IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

I. MINUTES
1. Directors’/Organizational Meeting minutes of February 8, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. City street crews focus on potholes.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to upcoming Nature Center events.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. City Councilman Roy Christensen will announce an effort to make City payroll more transparent at the Mayor’s news conference, Thursday, February 11th, 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, at 10:00 a.m.
4. NEWS RELEASE. City salary information to be more transparent.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of January 12, 2016.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
1. Corrected agenda (February instead of January date) of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on February 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from February 2, 2016 through February 8, 2016.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. Letter from Randy Hoskins, Assistant City Engineer, to residents and businesses on the proposed closure of 50th Street on the north side of the intersection of A and Cotner.

VII. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. Public Building Commission (PBC) (02.09.16) - Camp, Raybould
2. Board of Health (02.09.16) - Raybould
3. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) (02.09.16) - Eskridge
4. Visitors Promotion Committee (VPC) (02.10.16) - Fellers
5. Prosper Lincoln (02.10.16) - Gaylor Baird
6. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (02.11.16) - Christensen
7. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) (02.11.16) - Raybould – CANCELED

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Curt Crandall commenting on restricting long range retirement benefits that are not sustainable.
2. Dallas Parde commenting that someone needs to be accountable for city contracts.
3. Platte Institute writing in support of Councilman Camp’s resolution regarding selecting and contracting for professional services.
4. Robert Ammon thanking Councilman Camp for his city work and commenting on the city spending and condition of city streets.
5. Cynthia Peterson writing with suggestions for the StarTran proposal on bus hours.
6. Christine Southwick stating problems at Centennial Mall with walking to the building when it snows with reply from Councilman Camp, forwarding to Thomas Shafer, Interim Public Works & Utilities Director.

TRENT FELLERS
1. Councilman Fellers writing Rick Hoppe requesting answers to his questions on the Stormwater Bond.
   a) Councilman Camp with additional questions on the Stormwater Bond.
   b) Councilwoman Jane Raybould questioning typical replacement of inlet covers, and commenting on capital costs in the private sector.

X. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Christy Aggens stating opinion as to who the StarTran choice riders are likely to be.
3. Beatty Brasch, Executive Director, Center for People in Need commenting on what the StarTran proposal means to their clients.
4. Paul Clark submitting article on poverty and supermarkets giving unsold food to charities.
5. Jim Luedke writing regarding Mr. White’s correspondence and his personal feelings on the SouthPointe Pavilions amendment to the Special Permit - Use Permit.

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
CITY STREET CREWS FOCUS ON POTHOLES

The Public Works and Utilities Department today tripled the usual number of crews working on pothole repair. The Department transferred staff from other maintenance duties to pothole repair, bringing the number of workers assigned to potholes to about 35.

“The recent freezing and thawing cycle has again resulted in new potholes across the City, and we will continue to deploy extra workers until the problem is under control,” said Thomas Shafer, Interim Public Works and Utilities Director. “We appreciate the public’s patience as we work as quickly as possible to repair the potholes. And we urge all motorists to drive carefully, and give street crews the room they need to work.”

Residents can report potholes and other non-emergency street problems can be reported in four ways:

- Call the Pothole Hotline at 402-441-7646. If that line is full, callers can use the Neighborhood Hotline at 402-441-6300.
- Call the Street Maintenance Division of Public Works and Utilities at 402-441-7701. Street problems requiring immediate action should be reported to this number.
- Use the online form available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pothole).
- Use your mobile phone to send a photo to the City’s ACTION center. The free application can be found in the Android Market and iTunes store (search for “Lincoln Action Center”). The message will automatically include GPS (global positioning system) information. This app should never be used while driving, and residents should never put themselves in danger to take a photo for the ACTION center.

Those reporting emergency situations should always use 911.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 9, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jamie Kelley, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8708

PUBLIC INVITED TO UPCOMING NATURE CENTER EVENTS

The public is invited to participate in two upcoming events at the Pioneers Park Nature Center, 3201 S. Coddington Avenue:

• All bird watchers – from experts to children on their first birding experience – are invited to join Dave Titterington from the Wild Bird Habitat Store for the Great Backyard Bird Count Saturday, February 13. The event is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Chet Ager Building. Birds counted during the walk will be recorded and submitted to help researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society learn more about how birds are doing and how to protect them and their habitat. Admission is free, but a $5 donation is suggested.

• Light from the near full moon Friday, February 19 will help guide the hikers through the Nature Center’s woodlands and wetlands during a Moonlight Night Hike. The event is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and will begin at the Nature Center’s Prairie Building. Following the hike, participants are encouraged to share stories while enjoying hot chocolate. Registration is open until February 17, and the cost is $8 per person.

Contact the Pioneers Park Nature Center at 402-441-7895 for more information and to register. More information is also available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov/nature center.
City Councilman Roy Christensen will announce an effort to make City payroll information more transparent at Mayor Chris Beutler’s news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, February 11 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 11, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

CITY SALARY INFORMATION TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT

Mayor Chris Beutler and City Councilman Roy Christensen today announced an initiative to make City payroll information more transparent. Christensen will introduce a resolution at the City Council meeting Monday, February 22 to require the City to make payroll information available to the media every year.

“The people of Lincoln pay our salaries,” Christensen said. “They have the right to know who is being paid and how much. This resolution will provide taxpayers transparency for the single largest portion of the City budget – payroll.”

The salary information will be available later this year at DataOmaha.com, an Omaha World Herald website. The site already lists more than 50,000 payroll records from 27 public agencies, including Lancaster County, the Lincoln Public Schools and the City of Omaha. The Omaha World Herald had already made a public information request for the data.

“Most of the business of government is public information, but that doesn’t mean the information is always easy for residents to find,” Mayor Beutler said. “Over the last year, Roy has worked with City staff to find a way to make salary information about City employees easier for taxpayers to access. I want to commend Roy for his focus on greater government transparency. And I want to thank him for his patience as we looked for a cost effective way to present the salary data without disclosing sensitive information.”

City employees making above $50,000 will be listed by name at DataOmaha.com. Those under that salary will be listed by position.
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: Roma Amundson, James Michael Bowers, Jacquelyn Miller, Tom Randa, Jane Raybould, Molly Burton (ex-officio), David Derbin (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Craig Strong arrived at 5:02 PM. Jane Raybould arrived at 5:10 PM. Michelle Petersen arrived at 5:11 PM.

Members Absent: Alan Doster.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Charlotte Burke, Kathy Cook, Steve Fredrick; Scott Holmes, Joyce Jensen, Justin Daniel and Elaine Walsh.

**Introductions**

Caitlyn Littrell, UNL Dietetic Intern, Health Promotion & Outreach Division.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**Motion**: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Motion**: Moved by Dr. Miller that the December 8, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by acclamation.

III. **PUBLIC SESSION**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. **Health Director Update**

Ms. Halstead stated the 2016 Legislative Session is underway and the Department will be monitoring legislation. She will present a legislative summary of the legislative bills the Department and Mayor’s Office are monitoring to the Board of Health in February.

The Department is beginning budget preparations for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 budgets. The Department’s budget request will be submitted to the City Finance
Department on March 4, 2016. The Lancaster County Commissioners will hold their annual County Budget Retreat on Thursday, January 28, 2016 to discuss upcoming budget issues.

Ms. Halstead reported three employees recently retired or will retire within the next month. They include Pam Rowe – Health Promotion & Outreach, Deb Meyerhoff – Dental Health and Nutrition Services and Joyce Jensen – Environmental Public Health Division.

Ms. Halstead stated Department staff are participating in emergency response preparedness tabletop exercises.

Ms. Burke provided a brief update on the N Street Cycle Track. Staff assisted with public service announcements and other educational materials. The N Street Cycle Track is featured on Channel 10’s Shape of the City, the City of Lincoln and the Health Department websites.

Mr. Frederick reported the Community Health Assessment is now available on the Department’s website. He also reported the Community Health Improvement Plan is being reviewed and will be released in the near future.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Accreditation Application – Letter of Support

Ms. Halstead stated the Department intends to submit an application for accreditation to the Public Health Accreditation Board. She stated two letters of support are needed – one from the Board of Health and one from Mayor Beutler.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould to approve the letter of support of to the Public Health Accreditation Board regarding the accreditation application of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Revisions to Policy 222.01 – Quality Improvement & Standardization

Ms. Jensen reviewed the revisions to the policy stating the Food Program’s goal is to meet the FDA Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. The policy was last updated in 2010 and only minor revisions were needed to make the policy current. The policy will be included as part of the self-assessment required for the FDA Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. Revisions made to the policy include the elimination of the reference to the Healthy People 2010 Objectives. The Food Advisory Committee recommends approval of the revisions to the policy.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 222.01 – Food Safety Program Quality Improvement and Standardization. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

C. Proposed Revisions to Policy 222.05 – FDA Standard #2 Trained Staff
Ms. Jensen stated the purpose of the policy is for the Food Safety Program to maintain compliance with the FDA Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards (Standard #2 – Trained Staff). Minor revisions to the policy include training, licensing and certification. The Food Advisory Committee recommends approval of the revisions to the policy.

**Motion**: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 222.05 – FDA Standard #2 Trained Staff. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

**D. Proposed Revisions to Policy 222.32 – Food Complaint Investigations**

Ms. Jensen stated the policy identifies how the Food Program handles complaints related to foodborne illness, food tampering, intentional contamination and how problems with products originating outside our jurisdiction are handled. Revisions include updating the process for receiving and initializing complaints in the digital records system, updating required documentation of investigation findings and requiring open complaints to be reviewed monthly by the Food Safety Team. The Food Advisory Committee recommends approval of the revisions to the policy.

**Motion**: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 222.32 – Food Complaint Investigations. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

**E. Proposed Revisions to Policy 222.39 – Foodborne Illness Complaint Investigations**

Ms. Jensen stated the FDA Food Regulatory Program Standard 5 – Foodborne Illness Investigation and Response identifies the importance of policies for handling foodborne illness complaints. Revisions to the policy include assuring all foodborne illness complaints are returned to the Lead Environmental Health Investigator, changing the frequency of reporting on outbreaks to the Food Safety Team, and updating the investigating processes and electronic documentation. The Food Advisory Committee recommends approval of the revisions to the policy.

**Motion**: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 222.39 – Foodborne Illness Complaint Investigations. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Ms. Amundson and Ms. Raybould thanked Ms. Jensen for her many years of service to the Health Department, the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County.

**V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)**

**A. Workforce Development Plan Update**

Ms. Halstead provided a brief update on the Department’s Workforce Development Plan. Each division will prepare their own plan. She previewed the Community Health Services Division Plan. The full Plan will be completed and presented to the Board of Health.
VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – February 9, 2016– 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Health Director continues to coordinate state legislative activities for the Department and the Mayor’s Office. The Mayor’s Office Legislative Review Team meets weekly during the legislative session. The 2016 Legislative Session began on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

The Health Director is serving on the Selection & Negotiating Committees for the architectural and engineering plans for a permanent Hazardous Waste facility. The Selection Committee is reviewing the proposals that were received for the plans for the facility.

The Health Director attended the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees meeting and Funding Committee meeting. The Board of Trustees toured the Lincoln Public Schools/Southeast Community College Career Academy. The Funding Committee will be reviewing grant applications and making recommendations for funding programs/projects for the coming year.

The Health Director attended the County Management Team meeting and provided a presentation and update on Health Department activities. She also attended the County’s Mid-Year Budget Meeting on January 28, 2016.

The Health Director and several staff members attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Breakfast on January, 15, 2016.

Lancaster County Commissioner Bill Avery will be the new Lancaster County Commissioners’ representative to the Board of Health.

ANIMAL CONTROL

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Pet owners can now license new pets and pets that have never been licensed before on-line at; [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/animal/permits.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/animal/permits.htm) Animal Control continues to see an increase in pet owners that prefer to renew or purchase a new license on-line.

UNL student intern, Gabrielle Matthew, recently began her internship with Animal Control. Her major is Criminal Justice and Animal Science. The internship will run through May 2016 for a total of 160 hours. She will be learning about all aspects of Animal Control. She has a special interest in animal neglect cases.

Animal Control offers Spay/Neuter grants to all low income pet owners in Lincoln. We use the same eligibility criteria as the federal WIC eligibility guidelines. Animal Control has more plans to promote the spay/neuter grants during 2016. Many of the local veterinarian’s already participate.

On December 22, 2015, Officer Jacki Purdham was dispatched to Oak Lake on a call regarding an eagle that was in distress. NE Game and Parks personnel arrived at Oak Lake along with Animal Control Officer DeMon Wimes to assist. Officer Purdham went into the lake on the shoreline and rescued the eagle. Raptor Recovery staff and a veterinarian from Raptor Recovery were called, they arrived quickly and took the eagle for care. Unfortunately, Animal Control was contacted later and told the eagle did not survive.
OFFICER PURDHAM

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Advanced STD Intensive Course

Twelve CHS staff (Disease Intervention Specialist, medical technologist and nurses) and our contracted APRN attended a one day training presented by Dr. Bradly Stoner, Medical Director of the St. Louis STD/HIV Prevention Training Center this month. The emphasis of the training was clinical diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases using evidence-based guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Current issues were reviewed related to the epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnostic strategies and appropriate treatment regimens for; syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, genital herpes, chancroid, ectoparasitic STDs, nongonococcal infections, pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention, vaginitis/vaginosis, Human Papilloma Virus, Molluscum Contagiosum, and expedited partner therapy.

The St. Louis STD/HIV Prevention Training Center is within the national network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Their purpose is to develop, deliver and evaluate training activities on the clinical management and prevention of STDs.

National STD data shared at the conference: The CDC estimates that there are 20 million new STDs diagnosed per year and that at any given time there are 110 million people living with an STD. This translates to about 1 in 3 people with a STD at any given time. The CDC also estimates that $16 billion dollars are spent per year on STDs. For the first time in 10 years, chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis rates have increased at the same time.

Tax Preparation & Health Insurance Marketplace
Will Wallace, MBA, EA, Senior Tax Consultant at Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties presented on the Affordable Care Act and individual tax returns on January 5th. The goal of the presentation was to increase the knowledge of tax filing status, filing requirements, and premium tax credits among staff who assist people in enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace and NE Medicaid. All in-person assistors in Lincoln were invited to attend. Staff from People’s Health Center, Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, NE Medicaid, Food Bank of Lincoln, and LLCHD Certified Application Counselors were in attendance. Mr. Wallace has presented this topic to this group each of the three years the Health Insurance Marketplace has been available. We appreciate his expertise and willingness to share his knowledge!

**DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION**

**WIC**

Caseload (Participation)

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Mentoring: (Number and school)

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Our December caseload was 3718. This was our highest participation in December since 2011. We also had a record high number of appointments seen in a month (970) since the implementation of the Journey system in May. We are excited about our increasing participation numbers.

**Dental Health**
- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 514
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 639
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 893
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 416 (81%)
- Total number of children served: 343 (67%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 353 (69%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 48
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 51
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 78
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 34 (71%)
- Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 46 (96%)
- Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid: 39 (81%)

Outreach Activities:
Fluoride Varnish and Screening Program:
- Educare of Lincoln: 106 children
- North WIC Office (27th & Cornhusker Highway): 14 children and parents
- LLCHD WIC Office: 20 children and parents

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

**Program Area:** Waste Management

**Specific Program:** Toxics Reduction: Household Hazardous Materials & Waste Management Program (HHW)

**Waste Management Program Goals:**

Protect human health and the environment by: reducing exposures to hazardous materials; assuring proper management and disposal of hazardous and “special” wastes; preventing hazardous waste from being illegally disposed of in the Bluff Road Landfill; reducing litter; and preventing illness and disease caused by improper waste management.

**Methods/Strategies:**

- Provide 6 to 10 mobile HHW collections in Lincoln and Lancaster County
- Provide 2 early and late season appointment only HHW collections at the N. 48th Street Station
- Safe Homes for Seniors Service – HHW education and management for seniors
- Promote collections via community partners, print material, radio, signage, and media releases
- Educate the community about risks and change behavior on: choosing least toxic alternatives and using, reusing or recycling materials
- Collaborate with private and public partners to increase efficiency and effectiveness
Plan for future collection facility that would provide the public with year round access to proper hazardous waste disposal.

**Indicator:**

![Graph showing Divert at least 100,000 pounds (50 tons) of toxic material from the landfill annually from household hazardous waste collection.]

**Funding/Source:** Waste Hauler Occupation Tax; Grants in Aid

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**Description**

EPH Waste Section staff have been coordinating mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for Lincoln and Lancaster County residents for 30 years.

These mobile collections provide residents with an opportunity to reduce environmental health hazards and risk in their homes by removing the hazardous waste such as pesticides, solvents, oil-based paint, mercury-containing items, and other dangerous household products. Two appointment only collections were held at the N 48th St. landfill site. The long-term impact of ongoing public education/behavior change strategies is less hazardous waste being generated and proper reuse, recycling and disposal of hazardous waste. Combined, these efforts reduce the amount of hazardous waste disposed in our landfill and protect our stormwater system and streams from contamination. The HHW Program is cited as one of the best management practices in the City of Lincoln’s Stormwater permit. In FY15, the HHW program required 2.36 FTE; direct program costs were $377,441 and total costs were $462,142.
In November 2013, the Lincoln Solid Waste Plan 2040 (SWP2040) Advisory Committee’s final recommendations included that the toxics reduction program be expanded and a place to provide year round access to hazardous waste disposal be provided to the community. Such a facility would decrease risk to health and the environment and increase the safety, availability and convenience of hazardous waste disposal for the public and small businesses. Staff wrote a grant to the Nebraska Environmental Trust to conduct both a facility site analysis and for a community engagement initiative, including several focus groups of both businesses and the general public. This work was completed in June of 2015. Since that time, progress has continued to be made in moving toward a permanent hazardous waste facility. An RFP was issued for an architectural and engineering design for the building in the fall of 2015. A grant was submitted to the Nebraska Environmental Trust in September 2015, and a grant will be submitted to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality in February 2016, with each grant requesting $300,000 toward the costs of construction. The City matched each grant with in-kind and Capital Improvement Project funds that were specifically budgeted for this purpose by the City.

Partnerships & Efficiencies

Mobile HHW collections are efficient and cost-effective, but provide limited options and public access to dispose of hazardous waste, which points to a clear need for a permanent facility that will provide year round access to hazardous waste disposal for both households and small businesses. Community and corporate partners continue to be a cornerstone to success. Corporate partners included Zoetis, Lincoln Industries, Continental ContiTech (formerly Veyance Technologies) Technologies, Union College, and Walmart, who contributed staffing (technical & non-technical), food, promotion and event sites. A growing list of community volunteers from local businesses and agencies like Nebraska Global, Midwest Bank, Lincoln Women of Today, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Lincoln Electric System, Parks & Recreation, and Keep Lincoln-Lancaster County Beautiful assist with education of participants and traffic control.

Only hazardous waste is accepted, reducing costs and increasing efficiency. Wastes which can be reused, recycled, or managed by local businesses, such as unwanted medications, used oil, lead acid batteries, button batteries, and electronics are not accepted at collections since other community options exist. Staff work with local businesses to help ensure that these items be used, reused, repurposed, recycled and/or disposed of properly. Current strategies for non-hazardous latex paint target changing behavior at point of purchase and promoting latex paint exchanges coordinated by EcoStores Nebraska and Habitat for...
Humanity ReStore. Tapping community recycling and disposal options for certain materials and waste allows program dollars and education to be focused on higher priority wastes that are more dangerous. EPH also partners with the Aging Partners’ Home Handymen Program to offer the “Safe Homes for Seniors service”. This free home-based HHW service helps older adult who cannot participate in a typical mobile HHW collection. From corrosive drain cleaners to toxic pesticides, elderly clients often have a lifetime’s accumulation of dangerous chemicals. Trained handymen provide assessment, organization, and possible removal of hazardous products. Health-impaired older adults are at greater health risk from exposure to hazardous chemicals. Highly hazardous and larger quantity loads of hazardous wastes are referred to trained LLCHD staff for handling and oversight.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

Recently, Communicable Disease program staff have begun fielding calls about the Zika virus after the CDC and the Department sent out a public health alert to physicians and the public to inform travelers of the risk of contracting the disease if they have traveled or plan on traveling to a number of South and Central American countries. The Zika virus is a disease that was first detected in Africa in 1947. It is a mosquito-borne virus, transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito—the same mosquito that transmits dengue and chikungunya viruses. This species of mosquito (and another possible transmitting mosquito, Aedes albopictus) is present in some southern U.S. states, but it is believed that all of the U.S. Zika cases diagnosed so far are among returning travelers. There is the potential that a returning traveler with the disease could be bitten by a mosquito and then the virus can spread in the U.S., but that is not the current concern.

There has been an outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil recently and cases have been found in Mexico and other Central and South American countries. Many people, up to 80 percent, who are infected with the virus will show no symptoms. However, Zika virus is associated with mothers delivering babies with microcephaly (babies with a small skull and damaged brains). Lately, there has also been a potential association with Guillain-Barre syndrome (a joint disease that can lead to temporary or permanent paralysis).

No vaccine to prevent Zika virus infection is available. There is also no effective treatment for the virus. The best way to prevent Zika virus infection is to avoid mosquito bites by using air conditioning or window and door screens when indoors, wearing long sleeves and pants, using permethrin-treated clothing and gear, and using insect repellents when outdoors. Out of an abundance of caution, pregnant women and women who are planning to become pregnant are being advised to avoid traveling to the affected countries due to the absence of a vaccine against the virus and no effective treatment.
As of now, flu activity has increased but remains low in Lincoln and Lancaster County. There have been two confirmed cases of H1N1 flu. H1N1 flu is the pandemic flu that has circulated since 2009, and it is one of the strains in this year’s flu vaccine so anyone who has gotten a flu vaccination should be protected against it. The other flu circulating in the U.S. is H3N2, which is also one of the strains in this year’s flu vaccine. Remember that each flu season is different, but flu activity typically peaks in February and the season lasts into May in many years so it is not too late to get your flu vaccination.

Our Communicable Disease Supervisor, Tim Timmons, posts the flu activity report weekly on the Health Department’s website (http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/data/) where you will find a narrative Weekly Flu Summary and also the Weekly Flu Graphs based on reports from provider practices, hospital inpatient admissions for flu-like illness, and school absences for flu-like illness. Tim is also sending tweets via Twitter with the link to the weekly report.

The focus of HDE’s community health assessment is now on getting the Community Health Profile and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) posted on the website in order to inform and seek comments from the public. The Community Health Profile is already posted on the Health Department’s website and the CHIP will be before February, after each of the committee members have replied with their comments, In the meantime, if anyone has any comments they should feel free to contact Steve Frederick at 402-441-6271 or via e-mail at sfrederick@lincoln.ne.gov.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease Prevention

An updated video on how to use the recently opened N Street Cycle Track has been produced. Over 20 bicycle enthusiasts assisted in demonstrating the correct way to maneuver the cycle track including how the traffic lights will work, passing other cyclists, and how to enter and exit the track. Local television stations KLKN (Channel 8) and KOLN/KGIN (Channel 11) are airing it regularly as a PSA. The Health Channel 10 section of the CIC is also making it available to viewers and it is posted on the “Bike Lincoln” page of the Planning Departments web site. Several blogs from across the country that focus on bicycling have also used the video.

Staff continues to work with Planning staff and other City Department staff with bike law updates for the City, N street protected bikeway promotion, bike share program development, and Share the Road campaign, etc.

- 10 Health YouTube Page – N Street videos have over 3,500 views as of January 15, 2016
- 10/11 and Channel 8 are airing the N Street PSA’s at various times for free
- Utilized media placement on Channel 8 during news times and various times and channels on Time Warner Cable (January)
- Channel 8 has a web ad to direct people to N Street page (January/February)
- Link has been placed on the main City webpage in the center box to direct people to the N Street page (January/February)
• PSAs and educational videos were emailed out to the community partners to disseminate through email and social media (January)
• City Departments have placed PSA links on their respective web pages (January)
• N Street PSAs and educational videos have been sent to Driver Education centers in Lincoln -- Nebraska Safety Council; Road-Ready Driving Training; Traffic Safety Plus; Southeast Community College; AAA Nebraska; Nebraska DMV (January)

Staff appeared on the KLKN Channel 8 Noon-time Forum on January 4th. Information was shared about not being sedentary and staying active in the winter months.

**Injury Prevention**

Staff provided heating fire prevention tips for the home and how to stay warm playing outside in the winter on the Mom’s Everyday Matters Minute at KLIN, Channel 10/11 and the Midday Forum at KLKN, Channel 8.

Utilized working relationship with Broadcast House to promote the December 12 car seat check event.

**Tobacco Prevention Education**

Added the Smoke-Free Housing Summit video to the TFLC website and 10 Health, and emailed the link to TFLC coalition members.

**INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

The Health Director, IFM Division Manager and Fiscal Office Supervisor have had preliminary Budget meetings with each of the Division Managers. Each meeting included a review of the Division performance indicators, budgeted and current staffing (both City Council Adopted Budget staff and grant staff), expenditure and revenue history and potential retirements. The Department’s Budget Team (IFM Division Manager and Fiscal Office Supervisor) will use the information gathered in these meetings to prepare the initial draft budget. The City Budget Office has provided the initial staff cost information and we are updating the budget system for personnel. Other cost information from the city and budget instructions are expected to come by the middle of January.

The IFM Division Manager and Supervisors are reviewing the Workforce Development Plan and will be developing a division training plan for the next year.
TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: February 11, 2016
LOCATION: 2740 “A” Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Peter Levitov

A G E N D A

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

2. Approval of Minutes: * December 10, 2015

3. Public Comment for Items Not Listed on the Agenda

4. Committee Reports:
   A. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
      - * Approval of Dog Facilities Master Plan
   B. Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitcher (Chair) 402-488-4224
      - * Approval of Cost Recovery Goals
   C. Golf Committee – Brad Brandt (Chair) – 402-473-9619
      - January Monthly Report
      - Status Report regarding Community Committee on Lincoln City Golf Sustainability
   D. Executive Committee – Peter Levitov (Chair) – 402-802-7121
      - * Election of Officers
         - Chair: Anne Pagel
         - Vice-Chair: Brad Brandt

5. Staff Report:

6. Announcements:

*Denotes Action Item

NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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.
Memorandum

Date:       ✦ February 9, 2016
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 February 2, 2016 through February 8, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16003** to Change of Zone #15003, Vavrina Meadows Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on February 3, 2016, requested by REGA Engineering, to add a note stating that commercial uses are acceptable within R-3 zoning in Lots 2 and 4, Block 1, generally located at South 14th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16004** to Special Permit #15014, Maker’s Row, approved by the Planning Director on February 8, 2016, requested by The Clark Enersen Partners, to revise the location of Lot 2 and adjust parking stall locations, generally located at North 14th Street and Indigo Road.
February 11, 2016

Dear Neighborhood Resident/Business:

The City of Lincoln is proposing the closure of 50th Street on the north side of the intersection of Cotner Blvd and A Street. The Bryan Hospital expansion project will close the south leg of the intersection. By closing the north leg, we can allow the traffic signal to operate more efficiently, reducing delays to traffic moving through this busy intersection.

We will be holding a public information meeting to gather comments and answer questions regarding this proposal. The meeting will be held at the Lefler Middle School auditorium on February 22, 2016 from 5-6 PM. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like additional information, feel free to email or call me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Assistant City Engineer
rhoskins@lincoln.ne.gov
402-441-7711

Cc: City Council Packet
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
Jon Camp  

Name: Curt Crandall  
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City: Lincoln, NE 68526  

Phone: 402-540-1400  
Fax:  
Email:  

Comment or Question:  
We need to get something in all representative government bodies restricting there right to approve long range retirement benefits that are unstainable in the future which are funded by the public governmental agency. Such retirement plans can cause bankruptcy of the government entity. These plans should always be approved by a public vote rather than the representative government officials. 
Thanks for listening!  
Curt Crandall
Jon,
Go at these contracts with a Vengeance! in particular “who” ask Alfred Benesh to “report on the pavement conditions across the city” $366,000.00 THIS IS A CRIME ! (Todays Journal Star)
someone needs to be held accountable!
Dallas Parde
Lincoln Ne.
402-476-9334
February 8, 2016

Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street, Room 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Council Members,

I write today on behalf of the Platte Institute for Economic Research in support of Councilman Camp’s resolution. Specifically, this resolution would provide for an amendment to the City of Lincoln’s Charter for a public vote on whether the City Council may set in ordinance the process for selecting and contracting for professional services.

A competitive bidding process for service contracts is a necessary step to ensure accountability, transparency, and public confidence in the decision-making of elected officials. Taxpayers will benefit from the increased competition through lower costs and a higher quality of service, and businesses will operate fairly in a marketplace free from unnecessary obstacles. Meanwhile, the city government will maintain control through the contract terms.

Council authority over service contracts is not without precedent in Nebraska. The City of Omaha’s charter specifies that all service contracts over $25,000 must be approved by the City Council, and all contracts for events at TD Ameritrade Park and the CenturyLink Center above $25,000 must be approved by the Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority (MECA) board.

The public should be allowed to decide whether government actions are truly in the taxpayers’ best interest, or whether increased oversight over service contracts is needed. We ask that you support this resolution to give the public a mechanism to address this question.

Sincerely,

Jessica Herrmann
Director of Legislative Outreach
Platte Institute for Economic Research
Dear Jon

2-4-16

First off, Peg and I went to thank you for your untiring work in trying to get our mayor and his reckless projects under control. From $300,000 alleys to exotic bike lanes and more, this is something not seen here ever; it's basically his childhood hobbies being paid for by us. At least I fund my own railroad hobby!

To the point; Lincoln's streets have never been in this bad of shape. I've lived my entire life here, and never has it been this flat-out dangerous. The list has no end, but 27th from one end to the other is a mess; Highway 2/9th-10-th Streets are a fright, as is South Street. I've called the Pothole Phone Number 5 times on a crater near 27th & Van Dorn; all to no avail. (Prior to Chris's re-election the service was rapid; alas, no more.)

I know you're not my councilman and I know you hear this kind of stuff all the time, hence my hesitancy to even write, but it has gotten so bad and so dangerous that you are the only beacon of light left. I did see a crew (one crew) out today but little is being gained. Perhaps that expensive improved pothole machine (that was billed to replace 4 of the old ones) isn't working out as planned.

Interesting; a year ago, UPS sent 4 trucks here that were different than most, for "testing" here since our streets were so bad. What a disgrace; that, inspite of record high wheel taxes courtesy of Missah Mayor. If you can rally the other conservatives and hopefully re-direct all of the mis-spending into this basic need, it would be a real blessing. Out of towners can't believe what's happened to what Lyle Premser used to refer to as "Lovely Lincoln" when he came down to broadcast the NU games. Much has changed.

Our very best, Jon, and we were delighted to hear that things are going well for Jonathan. God bless him.

Cordially

Bob & Peg Ammon
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
Jon Camp

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Comment or Question:
I believe it's necessary to provide extended service hours on all StarTran routes. I fail to understand why this is not
deemed the highest priority by City Transit Manager Davis and by members of the City Council.

Yes, more people ride the bus during the day -- but, since service ends at 6pm, we have no ridership data during evening
hours for comparison. I no longer ride the bus for commuting purposes, but did years ago when I worked at the State
Office Building. But even then it periodically became an issue for me when I needed to work late or do some shopping
downtown as there was no bus service beyond 6:30 or 7pm.

I'd also like to mention that I'm on the Board for Fresh Start Home located on Havelock Avenue. The homeless women
residing at our shelter are often unable to pursue some employment opportunities requiring evening hours because of
lack of bus service. They are trying to get their lives back on track, but are presented with yet another roadblock. Also,
services provided by Clinic with a Heart would be invaluable to some of our residents -- but clinic hours are in the late
afternoon and evenings. Our residents can get there on the bus, but can't get home...

I urge you and other Council members to support StarTran changes that include extended service hours as a top priority.
Christine

Thank you for your email and concerns about the snow removal on Centennial Mall. I am forwarding your email to Thomas Shafer as well as to my city Council colleagues.

Thomas or one of his staff will be in a better position to respond to your concerns and provide answers.

Again I thank you for calling this to our attention and hopefully a reasonable accommodation will result.

Best regards

Jon Camp

On Feb 10, 2016, at 5:27 PM, Southwick, Christine <christine.southwick@nebraska.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jon:

I work in the Nebraska State Office building and park in the east garage. The City, in their infinite wisdom, has put up “sidewalk closed” signs on Centennial Mall indicating that we are not supposed to walk across the paving stones that were laid last summer. This is a result of the City’s failure to properly clear the snow so as to allow citizens safe passage going to and from the NSOB. Last week a person fell due to the ice; the walk was closed then reopened. It was open this morning but sometime before noon it was closed again although most of the ice and snow has melted. There is no earthly reason not to walk on the stones at this time.

It is now rumored that the City intends to close this stretch of Centennial Mall each winter.

I am writing to express my dismay and frustration that the City (1) spends millions of dollars on renovation of the Mall, (2) fails in its duty to properly clear walkways and (3) solves the problem of their own making by closing direct access to and from the NSOB. It is my understanding that there will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss this situation.

As a taxpaying citizen, I believe this decision is another wrong-headed move by the City. If this is outside of your influence, please advise who state employees could contact.

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Regarding the storm water bond, how much would be more properly classified as maintenance versus capital construction. For example the replacement of inlet covers appears to be more of a maintenance item that would be more appropriately covered with them and annual Public Works budget.

Jon

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Stormwater Bond Memo- PLEASE REVIEW

From: Jane Raybould [mailto:jane@brstores.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2016 8:54 AM
To: 'Jon Camp'; Trenton J. Fellers; Ben J. Higgins
Cc: Rick D. Hoppe; roy@neb.rr.com; eskridgecb@aol.com; cyndilamm2004@yahoo.com; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: RE: Stormwater Bond Memo- PLEASE REVIEW

Ben,

How has the department typically handled the replacement of the inlet covers? Normally in the private sector, capital costs are for infrastructure replacements above a certain dollar threshold.

Thanks!

Jane
I have a couple more questions on this-

Is there a Stormwater bond coming off the books that is being replaced by this one?

How much of the levy will this impact?

Trent Fellers
City Council and Mayor's Office staff,

I watched the pre-council meeting online and request that you consider the following:

A "Choice Rider" is far more likely to be a downtown work commuter than a person who takes the bus to a shopping destination. Here are a few reasons why this makes sense:

- Parking at Gateway, Southpoint, Walmart, Target etc. is free, while parking downtown is expensive.
- Shoppers need to contend with their purchases. Why would they elect to take the bus if they can drive door to door for the price of gas?
- Downtown work commuters tend to have set schedules, making it possible to use public transportation assuming that bus schedules and routes make this possible.

The TDP started with the assumption that routes should have a shopping hub as a destination. I don't agree with this assumption. Moving people to where they need to go or want to go should be the first priority.

Most people need to get to work, and downtown has the highest concentration of employment in Lincoln. Downtown is covered by the TDP, but unfortunately the highest concentration of home locations for downtown employees is scheduled for a reduction with the TDP... making commuting more difficult rather than easier.

I think that increasing service during peak hours to areas with the highest concentration of home locations for downtown employees is the most logical way to increase Star-Tran ridership. An added benefit to making this possible would be a reduction in rush-hour traffic congestion.

Thank you,

Christy Aggens
February 8, 2016

City of Lincoln – City Council
555 South 10th Street, Room III
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Council Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on resolution 16R-26. The American Institute of Architects, Lincoln Chapter, with over 200 members, wishes to be on record in a neutral capacity.

It is our understanding efforts have been unsuccessful in improving Chapter 2.06 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. Pending voter approval, AIA Lincoln requests to participate in the process proposed by Councilman Camp to create authority for the council to establish contracting procedures for professional services.

Our contact for the process and coordination of involvement will be Sara Kay, Executive Director, AIA Nebraska at sara@ajane.org or 402/858-1929.

Thank you for your consideration.
Beatty Brasch, the Executive Director of the Center for People in Need, and I’m writing to you today to hopefully add the needs of our clients to the many needs you are considering when voting on the StarTran proposal today.

First, our clients are often reliant on StarTran as their primary mode of transportation. This means that they are mobile only during the times that the bus is running, and that, right now, means that they have no transportation after 6pm. Extending service hours is a necessity for our clients. If they work any hours other than 9-5pm, and many lower income workers do not work those hours, the bus system is of little use.

Cross-town routes are also a need. In order for our clients to have access to resources in their day-to-day life, they need to be able to get from one part of town to another without first going downtown to catch another bus.

I hope you will take this into consideration when making your decision.

Beatty Brasch, Executive Director
Center for People in Need
Hi, Lincoln City Council Members,

Just an average citizen of Lincoln here. I read this article recently: [http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/22/france-to-force-big-supermarkets-to-give-away-unsold-food-to-charity](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/may/22/france-to-force-big-supermarkets-to-give-away-unsold-food-to-charity). France passed a law requiring supermarkets to give unsold food to charities. Some supermarkets in Lincoln are already doing this as a part of the very successful Foodnet program, but others don’t, such as Hyvee, Walmart, etc. Wondering what y’all think about this, and trying to implement what they are doing in France in Lincoln. Seems like it would be a good way to get food to people who need it, instead of letting it go to waste, as well as enhance a system that is already doing a great job. Look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Best,
Paul
February 11, 2016

Mary M. Meyer/City of Lincoln, Nebraska council members
Lincoln, Nebraska

RE: SouthPointe Pavilions Amendment to the Special Permit/Use Permit (SPUP11H)

Dear Ms. Meyer and City of Lincoln council members:

I recently obtained a copy of an 11th hour e-mail that Mr. Phil White of the Southern Hills neighborhood association sent to Mary M. Meyer/city council members Sunday, February 7th, 2016 at 10:43 pm. I am writing this letter as I disagree with many of Mr. White's statements and as a follow-up to my initial support letter of the mall project that I sent to the planning commission. Please note that my opinions below may not represent all my neighbors in Southern Hills 4th addition.

Our house is at 3050 Williamsburg Drive, just north of the bike trail and across the street from the mall. It is located in Southern Hills 4th addition. The '4th addition' in this case is very important, as to the best of my knowledge the homeowners along Williamsburg Drive and those in Courtney Circle are not members of the Southern Hills Neighborhood association represented by Mr. Phil White. From my understanding, the original developers created Southern Hills 4th addition to provide a buffer between the existing Southern Hills neighborhood homes and the mall. This resulted in the liability of a detention pond near 32nd street for only our 4th addition. Therefore, not all of Southern Hills was responsible for said detention pond.

I am writing this letter to the city council in full support of the project. As I stated in my previous letter to the planning commission, SouthPointe and RED have been good neighbors from day one of the initial project 20 years ago. Many of the newer homeowners of Southern Hills 4th addition properties may not realize that a large financial and potential liability burden was lifted when the mall relieved us legally of our responsibility for the detention pond near 32nd street at the beginning of the design process years ago.

It is my opinion that at the December 8, 2015 neighborhood meeting sponsored by the parties involved that most concerns I considered relevant to the project were adequately addressed at that time. I went away from that meeting more than satisfied that SouthPointe, Scheels, and R.E.D. will continue to be good neighbors.

I would also like to note that the homes in the Southern Hills neighborhood association, represented by Mr. White, are not adjacent to a majority of the proposed work that will be performed as part of the mall improvements. I am not aware of a newly reactivated homeowner's association and don't see how it could be expanded as there are no new homes. The homeowner's of the 4th addition have not joined and have previously turned down an invite to join the Southern Hills association. Therefore, please note that Mr. White does not and cannot speak on behalf of most of the homeowners on Williamsburg Drive, the mall's closest neighbors.

Regarding Mr. White's email, there is or was no reason for the current plan to be sent back to the planning commission. I do not see a more practical location for Scheel's and am not sure of the experience level of the "we" in Mr. White's email. Most of the members of the Southern Hills neighborhood association do not live close to the proposed Scheels, proposed parking garage, or the
currently under-construction Valentino's. Safety, light, noise, and trash have not been a concern. Most of the traffic (foot and vehicle) in the Southern Hills 4th addition appears to be from homeowners either heading out of the neighborhood to another destination or to the mall. A new traffic study appears unwarranted as traffic is not heavy. RED and SouthPointe's concern for the neighborhood was reinforced at the beginning with their takeover of the detention pond as described above. The more businesses the mall can efficiently fit onto the site, the better. No investment by the mall could result in "rats" of the real-type as opposed to those referenced in Mr. White's email. For that very reason, I really hope it is not another 20 years before we see a major renovation at SouthPointe. I also frown upon the idea of a fence or anything that would restrict access to and from the mall or adjacent bike trail. This is not a gated neighborhood.

I thank the planning commission for their initial approval of this project and appreciate any efforts that the council can take to move this excellent addition to our neighborhood forward. R.E.D. and Scheels will be spending a very large amount of money on this project. I feel very assured that they will keep this a vibrant, clean, and safe part of our community for another 20 years. Not investing in and not improving the mall's property would be a much greater concern of mine at this time. We don't want a Crossroads Mall in Omaha-type of experience near Southern Hills 4th addition. Please don't let the opinions of a few not-so-close neighbors wreck the mall experience for the rest of us. I would guess that most of those who act like the mall is not a good neighbor frequently attend the Friday night concerts, see a movie, shop at Scheels, and eat at one of the restaurants.

Sincerely,

Jim Luedke
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