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3. NEWS RELEASE. Advisory Board to discuss Wilderness Park Trails and changes to the Golf Program.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Chet Ager building begins weekday hours Monday.
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2. NEWS RELEASE. Public can monitor air quality.
3. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health meeting minutes of February 9, 2016.

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   a) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for March 10, 2016;
   b) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting procedures.
   c) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item fact sheet - Guidelines for Management of Trails in Wilderness Park.
   d) Wilderness Park Trail Management Guidelines.
   e) February Golf Report.
   f) Fact Sheet regarding funding plan for 2015-16 Golf Program, with Funding Plan and 2016 Daily Fees.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from Mary 1, 2016 through March 7, 2016.

STAR TRAN
1. StarTran Transit Development Plan updates:
   a) TDP cost-constrained preferred alternative revisions;
   b) Implementation graphic;
   c) Evaluation of request to revise Route 13 proposal; and
   d) Letters of support.
VII. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Raybould
2. PBC Chair, Vice Chair, and Mayor - Raybould
3. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Christensen
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge
5. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) - Camp, Christensen
6. Board of Health - Raybould
7. Information Services Policy Committee - Raybould

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
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IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Thomas Shafer replying regarding brine lines on streets.
2. Gregory Nielsen’s memo on street paving complaints and scheduling.
   a) List of unfulfilled Action reports on complaints filed to fix potholes and curbs.
   b) Photo in support of damage initially done three years ago which was reported, and on list.

X. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Mike DeKalb regarding No. 50th Street Vacation between Baldwin and St. Paul (SAV16001, PESP # 23H)

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 7, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas Shafer, Interim Director, 402-525-5644

BRINE ON STREETS IS NOT FRESH

Public Works and Utilities officials today advised the public that the lines of brine remaining on City streets are not fresh. The City last applied the anti-ice brine February 28 and 29, and Lincoln has not received any precipitation since then to wash away the residue.

Interim Director of Public Works and Utilities Thomas Shafer said the brine may be more visible today because it draws in moisture from the air, which also makes it an effective dust control product.
TREES TO BE REMOVED FOR PARK PROJECT

To prepare for renovation work at several parks this spring and summer, select trees and shrubs will be removed during the next few weeks, weather permitting. The locations are Breta Park, the Idylwild Blvd. medians, Lakeview Park, Antelope Park near the Normal and South Street intersection and Pioneers Park near the entrance to Pinewood Bowl. The trees must be removed now to comply with the Federal Migratory Bird Act.

Some of the remaining stumps will be ground down, while others may remain in place for removal during upcoming construction activities. The renovation projects at each location include the installation of new landscaping and the planting of new trees.

For more information about Parks and Recreation, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 8, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265

ADVISORY BOARD TO DISCUSS WILDERNESS PARK TRAILS
AND CHANGES TO GOLF PROGRAM

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will discuss Wilderness Park trails and funding for the City golf program at its regular meeting Thursday, March 10. The meeting begins at 4 pm at the Auld Pavilion in Antelope Park south of “A” Street at 1650 Memorial Drive.

Wilderness Park Trails
Wilderness Park is a 1,472-acre natural area in southwest Lincoln. The Board will consider adopting guidelines to manage trails in the park, addressing trail surface width and trail corridor width and height. The guidelines also include information on vegetation management along trails and guidance on the rerouting of trails as creek and drainage channels evolve.

“The guidelines provide a set of standard trail management approaches for our staff and valued volunteers working in the park,” said Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson. “The intent of the proposed guidelines is to assure that all trail users – hikers, bicyclists and equestrians – continue to have unique trail experiences in the natural environment of Wilderness Park.”

In developing the guidelines, Johnson said staff researched national standards, including those used by the U.S. Forest Service. He said the trail guidelines are consistent with the adopted management plan for Wilderness Park. The proposed Wilderness Park trail guidelines are available for review at parks.lincoln.ne.gov and at the Parks and Recreation office, 2740 “A” Street.

Golf Program
The five City courses are Highlands, Mahoney, Holmes, Pioneers and Ager. The Board will consider a number of proposed fee increases for the 2016 season. For the current fiscal year, the projected operating and capital improvement expenses for the golf program are $3.79 million, including about $186,000 of infrastructure repair and replacement costs.

Department staff have been working with the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee to develop and evaluate options for funding the projected expenses.

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
The proposed fee increases for the 2016 season are:
• Adjusting the number of Loyalty Program points needed for a free round of golf
• Increasing greens fees $2 for 18 holes and $1 for 9 holes at Highlands and Pioneers
• A new capital improvement surcharge of $1 for 18 holes and 50 cents for 9 holes at all courses
• Increasing cart rental fees 25 cents

Other changes to the golf program that will be considered include:
• Initiating foot golf as a recreation opportunity at Ager
• Increasing revenue at Holmes with new management of clubhouse operations.

The changes are available for review at lincolncitygolf.org, at the five golf clubhouses and at the Parks and Recreation office, 2740 “A” Street.

The public can provide comments to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in three ways:
• Attend the meeting March 10.
• Submit a letter to the Board at 2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, NE 68502.
• Send an email to the Board at achesnut@lincoln.ne.gov.

For more information about Parks and Recreation facilities and programs, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov and lincolncitygolf.org.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 9, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jamie Kelley, Pioneers Park Nature Center, 402-441-8708

CHET AGER BUILDING BEGINS WEEKDAY HOURS MONDAY

The Chet Ager Building at Pioneers Park Nature Center will be open daily beginning Monday, March 14. During the winter, the building is closed weekdays. It will now be open 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sundays. The Chet Ager Building is one of two interpretive centers at Pioneers Park Nature Center that house hands-on learning and small animal exhibits.

The Nature Center also includes 668 acres of tallgrass prairie, woodlands and wetlands, eight miles of hiking trails, non-releasable raptor exhibits, bison, elk, deer and many outdoor gardens and spaces.

Admission is free. More information is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov/naturecenter.

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MANUFACTURER TO REPLACE CENTENNIAL MALL PAVERS

The manufacturer of new concrete paving units on Nebraska’s Centennial Mall will replace a section of the pavers next week due to problems with the mix used to make them. The pavers were installed last summer in the block from “K” to “L” streets as part of the renovation efforts. The removal and replacement is scheduled to begin March 15 and take about five weeks to complete. The project will require temporary lane closures on the north side of “K” Street.

J.J. Yost, Planning and Construction Manager for the City Parks and Recreation Department, said iron deposits have been discovered in the material mix used during manufacturing. This is leading to the appearance of rust spots on the pavers generally located in the southern half of the block. Yost said the rust spots threaten the long-term structural integrity of the pavers, and the manufacturer, Pavestone, will remove and replace the pavers at no cost to the City. Yost said the paver replacement will not impact the surrounding Mall amenities and will not delay the renovation project schedule.

More information on the renovation of Nebraska's Centennial Mall is available at necentennialmall.org. More information on Parks and Recreation is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 8, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Adam Rhoads, Environmental Health Educator, 402-441-8035

VOLUNTEER FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB), a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, is seeking volunteers of all ages to participate in Keep America Beautiful’s Great American Cleanup. The Great American Cleanup is the nation’s largest community improvement program with about four million volunteers participating in more than 20,000 communities across the country.

Last year, about 1,600 local volunteers worked on 180 cleanup projects along roadsides and in parks and other public areas. They collected 21 tons of recyclable material and properly disposed of about 53 tons of trash.

Individuals and volunteer groups are needed. To volunteer, contact KLLCB at kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-8035.

Funds for cleanup projects are available through grants from KLLCB. For more information on these grant programs, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: kllcb).

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PUBLIC CAN MONITOR AIR QUALITY

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) monitors air quality 24 hours a day, and residents can check the Air Quality Index (AQI) at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: air). The AQI tells the public how clean or polluted the air is and what health effects can be expected. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also provides an AirNow smart phone application, and additional information is available at airnow.gov.

The air quality levels are color-coded on the AQI chart:
- AQI values below 100 (green or yellow) are not expected to cause health problems for the vast majority of people.
- AQI values between 101 and 150 (orange) indicate that air quality is unhealthy for people with heart or lung disease, children or older adults.
- AQI values higher than 150 (red, purple and maroon) indicated that air quality is unhealthy for all people, and outdoor activities should be limited or avoided.

At this time of the year, smoke from grass fires or controlled burns in the region can affect the local air quality. Parents of young children, older adults and those with lung or heart disease are encouraged to check the AQI before any strenuous outdoor activity.
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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: Bill Avery, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen, Tom Randa, Jane Raybould, Craig Strong, David Derbin (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Molly Burton (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis, Kathy Cook, Steve Fredrick, Scott Holmes, Justin Daniel, Jim Bare, Andrea Haberman, and Elaine Walsh.

Others Present: Greg Moser.

Introductions

Bill Avery, Lancaster County Commissioner – new Board of Health representative replacing Roma Amundson.

Greg Moser, UNMC 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 Dr. Miller that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the January 12, 2016 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by an 8-0-1 roll call vote. Mr. Avery abstained from voting.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update
Ms. Burke stated the Department activity report was provided in the meeting materials.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Acceptance of the 68th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Ms. Burke presented the 68th Annual Report. The report is available on the Health Department’s website and includes messages from Mayor Beutler, Board of Health President, Heidi Stark and Ms. Halstead. The report includes statistical program information for each of the divisions.

Ms. Burke stated the Community Health Assessment is also available on the Department’s website. The Community Health Improvement Plan is being reviewed and will be released in the near future.

Dr. Stark thanked the staff for their good work.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould to accept the 68th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Second by Mr. Strong. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Revisions to Policy 224.30 – Nuisance and Solid Waste Complaints

Ms. Clark reviewed the revisions to the policy stating the revisions reflect current practice and legal enforcement guidance. The revisions would update the complaint process to reflect current use of software for documenting and tracking complaints, and provide clarity in notices to property owners and their tenants regarding code violations, actions to be taken and deadlines to achieve compliance.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 224.30 – Nuisance and Solid Waste Complaints. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

C. Summary of 2015 Board of Health Accomplishments

Dr. Stark reviewed the Board of Health Accomplishments for 2015. She stated the information will be required for accreditation purposes. The accomplishments will be filed with Board of Health documents.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Strong that the Board of Health accept the Summary of 2015 Board of Health Accomplishments. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

D. Board of Health Letter of Support for LB 1013
Ms. Burke stated Senator Mike Gloor introduced LB 1013 to increase the cigarette tax from $1.50 to a total of $2.14 per pack. Estimated revenue is $120 million from cigarette tax and $4.5 million from tobacco products. The additional revenue would go to the Health Care Cash, Property Tax Credit Fund and to the Department of Revenue for the personal property tax exemption. A legislative hearing for LB 1013 is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016. The Board recommended a letter of support for LB 1013.

**Motion:** Moved by Dr. Miller approve the letter of support for LB 1013. Second by Ms. Raybould. Motion carried by a 9-0 roll call vote.

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

A. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Burke provided an update on legislative activities and bills of interest to the Department. A hearing is scheduled for February 10, 2016 for LB 1032 – Medicaid Reform Expansion – Traditional Health Insurance Program Act. The hearing for LB 1013 is scheduled for February 11, 2016.

VII. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Board members asked staff to provide updates on E-Cigarettes, the Community Health Improvement Plan and the Community Health Assessment.

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Meeting – March 8, 2016– 5:00 PM

Tentative Date for the Board of Health Annual Luncheon & Awards Ceremony – April 18, 2016

Nominations for Board of Health Awards are due by March 4, 2016

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Elaine Walsh  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President
DEPARTMENT REPORT
FEBRUARY, 2016

DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Health Director provided a Department orientation to new Board of Health members, Bill Avery and Tom Randa.

The Health Director attended the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees Meeting and Funding Committee Meeting. The Funding Committee is reviewing grant applications and making recommendations for funding programs for the coming year.

The Health Director continues to coordinate state legislative activities for the Department and Mayor’s Office.

Employee of the Month – Willa DiCostanzo – Environmental Public Health Division

ANIMAL CONTROL

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Animal Control will participate in a news conference hosted by Capital Humane Society. Animal Control will be promoting the benefits of pet licensing. They will also announce that all pet owners can now license their pets online. Previously, online licensing was limited to pet owners that were renewing a license or already had other pets registered with Animal Control. Since this new option started, pet owners have been taking advantage of this new service and it is hoped that it will help increase pet license sales and rabies vaccinations.

The Animal Control Advisory Committee will be meeting on March 1, 2016. They will be reviewing the Bat Infestation Policy and making recommendations. When that has been completed, the policy will come before the Board of Health. Bat calls will start to increase in April and May. The Committee will also review several legislative bills. LB 916 would provide immunity to citizens that break a vehicle window to remove an animal that is in eminent danger for heat stroke or death.

Animal Control staff met with staff from the Nebraska Humane Society to learn more about their dispatch and field operations and the dispatch system they use with their Animal Control officers. The meeting was productive and we will further exploring the system they are using and whether it would benefit and enhance our dispatch and field operations.

Staff participated in the annual Dog Expo on February 27th and 28th at the Lancaster County Event Center. This event is a good opportunity to provide education and talk face to face with pet owners about licensing, spay and neuter, and overall pet owner responsibility.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Health Care Marketplace Outreach

Project indicator: Increase the number of low-income, uninsured, and under-insured individuals connected to a medical home in Lancaster County to 20%.
Open enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace was November 1, 2015 to January 31, 2016 this year. Twenty three staff in CHS are Certified Application Counselor (CACs). Their role is to help the uninsured understand their health coverage options – either NE Medicaid or the Health Insurance Marketplace – and to help them apply for coverage.

A total of 853 contacts were made by LLCHD’s CACs during this year’s open enrollment period. This includes 453 contacts via 22 community outreach events at Clinic With a Heart, the Center for People in Need, and the Thankful for Coverage Event sponsored by Enroll NE. CACs served English, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Spanish and Russian-speaking individuals at these events.

LLCHD continues to coordinate monthly meetings of community partners who provide inperson assistance including: Community Action Partnership of Lancaster & Saunders Counties, People’s Health Center, the Center for People in Need, the Health Center Association of NE, Nebraska Medicaid & Long Term Care, Nebraska Economic Assistance, and Enroll NE. This group meets monthly to share information on the rapidly changing health insurance market & its benefits for our target population and to organize community education and enrollment events.

A special “thank you” to staff members Anita King and Jeff Krotz for providing outreach at Clinic With a Heart on a biweekly basis.

New CHS Webpage: “Provider Information”

See: [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/nurse/providers.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/nurse/providers.htm).

This month, CHS added a new “Provider Information” webpage to provide local clinicians and case workers with training, research, and patient teaching resources in the topic areas of connecting patients to medical homes/health insurance and effective communicable disease control through immunizations & sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment. Three subjects were initially selected to be highlighted on this page: HPV vaccine, STI treatment guidelines, and the local “Connecting the Uninsured” training.

Tools available on this page include; CDC’s one-page “Tips and Time Savers for Talking with Parents about HPV”, downloadable applications of CDC’s STD Treatment Guidelines for Android and iPhones, and videos of the local training “Connecting the Uninsured”.

A big “thank you” to GIS Analyst Deb Bryne in the Health Data & Evaluation Division for all of her help in making this change.

**DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION**

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**Caseload (Participation)**

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Our January caseload was 3822 participants. This was our highest participation in the month of January, since 2009. Our current fiscal year average is 3739 participants per month, which is also the highest that our average caseload has been since 2011. Both our Infants Receiving Breastmilk and Infants Exclusively Breastfeeding increased by 1% this month.

**Dental Health**

- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 429
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 556
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 792
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 281 (66%)
- Total number of children served: 279 (65%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 289 (67%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 59
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 63
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 97
-Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 51 (86%)
-Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 57 (97%)
-Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid: 47 (80%)

Outreach Activities:
Fluoride Varnish and Screening Program:
-North WIC Office (27th & Cornhusker Highway): 16 children and parents
-LLCHD WIC Office: 11 children and parents
-Presentations: 3 Presentations for 30 children and 20 adults;
(16 Prescott Elementary children; 14 Elliott Elementary children; 20 UNMC College of Dentistry dental hygiene students)
-Transported and treated 16 Elliott Elementary School children in need of urgent dental care for 22 patient encounters.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Outdoor Air Quality Monitoring

Air Quality Goal

Protect human health by maintaining air quality at levels which do not impact human health and preventing illness and disease caused by poor air quality.

Methods/Strategies (What we do)

Monitor air for Particulate Matter (PM 2.5), and Ozone (O3).

Indicator

Maintain at least 90% of the year as “Good” air quality days. Maintain compliance with all health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Funding/Source

Air pollution emission fees, user fees and grants fund 100% of the program.
The Health Department has been delegated authority by EPA and NDEQ to manage the Title V Operating Permits program and to regulate other sources of air pollution in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Local regulations reflect Federal and State air quality laws. The Air Pollution Control Advisory Board advises Health on all air quality matters. Air quality is monitored year round for particulate matter (PM2.5) and in warm months for ozone to assess compliance with health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

**Particulate Matter**

Lincoln’s air quality is monitored 24/7 for very small particulate matter, called PM2.5. NDEQ provided grant funding for a new monitor (Beta Attenuation Method) which was installed in the spring of 2015. Higher levels of PM2.5 can trigger heart attacks, asthma attacks and breathing problems for people with COPD. PM2.5 is the primary reason for poorer air quality days. In December 2012, the Federal standard for the annual average for PM2.5 was lowered from 15 ug/m3 to 12 ug/m3. The Air Quality Index has also been modified to reflect this change. As expected, this resulted in Lincoln not being able to meet our goal of 90% of days being “Good” for air quality. In 2015, we almost met the goal, but had 89.3% of days with “Good” air quality. However, Lincoln is not in jeopardy of being out of compliance with the Federal Standard and the data trend shows ongoing progress in reducing PM2.5 in our community (see chart below). And all of the days that were not “Good” air quality were in the “moderate” category, which does not pose significant health risks.
Ozone

Ground level ozone is associated with aggravation of COPD, asthma, and irritation of the lungs. Ozone is monitored in warm weather months. Ozone forms when the sun interacts with hydrocarbons (VOCs) and Nitrogen Oxides (NOx), the two largest sources of which are vehicles and industry. Ozone is transported by prevailing winds, which tend to be from the south and southeast during summer months, thus our monitor is located in Davey, NE. Of note, over the last four years, NPPD Sheldon Station, the largest industrial source of NOx in Lancaster County, reduced emissions by over 70%, from 6,293 tons in 2011 to 1,740 tons in 2015. Vehicles are now the largest source of NOx. NOx is also emitted from agricultural field burning.

On October 1, 2015, EPA strengthened the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone, lowering the standard from 75 to 70 parts per billion (ppb), based on extensive scientific evidence about ozone’s effects on public health and welfare. The updated standards will improve public health protection, particularly for at-risk groups including children, older adults, people of all ages who have lung diseases such as asthma, and people who are active outdoors, especially outdoor workers. Lincoln and Lancaster County have maintained Federal “attainment” status for air quality for over a decade, and our levels of ozone are still significantly lower that even the new standard (see graph below). The vast majority of days were in the “Good” air quality category for ozone, but monitoring has detected a slowly rising average level of ozone. Many growing communities see increasing levels of ozone primarily due more vehicles and sprawl, which increases vehicle miles driven and air pollution. Newer, more efficient vehicles with more stringent pollution control and better MPG, and promoting commuting by bicycle, bus and walking help keep our air quality good. Maintaining attainment with National Ambient Air Quality Standards ensures health risks are kept low and prevents onerous Federal requirements which could dampen economic development.
New ozone monitoring equipment was purchased through NDEQ grant funds and was installed in April of 2014. At the request of EPA and NDEQ, LLCHD used a second monitor to measure ozone levels in Waverly (to the northeast of Lincoln in the direction of Omaha). NDEQ and EPA were particularly interested in assessing if ozone from Lincoln was potentially affecting Omaha (Douglas County), which has higher levels of ozone than Lancaster County. We are pleased to report that the Davey and Waverly ozone monitors recorded very similar acceptable levels of ozone throughout the summer and were consistently lower than Omaha’s levels. LLCHD believes this data indicates that Lincoln does not contribute to Omaha’s higher ozone levels.

**Lincoln Recognized for Clean Air**

We are proud to report that Lincoln was once again recognized by the American Lung Association in their *State of the Air* report for having clean air, receiving an “A” rating for both ozone and PM2.5.

**Where there’s Smoke there’s Particulate Matter**
Smoke from open burning and fires have many toxic components, including extremely small particles (called PM2.5) that embed deep in the lungs. Higher levels of PM2.5 can trigger heart attacks, asthma attacks and breathing problems for people with COPD. While nearby burning in the County does contribute to PM2.5 levels, it pales in comparison to the agricultural burning of hundreds of thousands of acres of grass in the Flint Hills area of Kansas. This burning in Kansas creates huge amounts of air pollution and results in smoke coming into Lincoln drastically increasing our PM2.5 levels to unhealthy levels which can impact all people. 2014 was the worst year for such impact on record. Air Quality staff use internet resources to closely monitor and predict smoke impacts from open burning in Kansas. In 2015 the Kansas Department of Health and Environment shared their air quality modeling data and information on likely heavy burn periods. This improved LLCHD’s ability to predict days in which our community might experience unhealthy air quality. When poor air quality is predicted that could impact the public’s health, the Health Director issues Health Alerts or Health Advisories. Fortunately in 2015, we had much less smoke from Kansas. In general, controlled burns must be conducted before mid to late April in the spring. Heavy snowfall late in the winter and early Spring of 2015 prevented ranchers from burning as much land as usual.

Our peers in Kansas have reported that due to the wet summer last year, the “fuel load” in the Flint Hills is much higher than normal and the spring of 2016 could be another bad year for air quality. There is one other unique event that results in very high particulate levels – the 4th of July. Smoke from fireworks can be very heavy and similar Health Advisories are issued. In addition, staff carefully review requests for open burning in the County to protect the public’s health and to reduce smoke pollution.

**Partnerships & Efficiencies**
The NDEQ contracts with LLCHD to conduct Air Quality Monitoring and passes Federal money to LLCHD that partially funds this work. This assures maximum efficiency and immediate access to local air quality data allowing real-time decision making on Health Advisories.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

The focus of HDE’s community health assessment is now on getting feedback about the Community Health Profile and the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The two reports are posted on the Health Department’s main page under Featured Links and we issued a press release in early February. We have had a couple of media interviews, but have not had many people respond to the surveys asking for feedback that are on the second page of each document. Hopefully, that is because they are generally satisfied with the assessments and Community Health Improvement Plan. Highlights of the reports will be presented at the March Board of Health meeting. 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.

Flu activity has increased, but remains low, in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Unfortunately, there has been a recent pediatric death in the state and flu cases are increasing around the country. The good news is that this season’s flu vaccine appears to be up to 60 percent effective against the circulating flu strains, which may result in a mild flu season overall. While each flu season is different, flu activity typically peaks in February and the season can last into May 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.

With the ongoing concerns about the Zika virus, a link to the CDC’s information has been added to the Health Department’s Featured Links. There is still much more to be learned about the Zika virus and a great deal that is unknown at this time, but new information could come at any time and the CDC will update their website. What we do know is that there is no vaccine to prevent Zika virus infection as yet. There is also no effective treatment for the virus. Up to 80 percent of the people who are infected will show no or only have minor symptoms. 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.
The Communicable Disease program staff has been working with providers in screening and testing recent travelers to the affected countries for the virus. Also, given the recent findings of sexual transmission of the virus, couples where the man has recently traveled to one of the affected countries will be advised to abstain from sex or practice safe sex in order to prevent the transmission of the virus to a loved one.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease Prevention

HPO staff initiated a Quality Improvement project to study the meal count form correction process of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The goal of the project is to decrease errors that occur when sites complete the meal count forms and also decrease staff time spent on the correction process. This project involves both quality improvement and quality development. The team developed a four member “technical assistant” concept where SFSP sites will be assigned to a TA who will follow a new process for receiving, checking, and tracking meal count forms. HDE is assisting with development of a database to track and measure this information. The process will be implemented at the start of the 2016 SFSP on May 23rd with an anticipated 35 sites serving an estimated 2,800 children.

Staff continue to work with Planning department staff and other City Department staff with N Street Cycle Track promotion, bike share program development, and the Share the Road campaign. A 20 minute Shape of the City segment was filmed by Channel 10 Health featuring a bicyclist giving pointers on using the Cycle Track, and a representative from Public Works discussing the technical features of the Cycle Track.

Over 300 City and County employees attended the Employee Wellness fair held on Wednesday, February 24th, at the City County Building and received information about nutrition, physical activity, tobacco cessation, and stress management from 60 vendors from community businesses and agencies such as bicycle shops, grocery stores, chiropractic offices, Health Department, Parks & Recreation Department, massage providers, stress management resources, and much more! Positive feedback was received from both vendors and attendees about the connections made and the desires to be healthier. This wellness fair is a joint effort of the City and the County Wellness Committees.

The MCH Childhood Obesity project coordinator (54321 GO) is partnering with Parks and Recreation to apply for a Playful City USA recognition for the third year in a row. Last year, Lincoln was one of 241 cities in the United States to receive this recognition. Ogalla, NE also received the recognition last year, being the only other recognized city in Nebraska. The Playful City designation supports the physical activity and screen free components of the 54321 GO message. The Carol Yoakum Community Center is a funded partner in the Childhood Obesity
prevention project and is using a portion of the funds to purchase equipment and seeds for a youth garden. The children will plant and care for the garden and then learn about the vegetables including how to prepare them for eating.

**Tobacco Prevention**

Staff continue to work with multi-unit housing owners/managers to add smoke-free units to the smoke-free housing registry. Currently, there are 4,930 units that are displayed on the registry. This is 15% of approximately 33,000 units in Lincoln. In the past year, 1,731 units have been added to this registry. The registry is used by people looking for smoke-free rental housing in the City.
TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: March 10, 2016
LOCATION: Auld Pavilion, 1650 Memorial Drive (in Antelope Park south of A Street)
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Anne Pagel

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’, and Roll Call of Members Present
2. Approval of Minutes: * February 11, 2015
3. Public Comment for Items Not Listed on the Agenda
4. Committee Reports:
   A. Executive Committee – Anne Pagel (Chair) – 402-570-9194
      • Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Procedures
   B. Futures Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) – 402-261-6328
      • No Report
   C. Fees & Facilities Committee – Justin Carlson (Chair) – 402-261-6328
      • * Approval of Wilderness Park Trail Management Guidelines
   D. Golf Committee – Brad Brandt (Chair) – 402-473-9619
      • February Monthly Report
      • Status Report regarding Community Committee on Lincoln City Golf Sustainability
      • * Recommendation regarding Golf Fees for 2016
5. Staff Report:
   • Placement of sculpture by Jon Buck, Palo Alto 1, in the Rotary Strolling Garden
6. Announcements:
   • Lincoln City Golf Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 2 at Holmes Golf Course
   • Distribution of F.Y. 2016-15 Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report

*Denotes Action Item

NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

ACC COMMODATION 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.
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Procedures

Discussion draft:  February 28, 2016

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Procedures
The Secretary will call for attendance by roll call immediately after the Board meeting is convened.

Committee reports will be presented by committee chairpersons. Action on items for Board recommendation or approval will be by introduction of a motion, followed by a second, and then discussion. Board action will be by roll call vote called for by the Chairperson and recorded by the Secretary.

Proposed amendments to action items will follow the same procedure of introduction by a motion, followed by a second, then discussion, and action by roll call vote.

The Secretary will repeat the motion, or the motion as amended, prior to a roll call vote.

Upon reaching the end of the agenda for the meeting, the Chairperson will ask if there is any more business. If there is no further business the chairperson will declare the meeting adjourned.

Committee Meeting Procedures
An item discussed by a Committee may be forwarded to the Board for review and action either by consensus, or by formal motion procedure and voice votes as per Roberts Rules of Order as determined by the Committee chair. The Committee Chair will make the determination regarding the method of determining the committee’s recommendation based on the complexity of or deliberations regarding an issue. If desired by members of the committee, a minority position may be included on the Fact Sheet advancing an item to the Board for consideration and action.
### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

**Meeting Date:** March 10, 2016

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<th><strong>Request:</strong> Adoption of Guidelines for Management of Trails in Wilderness Park</th>
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**Discussion:** The proposed guidelines for management of trails in Wilderness Park (please see attached) provide guidance regarding trail surface width, trail corridor width and trail corridor height. The guidelines also include information regarding vegetation management along trails, and guidance for rerouting of trails in the dynamic environment of Wilderness Park with evolving creek and drainage channels. The proposed guidelines embody the intent to assure that trail users (hikers, bicyclists and equestrians) continue to have a unique trail experiences in the natural environment of Wilderness Park. The guidelines provide a set of standard trail management approaches for Parks and Recreation Department staff and valued volunteers working in Wilderness Park.

**Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:** Development of the trail management guidelines for Wilderness Park involved researching national standards, including classifications and standards used by the US Forest Service in their Trail Fundamentals documents. The Wilderness Park Trail Management Guidelines are consistent with the adopted management plan for Wilderness Park.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation:** Approval

**Committee:** Fees and Facilities

**Chair:** Justin Carlson – 402-261-6328

**Date:** ________________

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:**
Wilderness Park Trail Management Guidelines
*Discussion Draft for Review by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on March 10, 2016*

The following is a list of simple guidelines for maintenance activities in Wilderness Parks, particularly for the maintenance of trails and crossings. These guidelines are based on the Wilderness Park Subarea Plan: Integration of Wilderness Park Studies with Park Management Recommendations, The National Park Service: North Country Trail Handbook, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy: Designing for User Type, National Recreational Trails Program: Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook, and the long history of maintenance activities in Wilderness Park.

**National Standards:**

There are widely varying standards for trails based primarily upon the level of use, the types of users, the general setting (remote vs urban) and the maintenance demands. There are no strict standards for width, but there are suggestions and best practices.

In general, Wilderness Park trails would be classified as follows according to the US Forest Service in their Trail Fundamentals documents. Trail Type is Terra, meaning they are on solid ground, although in some cases they could serve as Snow trails as well. The Trail Class would be best described as Class 4, which is considered Highly Developed. These trails are described as follows:

- **Tread** is wide and relatively smooth with few irregularities made of native or imported materials and may be hardened. Obstacles are infrequent and insubstantial and vegetation is cleared outside of trailway. Grades are usually 2 to 10% with short distances of up to 15%. Bridges and other crossings are frequently provided. Surface is compacted soil, wood chip, limestone or other material. Signage and amenities may be present.

The Managed Use of the Wilderness Park trails are all non-motorized uses with hikers and pedestrians confined generally to the east side of Salt Creek and Equestrian confined to the west side (Except for east of 14th Street where those uses are flipped). Although bicycle trails are located on shared pedestrian trails in some areas to the east of the creek, bicycles. The Designed Use of trails is the Managed Use of the trail that requires the most demanding design, construction and maintenance parameters. In Wilderness Park, Designed Use should be Bicycle on the east side of Salt Creek, and Equestrian on the west side. The following Design Parameters are taken from the National Forest Service matrix.

**National Forest Service Trial Design Parameters (abbreviated):**

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<td>Tread Width</td>
<td>4 to 6 feet</td>
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Maintenance needs must also be considered for trails. The Wilderness Park Subarea Plan recommends that trails and bridges be designed and maintained in a manner that allows small utility vehicles and rescue equipment. It is recommended that the US Forest Service parameters, and the Wilderness Park Subarea Plan maintenance recommendations, as well as the long history of maintenance experience in the park and the type of equipment used be considered in setting standards for trail parameters.

Recommended Wilderness Park Trail Design Parameters:

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<td>Tread Width</td>
<td>6 feet east, 8 feet west</td>
<td>Native material, minor roughness, some imported, protrusions less than 3”, obstacles less than 3”</td>
<td>2 – 8%, 10% over short distances</td>
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<td>Grade</td>
<td>2 – 10% with short distances up to 15%</td>
<td>2 to 8% with short distances up to 10%</td>
<td>2 to 10% short distances of up to 15%</td>
<td>3 to 7%</td>
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<td>5 to 9 feet</td>
<td>7 to 10 feet</td>
<td>10 to 11 feet</td>
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Tread Width – the tread is the actual area that is walked upon. Tread Width recommendation should reflect the width to which any surfacing improvement (wood chips, limestone, turnpikes or others) should be made. This may not include an area that might be cleared of vegetation on either side through mowing.

Surface – recommend consideration of chipping cedars felled in the park and applying chips to low and chronically wet areas. May also need to consider turnpikes in some areas that are chronically wet.

Grade – will be difficult to maintain grade in such a flat area. Grade is preferable to perfectly flat in order to provide some drainage.
Cross slope – desirable, when possible, for drainage.

Clearing Width - reflects the width from which tree trunks, large tree branches and other obstacles should be cleared. This should accommodate all maintenance and emergency equipment. It is not desirable to remove small branches, shrubs that yield to passage of equipment or other herbaceous vegetation from the entire zone. It is more visually pleasing to have an irregular and natural margin to the trail edges.

Mowing

Mowing of trails and other park areas should be conducted annually at four points in time. These times will be dependent upon the ability to access park and trail areas which could be impacted by wet conditions and other factors.

Mowing will be conducted prior to:

- Memorial Day
- July 4th
- Labor Day
- End of Season

Mowing equipment currently used includes a tractor with a length of 12 feet and a pull-behind mower with a length of 11’ and width of 94”, for a total of 23 feet in length and about 8 feet in width. At one time smaller equipment was used including tractors that were 10 feet long and pull-behind mowers that were 9 – 10’ long and about 80” wide, for a total of about 20 feet in length and 7 feet in width. Consideration should be given to acquiring equipment of a size similar to what was used in the past in order to maximize maneuverability and minimize path of disturbance.

Tree Removal

There are several instances in which trees may need to be removed: re-routing of unsafe trails, removal of invasive trees, removal of trees from areas designated as prairie or wetland sites, and removal of trees that threaten high value trees or vegetation. Parks and Recreation also has a responsibility to make sure visitors are reasonably safe and may need to remove dangerous trees that pose hazards to those visitors.

In all cases, the trees being removed should be confirmed for removal by qualified Park personnel prior to being removed. Park staff with knowledge of trees should check to make certain that the tree being removed is not a high value species and does indeed need to be removed to meet the goals of ecological and recreational use of the park. Park staff that remove the trees must be qualified for such work and have the proper safety and equipment training and tools. Temporary signage is recommended when trees are being trimmed or removed in order to alert users to activity in the area.
When a portion or branch of a tree is to be removed, the branch should be cut back to a logical fork of that branch or back to the trunk of the tree so as not to leave a protruding branch stub. If the removal of the branch threatens the health of a high value tree, consideration should be given to the necessity of that removal or to treatment of the tree in order to prevent disease. If more than 50% of a tree is to be removed, consideration should be given to removing the entire tree.

As branches and trees are removed, they should be disposed of in a way that their products of decomposition become part of the cycle of regeneration of the park. Branches should be stripped from trunks and dragged into the woods, trunk-end-first, and laid against the ground to facilitate decomposition. In some cases, a well-placed tree trunk on the edge of the trail can provide an opportunity for park visitors to observe the process of decomposition and the fungi that develop can be quite visually interesting. When a large number of trees are removed due to a project, such as bridge construction, consideration should be given to a pile burn, hauling some debris out of the park, chipping and spreading mulch, or distributing the debris over a broader area. Large piles of felled trees may not be attractive and can disturb some visitors who come for the experience of being in the woods.

**Trail Routing**

Trail routing should be a process that is done infrequently and with cooperation between volunteers and Park personnel. The Parks and Recreation Department has a responsibility to make certain trail users are safe and the interests of the City are protected. To accomplish this, volunteers must inform Park personnel of their desire, or of the need, to reroute a trail and the two should work together to identify a safe and pleasant route. Likewise, Park personnel should make sure that volunteers are aware of the need to establish a new route and work with them to identify the best route. Because the Parks Department is not able to gather input from all users of the park, they will rely upon established groups for input in this endeavor.

In general, trails are currently established in the park and no new trails are planned at this time. However, as Nature works her magic, occasionally trails are washed out, or become unstable as Salt Creek meanders. Trails that are along creek banks that are currently stable, and where there is enough width for maintenance equipment to safely access the area, may
remain along creek banks as long as it is determined there is low risk to users. Trails that are along banks that have shown signs of instability, are undermined, or have been washed out, will need to be relocated to at least 15 feet from the top of the bank as it exists. It is desirable to have some woody vegetation between the creek bank and the new alignment for stability. New routes will be selected so that they have minimal disturbance to the area, remove as few trees as possible, and create a pleasant path. When a route would impact the healthy growth of a high value tree consideration should be given to an alternative route. Again, any routes will be determined in cooperation with volunteers and use the tree removal policies described above if needed.
When a trail is closed, or “plugged”, branches from trees should be dragged, trunk-end-first, into the old trail opening and layered one upon the other with the small branches facing outward. This creates a dense and difficult to penetrate obstacle, is difficult to pull out by the little branches sticking out, and is visually less disruptive and more easily overlooked by passersby. Laying logs crosswise in the opening is very obvious and logs are easily shoved out of the way. When possible, material that is not pleasant to grab hold of, such as cedar and black locust branches, makes an effective blockade. Once vegetation grows up along the old trail alignment there will be little impetus to try to re-establish it.

There are places in the park where informal trails have been established by users. While some of these may serve the purpose of allowing access to a viewpoint, shortcuts between loops of trails, and more challenging hiking routes, these trails should be discouraged. Trails that have not been vetted by Park personnel may not provide safe access for all users. They may also cause disturbance of habitat refuges for wildlife, erosion along stream banks, and destruction of vegetation and seedling trees. It is important that all trail routes are carefully considered before being established. The Wilderness Park Subarea Plan particularly recommends that the southern two thirds of the park include important wildlife habitat and plant communities and that new trails and other human disturbance should not be allowed in this area.

Resources:
Discussion Draft – Fees and Facilities Committee

Wilderness Park Subarea Plan: Integration of Wilderness Park Studies with Park Management Recommendations
http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/reports/subarea/wildpark.pdf

The National Park Service: North Country Trail Handbook
http://www.nps.gov/noco/learn/management/ncttrailconstructionmanual1.htm

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy: Designing for User Type http://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/trail-building-toolbox/trail-building-and-design/designing-for-user-type/

National Recreational Trails Program: Trail Construction and Maintenance Notebook
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/publications/fs_publications/00232839/toc.cfm

US Forest Service Trail Design Parameters
MEMORANDUM
February 26, 2016
TO: Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee
FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director and Casey Crittenden, Golf Maintenance Coordinator
Cc: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
RE: February Golf Report

The purpose of this memo is to provide a monthly status report regarding the Lincoln City Golf Program.

Course Maintenance
Looks like we have had a hint of spring and a number of golfers have been out to enjoy our courses. Crews have been busy finishing up the equipment repairs and maintenance and starting to take advantage of the weather by getting a jump on spring projects and tasks.

- Continuing education – re-certifications – specialty learning (irrigation, reel and bedknife grinding, safety) have all been accomplished for the season.
- Removing dead trees and getting courses cleaned up after winter
- Back to routinely cutting cups, picking up trash and moving tee markers
- Recapturing view of Holmes lake from holes 13 – 15 (Removed large amount of under growth and volunteer trees)
- Installing irrigation line and irrigation head at #9 forward tee Holmes.
- Started dormant seeding around courses
- Cart maintenance. Highlands and Pioneers will be receiving cart ballwashers and crews will install them as soon as they arrive.
- Finalizing fertilizer and chemical plans for the season
- Crews have applied second coat of paint for stripes at Pioneer parking lot
- Meeting with pump station experts on routine maintenance needed and major issues dealing with pump stations.
- New tees and native planting at hole #15 Holmes
- Yardage markers at Holmes
- Exploring options to reduce or eliminate demand electricity charges related to irrigation pump at Highlands.

Golf courses opened for the first time in 2016 on February 12.

Marketing and Promotions
The 2016 Lincoln City Golf Open House is being planned for Saturday, April 2 from 10 am to 2 pm at Holmes Golf Course.

An intern has been hired to develop a social media campaign promoting Lincoln City Golf during the upcoming season. The 2016 marketing and promotions plan will be presented at the March 3 LMGAC meeting.

Golf Player Development
Tables with information about lessons and golf player development programs available during the upcoming season and have been installed in each of the five clubhouses. Registration for classes is beginning.

Wade is meeting with wellness coordinators at local businesses to discuss offering Get Golf Ready programs to employees as a wellness benefit.

FootGolf at Jim Ager
FootGolf equipment has been ordered from the American FootGolf League for installation and use at Jim Ager Golf Course. The equipment should be installed by April. A presentation regarding FootGolf will be made to the LMGAC on at the March 3 meeting.

Community Committee on Lincoln City Golf Sustainability
A report to the Mayor has been drafted for review and adoption by the community committee in March. Suggestions from the community committee will be included in the upcoming community conversation process, “Taking Charge”, associated with development of the FY 2016-18 City budget.
Holmes Clubhouse Management
Development of an updated contract for management of Holmes Clubhouse by Denis Vontz is in process. Denis anticipates hiring an on-site manager.

FY 2016-18 Budget Proposal
Preparation of the proposed FY 2016-18 budget is in process. A presentation regarding the proposed FY 2016-18 budget and initial discussion regarding a funding plan is planned for the April 7 meeting.
Proposed Funding Plan and Related Fee Increases for the Upcoming 2016 Golf Season

Parks and Recreation Department staff working with the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee have evaluated projected expenses for the current fiscal year and have developed a proposed funding plan. The goal is to pay operating expenses and three capital improvement projects: a) renovation of the parking lot at Pioneers Golf Course, b) renovation of the heating and air condition system at the Highlands Golf Clubhouse, and c) replacement of a failed storage building at the Pioneers Golf Maintenance Shop.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be reviewing and acting on the funding plan during their regular monthly meeting at 4 pm on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at Auld Pavilion located south of A Street on Memorial Drive – 1650 Memorial Drive. This meeting will be open for public comments on the proposed funding plan.

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**PROJECTED EXPENSES**

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<td>38,492 rounds played Sept - Dec 2015</td>
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<td>126,508 rounds at $22.53 per round</td>
<td>$2,827,695 based on FY 2014-15 revenue per round for final three quarters of the fiscal year</td>
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<td>Adjust Loyalty Program point payout</td>
<td>$40,000 double the number of points needed for free round</td>
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<td>Add $0.25 per cart rental</td>
<td>$18,604 based on 1 cart rental per 1.7 rounds (74,416 projected cart rentals for 126,508 rounds)</td>
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<td>Increase greens fees at Highlands</td>
<td>$37,371 $2 per 18-hole round, $1 per 9 hole hole round adjusted for three quarters (24,914 daily fee rounds)</td>
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<td>Increase greens fees at Pioneers</td>
<td>$40,245 $2 per 18-hole round, $1 per 9 hole hole round adjusted for three quarters (26,830 daily fee rounds)</td>
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<td>Initiate foot golf at Ager</td>
<td>$6,500</td>
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<td>Increase net revenue at Holmes Golf Course</td>
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Note: Daily fee rounds are about 85% of rounds played.
Memorandum

Date:  March 8, 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 March 1, 2016 through March 7, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16010** to Final Plat No. 15014, Bronco Hills Estates 2nd Addition, approved by the Planning Director on March 1, 2016, requested by Civil Design Group, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the Final Plat, generally located at S.W. 56th Street and W. Denton Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16011** to Final Plat No. 14085, Bronco Hills Estates 1st Addition, approved by the Planning Director on March 1, 2016, requested by Civil Design Group, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the Final Plat, generally located at SW 56th Street and Denton Road.
LINCOLN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVISIONS

The City of Lincoln/StarTran held four public meetings on consecutive evenings from January 19-22 to solicit feedback on the Transit Development Plan (TDP) Preferred Alternative. Meetings were held at public libraries in each quadrant of the city and were well-attended. Public feedback was summarized and presented to Lincoln City Council on February 8. Several revisions were subsequently made to TDP based on feedback from the public and Lincoln City Council. This document summarizes revisions to the TDP Preferred Alternative, which do not require additional resources over current operations. Also included in this summary are revisions to the TDP Service Expansion Phasing Plan (2017-2022).

TDP Cost-Constrained Preferred Alternative Revisions

Service to 84th Street

One comment received repeatedly at public meetings was that routes included in the Preferred Alternative did not reach retail destinations and apartments along 84th Street north of Holdrege. By modifying route interlines (two or more routes linked together at downtown) and adjusting proposed schedules, the Preferred Alternative was modified to include an extension of service to 84th Street on Routes 42 Bethany and 49 University Place. A comparison the initial and revised Preferred Alternative is depicted below.

- Route 42 Bethany is extended to Southeast Community College via Holdrege and 84th Street.
- Route 49 University Place is extended to Walmart (not currently served by StarTran) via Adams and 84th Street.

Route 27 North 27th Terminal Loop

The terminal loop around Lincoln North Star High School was reversed to operate counter-clockwise along Folkways, N 33rd, Fletcher, and N 27th. This counter-clockwise alignment would maintain existing Route 47 Belmont bus stops.
**Route 40 Heart Hospital Terminal Loop**

The terminal loop around Sam’s Club/Walmart/ Menard’s was reversed to operate counter-clockwise along S 89th, Andermatt, and S 91st. This counter-clockwise alignment would maintain existing Route 40 Heart Hospital bus stops.

**Route 40 Peak Frequency Improvements**

As a result of community feedback, including the Near South Neighborhood Association, Route 40’s weekday peak frequency was improved from service every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes. In addition, Route 40 is now interlined with a route to the north, ensuring a one-seat, no-transfer needed ride to UNL.

**Downtown Routing**

Route 44 O Street inbound was shifted from O Street to Q Street between 14th and 11th Streets to respond to comments regarding access to UNL and to avoid an unprotected left turn from O Street to 11th. The installation of a protected left-turn signal at this intersection in the future would improve operational efficiency by reducing unnecessary looping downtown.

Routes 41 Havelock and 52 Gaslight were shifted from O Street to P Street between 9th and 11th Streets to serve existing bus stops.

**Route 51 West A Extension**

Upon further review, it was determined that Route 51 West A had additional time available within its 60-minute cycle. As a result, Route 51 West A was extended to ¼ mile to Lincoln Industries (currently served by StarTran) and ¾ mile to SW 36th Street to attract new riders.
Revised Preferred Alternative
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<td>More frequent midday service</td>
<td>Improve midday headway to 30 minutes on Routes 40 Heart Hospital, 42 Bethany, 46 Arnold Heights, 49 University Place</td>
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<td>More frequent crosstown service</td>
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<td>Express service</td>
<td>Add Express bus route in Southeast Lincoln</td>
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Evaluation of Request to Revise Route 13 Proposal

Several members of the public who currently ride Route 45 Arapahoe expressed a desire to operate proposed Route 13 South 13th along South 17th and Stockwell. Nelson Nygaard reviewed this request in terms of ridership, operations and route design. Below is a summary of our findings:

Ridership

- The extension to Yankee Hill Road is expected to add between 25-50 new daily boardings.
- Approximately 9 riders in the vicinity of Beattie Elementary School would benefit from deviating Route 13 to Stockwell and 17th.
- Depending on the alignment, 8 passengers on S 13th Street could be negatively impacted as a result of the route shifting to South 17th. In addition to riders on S 13th Street, approximately existing 108 passengers accessing stops south of Stockwell would be negatively impacted by the increased travel time resulting from the requested deviation. An additional 25-50 new riders from the proposed extension to Yankee Hill would also be impacted.

Operations

- Deviating to Stockwell and 17th would add at least 0.5 miles in each direction which equates to 2-3 minutes in each direction. Route 13 does not have sufficient time in its schedule to accommodate this deviation and maintain a 60 minute round trip travel time.
- 17th is a narrow (approximately 25 feet wide) residential street that is not ideal for bus operations; bus operators have expressed concern over using neighborhood streets due to unprotected and tight turns.

Projected Results for Serving 17th & Stockwell with Proposed Route 13

- Ridership would likely decrease slightly as a result of the deviation to 17th. More riders are negatively affected than positively affected.
- The deviation would likely result in Route 13 having regular delays, inadequate operator layover time, and potentially an inability to maintain schedule.
- Serving 17th & Stockwell would set a negative precedent for StarTran making route adjustments that would negatively impact far more passengers than those that would benefit from the change.
March 01, 2016

Mayor Beutler and Staff,

In the past 3 weeks, the Near South Neighborhood Association (NSNA) formed a subcommittee to study the Transit Development Plan (TDP) and its likely impact on residents of the Near South Neighborhood. After reviewing the TDP Study and the TDP Preferred Plan, the committee met with StarTran Transit Manager Mike Davis and together they identified a practical improvement that will go a long way toward mitigating some of the service loss that was present in the original proposal. Mike Davis presented our ideas and concerns to the TDP consultants. As of today we have not learned whether these priorities are going to be incorporated into the revised TDP. We understand that the Lincoln City Council will be voting, without additional testimony, in the next week or two. Our board has taken the following position:

_The Near South Neighborhood Association will support the Transit Development Plan (TDP) if the plan includes 30 minute peak hour headway along South Street on the proposed Rt. 40 (Heart Hospital). This option will give transit riders along A street (who will lose 30 minute peak hour service) the option of walking north to G/Randolph, or south to South St. for peak hour service. It will also provide current riders along Lake Street (who will lose service) the option of walking north to South St. for peak hour service._

_The Near South Neighborhood Association opposes the TDP if it does not include the aforementioned 30 minute peak hour headway on the proposed Rt. 40. The reduction in service to Near South Neighborhood will not be mitigated by other plan improvements, in this scenario._

Thank you for taking our position under consideration.

Sincerely,

James Friedman, President
Near South Neighborhood Association
All,
I just wanted to say that we very much appreciate your willingness to work with us on getting service during our peak times and we support this proposal.

Kevin – this email is a follow up to your request for StarTran to deviate certain trips onto the Center For People in Need facility. As I noted we are implementing new routes in the fall that will improve the directness and reliability of our bus system. In addition to the bus shelter on the CFPIN property there is also a bus shelter on 27th street whereby patrons can use. You had communicated days and times when your clients receive food and would be in need of front door bus service. You noted these days and times for this need:

Tuesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2:15 PM
Fridays from 2:30 – 3:00 PM

After looking further at the timing of this route it is difficult to pull a bus during those peak times and maintain its schedule adherence such as Tuesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 PM. However, we can divert a bus on the CFPIN property during these times:

Approximately 1:40 PM, 2:40 PM and 3:40 PM, Monday – Friday.

It is important to create consistency with a schedule so the public can easily understand that is why we propose diverting the bus route Monday – Friday. Please let me know if these proposed times work for your clients.

Thanks,

Brian Praeuner
Transit Planner
StarTran
710 J Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
402.441.7673
402.441.7055 fax
Councilperson Camp,

Since we have also received calls from the public, channel 8, and probably have countless others wondering about the subject, I thought I would include this answer to a wider audience. Please pass this along to those who can help get this message out.

“We began our last application of brine at 8PM on 2/28 – that application was completed on 2/29. Normally we would receive precipitation following a brine application. We didn’t this last time. It will wash away with the next rain or snow. (Hopefully the former and not the later). The reason that it looks like fresh lines of brine are appearing on the street is due to weather conditions (specifically the combination of the humidity and temperature). The brine draws in atmospheric moisture, which as a side note is why it also serves as an effective dust control product.”

Thomas Shafer
Interim Director of Public Works & Utilities
402-525-5644

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From: Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Thomas S. Shafer <tshafer@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Schedule of brine applications in the last 10 days
Importance: High

Thomas:

I know this is a late request, but could you/our staff make a list of dates that brine applications have been made to City streets in the last 10 days. I have had calls from citizens inquiring about the repeated applications in their area.

Thank you.

Jon

**JON A. CAMP**
Lincoln City Council
200 Haymarket Square
808 P Street
Jon et al,

The attached are emails relating experience on work orders to others of interest in October related to reporting in August.

The email attached contains the Lincoln Action orders and lack of action. The picture is from my son to support his Lincoln Action Order which is the last one I list in the attached email. This damage was initially done 3 years ago and he reported it and I reported it. Work continued in the immediate area regarding sidewalks and curb and gutter on corners but completely ignore the chunks of concrete that are now in the state of the current picture.

Thank you in advance.

Greg

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**From:** Jon Camp [mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]

**Sent:** Friday, March 4, 2016 4:12 PM

**To:** Thomas S. Shafer <tshafer@lincoln.ne.gov>

**Cc:** 'Mary M. Meyer (mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov)' <mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov>; gnielsenfini@outlook.com

**Subject:** RE: road complaints repeatedly ignored for 3 years now.

**Importance:** High

Thomas:

Please see Mr. Nielsen’s email below. Can you provide information on his previous communications with Public Works?

Thank you in advance for your prompt assistance. Since we will meet at the Directors’ Meeting next Monday at 2:00 pm, will you be able to provide information to me at that time?

Jon

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**JON A. CAMP**

Lincoln City Council

200 Haymarket Square

808 P Street

P.O. Box 82307

Lincoln, NE 68501-2307

**Office:** 402.474.1838/402.474.1812

**Fax:** 402.474.1838

**Cell:** 402.560.1001
I have submitted various work orders that remain becoming greater problems to the public safety. One work order has been repeatedly ignored for three years.

Promises and excuses don’t cut it for years. Liability should be of concern to City.

Repeated lookups of work orders have no documentation at Public Works. The street supervisor has to be repeatedly called by office personel and excuses are made off the top of his head.

We are tired of broken promises, being treated as if our real estate taxes don’t cover the expense (untrue as the RE taxes per frontage foot are some of the highest in Lincoln.

Jon, please help as it is time to take action, like Colleen did when she set up the reporting system. The problem is that the system did not anticipate that action promises for address of issues, has now morphed into “Your request has been forwarded to Public Works”, in other words the black hole where there is no accountability.

I will gladly provide work orders for curb and gutter repair (4 years) and pot hole and street repair since July 2015 I think, I would have to look at my notes.

I will follow formal process of copying everyone and their dog with the issues or lack of action, but my goal is not to gain notoriety by having communication subject to internet searches for ever, as did some letters in past years to mayor, city council, and ombudsman. If this is the direction I should take, please let me know.

Please contact me as to how to proceed.

Thanks in advance and thanks for your work in the SE district and the city council for years.

Gregory S. Nielsen
6701 Northfork Circle
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-540-5600
Preferred correspondence to gnielsen@neb.rr.com

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This e-mail message, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and privileged information. Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited. If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the sender by reply e-mail and destroy all copies of the original message.
From: Greg Nielsen [mailto:gnielsen@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Eric Johnson; 'Greg Heidrick'; 'John Kuchta'; Sean Barry; Tim and Patty Gardner
Subject: street paving complaints and scheduling

All,

The City of Lincoln street maintenance has filled two small potholes 1 in the middle of turning from SF Blvd onto 69th or Northfork Drive and one in front of Bob and Faye Oakes @ 6800 Southfork at their mailbox.

All other spots are on a “priority” list according to Iris at the department per the area supervisor because they are more than potholes.

These original complaints were file around August 15 and still have not been completed as of 10/27/15. I pushed today and could not get a schedule date. “go figure”

Lincoln Action numbers                  Project Code
46747                                       2191
46748                                       8328
46750                                       3134
46751                                       6869
46752                                       1966
46753                                       completed
46754                                       4452

These are the unfulfilled Action reports for reference to all further inquiries “such as why they are not done” and the phone number is 441-7705.

Greg

Greg
GNielsen@neb.rr.com
402-540-5600
March 10, 2016

Lincoln Lancaster Planning Commission

cc:
   Lincoln City Council
   Mayor Chris Beutler

RE: N. 50th Street Vacation between Baldwin and St. Paul (SAV16001, PESP # 23H)

History:

Nebraska Wesleyan University was established in 1887 and the City of University Place was platted in 1888, creating the lots of the City, Wesleyan University, First Methodist Church and the Neighborhood. Fowler Street was part of that plat, being the western edge of the campus. Later changed to Q Street and then to 50th Street with the annexation of the City of University Place by the City of Lincoln in 1926.

51st Street stubs and 53rd Street closed for Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Comprehensive Plan:

The Lincoln Lancaster Comprehensive Plan (North 48th Street/University Place Plan: Neighborhood Revitalization & Transportation Analysis, 2004) states:

"50th Street should be evaluated and adapted as a share-the-road bicycle route between University Place Park and the NWU campus. This route may continue north to connect with the John Dietrich/Murdock Trail system near 49th and Benton.

1. 50th Street should be evaluated and adapted as a share the road bicycle route between the Dead Man’s Run Trail and the NWU campus. This route may continue north to connect with the John Dietrich/Murdock Trail system near 49th and Benton. This street is the logical connection between a Dead Man’s Run Trail through University Place Park, the residential neighborhood, and the front door of the NWU campus. 50th Street should be designated as a “share the road” (STR) route. The STR route should be consistent with signage conventions used on a citywide basis. It should also have continuous, barrier-free sidewalks on both sides of the street and may include directional information and mileage. 50th Street could also continue north as an STR route across Adams Street to Somerset and 49th Street. Here, the route would connect with the John Dietrich Trail and its continuation northeast as the Murdock Trail. All recommendations are subject to review and approval by Lincoln’s Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee, Parks & Recreation, Planning Committee, and City Council."

Note; no street closing is proposed except St. Paul at 48th.

Function of 50th Street:

50th Street currently serves as a local circulator around NWU, providing access to the north and south areas, to First Methodist Church from the south and to St Paul Street and the traffic control light on N. 48th Street. Loss of 50th would push local traffic on to N. 48th due to the restricted nature of N. 49th street.
Public Safety:

Between 44th street and 56th street there are currently only three through north-south streets connecting Adams to Leighton Ave. During the fire at Green’s and the water main replacement in 2015 in 48th street, 50th was a viable local detour. 49th is restricted as a narrower street with parking on both sides, effectively limiting it to one lane of traffic. A concern is that if 50th is closed and an issue arises on 48th, north-south access would be severely limited to all, including fire and the police station at 49th and Huntington Ave.

Other Issues:

✓ Loss of existing trees,
✓ Loss of existing on street parking (18-20 stalls).
✓ If student safety crossing the street is an issue, then Huntington, Madison and 49th will be closed in the future due to the same circumstance.
✓ 50th street is currently a StarTran bus route.
✓ The historic view of the west elevation of Old Main (a landmark) and of the south facade of First Methodist Church will be impacted.
✓ In March 2015 the University Place Community Organization voted to oppose the closing of 50th Street and advised NWU of the position and concern.
✓ NWU should be sensitive to its surroundings and neighborhood.
✓ Closure of 50th Street will impact the planned redevelopment of the area between 48th and 50th street.
✓ NWU owns substantial additional land and other location options should be readily available.

Conclusion:

Though we all want a vibrant NWU, Please do not allow the closure of this important, historic, local street.

Sincerely:

Michael DeKalb
6015 Huntington Ave
Lincoln NE
402-466-6357
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of March 12, 2016 through March 18, 2016.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. Memo from Steve Hubka, Finance Director, including:
   a) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended August 31, 2015;
   b) Single Audit Report on the Expenditure of Federal Funds; and
   c) Auditor’s Letter to the Mayor and City Council.
   (All attachments above on file in the City Council Office for review)

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Officials Committee meeting agenda for March 18, 2016.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Urban Development Department’s quarterly newsletter now available online.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Christy Aggens request for smoke free bus stops.

TRENT FELLERS
1. Marian Malone asking the City to invest more money to fix the bus system.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. LES Administrative Board meeting agenda for March 28, 2016. Full agenda and support materials can be found online.
2. Email sent to Councilmen Jon Camp and Roy Christensen from Rudy Strnot on the pot hole repair completed in front of his home and two lots away.
   a) Photos of completed pot hole repair.
3. InterLinc correspondence from Clarice Bailey on concerns regarding how numerous fees keep increasing every year.
4. Clarice Bailey with concerns regarding Lincoln’s roads, and the timeline to fix, and also rising taxes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Date: March 11, 2016
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of March 12 through 18, 2016
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, March 15
• KLIN – 8:10 a.m.
• Reception honoring Canada-Nebraska relationship – 5 p.m., The Nebraska Club, 223 S. 13th St.

Friday, March 18
• Library Training Day, remarks – 8:30 a.m., Firefighters Reception Hall, 241 Victory Lane
• Lincoln South Rotary meeting, remarks – noon, The Venue, 4111 Pioneer Woods Drive
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 214 on the 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

1. Approval of HPC meetings records of February 18, 2016.
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or an item not on the agenda to address the Commission.

HEARING AND ACTION

3. Certificate of Appropriateness by Matt Taylor for Inglenook in the Hide & Fur Building, 728 Q Street in Haymarket Landmark District
4. Certificate of Appropriateness by Erickson Sullivan Architects for work at 701 P Street in Haymarket Landmark District
5. Certificate of Appropriateness by Kevin Knudson for work at 803 Q Street in the Haymarket Landmark District

DISCUSSION (and Action where indicated)

6. Recommendation on Sidewalk café furniture, HopCat, Canopy at P St.
7. Resolution on NRHP nomination for Sky Park Manor
8. Resolution on HP Fund grant application FY16-17 (June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017)
9. Staff Report & misc: Update on Telephone Museum, etc.

The Historic Preservation Commission and Urban Design Committee’s agendas may be accessed on the Internet at
http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE
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.

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TO: Officials Committee Members  
FROM: Pam Dingman, Technical Committee Chairman  
SUBJECT: Officials Committee Meeting  

An Officials Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:  

DATE: March 18, 2016  
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Mayor’s Conference Room  
County-City Building  

Meeting Agenda:  

Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"  

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the November 19, 2015 Officials Committee meeting. (enclosure)  

2. Review and action on an amendment to the Lincoln MPO FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Nebraska Department of Roads Vanpool Project that will provide statewide contracted/vendor vanpool service for: A) Lincoln & Omaha metro regions and B) Rural Nebraska to be funded with Federal CMAQ and FTA Section 5311 funds. The approved TIP report is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. (Staff report enclosed) – Kari Ruse  

3. Briefing on the update of the Nebraska Department of Roads statewide Mobility Management Project. – Kari Ruse  

4. Briefing by the Nebraska Department of Roads on recent Lincoln South Beltway project discussions and major design elements. – Mike Owen  


6. Other topics for discussion.  

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Hello, Urban Page readers!
The next issue of the City Urban Development Department’s quarterly newsletter is now available at: http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/pdf/urbanpg/v19i4w16.pdf. This issue features:

- Progress updates on:
  - Aspen Heights (Antelope Creek)
  - 8N (Downtown)
  - Health 360 (Antelope Creek)
  - SSH Architecture (Havelock)
  - Antelope Square (Antelope Creek)

- Calendar announcements about:
  - First Annual Nebraska Civic Health Summit
  - 2016 Civil Rights Conference
  - N Street Cycle Track Grand Opening

- Heads up on streetscape construction on:
  - P Street between Centennial Mall & 18th Street
  - Idylwild Drive between Holdrege Street and Apple Street

- New Housing in Capital View Neighborhood

- HILP loans at 0% interest for Low-Mod Income Homeowners

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Hello Jon Camp,

I am writing to request that bus stops be designated as smoke free as part of the Transit Development Plan.

Most bus riders don't smoke, however, those that do often use their time waiting at the bus stop to have a cigarette. 2nd hand smoke is already a problem at large bus stops like Golds Galleria.

If Lincoln moves to designated bus stops, there will be more people standing at fewer stops... making it difficult for non-smokers like me to walk to a stop with fewer people and no smokers.

Smoke is a problem on board the bus as well because smokers often taking drag just before stepping on the bus. Smoke follows the smoker onto the bus, filling the bus with 2nd hand smoke. It happens every time I ride.

In my daily commute on the bus I currently avoid stops with high numbers of smokers... like Golds Galleria. This won't be possible under the new plan. Standing at the stop will be extremely unpleasant, not to mention unhealthy for non-smokers.

Smoke free stops will also cut down on the number of cigarette butts that litter the ground.

According to their website, No-Smoking signs are available free of change from the Department of Health and Human Services.

I believe that this change will be good for everyone.

Thanks for your consideration.

Christy Aggens
March 8, 2016

Trent Fellers
City County Building
555 S. 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Fellers:

I am writing to you to please ask you to strongly urge the city to shell out more money to fix the bus system. To many Lincoln citizens, bus service is not a luxury but a necessity. Not only do I use the bus almost exclusively myself, I do a lot of volunteer work with low-income people who would like to get out of poverty. In order to do that, they need reliable public transportation so they can get to and from work.

The consultants called in from Seattle had some good ideas, but they needed more money in which to effectively make recommendations. It is necessary that Star Tran offer reliable service not only during the week but on weekends and evenings as well. In order to make evening service work, Star Tran will need to increase the hours on all routes, not just a few.

I do appreciate all you have done for the city by serving on the City Council. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Marian L. Malone
6018 Old Farm Circle
Lincoln, NE 68512
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, March 18, 2016
9:30 a.m.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.
1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Minutes of the February 19, 2016 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board

3. Comments from Customers

4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff
   A. 40 Years – Tim Hauck, Night Service Technician, Energy Delivery
   B. 40 Years – Jim Jacobs, Equipment Mechanic 1st Class, Corporate Operations

5. Committee Reports
   A. Finance & Audit Committee
   B. Operations & Power Supply Committee
   C. District Energy Corporation
   D. Legislation & Governmental Affairs Committee
      *1. Approval of LES Policy No. 101

6. Administrator & CEO Reports
   A. State Legislative Report
   B. Annual Self-Insured Health & Dental Insurance Review
   D. Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Review
      *1. Approval of Six-Year CIP – LES Resolution 2016-2
   E. *Board Authorization of Construction Manager at Risk Project Delivery Method – LES Resolution 2016-3

7. Other Business
   A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
   B. Miscellaneous Information

8. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

Next Regular Administrative Board meeting Friday, April 15, 2016.
this is worse today than when i originally sent the pictures to LJS. If this repair was done at my direction I would FIRE the contractor and not pay the charge, HOWEVER I am sure this was by a city employee. I believe the city has regs. about gravel on the street, if so I am sure I would be told to clean up the MESS

I am amazed at the repair in front of my home and 2 lots away at the intersection of Briarhurst Dr and Regency Drive. How long will this last????? R Strnot 7301 briarhurst dr
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for 
General Council

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Comment or Question: 
I know Vintage Heights is on your agenda and have concerns as our service charges, fees, etc have dramatically increased lately: water went from 6.84 in 2012, to 15.20, 19.20, 22.08 and in Jan 2016 increased to 25.00 which feel is a lot. Other 2016 fees, etc are: Windstream deregulated adm fee up .97, city occupation tax up .06: Time Warner: franchise fee up .17, broadcasting and sports programing up 3.25 and was told this is a package and is "take all" or "leave all"; LES: customer an facilities up 2.25, city dividend up .10. I know wheel tax goes up every year. We are retired and constantly see fees, occupation taxes, etc. increase. At this last property reevaluation, our valuation increased however no entity lowered its rate, this meant our taxes have increased again this year. Just wanted to pass on some of my/our concerns. Clarice Bailey
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
My concern is regarding street design and maintenance. There are a great many streets we drive on which are "breaking up". I first noticed on 56th St South of O Street which when crossing the diagonal "breaks", you would hear a "thump, thump" and now those areas are breaking out. This seems to be happening on a lot of streets and wonder if it could be the design and make up of the roads. I am also concerned about the length of time it has taken to finish the South 56th project south of Hwy 2 to Pinelake. I know rain was mentioned as a delay however in this day and age, I would hope our contractors have the "wear with" in knowledge and equipment to help with this. In the meantime, we are having to drive at least 2 miles per trip and there was a comment about using gas and idling of cars and certainly we have had lots of that!!
I am now of the understanding that Pinelake between 56th and 70th is in the "works" and if it takes as long as the 56th project, I can't help believing that more money needs to be spent on "every day streets" rather than those big projects. I know we are an "instant gratification" constituents, and certain is very hard to satisfy all of us. I certainly hope more bond issues will not be coming - on the recent revaluation, our property values went up and since no entity lowered its rate, we are now paying more taxes. Thank you for your consideration to my/our concerns. Clarice Bailey
Present: Trent Fellers, Chair; Leirion Gaylor Baird, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Roy Christensen; Carl Eskridge; Cyndi Lamm; and Jane Raybould

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

Chair Fellers opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES
   1. Directors’ meeting minutes of March 7, 2016.
      Minutes distributed electronically and with no corrections placed on file in the City Council office.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK
    Meier stated everyone received Tonya Peters’ email regarding Ronald Svasek for Chuck E. Cheese, and we will delay for one week.

    Under Public Hearing - Resolutions will call 17 & 18 together; under Public Hearing - Ordinances - 2nd Reading will call 20 & 21 together, and 22 through 24 together.

    On the StarTran Transit Development Plan have 6 motions to amend. Christensen commented he has the seventh and will present on the dias.

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
    1. NEWS RELEASE. Brine on streets is not fresh.
    2. NEWS RELEASE. Trees to be removed for park project.
    3. NEWS RELEASE. Advisory Board to discuss Wilderness Park Trails and changes to the Golf Program.
    4. NEWS RELEASE. Chet Ager building begins weekday hours Monday.
    5. NEWS RELEASE. Manufacturer to replace Centennial Mall pavers.

Rick Hoppe - Chief of Staff
Hoppe stated Council may recall, The Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Think the name is correct. This Committee met and looked at our recycling, had goals for reducing the amount of material which enters our landfill by 2040. They now have recommendations, and will speak to Council within the next weeks, moving the process forward for us to decide on options to increase the recycling rate in our community. Camp asked if looking at mandatory or voluntary? Hoppe asked for the question to be defined. Camp stated mandatory says you shall do it, voluntary is I’ll decide if I want to participate. Hoppe commented, for instance, if we said we don’t want cardboard. One recommendation of the Committee was not having cardboard in the future landfill. What do you consider that to mean? Camp replied mandatory. Hoppe questioned how? Camp stated, you said you will not do this, dictating. Raybould thought they said it will no longer be accepted in the landfill. Just like we no longer accept yard waste in the landfill. Camp commented, certain seasons. Hoppe added, a number of items are not accepted in the landfill. Raybould asked, should that be considered a mandate? Hoppe added, understand what he’s saying.
Hoppe stated he wants Council to know discussions are starting with some key constituent groups and want to report to Council about progress in the next few weeks.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteer for the Great American Cleanup.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public can monitor air quality.
3. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health meeting minutes of February 9, 2016.

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting information:
   a) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for March 10, 2016;
   b) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting procedures.
   c) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item fact sheet - Guidelines for Management of Trails in Wilderness Park.
   d) Wilderness Park Trail Management Guidelines.
   e) February Golf Report.
   f) Fact Sheet regarding funding plan for 2015-16 Golf Program, with Funding Plan and 2016 Daily Fees.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from March 1, 2016 through March 7, 2016.

STAR TRAN
1. StarTran Transit Development Plan updates:
   a) TDP cost-constrained preferred alternative revisions;
   b) Implementation graphic;
   c) Evaluation of request to revise Route 13 proposal; and
   d) Letters of support.

VII. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Raybould
Raybould stated they received updates on two projects, went through several change orders and did argued a few. Then discussed payment and approved. Approved a vendor fair here on April 6th, and Captain Witte presented additional security updates. Raybould noted Witte told about La Vista adopting a policy on active shooters, which we really don’t have. There’s one on weather issues and fire alarms, etc., but no policy on active shooters. Witte submitted and we’ll probably put it on the agenda.

Camp added, discussed calling them locations not shelters. Raybould added will call them severe weather with a severe weather plaque. Cannot use the word shelter. The plaque looks like it has a tornado and says, severe weather, being placed at specific areas which are not a shelter but would provide possible coverage employees may not have in other offices in this building.
Camp stated this committee does question items, like floor coverings which are fairly expensive, and thoroughly discussed. Also, the committee has concern for patients, clients. Raybould added it’s a tough committee with change orders, and we scrutinize each bill.

2. **PBC Chair, Vice Chair, and Mayor - Camp, Raybould**
   Camp stated the Mayor went over the agenda and also requested we put a flash tower in room 303. Discussed security elements and how we’re taking a reasonable course during the review.

3. **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board - Christensen**
   Christensen stated this meeting held at the Auld Pavilion. Spent time discussing the adoption of new guidelines for the management of trails in Wilderness Park. Talked about the different trail widths and their primary uses. Equestrian at 8 feet, pedestrian is 6 feet, with different trail areas for different uses, right near each other. Gaylor Baird stated many existing trails are small. Christensen replied many are, but some like the equestrian trails are wider and they’ll be sure they are under this new management proposal. Gaylor Baird asked if cause for concern about grazing? Christensen answered really wasn’t.

   Christensen added with the proposed guidelines very little controversy. There’s more discussion on different plants, items including all of the parks, not just the trails of Wilderness Park.

   Raybould asked if the typically 6 feet pedestrian trails will always stay six feet, with Christensen answering yes, but a maintained six feet, unlike now with no standard. Gaylor Baird stated there aren’t a lot of maintenance funds. Christensen noted they’re thinking of 3 times a year going and cutting the trails with a tractor, and a long narrow mowing trailer. Raybould asked if the public spoke had concerns on how this is being maintained? Christensen replied they weren’t so worried about maintenance, but about some trails being rerouted when the rivers rise, and walking the trails when trees have come down, or cut down trees, essentially blocking the trails. Some people haven’t liked the trail blocked and have gone in and hauled the tree out. Looking for ways to make sure people don’t do that. They usually close a trail because it’s eroded, too close to the creek bed, part of the trail is gone, or the safety of people walking or riding by the trail.

   Raybould asked if representatives of Friends of Wilderness Park attend? Yes. The standards are good. Gaylor Baird stated the Wilderness Park trails are so narrow for runners. A six foot trail would really change the nature and no one talked about this? Christensen replied everyone seemed to be in favor. These are national trail standards, not produced here. Raybould thinks we heard from some groups who wanted to make sure the wild was maintained in wilderness, and some narrow trails were left narrow rather than expanded. Christensen stated they didn’t hear anything like that. Gaylor Baird asked if this was going to the Parks Board? Christensen believes it went to the Parks Board and they accepted.

   Christensen stated the completion of the meeting taken up by the Golf Committee report, with a proposal that the Advisory Board approve and forward to the Mayor to increase the cost per round at Highland and Pioneers by $2, and increase all fees for golf carts by .25 cents as part of their projected budget. This has been approved and forwarded to the Mayor, who has final approval.

   Fellers asked what is the flexibility of pro rates at courses? Christensen answered they have flexibility now, but not really well known or well used. Fellers asked if they can offer discount rates to people at different times? Christensen added an app, called, Golf Now. A reason why Golf Now is not being pursued is the accounting, or someone dealing with our golf courses is a direct competitor of Golf Now.

   Camp asked what’s the latest discussion on administrative fees? Christensen said at this meeting none, and haven’t heard directly. Maybe discussion but the Golf Committee did not bring forward.
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge
Eskridge stated Human Resources representatives from the City and LPD attended and talked about recruiting for Lincoln Police. Interesting facts. Data shows how we recruit and they break down by different ethnic, minorities. You can see percentages of the total number of applicants with minority groups a little higher. Then as the process continues those who take the written test, pass the test, take the physical test and pass, those interviewed and those hired, the percentages of minorities keeps narrowing. We have work in figuring out why that is. Convinced the LPD and the City wants to approve and have more minorities serving in the community as with the whole policing concept it is important.

Christensen added when he’s talked to LPD representatives heard some concern that at the beginning they might have 300 applicants, and only 115 show up for the written test. There’s a whole self selecting part also. Eskridge commented the numbers for last year had 526 applicants and 163 tested. He added possibly they went to other jobs. Christensen thought because the timing of the tests, August and December, means if you’re a university graduate in the springtime you’re waiting to test and to see if you could be accepted. Meanwhile you might get another job offer. Issues which need to be resolved. Camp asked if it’s been discussed to change the time of the tests? Eskridge replied they did discuss and believe they are looking at a different timing.

5. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) - Camp, Christensen
Camp noted Good Morning America had a piece on Lincoln. Very impressive. Lincoln is getting a lot of publicity. Noted a TV commentator had a quiz with questions in which Nebraska showed.

Camp then stated most of the meeting was on the task force. The Chamber set up a Work Force and received reports from the Entrepreneur Committee, and on Infrastructure. The Mayor attended along with other City Council Members.

6. Board of Health - Raybould
Councilwoman Raybould was unable to attend.

7. Information Services Policy Committee - Raybould
Raybould stated they discussed the cost allocation and budget, for fiscal year 2016 - 2017, the anticipated increase is 2.93%, and the following year 2017-2018 the increase will be 3.98%. The formula used is based on the amount of services consumed the previous year and projecting what is likely to be used the following year.

Raybould added they had an interesting conversation on open data. Believe Hoppe and Gaylor Baird involved in Work City, on open data. Gaylor Baird asked if they brought to the meeting? Raybould replied Henderson did bring to see if it’s something we’d be interested in on data driving practices, outcome based practices. Now 21 cities across the United States already use open data. Think they’ll come in a couple of weeks. Hoppe commented they were here this morning and we talked about a number of items. Works Cities is being started by Michael Bloomberg, former New York Mayor, and the idea is to develop more data driven practices in order to facilitate decision making. We were trying to build on some work we’ve started in Taking Charge and some other performances. Also, the notion of open data being the format more standardized and being able to make more available to the public, which is kind of a foundation piece. We’re doing better performance management. If we’re selected to be one of the 20 some cities in the United States with help from a number of places, such as Harvard School of Business, John Hopkins University, and others to help us get to that goal.

Hoppe added today they chatted briefly about the City of Lincoln, things we’re doing now, and what they might recommend as we move forward.
Camp asked for clarification on open data. Hoppe answered the idea, in it’s purest form, would be any data base someone has access to would also be available to anyone else publically. There are factors, don’t want to give personal data. A few issues to figure out. A discussion with ISPC was how to plan for cost, plan for structure, etc.

Fellers added may hear more as Gaylor Baird and myself teamed up to work on it, to bring to Council, which is slowing moving forward. We have a good framework but just touching city government and getting input before we put on our agenda. We’ve worked with Henderson and the ISPC Committee. Since we have the inter-local with the County we’ll do some work and Henderson, and staff, have great thoughts. Gaylor Baird said open data goals are not just to throw data out there, but to try and make what happens in government more transparent. Having data available, information, that citizens could potentially engage. Entrepreneurs would potentially use if available. Create applications for businesses and to help government be better with data. Run more efficiently, prioritize the kinds of information needed. Serves a lot of purposes and a huge item to take on. These folks, if they select us, will be able to potentially provide quite a bit of technical support in distribution. Fellers said open data is a piece of the puzzle that is data driven.

Camp thought a large challenge is managing. Raybould added, we already have access to every single parcel in Lincoln by going in the data base: dimensions, location, and photos, and very commendable for any municipality. We have some items which are good in terms of open data which businesses can utilize. This is looking and taking it a step further in all levels of departments.

Raybould said we looked at some system updates which are ongoing projects throughout the City and County, and aerial imaging is going on now, trying to get done before the trees green up. Camp asked if being done in the whole City, or certain subdivisions? Hoppe asked if speaking of the GIS flyover? They do the whole City periodically. Camp asked if drones are used? Raybould replied, not drones but airplanes, but looking at drones for a number of uses in terms of property assessments.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Volunteering for the Food Bank of Lincoln - Raybould
Raybould stated information sent on volunteering at the Food Bank. Understood Christensen available on Friday, May 13th. The idea was to do as a group. Exercise, activity. Heard from Christensen, Lamm possibly. The City Council helping at the Food Bank. Interested? Able to do on May 13th?

Eskridge said he had a conflict that day. Lamm thought she had replied and could do. Gaylor Baird added she has JBC at 2:30 p.m., but could do after.

Raybould commented afternoon shifts are 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Could join later. We have Lamm, Raybould, Fellers, Camp, Gaylor Baird, Christensen. We’ll let them know we’re happy to do on May 13th.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Thomas Shafer replying regarding brine lines on streets.
2. Gregory Nielsen’s memo on street paving complaints and scheduling.
   a) List of unfulfilled Action reports on complaints filed to fix potholes and curbs.
   b) Photo in support of damage initially done three years ago which was reported, and on list.
CARL ESKRIDGE
Eskridge stated in our packet was the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting Friday. Don’t think it’s usually on our list which of reports. They have a couple of agenda items that I would like to hear about. Fellers said we will meet and make sure the report is on next week’s agenda.

JANE RAYBOULD
Raybould stated last week met with the R. E. A. L. program: Respond, Empower, Advocate, Listen. The Mental Health Association and MHA working with peer supports on partnering with the Lincoln Police Department. We had presenters speak on how important it is to continue this relationship and they gave statistics from LPD officers who actually use and are engaged in the program. They are going to ask, from the budget, $150,000 to continue funding this program. It’s something where Community Health Endowment was a funder and worked with Bryan Health. Bryan Health then contracted with a number of peers for the emergency room for their program. The police officers would like to continue this program.

Raybould asked if we would want a presentation before a Directors’ Meeting? Christensen stated we had a presentation from this group last year. Raybould remembered and said, the City-County Commons Meeting. Fellers asked if asking for a pre-council? Raybould replied a pre-council or they’re looking for the funding. Fellers asked how much time needed? Agreement on half hour. Raybould said before didn’t have the statistics they want to share with Council. Who’s the point of contact and we can have set up. Raybould said Lori Siedel with Community Health Endowment was one contact, and Chad at the Kia House is another.

Gaylor Baird stated, maybe to those on the Council longer, what is the sort of standard that would work? There are groups interested in having funding in the budget, and some come before us. There are community meetings during budget season but in terms of having special sessions and pre-councils? Hoppe commented true, and is not something we necessarily participate in.

Camp said possibly Lori Siebel for CHE could give us an update? Fellers asked if it wouldn’t be better for them to check with Council Members individually to set up a time to meet? Eskridge agreed, along with other members. Raybould said she would encourage them to reach out to Council Members who have not met with them. They are taking this model forward, nationwide. I will have them reach out to members.

X. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Mike DeKalb regarding No. 50th Street Vacation between Baldwin and St. Paul (SAV16001, PESP # 23H)

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.