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   2. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) (06.27.16) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
   3. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (06.28.16) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
   4. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (06.30.16) - Lamm

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

   JON CAMP
   1. Trina Derickson thanking Councilman Camp for helping a gentleman who presented at a Council Meeting to possibly get assistance for damage caused by snowplows during the winter.
   2. Andrew Boellstorff writing in regards to beautification of Lincoln and possible trees in medians.
3. Malley Keelan requesting Councilman Camp to do a drive by and view area after fireworks.
   a) Malley Keelan replying to Councilman Camp and stating the troubles/problems with a neighborhood home.
   b) Malley Keelan thanking Councilman Camp for always answering quickly.

IX. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
    See invitation list.

X. ADJOURNMENT
SOUTH 9TH ST. CLOSING at “G” ST. FOR 10 DAYS STARTING JULY 6
FOR SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM REPAIR AND UPGRADE

Southbound 9th Street between “G” and “F” Streets will be closed from 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 6 to Friday, July 15 for Sanitary Sewer System improvements. The work will include rehabilitation of deteriorated clay pipe, and the replacement of a structurally deficient manhole. Department officials said that closing the street completely will allow the project to be completed faster. During construction, southbound traffic will detour to “K” Street, 13th Street, and South Street. Only local traffic will be permitted south of “K”.

Please follow posted speed limits on the detour route and be considerate of workers and motorists. We appreciate your patience.

For more information about the sanitary sewer system repair, please contact Daran Brown at 402-318-9715.
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 5, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: James Puls, Engineering Services, 402-525-5641

“A” STREET TO CLOSE AT 70TH FOR REPAIRS JULY 6

“A” Street will be closed at 70th Street, beginning July 6, as part of the 70th Street Paving Repair Project. One traffic lane will be maintained for northbound and southbound 70th Street. Open lanes will shift from the inside to outside lanes during the closure. No access between “A” Street and 70th Street will be allowed. Access to all local businesses will be open off of 70th Street and off of “A” Street. The detour route for “A” Street will be north from “A” Street to “O” Street at 56th Street and at 84th Street. Construction is scheduled to be completed by July 9.

For more information, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects), or contact James Puls, City Public Works and Utilities Department (402-525-5641 or jpuls@lincoln.ne.gov), or Eric Anderson, Constructors (402-434-1711).
DATE:  July 5, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, 402-441-7511
                          Jon Taylor, Citizen Information Center 402-441-7547
                          Steve Hubka, Finance Director/Budget Officer, 402-540-1100

MAYOR’S BUDGET PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 6-8

Mayor Chris Beutler will outline his 2016-2018 City budget priorities in a series of two press
conferences and one press briefing July 6-8.  All events will take place in Room 303, County-
City Building, 555 S. 10th St. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, July 6, 1:30 p.m.
  • Remarks on transportation and infrastructure budget—for immediate release.

Thursday, July 7, 10 a.m.
  • Remarks on public safety budget—for immediate release.

Friday, July 8, 10 a.m.
  • Budget briefing—for release Sunday, July 10.
Mayor Chris Beutler said Wednesday that his proposed 2016-2018 City budget seeks to continue Lincoln’s aggressive rate of infrastructure and transportation growth. Beutler began outlining his budget priorities in the first of three presentations. Beutler will discuss budget plans regarding public safety on Thursday, July 7 and will present the budget to the City Council on Monday, July 11.

Streets
Beutler said City investment in streets has increased by 58 percent since 2010. Improvements have been made to 72.2 miles of arterials and 487 blocks of residential streets during the past six years. Projects include South 56th, Northwest 48th, Old Cheney, North 84th, North 33rd, Capital Parkway, Sheridan Boulevard, Southwest 40th and 98th Street.

“A safe and efficient transportation system is critical to a thriving community,” Beutler said. “At a time when federal transportation revenues fell flat and were uncertain, we worked hard to increase local and state funding for streets and those efforts are paying off.”

Beutler’s proposed budget continues the record-setting pace of street investment with $56.2 million in 2016-2017 for street projects critical for traffic safety, efficiency and economic growth. Beutler said that a top priority in the proposed budget is to completely fund the local portion of revenue required for the South Beltway, which is designed to relieve traffic pressure on Highway 2 and increase safety for a growing city.

In addition to the South Beltway, $15.5 million will be spent on arterial construction and improvements and $5.4 million will be spent on residential improvements over the next two years, more than ever before.

“Our strong street investment is due in part to the State Legislature’s passage of LB 610, which will provide $1.3 million in additional funding for 2016-17 budget and $2.3 million for 2017-18, Beutler said.
Beutler said that new revenue has helped advance design and construction planning on several upcoming projects such as:

- **West “A” Street**: This project was advanced by one year to 2019-20 from its original 2020-21 start. The repairs from Folsom to the West City limits are a high priority. West A was built as a County standard road, but with West Lincoln’s development, the street now serves a rapidly growing traffic load.

- **North Lincoln**: Projects that will be repaired sooner than previously planned include North 33rd Street and North 48th Street. 33rd Street from Holdrege to Madison, which was scheduled for 2018 has been moved up to 2017 and will coordinate with the storm drainage repair project approved by voters through the watershed bond in May 2016. 48th Street, from Superior to north of Doris Bair Circle, will be completed in 2018.

Beutler added that his budget also re-assigns three employees and utilizes new technology to implement the Green Light Program, which allows engineers to manage traffic in real time and better coordinate and improve traffic signal timing.

**Transportation**

Beutler said that following a study commissioned last year to identify ways to improve Star Tran, the City Council adopted a number of changes scheduled to go into effect starting this fall. The changes were revenue neutral and several Council members and many in the rider community felt strongly that the City should also implement additional improvements recommended in the report, known as Phase 1.

To implement that phase, the proposed budget includes five new bus drivers. Beutler said that the new drivers will allow later service on the South 13th, North 27th, Havelock, O Street, Arnold Heights, and South Pointe routes. South 13th and North 27th will also see more frequent bus arrivals. Under the proposed budget, two additional Star Tran drivers and one supervisor would also be added to reduce overtime costs, Beutler said.

“The changes will help us provide a more complete bus system that better meets the needs of a growing community,” Beutler said. “It will bolster employment for those who do not work 8-to-5 and need later bus hours to hold a job. Waits for buses will be shorter, encouraging more people to use Star Tran for shopping, medical appointments, and school,” he added.

**Water and Wastewater**

Extending water and wastewater service and replacing water and wastewater mains remain critical to continued City growth, Beutler said. Public Works and Utilities continues to expand service into the Stevens Creek basin and other new growth areas using new funding for sanitary sewer trunk lines and increased capacity at the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plant. These investments will allow the City to continue eastward growth, Beutler said.
“Replacement water mains help us attract redevelopment dollars to established areas of Lincoln. New water and wastewater service allows entrepreneurs to drive the new construction that is so important to our economy,” he said.

The new CIP calls for increasing the pace of water main replacement from 5.5 miles per year to 7 miles per year, which is a 27 percent increase. Three new water employees would be added to the budget to accomplish the accelerated pace.

“A growing community is a community that invests in infrastructure,” Beutler said. “The budget I will offer this week devotes more resources than ever before to transportation and water and wastewater infrastructure. It is the right investment at the right time to continue Lincoln’s amazing record of economic success and strong, revitalized neighborhoods.”

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MAYOR’S BUDGET PRESENTATIONS CONTINUE JULY 7-8

Mayor Chris Beutler will continue to outline his 2016-2018 City budget proposal with two more presentations. All events will take place in Room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 7, 10 a.m.
• Remarks on public safety budget—for immediate release.

Friday, July 8, 10 a.m.
• Budget briefing—for release Sunday, July 10.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE  68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  July 7, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, 402-610-2720
                      Steve Hubka, Finance Director/Budget Officer, 402-540-1100
                      Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR MAKES PUBLIC SAFETY A BUDGET PRIORITY

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that his proposed budget for 2016-2018 includes funding for four new police officers and two added last year, six new firefighters and a new ambulance. Beutler outlined his budget priorities in the second of three presentations and will present the budget to the City Council Monday, July 11.

Since taking office in 2007, the Beutler Administration has added five firefighters and seven police officers, increasing the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) force by 2.2 percent and Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) staff by 1.8 percent. But during that period, the City expanded over 8.7 square miles, a 10-percent increase, and Lincoln’s population grew by more than 32,000, a 13-percent increase.

“New police officers and firefighter paramedics will improve response times, help cover a growing City, relieve the workload on our stressed medic units, provide critically needed back up, and improve safety for our first responders,” Beutler said. “Adding these staff will help ensure that we do not slip backwards as the City continues to grow.”

While police calls for service have declined, the Mayor said City growth stretches LPD resources and makes it more difficult to provide back-up for other officers in high-risk situations. In addition to four new officers, the budget includes funding for two officers who were added last year without identifying a funding source.

LFR responded to more than 19,000 times medical calls in 2015, a 7.1-percent increase over 2014 and a 22.9-percent increase since 2010. Adding six firefighter paramedics will allow the City to staff the new ambulance with two staff members on each of the three shifts.

“LPD and LFR have to manage new responsibilities with more area to cover and more people to serve,” Beutler said. “Their work has also become more challenging, with greater levels of public scrutiny, the introduction of new medical practices, growing expectations surrounding evidence collection and processing, and the introduction of technology that, though incredibly valuable, increases the level of complexity of the work.”

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Beutler said making public safety a priority in his budget reflects public opinion. “Time and again, the public has told us that public safety is their highest priority,” he said. “Our annual Taking Charge budget survey reflects that prioritization. Citizens consistently tell us that a quick, effective emergency response is City Hall’s most important duty.”

Beutler said his proposed budget also includes funding for services that contribute to a safe and secure community – neighborhood swimming pools, library hours, the Pioneers Park Nature Center, health information and referral and in-home services for seniors. He said other programs that contribute to residents’ safety and health include Community Learning Centers, the Stronger Safer Neighborhoods initiative, the graffiti prevention program, Aging Partners support services and the Health Department’s preventative health services.

“Lincoln must continue to strive to be a complete community,” Beutler said. “A strong community policing concept combined with the services that create a high quality of life is an unbeatable combination for keep Lincoln safe and secure.”

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The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION.” Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2016

[Commissioners Lust, Corr, and Scheer absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held June 22, 2016. **APPROVED: 5-0; (Lust, Corr, and Scheer absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

   CHANGES OF ZONE:

   1.1 Change of Zone No. 16018, from O-3 (Office Park District) and R-4 (Residential) to R-4 Planned Unit Development, to include the existing church campus and a proposed new building, with a waiver to setbacks and parking requirements, on property generally located at 6111 Morrill Avenue.
   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 5-0 (Lust, Corr and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

   1.2 Change of Zone No. 16019, from I-1 (Industrial) to R-T (Residential Transition), on property generally located at 1430 South Folsom Street.
   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 5-0 (Lust, Corr and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 25, 2016, 5:30 p.m.
SPECIAL PERMITS:

1.3 Special Permit No. 16025, to allow for the development of a new Community Unit Plan comprised of 7 single-family units, with waivers to setbacks, minimum area and width requirements, and the lot width-to-depth ratio, on property generally located at 828 D Street and 848 D Street. **FINAL ACTION**
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
This application was deferred to the July 20, 2016, Planning Commission meeting agenda for public hearing and action due to Commissioner Harris declaring a conflict of interest, which resulted in the lack of a quorum. NOTE: The applicant is requesting deferral to the August 3, 2016, Planning Commission meeting.

1.4 Special Permit No. 16027, for an Agricultural - Community Unit Plan, on approximately 84.36 acres, more or less, including 5 single-family lots, with waivers to pedestrian way, storm water detention, block length, and lot lines at right angles to street, on property generally located at West Bennet Road and SW 14th Street **FINAL ACTION**
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
This application was removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing. Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated June 24, 2016: 5-0 (Lust, Corr and Scheer absent). Resolution No. PC-01505.

1.5 Special Permit No. 16028, for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, on property generally located at 1050 Saltillo Road. **FINAL ACTION**
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: See Item 1.3 above.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: See Item 1.4 above.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

Adjournment 1:15 p.m.
TO: Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council  

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning  

DATE: July 6, 2016  

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: July 6, 2016  

Please be advised that on July 6, 2016, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution No. PC-01505**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 16027, to allow for an Agricultural Community Unit Plan, on approximately 84.36 acres, more or less, including 5 single-family lots, with waivers to pedestrian way, storm water detention, block length, and lot lines at right angles to street, on property legally described as Lots 31, 44, and 45, Irregular Tracts, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 9-8-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at West Bennet Road and SW 14th Street.

**Resolution No. PC-01506**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 16028, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, on property legally described as a portion of Lot 50, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 35-09-06, Lancaster County, Nebraska, more particularly described as Park Vista Commerce Center Condominium, Amended, Unit 7, generally located at 1050 Saltillo Road.

The Planning Commission action on this application is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP16027, SP16028). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Memorandum

Date:    July 1, 2016
To:      City Clerk
From:    Amy 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 Planning Director from June 28, 2016 through July 4, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16034** to Special Permit #06030, Charleston Heights, approved by the Planning Director on June 28, 2016, to identify lots graded below the 1,248 foot elevation where a height permit is not required, generally located at North 14th Street and Humphrey Avenue.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16035** to Special Permit #1527A, Pelican Bay Place CUP, approved by the Planning Director on June 28, 2016, to add pools as a permitted use in the rear yard, generally located at 1336 Pelican Bay Place.
URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

The City of Lincoln Urban Design Committee will have a regularly scheduled public meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 210 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 UDC meeting record of June 7, 2016.

DISCUSSION

2. Lincoln Children’s Zoo expansion (Zoo and Parks & Recreation Dept.)

3. Union College Campus entryway feature, 48th & Prescott.

4. Staff Report & misc.

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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A request has been made to vacate a portion of South 98th Street south of Andermatt Drive. The area was viewed and appears as a portion of typical Street Right of Way. A portion of the street stub previously constructed appears to be located on the area to be vacated. Staff has indicated there are no utilities within the area.

There is an existing right turn lane and street stub which was installed in anticipation of a future street connection. Since this is no longer needed it will require the removal of the concrete and storm sewer inlets and replacement of a street curb in that location at the owner's expense. Public Works has estimated that cost to be $61,000.

In this writer's opinion the cost to cure greatly exceeds the value of the area to be vacated even after it is assembled into the adjoining land. As such, it is only considered to have a nominal value of $25.00. Therefore, if the area is to be vacated it is recommended that it be sold to the abutting property owner for $25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
Councilman Camp;

I'm sure you don't hear a thank you very often, especially from someone you are aware is in the opposition party. 😊

I watched the City Council Meeting, as per usual, Monday on GOTV and was happily surprised that the council, including yourself, pushed the City Attorney's office into working with the gentleman who had his yard torn up due to the snowplows this winter. When Mr. Kirkpatrick said that he didn't have to deal with this very often I was cringing and if I'd been able to be there I may not have been allowed to stay because I was shouting at the TV here.

A few years ago I lived somewhere where I had to park on the street. We'd had a snowstorm, it wasn't severe so there was no snow emergency that required us to move our vehicles and the area I parked was extremely roomy and wide as streets go. I was surprised when a neighbor said that I should come out and look at my car. Across the driver's side of, at that time, my nearly brand new car was a gash from trunk to front that looked like a giant can opener had been used on it. The neighbor saw the whole thing; a snowplow just tore through it and kept going.

I called the city to file a claim but they told me they didn't know whether it was a city snowplow or contracted snowplow and even with a witness, time and date I was bounced back and forth between offices like a tennis ball. I seriously wanted to cry. I could tell that neither side wanted to do a thing to help me or take responsibility at all. Normally, this would not be a fortunate event but several months later, someone ran into that side of the car with their vehicle. Being their fault, their insurance company had to pay to have it fixed. In my case it was a fortunate turn of events. The gentleman Monday brought that whole mess back into my memory and I really wished I could have been there to argue that, yes, this happens more often than you think and no, the city is not helpful to its citizens in such cases.

Thank you for helping the gentleman to get a little bit of assistance; I sure wish I could have had some because it's just a nightmare and a lost cause to try to do it on your own.

Thank You;
Trina Derickson
402-730-2988
Subject: Beautification / Medians

From: Andrew Boellstorff [mailto:avboellstorff@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2016 12:47 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Re: Beautification / Medians

Jon -- I appreciate your reply!

On the median issue -- I'm a trained engineer so know how to force arguments based on design philosphy under the guise of safety. There's probably a culture issue at play here. I think what you should expect back from the engineers would be a valid cost/benefit review of how much median construction and maintenance cost the city of Lincoln. Like I mentioned in my previous email, I've lived and visited plenty of cities at the size of or larger than Lincoln that have successfully employed non-median roads so know that our situation in Lincoln is not unique and that a change in philosophy in terms of the engineering would be beneficial.

Since we are stuck with medians and we don't want a concrete jungle, trees in the median are still the way to go. Although I don't have the data I seriously doubt that anyone has ever had a safety accident while driving due to trees in the median -- there are plenty of more distractions available. I am curious -- have there been problems along Normal near 27th where there are trees along both sides of the road and in the median? If not, Lincoln should be consistent and apply beautification to the roads that were forced to have medians (56th and Old Cheney). I'd be interested if there is a formal policy from parts/rec on median trees.

The maintenance cost discussion is valid but it's going to persist whether or not there are trees in the median. Additionally, if you can fight for reduced medians in the future, some of those budget decisions could be better allocated to maintain medians and trees in the medians.

Thanks for your help in trying to control costs and at the same time keeping the beautification of our city in mind. Hopefully you'll be better able to influence road construction decisions in the future.

Andrew Boellstorff

On Tue, Jun 7, 2016 at 10:47 AM, Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com> wrote:

Andy:

I generally agree with your statements contained in your email.

My thoughts:

1. Trees in medians: need to leave this up to Parks and Rec. However, I think the approach of planting trees along the outside of traffic lanes is best with shorter vegetation in the median that does not obstruct vision.

2. Median maintenance: a problem and expensive. We already have severe budget challenges without adding more maintenance like this. See also #3 following.

3. No medians: I favor elimination of medians for many reasons including some of your comments
a. Reduces amount of land required

b. Eliminates curbs which deteriorate and are damaged by snowplows

c. Better to have dual center turn lanes that are located on several arterials already

Interestingly, I have advocated very similar thoughts for several years. Tried to implement on Old Cheney and mimic Pioneers Blvd. but engineers overrode my thoughts.

Best regards,

Jon

JON A. CAMP

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Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com

From: Andrew Boellstorff [mailto:avboellstorff@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2016 12:46 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Re: Beautification / Medians

On Wed, May 18, 2016 at 8:59 AM, Andrew Boellstorff <avboellstorff@gmail.com> wrote:

Jon -- I'm writing to hope that you might be able to help get some trees planted in the medians that are part of some major roads in Lincoln. Secondarily, for some reason, it's the policy of the city to acquire more land than necessary to construct medians but then when the road is complete, the median area starts to look like garbage. If you go down Pine Lake - you'll see the grass in the medians is approaching waist high level -- which if this was a citizens yard, the city would be out in force with ticketing the owner. There shouldn't be a double standard.

First question - is there a policy or just some action to get some trees planted in medians in the roads such as Pine Lake, Old Cheney, and newly built 56th street south of Old Cheney? They most beautified road in town is Normal/Capital Parkway primarily because of all of the trees and upkeep along both sides of the road and median. I wouldn't understand why there would be an inconsistency with newer build roads unless it was simply an oversight.

While we're on Medians -- do you know have any insight into why extra land needs to be acquired and tremendously more money spent to add medians to newly constructed roads? The trade off in costs and time of
completion of new road ways has to be excessive. I lived in Wichita, Kansas for five years after graduating UNL and then moving back to Lincoln and the folks in Wichita were able to construct and maintain very good four lane roads with a turn-lane in the middle that suited everybody. Lincoln's policy has to be a huge cost increase because of the excessive median policy in Lincoln and with all of the roads under construction this year would believe that saving time and money would be in the best interest of everyone.

So to conclude -- priority #1 - Try to get the city to plant trees in the medians - as a Tree City USA this shouldn't be a problem with a little prodding. Priority #2: Make sure the medians get taken care of appropriately so they don't become an eye-sore. Priority #3: Investigate the 'Why' behind acquiring extra land for medians in the city by potentially looking at 'best-practices' from a cost/safety standpoint of other regions or cities. This one might require some leadership.

Thanks Jon -

Andrew Boellstorff

BTW: We met and had a discussion a little over a year ago when Greg Glassman from CrossFit came and spoke at an event in Lincoln. I also served in YPG Entrepreneurship group with Jonathan.
John, swing by 4400 Van Dorn this morning. Look in our nice new street and the yard. Five hour firework artillery shell barrage with his buddies. Even worse than last year. People in their nineties in the neighborhood.

Disgusting.

MK
Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: litter from fireworks

From: Malley Keelan [mailto:mkeelan@neb.rr.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2016 10:29 AM  
To: Jon Camp; Subject: Fwd: litter from fireworks

Thanks for responding John. This house for four years has had troublesome disrespectful people in it, due to Schweitzer. Doug Emery knew all about it. The home is not kept up and this behavior goes on. For months firepit and smoker pit driveway parties with loud music. Problem there outside of smoke all the time was he had it up next to the garage, when there is a 25 foot rule for safety. The guy doesn't care. It's all about him. We are looking to sell to get away from it.

Subject:litter from fireworks  
Date:Tue, 5 Jul 2016 10:16:10 -0500  
From:Malley Keelan <mkeelan@neb.rr.com>  
To:jraybould@lincoln.ne.gov

Dear Jane,

We are the Keelans at 4410 Van Dorn. We have lived here for 25 years and own our home. We currently have an unruly tenant next door on a land contract named Gandall. The house is is owned by Brian Schweitzer, manager of the 66th and O Village Inn, where they both work. For two year issues have arisen, including involving the police or authorities for dogs, personal threats, garbage service being unpaid. This Gandall prides himself on a spectacular fireworks display in which he brings in his friends who all contribute. Last evening the barrage went on for hours, large artillery shells. We have people in their nineties in the area. If you have a chance drive by 4400 this morning and look at the disgraceful mess, in his yard and in the street, our new clean Van Dorn. I called the police last night and don't know of they showed to look at it after the fact. During the "event" I was told they could not do anything.

This used to be a lovely middle class neighborhood until Schweitzer bought this home and then vacated it to his employees. A shame. Is there any recourse regarding the debris? Last year he never cleaned it up. I used to enjoy fireworks but this is the second disgusting ego display he's done. Put us in the column for outlawing fireworks in Lincoln.

Many thanks,  
Malley Keelan

www.keelanmusic.com; 4410 Van Dorn St.  
Lincoln, NE 68506; 402 484-8778
Jon, you always respond when I call or write. Are the other council members as courteous?

On 7/5/16 10:28 AM, Malley Keelan wrote:

Thanks for responding Jon. This house for four years has had troublesome disrespectful people in it, due to Schweitzer. Doug Emery knew all about it. The home is not kept up and this behavior goes on. For months firepit and smoker pit driveway parties with loud music. Problem there outside of smoke all the time was he had it up next to the garage, when there is a 25 foot rule for safety. The guy doesn't care. It's all about him. We are looking to sell to get away from it.
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will brief media on his proposed City budget for 2016-2018 Friday, July 8, 2016, 10 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, Mayor’s Conference Room.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of July 9, 2016 through July 15, 2016.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor’s proposed budget meets goals, deals with challenges.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION
1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for July 14, 2016.
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting minutes of May 12, 2016.
3. PRAB Fact Sheet, amendments regarding locations where alcoholic beverages can be consumed.
4. PRAB Fact Sheet, license allowing the Hub Café to serve alcoholic beverages in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center with authorized use of the space.
5. PRAB Fact Sheet, revised future land use plan for Antelope Park Triangle and conditions of approval.
6. PRAB Fact Sheet, future parking diagram.
7. PRAB Fact Sheet, declaring real property as surplus.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Dennis Wertz asking how budget can be so tight when Lincoln is growing rapidly. Not paying for Antelope Valley Project now so very disappointed in condition of roads.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Carrie Cocklin asking what the City is doing to increase transparency in our policing of civilians.
   a) Councilman Camp stating he is forwarding to Police Chief Jeff Bliemeister for a response.
   b) Chief Jeffrey Bliemeister replying to constituent Cocklin adding an explanation of technology in use.
2. Tom Clutter writing in support of the recycling ordinance.
3. LES Administrative Board Meeting agenda for Friday, July 15, 2016.
4. James Schafer writing regarding taxes being too high in Lincoln.
5. Sue Goodson stating ways her family recycles and encouraging all to recycle.
6. Eric Fowler giving road examples of why street maintenance fund should not be removed to cover snow removal.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

DATE: July 7, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will brief the media on his proposed City budget for 2016-2018 at 10 a.m. Friday, July 8 in the Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

*Those attending the July 8 briefing must agree to delay reporting the budget information until 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 10.*

The Mayor will present his budget to the City Council at 8 a.m. Monday, July 11 in the City Council Chambers.
Date: July 8, 2016
Contact: Jon Taylor, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of July 9 through 15, 2016
(Schedule subject to change)

Saturday, July 9
• 2016 Star City Pride Day, remarks and proclamation – 6:55 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Arena Festival Lot, 901 “V” Street.

Monday, July 11
• Mayor presents 2016-2018 budget to City Council – 8 a.m., City Council Chambers, first floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence Presentation – 3 p.m., City Council Chambers.

Tuesday, July 12
• Mayor’s Multicultural Advisory Committee – 4 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building.

Friday, July 15
• Cornhusker State Games Opening Ceremony and Reception – 5:30 p.m., Seacrest Field, adjacent to Lincoln East High School, 1000 S. 70th Street.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 10, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, 402-610-2720
Steve Hubka, Finance Director/Budget Officer, 402-540-1100
Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-525-1520

MAYOR’S PROPOSED BUDGET MEETS GOALS, DEALS WITH CHALLENGES
Property tax rate increase would fund Police Fire Pension and EAB response

Mayor Chris Beutler said today that his proposed budget for the 2016-2018 biennium focuses on “keeping the community safe, building transportation and infrastructure to support growth, and taking care of what we have.” At the same time, he said, it deals with several major challenges, including the Police Fire Pension Fund, the Emerald Ash Borer and a $1.7 million drop in revenue from telecommunications taxes and fees.

“Keeping Lincoln on the right path is a choice,” Beutler said. “When we choose to invest in a safe and secure community, a strong economy and a high quality of life, we continue the progress that has made Lincoln a national leader. The investments proposed in this budget will help us accomplish our goals and ensure a bright and dynamic future.”

The proposed tax-funded budget for 2016-2017 is $180.5 million, a 4.21-percent increase over the current fiscal year. (Without the 27th pay period, the increase would be about 2 percent.) The proposed tax-funded budget for 2017-2018 is $182.9 million, a 1.32-percent increase over 2016-2017. The two-year average change is 2.79 percent.

The Mayor’s proposed budget calls for a City property tax levy increase of 1.17 cents:

- About half of the increase would add about $1 million per year for the Police Fire Pension Fund, bringing the total annual contribution to the required amount of $7.9 million. “Fully funding the pension is important to protecting the City’s AAA bond ratings, which means millions of dollars in savings on interest,” Beutler said.
- The other half would provide about $950,000 per year to respond to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The estimated public cost of removal and replacing the 14,000 public ash trees in Lincoln is estimated at about $29 million over 15 years.

Voter approval of a stormwater bond issue in May will add .24 cents. The impact of the combined property tax levy increase on a $150,000 home is an additional $1.76 per month. Of the 15 largest cities in Nebraska, Lincoln’s property tax levy ranks tenth.

- more -
The City receives only 15.7 percent of the total property tax dollar.

Since Beutler took office in 2007, Lincoln’s population has increased 13.3 percent and the City’s area has grown by 10.1 percent. At the same time the City’s civilian workforce has declined. Beutler’s budget proposes adding about 33 employees over the next two years. Ten positions are additional Police Officers, Firefighters and Firefighter Paramedics, and eight positions are added in StarTran to improve service and reduce more expensive overtime. “Even with the staffing increase, we will still have 67 fewer employees than when I took office in 2007, and our civilian workforce is 6 percent smaller,” Beutler said.

The Mayor’s budget also proposes a shift of $1.8 million from street funds to the snow removal fund, freeing those dollars to fund the public safety personnel increase, better StarTran services and parks maintenance and to preserve other City services. The budget also calls for using $600,000 of the available $1.2 million cash reserve in the second year to maintain programs.

Changes in the non-tax funded budget include a 5-percent water rate increase to boost annual water main replacement from 5.5 to 7 miles. A 5-percent wastewater increase will fund continued expansion into Stevens Creek and other new growth areas.

Mayor Beutler said increasing property taxes is not a popular step, but other options are not viable. The City’s sales tax is at the maximum 1.5 percent allowed by State law. Other sources of funds like fees can only be used for their intended purposes. With 53 percent of the budget dedicated to public safety, the Mayor said the City has few places left to cut. Programs at the bottom of the prioritization list include many quality of life services such as neighborhood swimming pools, library hours and neighborhood snow removal.

“We cannot address the growth in our community, the telecommunications revenue shortfall and the twin crises of EAB and the Police Fire Pension without further cuts in service or additional revenues,” Beutler said. “I am not open to budget gimmicks and unrealistic promises. I oppose those so-called solutions that promise we can have it all without a measure of sacrifice, that mislead the public into believing that we can reduce taxes, increase public safety and meet our growth challenges without having to cut beneficial programs or services.”

The Mayor will present his 2016-2018 budget to the City Council at 8 a.m. Monday, July 11 in the City Council Chambers. The presentation will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV and available at 5tv.lincoln.ne.gov. The budget will be available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: proposed budget). The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Monday, August 8. The new fiscal year begins September 1.
TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: July 14, 2016
LOCATION: 2740 “A” Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)
TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Anne Pagel

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order, Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’, and Roll Call of Members Present

2. Approval of Minutes: * May 12, 2016

3. Public Comment for Items Not Listed on the Agenda

4. Committee Reports:

   A. Fees & Facilities Committee – Justin Carlson (Chair) – 402-261-6328
      • * Recommendation regarding amendments to Lincoln Municipal Code Section 12.08.270 regarding locations where alcoholic beverages can be consumed.
      • * Recommendation regarding issuance of a license allowing The Hub Café to serve alcoholic beverages in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center in conjunction with authorized use of the space.

   B. Futures Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) – 402-261-6328
      • * Adoption of revised future land use plan for Antelope Park Triangle and related conditions of approval.
      • * Recommendation regarding declaring parcel on the south side of A Street at about 29th Street as surplus.

   C. Golf Committee – Brad Brandt (Chair) – 402-473-9619
      • May Report

   D. Executive Committee – Anne Pagel (Chair) – 402-570-9194
      • Lincoln Parks Foundation report – Christie Dionisopoulos, Executive Director

5. Staff Report:
   • Summary of Mayor’s proposed F.Y. 2016-18 budget

*Denotes Action Item
Members Present:
Bradley Brandt  Roy Christensen  Jim Crook  Susan Deitchler
Peter Levitov  Olive Martin  Anne Pagel  Jeff Schwebke
Joe Tidball  Kathi Wieskamp

Members Absent:
Justin Carlson  Todd Fitzgerald  Emily Graul  Larry Hudkins
Sherrie Nelson  Robert Ripley

Staff Members Present:
Lynn Johnson, Director  JJ Yost, Planning & Construction Manager
Angela Chesnut, Executive Secretary  Christie Dionisopoulos, Parks & Rec Foundation
Jocelyn Golden, City Attorney’s Office

Call to Order & Recognition of ‘Open Meetings Act’:
As per law, Chairperson Anne Pagel announced that the Board follows the regulations of the Open Meetings Act, and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll was called by Angela Chesnut.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
A motion was made by Roy Christensen and seconded by Peter Levitov that the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of members present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:
None.

Kathi Wieskamp arrived at 4:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
- **Executive Committee – Anne Pagel (Chair) 570-9194**
  * Lincoln Parks Foundation Report, Executive Director Christie Dionisopoulos:
    ➢ Disc golf group in Lincoln who volunteers and helps with the disc golf courses has submitted a grant to the Visitor Promotion Committee (VPC) for $10,000. The total project cost for improvements to the Roper disc golf course is approximately $21,000, with the VPC approving the grant request for $10,000 and will soon be proposed to the Lancaster County Board.
    ➢ LPF and other supporters attended the recent City Council meeting regarding funding request for the Woods Park Tennis Center project. Christie discussed the partnership and history with Lincoln Parks Foundation and the Woods Park Tennis Center. The City Council delayed the decision for one week.
    ➢ Centennial Mall fountains are nearing completion with an event being planned for May 24th at 5:00 p.m., to turn on the fountains. (Note: this event was cancelled due to weather.)

* Anne Pagel provided information regarding guidelines for distribution from the Jonathan Cook Neighborhood Parks Grant fund (attached to official minutes on record). Recommendation from the Executive Committee is for fund requests not to exceed $3,000 annually. Peter Levitov commented that discussion indicated concern that the fund not be exhausted quickly, and with a $3,000 annual use the fund would last only four years. Following additional discussion, Lynn Johnson and JJ Yost indicated that the majority of neighborhood park projects rarely fall below $15,000 to $20,000, with JJ adding that simply replacing a slide section in a park is $3,500 to $5,000.
After further discussion and clarification, a motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Roy Christensen to approve the Jonathan Cook Neighborhood Parks Grant fund guidelines with an amendment that annual funds not exceed $1,500. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows:** ‘Yes’: Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov; ‘No’: Bradley Brandt, Susan Deitchler, Olive Martin, Anne Pagel, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. Motion denied.

Following additional brief discussion, a motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Roy Christensen to approve the fund guidelines with an amendment that annual funds not exceed $2,000. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows:** ‘Yes’: Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Peter Levitov; ‘No’: Bradley Brandt, Susan Deitchler, Olive Martin, Anne Pagel, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. Motion denied.

A third motion was then made by Susan Deitchler and seconded by Jim Crook to approve the guidelines for distribution from the Jonathan Cook Neighborhood Parks Grant fund as recommended by the Executive Committee with fund requests not to exceed $3,000 annually. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows:** ‘Yes”: Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Olive Martin, Anne Pagel, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. ‘No”: None. Motion carried.

* Anne Pagel introduced the topic regarding a letter to the Mayor and City Council members from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board in support of the Woods Park Tennis Center renovation project (copy of letter attached to official minutes on record). Lynn Johnson gave an overview of the proposed recommendation that would go before the City Council following approval by the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board, with the Foundation still having additional $200,000 in fundraising to complete, with the assistance of the Mayor. The City Council will be asked for a City contribution from KENO funds of $975,000, adding to the Foundation’s fundraising commitment of approximately $4.6 million. The desire is to have the project begin this summer due to higher costs for winter construction and inflationary costs if postponed for a year. Following questions and short discussion, a motion was made by Peter Levitov and seconded by Kathi Wieskamp to approve the letter as presented to the Mayor and City Council in support of the Woods Park Tennis Center. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows:**  ‘Yes”: Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Olive Martin, Anne Pagel, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. ‘No”: None. Motion carried.

* Futures Committee – Jeff Schwebke (Chair) 261-6328
  * No report at this time.

* A brief conversation was held regarding changes to the Children’s Zoo proposed renovations, which will be discussed further at the next Futures Committee meeting. The Futures Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 18th, at 4:30 p.m., rather than the regular Tuesday, May 17th timeframe.

Anne Pagel left at 4:40 p.m.
Brad Brandt presided over the remainder of the meeting.

* Fees & Facilities Committee – Justin Carlson (Chair) 261-6328
  * No report at this time.

* Golf Report – Brad Brandt (Chair) 473-9619
  * The April Golf report was reviewed by Board members with no questions or comments.

  * Brad Brandt informed members that the Community Golf Committee held an open house which approximately 60 individuals attended, with information presented regarding the Community
Committee process. Lynn Johnson also provided an overview of the entire process that the Committee underwent from November, 2015 through May, 2016. (Copy of slide presentation attached to official minutes on record.) Lynn responded to various questions during the presentation.

* Brad discussed the recommendation regarding approval of the Severe Weather and Lightning Awareness and Notification Guidelines for Lincoln City Golf Courses (copy attached to official minutes on record), which have been reviewed and approved by the City Law Department and the City Risk Management Division, and also approved unanimously by the Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Susan Deitchler and seconded by Roy Christensen to approve the proposed Guidelines as written. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows:** ‘Yes”: Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Olive Martin, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. ‘No”: None. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORT:**
Lynn Johnson brought forward the list of annual musical, performing arts, and visual arts events in Lincoln’s parks which are proposed to be covered under the umbrella of Party in the Parks for 2016 (attached to official minutes on record). A motion was made by Roy Christensen and seconded by Jeff Schwebke to approve the events and activities for the 2016 Party in the Parks as presented. **Roll was called on the motion with members voting as follows:** ‘Yes”: Bradley Brandt, Roy Christensen, Jim Crook, Susan Deitchler, Peter Levitov, Olive Martin, Jeff Schwebke, Joe Tidball, Kathi Wieskamp. ‘No”: None. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Lynn reviewed the list of announcements as shown on the Board agenda, with observations and comments by Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
Meeting Date: July 14, 2016

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**12.08.270 Alcoholic Liquor Prohibited; Exceptions and Permit Requirements.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or to possess any alcoholic liquor in any park or park facility; provided, however, the above prohibition shall not apply to the following as they may be properly licensed or permitted according to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act:

(a) The retail licensed premises consisting of the clubhouse area of golf courses and outdoor areas of any 18-hole golf course;
(b) The premises of the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the Lincoln Children’s Museum in conjunction with fundraising activities occurring when the zoo or museum is not otherwise open to the public;
(c) The premises of Hazel Abel Park, Stransky Park, Sunken Gardens, Antelope Park Rose Garden, Woods Park Tennis Center, and Pioneers Park Nature Center, in conjunction with fundraising activities sponsored only by and for the Parks and Recreation Department or by nonprofit organizations specifically organized to benefit any city department when the premises or the area of the activity is not otherwise open to the public; and
(d) The premises of Pinewood Bowl for Parks and Recreation Department sponsored events.

Proposed amendments to LMC 12.08.270 are as follows:

1. **Jayne Snyder Trails Center** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
2. **Jayne Snyder Trails Center** for events and activities by a condominium unit owner of the Active Living Center Condominium as authorized by a written agreement. (Please note the the Jayne Snyder Trails Center is one of three condominium units in the Active Living Center Condominium. The other two are the Community Health Endowment and The Hub Café.)
3. **Auld Pavilion** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
4. **Tower Square** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
5. **Tower Square** for events and activities that promote economic development in Downtown Lincoln and that are sponsored by the Downtown Lincoln Association.
6. **Pinewood Bowl** in conjunction with fundraising activities benefitting a City department.
7. **Pinewood Bowl** for events sponsored by the contracted operator of the Pinnacle Bank Arena with approval of the Parks and Recreation Director.
**Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:** The proposed amendments expand the list of outdoor and indoor locations where alcoholic beverages can be served during fundraising activities benefiting a City Department.

Tower Square at 13th and P Street and the adjoining public right-of-way areas were planned to serve as an event space in Downtown Lincoln. Alcoholic beverages can be served in the public right-of-way areas with approval of a special event permit. The proposed amendment extends the ability to serve alcoholic beverages in the public plaza in conjunction with a special event.

The Active Living Center, including the Jayne Snyder Trails Center and The Hub Café, was planned to bring added activities and vibrancy to Union Plaza. The Hub Café has the ability to serve alcoholic beverages within its premises. The City and The Hub Café have an agreement that the café can utilize the trails center for special dinners and events. The proposed amendment would allow the City and the Hub Café to expand upon the existing agreement allowing alcoholic beverages to be served in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center during activities hosted by the café.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval.

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation:** Approval.

**Committee:** Fees & Facilities  
**Chair:** Justin Carlson, 402-261-6328

**Date:** ________________

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:**
Meeting Date: July 14, 2016

**Request:**  Recommendation regarding issuance of a license allowing The Hub Café to serve alcoholic beverages in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center in conjunction with authorized use of the space

**Discussion:** An amendment to LMC 12.08.270 authorizing alcoholic beverages to be served in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center for events and activities by a condominium unit owner of the Active Living Center Condominium as authorized by a written agreement. (Please note the the Jayne Snyder Trails Center is one of three condominium units in the Active Living Center Condominium.)

The Active Living Center, including the Jayne Snyder Trails Center and The Hub Café, was planned to bring added activities and vibrancy to Union Plaza. The Hub Café has the ability to serve alcoholic beverages within its premises. The City and The Hub Café have a written agreement that the café can utilize the trails center for special dinners and events. Pursuant to the above referenced code amendment, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is being asked to provide a recommendation regarding the City and the Hub Café expanding upon the existing agreement allowing alcoholic beverages to be served in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center during activities hosted by the café.

**Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:** The proposed expansion of the existing agreement between the City and The Hub Café for use of the Jayne Snyder Trails Center is consistent with the proposed amendment to LMC Section 12.08.270 authorizing alcoholic beverages to be served in the Jayne Snyder Trails Center for events and activities by a condominium unit owner of the Active Living Center Condominium as authorized by a written agreement.

**Staff Recommendation:** Approval.

**Committee Discussion and Recommendation:** Approval.

**Committee:** Fees & Facilities  
**Chair:** Justin Carlson, 402-261-6328

**Date:** ________________

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:**

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: July 14, 2016

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**Discussion:** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board adopted a future land use plan for the Antelope Park Triangle and related conditions of approval associated with the proposed expansion of the Lincoln Children’s Zoo in June, 2015. Since that time the Zoo has engaged in further expansion master planning efforts. There are two significant changes in the overall direction for the Zoo expansion. Previously, it was anticipated that the large parking area in the center of the Triangle would remain, and that additional parking would be located south of A Street. The current planning anticipates that nearly all zoo patron parking would be south of A Street. Previously new zoo exhibit and interaction areas were envisioned west of the Parks and Recreation Administration Office. The current planning anticipates that the new zoo exhibits and interaction areas will be located west of the current Zoo entrance in the area of the current central parking area on the Triangle.

A revised future land use plan has been developed that it consistent with the current Zoo expansion master planning efforts. A copy of this revise plan is attached.

The conditions of approval adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have been review and updates incorporated into the document. In addition, new proposed conditions related to landscape screening and buffering, and to crossing of the Rock Island Trail by vehicular and pedestrian traffic associated with zoo patron parking. Please see the attached updated Antelope Park Triangle Land Use Plan Conditions of Approval.

**Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:** The Lincoln / Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan identifies the planned expansion of the Lincoln Children’s Zoo within the Antelope Park Triangle.

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Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:
Antelope Park Triangle Proposed Land Use Plan Conditions of Approval

Approved as a conceptual plan by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on June 11, 2015.
Updated June 21, 2016

Conditions are appended to the approval of the Antelope Park Triangle Proposed Land Use Plan in order to preserve the park-like aesthetic and appearance of the Antelope Park Triangle as well as to assure the citizens of Lincoln and visitors that scarce public land in central Lincoln is wisely used.

Future Parking, vehicular and pedestrian circulation

☐ If funds were available, the first priority would be to expand the existing central parking area with at-grade and below-grade parking decks that do not enlarge the current footprint of the surface parking lot, retaining perimeter green space (with a funding strategy for construction that could involve various local government entities, e.g. bonding, JPA, other tools).

☐ A second choice is to locate new parking south of Water Place Condominiums, with a pedestrian walkway from parking separate from the Rock Island Trail.

Update: The preferred parking solution places nearly all of the zoo patron parking south of A Street with limited handicap accessible parking in the Parks and Recreation Administration Office parking lot. The Zoo has expressed interest in acquiring the City owned parcel at 29th and A Street where future zoo patron parking is proposed.

☐ Any parking solution should include replacing existing stalls lost to expansion as well as providing adequate parking for future needs.

Update: The current parking area southeast of the Hamann Rose Garden is proposed to be expanded to the north to accommodate Parks and Recreation Admin Office staff parking and public gardens visitor parking.

An addition to the Admin Office parking lot is proposed north of the building to accommodate patron/guest parking for the Admin Office.

☐ The preferred location for bus drop-off and parking is north of the Ager Building.

Update: The proposed location for bus drop-off is on the north side of A Street east of 28th Street. Buses will be instructed to park in the new parking lot off of Memorial Drive.

☐ The pedestrian walkway should be enhanced with landscaping and other features so that the Zoo entry experience begins at the parking lot and extends along the pedestrian walkway. The zoo entrance plaza should have a park-like character.

Update: The zoo expansion master plan is being designed to provide a zoo theme visitor experience from the parking areas south of A Street to the new main entrance.
Traffic planning related to parking should seek to assure the safety of pedestrians at street crossings and pedestrian paths accessing the zoo.

*Update:* Two options for pedestrian crossings of A Street are being explored:
1) Enhanced at-grade crossing with separate crossing areas for zoo patrons and for Rock Island Trail users. The zoo patron pedestrian crossing would have marshalling areas on both sides of A Street.
2) Pedestrian over-pass connecting the zoo patron parking areas south of A Street to the zoo entry plaza.

Close-by parking must be maintained for staff who work at the Parks Administration Building, particularly those whose responsibilities take them away from the building and returning to the building the same day, along with customers, donors, volunteers and visitors to the Parks and Recreation Department and the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

*Update:* As noted above, parking is being provided for Parks and Recreation Administration office staff and patrons/guests.

Greenspace northeast of the intersection of 27th and A Street
- Retain publicly accessible parkland along 27th Street, generally west of the west face of the Ager building, and generally south of the south face of the Parks & Recreation Administration office (approximately 75 feet width along both 27th and A Streets), as approximately shown below.

- Integrate publicly owned green space southeast of 27th and A Streets with overall planning for the Triangle for site landscape design and development.
Update: The Antelope Park Future Land Use Plan is being revised to reflect the new preferred zoo expansion plan and the area west of the Parks and Recreation Administration Office will remain as publicly accessible parkland.

Ager Building
- The building should be designated as a local historic landmark, and adaptive reuse of the building should respect this designation.

Update: The process of designating the Ager Building as a local historic landmark will be initiated during the fall of 2016.

- The Parks and Recreation Department should work with community agencies and organizations, including the Lincoln Children’s Zoo, to assure that similar programming for pre-school age children and families is available in central Lincoln with provisions for financial support to low-income children and families.
Lady Liberty statue
- The statue should be returned to its historic location at 27th and A Streets, or alternatively in front of the Ager building on the west side.

*Update: Consideration is being given to relocating the Lady Liberty statue to the Veterans Memorial Garden*

Lincoln Parks Foundation donor recognition plaza (Liberty Plaza)
- The granite panels with donor recognition should be incorporated into a node in a prominent location, possibly along the walkway through the Triangle perimeter parkland, in front of Ager, or near the Hamann Rose Garden.

*Update: The engraved granite panels will be placed in storage for incorporation into a future project.*

Preservation of existing public gardens and Cascade Fountain
- A conservation easement should be granted to the Lincoln Parks Foundation for the areas occupied by the public gardens, the fountain, and adequate land for related visitor parking. This conservation easement should include the existing lawn area east of the Hamann Rose Garden.

Future status of the Parks and Recreation Administration Building
- Future expansion plans for the zoo should respect the building and related parking and avoid creating an isolated alcove on the Triangle. Adequate landscaping should be provided to buffer the building and parking from incompatible views and activities.

- If the location of the building is needed for future expansion, adequate funding should be provided to relocate the administration building to a location in central Lincoln with visibility and adequate parking for walk-in visitors.

*Update: The Parks and Recreation Administration Office and parkland west of the building are being preserved at this time.*

Phasing of zoo expansion
- The zoo should provide a phasing plan for logical expansion of zoo related facilities.

Future master plan and design review
- Master planning for expansion of the zoo should be done in consultation and partnership with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Urban Design Committee.

*Update: A schedule for review of the zoo expansion plans by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Urban Design Committee has been developed. The July agendas for the three advisory groups will include review of the zoo expansion plans. Review may continue into August.*

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New proposed Conditions of Approval based on the revised Antelope Park Triangle Proposed Land Use Plan

**Landscape Screening and Buffering of Zoo Expansion Areas**

☐ The preferred zoo expansion area is in the center of the Antelope Park Triangle with parking primarily to the south across A Street. The expansion area will have interface with existing public garden and Parks and Recreation Administration Office areas. 100% screening to a height of at least eight feet should be provide at the perimeter of the zoo expansion area on the north boundary, the west boundary, and south boundary adjacent to the Parks and Recreation Administration Office. Screening may be accomplished through a combination of landscaping, fencing and architectural elements.

☐ Landscape improvements associated with the proposed zoo patron parking immediately south of A Street should meet City standards. Landscape improvements for the southern zoo patron parking area should be mutually agreed upon by the Zoo and the Parks and Recreation Department.

☐ The pedestrian walkway associated with the zoo patron parking lots south should be physically separated from the Rock Island Trail.

☐ Areas for managing trash and waste, including animal waste, should be located away from public garden areas. Trash and waste management plans should be developed to minimize disturbance of public gardens visitors by sounds and odors from the trash and waste management areas.

**Rock Island Trail Crossing** (Note that options for an alternative location for convergence of the Rock Island Trail and the Billy Wolff Trail south of A Street are being investigated. This may result elimination of the trail through the zoo patron parking area and the Antelope Park Triangle.)

☐ The proposed zoo patron parking access drive and pedestrian walkway intersection with the Rock Island Trail south of A Street should be designed to give priority to trail users. The trail and access drive should intersect at a 90-degree angle for maximum visibility of drivers, pedestrians and trail users. Stop signs should be placed along the access drive on both sides of the trail. Warning signs should be placed along the trail on both sides of the access drive and related pedestrian crossing. A variety of visual and physical cues, such as colored textured pavement and elevated intersection surface should be provided on the access drive and related zoo patron pedestrian walkway to alert users of the trail crossing.
### Request:
Recommendation regarding declaring real property on the south side of A Street at about 29th Street as surplus.

### Discussion:
The City of Lincoln owns four parcels on the south side of A Street 29th Street, westerly of the Rock Island Trail. (Please see the aerial photograph below.) These parcels are part of the area identified in the proposed Antelope Park Land Use Plan as part of the area for expansion of the Lincoln Children’s Zoo (Zoo). It is anticipated that these parcel would be part of a larger parking lot serving zoo patrons. The Zoo has expressed interest in purchasing the four parcels in conjunction with its expansion plans.

![Aerial Photograph of Subject Real Property](image)

**Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:** The four subject parcels are publicly owned but are not designated as parkland. The land was acquired by the City with the assistance of the Lincoln Parks Foundation to be used for parking as envisioned in an earlier master plan for the Antelope Park Triangle.

### Staff Recommendation:
Approval.

### Committee Discussion and Recommendation:
Approval.

**Committee:** Futures

**Chair:** Jeff Schwebke, 402-740-3384

**Date:** ________________

### Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:
MEMORANDUM
May 27, 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: May Golf Report

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

Course Maintenance
The golf course crews have all been doing great work throughout the spring completing timely applications of products prior to rains and keeping up with mowing challenges. The following is a list of tasks accomplished in the month of May.

- Greens topdressing by-weekly
- Venting greens
- Applications of growth regulators
- Pre-EMerge/post emerge applications for weeds
- Fertilizer application
- Insecticide applications
- Applications of plant protectants on greens
- Tree work
- Maintenance of landscaping around clubhouses
- Recovery efforts after flooding
- Bunker maintenance
- Identifying drainage issues. (Clay tile has collapsed at Holmes on greens and several areas around Pioneers golf course)
- Cart path patching
- Continue training summer help
- Training on new electronic payroll timekeeping system
- Sod work
- Getting old drinking fountains in working order
- Irrigation repairs
- Cart rental fleet repairs and upkeep
- Water supply line going to Highlands shop has been located and repaired

Course closures during May
Holmes: All 18 closed 2 days (Back nine closed 5 days)
Mahoney: Closed 1 day (No carts 3 days)
Pioneer: No carts 3 days
Highlands: No carts 1.5 days

Maintenance Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement
Two agreements for acquisition of 21 pieces of golf maintenance equipment for Holmes and Mahoney Golf Course have been approved by the City Council. The agreements extend the lease/purchase payments to six years. Upon receipt of the new equipment, existing equipment will be surplused and sold at auction with the proceeds of the sales retained by the Golf Fund.

Lease of Additional Golf Carts
Ten additional golf carts are being leased during the summer golf season to support league and tournament play. We believe that having the additional carts that can be shared between the courses will result in cost savings over renting carts as needed for individual events.

Marketing and Promotions
A new marketing intern has been hired to assist with marketing efforts, particularly social media.
Recorded golf tips by the five Lincoln City Golf Pro’s were being played on KLIN several times each day. KLIN / Lincoln City Golf Play the City punch card ($80 for one 18-hole round at each of the four 18-hole courses) were promoted.

The Play the City punch card will be promoted as a gift idea for Father’s Day in addition to gift cards.

**Golf Player Development**
Youth and adult lessons and programs are in progress. Enrollment in youth programs at Ager has increased by at least 50% over last year.
1. How can the budget be so tight when Lincoln is growing so rapidly?
2. I am really tired of driving on the TERRIBLE roads in Lincoln. It is disappointing that the mayor didn't mention repairing them. I thought we were done syphoning road $ to pay for the Antelope Valley Project. Maybe if we hadn't paid $700 grand on an alley in the Haymarket we’d have money for roads.😊

Sent from my iPhone
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
  General Council

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Comment or Question:
I would like to find out what our city is doing to increase transparency in our policing of civilians. In 2014 body cams were discussed but the police chief seemed to be opposed. I would like to know what we are doing to get these and other solutions in place to increase transparency. Please let me know what I can do to help.
Carrie:

Thank you for your email to the City Council. I am forwarding your email to Police Chief Jeff Bliemeister for a response.

Best regards,

Jon

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

From: Jeffrey Bliemeister [mailto:lpd1782@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 8, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Carrie Cocklin; Jon Camp
Subject: RE: InterLinc: Council Feedback

Carrie:

Thank you for your inquiry. The article is accurate, we currently have four body cameras. In addition we have in-car cameras operational in the majority of our 146 police cruisers. Our traffic unit officers have audio recording devices for their encounters. Body cameras are a technology that can promote transparency along with in-car cameras, training, screening for candidates, prompt and thorough investigation of complaints, and most importantly the individual integrity of our officers. We are researching the implementation of body cameras at the Lincoln Police Department. I recognize the benefits along with the potential hurdles. The passage of legislation under LB 1000 provide additional parameters that any agency with body cameras must comply with: http://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/104/PDF/Intro/LB1000.pdf

When we fully implement this technology we must be prepared to meet the expectations of all citizens we serve, comply with statutory directives, balance the privacy of our contacts, and have sustainable funding model. The Omaha Police Department recently announced the purchase of 115 body worn cameras with a PRIVATE donation of $800,000. This includes the purchase of the technology and 5 years of video storage. http://journalstar.com/news/local/911/plus-omaha-police-officers-to-soon-wear-body-cameras/article_84e1acbe-3d08-51ab-9ceb-c07530764e16.html. This does not include the cost of replacement which we estimate to be every four to five years and the additional employees required to maintain the hardware. Cost is a factor along with privacy.

We continue to strive to keep the citizens of Lincoln safe and secure. As you mention, that process must be transparent. We are committed to accountability and are looking at technology as one tool in that process.

Jeff Bliemeister - Chief of Police
Lincoln Police Department
575 South 10th, Lincoln NE 68508, 402-441-7237

From: Carrie Cocklin [carrie.cocklin@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2016 1:34 PM
To: Jon Camp
Cc: Jeffrey Bliemeister; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Re: InterLinc: Council Feedback

Thank you for your reply. I'm doing more research and I have found this article. http://www.1011now.com/content/news/body-cam-policy-376657461.html Is this information accurate? Are only four police officers wearing body cams and still only recording when they deem it necessary?
Good afternoon City Council Members,

I'd like to thank you for your service to our community. As a resident of Lincoln for going on 4 years, it has been amazing to see the changes for the better in such a short period of time. The passion and forward thinking nature of the city and community has really drawn me in and made Lincoln not only home for now but as a student soon to be business owner, a home potentially long-term.

In regards to the recycling ordinance up for your consideration, I hope that you will stand in favor. This is something that is incredibly essential to the future sustainability of our city in many ways. Obviously it will reduce our waste impact and resources involved, but it will also create economic opportunities that will be longterm. This ordinance is not seen as a mandate in my perspective but exactly the opposite, an opportunity to influence our culture and sustainability for the future of our community. Please vote favorably to pass this ordinance and allow the positive impact to grow.

Thank you again for your time and dedication.

Best Regards,

Tom
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, July 15, 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 June 17, 2016 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board

3. Comments from Customers

4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff
   A. 40 Years – Rich Jurey, Supervisor Toolroom, Corporate Operations

5. Committee Reports
   A. Budget & Rates Committee
   B. Operations & Power Supply Committee
   C. Finance & Audit Committee

6. CEO Reports
   A. Second Quarter 2016 Financial Review
   B. Six-Month Claims Report
   C. 2016 Second Quarter Indicators
   D. *Approval of 76th & Rokeby Substation Exchange – LES Resolution 2016-7
   E. *Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Improvements to Rokeby Road – LES Resolution 2016-8
   F. Sustainable Energy Program Mid-Year Update
   G. North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Version 5/6 Update
   H. Quarterly Power Supply Update
   I. *Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to IBEW Local 1536 Trades and Crafts Contract – LES Resolution 2016-9

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

8. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

“Lunch & Learn” following July 15th Board meeting.
Topic: Leidos Sustainable Energy Program Study.

Next Regular Administrative Board meeting Friday, August 19, 2016.
THIS IS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL. HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE BE EXPECTED TO FOR THE RICH MANS WANTS IN THIS CITY? I’VE LIVED HERE MY WHOLE LIFE. I’M 67 YEARS OLD. ON SOCIAL SECURITY. WE DON’T GET A COST OF LIVING RAISE WE. IF WE DO IT ALMOST NOTHING. ARE UTILITIES HAVE MORE THEN DOUBLE THE LAST 8 YEARS WHY ----????? BECAUSE OF OUR SO CALLED CROOKED MAYOR. HE HAS DONE NOTHING FOR ME ACCEPT MAKE IT HARDER ON US. ARE WE PAYING CASSIDY DOUBLE? $163.000 YEAR PLUS HIS PENSION???? IF SO THAT’S DOUBLE JEOPAPARY???? ALSO $163.000 THE WOMAN HE PUT IN CHARGE WATER DEPT. WHAT ARE THEY HIS GOLF BUDDIES . HIS SPECIAL INTESTEST GROUPS PUT HIM IN OFFICE THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT FROM HIM ..HE IS NOTHING BUT THE RICH MAN’S PAWN .. CORUPTION RUNS HIGH IN LINCOLN......WHY ISN'T THERE A CITY AUDIT RAN???????????.EVERY TIME HIS BUDUT COMES UP HE PAYS SOMEONE A LOT OF MONEY TO COME UP NEW WAYS TO GET MORE MONEY FROM US ..HE PUT THIS CITY IN DEBT . USE HIS PAYCHECK-CASSIDY & THE CHECK WE PAY TO THE WOMAN AHEAD OF WATER COMPANY. HE PROMISE HER A RAISE THAT’S WHY HE WANTS TO RAISE OUR WATER BILL AGAIN... THANK YOU GIVE THIS TO COUNCIL.. ITS TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE CROOKS RUNNING THIS CITY..................JAMES SCHAFER
InterLinc: City Council Feedback for General Council

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Comment or Question:
We recycle! We wash, flatten, sort and recycle everything recyclable. My husband even removes the cellophane from envelopes in order to recycle the paper. If it seems something should have a use, we find some place which can use it - like used medicine bottles (formerly City Mission free Health Clinic, now vets for animal medications). Coupon sections go to a program for other-abled persons to clip for veterans. There are many ways to recycle-doesn't take lots of time or effort. RECYCLE!!!
Comment or Question: Dear Council Members,

I was floored to read Sunday's Journal Star and see that Mayor Buetler wants to take money from the street maintenance fund to cover snow removal. We don't need less street maintenance, we need more. I drive two streets every day that have seen so little "maintenance" that I can't imagine how bad they would be if that budget were reduced.

North 33rd Street, Cornhusker-Holdrege: This stretch was rated very poor or poor in the 2012 Pavement Management Street Conditions Map, but I drive this street daily and can say it has been that way since I moved to Lincoln in 1998. Each winter it becomes a minefield of potholes, one of which cost me a tire in the early 2000s. Countless potholes are patched each winter, but I don't recall cracks being tarred to prevent them from coming back. 33rd was resurfaced from O to Holdrege a few years ago. I've called the street department and Mayors office annually and am always told this section will be repaved "soon." (Once a staffer told me it would have been done already but the Mayor took the funds for another project.) Last winter I was told it was awaiting a drainage study. I can't believe a street next to one of the city's greatest assets, UNLs East Campus, is in such disrepair.

West Fletcher Dr.-Highway 34 to Superior/Fletcher intersection in the Highlands: Here is another great example of how neglected maintenance will resulted in costly repairs. The curbside seam of the asphalt looks to have rarely, if ever, been tarred to fill cracks and prevent pavement breakup and potholes. Last summer, crews replaced the outside 5 or so feet of asphalt on Fletcher to the west of this location. Why they didn't have crews do this other short stretch while they were there baffles me, as I know a significant cost in any of these projects is simply getting the crews there.

If you haven't driven these stretches of street lately, please do. I know there are other bad streets in Lincoln, but I can't imagine there are many worse than 33rd.

I firmly believe that the reason these streets are bad is because of the lack of maintenance. I figure it's like changing the oil in my car. It's a small expense now to avoid a big one later. I've lived in several cities and towns in Nebraska and in every one of them, and on the state's highways, periodic chip sealing with tar/oil is a common practice. This or simply tarring cracks maintains the integrity of the surface. Once that is broken, it's a downhill slide that will lead to much more expensive repaving projects. Yet I rarely see chip sealing and don't see nearly enough toilet paper covering fresh tar on the streets I drive, only gaping cracks.
As a taxpayer, I ask that you please quit kicking the can down the road as so many of your predecessors have done and find a way to INCREASE the street maintenance budget, even if that means RAISING my property taxes. I know I am going to pay for a project on every street in Lincoln sooner or later. I’d rather pay a little bit now than a lot later.

Respectfully,

Eric Fowler
MINUTES  
DIRECTORS’ MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

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

Others Present:  Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities Director; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Gaylor Baird opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES
   1. Minutes of Directors’ Meeting on June 20, 2016.
   With no corrections the above minutes placed on file in the City Council office.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA
   Eskridge stated a new agenda for the Council meeting was distributed.

III. CITY CLERK
   Meier noted on the new agenda have Item 19. Everyone has responded to attend. In your packets you received a Motion to Amend, No. 1 on Item 25, 16-40. Action will be next week. On Item 34 we already had a Motion to Amend, No. 1.

   Meier stated Public Works may request a one week delay on Item 35. Discussion on the delay. Esposito explained the concern was they hadn’t heard from us on the budget prior to the interlocal agreement. We thought as a courtesy, as we present to Council on Wednesday rather than Monday, it would okay. But can go ahead if Council wants.

   Christensen added it was the intent behind what we were trying to do with Esposito agreeing. She commented Council wanted to hear all the budget to consider the contracts of the whole Public Works budget.

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
   1. NEWS RELEASE. South 9th Street closing at “G” Street for 10 days starting July 6th for sanitary sewer system repair and upgrade.
   2. NEWS RELEASE. “A” Street to close at 70th for repairs July 6th.
   3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor’s budget presentations scheduled for July 6, 7 and 8.
   4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor proposes continued growth of transportation and infrastructure.
   5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor’s budget presentations continued July 7 and 8th.
   6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor makes public safety a budget priority.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
   1. Administrative Approvals by the Planning Director from June 28, 2016 through July 4, 2016.
   2. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for July 12, 2016.
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Request to vacate a portion of South 98th Street south of Andermatt Drive.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Railroad Transportation Safety District (RTSD) (06.21.16) - Gaylor Baird, Christensen, Lamm

Christensen stated they approved next year’s budget, which approved a levy request to the County Board. If the County Board keeps the schedule of gradually increasing the levy amount going to the RTSD, we will have the money needed, from the RTSD, to fund the South Beltway. Raybould asked if passed unanimously with Christensen replying yes. Gaylor Baird added requests such as this have gone to the County before and have come back at a different level. Christensen commented it passed with the full support of all Board Members.

Christensen added they also approved a feasibility study for the 33rd and Cornhusker improvement. In the feasibility study presentation the need is to understand they’ve narrowed down to two plans. Does not mean the final plan would be one of the two, but likely a modification. Also, not actually approving a plan but saying there is a reasonable possibility of one of the plans, or one similar, being feasible to do. There will be a lot more work. If everything goes according to the best possible schedule talking about starting in 2022.

Lamm stated next would be an Environment Study. Christensen added it doesn’t mean nothing is happening and they will proceed.

Raybould commented she thought she heard a part of the feasibility study is going to be in the impact study, or is that further down the line? Christensen responded, there’s initial parts which have to be done a certain way. The work on the Environmental Study, and the Feasibility Study counts towards the Impact Study. But not complete. Lamm added it doesn’t tell you a design. A shotgun approach to where you’ll be.

Camp asked if there’s a ballpark figure on 33rd and Cornhusker now? Christensen replied yes with the least expensive of the 2 proposals in the $50 million ballpark. There are some items, he believes, which adjusted could reduce the price. One of the most expensive parts of the project is land acquisition. Think there are things we might be able to do, and will discuss with the RTSD Board Members. Possibly Council would have discussion with RTSD Board members before it’s settled, but think there are opportunities to modify, even further, what is being proposed, brining the price tag down.

Gaylor Baird stated, it’s 50 million in today’s dollars, so more like 75. Reply of 63. Christensen commented we need to do everything we can to make sure the design controls the costs the job intended.

Eskridge added he understands when the Environmental Impact Study is done it’s typically good for about 5 years. Once that’s done. Christensen stated that’s why he’s saying 2020-2022 because it will take 5 years to do the study. Lots of moving parts involved because it’s not only 33rd but have Salt Creek, the Corps of Engineers involved, a section of the City which had flooding problems. All plays into the total picture with a lot of inner departmental cooperation which has to be with State, Federal, City.

Gaylor Baird added it’s very important to step back and realize the reduction in the levy which has taken place as a result of the County’s designation for RSTD means the RSTD will be accumulating less and less dollars over the next few years. The levy was at the traditional level. We would be better positioned to address the issue, or the Cornhusker Highway location, but it’s clear while we’re making progress on the South Beltway.
other items are slowed down.

Fellers said it’s also their levy, the County levy. They’re able to set it however they want, even though the Board may recommend something, it is their levy.

Eskridge noted a study was done in which the RTSD was involved with quieting zones. Christensen noted the Southwest Quiet Zone. They did a feasibility study for the quiet zone there. We’ll back off as there is a new plan to explore with the railroad to essentially abandon the tracks which go all the way southwest and then take it though the train yards, further west, and cut straight south. Eliminating all railroad crossings in this section of town and essentially allow for significant growth of the city for many years without interference from the quiet zones, and railroad crossings. More expensive early on, but think reasonable to project it would be less expensive in the long run.

Eskridge stated there are existing tracks, on the new route. Except understanding the Yankee Hill Brickyard, it’s redundant. Christensen’s understanding is they would have to lay a new track in the railyard, with Eskridge agreeing. The largest expense is laying the track.

Gaylor Baird commented if it does work some of the pressure we see today comes from traffic stopping and waiting for trains to cross. This would push out where the train crossing is, west of the area developed. It would put off, for a while, the conflicts.

Christensen noted it would certainly reduce the number of crossings.

Gaylor Baird stated another item. Sara Hartell came to the RTSD to give a heads up. They were approached by the Great Plains Trails Network as there’s evidence folks are cutting from the Jamaica North Trail across the train tracks to get to the Y area. A lot of bike trails or pedestrian traffic, and see as a safety risk. Not only car and train conflicts but in some cases people crossing tracks are getting hurt. Great Plains Trails wants to explore possibly fund raising to come up with safety improvements. No action taken.

Raybould added a follow up comment, Fellers is correct that the County Board has control over the levy but having been on the County Board at one time, they use the RTSD levy to help the budget stop gap. It was only meant to be temporary at that time. Now it’s kind of transitioned into something which feels a little more permanent. Fellers noted, which is their right as a County Board to do. They set their levy how they see fit. Raybould replied, not saying that’s incorrect, just saying when it was initiated that was the intention.

2. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) (06.27.16) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
Eskridge stated they discussed, with public members, closing Canopy Street for different events. Think most accepted the closing could be reasonable. Pointed out there could also be consequences with individuals wanting to close other streets. Trying to work with different businesses, the arena, all the players in the area to figure out what’s reasonable.

3. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) (06.28.16) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
Eskridge stated a short meeting with time spent on the DLA budget. Also, the DLA contracted with Center Pointe for a part-time worker who will work with some of the homeless population on the downtown streets.

4. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) (06.30.16) - Lamm
Lamm stated the PRT received numerous referrals last month. Do think it happens because of the rain and weed control issues. In ending the month we open 8 cases, closed 3. We kept 5 open cases and closed 6. With
the monitor cases we moved 4 to open and 4 to close. Some items easily fixed once they spoke with one of our departments. We are waiting on some cases as they had a couple of weeks until follow up.

Raybould asked, when a case is close is it because the homeowner worked with City staff to resolve any deficiency? Lamm replied, yes, in most cases. There has to be activity or violations of 2 departments to keep open. With a location where animal control went out, building and safety, or weed control, and if two agencies close their cases as they’re in compliance with only agency left, we do a follow up and close.

Raybould questioned if it’s typical if a case gets closed it’s reopened within the next month, or? Lamm replied she hasn’t seen them reopened and has only been on the PRT for a year. Heard it mentioned there are some cases which come back year after year, which if you imagine a absent landlord, or another problem like weeds, then someone has to be reminded of the violations.

Eskridge stated Council did pass an ordinance a few years ago which increased the authority for the law department to try and resolve some problems. Eventually they give a fine, and most problems are resolved, but some don’t want to pay, or they give up and let the property go. Where are we with the law and how is it working? Does the City have the money or resources needed to care for the properties once they’re that neglected? Lamm replied a multi part answer, several months ago we passed an ordinance to put homes on the negligent building register. The registry has $500 and the fines. If they don’t pay we continue to fine them periodically. Although not a direct study do have the impression homeowners are responding quicker. The fees/fines which actually are paid by the City on paper are eventually assessed against the property. We haven’t seen a lot yet, as the ordinance has only been on the books approximately a year and a half.

Eskridge noted he gets complaints probably once a month from someone in a neighborhood upset about a house just sitting there, not being kept up. I think we may have this in the older neighborhoods although did see a photo of one in Southwood. Fellers added it’s not just in older neighborhoods. The neighborhoods or developments are 10 to 15 years old where you wouldn’t think there would be neglected homes.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Trina Derickson thanking Councilman Camp for helping a gentleman who presented at a Council Meeting to possibly get assistance for damage caused by snowplows during the winter.
2. Andrew Boellstorff writing in regards to beautification of Lincoln and possible trees in medians.
3. Malley Keelan requesting Councilman Camp to do a drive by and view area after fireworks.
   a) Malley Keelan replying to Councilman Camp and stating the troubles/problems with a neighborhood home.
   b) Malley Keelan thanking Councilman Camp for always answering quickly.

IX. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

X. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Gaylor Baird adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.