishes to accommodate players who have either temporary or permanent injuries or disabilities resulting in mobility limitations, and has developed a handicap flag policy to address these special circumstances. When players request a handicap flag, they will be asked to read and abide by the handicap flag rules and policies in force at that time.

Handicap flags will be issued on the day of play by the Head Golf Professional to persons who have sustained an injury or disability that requires enhanced cart access in order to play. Players with a temporary or permanent mobility limitation are asked to present a physician's letter explaining why the player's mobility limitation requires enhanced cart access and the period of time when a handicap flag will be needed. Handicap flags will also be issued on the day of play by the Head Golf Professional to persons with a current DMV-issued handicap parking automobile permit identification card or handicap drivers license issued in the player's name. Persons who are 80 years of age or older will also be allowed to use a handicap flag upon request. Use of personal handicap flags is prohibited.

Names of golfers approved for use of a handicap golf flag will be maintained on a register. This register will be reviewed on at least an annual basis.

Handicap flags must be clearly displayed on golf bag or golf cart during play.

If two members in the same group have handicap flag privileges, they must ride together.

The head golf professional and/or golf course superintendent may declare portions of a hole or entire holes as "restricted" at their discretion because of weather or turf condition. In such instances appropriate signs will be posted and all carts, including those with handicap flags, must remain on cart paths when in those areas. Handicap flags will not be issued when course conditions result in all golf carts being restricted to cart paths.

Golf carts displaying a handicap flag:
- should be driven to a ball on a 90-degree angle from rough and use cart paths as much as possible.
- should be driven and parked behind the green, if feasible, to achieve access to the green from the rear and get no closer than five feet from the green. Carts must be returned to the cart path before proceeding to the next hole.
- are not allowed to be driven between greens and bunkers.
- should access tees from the cart path
- must also stay out of roped off areas and avoid overly wet areas, whether roped off or not.

The use of a handicap flag is a privilege, and misconduct or abusing the rules can result in suspension or loss of that privilege.
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 healthy 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.
City Council Members,

NeighborWorks Week is June 7th-15th and it will be packed with lots of fun events. This year NeighborWorks Lincoln will be highlighting some results of our resident leadership training (see events with *). I hope you can attend several of these events which exemplify Lincoln's unique neighborhoods. For more detailed information visit www.nwlincoln.org

Contact: Pat Anderson, panderson@nwlincoln.org, 402-477-7181 ext.106, Community Builder

Events in Lincoln Planned for National NeighborWorks® Week June 7-15

(Lincoln, Nebraska – May 8, 2014) – Dedicated volunteers, civic leaders and residents will come together the week of June 8-15 to celebrate local projects during the 31st annual National NeighborWorks® Week, a celebration of transformation in more than 4,400 distressed neighborhoods across the nation.

Lincoln volunteers have spent countless hours addressing the health and vitality of Lincoln’s neighborhoods. The week’s events will highlight projects produced from residents and community members who have worked with NeighborWorks® Lincoln and/or NeighborWorks® America to complete resident leadership training.

In celebration, NeighborWorks® Lincoln will present the following events during this week:

- **Saturday, June 7th:** East Campus Garden Tour, 9AM-1PM. Start tour at any of the tour locations just south of Holdrege on 37th Street. Four mini-classes will be held on composting, container gardens, perennials and tree care. The $5 entrance fee will be used to replace trees lost to disease. For more information: [www.eastcampus.org/gardentour.html](http://www.eastcampus.org/gardentour.html)

- **Sunday, June 8th:** Hartley Neighborhood Walking Tour, 2PM-4PM. The tour will begin at the Onion Dome Park at 31st and R Street. The tour will be led by Ed Zimmer, Historic Preservation Planner for Lincoln, and will focus on the history of the Hartley neighborhood.

- **Wednesday, June 11th:** University Place Community Market, 3PM-7PM. This will be the opening day of the market, which is located at 48th and Madison. The market was the product of leadership training and is now an annual event.

- **Saturday, June 14th:** Celebration of Air Park, 8AM-4PM. The day starts with a fun run and continues with family fishing, games, a car show, Air Park history and a family swim. For more
information: www.celebrateairpark.com. The celebration is the result of resident leadership training.

- Sunday, June 15th: Woods Park Home Tour on South 29th Street, 2PM-5PM. South 29th Street is located in the East Lincoln/Elm Park Historic District. Home tour includes the variety of Prairie Box architecture. Purchase tickets at 230 S. 29th Street/$10 Single Admission or $15 Couple/Family Admission. Proceeds to Preservation Association of Lincoln and Woods Park Neighborhood Association.

NeighborWorks® Lincoln staff and other event participants will be available for interviews during the neighborhood activities. For additional information please contact Pat Anderson-Sifuentez at panderson@nwlincoln.org or 402-477-7181, ext. 106.

NeighborWorks® Lincoln is a non-profit organization dedicated to community revitalization through an active partnership of resident leaders, private businesses and public officials. NeighborWorks® Lincoln opens doors for people to achieve their dreams of home ownership and for others who desire a safe and attractive neighborhood.

For more information about NeighborWorks® Lincoln, please visit the website located at: www.nwlincoln.org

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Our Mission: To help keep Lincoln a safe and prosperous community by revitalizing neighborhoods and promoting homeownership.
Mary McGinn
Message

Monday, June 9, 2014

Not right that the City wants to charge children for using City Parks. In the Sunday Journal Star paper.

Do not believe in children being charged for using City Parks.
Dear City Council members,

I am writing concerning “The City of Lincoln Municipal Code 8.46.010 Owner of Real Estate to Remove Weeds.” It is imperative that the city have a clear, up to date, easily understood weed control policy that is not open to interpretation in order to protect the health and safety of its residents, as well as to promote a well-kept and pleasant looking city.

The current weed control ordinance is extremely broad, very open to interpretation, and difficult to understand. “http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/attorn/lmc/ti08/ch846.pdf”. The term “useless vegetation” is entirely meaningless, there is, in reality, no such thing. Phragmites, makes wonderful baskets, Canada, Musk and Plumeless Thistle all provide highly nutritious seeds to countless, beneficial songbirds, Purple Loosestrife is a beautiful, and attractive garden plant. They are also all (for very good reasons) considered noxious weeds in Nebraska. They cause millions of dollars in crop damage, clog waterways and do untold harm to Nebraskan's and Nebraska wildlife. Useful does not equate to harmless. The term “useless vegetation” should not be used in Lincoln's weed statute. The statute does attempt to define “useless vegetation”, but it does so by stating its definition will be “determined by the “Weed Control Authority”. This creates a rule of on official's opinions and prejudices, instead of a rule of law.

Lincoln has one of the most extreme grass cutting policies in the nation.

“8.46.010 Owner of Real Estate to Remove Weeds It shall be the duty of every owner of real estate in the city to "cut and clear", or "clear", such real estate, together with one-half of the streets and alleys abutting thereon, of all "weeds" or "worthless vegetation" whenever such weeds or worthless vegetation shall extend more than six inches above the ground.”

This is interpreted by the Weed Control Authority to include grass more than six inches tall. I implore you to go outside with a ruler and measure the grass. While six inches might seem fairly tall sitting in front of you at a desk, out in a yard grass that is well kept and maintained does not look shaggy unkempt or uncared for until it reaches well over six inches tall. I have measured the grass at various dates in May of 2014 in front the state capital building, in front of the city/county building and in front the fire station on South Coddington Street. While all appeared to have well maintained lawns, they all had at least some areas of the lawn with grass over six inches tall and technically in violation of Lincoln's weed control ordinance. In nearly every other city this height for grass is set at twelve inches, double what Lincoln has set it at. Omaha, Kearney and Grand Island all set this height at 12 inches instead of the ridiculous six inches.

https://agendamanagement.blob.core.windows.net/agenda-1000-public/meeting/637/20060523-F2.pdf
Because the ordinance is so poorly and broadly written, it creates a dilemma for those in charge of enforcing it. Because nearly every property is in violation, it is left up to the Weed Control Authority (Currently headed by Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent) to make a judgment call as to whether a property is 'weedy' enough to take action, creating a rule of an official's judgment, instead of a rule of law. It also provides an outlet for neighbors to harass each other, at taxpayers expense, by reporting their neighbors to the Weed Control Authority, since technically they are almost certainly in violation of the six inch rule.

Lincoln's own parks department has endorsed and pushed native prairie grasses and forbs as an alternative to turf grass as a means to reduce water runoff that taxes the city's storm water runoff infrastructure, to reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizer that ends up Nebraska's waterways, to sequester more carbon in their extensive root systems, reducing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, and reducing the amount of fossil fuels burnt in lawn care equipment that contributes to poor air quality we have experienced here in Lincoln lately. However, the current Weed Control ordinance prohibits such areas. Their website does give some lip-service to “Managing Natural Areas”
http://lancaster.ne.gov/weeds/natural.htm
I have found that in practice, natural areas are not allowed. Weed Control ordinances are written in such a manner that prohibits such areas. Allowing them requires the Weed Control Authority to turn a blind eye or make a judgment call as to what constitutes a natural area, again. creating a law of an official's opinion instead of a rule of law.

The Council should scrap the current confusing, outdated, and contradictory, and messy ordinances relating to “weeds” and replace it with a clearer, more concise one, that more closely relates the ordinances to the desired results.

According to the Weed Control Authority reasons for controlling weeds include...

“**Weeds & Worthless Vegetation**

When plants are overgrown they become a nuisance and unacceptable to the general public and need to be controlled. Lincoln's ordinance specifies that weeds or worthless vegetation must not grow higher than six inches above the ground.

**Why should these plants be controlled? Affects on Property Owner**

- They are heavy users of soil moisture.
- They crowd out desirable plants.
- They reduce property value.
- They become a misdemeanor law violation if not controlled.

**Other Adverse Affects**

- They are unsightly.
- They attract pests.
- They may cause health problems.
- They are a fire hazard.
- They are aggressive spreaders.
- They adversely affect the appearance of the neighborhood.
Regarding being “heavy uses of soil moisture” This is a good reason to control weeds in crop fields or vegetable gardens, but “heavy uses of soil moisture” can be re-worded to read “reduces water runoff, reducing the burden on Lincoln’s storm water drains” Also taller areas of “weeds” will require far less watering than short turf grass would, conserving water used for watering yards. When it comes to reasons for controlling weeds in town, the idea of controlling them to conserve water is laughable. Turf grass, vegetable, and flower gardens all use FAR more water than a ‘weedy’ lot, and all place far more burden on storm sewers than a 'weedy' lot would, and all send far more sediment, and pesticides and excess fertilizer into our waterways than a 'weedy' lot would.

Regarding “They crowd out desirable plants” This is a judgment call as to what is desirable, hinging entirely on one's opinion, I for one, find Dandelions far more desirable than Kentucky Bluegrass, that doesn't mean I should make my neighbor get rid of all his bluegrass and plant dandelions. There are certainly a small number of plant species that crowd out important crops and must be controlled but that's why we have a noxious weeds list.

“They reduce property values”, “They are unsightly”, and “They adversely affect the appearance of the neighborhood” are all the same complaint listed three times. Unlike the “water” and “crowding out desirables” this ONE does have some merit. I suggest, to address this issue, the ordinance read “all uncultivated non-woody vegetation visible from public walkways and streets be kept less than twelve inches tall.”

“They may cause health problems” This is a bit of a stretch. Ragweed and many other ‘weeds” can certainly aggravate some allergies, but so can the pollen from many desirable street trees, and other “desirable” plants Perhaps they are concerned with toxicity of some ‘weeds’? There are some toxic “weeds” but there are just as many toxic plants that are cultivated such as Yew.

“They attract pests” This is true, but can also be seen as “attract desirable wildlife” I suggest, to address this issue the ordinance read “all uncultivated vegetation be trimmed to six inches or less that is within three feet of an occupied structure.

“They are a fire Hazard” this one again is a stretch. Keeping dead and dry vegetation from accumulating will do far more to control fires than cutting weeds.
I think a better ordinance might read as follows:

All vegetation that is visible from public streets or walkways, and not cultivated, and not woody vegetation such as trees and shrubs, must be kept less than twelve inches high. (This would address the concerns of vegetation being unsightly and reducing property values.)

All non-cultivated vegetation within three feet of any occupied structure must be kept less than six inches tall. Climbing vines such as ivy, shrubs, and cultivated flower gardens are explicitly allowed within three feet of an occupied structure. (This would address the issue of attracting pests, and fire.)

Vegetation, with the exception of established trees, may not block views of motorists turning, or create blind drives. (This issue may already be dealt with in other ordinances, and may be unnecessary?)

Trees may not be planted where their roots are likely to cause issues with a structure's foundation. (This issue may already be dealt with in other ordinances and may be unnecessary?)

All species deemed noxious by Nebraska shall be controlled.

Sincerely:

Ted Haubrich
Recently the Planning Commission denied a housing request as it would place more than 40 residences on a dead end street. This is the opposite of the decision that was forced down the throats of the Shadow Pines neighborhood by the commission and the Public Works department last July with the approval of the Joshua Glen development. Public Works and the Planning Commission denied Joshua Glen's original plat, and in so denied the developer access to 56th Street. They forced the developer to design a project that would connect to the neighboring Shadow Pines area. This approved design places a total of 180 residences with one point of entrance/exit, basically a dead end road. This was appealed to the city council, but we were told "The council won't override the Planning Commission" I am sure the commission and the city's side of the story is that Joshua Glen and Shadow Pines have potential for additional access to either 56th or Pine Lake Road. But for either of these options to ever come to completion they would each need 2 properties to subdivide and develop, and there is no timeline or current inclination that this will happen. Dirt work and utility work is currently in progress in the Joshua Glen development, I task the city to reevaluate this project and work with the developer to provide the project with access to northbound 56th Street. Once this project progresses there is no turning back and correcting the wrong decisions that were made, unless the city were to condemn properties to build the additional connections. There will be costs now to change the project but substantially less then the alternative.

Scott Tool
5615 Shadow Pines Drive
Lincoln, Ne 68516
402-421-1969

I could not locate email addresses for the Planning Commission and would ask that this email be forwarded to them for their review.
Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Roy Christensen; Jonathan Cook; Carl Eskridge; and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Jim Peschong, Chief of Police; Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
In reviewing the formal agenda Meier stated Items 1 through 9 introduced by Cook, Items 12 to 14 introduced by Eskridge. Under Liquor Resolutions will call Items 19 and 20 together, under Ordinances 2nd Reading, will call Items 25, 26, and 27 together. Item 32 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1, Items 37 and 38 will be called together. Ordinances 3rd Reading, Item 41 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1, and Item 45 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1, to accept a substitute ordinance. With Item 47 Council received a Motion to Amend, No. 1. Gaylor Baird questioned if No. 1 or No.2 with the reply being No. 1. Item 49 has a Motion to Amend, No. 1.

Hoppe stated with Item 33, The Master Facility Use Agreement, did speak to several Council Members, and would like to delay in order to continue discussion and answer questions. Asking Item 33 be delayed for two weeks. Not planning to present today, will leave open the public hearing, and do our presentation in two weeks. Chair Emery agreed.

Emery asked on the substitute motion, does that require us to amend and then vote? Or, would we amend and then put back in as a substitute motion? Meier replied, this is the Motion to Amend. Emery added it completely takes care of motion. Cook commented the substitute is an amendment so we vote on the substitute. The Item number was clarified as Item 45.

II. MAYOR
2. NEWS RELEASE. Accreditation Team invites public comment.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Night lane closures being on “O” Street beginning June 4, 2014.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Parks grant to fund fitness and nutrition program.

Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff
Hoppe reminded everyone of the Joint Lincoln Omaha City Council Meeting is Thursday. We are the hosting organization and hopeful everyone will attend. Will start at noon with lunch, take a tour around 12:45, with the meeting set for 1:30 p.m. The agenda has three topics. Camp inquired how many Omaha Council Members will attend? Hoppe replied they will all attend. The meeting extends until 3:30 p.m. Hoppe added the agenda has also been released to the press.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
1. Memorandum from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, regarding a license agreement
   being issued for placement of a sculpture entitled “Reflection”.

MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2014
Lynn Johnson - Director of Parks and Recreation (Attachment A)
Johnson distributed a memorandum on the Issuance of a License Agreement. He stated Council receives memos on placement of public art and the last had an error. This memo is for the placement of the two heads owned by Speedway Properties. The error was in a paragraph which made reference to an art clock in the Haymarket. This is the correct version.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Peschong – “Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant”: (JAG)
Peschong stated he is using this opportunity as a public announcement and for public comment. The Police Department has once again applied for grant money from the Justice Assistance Grant, to fund the narcotics unit with a memorandum of understanding with the Attorney’s Office, and the Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office that we use the funding for salaries to offset some costs of the narcotics unit. This year will receive $179,844.00 for the salaries. Peschong added this amount is a little increase. Normally each year it goes down, but is $5739.00 more than what we received last year. A requirement of this Federal Government grant is to do a public announcement and allow for public comment regarding the grant. Using this forum today. Will answer any questions.

Camp asked if he is also presenting at the Public Hearing or just at this forum? Peschong replied using this forum. In past years have presented at both. Camp then congratulated Peschong on the grant.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 14032 approved by the Planning Director on May 27, 2014.
2. Amendment to the Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan (Lpan 2040) adopted by the City Council in December 2013. Available on Planning Department website.
3. Memorandum from Planning Department, Jean Preister, Administrative Officer, on Items being introduced on June 9, 2014, and the informational page correcting the minutes attached to the Factsheets for the referenced bill numbers.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Sidewalk Repair Advisory. Priority sidewalk repair - various locations. Project #702624A.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence from Coby Mach, LIBA, clarifying LIBA’s thoughts on recycling education.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.