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1. Correspondence from Mike Wittmann regarding the proposed Birkett Townhome Development.
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1. Correspondence received regarding the traffic lights at 33rd Street and Randolph Street. (Sent to Public Works & Utilities; Traffic Operations)
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3. Andrew J. Benton II correspondence expressing his opposition to the KCC West Nine Dial Development proposal.
OPEN HOUSE SET FOR 70TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The public is invited to an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11 to learn about the improvement project on 70th Street from Van Dorn Street to Eastborough Lane. The open house will be held at Morley Elementary, 6800 Monterey Drive.

Construction is scheduled to begin the week of June 22. The project includes pavement repair, the reconstruction of pedestrian curb ramps that do not meet current federal and local standards, and the replacement of a pedestrian crossing signal at 70th Street and Lincolnshire Road. Most of the work will be completed using lane closures, but short-term intersection closures will be necessary to complete some repairs.

No formal presentation is planned at the open house. Those attending will be able to view the construction schedule and project phasing and visit with City staff and the contractor.

More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 70th) or by contacting Erika Nunes, City project manager (402-441-7711, enunes@lincoln.ne.gov), or Zach Becker, City construction project manager (402-613-3763, zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov).

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ACCOMMODATION NOTICE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 3, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erika Nunes, City Project Engineer, 402-326-1037
Gaylon Masek, City Project Manager, 402-416-7486

27TH AND “O” INTERSECTION CLOSES SUNDAY NIGHT

The 27th and “O” Street/Highway 34 intersection is scheduled to close the night of Sunday, June 7 for reconstruction. The closure is scheduled to last 18 days, weather permitting. During construction, “O” Street will be closed from 25th to 29th streets, and 27th Street will be closed from “N” Street to the alley just north of “O” Street.

The streets are scheduled to reopen the week of June 21, with final completion expected about June 30. All adjacent properties have primary or alternative access from side streets and/or alleys, so access to local businesses will be maintained. The detour routes are Antelope Valley Parkway, Vine, 48th, Randolph and “L”-“K”-Capitol Parkway. Sidewalk ramps will also be reconstructed along “O” Street to meet current ADA standards, however, pedestrian access will be maintained.

The City and the Nebraska Department of Roads are working together to improve State highways running through the City limits using State highway maintenance funds. Some pavement repairs along “O” Street were completed in 2014, but a detailed pavement inspection showed that the intersection at 27th Street needed complete reconstruction. The full closure option will cut the construction time in half and reduce the cost by about $200,000 when compared to lane-closure options.

More information on the project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). Those with questions can contact City Project Engineer Erika Nunes (enunes@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-326-1037 or City Project Manager Gaylon Masek (gmasek@lincoln.ne.gov) 402-416-7486).
DATE: June 3, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler will make an announcement concerning the City’s technology infrastructure at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, June 4 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 4, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Lang, Mayor’s Office, 402-441-7511
Ashley Pritchard, Level 3, 720-888-5950

LEVEL 3 TO EXTEND BROADBAND SERVICE TO LINCOLN

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City has entered into a lease agreement with Level 3 Communications to extend its fiber optic infrastructure to the City. Level 3 will use the fiber optic conduit grid recently installed in as part of the Lincoln Technology Improvement System (LTIS). Level 3 is a global telecommunications provider based in Broomfield, Colorado.

“Level 3 operates a global fiber optic network, and its international presence is becoming increasingly important as technology adapts to the ever-changing global demands,” Mayor Beutler said. “This is another example of how City technology initiatives can be a catalyst for strengthening our position in a highly-competitive business environment.”

“Through the City’s commitment to development and infrastructure enhancements, Lincoln has fast become a place where entrepreneurs and enterprises flourish,” said Rick Corbett, Regional Vice President of Sales for Level 3. “Our expanded network reach in Lincoln establishes Level 3 as a key gateway for information exchange across the state and around the globe.”

“The vibrant business and tech community will gain access to our secure, scalable network with more than 200,000 fiber miles around the globe,” said Travis Noble, General Manager of Level 3 in Nebraska. “Our investment in the state signals our commitment to providing the solutions enterprises need to meet their most challenging technology demands.”

The installation of the downtown conduit was funded in 2012 with $700,000 from the City’s Fast Forward Fund. Beutler established the Fast Forward Fund in 2009 to assist with infrastructure improvements that help drive economic development and job creation. The LTIS has now grown to include over 300 miles of conduit across the city. The conduit project was supported by the Downtown Lincoln Association, the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and members of the business community.

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About Level 3 Communications:
Level 3 Communications builds, operates and maintains a global communications network to deliver managed solutions for enterprises, carriers and governments. Its comprehensive portfolio of data, security, video, voice and unified communications solutions provide powerful options to address today’s IT challenges. More information is available at level3.com.
LIBRARY OFFERS BILINGUAL BOOK GROUP

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) is offering “Stories for Everybody,” a free bilingual book discussion group for Spanish-speaking families with elementary-age children. The group will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on four consecutive Saturdays, June 6 through 27, at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street.

The library will provide books for families to take home and share prior to a discussion of the books the following week. The program also includes games and crafts. To register, contact Vicki Wood at 402-441-8565. To register with a Spanish speaker, call 402-314-8249.

This program is made possible by funding from the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Kevin Colleran Memorial Fund.

More information about LCL summer activities is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

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Memorandum

Date: June 2, 2015

To: City Clerk

From: Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.

Re: Administrative Approvals

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Planning Commission
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from May 26, 2015 through June 1, 2015:

**Administrative Amendment No. 15004** to Final Plat #13096, Wilderness Hills 5th Addition, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 29, 2015, Acceptance of Affidavit of Surveyor to correct the typographical errors on Lot 11, Block 4 of Wilderness Hills 5th Addition, generally located at S 30th Street and Whispering Wind Boulevard.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15046** to Use Permit #154D, Wilderness Hills Commercial, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 29, 2015, to adjust the parking requirement and allowed square feet on certain lots, and to revise notes accordingly, on property generally located at S. 27th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15047** to Use Permit #13011A, Russwood Park, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 28, 2015, to increase the height of the commercial building on Lot 2 from 65 feet to 68 feet, on property generally located at N. 84th Street and O Street.
The reconstruction of the 27th and “O” Street/Highway 34 intersection will begin in June. Beginning the week of June 7, the following streets will be closed for an estimated 18 days:

- “O” Street/Highway 34 from 25th to 29th streets
- 27th Street from “N” Street to the alley just north of “O” Street/Highway 34

Access to local businesses within the closure area will be maintained. The detour routes are Antelope Valley Parkway, Vine, 48th, Randolph and “L”-“K”-Capitol Parkway. Driveways within the construction area will be closed. Sidewalk ramps will also be reconstructed along “O” Street to meet current ADA standards, however, pedestrian access will be maintained.

**Project Background:**
In 2014, the City of Lincoln and the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) announced a partnership to improve State highways running through the City limits using available State highway maintenance funds. Pavement repairs at several locations along “O” Street/Highway 34 were completed in 2014. After a more detailed pavement inspection of “O” Street/Highway 34 from 25th to 29th streets, it was determined that in addition to the pavement repairs, the intersection at 27th Street needed complete reconstruction.

The City delayed the work until 2015 to evaluate the best way to use taxpayer dollars wisely while meeting the needs of businesses, motorists, pedestrians and residents. Options included completing the work under lane closures, partial or directional closures or full closure. It was determined that the full closure option would cut the construction time in half and reduce the cost by about $200,000 when compared to the lane-closure options. Under lane closures or partial closures, all driveways with direct access to “O” Street in the area would still have to be closed to maintain traffic flow and minimize crash risks. All adjacent properties have primary or alternative access from side streets and/or alleys. Therefore, the City and NDOR determined the full closure option was the most cost efficient and would minimize disruption to businesses and the public.
**Coping with Construction**

To help businesses affected by City construction projects, the Public Works and Utilities Department has produced the “Coping with Construction” guide. It is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). The guide includes information on signage that can be placed in the City right of way to help direct customers to businesses during construction as well as sample flyers and maps. For questions on signage, contact Shane Dostal (see Project Contacts).

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**Proposed Schedule**

The contractor has 18 calendar days to complete all work and reopen the streets. Construction is dependent on weather, so check lincoln.ne.gov for updates.

**Week of June 1**

City staff will mark repair areas using temporary lane closures.

**Week of June 7**

Affected areas of “O” Street/Highway 34 and 27th Street closed.

**Week of June 21**

Streets re-opened.

**June 30**

Final completion date.

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**This schedule is weather dependent.**

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**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

**Engineering Services**

949 West Bond Street   Suite 200   Lincoln, NE  68521
36th & GLADSTONE PAVING DISTRICT #2631
CONSTRUCTION START NOTICE

Project Number 552631
Gladstone Street from 35th to 37th Street

The Contractor for this project has indicated work will begin on Monday, June 8, 2015. Work will begin at the north end of the project on the newly established 36th Street approximately 600 feet north of the centerline of Gladstone Street. Construction work on Gladstone Street will begin at the existing concrete return at 35th Street and extend to the east side of the driveway entrance into the homes on the south side of the street. The duration of the project will be approximately 3.5 months. Advance notice about street closures will be provided throughout construction.

There will be some inconvenience to businesses and residences in this area as pavement sections are removed and replaced and street/driveway locations are closed and barricaded to complete the work. Access to businesses and residences will be maintained at all times but may be limited or closed during different phases of construction. Please contact us with any questions.

City Project Manager
City of Lincoln
Erin Sokolik
402-416-9460

Construction Project Manager
Alfred Benesch & Company
Steve Irons
402-310-7459

Contractor
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Matt Martin
402-314-5651
Dear Reader,

The second quarter issue of The Urban Page is now available at: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/urban-page.htm.

In this issue, you’ll find articles about:

- Lincoln’s Blooming Barricades
- South Haymarket Neighborhood Study
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Planning Assistant
City of Lincoln DSC / Urban Development Dept.
555 S. 10th St, Suite 205
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7852
Subject: June 11 West Haymarket JPA public meeting cancelled

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency public meeting, originally scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m., has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

David Norris
Citizen Information Center
555 S. 10th St. - Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-7547
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

Name: Mike Wittmann
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Comment or Question:
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Best regards,

Jon

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Lincoln, NE 68501-2307

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Thank you so much for your prompt response and your attention to the issue. It means a lot to me that you’ll be keeping an eye on this with us.

On Tue, Jun 2, 2015 at 1:58 PM, Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com> wrote:

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Tracking Number: 44984

Problem: This a second notification. There does not seem to have been any action on the first notification: 44886 / 5877.. The problem ticket show no work has been done. The traffic lights at 33rd street and Randolph are screwed up. Time of problem is between 1:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. Usually the lights at this time are biased green north-south until traffic trips the sensor going east-west. The lights now appear to be running on timers of about 30 seconds. Sensors appear to be inoperative. This also affects the pedestrian push to cross buttons.
I would like to make my opposition to The Knolls Senior Living Community proposed by Dial Development of Omaha to be located on the west 9-holes of the Knolls Golf Course bordered by Old Cheney Road, Norman Road, and Rolling Hills Blvd. known to all interested parties.

No change of zoning from the current R-1 to R-2 should be allowed. This property has been zoned R-1 for 50-plus years and the neighborhood consists of primarily single-family residences. The integrity of this neighborhood should be upheld so as to not incur any “hidden consequences” by this development such as decreased property values, additional water drainage issues that occur in the area during times of heavy rain due to such a massive development (312,000+ total square feet), safety concerns caused by increased traffic at the intersection of Old Cheney Road and Norman Road (a primary access to Hill Elementary School), or damage/displacement to wildlife in the area (see attached picture taken 6/2/15 on my neighbors front porch). The massive footprint of this proposed development is uncomfortably close to surrounding single-family homes. I would not be opposed to a development on this property similar to Bishops Square or the townhomes in Williamsburg near the Landing. Future development on this property needs to be in keeping with current density, height limitations, and architectural compatibility of the neighborhood as it now exists.

No special permit or height waiver should be allowed for the proposed building height of 55 feet. This is excessive and far out of character with the neighborhood. Most homes in the area are single-story with some two-story homes. Any development should be consistent with the current neighborhood and respect its surroundings.

Dial Development at prior meetings with the neighborhood led us to believe their other senior housing developments, such as those in Omaha, are all located in residential neighborhoods. In traveling to Omaha to view these developments, all Omaha locations are located in areas where multi-uses are present (hotels and other commercial developments, apartments, etc.) Even Savannah Pines and The Landing were developed in multi-use areas of Lincoln, not a 50 plus year old neighborhood of single family homes.

No landscape plan has been presented by the developer and the proposed use of cement board as building material is sub-standard, in my opinion. The covenants governing the surrounding homes require at least 60% brick or stone and most homes exceed that standard. Many mature trees and landscape material will need to be removed due to the extraordinary amount of grading that would be needed on this site. In addition, what access will the fire department and other emergency services have to the building on the
west side and where will delivery vehicles (tractor trailers) park so as to not impede traffic on Norman Road.

There is no need to rezone the property or to allow for any height waiver. I have lived and raised my family in the Knolls neighborhood for 27-plus years. Please uphold the integrity of our neighborhood and community.

With respect and concern for my neighborhood community,

Susan E Benton
5925 Norman Road
Lincoln, NE 68512
sebbenton@gmail.com

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To the Mayor, City of Lincoln; City Council; Zoning Board; & Traffic Safety:

June 3, 2015

We have lived in Lincoln and in the Knolls area since 1987, just over 28 years. Then, 27th Street south of Old Cheney was a gravel road and Old Cheney itself was just two lanes. We've welcomed most change and have been proud of the growth and the collective investment in our community. We like the immediacy of a fire house added a few years ago, a newer branch library (Walt), new schools, expansion at the FISERV Campus, development of SouthPointe Pavilions, the development area generally known as the Hay Market, Pinnacle Arena and much more. These types of structures fit into our community, many adding to our city tax base, and have been located in space expected to be developed in this way. But for downtown and other locales along "O" Street, none are four stories tall. Most (like ShopKo, SuperSaver, and Walmart) are one to a maximum of one and a half stories tall.

Packed into the proposed development of 13.09 acres to the Knolls CC west nine, we understand parts of the building are to be four stories (estimated to be 65 feet to the roof line point), high density including 210 living units (likely meaning some 300 individuals or more in-residence), and an expected building quality and landscaping plan that is not in character with other like facilities in Lincoln nor with our immediate neighborhood. Our covenants require a minimum of 60% stone and/or brick siding, but many of our single family homes (mostly ranch style with some two story structures) are covered to as much as 100%.

We strongly urge rejection of the proposed change from the current R-1 zoning since 190 residents is more than adequate use of the space while maintaining some of the character of area. Please also reject the special permit seeking to allow construction of a four story structure, which would be two to three times the height of other structures in the neighborhood and 25% taller than even the several FISERV offices at 14th and Old Cheney. We note the Knolls restaurant and related buildings are one story structures. Also, please require of the developer a building and construction quality more normal to Lincoln and specifically to the Knolls/Rolling Hills areas, including professional landscaping. We are not in favor nor do we see the need for over-sized signage.

Finally, the City Traffic Safety department should require as part of any development to this site a slow-down/turn lane on Old Cheney to facilitate safe traffic flow down the hill as travelers drive east-bound with the intent of turning south on Norman Rd.

Frankly, we are not in favor of the current development plan proposed and would prefer to see the site developed perhaps in a similar way as Bishop Square (near 27th and Kucera) or perhaps similarly to the townhome subdivision on Jamestown Road in the Williamsburg area. We would think these would be economically viable to develop.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these issues and concern for the ongoing nurturing of our neighborhoods, while helping to foster calculated growth of our community.

Best regards,
Andrew J. Benton II
5926 Norman Road

NOTE: NEW EMAIL ADDRESS EFFECTIVE NOW IS abentonii@icloud.com.
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Bennett Martin library open Friday night for art and jazz.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of June 6, 2015 through June 12, 2015.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler to present April Award of Excellence on June 8, 2015.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln libraries hosting summer food program.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Food Safety Program wins prestigious national award.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Advisory Board Meeting agenda for June 11, 2015.
   a) Member Peter Levitov with an added agenda resolution.
   b) List of documents/reports for the June 11, 2015 meeting. (On file in the City Council Office for viewing)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS-CABLE ADVISORY BOARD
1. Article on FCC ruling - FCC changes video competition rule for cable providers.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
1. Memo from Brent Meyer, Lancaster County Weed Superintendent, with link to the June Newsletter and contact information for the Weed Control Office.
   a) Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement newsletter for June, 2015.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Message from Craig and Cathy Smith regarding the Knolls Redevelopment Special Permit #15035, Change of Zone #15014. Request Council to vote against the Change of Zone on this proposal.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 4, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Barbara Hansen, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8512

BENNETT MARTIN LIBRARY OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT FOR ART AND JAZZ

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) will participate in the monthly Friday Art Walk by hosting a performance by The Daniel Bennett Group at 7 p.m. Friday, June 5 at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St. The performance, a mix of modern jazz and American folk music, is being hosted by LCL’s Polley Music Library with funding provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

Artwork created by LCL’s Teen Advisory Board members will be on display on the first floor beginning at 4 p.m.

The downtown library will remain open for the performance until 8 p.m., two hours past normal closing time. Library services will not be available after 6 p.m., but staff will be available for Polley Music Library tours.

More information about LCL summer activities is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

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Date: June 5, 2015
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of June 6 through 12, 2015
Schedule subject to change

Monday, June 8
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation, remarks - 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, June 9
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building
• Everett Neighborhood Association celebration and dedication ceremony for 11th Street Project, remarks - 5:30 p.m., 11th and “G” streets (near historic sign)

Wednesday, June 10
• Annual Mayor’s Arts Awards celebration, remarks - 5:30 p.m. reception, program at 7:15 p.m., Lied Center stage, 301 N. 12th St.

Thursday, June 11
• News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
• Bulu Box anniversary event, remarks and proclamation - 4 p.m., Tower Square, 13th and “P” streets
• Open house and retirement celebration for Deane Finnegan, Leadership Lincoln Executive Director, remarks - 5 p.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.

Friday, June 12
• Annual Lincoln Children’s Zoo Garden Party fund-raiser - 6 p.m., 1227 S. 27th St.
MAYOR TO PRESENT APRIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for April to a team from the Solid Waste Management division of Public Works and Utilities -- Solid Waste Operations Supervisor Kevin Patak and Landfill Operators Jason Killingsworth and Mark Reynolds. The award will be presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

They were nominated by the Superintendent of Solid Waste Operations Karla Welding. She nominated the team of veteran employees in the categories of customer relations and productivity for their work to repair and rebuild the walking floor and pedestal boom at the Transfer Station last year. The walking floor is used to move the waste brought in by customers to the waste transfer trailers. The pedestal boom is used to push the waste into the top-loaded trailers.

The Transfer Station was built in the late 1980s, and only minor repairs to the walking floor had been made since then. The steel substructure on which the walking floor is mounted was paper-thin due to many years of abrasive materials moving across it. The hydraulic cylinders for the pedestal boom also needed to be resealed. The work on the customized walking floor substructure and the electrical and hydraulic systems was needed to improve reliability and allow for quicker, safer repairs in the future. In planning for the work, Patak suggested that staff could repair and rebuild the walking floor at a lesser cost than a contractor.

He designed a plan to handle the waste accepted during the time the Transfer Station itself would be out of service. That plan had to account for customers and waste being exposed to wind and rain; a change in the offloading procedures for customers; an alternate method to load waste into the trailers and containers; and the need for employees to make more trips to the Bluff Road Landfill. Many Solid Waste Operations employees worked with customers to explain the changes.

Reynolds took the lead role in the project’s technical aspects, revising the steel substructure bracing and taking measurements for all custom-made steel pieces. He also directed Killingsworth during the disassembly and assembly of the walking floor and steel substructure. Reynolds and Killingsworth did all the welding and took extra time to hide all seams on the surface of the substructure.

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The project was completed with no injuries to employees or customers and with no issues related to transferring waste to the landfill. The team’s efforts resulted in estimated savings of $20,000. Their work also improved the reliability of the entire waste transfer facility and provided safer working conditions for the staff.

Welding wrote in her nomination, “While Kevin, Mark and Jason’s positions include responsibility for some minor repairs of all equipment used to handle wastes at the Transfer Station, the extent of the work performed to repair and rebuild the walking floor and the pedestal boom is well beyond the expectations of their position responsibilities.”

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials.

Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.
LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 8, 2015
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8565

LINCOLN LIBRARIES HOSTING SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

For the first time, two Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) are hosting the annual Summer Food Service Program. The program was established to ensure that all children ages two to 18 would continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer when school is not in session.

Library Director Pat Leach said LCL chose to participate to promote reading and library use in the summer and to better serve low-income families. Two library facilities were chosen as pilot project sites and are now serving lunch to children weekdays through August 7:

- Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St., noon to 1 p.m.
- Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All children are eligible to participate at no cost. No meals are served to adults. The cold sack lunches are served with milk or juice on a first-come, first-served basis and must be eaten on site.

The program is a cooperative effort of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, LCL, and many community agencies and organizations. A full list of program sites, is available at health.lincoln.ne.gov (click on “Health Promotion and Outreach”). More information about LCL summer activities is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

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FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL AWARD

The Food Safety Program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) is receiving the top national award for community food protection. The department will receive the Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award at the National Association of County and City Health Officials Conference July 8 in Kansas City.

As a Crumbine Award winner, LLCHD joins an elite group of local public health agencies that have demonstrated excellence in food protection through innovative and effective strategies and approaches to protecting communities from foodborne illness.

“The residents of our community can take great pride in our efforts to protect the public’s health from foodborne illness,” said LLCHD Health Director Judy Halstead. “This prestigious annual award is given to only one local health department that demonstrates ‘unsurpassed achievement.’ It represents years of hard work and innovation by our managers, staff and many community partners. Joyce Jensen, Food Safety Program Supervisor, and Scott Holmes, Environmental Health Division Manager, deserve special recognition for their leadership.”

The award is presented by the Conference for Food Protection and has been awarded since 1955, a year following the death of Dr. Crumbine, a public health pioneer. The purpose of the award is to encourage innovative programs and methods that reduce or eliminate the occurrence of foodborne illnesses, to recognize the importance of food protection at the local level and to stimulate public interest in food service sanitation.

The award jury, consisting of outstanding public health practitioners from across the country, was particularly impressed with the overall high quality of the LLCHD’s Food Safety Program and its leadership in national initiatives as well as the following:

• The public has online access to all food inspections through the City website, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: food safety), as well as a unique statistics-based rating system for food establishments.
• LLCHD uses online tools to increase staff efficiency and effectiveness and relies on data and evidence-based evaluation of problems and solutions.
• The department shares and collaborates with industry, the University of Nebraska and the local community.

More information on LLCHD is available at health.lincoln.ne.gov. More information on the award is available at crumbineaward.com.
TO:  Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM:   Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE:  June 11, 2015
LOCATION:  2740 “A” Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)
TIME:  4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
CHAIR:  Peter Levitov

AGENDA

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

2. Approval of Minutes:  * May 14, 2015;  * Special meeting of May 19, 2015

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

4. Committee Reports:
   A. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
      •  * Recommendation regarding an amendment to Chapter 12 of the Lincoln Municipal Code providing a definition of “fundraising”, and adding the Woods Park Tennis Center to the list of facilities where alcoholic beverages may be served during fundraising activities.
      •  * Recommendation regarding Antelope Park Triangle Land Use Plan
   
   B. Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224
      •  No updates at this time.

   C. Golf Committee – Brad Brandt (Chair) – 402-473-9619
      •  Report from Golf Committee meeting on June 11, 2015 – Golf Report for May 2015 is included in packet for review.

   D. Executive Committee – Peter Levitov (Chair) 402-488-2742
      •  Future policy discussion with the Lincoln Parks Foundation regarding fundraising for programs.

5. Staff Report:
   A.  No updates at this time.

6. Announcements:
   A.  Uncle Sam Jam Independence Day celebration on Friday, July 3rd, 3:00 – 11:00 p.m. at Oak Lake Park.

   B.  Parks & Recreation Advisory Board / Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors joint meeting and tour on Thursday, July 9th, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Agenda and itinerary to be announced.

* 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.
Hi Angie and Lynn,

We look forward to receiving the rest of the materials.

On the agenda we also will be moving a resolution to name the Jonathan Cook Community Scholarship Grants from the funds he designated to the Department from his City Council Member Discretionary Account. Lynn might suggest where on the agenda it should appear.

Thanks.

Peter
Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: PRAB Documents for Thursday Meeting
Attachments:


Documents attached:

- Meeting Minutes from May 14th
- Special Meeting Minutes from May 19th
- Municipal Code Amendment Request – Fact Sheet & Recommendation
- Municipal Code Amendment Request – Proposed Changes
- Antelope Park Triangle – Fact Sheet & Recommendation
- Antelope Park Triangle – Proposed Conditions of Approval
- Antelope Park Triangle – Proposed Land Use & Future Parking Diagram
- Antelope Park Triangle – Survey Results
- Antelope Park Triangle – Survey Comments
- May Golf Report
- Uncle Sam Jam Flyer

You may need to scroll down in your browser in order to view all attachments. If you have not yet done so, please let me know whether you will or will not be able to attend the meeting this Thursday.

Thank you, and have a great week!

Angela Chesnut
Executive Secretary to the Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation
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achesnut@lincoln.ne.gov
From: Jamie D. Wenz  
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 5:02 PM  
Subject: Fwd: June 4, 2015 - FCC changes video competition rule for cable providers

Here's an article about the FCC ruling that Laurie is talking about.

Jamie Wenz  
5 City TV  
JWenz@lincoln.ne.gov  
402-441-6688 (office)  
402-326-7847 (mobile)  
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: NAB SmartBrief <nab@smartbrief.com>  
Date: June 4, 2015 at 1:15:49 PM CDT  
To: JWenz@lincoln.ne.gov  
Subject: June 4, 2015 - FCC changes video competition rule for cable providers

FCC changes video competition rule for cable providers  
The Federal Communications Commission has approved a plan to amend the video competition rule for cable providers so that it presumes that competition exists in local markets. The vote to change the rule for small cablers was unanimous, but for larger providers, the FCC split 3-2. Democrats Mignon Clyburn and Jessica Rosenworcel broke with Chairman Tom Wheeler on the vote, with Rosenworcel saying the order was "contrary to what Congress asked us to do." Multichannel News (6/3), Multichannel News (6/3), National Journal (6/3)
Business & Industry Report

FCC reform measure gets OK from House panel
The House communications panel has approved Federal Communications Commission reform legislation, which now will be considered by the full House. The bill is supported by NAB. "Creating a more efficient and transparent FCC is vitally important to helping radio and television broadcasters fulfill their mission of serving local communities," said NAB spokesman Dennis Wharton. Radio Business Report (6/3)

Yahoo gains rights to live stream an NFL game
Yahoo on Oct. 25 will present the first live-stream of an NFL game when it airs an International Series contest between the Buffalo Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars in London. The ad-supported webcast will be available on Yahoo sites, including Tumblr. Also, a 30-minute on-demand version of the game with unskippable ads will be posted. Reuters (6/3)

Report: DISH, T-Mobile are holding merger discussions
DISH Network, the nation's second-biggest satcaster, is reportedly negotiating a merger with T-Mobile, the fourth-biggest wireless operator. The proposed deal reportedly calls for T-Mobile's CEO, John Legere, to become CEO of the new company and DISH CEO Charlie Ergen to become chairman. The financial terms and structure of the merger have yet to be finalized, sources said. Reuters (6/4), The Wall Street Journal (tiered subscription model) (6/4)

Alpha Media’s radio cluster in San Antonio, Texas, holds fundraiser for flood victims
Inside Radio (subscription required) (6/4)

Technology

Showtime’s stand-alone OTT service to debut in early July
Showtime is timing the debut of its stand-alone over-the-top streaming service to the July 12 launches of new seasons of "Ray Donovan" and "Masters of Sex." The service, which will cost $10.99 a month, initially will be available only on Apple devices, with other platforms to be added later. "Our intent is to make Showtime available to viewers via every manner possible," said Showtime Chairman Matt Blank. Variety (6/3), Adweek (6/3)

Toyota, Ford may join forces on dashboard apps
Toyota and Ford are exploring whether to collaborate on dashboard technology for smartphone applications. In doing so, the automakers are "showing caution against letting Apple's CarPlay and Google's Android Auto dictate the future of in-car entertainment and navigation systems," Craig Trudell writes. Bloomberg (6/3)
Advertising

Political advertising is having a programmatic moment
Programmatic ad-buying is expected to play a much bigger role in the 2016 election cycle as candidates improve their targeted appeals to potential voters. In related news, Sinclair Broadcasting has invested in programmatic ad-buying startup ZypMedia and has launched a trial of its services in three markets. Advertising Age (free access for SmartBrief readers) (6/3), Adweek (6/3)

People & Personalities

Hearst Television names Dave Kaylor to lead veteran recruiting
Dave Kaylor, a retired U.S. Navy officer and former director of engineering for WCVB-TV in Boston, has become director of veteran recruiting for Hearst Television. "We are very fortunate to have Dave leading this effort to broaden our company's participation in the important work of hiring our military service men and women as they transition to civilian careers," said Hearst Television President Jordan Wertlieb. Adweek (6/3)

Free webcasts for radio return June 17
The NAB Online Leadership Academy is back starting June 17 with an all-new complimentary seven-part webcast series for radio members. Topics include avoiding common business potholes, pragmatic leadership development, technology cost-cutters, monetizing mobile and community service efforts, protecting stations from legal pratfalls, and sales techniques on-air talent can use to better engage their audiences. Learn more.
Support Broadcasters’ Community Service
Join broadcast industry peers, members of Congress and FCC leadership Tuesday, June 16, at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. to honor excellent community service by local broadcasters. Unilever will receive the Service to America Corporate Leadership Award. For sponsorships contact Nate Mann at (202) 429-5498.

SmartQuote

It is now life and not art that requires the willing suspension of disbelief.”
-- Lionel Trilling, literary critic and writer

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Hello Weed Watchers!

Below you will find the link to the June Newsletter. This month our report features Lincoln’s Weed Abatement Program.

http://lancaster.ne.gov/weeds/pdf/comb1506.pdf

If you would like to report a noxious weed or have any questions please contact the Weed Control Office at 402-441-7817 or weeds@lancaster.ne.gov.

Have a great day!

Brent

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Lincoln’s Weed Abatement Program

Weed Abatement 101

Lancaster County Weed Department through an interlocal agreement with the City of Lincoln manages the Weed Abatement program inside Lincoln’s city limits. The two agencies combined in 1996 and have proven to be a very successful City/County agency. One benefit of a combined agency is it allows any citizen, one contact for noxious weeds or weed abatement within Lancaster County’s borders. We often get questions on what is Weed Abatement? and, why can’t I do whatever I want on my property? What is required to be controlled is sometimes complicated; this is the policy we follow.

When plants are overgrown they become a nuisance and unacceptable to the general public and need to be controlled. The City of Lincoln Municipal Code states “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.” The Code considers “Uncontrolled or uncultivated growth of weeds, brush, vines, grasses, or other vegetation which offers vector or rodent harborage, contribute to noxious pollens to the atmosphere, or unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of abutting public or private property,” a safety and health hazard. Some areas that are allowed inside the city may be beneficial and include:

* Erosion control
* Control of pollutant runoff
* Educational purposes
* Cultivation of vegetation for consumption, pleasure or business reasons
* Natural areas including wetlands
* Wooded areas

What are Weeds & Worthless Vegetation?

Definition of a weed; A plant considered undesirable, unattractive, or troublesome, especially one that grows where it is not wanted and often grows or spreads fast or takes the place of desired plants. So, by definition - a corn plant in a bean field is a weed. Our Operational Weed Abatement Policy states; "Weeds" are undesirable vegetation that includes grasses, grasslike plants, forbs, succulents, and woody plants. These are plants that are commonly considered to be weeds, or invading volunteer plants from desirable plants that become weedy in nature i.e. tree seedlings.

"Worthless vegetation" is vegetation that is overgrown, that is mature, or vegetative material on the ground.
# Nebraska’s Noxious Weeds

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation. The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. Those non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in the state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.

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Good neighbors control noxious weeds. If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association (www.neeroot.org), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

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**Lancaster County’s Noxious Weeds**

**Newly Added**

Good Neighbors – Control Invasive Weeds !!!
Subject: Knolls Redevelopment Special Permit #15035 Change of Zone #15014

To: Christy J. Eichorn
City of Lincoln, City Council and Planning Department.

Subject: Knolls Redevelopment Special Permit #15035 Change of Zone #15014

June 1, 2015

Dear Christy, City Council Members and City Planning Department.

The purpose of this email is to voice our opposition to the Special Permit #15035 and Change of Zone #15014.

My extended family owns houses at 5930 Norman Road, 5901 The Knolls and 5921 The Knolls.

The requested special permit and change of zone will have a negative impact on the value of our homes and character of our neighborhood. While the redevelopment of the golf course may be inevitable, this project’s density, building heights and building materials are incompatible with the existing Knolls neighborhood.

We are also concern about public safety as many of our neighborhood streets were built without sidewalk. Adding 286 people into the neighborhood without sidewalks will be an added safety concern.

We encourage you to vote against the change of zone on this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Craig and Cathy Smith
On behalf of the Smith Families
5930 Norman Road, Lincoln NE 68512
MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
JUNE 8, 2015

Present: Trent Fellers, Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird, Vice Chair; Roy Christensen; Jane Raybould; Carl Eskridge; Jon Camp; and Cyndi Lamm

Others Present: Sandy Dubas, Deputy City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director; Doug McDaniel, Human Services Director; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Fellers opened the meeting at 2:11 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Dubas stated the Mayor will present the Award of Excellence. On the Consent Agenda, the spelling of the manager at J. J.’s Lounge will be corrected to Robertson, along with all associated documents.

Regarding the SDL’s, request to call Items #23 through #34 together, the Lancaster Ag Society Event Center items. Also will call Items #35 and #36 together, Blue Blood Brewing Company.

The City Clerk, Teresa Meier, does contact the applicants for liquor resolutions, and had a response from all, except for Zipline, where she left a message.

Under Public Hearing Ordinances, second reading, will call Items #42 and #43 together.

As a reminder there is open mike today.

Eskridge stated in the weekend packet we received two Zipline applications, but one was dropped.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Open House set for 70th Street improvements.
2. NEWS RELEASE. 27th and “O” intersection closes Sunday night.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference Thursday, June 4th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, in Room 303 to make an announcement concerning the City’s technology infrastructure.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Level 3 to extend broadband service to Lincoln.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Library offers bilingual book group.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
Hoppe stated, as Council knows Chief Huff is retiring as Fire Chief. We’d like to share what we released this afternoon in terms of appointing the interim Chief and the plan moving forward.

Public Safety Director-Tom Casady Director Casady stated the Mayor will announce Battalion Chief Tim Linke will serve as the interim Fire Chief, with a national search for a Fire Chief. Tim has been a department member for approximately 17 years. A Doane graduate, plus an Associates Degree through the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Tim has filled many roles at the Fire Department, now as a Battalion Chief in charge of duty shifts. Linke has been the Assistant Chief at the Southwest Rural Fire Department for 18 years, and on his days off is a volunteer fire fighter. Very experienced and we are very pleased he is willing to help in the interim by leading the department.
Casady stated now in the process at looking at firms who propose to provide services to the City by helping with recruitment selection. Doug McDaniel is leading this selection. He has received missions from several firms and we are reviewing, will consult, and give the Mayor our thoughts on which firm would best serve the City. Expect the process to take about 3 to 4 months. Three is optimistic, but hope by the end of September to have a new Fire Chief.

Camp asked if there would be any perimeters as far as hiring from within versus national? Casady responded his belief is to hire the best candidate, regardless if the person works in Lincoln or comes from elsewhere. Want the best candidate and will conduct the selection under this guideline. We will be doing quite a bit of work and is one reason to hire a firm to help. We do want a national recruitment. Making sure of qualifications and to get the best candidate we could possibly attract. Camp questioned if he knew the ultimate cost? Casady replied they have a range of cost. Think the cost should be in the range of $20,000 to $40,000.00.

Rick Hoppe - Chief of Staff  Secondly the four cent sales tax.

Tom Casady stated Jeff Kirkpatrick, Steve Hubka, and he met with the Nebraska Department of Revenue. They helped us understand the sales tax collection, as it’s been over 30 years since the City of Lincoln increased its’ sales tax. No one here is familiar with the process. Learned a few months ago to start a sales tax requires 120 day lead time to the Department of Revenue. Need all documents, certified election results, etc. to the Department 120 days in advance. Then sales tax can only begin at the start of the fiscal quarter. October 1st is the fiscal quarter our sales tax will start. We sent all materials to the Department of Revenue by the first of June, meeting the deadline.

Casady continued, the actual revenue won’t be received until the month of December, as there is a lag time. Learned the Department of Revenue has a process in place for notifying sales tax permit holders of upcoming sales tax changes. They were very familiar with as sales tax changes take place state wide. Encouraged us to also get word out about the new sales tax increase, however cautioned that about 30 to 60 days seems the correct time to do, as too early people may forget. The Department works a lot with sales tax permit holders. They have done queries to determine where they may have a sales tax permit holder who hasn’t made the change. Feel very confident in the processes they have at the Department of Revenue, and appreciate their willingness to extend their help to us.

He stated none of us knew the process for ending, or reducing, a sales tax being the same process. Only happens at the beginning of a fiscal quarter, needing 120 days before hand. Our ability to stop not quite what we thought. Will need to do a good job projecting revenue and expenses. Then will need to pass an ordinance, getting a certified copy to the Department of Revenue 120 days before the beginning of the fiscal quarter when we want to end. Does not sunset automatically.

Camp stated need a key timeframe of June 1st, three years from now, that we need to act on or before. Casady commented he has it on his calendar for the April 1, 2018. Camp added if really doing well with collections possibly could do January 1st and stop July 1st. Casady agreed.
Raybould asked if we’ll work with projections on where the sales tax is trending? Say, we certainly anticipate by this date and should have reached our goal. Could we back off by the 120 days? Are you saying that’s not the most practical approach as we need verifiable results to submit to the Nebraska Department of Revenue? Casady stated it depends on how closely we’re able to project the actual cost of the construction projects. If able to do well, and back it off to 120 days in advance of the July 1, 2018 quarter, great. If not our next opportunity to stop would be October 1, 2018.

Hoppe stated for those who follow the month to month sales tax reports, there’s an unknown factor. While the sales tax is pretty predictable, what is not predictable is when people cash in their LB775 credits, which has tremendous impact on our sales tax we receive each month. Some months you don’t notice but some months a large corporation walks in and takes a huge amount of your sales tax.

Casady added the other unknown is expenses. We’ve been working with projections, and as everyone knows, there’s having an architect do a design takeoff and give you their estimate based on a square footage cost, and then what the actual bill is. We’ll watch very closely over the next couple of years as we need a healthy lead time to pass the ordinance necessary to give the Department of Revenue 120 days before the fiscal quarter we want the tax to end.

Camp asked if Casady could share information on the Oversight Committee, started a short time ago? Casady stated the Mayor asked the same people who participated in the projects study to serve as the Oversight Committee, called for in the ballot issue which was passed. Remarkably all 12 people on that committee agreed to do again. We have our first meeting scheduled for June 24th. Apprehensive with an email to people asking about their availability for a weekend in June. All but one have responded they are available. Will meet on Wednesday, June 24th, 5:00 p.m., at the Health Department. We’ll organize, receive a briefing, and probably will present the information we learned from the Department of Revenue. Anticipating quarterly meetings and possibly every other month.

Raybould asked if open meetings? Casady replied yes.

Gaylor Baird stated going back to the national search, understand you’re also planning to do a national search for the Planning Director. Casady agreed. Gaylor Baird asked if there are any efficiencies, cost or time, in preparing the documents, which might be achieved? Hoppe responded the search for public safety is a speciality outfit as opposed to a broad employment outfit. They specialize in helping find public safety leaders. But a good thing to look into. McDaniel stated they’ll be conducting the Planning Director search shortly with their office handling the national search.

Eskridge asked if there a role which this Board, or the County Board, or both in the process? McDaniel replied he’s sure there will be, now we’ll start the position profile and identify the particular stake holders. Fellers asked if there is public input? McDaniel answered it’s up to the Mayor’s office to determine, we pull the information that we replicated to when Mr. Krout was hired years ago, and determine if there are similarities that the stake holders would look at. Identifying key groups will be important. Fellers asked if Council could know what the process will look like, or what we need to know, at next week’s Council meeting? McDaniel responded yes. Camp said if Council could have input. Remembers when the last couple, going back to Marvin Krout, and before, the County and City worked together since it is an interlocal agency. McDaniel stated they’re now at the very first step of the profile.
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from May 26, 2015 through June 1, 2015.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES
1. ADVISORY. 27th and “O” Street/Highway 34 intersection to close for reconstruction.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. 36th and Gladstone paving district #2631 construction start notice.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. The second quarter issue of The Urban Page, a quarterly newsletter of the Urban Development Department, is now available online.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The June 11, 2015 West Haymarket JPA public meeting has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Correspondence from Mike Wittmann regarding the proposed Birkett Townhome Development.
   a) Councilman Camp’s reply to Mike Wittmann.
   b) Mike Wittmann’s email on June 2nd.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence received regarding the traffic lights at 33rd Street and Randolph Street. (Sent to Public Works & Utilities; Traffic Operations)
2. Susan Benton writing in opposition to The Knolls Senior Living Community proposed by Dial Development, listing reasons.
3. Andrew J. Benton II correspondence expressing his opposition to the KCC West Nine Dial Development proposal.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.