

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
555 S. 10TH STREET, BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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3. Visitors Promotion Committee - Fellers
4. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Fellers
5. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC)- Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
6. CLC Leadership Council - Gaylor Baird
7. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Emery
8. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery
9. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
10. Juvenile Justice Review Committee - Gaylor Baird

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**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Carl Eskridge; Jonathan Cook; Roy Christensen; and Jon Camp

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:27 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

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With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

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1. Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) - Camp, Christensen, Eskridge

Christensen stated they discussed start-ups with a presentation given on encouraging new innovation. Lincoln is one of the top cities of our size in the country encouraging innovation. Much activity is being conducted through the UNL campus and Innovation Campus. These locations provide access to space, people with ideas, and the momentum to build problem solving solutions. Christensen added Lincoln will have an open laboratory available very soon.

2. Joint Budget Committee (JBC) - Emery, Gaylor Baird

Councilwoman Gaylor Baird was not able to attend.

3. Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) - Fellers

Fellers stated they discussed the budget and figures from the previous year. A grant request was presented for expanding the trailways at the Lincoln's Children Zoo. Interestingly they brought Galapagos turtles into the meeting. The Committee voted to approve, at \$200,000.00. The exhibit will be ready by the Zoo's anniversary. The Galapagos turtles exhibit at the Zoo is one of their cornerstones and now the children will be able to have a track inside to experience.

4. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Fellers

Councilman Fellers unable to attend.

5. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC)- Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers

Eskridge stated the ILC had their tailgate walk which started by going to the Indian Center, which primarily seems to cater to undergrad students, underage persons. A lot of drinking games, people having a good time, dancing on cars and trucks, and kind of out of control. An issue which we will discuss with the Indian Center and University leaders to see what might be done to try to find a solution to handle what's going on there. From there we went through the North Bottoms, also a notorious party location on game days, and we saw evidence of this behavior. We continued on foot through the Haymarket Park, over to the Railyard, then we went to INS. INS would be ranked as No. 2 in terms of craziness, just a tremendous number of people with a lot of alcohol. We ended at the Journal Star.

Eskridge stated with all of the behavior going on we heard concerns from restaurant and bar owners about loss of business and uneven playing fields where the police are visiting their establishments but don't go to the tailgates. Simply law enforcement does not have personnel to go to all the tailgates. Law is directing traffic plus the numerous other jobs on game days.

The walk was worthwhile and we will be discussing.

Fellers agreed, adding he thought it was very eye opening, and had never been to the Indian Center on game day. Think we might have done the walk in reverse order as in starting at the Railyard, the North Bottoms, and then the Indian Center they would have started with areas fairly contained and fairly responsible and then move towards other areas. These areas do have security and wrist banding. A good experience and next time should invite other colleagues to observe.

6. Lancaster County Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Emery

Emery stated they paid outstanding bills and are in the process of discussing going from monthly meetings to quarterly as the project is winding down.

7. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery

Emery attended via the phone. The PRT is trying to wrap up several properties as we get to the end of the year. Once the cold season arrives we tend not to use weed control, who is one of the prime units who usually show up at the beginning of a problem property. They are not part of the process during the cold weather. Several properties are coming to the PRT and we'll try to wrap up. The number of cases stayed static this year. It is an ongoing problem.

8. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated they had Paul Barnes and Marvin Krout give a presentation on the South Haymarket plan. They're also gearing up to continue the process with the consultant about the next BID review process.

Eskridge added the Go Lincoln Go group went out of existence. Great appreciation shown for the work they've done under that name, and Updowntowners. For years really helped to keep some vitality in downtown Lincoln. The DLA doesn't feel there is a need for the group at this point. There are other things happening and being there to create isn't necessary in their eyes.

He stated they added a new piece of equipment, a new sidewalk cleaner. It looks like an Zamboni.

Eskridge asked Members if they've seen the new buses? Great looking.

III. REQUESTS FROM MAYOR

None

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Kirkpatrick stated that attorney Rick Peo is back in the office.

V. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

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