IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

I. MINUTES
1. Directors’ Meeting of December 5, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present October Award of Excellence to Cary Steele.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Nominations due January 6 for Mayor’s Arts Awards.
3. NEWS RELEASE. New fire station alert system designed to improve response time.
4. News advisory. Mayor Beutler will discuss a proposed amendment to the City Charter today, December 13, 1:30 p.m. at 555 S. 10th, Room 303.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says proposed charter amendment threatens City’s bond rating.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Hawthorne is first Lincoln Luminary honoree.
7. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss a discovered problem within the proposed City Charter amendment today, December 15th, 1:30 p.m. 555 S. 10th Street, room 303.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of November 8, 2016.
2. Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department report for November, 2016.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2. Joint letter of support for LRTP from BicycLincoln, Lincoln Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee, and Nebraska Bicycling Alliance.
3. David Cary, Planning Director, memo with one point of clarification regarding the public hearing on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update.
7. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from December 6, 2016 through December 12, 2016.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
(Held over from 12.05.16)
1. Visitors Promotion Committee (11.16.16) - Fellers
2. City Performance Audit (11.18.16) - Fellers, Raybould, Lamm
3. Problem Resolution Team (11.17.16) - Lamm
4. Downtown Lincoln Association (11.22.16) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
5. Partnership for Economic Development (12.01.16) - Camp, Christensen, Eskridge
6. Telecommunication/Cable TV Board (12.01.16) - Fellers
7. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Gaylor Baird
   (Week of 12.05.16)
8. Railroad Transportation Safety District (12.05.16) - Christensen, Raybould, Lamm
9. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (12.08.16) - Christensen
10. Information Services Policy Committee - (12.05.16) Raybould
    (Week of 12.12.16)
11. Public Building Commission Chair and Mayor Meeting (12.13.16) - Raybould
13. Multicultural Advisory Committee (12.13.16) - Eskridge
14. Board of Health (12.13.16) - Raybould

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Robert Peters writing in favor of the Costco application for a store at 13th and Pine Lake Road.
2. Andrew Boellstorff’s correspondence to Councilman Camp on beautification of medians.

IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE
1. Councilwoman Lamm thanking MaryAnn Hirsch for her Costco comments.
2. James Friedman, Near South Neighborhood Association expressing their views on the City Charter Amendments.
3. Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee’s letter urging adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

X. PRE-COUNCIL SCHEDULE
1. January 23, 2017. Community Health Endowment update, 1:00 p.m.

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 12, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR TO PRESENT OCTOBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for October to Cary Steele, Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor for the Communications Unit of the Police Department. The award will be presented at 3 p.m. at the beginning of the City Council meeting at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Communications Coordinator Julie Righter Dove nominated Steele in the category of productivity for his work to improve the existing cardiac arrest protocol. Steele attended a Resuscitation Academy in Seattle, Washington with EMS Supervisors from Lincoln Fire and Rescue. He returned with several ideas for ways the 911 Center could improve survival rates for patients with sudden cardiac arrest. One of those ideas was the creation of an ECHO response. The ECHO designation is given to those cases with the highest priority. Righter Dove said Steele was instrumental in creating a process to modify the protocol for these cases to allow for immediate dispatch of EMS personnel and provision of CPR instructions.

Righter Dove wrote, “Since adoption of the ECHO response protocol on June 1 of this year, the 911 Center call processing times for these types of calls has decreased approximately thirty seconds, which can be critical for these types of incidents.”

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, safety, valor and loss prevention. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the award except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 12, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lori McAlister, Lincoln Arts Council, 402-434-2787

NOMINATIONS DUE JANUARY 6 FOR MAYOR’S ARTS AWARDS

The Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) today reminded the community that nominations for the 39th annual Mayor’s Arts Awards are due Friday, January 6, 2017. The LAC will present the awards in June 2017. The Mayor’s Arts Awards program formally recognizes artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. Nomination forms are available by calling the LAC at 402-434-2787 or printing a form from the LAC website, artsscene.org.

A panel of community members will select the winners for these awards:

- The Richard Hay Outstanding Arts Organization Award recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln’s arts community over a period of years.
- The Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts, including theatre and film.
- The Artistic Achievement Award - Youth recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger.
- The Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts, including film.
- The Artistic Achievement Award - Literary Arts recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any literary form.
- The Gladys Lux Education Award recognizes special initiatives in or dedication to arts education.
- The Legacy of the Arts Award recognizes an individual age 55 and up actively involved in creating, teaching, sharing or inspiring artistic expression in any discipline.
- The Heart of the Arts Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln.
- The ArtScene Backstage Award recognizes extraordinary service to the arts through behind-the-scenes efforts.
- The Outstanding Event Award recognizes a performance, exhibition or project in the previous year (2016) that will be notable in the community memory for years to come because of its content or cultural significance.
- The Benefactor of the Arts Award honors an individual, family, organization or business making significant financial contributions to the arts.
- The Lincoln Community Foundation Arts for Kids Award honors an individual or organization from outside the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children.

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Nominators are asked to select a category or categories they feel would be most appropriate for their nominees, but the judges may consider the nominee for other categories as well. Nomination forms from the previous year are automatically resubmitted, and updates are accepted. A list of previous winners is available by contacting the LAC at 402-434-2787.

The public is encouraged to submit names of members of the arts community who have died since the last awards ceremony in June 2016 for memorial recognition.

Those interested in sponsorships for the event may contact the LAC at 402-434-2787.

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NEW FIRE STATION ALERT SYSTEM
DESIGNED TO IMPROVE RESPONSE TIME

Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) has implemented a new fire station alerting system designed to decrease the time it takes to respond to emergencies. The system was funded through a $610,000 federal Assistance for Firefighters grant. LFR was responsible for a 10-percent match.

“At LFR, we are always looking for ways to be more efficient and improve our response time,” said Eric Jones, LFR Battalion Chief. “This is critical because faster response can mean better outcomes. For example, people who experience cardiopulmonary arrest have a seven percent increase in mortality for every minute without CPR. This kind of technology helps our emergency dispatchers as well as our firefighters achieve their mission and enhances our service to the community.”

Jones said the new system can reduce the time needed to process calls by up to 30 seconds. Additionally, LFR closely monitors “turnout” time. This is the amount of time from when the call is dispatched to the when the response vehicle leaves. With the new system, when a call is assigned to a station, a computerized voice makes an announcement, and the emergency details are displayed on multiple screens throughout the station. Jones said the new system can reduce turnout time by 15 or more seconds.

Jones said the system has additional benefits:

- It allows for instantaneous handling of numerous calls, which is critical in many medical calls.

- The alarm tones used at fire stations have been shown to increase heart and blood pressure rates in firefighters, which can contribute to cardiovascular disease. Jones said the new system uses “cardiac friendly” tones that begin with a low volume and increase over time.

- The new system provides digital audio transmissions via the internet, which Jones said are superior to the radio broadcasts in the previous system. The system uses a computer voice made by the developers who created “Siri” used in Apple products, which allows for descriptions and details to be more clearly understood.
Jones said the grant also allowed for the replacement of all the speakers in LFR’s 14 stations.

More information on LFR is available at fire.lincoln.ne.gov.

MEDIA NOTE:

*LFR will demonstrate the new system Wednesday, December 14, starting with a video opportunity at 9:30 a.m. at the Emergency Communications/911 Center, 575 S. 10th St.*
*(Enter on east side of Hall of Justice and meet at the Police desk.)*

*LFR officials will make remarks and demonstrate the new system in use at 10:30 a.m. at LFR Station 1, 1801 “Q” Street.*
DATE: December 13, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss a proposed amendment to the City Charter that would require voter approval of any tax increase at a news conference at 1:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday, December 13 in room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE  68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 13, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Don Herz, Finance Director, 402-441-7411

MAYOR SAYS PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
THREATENS CITY’S BOND RATING

Mayor Chris Beutler today said a Charter amendment written by a special interest group is “reckless, irresponsible and a threat to all we have accomplished and all we can accomplish in the future.” If passed by voters, the amendment would require voter approval of any tax increase. The public hearing and vote to put the issue on the May 2017 ballot are scheduled to be on the agenda for the City Council meeting Monday, December 19, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

City Councilman Roy Christensen introduced the measure on behalf of Citizens for a Better Lincoln, a political action committee (PAC) financially supported by the Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) PAC. Mayor Beutler said the leaders of those two groups – Perry Pirsch of Citizens for a Better Lincoln and Coby Mach of LIBA – apparently did not consult bond experts to determine the impact of their proposal.

“That simple bit of homework would have revealed how their scheme threatens Lincoln’s triple-A bond rating, the very highest credit rating that a municipality can receive,” Beutler said. “This designation pays enormous benefits to taxpayers, saving millions on interest costs. Had Mach or Pirsch bothered to ask any questions of financial experts or staff, they would have discovered how their scheme could cause lenders to declare that Lincoln cannot meet its existing contractual obligations. The consequences for Lincoln residents would be severe and immediate.”

In addition to the increased interest payments that would result from a credit rating downgrade, Mayor Beutler said the inability to guarantee revenues to keep pace with a growing city would threaten funding for public safety, roads and other City services.

Another problem with the proposal, he said, is a lack of transparency. “There were no discussions with any public officials or bond experts and no public meetings to discuss how the proposal would work,” Beutler said. “It was drafted behind closed doors by a special interest group with no input from elected officials or the public. The City’s Charter Revision Commission was intentionally bypassed -- apparently to avoid any scrutiny of the proposal before it was introduced.”

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Mayor Beutler said it is not the job of elected officials to blindly put forward a proposal that jeopardizes the City’s bond rating on the word of special interest groups.

“We have an obligation to examine the issue, take a stand and be straightforward with Lincoln residents on what is lost if this charter amendment passes,” Beutler said. “If Council wants to send this charter amendment to the voters, each member needs to tell the public his or her position on the issue and how they intend to deal with the inevitable fallout. It is a dereliction of duty for Council members to throw up their hands and say ‘it is up to the voters’ without taking responsibility for the potential problems that will arise.

“Why would we jeopardize our historic level of success by implementing a reckless, irresponsible and unproven scheme?” he continued. “Why would we allow a plan crafted by special interests behind closed doors to undermine all we have achieved? We cannot allow a very small number of people associated with a special interest group to determine the future of over 250,000 Lincoln residents. That’s not how we do things in Lincoln, and I urge the City Council to do the right thing and defeat this proposal.”

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 14, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

HAWTHORNE IS FIRST LINCOLN LUMINARY HONOREE
Location of Sunday Winter Lights event moved indoors due to weather

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Randy Hawthorne, Executive Director of the Nonprofit Hub and Volunteer Partners, will receive the first Lincoln Luminary Award at the Winter Lights event Sunday, December 18. The event from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. had been scheduled for Tower Square at 13th and “P” streets, but due to projected cold weather, it has been moved to the vacant retail space at 263 N. 13th Street, just north of Tower Square.

The Mayor will present Hawthorne with the award in a brief ceremony at 4:55 p.m. He has been involved with the Lincoln Community Playhouse, Rotary Club #14, Leadership Lincoln, TEDx Lincoln, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Gathering Place, the American Marketing Association and other local nonprofits. He also mentors young professionals to develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills, and for 20 years, he has worked with the Launch Leadership Program for middle school and high school students.

Leadership Lincoln facilitated the selection process for the award, which honors an individual who “has displayed consistent and intentional actions that demonstrate Lincoln’s values and has gone above and beyond in making an impact on Lincoln and its citizens.”

In addition to the awards presentation, Winter Lights will include music from Will Hutchinson, refreshments and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Event partners include the City Parks and Recreation Department, Leadership Lincoln, the Downtown Lincoln Association and the Lincoln Parks Foundation.

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DATE: December 15, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss a critical problem his administration has discovered within a proposed City Charter amendment that would require voter approval of any tax increase at a news conference at **1:30 p.m. TODAY, Thursday, December 15 in room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**
I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Craig Strong at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Katie Garcia, Jackie Miller, Michelle Petersen, Tim Sieh (ex-officio), and Craig Strong. Tom Randa arrived at 5:03 PM. Molly Burton (ex-officio) arrived at 5:04 PM, Jane Raybould arrived at 5:05 PM and James Michael Bowers arrived at 5:06 PM.

Members Absent: Bill Avery and Dave Derbin (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Beal, Scott Lowry, Charlotte Burke, Tim Timmons, Gwendy Meginnis, Scott Holmes, Justin Daniel, Andrea Haberman, Tommy George and Elaine Walsh.

Others Present: Sara Miller, Masters in Public Health student from Des Moines University.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Col. Strong asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Col. Strong asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Petersen that the October 11, 2016 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board of Health for attending the Environmental Health Awards Breakfast on November 2nd. Staff did a wonderful job preparing for the awards breakfast. Several individuals and companies were recognized for their efforts in promoting environmental issues.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department submitted their application documentation to the Public Health Accreditation Board in October. Preliminary feedback was received and 17 minor revisions are needed. The revised documents will be
Ms. Halstead reported Communicable Disease Program staff are beginning to track reported flu cases in the community. The Department also reported one case of mumps in Lancaster County.

Ms. Halstead stated she had the honor and privilege to attend the Changing of the Guard Ceremony for Col. Strong at the Nebraska National Guard. Congratulations to Col. Strong on his promotion.

Ms. Halstead stated the Community Health Endowment will fund three grants for the Health Department. They include, the expansion of the dental clinic, continued funding for diabetes supplies and continued funding for the Home Visitation Program and Cedars Youth Services. Ms. Halstead stated the Nebraska Legislature’s Appropriations Committee is conducting an Interim Study - LR517 regarding the sustainability of the Health Care Cash Fund. She distributed information on what programs are funded through the Health Care Cash Fund.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Revisions to LMC 8.14 – Child Care Programs – Health and Safety Requirements

Mr. Daniel stated staff are proposing updates to the Lincoln Municipal Code regarding child care centers. The Department regulates approximately 125 child care centers. The proposed changes would be more stringent than the State of Nebraska Regulations for child care centers. He stated all licensed child care programs were notified and provided a copy of the proposed changes and invited to provide feedback at three public meetings. He reviewed the proposed changes regarding definitions, training requirements, injury reporting, communicable disease reporting and illness exclusion, sleeping surfaces, infant care rooms, diapering and toileting, wading and swimming activities, environmental services and environmental safety. He stated about 35 child care providers attended at least one meeting and several phone calls and emails were also received. He noted the input that was received resulted in several modifications to the proposed revisions. Dr. Doster suggested using the term “microbes” instead of “germs”.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the revisions LMC 8.14 – Child Care Programs – Health and Safety Requirements and forward them to the Lincoln City Council for review and approval. Second by Dr. Doster. Motion carried by an 8-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Efforts

Ms. Haberman provided an update on the Health Insurance Marketplace enrollment efforts. She stated the enrollment period is November 1, 2015 to January 30, 2017. Insurance coverage is provided by Aetna and Medica. As of March, 31, 2016, 80,835 Nebraskans have Marketplace coverage. She reviewed the premium rate and
subsidy increases stating the average cost & subsidy for Nebraska is: pre-subsidy premium: $400 per month; average subsidy - $296 per month and average after subsidy premium - $105 per month. Staff at Community Action Partnership, People’s Health Center and the Health Department provide assistance with enrollment. Staff have learned many individuals are re-enrolling in different plans with an average savings of $40 per month, a majority of the Hispanic adults that remain uninsured are young, low-income and employed, 45% of taxpayers paying a penalty were under the age of 35 and young adults are more likely to experience qualifying life events. Staff continue to stress to individuals the benefits of having insurance, financial security and financial assistance.

B. Animal Control Program Update

Mr. Beal provided an update on the Animal Control Program including injury prevention, bite prevention, rabies prevention, pet licensing and vaccinations, disease control and zoonotic diseases and wildlife. He stated in 2016, Animal Control received over 50,000 calls from the public, and officers were dispatched on over 24,000 calls and Lincoln pet owners licensed and vaccine nearly 64,000 dogs and cats. Officers responded to bites, attacks, neglect calls, wildlife calls and dead animal pickups. He stated 101 dogs were declared potentially dangerous and 30 dogs were declared dangerous. He reviewed the Animal Control indicators and the progress being made on each indicator.

Mr. Lowry provided several accounts of a typical day in the life of an Animal Control Officer and detailed several of the more serious incidents he has dealt with over the past year. Board of Health members expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Animal Control staff for their good work. Mr. Bowers encouraged Board of Health members to visit with the staff and go on a “ride along” with them.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – December 13, 2016 at 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

James Michael Bowers
Vice-President
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

The Health Director attended the hearing on Legislative Resolution 517 regarding the Health Care Cash Fund.

The Health Director participated in the University of Nebraska College of Public Health Panel of Advisors Meeting.

Nine Health Department staff are attending a University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health graduate level class at the Health Department. Dr. Ali Khan, Dean of the College of Public Health, was a recent guest speaker.

The Health Director and key Division Managers met with Lincoln Fire and Rescue command staff regarding shared issues between the Departments.

The Health Director attended the Tabitha Foundation Board of Director’s Meeting.

The Health Director attended the City Council meeting regarding the Lincoln Children’s Zoo Expansion and the Parks & Recreation move to the Health Department Building.

The Health Director attended the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees Meeting.

The Health Director attended the Environmental Health Leadership Breakfast and Awards Ceremony. Several individuals and companies were recognized for their efforts in promoting environmental issues.

The Health Director attended the Open House for the Center for the Child and Community.

The Health Director attended the Lincoln Electric System Energy Summit.

Health Department staff continue to work with the Mayor’s Office on “What Works City Initiative”. The Initiative is designed to enhance the use of data and in the public sector.

Employee of the Month – Amity Kuzelka – Community Health Services Division
Animal Control completed a week long training on the new dispatch and field operations software called Chameleon. This new server based system is now operational and staff are continuing to learn how to use the software both in the office and out in the field. Implementing this new system was important to Animal Control and the customers we serve. The previous system was over 30 years old, and while it still did the job, it would become obsolete in the near future.

Animal Control Officers have resolved 21 of the non-compliant dangerous dog owners in November. Starting January 1, 2017, Officers will start working on the non-compliant potentially dangerous dog owners. This is one of the Animal Control performance indicators.
Animal Control Officers will be participating in a 2 ½ day training the end of January. The primary focus is on officer safety. Staff from the NE Humane Society will also attend one of the sessions as will one staff person from the Capital Humane Society.

There will be approximately 12,100 license renewals mailed out in December for the November and December pet license renewals. The November renewals were not mailed because of the data conversion and switch over to the Chameleon software. All Animal Control customers received notification of this the first of November and we had very few questions from pet owners. We are also in the process of switching to Chameleon web licensing and pet owners will soon be able to continue with on line licensing and license renewals.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Project Homeless Connect - Lincoln

Project Homeless Connect-Lincoln was held at the Pinnacle Bank Arena on October 20, 2016 with 373 homeless and near homeless people receiving services such as employment searches, legal services, haircuts, a foot clinic, Veteran’s Affairs services, mental health services, assistance in applying for NE Medicaid, and assistance in applying for Lancaster County General Assistance. Breakfast and lunch were served. Shoes, coats, blankets and other warm clothes were distributed. CHS nurses gave 175 vaccines to 81 unique people that day. Thank you to Ruth Shubert, Marj Determan, Kim Rettig, Betsy Resch, and Brenda Monroe! Jeff Krotz organized health services this year for Project Homeless Connect-Lincoln which included a foot clinic, STI/HIV testing, breast and cervical cancer screening, medical appointments with People’s Health Center, a vision clinic, a dental screening and referral clinic, and vaccines. Jane Bitney organized student nurses this year with Bryan College of Nursing, Union College, Southeast Community College and UNMC. Student nurses triage patients and assist in all other health service areas. Thank you to Jeff and Jane for their extra efforts this year!

Outreach to the Uninsured

CHS Certified Application Counselors (CACs) attended the Thanksgiving Give Away at the Center for People in Need on Saturday, November 19th in order to provide education and support to the uninsured about health insurance and health care options. We partnered with Community Action Partnership of Lancaster & Saunders Counties and People’s Health Center to cover this event, speaking to people about NE Medicaid, the Health Insurance Marketplace, coverage for college-aged students, and options for health care for people who do not qualify for these particular programs. On November 19th, 48 people were served. Thank you to Amity Kuzelka, Kayla Roth, Samia Ayoub, Marilyn James and Chris Riffle for staffing this outreach event! CHS CACs will return to the Center for People in Need for outreach on December 10 for their Toy Give Away.

CACs are also providing outreach on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at Clinic with a Heart during their general medical clinic. Thank you to Jeff Krotz and Anita King for organizing all of CHS’ health insurance outreach efforts and for staffing Clinic with a Heart general clinics! Jeff
and Anita are also planning on helping with Community Action’s enrollment phone bank on December 14th.

This year, we are also attempting to increase connections to health insurance and medical homes in the Hispanic community. Nationally, 80% of those who did not visit the Marketplace were Hispanic, with 77% not understanding premium tax credits. Also nationally, 24% of Hispanic women ages 18 to 64 do not have health insurance, compared to 13% of white women in the same age group. Fifty four percent of Hispanics however, view health insurance as very important in a recent Enroll America national survey. Johanna Pesante, Community Outreach Specialist and CAC is reaching out to organizations in the community to present health insurance and medical home options in Spanish. So far, Johanna has presented to ESL and other community groups at Lincoln High School, McPhee Elementary, the Malone Center and at El Centro de las Americans. She has also connected with People’s Health Center, the Latino American Commission, and Cristo Rey Church. Johanna has translated the brochure of local Marketplace assistors in Spanish and has created Spanish language tweets and Facebook posts for our department and other community agencies to utilize. Thank you Johanna!

**Mental Health Access to Care**

All CHS Division staff were involved in selecting a strategic quality improvement for our division this year. We used a nominal process to select the topic area that we felt matched community health goals (MAPP and CHIP), our department’s mission and our division’s goal to connect vulnerable populations to health care and was a significant unmet need among those we serve: **lack of access to mental health care**. Division staff discussed the impact of unrecognized and untreated behavioral health issues among populations we serve, strategies which we had control over, that the fact that LLCHD is not a behavioral health provider. Five areas that we could possibly impact were identified: assessment, client education, referral protocol, follow-up, and process evaluation.

Our team recognized the need for client input about how we can be most helpful toward the goal of comprehensive wellness. The CHS Quality Improvement Guidance Team developed a survey to gather client input on this issue in four service areas: General Assistance Medical Clinic, Healthy Families Home Visiting, Refugee Health Clinic, and our Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic. CHS staff encouraged clients to complete a survey from August through October. Interpreters were provided to assist in completing surveys and the survey was translated into several languages. A total of 166 surveys were completed in the following languages (Arabic, English, Farsi, French, Karen, Spanish, & Vietnamese). Findings of the survey were:

- 83% English, 17% non-English.
- Services Obtained: Healthy Families Home Visiting 47%, Refugee Health Clinic 26%, General Assistance Medical Clinic 20%, Sexually Transmitted Infection Clinic 7%.
- Thinking of my stress, depression, worries, troubling thoughts or emotions, staff have:
  - …asked about my needs: Yes 97%, No 1%, Does not apply to me 2%.
  - …supported me: Yes 94%, No 1%, Does not apply to me 5%.
  - …provided helpful education: Yes 91%, No 2%, Does not apply to me 7%.
…suggested resources to help me cope: Yes 88%, No 2%, Does not apply to me 10%.
…listened to me: Yes 88%, No 4%, Does not apply to me 8%.
…followed up with me at a later time to ask if I used the resources suggested to me: Yes 70%, No 7%, Does not apply to me 23%.
- I am confident that staff can help me with my stress, depression, worries or troubling thoughts or emotions. Yes 87%, No 2%, Does not apply to me 11%.
- I accessed the resources staff suggested to help me to cope with my stress, depression, worries or troubling thoughts or emotions. Yes 56%, No 24%, Does not apply to me 20%.
- If you did NOT use the resources staff suggested, tell us why. (Multiple answers possible.)
  - I did not want to. I changed my mind. 21
  - Other (please specify). 7
  - Transportation was not available to me. 5
  - It was too overwhelming for me. 3
  - Child care was not available to my children. 3
  - I felt judged. 2
  - I could not make it work with my job schedule. My boss would not let me off for appointments. 2
  - I could not afford it. 1
  - I had to wait too long to obtain the resource/service/appointment. 0
  - I could not make it work with my school schedule. 0

A “kickoff meeting” was held on November 9 to develop at least one formal improvement for two specific services: Healthy Families Home Visiting and the General Assistance Medical Clinic. Members of the Healthy Families Home Visiting group are: Jane Bitney (leader), Sarah Hartman, Kayla Roth, Samia Ayoub, and Chris Riffle. Members of the General Assistance Medical Clinic group are: Amy Marshall (leader), Mike Johnson, Ann Bussey, Jennifer Miller, and Paula Welter. Groups were asked to focus on the general problem statement: lack of access to mental health care and consider developing the improvement in one of the 5 impact areas: assessment, client education, referral protocol, follow-up, and process evaluation. Thus far, the Healthy Families Home Visiting group has drafted the following problem/goal statements: Increase the number of Healthy Families America clients that attend one or more mental health services appointments following a positive CES-D screen. Data from January 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016 indicates a 76% "completed mental health referral" rate.

In the meantime, a new community resource list of behavioral health services was developed which lists national and local hotlines/warmlines, adult respite, emergency services, low cost counseling services and medication assistance.
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Our October caseload was 4097 participants. We saw 1031 participants at our satellite Cornhusker Clinic location in the month of October. This is a 19.6% increase in participation in the last year. We have also seen a 2.4% increase in our Exclusive Breastfeeding rates overall in the last year. Three of our RD staff completed CLC (Certified Lactation Counselor) training in York, NE the first week of October.

Dental Health

- Total number of clients served (unduplicated count): 582
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 757
- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 1085
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic Minorities and White non-English speaking clients (Arabic, Kurdish, Farsi, Russian): 458 (79%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 314 (54%)
- Total number of children served: 393 (68%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 473 (81%)
- Number of clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 63
- Number of patient encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 64
- Number of patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 100
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients (Arabic, Farsi, Kurdish, Russian, Other): 50 (79%)
- Total number of clients with language barriers/need interpreter: 27 (43%)
- Number of children served during Thursday evening hours: 62 (98%)
- Number of patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 57 (90%)

Community Based Dental Outreach Activities:

WIC Fluoride Varnish and Screening Program: Received Continuation Funding effective December 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017.

Service Sites:

- WIC LLCHD main clinic: 1 day/week.
- Community Action Early Head Start and Head Start Programs:
  Health 360 Center: quarterly visits.
  18th & K Street Center (Kaplan University Bldg): quarterly visits.
- Educare of Lincoln Center: quarterly visits.

School Based Dental Screenings: 536 children

- Eagle Elementary: 125
- Eastridge: 140
- Don Sherril: 32
- Waverly Elementary: 89
- Elliott: 150
Assure that at least 80% of industries pose minimal risk of illicit discharge to the stormwater system.

Source: LLCHD Octbr 2016
Public Swimming Pools
% Meeting Public Health Standards

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Source: LLCHD 11/18/16

Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

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Source: LLCHD 11/16
Property Transfer Reviews
Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

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

Garbage Complaints
Lincoln, NE

6/11 new ordinance requires rentals to have garbage service provided by owner.

Avg Before = 411; After = 225
Avg Before = 621; After = 415

LLCHD 11/18/16
Three Year Averages of 4th Highest Ozone Concentrations
Lancaster County, Nebraska

Note: The applicable Federal Ozone Standard was 0.075 ppm between 2010 and the most recent 3 year average. EPA strengthened the Ozone Standard to 0.070 ppm in 2015 and that will apply to our next three year average.

Source: LLCHD - Air Quality Program 11/22/16

Maintain "Good" Air Quality at Least 90% of Days Measured

New, Lower Federal Standard for PM 2.5

Source: LLCHD
HEALTH PROMOTION, DATA & EVALUATION

Epidemiology

Staff has been working with the Safe Kids Lincoln Lancaster County Injury Prevention Task Force to develop a survey tool to use with volunteer coaches affiliated with the Parks and Recreation youth sports programs and with the YMCA youth sports programs. The survey asks the coaches to rate their understanding of prevention measures for injury areas of concussions, fractures, hydration, and overuse, and then asks them to rate their interest in learning more about these areas. Responses to the survey will help the task force determine the coaches’ preferred ways to receive information as well as the specific injury prevention information the coaches desire to help them with injury prevention among the youth sports participants.

Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness section conducted an active shooter overview and tabletop exercise for 45 staff of childcare centers in Lincoln and Lancaster County as well as centers in counties bordering Lancaster County. This tabletop exercise was done in conjunction with LLCHD’s Environmental Public Health Division’s Child Care Health Consultant, Gina Egenberger. The exercise and material was well received and generated important discussion among the participants about response in the event of such a situation.

Chronic Disease Prevention and Minority Health

Staff provided information on bicycle and pedestrian safety to approximately 400 students and adults in attendance at the annual Mickle Middle School wellness fair. The same information was also provided to 150 students and adults who attended the annual Clinton Elementary Health Fair. Share the Road campaign information was featured at both events.

Injury Prevention

Staff presented child passenger safety information to more than 100 families attending a Halloween festivity at Educare at Belmont Elementary School.

Staff provided home safety devices to Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders County as part of our ongoing partnership. 20 gates, 300 electrical outlet covers, and 144 door knob covers will be distributed to families with whom Community Action Partnership outreach staff are working. Funding for these safety devices is from a grant provided by the NDHHS Safe Kids program.

Tobacco Prevention

Staff provided tobacco prevention education to 110 students at Norris High School through three presentations on tobacco prevention and good decision making. Three of these students expressed interest in volunteering for tobacco compliance checks.
Staff continue to promote the Tobacco Quitline to health care providers so they can, in turn, promote the Quitline to their clients who use tobacco. Providers included People’s Health Center, Urban Indian Medical Center, People’s City Mission medical clinic, Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, and CenterPointe.

**Media Opportunities**

Staff presented information on November as Diabetes Awareness Month at the KLKN Channel 8 Midday Forum.

Staff presented Kitchen Safety Tips for Kids on the KLKN Channel 8 Midday Forum.

The Great American Smokeout (GASO) was promoted on the Tobacco Prevention Facebook page. Twitter was also used to promote GASO.

**INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

Animal Control’s new software was implemented this month. Information Management staff are working closely with Animal Control to monitor and identify issues and find resolutions.

Trudy Hofmann who managed grant fiscal reporting for the Department retired on November 2\textsuperscript{nd} after 19 years of service.
TO: Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: December 14, 2016

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: December 14, 2016

Please be advised that on December 14, 2016, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01530, resolution of appreciation for Jeanelle Lust's 7+ years of service as a Planning Commission member;

Resolution No. PC-01531, resolution of appreciation for Michael Cornelius' 10+ years of service as a Planning Commission member;

Resolution No. PC-01532, resolution of appreciation for Lynn Sunderman's 13 years of service as a Planning Commission member;

Resolution No. PC-01533, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 07010A, to expand the existing store, including the alcohol sales area, on property legally described as Lots 1-3, Block 24, Havelock Addition, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 9-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 4335 North 70th Street; and

Resolution No. PC-01534, approving PRELIMINARY PLAT NO. 16006, for a new preliminary plat to create an industrial park consisting of 9 lots, on property legally described as the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1-8-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at South 25th Street and 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 (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP07010A, PP16006). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2016. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room at Parks & Recreation, 2740 “A” Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda.

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

AGENDA
December 15, 2016

1. Approval of meeting record of December 1, 2016.

Review and Advise

2. Amendments to Capitol Environs Design Standards – TX16018

Discussion and Action


Accommodation Notice

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December 12, 2016

Dear members of Lincoln MPO Officials Committee:

As users and advocates of active transportation in Lincoln and Lancaster County, we have been following the process by which the Long Term Transportation Plan update has been crafted. We would like to offer our ongoing support to the Planning Commission, Mayor Beutler, City staff and stakeholders involved with creating the plan.

Recent news coverage indicates that some believe that additional funding strictly for projects that accommodate vehicles should come at the expense of projects that would enhance and increase safety for people who walk, bike and use public transit. Taking this approach would be unwise, in our view.

The safety of all users of our transportation system should be considered as long term project and funding goals are established. The City of Lincoln committed to this process when the Complete Streets policy was implemented in 2013, and any plans created moving forward should reflect this accordingly.

The cost for building infrastructure that improves walking, biking and public transit is pennies on the dollar in comparison to that of building and widening roads. Only 1.5% of the projected funding in the LRTP would be spent on trails, none of which would come from the City’s general fund. Other projects would be eligible for state and federal funding restricted to transit or nonmotorized transportation.

As Mayor Beutler discussed in his press conference on this issue, many of our fellow citizens have no choice but to rely on public transit, biking and walking for transportation. University towns have additional and unique needs to reduce congestion and parking issues by encouraging students to use active transportation. Further, the notion that building and widening roads alleviates congestion in the long term is a fallacy. Studies have shown that this approach creates “induced demand,” resulting in even more congestion. The best way to reduce congestion and improve quality of life is to provide citizens safe and convenient transportation options beyond those that can only be used by single occupancy vehicles.

We hope you will recognize the value in the unanimous vote that came from the Planning Commission on the LRTP and commit to a long term vision that recognizes and provides for the needs of all users of our roads. We stand committed to supporting your efforts accordingly.

Respectfully,

Sarah Knight, on behalf of BicycLincoln
Susan Larson Rodenburg, Member of the City of Lincoln Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory Committee
Julie Harris, on behalf of the Nebraska Bicycling Alliance
Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: Clarification

Subject: Clarification

Dear Members of the City Council and County Board,

I want to follow up with you on one point of clarification from this afternoon’s public hearing on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update. There was testimony today related to a proposal to use trails funding for roads projects. As noted in my testimony and previous correspondence, I want to provide you with clear and accurate information related to the funding assumptions. The trails funding in the plan is not available to move away from trails and toward roads. The trails funds include specific revenue sources for trails only including federal transportation alternatives program funding, federal recreational trails funding, Lower Platte South NRD funds for trails projects that they take the lead on, trail impact fees, and private donations for trail projects. If we did not use these funds for trails, they would not be available to use on roads projects. Such a decision would only result in less of a trails program.

Please contact me with any follow up questions you may have on this topic. Thank you for your time today during the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.

David R. Cary, AICP
Planning Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
(402) 441-6364
Historic Preservation Commission

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **December 15, 2016**, at **1:30 p.m.** in Room 214 on the 2nd floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of HPC meeting record of November 17, 2016.
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION**

3. Applications by Dennis Lyon
   (a) for designation of First Street Bible Church at 100 W. F Street as a landmark, and
   (b) for a special permit to make a north addition extending within 10 feet of the alley, and to waive a requirement for additional off-street parking.

4. Applications by Kelly Langer
   (a) for designation of the Cordner House at 325 S. 55th Street as a landmark, and
   (b) for a special permit for historic preservation to use the property for a Community Unit Plan, rehabilitating the Cordner House and adding eight single-family residences to the property.

5. Application by Kevin Clark for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity House, a designated landmark at 601 North 16th Street.

**DISCUSS AND ADVISE**

6. Use of right-of-way application by The Graduate Hotel (currently Downtown Holiday Inn), SW corner of N. 9th & P Streets.
7. Discussion of an amendment to the Special Permit for the Yates House, 720 S. 16th Street, to permit a monument sign in the front yard.
8. Special Permit to reduce yard for pergola/car port, Barbara Phelan, Woodshire
9. Staff Report & Misc.: update on joint meetings, etc.

*The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/hpc/hpc.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/hpc/hpc.htm)*

*For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/hp/hp.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/hp/hp.htm)*

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Annexation by Ordinance
Grandview Estates 1st Addition
S 70th St & Rokeby Rd
Effective: December 20, 2016
23.37 Acres

Area of Annexation
Ownership Parcels
City Limits Before Annexation
Annexation by Ordinance
Village Gardens PUD
S 70th St & Yankee Hill Rd
Effective: December 20, 2016
15.34 Acres
Memorandum

Date:  December 13, 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 December 6, 2016 through December 12, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16083** to rescind City Subdivision Permit No. 2201, approved by the Planning Director on December 6, 2016, generally located at 2101 and 2115 Stockwell Street.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16081** to Special Permit No. 782B, Bern-Mar Valley CUP, approved by the Planning Director on December 8, 2016, to revise the plan to show the Flowage Easement Line and Building Line in the correct location on Lots 7 and 8, generally located at S. 63rd Street and Pioneers Boulevard.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16082** to Change of Zone No. 05077, Thunderstone PUD, approved by the Planning Director on December 12, 2016, to add the minimum opening elevation, generally located at N.W. 40th and W. O Streets.
Council Office - Feedback

Date: 12/12/2016 3:58:36 PM

Full Name: Robert Peters
Address: 1745 S 25TH ST
City: LINCOLN
Phone: 4024740061
Email: bob4psu@yahoo.com
Comments: Dear Lincoln Council Member:

I am in favor of the application of COSTCO to build a new Lincoln store at 13th and Pine Lake Road. Lincoln needs a store with the corporate responsibility that it has show over the years in many locations.

Please support this important application.

Thank you,
Robert W. Peters
1745 S. 25th St.
Lincoln, NE 68502
Jon and Team:

Good evening! I see medians are getting play in the LJS today ([LINKED HERE](#)) which relates back to my earlier note in this thread. Since it appears we now have a full time median manager for the city, it would be great to get some trees planted in the median on 56th Street, North of Old Cheney. You know the saying...'The best time to plant a tree in the median was the day the median was built, the next best day is today' (or something like that).

Now ideally, we wouldn't have as many medians that contribute to higher than necessary costs and longer than required construction timelines so my hope is that on future projects, you'll continue to fight against having more of them (and adding more median managers), but since we do have them, please contribute to their beautification and hopefully get some trees planted!

Thanks,
Andrew

On Sat, Jul 2, 2016 at 12:47 PM, Andrew Boellstorff <avboellstorff@gmail.com> wrote:
Jon -- I appreciate your reply!

On the median issue -- I'm a trained engineer so know how to force arguments based on design philosophy 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.
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
Lincoln City Council
200 Haymarket Square
808 P Street
P.O. Box 82307
Lincoln, NE  68501-2307

Office:  402.474.1838/402.474.1812; Fax:  402.474.1838; Cell:  402.560.1001
Email:  joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Mary M. Meyer

To: marogsteph@gmail.com
Subject: Costco at 16 & Pine Lake

From: Cyndi Lamm
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 1:15 PM
Subject: RE: Costco at 16 & Pine Lake

Mary
Thanks for your email and for your thoughts on the Costco project. Citizen involvement is so helpful to us at the city council

Cyndi Lamm
Lincoln City Council
District 1/NE Lincoln

-----Original Message-----
From: mavlh1750 [mailto:marogsteph@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2016 8:17 AM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Costco at 16 & Pine Lake

Attention to all city council member

I have been getting updates on this project via Next Door Neighbor site. I've read lots of pro and con remarks about this project. While I know and feel for those opposed to Costco, I am FOR building the store on this site. This corner is going to be develop so I like the idea of having Costco as neighbors. Restating someone else's Four points in favor of Costco:
1. Gentle hours of 10am to 8pm...not a 24-hour store. Check any historical retail data to confirm that 3 pm is a slow time for retails sales which coincides with school departures.
2. A Member-only store...not everyone on 14th or Pine Lake Rd. will be using the access points...only those with memberships. Students will not be hanging out there.
3. Costco is a generous neighbor and a very good employer with higher pay and benefits. The store backs up to a cemetery and is across the street from a strip mall and the city requiring landscaping buffers.
4. Competition for the gas prices

These points appeal to me in a favorable way. I do go to Costco in Omaha and have been to their stores in Indianapolis, Virginia, Colorado, and on Maui HI. ALL of these stores have maintained there property to positively impact their sites.

I also believe a stop light is presently necessary at 20th and Pine Lake.

Mary, please forward this to all council members. Thank you.

Concerned Neighbor
MaryAnn Hirsch
1750 Garret Lane
Dear Lincoln City Council Members;

The Near South Neighborhood Association met on Monday, December 12, 2016, and reviewed the charter amendments 16R-284 and 16R-291.

City Charter amendments are made infrequently. There is a City Charter Revision Committee in place. Any proposed changes to the city charter should be taken seriously. The long-term effects of changes to the City Charter must be considered from all angles before changes are made. Most notably, funding and budget changes are critical to the growth and viability of a city. Lincoln is successful in so many areas, and altering the funding and budgetary process should utilize projection models from multiple possibilities prior to making a final decision. Citizens deserve a conversation and a voice in this process. A two-week period to make a change to the process is unreasonable and reckless.

The Near South Neighborhood Association board voted on December 12, 2016, to request the City Council to utilize the existing process and Charter Revision Committee for these and any City Charter amendments.

Sincerely,

James Friedman, President
Near South Neighborhood Association

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(402)476-8124  fax
December 15, 2016

Lincoln City Council Members
City/County Building
555 So. 10th Suite 301
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Honorable members of the Lincoln City Council:

Like many Lincoln citizens, the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) has been involved in the year-long process to update the LP 2040 and the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). We are concerned about recent criticism by some that the proposed LRTP spends too much money on projects other than streets. This is especially surprising given the community feedback during the update process:

*When asked what they love about transportation in Lincoln, the most common responses included the N Street protected bike lane, the trails, the availability of travel options (bus, bike, walk). When asked what they would change about transportation in Lincoln, the most common responses included the car-centric mentality, signal timing, and better balance among all travel modes (LRTP 2016: 7 p).*

While roads are critical to keep Lincoln strong, a comprehensive transportation system that supports multiple modes of travel is essential to the City’s economic vitality and well-being of its citizens. Supporting a single mode of transportation at the expense of other modes is unproductive and misguided. In regards to trail funding, there are several important facts to consider.

1. The City spends no general funds on new trail projects. We are extremely fortunate to have strong, widespread private support for these projects, thanks to the Great Plains Trails Network’s efforts over the years. Private funds serve as matching dollars for the Transportation Alternative Program and the Recreational Trails Program available through the Federal Highway Administration.

2. This designated federal funding cannot be shifted from trails to streets, even if our community leaders supported this short-sighted action.

3. Currently only 1.5% of the projected funding in the LRTP would be spent on trails, none of which would come from the City’s general fund.

Lincoln is a great city--the result of many years of thoughtful, cooperative leadership. We urge our local leaders to adopt the LP 2040 Comprehensive Plan update, which provides a solid foundation that makes economic sense and is based on serving the needs of all of our citizens.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Gary Bentrup
Chairperson of the Mayor’s Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Seniors invited to participate in Aging Partners events December 19, 2016 through December 26, 2016.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says more flawed language found in City Charter Amendment.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER
1. Street conditions update, Thursday, December 15, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
2. Street conditions update, Friday, December 16, 2016, 3:30 p.m.
3. Street conditions update, Friday, December 16, 2016, 9:00 p.m.
4. Street conditions update, Saturday, December 17, 2016, 11:45 a.m.
5. Street conditions update, Saturday, December 17, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
6. Street conditions update, Sunday, December 18, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
7. Street conditions update, Monday, December 19, 2016, 9:10 a.m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT & MAYOR'S OFFICE
1. Memo from Don Herz, Finance Director, and Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff to Mayor Beutler, regarding Councilwoman Lamm’s Charter Amendment Proposal. Numerous questions and points of interest.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. David Cary, Planning Director, writing regarding a question on the Long Range Transportation Plan and Comprehensive Plan Transportation Chapter on the wheel tax.
   a) LRTP Funding Analysis.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket JPA Board will meet on December 22, 2016. Agenda and attachments online.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
2. Janice Walker requesting a no vote on the Charter amendment.
3. Tom and Nadine Nebelsick in support of proposed Charter amendment.
4. Abbi Swatsworth asking that the charter amendment be reviewed by the nonpartisan Charter Review Commission before a vote.
5. Sherrie Hanneman stating understanding of Costco location concern but believe the benefits outweigh the concerns.
   a) Councilman Camp thanking Ms. Hanneman for the email support of the Costco project.
6. Dean and Patty O’Bryan in strong support of the Costco plan.
   a) Councilman Camp thanking Dean and Patty for their email of support.
7. Karen Dienstbier urging a no vote on changing the City Charter.
   a) Councilman Camp’s reply with explanation of the Charter Amendment proposed by Council Member Lamm.
8. Nick Cusick thanking Councilman Camp for support of the Lincoln Children’s Zoo expansion project.

JANE RAYBOULD
1. Ronald Wall thanking Councilwoman Raybould on presenting sound research and data to support her view. Councilwoman Raybould’s reply to Mr. Wall.
2. Councilwoman Raybould thanking Karen Dienstbier, and the League of Women Voters, for her concerns, attached, to the City Charter. Asking Council to vote no on changing the charter.
3. Nancy Carr encouraging Council to address the charter amendment from a factual standpoint. Councilwoman Raybould’s reply of thanks for the email and stating the charter amendment proposal should be first reviewed by the Charter Revision Commission to avoid adverse consequences.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Brandy Judkins with explanation of why to vote no on Councilman Christensen’s proposal.
2. Susan Larson Rodenburg urging Council to adopt the long-range transportation plan.
3. Pat Anderson-Sifuentez expressing thoughts that the LRTP needs to be passed without further delay.
4. S. Wayne Smith in support of the charter amendment.
5. Ronald Wall with thoughts on the City Charter and proposed changes.
6. Amy Best stating concerns with the proposed Costco location.
7. Mary J. Cope presenting letter sent to the Planning Commission in opposition to the Costco location and asking Council to vote against.
   a) Councilman Camp thanking Mary Cope for writing and restating her position in opposition.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Aging Partners, 1005 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  December 16, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION:  David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AGING PARTNERS EVENTS
DECEMBER 19 THROUGH 26

Aging Partners invites senior citizens and the general public to attend a variety of senior-focused activities and classes in Lincoln and Lancaster County from December 19 through 26:

Monday, December 19
- Contemporary Yoga, Cotner Center Condominium – 9 a.m.

Tuesday, December 20
- Chair Tai Chi, Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center – 9:45 a.m.
- BINGO, Lake Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Belmont Senior Center – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 21
- Blood pressure screenings by Asera Hospice Care nurses, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- BINGO, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Downtown Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- BINGO, JoAnn Maxey Center – 11:30 a.m.
- 10-Point Pitch and Bridge, Northeast Senior Center, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, December 22
- “Surfing the Internet” introductory class, Northeast Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.
- Pinochle, Lake Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Blood pressure screenings by Angels Care Home Health nurses, Downtown Senior Center – 11 a.m.
- Visit from Lincoln City Libraries Bookmobile, Lake Street Senior Center – noon to 1 p.m.
- BINGO, Bennet Senior Center – 1 p.m.

Friday, December 23
WAVERLY SENIOR CENTER CLOSED TODAY
- “Be a Santa to a Senior” holiday party, Downtown Senior Center – 10 a.m.
Saturday, December 24 through Monday, December 26

ALL AGING PARTNERS OFFICES AND SENIOR CENTERS ARE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Location addresses:
Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center, 233 S. 10th St.
Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St.
Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St.
Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.
Downtown Senior Center, 1005 “O” St.
JoAnn Maxey Center, 2032 “U” St.
Lake Street Senior Center, 2400 S. 11th St.
Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave.
Waverly Senior Center, 14410 Folkestone St.

For more information, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: My Center News) or call 402-441-7070.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 15, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, 402-441-7511
Don Herz, Finance Director, 402-441-7411

MAYOR SAYS MORE FLAWED LANGUAGE FOUND IN CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT

Mayor Chris Beutler today said a proposed City Charter amendment by a special interest group that would require approval of any tax increase by “a majority of the registered voters” sets a standard that would be nearly impossible to reach. “Their language clearly states that a tax increase can only be enacted with a majority of registered voters, not a majority of voters who actually vote,” Beutler said.

City Councilman Roy Christensen introduced the measure on behalf of Citizens for a Better Lincoln, a political action committee (PAC) financially supported by the Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA) PAC. The public hearing and vote to put the issue on the May 2017 ballot are scheduled to be on the agenda for the City Council meeting Monday, December 19, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

“Under this reckless proposal, the Pinnacle Bank Arena, arguably the City’s most important economic development project of the last half century would not have happened,” Beutler said, “even though 56 percent of voters cast a ballot in favor of it.

“Under their scheme, critical stormwater projects would not have happened, and flooding would be more common, costing business owners and homeowners millions of dollars. Nearly 60 percent of voters who voted for public safety improvements would have been ignored,” Beutler said.

Since 2005, the majority of those who have voted in Lincoln have approved a bond issue for the Pinnacle Bank Arena, five bond issues for stormwater improvements and a sales tax increase to improve public safety. If the proposed Charter amendment had been in effect, none of those improvements would have passed, despite having a majority of the total votes cast in those decisions.

The Mayor’s comments came two days after he outlined how the proposed Charter amendment could damage the City’s triple-A bond rating and cost taxpayers millions more in interest. “Every day, we discover a new problem with the proposed Charter amendment that threatens the growth and progress of Lincoln,” Beutler said.
Date: December 16, 2016  
Contact: Jon Taylor, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

**Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule**  
**Week of December 17 through 23, 2016**  
*(Schedule subject to change)*

**Sunday, December 18**  
- Luminary Award Ceremony, remarks – 4:30 p.m., vacant retail space adjacent to Tower Square, 263 N. 13th St. (formerly the Tom & Chee restaurant)

**Tuesday, December 20**  
- Lincoln Independent Business Association Luncheon – 11:30 a.m., Jasmine Room in the Grand Manse, 129 N 10th St. Enter on east (10th St.) side, parking available in the Market Place garage at 10th and “Q” streets

**Thursday, December 22**  
- News conference, topic TBA – 10 a.m., Room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.  
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting – 3:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, first floor, County-City Building

**Friday, December 23**  
- KFOR – 12:30 p.m. (recorded earlier)
CITY OF LINCOLN
STREET CONDITIONS UPDATE

For more information: Citizen Information Center/Jon Taylor – 531-333-6274

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016
Time: 4 p.m.

Beginning at midnight tonight, City crews will pre-treat all arterials, bus routes and school routes with anti-ice brine in anticipation of this weekend’s winter weather. There will be 15 units on the road and the material application will be completed by 8 a.m. Friday.

The National Weather Service is predicting freezing rain and drizzle throughout the day Friday turning into snow overnight into Saturday, with possible snow accumulation of less than one inch.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at snow.lincoln.ne.gov. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 402-441-7644.

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STREET CONDITIONS UPDATE

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For more information: Citizen Information Center/Jon Taylor – 531-333-6274

Date: Friday, December 16, 2016
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Public Works has ordered a full material spreading operation of granular salt, pre-wet with anti-ice brine on all emergency snow routes, arterial and bus routes. There will be 20 units on the roads. Driving conditions have become icy, with Lincoln Police Department reporting six accidents occurring in the past hour. Pedestrians are urged to use caution in parking lots, sidewalks and edges of roadways.

The National Weather Service is predicting freezing rain and drizzle to continue through the evening, with the possibility of snow overnight into Saturday. Snow accumulation could range from one to three inches. Wind chill temperatures below zero will likely cause ice to form on untreated roadways and sidewalks.

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Date: Friday, December 16, 2016
Time: 9 p.m.

Public Works will continue a full material spreading operation of granular salt, pre-wet with brine on all emergency snow routes, arterial and bus routes throughout Friday night and Saturday. There are 20 units on the roads. Driving conditions on arterials remain icy, with Lincoln Police Department reporting 86 accidents occurring since noon Friday. Conditions on residential streets and other untreated areas are hazardous. Pedestrians are urged to use caution in parking lots, sidewalks and edges of roadways.

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Date: Saturday, December 17, 2016
Time: 11:45 a.m.

After working all night Friday, and with new snow accumulation making road conditions worse, City crews will continue working all day Saturday into the evening applying granular salt, pre-wet with brine on all emergency snow routes, arterial and bus routes. Twenty material spreaders remain deployed and plow crews are on standby should conditions warrant.

Driving conditions on arterials remain icy. Lincoln Police Department reports 95 accidents occurring between noon and midnight Friday, and 20 accidents since midnight. Conditions on residential streets and other untreated areas are icy and hazardous, with the potential for refreezing on all streets to occur as temperatures drop this evening. Pedestrians are urged to use caution in parking lots, sidewalks and edges of roadways.

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Advisory until 6 p.m. Snow accumulation could range from one to three inches. Windy conditions could reduce visibility to one-half mile or less.

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Date: Saturday, December 17, 2016
Time: 4:30 p.m.

After spending all day Saturday performing a full material spreading operation on emergency snow routes, arterials and bus routes, City crews will start applying sand beginning at 6 p.m. this evening. Twenty material spreaders remain deployed and crews will work into Saturday evening and potentially overnight into Sunday morning.

Arterial streets are wet with slush and some ice, but temperatures are expected to fall to -10 this evening, which will refreeze any liquids left on the roads. Residential streets remain icy. Drivers are urged to use caution as roads may become more slick. StarTran routes are five to 15 minutes behind schedule. Lincoln Police Department reports 17 accidents since noon Saturday.

Public Works reminds the public that all City deicing resources are currently deployed improving road conditions. Until further notice, our primary focus is on emergency snow routes, other arterial streets and bus routes only. Any residential work is currently limited to bus routes. We appreciate your patience during these hazardous weather conditions. Please exercise the utmost caution if you must drive.

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Date: Sunday, December 18, 2016
Time: 8:30 a.m.

City crews have applied sand to all arterials and bus routes and these priority streets are in reasonable driving condition. Some areas are better than others, and drivers should remain vigilant to changes in road conditions when they must travel. Residential streets remain icy and hazardous.

There are four crews patrolling Lincoln streets applying material as required and responding to service requests. These crews will continue working all day Sunday and overnight into Monday. Lincoln Police Department reports 44 accidents from midnight Friday to midnight Saturday and no accidents since midnight Saturday.

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For more information: Citizen Information Center/Jon Taylor – 531-333-6274

Date: Monday, December 19, 2016
Time: 9:10 a.m.

Public Works has ordered a sand and granular salt spreading operation on residential streets. There will be 10 trucks patrolling 20 districts that cover the 1,450 miles of residential areas, selectively applying material on locations such as hills and intersections. City crews will work throughout the day if necessary. Material spreading operations on all arterial and bus routes are complete, with crews standing by to address hazardous situations as they arise. All StarTran routes are on schedule.

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December 18th, 2016

TO: The Lincoln City Council

FROM: Don Herz, Finance Director
       Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, Mayor Beutler

RE: Councilwoman Lamm’s Charter Amendment Proposal

This memo is in response to Councilwoman Lamm’s request for comments on the version of her Charter Amendment submitted via email on December 16th at 3:00 pm. It is important to note this memo was written over the weekend of December 17th and 18th because of the compressed time line afforded the Administration to review two major changes to the City Charter.

With only one week between the introduction of the Lamm and Christensen charter amendments and the Council votes on both, the Administration had to prioritize. The Christensen amendment appeared to have serious mistakes. It was the Administration’s primary focus early this week, severely limiting the time to adequately review the Lamm amendment.

Summary of Primary Concerns:

1. The fallback provision could lead to a property tax levy cut without a Council vote or a public hearing.
The fallback provision limits the budget to last year’s revenues. Growth in the valuation or other revenues could force a levy cut. Since the fallback is an automatic action, there would not be a Council vote, public hearing, or public discussion of the resulting cuts.

2. Public safety would not be exempt from cuts if the fallback provision is put in place.
The levy cut would mean that the City budget would have to be reduced 3% to 5% each year of the biennium and public safety could not be exempted from the cuts under the proposal’s language. Public safety is over 50% of the budget and the fallback does not allow funds to be shifted from one department to another.

3. Conversely, the fallback provision could also lead to an automatic tax INCREASE.
The fallback provision allows the budget the prior year’s revenues. If the prior year had a 27th pay period or a significant one-time revenue source like a grant, a tax increase might to necessary to meet the fallback language.

4. Is the Charter Amendment consistent with State Law?
The fallback budget may not meet the Nebraska statute requirements on how municipal budgets are to be filed.

5. The City’s bond rating would be threatened.
The City’s ability to meet existing financial obligations would be threatened if the fallback provision is enacted. That ability to meet those obligations is the basis on how Lincoln’s triple A bond rating is determined.
6. **Not enough time has been devoted to examining this proposed Charter Amendment.** The late release of the Lamm Charter Amendment proposal has greatly limited the time available to examine its impacts. At this point, the Administration simply does not have enough information to understand the proposal, let alone to be able to outline an accurate response as to how it would work in practice. These remarks reflect only the Administration’s initial conversations with the City Attorney, the budget office, Council members, and staff. More work needs to be done.

The Administration’s initial review has identified significant flaws that deserve serious discussion. We strongly urge the Council to give the Lamm Charter Amendment more time to be reviewed, clarified, and improved. There may be others that should be addressed before the proposal is sent to the voters.

The City Charter is the City’s Constitution. Amendments to the Charter should be carefully reviewed and thoroughly vetted to ensure all parties have an accurate understanding of their impact and to guard against unintended consequences. Fortunately, we do have time for this review. To submit this amendment to voters during the May City General Election, the ballot language does not need to be forwarded until March 23rd per the City Attorney.
Discussion: What is the “fallback” provision?

The amendment’s “fallback” provision is essentially a “nuclear bomb”—a provision designed to force both sides to the negotiating table in the event the City Council does not have five votes to override a Mayoral veto of the City Council budget.

The language attempts to define the process for implementing a City budget if the Council budget were passed on a 4-3 vote and the Mayor vetoes that budget. Instead of reverting to the Mayor’s budget as provided under current law, the City’s “budget” is limited to revenues received by the City for the prior budget year and any increases passed by voters during the fiscal year.

Each department would be given the same revenue amount as the prior year plus a factor for voter approved bonds—potentially for each of the two years of the biennial budget.

Discussion of Primary Concerns:

1. The fallback provision could lead to a property tax levy cut without a Council vote or a public hearing.

   The fallback could cut the tax rate and reduce City government programs by 3%-5% (and 6% to 10% in the second year) without a Council vote, without a public hearing, and without requiring Council to explain to the public what would be cut and why. It could allow four Council members to ensure a tax rate cut without doing anything. That is not fair or transparent. Nor is it an incentive to encourage collaboration or negotiation.

   Proponents argue that this “nuclear bomb” will force the Mayor and the Council to be reasonable. What it actually does is reward four Council members for being unreasonable if they are pursuing a tax cut. By simply refusing to compromise, a tax cut could go into effect—without an actual vote of the City Council, without a public hearing, and without a plan for cutting services or without the four Council members telling anyone their intentions. The Mayor would be forced to determine service cuts without any required public hearing.

   This scenario could happen because the fallback language limits the City budget to last year’s total dollars, not last year’s tax rate. The language denies the City budget any growth in the property tax base, sales tax, or other revenues. Instead, the property tax rate would have to be lowered to ensure that “[t]he tax levy to fund the budget” is “set accordingly”—i.e., although the language is unclear, we assume this means the levy rate must be set at a level that ensures projected total revenues for the fallback budget match the prior year’s total revenues.

  Granting this powerful tool to four Council members who are determined to cut taxes actually creates an incentive NOT to cooperate. A majority could simply pass a budget they know their Council colleagues and the Mayor could never accept, do nothing more, and trigger the “fallback budget.” By refusing to negotiate, four Council members could
create the stalemate that results in a property tax decrease. Since the proposal does not allow the fallback budget to capture growth, the inflationary cost of providing current City services cannot be met. The Administration would have to cut about 3% to 5% each year of the biennium to balance the budget.

Councilwoman Lamm’s recent statements regarding her proposal lead us to believe this is not what she intended—that this is an unanticipated consequence. We hope this is the case. But this fallback provision is concerning, given what happened during the 2015 budget process. Rather than simply making mid-biennium adjustments, as both the Charter and ordinances anticipate, some Council members attempted to lower the tax rate for the second year of the biennium with very little public discussion. The fallback provisions of the Lamm proposal would make this result much easier to achieve, leading to “back door” service reductions.

2. **Public Safety could not be spared under the Amendment language**
   If the fallback budget were implemented, services would have to be cut, including public safety. The resolution specifically states that revenues have to be apportioned in the same manner as the prior year’s budget. The language would prohibit the Administration from shifting revenues between departments to lessen the impact of a fallback budget on public safety.

   By way of example, the 2015-16 budget experience is illustrative. The Council majority proposed a tax levy cut. The Mayor and three members did not agree with the cut. If the Lamm proposal were in place at that time, and four members refused to compromise, a tax cut would automatically have resulted. Public safety would have faced critical cuts. Recall that the Mayor and Council also added six fire engines from expiring COPS debt payments. These public safety needs would not have been exempt from cuts under the Lamm amendment.

3. **Conversely, the fallback provision could also lead to an automatic tax INCREASE**
   A budget year typically has 26 pay periods. In the current 2016-17 budget year there are 27 pay periods, adding about $6.4 million to the budget. If the 2016-17 budget year was the “prior year” described in the amendment’s language, revenues would be about $4 million higher than normal in the tax funded budget. A tax levy increase would be necessary to cover this amount. The same problem could happen if the City receives a major federal or state grant which would inflate the prior year’s budget.

4. **Is the Charter Amendment consistent with State Law?**
   The fallback provision would require the City to use the prior year’s revenues. The Budget Office is concerned that providing the prior year’s revenues is not consistent with state statute governing the filing of municipal budgets with the State. Outdated revenue estimates would not allow the State to accurately calculate the City’s lid limitations.

5. **The City’s bond rating could be threatened**
   The City has 15 funds that receive property tax dollars either through a direct levy or interfund transfer. The operating budget alone has 70 funds including the 15 mentioned
above plus several more in the Capital Improvement Program that are exclusive to the CIP. The Budget Office estimates there are about 80 funds in total. The fall back provision appears to apply to all those funds. The fallback provision would not just impact the General Fund, but all the other funds as well. Even enterprise funds like the water and wastewater would be limited to last year’s dollars. The City budget would be completely inadequate to meet the City’s existing financial obligations. The Finance Department is concerned that this will negatively impact the City’s bond rating, increasing the cost of government to taxpayers. The Administration has not the time to request that Bond Counsel review the Lamm proposal.

6. **Not enough time has been devoted to examining this proposed Charter Amendment.** Again, these are the major issues identified in the compressed time frame provided for review. The Administration is not necessarily opposed to the intent behind Councilwoman Lamm’s Charter Amendment, but the current language does not achieve the intended goal. It will not encourage negotiation or collaboration. Instead, it creates the opportunity for political maneuvering and backdoor service cuts. Perhaps there is a way to resolve these issues, but not without the appropriate amount of time to discuss the proposal.

7. **Other Questions/Concerns:**

   a. **Ensuring the Budget is Accurate and Workable**

      (1) The earlier budget dates for submitting the Mayor’s budget would force it to be filed without knowing the Assessor’s first assumptions on the property tax base.
      The Lamm amendment changes the submission of the Mayor’s budget to the first Monday in April (Lamm is now proposing to change to the first Monday in May). The Budget Office believes both dates are too early. Departments would have to begin their budget work in October or November to meet those dates. The City’s Internal Service Funds, such as Information Services, Fleet Management and Risk Management, would need to start their budget work by September 1st, prior to the close out of the preceding budget year.

      In addition, the budget book takes about five weeks to prepare after final decisions from the Mayor. A May budget release pushes finalization of the Mayor’s budget back to late March, which is when the Assessor files its abstract, and the City gets its first clue what the property tax base might be. The Mayor would have to develop his/her recommendations without any solid information about what the property tax base would be, making it difficult to propose an appropriate tax rate.

      (2) **Spending projections would not be accurate**
      Finalizing the Mayor’s budget in March impacts projections as key information such as labor contracts and health insurance costs will likely not be available. Labor costs are the City’s largest expenditure and the earlier date
will ensure the Budget Office has very little information on critical budget elements.

(3) Revenue projections would not be accurate
The proposal requires the Mayor’s budget to be submitted to the Council earlier in the spring. To meet the new deadline, budget staff advised that initial revenue projections would have to occur in September or October of the prior year. If that is the case, the previous budget year will not be closed out, and the budget staff would not be able to compare actual revenue received to revenue budgeted for the prior year, which is a critical forecasting assumption. Revenue estimates are currently finalized in April, utilizing reports at the end of February. With the new proposed budget release date, budget staff would be making a “final” revenue projection around January using data from November. Forecasting will become less accurate.

(4) Mayor’s budget may not reflect state law changes
Completing the Mayor’s budget in March or April would happen before the Unicameral session ends. If new restrictions or changes are placed on municipal budget late in the session, the Mayor’s proposed budget would not take these changes into account.

(5) The Capital Improvement Program could not move forward
Under the fallback language, the CIP would apparently remain a list of last year’s projects, most of which would be in process or completed. We could not proceed to future years, greatly slowing our infrastructure development.

In addition, it is not clear why language regarding the Capital Improvement Program is stricken from the Charter in Section 26A. The CIP needs to be part of the process to link the City’s long range plans with its short term budget.

(6) The City could not address pension issues
The fallback provision would not allow the City to respond to actuarial recommendations for the Police Fire Pension. During the current budget year, the actuaries recommended that the City add approximately $1 million to the pension fund. With both revenues amounts and flexibility severely limited by the charter language, the City would not be able to absorb the increased actuarial recommendation nor be able to shift dollars from other budget areas.

(7) Mayor’s budget could not be amended by the Mayor after release
It appears that the ability for the Mayor to put forth amendments after submitting his/her budget has been removed. That could be problematic with the current budget timeline. With a much earlier budget submission deadline, this would be extremely shortsighted.
The Budget Office believes June 15th is the earliest practical date for releasing the Mayor’s budget.

b. **Transparency:**

1. **Why was the reference to a public hearing cut?**
   Public participation is an important part of the budgeting process. It is unclear why the Lamm proposal strikes language regarding the public hearing from the City Charter. Budget staff indicated that state law requires a public hearing on the Mayor’s budget and the City Council budget. Regardless, the Administration believes that this important requirement should also remain in the City’s Charter.

2. **Mayoral veto language**
   On page 4: why is the reference to a Mayoral veto (lines 25-26) stricken in one place while the veto language in another (line 34) is retained?

3. **Mayor decides fallback cuts without oversight**
   In an earlier section, it was discussed how the amendment’s fallback provision would force budget cuts. Those cuts would have to be decided by the Mayor. The service reductions would not have to follow the budget proposed by the Mayor nor would they require Council approval. The Mayor could make major changes within each Department without public review or Council input.

c. **Biennial vs. Annual Budget Language Changes**

1. **Why were the separate sections for annual and biennial budgeting stricken from Charter?**
   Have the drafters fully evaluated the consequences of doing so? The Administration will continue to evaluate the impact of this change, including how it relates to other provisions of the Charter.

2. **How will the Council decide whether the City will proceed with an annual or biennial budget?**

3. **De facto annual budgeting?**
   Even if the Charter amendment is not intended to ensure the City reverts to annual budgeting, adding several months to the budget process leads to a de facto reversion. Biennial budgeting reduces staff time spent on budget tasks, allowing both the budget office and department staff to devote more time to oversight, customer service, and identifying technologies that will allow the City to stretch its limited resources. Adding several more months to the
biennial budgeting process for directors/city staff essentially has the
disadvantages of the old annual process.

Again, the Charter is the Constitution for the City of Lincoln. Proposals to amend the Charter should not be rushed. The Administration urges the Council to delay action on the Councilwoman Lamm’s proposal.
From: David R. Cary  
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 3:24 PM: LRTP Funding and Wheel Tax Assumptions

Dear Members of the City Council and County Board,

A question has been brought up as part of the discussion about the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Comprehensive Plan Transportation Chapter regarding the Wheel Tax. Specifically, there is interest in the assumption in the current and proposed transportation plans that the Wheel Tax increase $5 every five years, beginning in 2021, based on historical trends of increases in this funding source. Attached is a memo that identifies the monetary and project level impact of removing this assumption of regular increases in the Wheel Tax. The result would be a decrease of $70 million in revenue for the Roads program. This decrease in revenue results in $10 million less revenue for the road rehabilitation program, and $60 million less revenue for the roadway capital program. The capital projects that would no longer be funded include NW 48th Street from Adams to Cuming, Van Dorn from 70th to 84th, Havelock from 70th to 84th, and South 56th from Thompson Creek Boulevard to Yankee Hill Road. These four projects were prioritized during the development of the plan and were included in the fiscally constrained plan, albeit at the end of the planning period. With less funding for the capital roadway program, these would be the first projects to not receive funding.

I hope this information is informative to you as we work toward the adoption of the update to the Comprehensive Plan. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you.

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December 15, 2016

LRTP Funding Analysis

The DRAFT Lincoln MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) dated September 20, 2016 (herein referred to as the Draft LRTP) assumes a $5 increase in the Wheel Tax every five years, using historic increases as a precedent. The Lincoln City Council has raised concerns pertaining to the viability of a regular Wheel Tax increase in the future. The LRTP Project Team has completed an analysis to understand the implications of eliminating the Wheel Tax increase from the funding assumptions. The results of the analysis are summarized below.

The LRTP accounts for revenue estimates over the 24-year period from 2017 through 2040. Over that time, the Wheel Tax revenues are forecast to increase at a rate of 1.5 percent per year, which aligns with historic annual revenue growth rates (based on population growth). The Draft LRTP assumes a $5 increase every five years in addition to the population-based annual revenue growth. Figure 1 shows a comparison of the estimated Wheel Tax revenues over the 24-year period with and without the $5 increase. By eliminating the $5 increase in the Wheel Tax every five years, the estimated Wheel Tax revenue would be reduced by $70.63 million (an 11.8 percent reduction).

**Figure 1. Comparison of Estimated Wheel Tax Revenues (2017 – 2040)**

When combined with all other revenues sources, the total available LRTP revenues would be reduced from $2.438 billion to $2.367 billion, a 2.9 percent reduction in total funds.
The Draft LRTP assumes that the Wheel Tax would be used for Road & Bridge Rehabilitation and for Roadway Capital Projects. Figure 2 provides a comparison of the funding allocations for these two programs with and without the $5 increase in the Wheel Tax. Without the $5 increase, the Roadway & Bridge Rehabilitation would be reduced by approximately $10.5 million and the Roadway Capital Projects would be reduced by approximately $60 million.

**Figure 2. Comparison of Funding Allocations (2017 – 2040)**

![Bar chart comparing funding allocations with and without the $5 Wheel Tax increase](chart)

*Note: The Roadway Capital Projects category includes Committed Roadway Projects and Developer Commitments.*

The $60 million reduction in funding allocation to Roadway Capital Projects would result in the removal of four roadway capital projects from the Fiscally Constrained Plan. Table 1 provides a list of the roadway capital projects that would be included in the Fiscally Constrained Plan (along with the year of expenditure and associated cost) without the $5 Wheel Tax increase. The four projects that would no longer be included are also noted.
Table 1. Fiscally Constrained Roadway Plan without the $5 Wheel Tax Increase

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Notes:
1. Committed projects are included in the 2016–2022 CIP and/or the current TIP and are assumed to be fully funded and constructed prior to allocation of resources to other Roadway Capital Projects.
2. The timing of the Impact Fee/Developer Commitment projects depends on development; for the purpose of the LRTP, they are assumed to be complete prior to allocation of resources to other Roadway Capital Projects.
3. Rather than assuming the widening of Highway 2 to six lanes, a Corridor Study is recommended to evaluate alternative improvements for the corridor. A $20 M placeholder for construction of priority improvements is included as a high priority; the specific improvements will be identified in the Corridor Study.
4. These corridor projects include the alternative approach to six-lane widening (or four-lane widening in the case of Van Dorn) – traffic signal coordination and key intersection improvements to address bottlenecks.
5. The Rokeby Road project (84th St to 98th St) is being partially funded by Lincoln Electric System (LES) ($3.5 M) and partially by directed impact fees ($1.5 M).
6. The $15.4 M local portion for the South Beltway project is the Wheel Tax funding only.
The agenda and attachments for the upcoming December 22, 2016, West Haymarket JPA Board Meeting are available online at:
http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm

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Good Afternoon, Mr. Camp:

I am a registered voter here in Lincoln, and I vote in every election - and I know that I am in the minority as far as my fellow citizens are concerned. I recently learned of a charter amendment brought to the council by Mr. Christensen that would require over 50% of Lincoln's registered voters to approve future tax increases. I believe this is a very, very bad idea. Whereas I always think that people should have the right to speak on matters of the government, I think this takes that belief too far. The statistics bear out that rare is the election where at least 50% of the electorate vote at all. By requiring *approval* of 50% of all registered voters, I am concerned that all future tax initiatives would die. All of them. The truth of the matter is that taxes are what funds our government and infrastructure. Regardless of your personal opinion on whether there are too many taxes or not enough, the fact is that it is necessary to have some revenue in order to have a functioning community. This would effectively kill our functioning community. I implore you to reject this proposal and continue to work with your colleagues to find positives ways for funding necessary projects in our city.

Thank you,
Shannon Parry
3416 Neerpark Dr
Lincoln, NE 6856
Please do NOT vote for this measure.

Janice Walker
1300 three pines court
68510

Sent from my iPad
Mary M. Meyer

From: Tom Nebelsick <tnebelsick@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2016 4:33 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Charter Ammendment

Jon,

Nadine and I support Cyndi Lamm's proposed Charter Amendment!

BTW, Mayor Beutler's glorious bike path is dangerously slippery and unusable as it has not been treated for ice abatement. Still does a great job of consuming a major part of the street in the carwash neighborhood!

I hate that thing and resent it being shoved down our throats as well as depriving us of our business livelihood and income production. I would like to roast his liberal nuts by an open fire!

Merry Christmas!

Tom Nebelsick <>
Councilman Camp -

I appreciate your service to our city. I am writing to ask that Councilwoman Lamm's charter amendment be reviewed by the nonpartisan Charter Review Commission before it is voted on by the council.

We have a number of good citizens like yourself who have agreed to serve. Each of them should be allowed to do their job. Furthermore, I believe it is important that council members draw on the experience/knowledge available to them.

Thank you,

Abbi Swatsworth
1433 S 14th St
Lincoln NE 68502
Mary M. Meyer

From: Sherrie Hanneman <skhanneman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 8:05 AM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Costco

Dear Mr. Camp:

I understand today the City Council considers the decision on Costco opening a store in Lincoln. I understand the concern with the location, but believe the benefits outweigh those concerns. Costco is known as a fair employer who pays a living wage, is also fair to their suppliers and is concerned with their impact on the environment. Coupled with the sales tax revenue that the store would generate from people traveling to shop, the decision seems fairly straight forward. I encourage you to vote yes.

Thanks.

Sherrie Hanneman
8040 Talbot Trail
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 525-4942

Live. Love. Be.
Sherrie

Thanks for your email supporting the Costco project.

Best regards and wishes for the Christmas season.

Jon

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**Email:**  joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Jon

We strongly support Costco's plan to build in Lincoln with the job and resulting revenue development. We make a monthly trip to Omaha to shop at the Costco stores there.

Thanks
Dean and Patty O'Bryan

Sent from my iPhone
Thank you, Dean and Patty for your email of support.

Jon

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Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Dear Councilman Camp,

Changing the City Charter to amend the relationship between the Mayor and the City Council on budget issues and other city business is an issue that came before the people of Lincoln years ago. The League of Women Voters of Lincoln – Lancaster County (the League) worked very hard on this issue in trying to understand which form of government would best serve our community.

Ms. Lamm is advocating for a “weak Mayor” system of government where the people of Lincoln would replace the Mayor with a City Manager and the City Council would tell the City Manager how to run the city and how to set the budget. After reviewing various city management systems from around the county the League advocated in favor of a “strong Mayor” form of government and the people concurred. In more recent years we have seen various communities around the country go bankrupt because of poor management using the City Manager system.

Our community has been served well under this form of government since the 1970’s. The old adage don’t fix it if it isn’t broken comes to mind. Under both Republican and Democratic administrations the people of Lincoln have been well served using this form of government. I would urge you to vote NO on changing the City Charter.

Respectfully,
Karen Dienstbier
Karen:

Thank you for your email.

There may be some misinformation on the effect of the Charter Amendment being proposed by Council Member Lamm. It does NOT create a “weak mayoral” form of government. Rather, it creates more opportunity for collaboration between the Mayor and the City Council by (1) providing more time for the City Council to review the Mayor’s proposed budget and (2) in the event a budget is not achieved, the final budget will be the same as the preceding year. This provides “checks and balances” in the all-important budgeting process, regardless of who is mayor and who are members of the city council.

I will note that I have long advocated a City Manager or City Administrator form of government to ensure a professionally trained individual “administers” the municipal government at the direction of the mayor and city council. The current “autocratic mayoral” form of government (see City Attorney opinion dated December 2015 describing Lincoln’s system as an “autocratic mayoral” form of government) has evolved into a system of executive orders and minimizing the involvement of the city council. There need to be appropriate “checks and balances.”

Thank you for your input and past service with the League of Women Voters.

Best regards and wishes for the Christmas season.

Jon

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Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Jon:

Your support of the Lincoln Children’s Zoo expansion project is very much appreciated.

Think of all the happy faces on our children (not to mention their parents and grandparents) over the next 50 years of Zoo operation.

Families will soon be able to enjoy the Zoo and its “Learn Firsthand” mission 12 months a year.

Thanks for your efforts for all Lincolnnites.

Regards,
Nick Cusick
Thanks Ron for your very kind comments. I think that most folks in Lincoln know that LIBA has a very politicized view and unfortunately does not do its homework.

I appreciate you taking the time to write!

Happy Holidays and stay warm!

Jane

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I am not in your district and a different council person serves where I live. However, I wanted to let you know I appreciated your piece in the paper today. I usually send emails to Leirion, Roy and Jon as I two are at large and Jon represents this district. However, I wanted to let you know that you presented sound research and data to support you view. I appreciate that. I also Leirion does the same.

You are absolutely correct, in my view that LIBA distorts data, does not present data, or just outright lies bout most things. They are sort of the FAKE NEWS of the local politics in many ways.

I hope your piece does some good.

Thanks

Ronald Wall, Ed.D.
Phone 402.464.2066
Cell 402.525.6699
Mary M. Meyer

Subject: InterLinc - Feedback

Karen,

Thank you so very much for your comments. I do believe that we, as elected officials, best serve the citizens of Lincoln if the charter amendment proposal was first reviewed by the Charter Revision Commission so we can avoid any unintended adverse consequences. I encourage you to speak out for a thoughtful and studied approach as we have done in the past to ensure we all make the best decisions on behalf of our constituents, future city councils and future mayors.

If you cannot attend the public hearing tonight I would like to read your comments into the record with your permission.

I know the Lincoln Lancaster League of Women Voters also sent an email with their concerns about the City Council majority bypassing the Charter Revision Commission.

Thank you again for taking the time to email me.

Jane

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2016 8:52 AM
To: Jane Raybould

Date: 12/19/2016 8:52:01 AM

Full Name: Karen Dienstbier
Address: 501 Dale Dr
City: Lincoln, NE 68510
Phone: 402-489-7545
Email: kdien@neb.rr.com

Comments: Dear Councilwoman Raybould,

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Our community has been served well under this form of government since the 1970’s. The old adage don’t fix it if it isn’t broken comes to mind. Under both Republican and Democratic administrations the people of Lincoln have been well served using this form of government. I would urge you to vote NO on changing the City Charter.

Respectfully,
Karen Dienstbier
Thank you Nancy for your email. I think it would best serve the citizens of Lincoln if the charter amendment proposal was first reviewed by the Charter Revision Commission so we can avoid any unintended adverse consequences. I encourage you to speak out for a thoughtful and studied approach as we have done in the past to ensure we all make the best decisions on behalf of our constituents, future city councils and future mayors.

Happy Holidays!

Jane
involved in the process--with the object of not having to raise taxes. The Legislature will also be given **ample time** to review the **factual information** prepared by the Governor, in order to make their budget decisions.

5. The budget is neither a political nor a partisan issue, and neither is the amendment that is being proposed to make the process at the City level more of a mutual and cooperative process. I would encourage you to please refrain from using partisan arguments to resist the proposal; you must examine it on its merits. **All** of our elected officials should be concerned to be most effective and economical in budgeting expenditures.

Respectfully,
Nancy Carr

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Lincoln, NE 68516
Councilmember Christensen’s proposal to require more than 50% of Lincoln’s registered voters to approve any new tax expenditures is set to strangle all progress in the city in 2017 and every year forward. This proposal is not good for the City of Lincoln and is not supported by most residents, who have been blindsided by this proposal.

Considering that a very small number of people are deciding on this proposal, compared to the over 50% of voters Councilmember Christensen seeks for future tax expenditures, the valued, sought after voice and will of the people is in danger of being ignored and usurped.

This proposal threatens progress in Lincoln. For example, if this proposal had been in place already, we would have no Pinnacle Bank arena. Our profile as a city and our potential for growth will be hampered, if not cut off completely. Further, this proposal threatens our Triple A bond rating. If our rating is lowered, taxes on citizens will have to rise to cover the increased interest rates for current city bonds.

Most alarmingly, this unproven proposal means that Lincoln will be unable to respond to emergencies, will struggle to maintain or repair the sewer system, will burden our water and wastewater improvements, and prevent passage of new bonds after old bonds have been paid off. This will shift more of the burden onto taxpayers to cover needed repairs and maintenance.

Why? Because voter turnout is unpredictable, but historically low. In the past 15 primary, general and special elections here in Lincoln only two meet the 50% threshold. Over that period, we only met the threshold in the presidential elections of Nov. 2012 and 2016. Other elections ranged from 13.73% turnout to 47.7%. Thus, any needed tax increases and expenditures will be hampered from the start, only able to be considered every four years, during presidential elections. Emergencies, long term contract obligation – turnout will not allow the City to function.

The generally approved process in Lincoln is for any important policy change to be part of comprehensive community discussion and exchange of ideas amongst area stakeholders, with tweaks and adjustments as needed in response to the discussion process. This proposal has ignored this tradition.

Sponsorship and support has not been acknowledged by organized, open groups or individuals stepping forward with valid reasons for change. No experts were consulted in the drafting of this proposal. No one on the City’s Charter Revision Commission participated. Our local experts in finance, governance, and stakeholder concerns were not consulted. Instead, the proposal is badly written and reflects a non-research-based grab for political power that has ignored stakeholders or the standards of good governance procedure.

A true attempt to improve the city of Lincoln would be sent to the non-partisan Charter Revision Commission and experts, would be shared with stakeholders and take their concerns into account. Would be transparent and not a last minute sneak attack. Instead, it has been ramrodded through the city council over two weeks during the holiday season. The proposal smacks of partisan, political gamesmanship, bad public policy and attempts to cripple local government from working effectively.

Thus, citizens are left with more questions than answers. More fears than assurances.

Vote no on Christensen’s proposal.

Regards,
Brandy C. Judkins

Brandy C. Judkins
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GTA/Instructor & Practicum Supervisor
TLTE GSA President 2015-2016, 2016-2017
ASUN Graduate Senator, 2016-2017
Doctoral Student
Language, Literacy & Culture
Teaching, Learning, & Teacher Education
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
110D Henzlik
(402) 840-9617
December 15, 2016

Dear Honorable Members of the Lincoln City Council:

There is much misinformation surrounding the recent criticism by some that the proposed Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) spends too much money on projects other than streets.

Since the mid-1980s, Lincoln has made significant progress in providing alternative and public transportation options for our community. Our 131-mile trails network serves as a recreational resource and a critical transportation corridor. There is no doubt that our trails network is a key factor in attracting employers, workers and families to locate and live in Lincoln. In this way, our nationally recognized trail system has become a strong component in our economic development strategy.

It has been suggested that a larger emphasis should be placed on road maintenance and construction to best serve the broader Lincoln community. While I certainly understand why roads are critical to keep Lincoln strong and vital to our citizens, it is important to note how the funding works for trails, sidewalks and public transit.

Here are the facts:

1. The City of Lincoln spends no general funds on new trail projects. We are extremely fortunate to have strong, widespread private support for these projects, thanks to the Great Plains Trails Network’s efforts over the years. Private funds serve as matching dollars for the Transportation Alternative Program and the Recreational Trails Program available through the Federal Highway Administration.
2. This designated federal funding cannot be shifted from trails to streets, even if our community leaders supported this shortsighted action.
3. Currently only 1.5% of the projected funding in the LRTP would be spent on trail construction.
4. Shifting funds that support public transit would have a negative impact on students, low-income Lincolnites and those with handicaps who don’t own or drive a car.
5. Cutting funds for StarTran would also translate in forfeiting federal and state funds for this public transportation option, which is also shortsighted, given the fact that the Mayor and City Council last year raised local funding for StarTran in response to community surveys.

I urge you to adopt this long-range transportation plan, which in my opinion provides a solid roadmap that makes economic sense and is based on serving the needs of all of our citizens.

Lincoln is a great city--the result of many years of thoughtful, cooperative leadership. I am grateful for your service. Moving forward, I hope that we can continue to have community conversations that are solution-driven, collaborative and positive so we can work together to do even more for all of our citizens.

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Dear City Council,

I am writing in regards to the proposed Charter amendment and LRTP. Considering the Charter proposal has not been reviewed by the Charter Revision Commission, I would urge you to reject the proposal until it has been reviewed through the proper channels. That said, it is understandable that council members would want to see the budget earlier, however, three months seems a stretch. Also, the proposal that if a budget cannot be agreed upon, then it reverts back to the previous years budget, lacks sound logic.

The current system is set up well to empower the mayor to govern as s/he sees fit with input and negotiation from the city council. This is why the public elected the mayor.

Concerning the LRTP, it simply needs to be passed. Misinformation abounds. Lincoln has done a great job repairing roads in recent years. In my opinion we should spend more than 20% on public transportation and encourage more alternatives to driving. My understanding is that most of the 20% funds StarTran. If we cut that funding, there won’t be a functioning bus service for people to get to their job and for students to get to school. LRTP needs to be passed without further delay.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad
Please support Cindy’s charter amendment.
Thanks

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Jon, Leirion and Roy:

I, like, some Lincoln citizens, follow the news on the Lincoln City Council. Of course, all I pretty much know is what I read in the paper.

My 35 years developing school district budgets is the only experience I have working with budgets and boards. I guessing this is both similar and dissimilar to the Lincoln City council mayor relationship and the city charter. We started the budget process for the ensuing year and had a series of budget workshops for 6 or 7 months before the superintendent presented the finished proposed budget to the board. If the council does not work to assist in the budget development that seems odd. However, the board did not develop the budget. Some of the articles in the paper seem to suggest the council members want to be the entity that develops the budget. I disagree with that. These folks just do not have the time to be that involved, and that is not their mission.

The proposed changes to the Charter proposed by Lamm, in my view, should be treated as two separate issue. I agree that the current time line gives the council representatives little time to view the final proposed budget. Moving it back makes some sense, but I am not sure how far. I don't see how a finished budget proposal could be ready by April for a review and or recommendations by the council.

I agree that moving it back makes some sense, but reverting to the past year's budget makes no sense. Different issues and resources vary from year to year. I totally disagree with reverting to the preceding year's budget. I do not think this is a sound idea under any circumstances and do not even think it should be on the ballot. But, if it is, it should be a separate issue. And, from my experience when those kinds of things appear often times the voters have no idea what the ramifications are. BREXIT is a recent good example, although not in the US.

My other concern, and I may have missed this, did all of this come before the City Charter Review Commission? I am under the impression it has not.

It seems to me that all parties, certain council members, and the mayor's office can share the blame in this controversy. It seems to be all parties should find a way to work together on what is best for the city. It appears most issues end up as a battle between Republicans and Democrats. Lincoln has a lot going for it and has changed dramatically in the 16 years I have lived here. We need to find a way to better work together.

And, I also believe LIBA distorts the facts on most issues where they have input. And Colby Mach's being on the board of the PAC and LIBA's cash donations to the PAC are troublesome to me. Most PACS are more trouble than they are worth.

Thanks for listening to my concerns.

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Good Evening,

I'm writing to continue to express my opposition to the Proposed Costco development coming in at the Northwest Corner of 14th & Pine Lake Road as stated in my email dated September 25th. I do realize that the real estate will be developed. However, Lincoln Memorial has decided very late in the development game to change directions with their intention of this land with little notice of this intent. This corner of land has been for sale for quite a while. It has neither been sold nor developed as it is currently zoned R-1/R-2 for a portion.

The Use permit for Costco, the only thing known to be coming in at this time, is not appropriate for this location based of the proposed size of the store, parking lot or lay out of the development. Finding information out about this proposal has been difficult at best and at times, down right deceiving. Information proposed and reassured to those in attendance at the neighborhood meetings was then, disputed by Costco at the planning commission meeting with a multi-page document that has still not been shared with any of the neighborhoods or in the planning information posted online. Staff notes were changed to allow for concessions to the screening and design of the building. These notes were sent out to interested parties less than 24 hours prior to the final vote hearing.

The largest concern is the amount of traffic this will bring to an area with a very odd commercial layout as proposed. The site needs no more than 524 stalls according to the City however, Costco has spent a considerable amount of time trying to get 750 stalls within their area alone. Mark Palmer with Olsson & Associates was very helpful in explaining that based on the land grading and out lots, there isn’t a lot of room for green space as they need as many parking spaces as possible. He also stated that the out lot that is currently closest to any residential house is being held by Costco to see if they need it for any additional parking or perhaps employee parking. That does make sense since this lot, as proposed will be hemmed in by the fuel station and incoming traffic from Hazel Scott.

One should wonder why. According to Lonnie with City Traffic, they anticipate 900 trips per peak hour during the week. That greatly diminishes the proposed 300 - 600 cars during the peak hours of 5-7 stated during the meeting with the Costco representatives. They anticipate 10,000 trips per day as proposed. These trip counts do not include the fuel station. Fuel Stations are specifically excluded according to the ITE information. This does not assure that the fast food restaurant with drive thru and three lane bank are going to apply for use permits for the remaining out lots. If a drive-thru coffee house like Scooter's at 14th & Old Cheney applies, their traffic count is higher than the banks. What we do know is that Costco will bring in 75%-95% of this traffic when it opens. So safely 7500 to 9500 trips per day in an area that has the intended entrance and exit found on Pine Lake Road less than a quarter of a mile apart. No other development with this much traffic has this narrow of a traffic pattern.

While Costco does open their store at 10:00 am weekdays, it does open at 8:00 during their grand opening times. I had the privilege of seeing the preparations the day before their second Nebraska location opened less than 10 miles from their first. October 26th, 2016 (Wednesday) Costco opened in the LaVista Commercial Center. The store, the day before, had a full lot, and two delivery trucks present at 7:45 am. It is located off of Harrison by at least one stop light in a commercial division that houses, Cabela's, Mutual of Omaha Bank Operations, Hilton and Embassy Suites and the LaVista Conference Center. Leaving the conference that day, took about 25 minutes to leave the development and actually enter west bound I-80. Due to the expected traffic of opening day, they put up special traffic signs alerting drivers to the traffic event, 6-10 police officers were directing traffic along with at least one atv like vehicle for movement. There were news notices that started on the Monday of the week of the opening warning drivers to avoid the area if possible, that were received here in Lincoln, for a store 52 miles away. So, are we going to close the three schools during this Grand Opening Madness?

Their typical store hours during the week are 10.5 hours. On the low end that averages 714 trips per open store hour, high end is over 900. On the weekend they are open 9.5 and 9 hours daily so even more condensed. Which is great if
there would be nothing else happening. For example, both the High School and Middle School are used by the YMCA for sports year round between 1:00 pm 6:00 pm. School events that occur after school hours like, parent teacher conferences, plays, band, choir performances, sports practice, Freshman and JV events and tournaments, swim meets, etc. Oh and on holidays like Black Friday and the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas the store is open even earlier and later. Lonnie's written statements to the Planning commission indicate 1475 trips per hour peak during the weekends for this development. The neighborhood children near this development will never be able to walk along Pine Lake Road to go to school, the YMCA, the Library nor will the traffic noise ever cease. At least now those of us in the neighborhood are aware of school hours and realize it's a very small part of the day. We adjust schedules to avoid the area or know that we need patience to navigate through the area when we can’t, at least most of us do. We also encourage our teenagers to drive to and from school activities. These activities will be at the exact same time as the peak weekday hours Costco states for their store. Never mind the fuel station that opens early and closes later, not included in any of these numbers. With the amount of traffic proposed, the only safe time to drive will be when Costco is not open.

Please realize that the commercial area to the south of this development, while it's been in existence for 20 years is still not fully developed. This can only increase traffic if that does change.

While the elimination of the back entrance to the development does help some concern with the school parking along Hazel Scott, students using the bike path will continue to use the bike path. They will not walk around and through the Costco development. Humans by nature take the shortest path and children are no exception. The fact that Olsson's traffic study picked up two pedestrians crossing that Hazel Scott/20th Street and Pine Lake on March 16th just reiterates this point. The traffic study done the week of March 14th was minimum effort at best. I thought it was odd that in June a study was done at 14th & Yankee Hill but no traffic count was done at 14th & Garrett Lane during any of these times. This is the “secondary” entrance to the High School and existing commercial development.

Also included in the Staff approval is permission for Lincoln Memorial to close their drive during Services, Events and Public Meetings at their location. So those of us that are familiar with the area and would like turn in to the development driving southbound on 14th Street could one time find that open and the next time, closed. There is no way that public will have any idea of their route will be open or closed since the closure is fully at the Funeral Homes discretion. How does that work? Don’t they know that Costco will be bringing in traffic and why should they be allowed to limit access? That being said, I can't imagine attending a service there an hearing the tire center lug nut wrenches or noises coming in during a quiet moment. Nor paying respects at a graveside service during business hours hearing traffic noise, parking lot banter and fuel station odors. Perhaps that's why Lincoln Memorial board members all live out of state so they don’t really have any direct impact here.

When the outlets along 14th & Pine Lake develop, the access to the Costco development will be eliminated by Lincoln Memorial altogether as allowed by the proposal. This means more traffic through the intended entrances/exits. When I asked Mark about the dual turn lanes opening on 14th to Pine Lake road and the ability for an outside lane to safely cross to turn into the 16th & Pine Lake Entrance, he response was "It's a Members Only Club so they will eventually figure it out." At the cost of what/who's property and life as those of us live here go about our daily activities?

Please keep in mind the folks that will be coming to Costco. They tout themselves as a destination and they are absolutely correct. This is the only store location west of Omaha/LaVista stores. Living here, I know that I don't shop or eat anywhere near Southpointe during State Volleyball or Basketball. Even most of our high schools are closed for these events as they are used by teams to participate in tournaments. That brings in folks that aren't familiar with the neighborhood. They don't know that there the city's largest Middle School with 1124 kids is right here along with the second largest elementary school are still in session during these events. There isn't any speed indicators slowing traffic down during dismissal and that the children will step out in front of you if you make eye contact and slow down.

It is intended that the retention pond be green space but no one really knows. That does seem odd since the grading has been indicated. The notes state that there will be a 9 foot wall with another foot of earthen berm on the top and drainage pipes placed to allow for the 10 foot pond to drain over 24-36 hours. In the 116 pages of documents concerning this, I couldn't determine what rain fall amount will start the pond retaining water. However, I can say 24-36 hours is MUCH longer than any of the area run offs take to lower and even Lake SouthWest was gone sooner. I suspect this will become a neighborhood pool or as my daughter indicated a place where we will lose small children and animals.

This contains additional information that supports my additional and lengthly email dated September 25th regarding my opposition the development. I still feel until such a time a developer has a reasonable site plan that conforms with the City's Comprehensive Plan for existing neighborhoods this entire bundle should be denied. It is odd that the planning commission and city staff are enforcing the design standards under section 7 of the Comprehensive plan while as proposed, yet this development is in direct contradiction to the city of Lincoln's 2040 comprehensive plan for existing neighborhoods. Please see page 7.10 item 1(d). Not only are big box stores excluded but so are fueling stations. Both of
these as proposed are larger than anything else found within an 1 mile radius, (Scheel’s or South Point Mall is an exception but also a known commercial area). But then if I understand the staff notes, exceptions regarding the material used in the project as also being made so as not to cost too much for the developer. They aren’t even willing to fit into the neighborhood.

Will I would love to be in attendance personally, however, I do have prior family commitments that prevent this though it appears that much is determined by the developer behind closed doors regardless of what is said to the neighborhood groups when it comes right down to it.

Thank you for your consideration to those that will be directly impacted.

Sincerely,

Amy Best
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Good afternoon Lincoln City Council,

I sent this email to the Planning Commission and would like it to be of record on the Costco issue. I am unable to attend the meeting this evening. There are several other more appropriate locations for Costco to build. Please vote against their proposed location on 16th & Pine Lake.

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Please vote against this going thru.

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Mary, thanks for your email restating your position in opposition. Looking forward to this evening’s testimony. Sorry you will be unavailable.

Jon

MARY M. MEYER
Subject: Costco - opposition to proposed 16th & Pine Lake site

Good afternoon Jon,

I sent this to the City Council website and wanted to reach out to you directly.

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