I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce the public safety finance review members and discuss public engagement efforts at a news conference, Tuesday, October 14, 555 S. 10th Street, room 303, at 10:00 a.m.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor moves forward on public safety issue.
3. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran to provide free shuttles for Boo at the Zoo.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Quick action needed to prevent mold.
3. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of September 9, 2014.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from October 7, 2014 through October 13, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
DATE: October 13, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler will announce the members of the public safety finance review committee and discuss public engagement efforts on the issue at a news conference at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 14 in room 303, County City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 14, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Tom Casady, Public Safety Director, 402-441-7071

MAYOR MOVES FORWARD ON PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUE
Beutler names review committee and announces public engagement efforts

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Public Safety Director Tom Casady will head a 13-member public safety finance review committee that will make a recommendation on funding a new 911 radio system and a fire station relocation plan. He also invited the public to share their views through a new Taking Charge online survey and the new OPEN Lincoln website.

The Mayor said no one questions the need for the improvements. The City’s emergency communications radio system is 27 years old, no longer receives vendor support and is at risk for failure. To improve rising emergency response times, the City proposes to relocate two fire stations and build two new stations, one a joint Police-Fire facility in southeast Lincoln.

“What is at issue is how we pay for the solutions to these challenges,” Beutler said. “Some believe a property tax bond approved by voters is the best way to spread the costs among both current and future beneficiaries of our emergency response system. Others believe a public vote to increase the sales tax is the best choice because it spreads the cost across a broader range of people. Resolving the financing issue is the key to moving forward on these critical public safety needs.”

The committee is schedule to make a recommendation by the end of the year. Other members of the committee are:

- City Council members Doug Emery and Jon Camp;
- Representatives of two non-City emergency radio users – Lancaster County Commissioner Deb Schorr and Lincoln Public Schools Finance Director Liz Standish;
- Business leaders Dick Campbell, Debby Brehm, and John Miles;
- Planning Commissioner Cathy Beecham;
- Community members Rick Carter, Tracy Sanford and Tyler Mainquist; and
- Mike Rogers, the City’s bond counsel from Gilmore Bell.

A new Taking Charge survey at lincoln.ne.gov provides detailed background on the two proposed public safety projects and gives respondents the opportunity to evaluate the possible funding strategies. Survey participants also will be able to offer opinions on the importance of other community needs that could be financed if the community decides a sales tax increase is the best funding mechanism. The City again partnered with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center on the survey.
In addition to the survey, the City unveiled OPEN (Online Public Engagement Network) Lincoln, a new tool that uses the MindMixer platform to encourage community discussion. The City has used MindMixer for specific projects in the past, but is now expanding the service to make it available to residents on an ongoing basis. As residents take the online survey, they will be invited to join the online OPEN Lincoln discussions. Residents also can go directly to OPEN Lincoln at lincoln.mindmixer.com.

“Increasing public involvement in City Hall’s decision making leads to wider consensus and better results,” Beutler said. “Your participation is more important than ever as we face the challenge of how to maintain Lincoln as a safe community in the future. It is a big decision that could involve deep cuts to City programs or a voter approved increase in taxes. I urge you to make your voice heard and be part of the solution.”
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 16, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kitty Elliott, StarTran, 402-441-7185

STARTRAN TO PROVIDE FREE SHUTTLES FOR BOO AT THE ZOO

StarTran will provide free shuttle bus service from three locations for the annual “Boo At The Zoo” October 26 through 30 at the Lincoln Children’s Zoo.

Continuous shuttle service will begin at 4:30 p.m. from these parking lots:
• Lincoln High School, 2229 “J” Street – north, south and west lots
• Ace Hardware, 900 block of South 27th Street, west side
• Antelope Park parking lots north of the Auld Recreation Center

Buses will run about every 20 minutes until 9 p.m. each evening.

For more information, call StarTran at 402-476-1234 or visit startran.lincoln.ne.gov.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 13, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kathy King REHS, Health Department, 402-441-6541

QUICK ACTION NEEDED TO PREVENT MOLD

Recent heavy rainfall has resulted in many wet homes and flooded basements, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) urges the public to take prompt action to prevent the growth of molds.

“Molds are known to be allergens for some individuals and can exacerbate conditions such as asthma in others,” said Kathy King, an Environmental Health Specialist with LLCHD. “Visible molds in buildings also are defined as a nuisance condition under City Code.”

King recommends that property owners take the following steps:

- Immediately identify the cause of the flooding, and remedy it as soon as possible. Repair leaky roofs, non-functional sump pumps or burst pipes. If you rent your home, notify the landlord or management company as soon as possible.
- Use a wet vac to remove standing water from floors and carpeting. Remove furniture and personal items so that the entire floor can be dried.
- Carpets may be cleaned, but padding must often be discarded if it cannot be fully dried within 48 hours of the event.
- Personal items that cannot be cleaned and/or dried within 48 hours may have to be discarded. Water damage restoration professionals may be able to help.
- Use fans and dehumidifiers to aid the drying process. Relative humidity in the home should be maintained between 30 to 50 percent.
- Moldy areas on hard surfaces can be removed with warm water and detergent.
- HVAC equipment and appliances such as water heaters, that have been submerged in flood waters should be inspected by a licensed contractor before use.

More information on flood clean up and mold is available at epa.gov/mold.

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DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

- The Health Director participated with Chief Peschong and the Mayor during the Mayor’s News Conference announcing the Medication Take Back Day on September 27th.

- The Health Director serves on the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees and Funding Committee. The Funding Committee is reviewing grant applications for the coming year.

- The Health Department Fee Schedule was designed and contains all Department fees. The Schedule is posted on the Department’s webpage. Division fee schedules are posted on Division webpages.

- The Department will participate in the Combined Campaign for United Way, Community Health Charities and the Community Services Fund. The Campaign runs October 1 – November 7, 2014. The Administrative Aide will again serve as the City-Wide Coordinator and Department Coordinator.

- The LB 692, LB 1060 and LB 195 Annual Reports were submitted to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The Department received $834,038.00 for these programs in 2013-2014.

- The Health Director provided an orientation and tour to the new People’s Health Center President/CEO, Brad Meyer.

- Kodi Bonesteel – Community Health Services Division

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Stats

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Dogs Declared (PPD, DD,V) 85 100 94
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Wildlife Removal 550 470 547
Dead Animal Pickup 2239 1994 1938
Lost and Found Reports 2425 2443 2336
Phone Calls 49461 50491 45669
Average Response Time (in mins) 21 21 22

- Pet license sales were up over the previous year. Approximately 800 additional licenses were sold (1.4% increase). Animal Control’s goal is to have a 3% increase in license sales each year. Two new public service announcements were developed with the assistance from 5 City TV and will start airing in October/November 2014.

- A new Interlocal Agreement has been approved by the Lancaster County Board and will go before the City Council in October. If approved, LLCHD’s Animal Control services would be available to the County during an emergency as long as there are sufficient City resources to respond while maintaining the core Animal Control services needed in the City.

- Staff are planning and documenting current work procedures and work flow as it relates to our dispatch and licensing operations. This process will be broadened to include all the animal control functions including both field operations and office/dispatch operations. The end product will be a new software system designed to improve efficiencies in records management, dispatching, increased license sales, more pets vaccinated and improved customer service.

- Staff continue to explore on line services allowing new pet owners the ability to obtain their pet license on line and not be required to mail in new pet license and rabies documentation. Veterinarians will be an important partner for the on line licensing since we will need quick access for rabies verification.

- The Capital Humane Society Annual Dinner will be October 10th. Staff are assisting with some of the planning for that event. Staff continue to meet twice a month with Capital Humane Society Management staff to assure the day to day collaboration with CHS and Animal Control goes smoothly with minimal conflicts.
All the Animal Control fees for service and permits fees have been posted on the Animal Control website. New photos were posted on the website and there will be a new emergency preparedness message for pet owners posted in October and November.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Chlamydia Conference

On September 29, a conference entitled “Chlamydia – A Common & Often Undetected Infection” was offered to clinical and outreach staff within our community. The conference was one result of a Quality Improvement expedition related to the continually high numbers of Chlamydial infections in Lancaster County. Conference planning partners included UNL’s Student Health Center, Planned Parenthood, Family Health Services Inc., and LLCHD. Sixty eight participants from Lincoln, Omaha, Kearney, Hastings and Norfolk attended. Those who offer services in the following specialty areas were represented: corrections, college student health centers (UNL and UNK), family planning, private practice, federally qualified health centers, Indian Health Services, substance abuse treatment, and public health (LLCHD, Douglas County Health Department, Three Rivers Public Health Department, & Sarpy/Cass County Health Department).

Evaluations were very favorable, with an average rating of “excellent” on meeting each of the conference objectives as follows:

1) Describe the option of expedited partner treatment for Chlamydia as provided by in Nebraska statute (as of July 2013, LB 528).
2) Describe at least two components of an accurate and inclusive sexual health history.
3) Explain the Center for Disease Control & Prevention’s (CDC’s) recommendation to screen sexually active women ages ≤25 and older women with risk factors, annually.
4) Explain CDC’s recommendation to retest women and men approximately three (3) months after treatment for Chlamydia.
5) Describe local initiatives implementing best practices in STI prevention, testing and treatment.
6) Practice their skills in discussing STI prevention, testing and treatment with youth and disparate populations.

Speakers included:
Renaisa S. Anthony, MD, MPH – Deputy Director of the Center for Reducing Health Disparities at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Promotion in the College of Public Health with a private practice at the Charles Drew Community Health Center in Omaha NE. Dr. Anthony earned her
medical degree at the University of Chicago, her Masters of Public Health at Harvard University, and her medical training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Vanderbilt University and fellowship in health policy at the National Institutes of Health and the Office of the Surgeon General.

Stephanie S. Arnold Pang - Director of Policy and Communications at the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD). She manages all policy and advocacy matters with a specific focus on policymaker education efforts at the federal level with the legislative and executive branches of government. Prior to joining NCSD, she was a senior Legislative Aide for U.S. Senator Patty Murray (WA), working on issues of sexual and reproductive health and health care reform and also worked at the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA).

Lisa Schulze, M Ed. – AASECT-certified sexuality educator for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland. She specializes in providing comprehensive sexuality education to youth and adults in schools, universities, treatment centers, and in the correctional system.

Lee Heerten, MSW - Wellness Educator at the University Health Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Lee works with clinicians and students on a variety of health and wellness issues, specializing in issues of sexuality and sexual health. Lee utilizes positive youth development in his work training and supervising peer educators, providing staff support for the University Health Center’s Student Advisory Board, and providing comprehensive life-skill education with low-income, first-generation high school students in Grand Island, NE.

Youth Panel – Five youth (ages 15-22) spoke about their choices and how they access sexual health services including the information they receive, their influences, and their relationships with clinicians.

**DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION**

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Department Report – September, 2014

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**Dental Health**

- Total provider visits: 1032
- Total client encounters: 717
- Total new patients: 147
- Total unduplicated client count: 632
- Total children seen (unduplicated): 383 (61%)
- Total Medicaid enrolled clients – 383 (61%)
- Total General Assistance enrolled – 11 (1.8%)
- Total uninsured, at or below 100% of poverty – 175 (28%)
- Percentage of racial and ethnic minorities – approximately 61%. Percentage of racial and ethnic minorities, including white non-English speaking – Arabic, Kurdish, Russian, Farsi, French – approximately 69%.
- 3 dental students from UNMC College of Dentistry and 2 dental assistants from Southeast Community College rotated through the dental clinic.
- Community Outreach: Presented information on the Fluoride Varnish Program at Educare Center during enrollment activity for a total of 80 parents.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Indoor Air Quality**

**Goals (Purpose)**

Protect human health by responding to complaints on indoor air quality and making recommendations or taking actions to prevent illness and disease.

**Methods/Strategies (What we do)**

- receive complaints and requests for service from the public
- provide phone consultation if no immediate health risk
- conduct investigations when necessary to protect health
- provide guidance on remediation of mold and other IAQ problems
- collaborate with B&S on enforcement

**Indicator**
Maintain capacity to respond to the public’s request for indoor air investigations and complaints that could result in a negative impact on human health.

**Funding/Source**
City General Fund (63%); County General Fund (37%)

**Indoor Air Complaints**

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Of the 134 complaints, 113 (84%) identified mold as the main concern. Of the 134 complaints, 121 (90%) were from people living in residential properties, and 77% of these were rental properties.

**Comparison**
The percent of complaints from various types of residential setting remains similar to past years. The number of complaints increased 12% in FY14.

**Description**
If immediate health risks are not reported, complaints from people living in rental properties are responded to by sending an Official Notice letter to the landlord informing them of the complaint and asking them to take action to address the problem. Such letters resulted in acceptable action the majority of the time; however, on-site investigations had to be performed in 41 cases. Hundreds of complaints and requests for assistance on poor indoor air quality are received each year, the majority of which are handled via phone. The Health Department is mandated to assess conditions that may pose health risks in apartments and hotels regulated under LMC 5.38, but none of the revenue generated by LMC 5.38 comes to the Health Department. Staff responds to complaints of poor IAQ; provide phone consultation on IAQ; conduct onsite inspections; provide consultation on HVAC issues to improve IAQ; coordinate with B&S on health aspects of housing code compliance, especially in apartments; coordinate enforcement actions; monitor IAQ with specialized equipment; and receive referrals from physicians.

**Partnerships & Efficiencies**
All complaints and requests for service are screened and prioritized by professional staff. Only the most serious situations result in immediate onsite investigations. Health works closely with B&S to resolve issues and assure enforcement actions are taken when necessary to protect
human health. Health encourages private parties to use licensed contractors trained in IAQ for remediation or HVAC modifications.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- Nebraska has joined the majority of states with cases of enterovirus D68, which has been a rare disease until this year. There has been at least one case confirmed by the CDC recently and other samples have been sent to the CDC for confirmation. Enteroviruses spread easily so everyone should be on the lookout for cases. Symptoms start out like a cold (coughing, sneezing, fever, etc.), but this is a respiratory virus that presents with wheezing and respiratory distress, with or without a fever. Children who have asthma or allergies are most at risk. If a child has respiratory issues as described, parents should seek medical treatment. There’s no vaccine for enterovirus D68 and the treatment is generally just supportive care (providing oxygen, making sure the child is hydrated). Fortunately, most children will get over the illness in a week or so. Prevention is the best way to control the virus and hand washing, not touching eyes and noses, coughing into your sleeve and staying home if sick or away from others who are sick are the recommendations to prevent getting ill or making others sick.

- There have now been two confirmed cases of West Nile virus (WNV) reported in Lancaster County in 2014. These individuals had symptoms (fever, fatigue, neurological conditions) that caused them to seek medical attention. Since people are still outdoors in the evenings when mosquitoes are active, it’s likely that there may be more cases through October. In recent years there have been only a few cases of WNV, as opposed to 2003 when we had 129 cases. Since there is no vaccine against WNV, the best prevention is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Suggested ways to reduce the chances of being bitten include:
  - wearing long sleeves and using a repellent containing DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus;
  - avoiding being out at dawn and dust when mosquitoes are most active; and
  - draining any standing water such as dumping bird baths and pet dishes to reduce the potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

- Hopefully, with the end of hot weather, the number of cases of WNV, and exposures to bats (potentially rabid) will end. However, with the start of fall comes an increase in flu activity. This is a reminder that the best prevention against the flu is to get vaccinated. While there has been a delay in shipments to the providers, including the Department and the VFC program, seasonal flu immunizations in various formulations (shots or nasal sprays as well as number of flu strains in the vaccine) are available in the community now and it is the right time to get immunized. Once again this year, it’s a recommendation from the CDC that everyone six months of age or older get immunized against the flu.

- We have scheduled a strategic planning session for October 9th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Training Rooms at the Health Department that the BOH members are welcome to attend.
This is a follow-up session to the planning that the Management Team was involved in in May.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease Prevention and Minority Health:

- The 2014 Summer Food Service Program concluded its 52 days of operation on August 8th, with 88,725 meals (31,632 breakfasts and 57,093 lunches) provided to more than 2,700 children at 37 sites in the lowest income areas of Lincoln.

- Lincoln had 1,311 riders participate this year in the National Bike Challenge, sponsored primarily by the League of American Bicyclists. They accumulated 698,095 miles from May 1 through September 30. Lincoln was second in the nation behind Madison, WI which had 1,356 riders accumulate 746,996 miles. Omaha was in third at the end of the event. Nebraska had 2,440 riders total 1,299,048 miles to finish in second behind WI with 7,850 riders and 3,943,947 miles. Among colleges and universities nationally, Union College was second, UNMC-College of Dentistry was seventh, and UNL-Main Campus was 15th. Nationally, there were 47,088 riders that rode 23,320,648 miles during the Challenge.

Injury Prevention

- Staff conducted two community-wide child passenger car seat events at AAA Nebraska on August 23rd, and at Bryan Health in conjunction with the NE Safe Kids Child Passenger Tech Training on September 13th. Another car seat check was conducted at Trabert Hall for Lancaster County Probation’s non-violent offenders. 98 seats were checked at the three events and 28 seats were provided to families. Funding for 22 of these seats was provided by Aidan’s Animals.

- Staff participated in Streets Alive, coordinated by the Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln. The SKLLC Bike/Pedestrian Safety Task Force conducted a mini bike rodeo, and distributed bike safety educational materials to participants. An estimated 4,000 plus people attended this community event designed to encourage citizens to be more physically active and to eat healthy foods.

Tobacco

- The second summer with the tobacco-free park policy has been completed. Park and Recreation staff has not documented any problems/complaints this year. In the past year, the supervisor of the LLCHD Tobacco Prevention Program has been contacted by seven communities from Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas to discuss the entire process used by Lincoln to implement our Tobacco Free Parks Policy.
INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- City Information Services have assigned two veteran staff to provide “enterprise administration and support” for the Accela application. This is a welcome move for the Health Department and in just a few weeks, we are beginning to see benefits.

- Information Management and Animal Control kicked off the development of requirements for an Animal Control Information System. Over the next four-five months, staff will work to define work processes and desirable requirements for software solutions that support the work.
I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Karla Lester, Michelle Petersen, Craig Strong, Mike Tavlin, Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Roma Amundson, Jacquelyn Miller, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio) and Rick Hoppe (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Scott Holmes, Renae Rief, Kodi Bonesteel, Andrea Haberman, Tommy George, Nancy Clark, William Carver, Kathy Cook, Raju Kakarlapudi, Gwendy Meginnis, and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Ed Schneider, Nancy Hicks and David Ackerman.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark stated under Current Business - Action Items - Proposed Revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards is withdrawn. She asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Emery that the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the August 12, 2014 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the Department was notified the Home Visitation Program received national accreditation. Congratulations to Ms. Haberman, Ms. Bonesteel, and Mr. George for their good work.

Staff will continue their work on the Department’s Strategic Plan on October 9, 2014. John Beranek, Intersections Consulting, will facilitate the event. Ms.
Halstead invited Board members to attend and participate in the sessions.

The Lincoln & Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Breakfast will be held on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 7:30 AM at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center. Invitations will be mailed in the near future.

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the cigar bar legislation and the Supreme Court ruling on exempting cigar bars from the Clean Indoor Air Act. The Court ruled that the exemption was unconstitutional and enforcement of the Clean Indoor Air Act relative to cigar bars will begin shortly. In the past, the license was tied to the establishment’s liquor license.

LaVista city officials made the press regarding feral cats. Information was provided to the Nebraska Humane Society about our relationship and agreement with The Cat House. The Cat House efforts help maintain and curb the feral cat population in Lincoln. Ms. Halstead noted they do a nice job and at no cost to the Department.

Steve Frederick provided an update on Enterovirus D 68. He stated the virus has similar symptoms as a cold virus and is a concern in the community. Several states have experienced a high number of cases. He stated there is no specific treatment for the virus and said hand washing is the best approach to minimize coming down with the virus.

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the number of bat cases. Animal Control has responded to over 600 calls this year. Staff are urging the public to “Don’t Shoo Out the Bat” if they have been bitten or suspect they were bitten by a bat in their home. If Animal Control is able to catch the bat, it can be sent to the laboratory for rabies testing. If not, the individual who was bitten will have to undergo rabies vaccinations, which can be very costly, upwards of $15,000.00.

Federal Regulations were recently released regarding allowing pharmacies the ability to take back prescription medication, including controlled substances. An event is scheduled for September 27th, where the public will be able to drop off leftover or unwanted medications at 11 local pharmacies.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards

This item was withdrawn. The Department was contacted by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) regarding the proposed changes relating to the regulation of greenhouse gases. EPA Region 7 advised NDEQ to not proceed with modifying regulations relative to the regulation of greenhouse gases until EPA has undergone a rule-making in light of the recent US Supreme Court ruling on the subject of regulating greenhouse gases. Health Department staff will consult with the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board on how to proceed with modifying our regulations given the new information.
V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Graffiti Program Presentation

Mr. Carver provided an update on the Department’s Graffiti Program. The program is in its 5th year. The Mayor’s Stronger Safer Neighborhoods handled the original complaints. The program received funding from the Mayor’s Office in 2009. Mr. Carver reviewed the history of the program, the program focus and education efforts. Graffiti complaints continue to decline. In 2009, 1066 complaints were received. In 2013, 514 complaints were investigated. Board members asked about the average days to close a case. Mr. Carver responded most instances of graffiti are removed in less than seven days.

B. Healthy Families America Accreditation Update

Ms. Bonesteel and Mr. George presented information on the Healthy Families America Program. Prevent Child Abuse America announced this week that the Health Department/CEDARS Youth Services program achieved accreditation in the Healthy Families America model of home visitation. The program works to reduce child abuse, family violence, juvenile delinquency and crime. She reviewed the mission, statistics, demographic data and major areas of strengths. Staff receive extensive training to work with new parents to care for their baby and cope with stress. They offer services before the baby is born, use a standardized assessment tool to identify families who are most in need of services and use positive outreach efforts to build family trust. Staff are screening 100% of their targeted populations. Mr. George reviewed the dashboard data including standards and program level data. The program level data is very useful to the home visitors and is a great management tool.

C. Updated Online Food Inspection Viewer

Mr. Holmes provided a presentation on the Department’s updated Online Food Inspection Viewer. The information is available on the Health Department’s website and was recently enhanced. The Viewer now provides more information to the public. The website provides information regarding establishment inspections, definitions and violations cited with short violation descriptions.

D. Board Discussion: Smoking in Vehicles with Children

Ms. Halstead provided information on smoking in cars with children present. She stated seven states currently have legislation banning smoking in vehicles with children present in the vehicle. Some are primary offenses and some are secondary offenses. If implemented in Nebraska, law enforcement agencies would enforce the legislation. Staff believe legislation banning smoking in vehicles with children
should only be implemented at a statewide level; enforcement at a local jurisdictional level would be very difficult to enforce.

Public Comments:

Ed Schneider, OD, former Board of Health member - expressed his support for legislation regarding secondhand smoke in vehicles with children present. He agreed any legislation should first be implemented at the statewide level. Staff could provide education to the public on the effects of secondhand smoke.

David Ackerman - expressed his support for legislation regarding secondhand smoke in vehicles with children. He stated there is a misconception about secondhand smoke in a vehicle would not be hazardous with a window rolled down.

Dr. Stark asked for comments from the Board members. Dr. Lester asked what are the next steps. Ms. Halstead responded we need to look at the statewide level. Dr. Peterson asked staff to review the data and background information from the seven states who have already implemented the legislation. Ms. Halstead stated law enforcement personnel reported to her it would be easier to enforce a primary offense vs. a secondary offense; however, issues of tinted windows, proving age of child, smoking on private property (parking lots) all need to be considered. Board members agreed initial steps should include educating the public and parents about secondhand smoke in vehicles with children present. Education would have a positive impact and then if legislation is implemented on a statewide level, support could be considered.

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strategic Planning Session - Thursday, October 9, 2014 - 1:00 PM - Training Center - Health Department

Next Meeting - October 14, 2014 - 5:00 PM

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 15, 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.

**The regular meetings of the Planning Commission scheduled for Wednesday, November 26, 2014, and Wednesday, December 24, 2014, have been cancelled.**

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, immediately following the regular meeting in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, for a presentation on “Middle Creek, Haines Branch and South Salt Creek Watershed Master Plans”, by the Watershed Management Division of Public Works & Utilities. The Planning Director will also provide an update on “reFORM”.

**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, OCTOBER 15, 2014

[Commissioner Cornelius absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held October 1, 2014, as amended. **APPROVED: 5-0 (Weber, Corr and Scheer abstained; Cornelius absent)**
1. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

   **SPECIAL PERMIT:**
   
   1.1 Special Permit No. 2022E, to revise the lot layout; to amend the use restrictions in Note 23 to allow the potential for Lot 2 of Pine Lake Heights South 17th Addition to be used for additional parking area; and to adjust commercial square footages, on property generally located at the northeast corner of South 27th Street and Jamie Lane. The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council. **FINAL ACTION**

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
   Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.

   Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated October 2, 2014, with amendments requested by the applicant: 7-0 (Sunderman declared a conflict of interest; Cornelius absent).

   Resolution No. PC-01417.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None.

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA** (See Item 1.1 above)

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

   **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**
   
   4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 14021, to review the proposed Lancaster County Road and Bridge Construction Program, Fiscal Year 2015 and 2016-2020, as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan.

   Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
   Staff Planner: Mike Brienzo, 402-441-6369, mbrienzo@lincoln.ne.gov
   Had public hearing.

   Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 8-0 (Cornelius absent).

   Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
5. **REHEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

**TEXT AMENDMENT:**

5.1 Text Amendment No. 14007, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to (1) correct errors made in previous text amendments and to clarify existing language without changing the intent of the language by amending Section 27.02.200 to clarify the definition of “story” to provide for a more clear understanding of where the first story of a structure begins; amending Section 27.06.160 relating to the Major Entertainment and Event Use Group to provide guidance as to when a venue should be classified as “major event entertainment,” e.g. 500 seats or more; amending Section 27.06.170 by amending the Use Group Table to designate Cabinet Shops and Stores as a conditional use in the H-2 zoning district; amending Sections 27.61.040 and 27.61.050 to add “or this Chapter” as a reference to clarify what methods can be used to structurally alter, reconstruct, or restore a nonconforming structure; amending Section 27.67.066 to update parking for H-3 uses to reflect specific uses that were allocated a parking reduction prior to Use Groups approval; amending Section 27.69.030 general provisions for signs to clarify that roof signs are permitted but are regulated under Section 27.69.310, to require a certain spacing between the location of any sign and an abutting residential premises located in a residential district, and to clarify that in all zoning districts, except for the O-1, O-2, and R-T districts, more than one sign per architectural elevation per building is allowed, provided that the total sign area of such wall signs shall not exceed 30% per architectural elevation and no wall sign shall exceed 500 square feet in sign area; amending Section 27.69.240 to clarify that menu boards, although a type of freestanding sign, have their own regulations; amending Section 27.69.290 to clarify that window signs are not counted toward the allocated percentage of wall signage; amending Section 27.69.310 to insert language needed for consistency between this section and Section 27.69.030; amending Section 27.72.180 to provide that a commercial use abutting a residential district does not need to comply with the residential district provisions if the adjacent land in the residential district may be used for a commercial use under a PUD; and (2) to modify appeal procedures to consistently include any council member or mayor among the listed persons who have the right to appeal the applicable order, approval, disapproval, or other decision by amending Sections 27.56.140, 27.57.180, 27.62.150, 27.63.025, 27.64.010, 27.69.030, 27.72.190, and 27.81.021.

**Staff recommendation:** Approval

Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-6369, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 8-0 (Cornelius absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2014, 3:00 p.m.
AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

Adjournment

PENDING LIST:  None

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The Planning Commission meeting
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.

The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm

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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.
TO : Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council  

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning  

DATE : October 15, 2014  

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: October 15, 2014  

Please be advised that on October 15, 2014, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution No. PC-01417**, approving Special Permit No. 2022E, with conditions, as amended, requested by DuTeau Investment Company, for authority to amend the existing Planned Service Commercial Development approved by Special Permit No. 2022C, to adjust permitted square footage and allow for parking, storage and display of motorized vehicles associated with an auto dealership, on property located on the east side of South 27th Street south of Grainger Parkway.

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](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP2022E). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Date:  October 14, 2014

To:  City Clerk

From:  Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.

Re:  Administrative Approvals

cc:  Mayor Chris Beutler, Planning Commission, Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from October 7, 2014, through October 13, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 13035, to Special Permit No. 06030, Charleston Heights, approved by the Planning Director on October 8, 2014, requested by Olsson Associates, to revise the lot and street layout, increase the number of single family lots, and decrease the number of single family attached lots, on property generally located at N. 14th Street and Humphrey Avenue.

Administrative Amendment No. 14069, to Special Permit No. 14069, Van Dorn Meadow Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on October 8, 2014, requested by Olsson Associates, to adjust the front yard setback for Lots 13 and 14, Block 2 (3220 and 3232 Sherman Place) from 20 feet to 17 feet, on property generally located at South 70th and Van Dorn Streets.

Administrative Amendment No. 14071, to Special Permit No. 1790A, Longview 1st Addition, approved by the Planning Director on October 8, 2014, requested by E-S-P, to reduce the side yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet along the south lot line of Lot 16, Block 1 (4611 W. High Ridge Place), on property generally located at S.W. 48th Street and Van Dorn Street.
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Lincoln Trails Network will be presented with an award as one of the APA’s (American Planning Association) 10 Great Public Spaces for 2014. Friday, October 17, 2014, 3:00 p.m., at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 250 No. 21st Street.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of October 18, 2014 through October 24, 2014.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Nebraska Capitol Environ Commission meeting agenda for October 23, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. InterLinc correspondence from Ellen Dubas regarding July 4th fireworks.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Byron Davis considering noise levels from boom cars and concerts.
3. Bob Miller stating the concert music last night, especially the base, was way too loud.
4. Nicole Jensen, Executive Vice President, Realtors Association of Lincoln writing in regard to sharing Realtors comments concerning reFORM,
   a) Realtors concerns listed on the proposed reFORM package of zoning amendments, commercial design standards and commercial design standards handbook.
DATE: October 17, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

TODAY, Friday, October 17, the American Planning Association (APA) will present the Lincoln Trails Network with an award recognizing its designation as one of the APA’s 10 Great Public Spaces for 2014 (see Oct. 1 release below). Jason Jordan, APA’s Director of Policy and Research, will present the award at 3 p.m. at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 250 N. 21st Street to representatives of the City-County Planning Department, City Parks and Recreation Department and Great Plains Trails Network. Jordan is in Lincoln for the APA Nebraska Fall Workshop.

For more information, contact Christy Eichorn in the Planning Department at 402-441-7603 or ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov.

Lincoln Trails Network in Lincoln, Nebraska Designated as One of 10 Great Public Spaces in America by the American Planning Association

APA Recognizes 30 Great Places in America

Washington, DC, October 1, 2014 -- The American Planning Association (APA) today announced that the Lincoln Trails Network in Lincoln, Nebraska has earned the designation as one of the 10 Great Public Spaces for 2014.

Each October during National Community Planning Month, APA’s Great Places in America program names 30 exemplary streets, neighborhoods and public spaces that add value to communities and foster economic growth and jobs. APA’s Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods and Great Public Spaces feature unique and authentic characteristics that have evolved from years of thoughtful and deliberate planning by residents, community leaders and planners.

"Recognizing these special places highlights the role planning plays in adding value to communities," said William Anderson, FAICP, president of APA. "Planners, working with others, help build better communities in a variety of settings, from urban to rural; the result - better neighborhoods, cities, and regions. We applaud these efforts and congratulate this year’s designees."

Since Great Places in America was launched in 2007, APA has designated 230 neighborhoods, streets and public spaces. Places are announced annually and represent the gold standard in terms of having a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement, and a vision for tomorrow.
New this year, APA is seeking input from the public for the “31st Great Place Designee.” Interested citizens can nominate their Great Place by commenting on APA’s Facebook page or via Twitter using hashtag #mygreatplace. The “31st Great Place Designee” will be announced on Friday, October 31, 2014.

LINCOLN TRAILS NETWORK in LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
The Lincoln Trails Network in Lincoln, Nebraska, a 131-mile trail network connecting parks, schools, commercial areas, colleges and universities, swimming pools, and major ball parks, has made Lincoln the 4th ranked city for bike commuting in the Midwest in comparison to cities with comparable populations. The recently approved LPlan 2040, which provides general trail guidance and supports network expansion, aims to provide access to the trail within one mile of every city resident. Last year, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Capital Plan was adopted to improve the trails network and introduce short- and long-range proposals for capital improvements. The trails network received a significant boost with the update to Lincoln's Downtown Master Plan in 2005, which began connecting the trails network to Lincoln's downtown street grid via protected bike lanes. Community groups continue to raise money for new construction, renovations and maintenance. To learn more click here.

In addition to the Lincoln Trails Network in Lincoln, Nebraska being designated a great public space, the following nine other public spaces were also recognized:

BAYLISS PARK in COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA
Bayliss Park in Council Bluffs, Iowa, is the geographic and symbolic “town square” for the community. Using four corner entrances, Bayliss Park connects visitors with the surrounding commercial and residential areas of downtown as well as the bike trails that extend 40 miles throughout the community. The park also serves as the preferred site for many arts events, outdoor concert series, outdoor movies, weddings and major annual community events like "Celebrate CB," and the "Winterfest" lighting display. Over the past 10 years, a citizen steering committee for Bayliss Park has raised nearly $750,000 with the help of over 1,500 community members. The monies will be directed to the park's rehabilitation and renovation, including the creation of a master plan. To learn more click here.

CLIFF WALK in NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
Cliff Walk in Newport, Rhode Island, which attracts upwards of 1 million visitors annually, re-opened to the public in 2014 following a restoration process as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The 3.5 mile “National Recreation Trail” offers a paved, public-access walkway to connect visitors with beautiful vistas, tunnels, long winding pathways and spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean. The Cliff Walk originally took shape in the mid-to-late 19th century when owners of estates began creating a private system of drives and walks along their properties and public land. Today, the trail showcases those Victorian homes from the vantage point of their backyards. Rock formations along the trail create breath-taking drops of more than 70 feet in certain areas along the coastline, creating one of the most unique natural environments in the Northeast. Cliff Walk continues to be the most popular tourist attraction in Rhode Island. To learn more click here.

DELAWARE PARK in BUFFALO, NEW YORK
Delaware Park, a 350-acre park in Buffalo, New York, was designed by Frederick Law Olmstead in 1870. The park has been home to the Buffalo Zoo since 1875, and was home to the Pan-American Exposition of 1901, which attracted thousands of people with ornate, multicolored buildings and gothic statues, some of which remain today. The park was separated into two halves in 1962, when the Scajaquada Expressway was constructed through the park. Years of neglect and underfunding followed. The park’s condition was dramatically improved when the Olmsted Parks Conservancy took over funding and maintenance of the park system in 2004. Over the past decade, The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, the City of Buffalo, the County of Erie and The Urban Design Project developed the Plan
for the 21st century, which created a framework for the restoration and enhancements of the parks, places, and parkways that comprise the Olmsted system. The Marcy Casino building, underwent a $1 million restoration in 2013, and future plans include a New York State Department of Transportation planning study to explore the potential for reducing, reconfiguring or removing the Scajaquada Expressway from the middle of the park altogether. To learn more click here.

LAKE MIRROR PARK in LAKELAND, FLORIDA
Lake Mirror Park in Lakeland, Florida, is the centerpiece and crown jewel of the city's downtown area, hosting at least 18 major events each year that attract more than 170,000 people to community celebrations. Included among them is an annual Christmas parade and a classic car show. Designed in the 1920s, the newly renovated park is the result of an engaged group of local citizens, whose efforts secured the park's listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. Subsequent initiatives for the park include the establishment of a Community Redevelopment Area and a master plan that was completed in 2010. While current efforts focus on guiding private development adjacent to the park to compliment and maximize the park's use, the existing 18-acre area provides ample open space for residents, employees, and visitors to recreate, socialize, or restfully enjoy the scenery. To learn more click here.

LITHIA PARK in ASHLAND, OREGON
Lithia Park in Ashland, Oregon, is a 93-acre park that traces its roots to the discovery of a lithia water spring in the early days of the 20th Century. In 1914 the city passed a $175,000 bond measure to pipe the lithium water from the spring to the park, and hired John McLaren, who designed Golden Gate Park, to prepare and develop a landscape plan. McLaren's plan was reminiscent of Frederick Law Olmsted's designs, which included the construction of ponds, gardens, gazebos and numerous groves of native trees. The park was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. In 2013, The Enders Memorial Shelter Gazebo, the only remaining of the three original gazebos in the park, was completely restored. Each year, upwards of 400,000 people attend the Oregon Shakespeare Festival hosted at the park. The festival is among the oldest and largest regional repertory theaters in the United States and has contributed $251 million to the region. To learn more click here.

POINT STATE PARK in PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
The Master Plan for the 36-acre Point State Park in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was completed last year thanks to a seven-year Point State Park Capital Renovation Project. A four-year grass roots public participation process to develop a master plan that would revitalize the aging appearance of the park started in 1999, 25 years after the park was completed and dedicated. Formerly a blighted industrial area, the park was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1975. The park's Portal Bridge connects the city-side of the park to the river-side, allowing pedestrians to cross underneath the eight-lane interstate. It features 54,000 native plants that have inhabited the park since the mid-18th century, and the Fort Pitt Block House from 1764, the only authentic pre-Revolutionary War structure west of the Allegheny Mountains. A fountain at the park's tip, which sprays water 150 feet into the air, is a family favorite. To learn more click here.

RAINIER VISTA in SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
Mount Rainier Vista and Montlake Triangle in Seattle, Washington, links the University of Washington, Red Square with Mount Rainier located 60 miles away. Framed by grand evergreen trees and campus buildings, the vista is heavily used by pedestrians moving about campus or arriving and departing from the surrounding Metro bus stops. Originally designed as open space by John C. Olmsted in 1915, Lower Vista features a large lawn flanked on either side by evergreen trees that provide a distinct framed view of the mountains. Just north is Sciences Quadrangle, which features Drumheller Fountain and Frosh Pond, a defining element of the Vista landscape. Upper Vista features collegiate architecture lining both edges, a large lawn in the center divided by a central, wide asphalt path, and twelve
Shirofugen flowering cherry trees gifted from Japan in 2014 to symbolize the 120 year history of Japanese and Japanese American students at the University. Future plans for Montlake Triangle include tree grove restoration, continuing the lawn, pathways and multimodel connections. **To learn more click here.**

**READING TERMINAL MARKET in PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

One of the most famous enclosed public markets in the world, Reading Terminal Market is a collection of 76 locally-based merchants spread across 1.7 acres in a complex of buildings below the Reading Terminal Train Station. One of Philadelphia's top tourist attractions, Reading Terminal Market generates upwards of $50 million in annual sales from the 6 million-plus people who visit each year. Formerly an open air market in operation since 1860, Reading Terminal Market took its current form in 1892 and thrived as one of Philadelphia's leading sources of foodstuffs and provisions until the Great Depression. After earning its designation as a National Historic Landmark in the 1970s, the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority acquired the property in 1990 and implemented a top-to-bottom historic rehabilitation. The market today is also the site for free performing arts events, 75-minute walking tours led by food-writers and "Party for the Market," an annual celebration of its anniversary. **Click here to learn more.**

**THE LAWN at THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA in CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA**

Designed by President Thomas Jefferson, The Lawn at the University of Virginia (UVA) is surrounded by residential and academic buildings, gardens, and at its focal point is the Rotunda, the most recognizable symbol of the University. Designed by Jefferson as the library, which reinforced his firm belief in the separation of church and state by designating the library as the head of his university, rather than a church as most modern American universities had at the time. The Lawn and the Academical Village are still used as residential, ceremonial and academic spaces as Jefferson originally intended. The space has also become a tourist destination, drawing 100,000 visitors per year. A renovation of the Rotunda, which involves restoration of historical features, improving infrastructure systems, and upgrading interior accommodations, including interpretive features, is slated for completion in July 2016. **Click here to learn more.**

For more information about these public spaces, as well as APA’s top 10 Great Streets and top 10 Great Public Spaces for 2014 and previous years, visit **www.planning.org/greatplaces.**

For more about National Community Planning Month taking place throughout October visit **www.planning.org/ncpm.**

*The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities. APA and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, are dedicated to advancing the art, science and profession of good planning -- physical, economic and social -- so as to create communities that offer better choices for where and how people work and live. Members of APA help create communities of lasting value and encourage civic leaders, business interests and citizens to play a meaningful role in creating communities that enrich people's lives. APA has offices in Washington, D.C., and Chicago. For more information, visit www.planning.org.*
Date: October 17, 2014
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of October 18 through 24, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, October 18
• Steamfitters and Plumbers Local 464 annual “Heats On” project, remarks - 8 a.m.,
  Country Inn and Suites, 1301 W. Bond Circle

Thursday, October 23
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environ Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 214, second floor, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda.

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

AGENDA
October 23, 2014

1. Approval of meeting records of September 25, 2014.

Discussion/Recommendation

2. Text amendment to Zoning Code, deleting section 27.67.075 regarding residential parking in Capitol Environ District.

3. A Certificate of Appropriateness for inscribed plaques in the Spirit of Nebraska Pathway of Nebraska’s Centennial Mall.

4. A Certificate of Appropriateness for a marker or monument on Goodhue Boulevard in the vicinity of A Street, honoring Bertram G. Goodhue.

Miscellaneous

5. Misc. and staff report.

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
   General Council

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Comment or Question:
Can something be done about 4th of July fireworks? Staying in Lincoln over the 4th is like
being in a war zone. My chiropractor went to Denver to get away this year. I have a colleague
who tells me that there are no fireworks in Minneapolis. It would be difficult to believe
that people didn't have hearing loss because of the racket. I know enforcement is difficult.
And I know that Omaha recently tried and failed to ban fireworks. Still...

Ellen Dubas
Dear Council members. I have lived in Lincoln since 1991 and have owned property since 1999. I live on 855s 30th st. I have had to call police a time or three to address loud boom cars that were parking in our neighbor hood blasting that low deep bass that rattles the house windows and foundation. I have even adressed some of these boom cars personally and have found that in general those who do this could care less and have attitude of "screww me we do what we want" Anyway last night downtown concert "SkillX topped the list.I was unaware of a concert.I suspected a boomcar. I had to take a walk around the neighborhood to try and pinpoint the noise I couldnt pinpoint it.It sounded like it was 2 blocks away. I did not call police since several neighbors already had. My ? would be why wasnt this band given a permit for Pinnacle Arena. If Lincoln has a noise ordinance I would guess that this group was in clear violation as are many of the boom cars around town. Many of us have to get up quite early. I am not against concerts at all and as a 78 HS grad I enjoy my share of hard rock. I also realize it creates revenue for the city.Ussually by the time the police are called the cars are gone. Any way I doubt that I am alone in recognizing that loud stereos and concerts are a problem in Lincoln. Thanks for your time. Byron Davis
Constituent call. 10.17.14.

Bob Miller
402.209.5334

Stated the concert music, especially the base, was way too loud last night. He called the police who stated they received a lot of calls regarding this concert's loudness. Mr. Miller said he lives 12 blocks away, and needs to get up early in the mornings.

Mary
Date: October 17, 2014
To: Planning Department – Marvin Krout & Christy Eichorn
Cc: Planning Commission, City Council, Mayor Beutler

The REALTORS® Association of Lincoln would like to offer the attached memo of collective concerns regarding the current reFORM proposal. We are aware, through media and conversations with city staff, the timeline for consideration of the reFORM package has slowed. However, we feel it is important to proceed with sharing our comments now, so they may be included in future discussions regarding reFORM.

With regards,

Nicole D. Jensen
Executive Vice President
REALTORS® Association of Lincoln
Date: October 17, 2014
To: Planning Department – Marvin Krout & Christy Eichorn
Cc: Planning Commission, City Council, Mayor Beutler
From: REALTORS® Association of Lincoln
RE: reFORM Proposal

Proposed reFORM Package of Zoning Amendments, Commercial Design Standards and Commercial Design Standards Handbook

One tenet of the REALTORS® Association of Lincoln is to promote and protect an individual’s right to own, use, and transfer real property. Additionally, we strive to ensure the highest and best use of the land and the widest distribution of land ownership. Aligning with these values, we offer the following concerns with the reFORM proposal:

Issue: The Planning Department is citing the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) as the source for comments regarding the “Importance of Placemaking to Economic Development”. These references are being used out of context and are not statements directly from NAR, but rather third-party quotes from the On Common Grounds publication.

Example: “The city wants a code that forms the foundation of a new, place-based economic development strategy” (A quote from the Mayor of Buffalo, New York in regards to form-based codes. On Common Ground Magazine – Feb 2013. The article was contributed to On Common Ground by David A. Goldberg, Communications Director - Transportation for America, a nationwide coalition based in Washington, D.C., that advocates for transportation policy reform.)

We respectfully request the source information be corrected prior to future use to better align the references with their appropriate and actual sources.

Issue: Many provisions of the Commercial Design Standards appear likely to increase the overall cost of development, resulting in increased property values and increased cost to small businesses, and therefore consumers.

The Commercial Design Standards require specific landscaping, more expensive building materials, greater design detail and variety in materials and transparency. These requirements will increase the cost of development in the areas subject to the standards. Additionally, increased cost to developers will be passed off to small businesses which will in turn result in increased cost to consumers. If spaces developed under these standards are difficult to lease/sell due to inflated cost, the development market could suffer. To the extent the real estate market in Lincoln will not support these higher prices, the Commercial Design
Standards could have a counterproductive effect of hindering redevelopment, rather than cultivating investment in the City’s existing commercial areas.

Has the City prepared any studies to evaluate the extent to which the increased costs associated with the Commercial Design Standards will impact property values and the market for development?

**Issue:** The Commercial Design Standards apply only to development within specified districts identified as “Corridor” or “Center” Districts. The properties in these districts will be at a disadvantage for attracting development or redevelopment because doing so with intervening properties (not subject to the Commercial Design Standards) will be less cumbersome, more affordable, and held to a lesser standards.

The proposed zoning district approach to corridor development appears to create disjointed areas which will be subject to the Commercial Design Standards, interspersed between areas along the same roadways or nearby which are not covered by the Commercial Design Standards, and showing apparently little correlation to the LPlan 2040 Corridors. Likewise, the zoning district approach does not necessarily capture all contiguous development in a “node” under the zoning applicable to Centers. By not applying consistent standards to all property owners within a planning “corridor,” or within and in the vicinity of a “node,” the City may be creating disparities in the cost of developing or redeveloping properties, which could affect patterns of development and have implications for relative property values. A developer may choose to build outside of the designated districts to avoid the extra cost of complying with the Commercial Design Standards. We encourage the City to focus on addressing its design concerns through a design overlay which is focused specifically on contiguous properties within identified areas of concern, rather than through design standards imposed by reference to zoning districts.

Property owners in the Corridor and Center zoning districts will be at a disadvantage compared to owners outside of the districts. Has the City undertaken a study to determine how and to what extent the proposed approach to Commercial Design Standards may affect patterns of development for certain uses and impact relative property values as a result of cost disparities between developments within the Corridor and Center districts and development outside those districts?

**Issue:** The Commercial Design Standards may require some landowners to dedicate private property to public improvements.

There is concern the Commercial Design Standards could require the dedication of private property for public improvements in the form of “streetscape” requirements, even in the case of a renovation or site improvement at an existing development. Although it is not unusual for cities to require private property dedication for right-of-ways, sidewalks and streetscapes for new subdivisions, new developments and new buildings, as advocates for private property rights it is concerning for the same to apply during remodeling and redevelopment. Has the City consulted with the City Attorney and received an opinion stating the requirement of private property dedication due to redevelopment would be valid if challenged as a regulatory taking?
**Issue:** The Commercial Design Standards are “one size fits all” rather than tailored to presumably distinct and different conditions in various neighborhoods, centers and corridors in the City.

We urge the City to take a finer-grained, study or plan-based, neighborhood- or corridor-specific, approach to creating and implementing design guidelines and standards. In addition to allowing the City to develop regulations which are better calibrated to the affected properties, it would make the designs more accountable to the affected businesses, property owners, neighborhood associations and other stakeholders. Phasing in Commercial Design Standards by focusing first on priority corridors and centers will allow the City to test its revamped review procedures and its approach to setting standards to see if they work as intended. Alternatives (to Commercial Design Standards) are likely to attain better results, in terms of achieving and preserving distinctive features which contribute to the placemaking the City desires.

**Issue:** The City is focused on pressing national chains to “reach in the second drawer” for better design, with apparent disregard for the financial impact to small, local businesses.

We advocate for a two-tiered, or otherwise modified, approach which takes into account the design issues applicable to big-box, franchise development differing from those for smaller scale developments. If the proposed design standards were in place, the small local business tenants of properties such as Rathbone Village would be priced out of their current spaces if it were to be improved upon in the future. The two developments which continue to be used as success stories by city staff, Fallbrook and Village Gardens, have had difficulty for years trying to find tenants who can afford the higher lease rates which are a direct result of both being developed at a standard similar to the requirements of the proposed Commercial Design Standards. The rather recent redevelopment of Piedmont Shopping Center would likely not have happened if the developers would have been required to relocate the structure on Cotner with parking behind on 50th Street. It would have been cost prohibitive and created even higher rent thresholds, which even at their current level are relatively high for small local businesses.

**Issue:** The Commercial Design Standards requirements for building articulation, street trees and other design features could have the effect of obscuring business entrances and signage.

There is real concern the proposed requirements for street trees every 40 feet will obscure business identification signs. This effect may have its greatest impact on small local businesses which do not have the signature architecture of a national franchise to help identify their location. The City should be sure to apply street trees and building articulation requirements in ways which ensure the continued visibility of signs and building entrances. Several units in the original multitenant strip centers towards the front of Wilderness Hills are still not occupied. Feedback from prospective tenants has referenced reduced visibility of signage due to building orientation, which limits exposure to the public. It is difficult for the driving public to see the front doors and building signage from the arterials. Despite the success of Whole Foods at 66th & O St., other tenants in the development are not doing as well as they had expected. Again, the exposure of being on O Street is not being realized as the public cannot see the store fronts of these businesses. Once the street trees grow and begin to cover the building signage, it will be more difficult to identify businesses without driving through the parking lot. Location, location, location is only prevalent in real estate is if exposure and visibility to the passing public are both present. Finally, there are concerns with safety when front doors to businesses are not visible from main arterials. It creates a greater opportunity for theft and unsafe environments due to the obscured views of front entrances.
Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy Christensen; Jonathan Cook; Jon Camp; and Carl Eskridge

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
In review of today’s agenda Meier stated under Liquor Resolutions she would call Items 12 and 13 together, and Items 14 and 15 together.

Meier added she handed out a Motion to Amend, No 1, for Item 23 under Ordinance - 3rd Reading. A Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the City of Lincoln and NEBCO.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce the public safety finance review members and discuss public engagement efforts at a news conference, Tuesday, October 14, 555 S. 10th Street, room 303, at 10:00 a.m.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor moves forward on public safety issue.
3. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran to provide free shuttles for Boo at the Zoo.

Hoppe had no additional comments.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Quick action needed to prevent mold.
3. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of September 9, 2014.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from October 7, 2014 through October 13, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.