

**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**  
**555 SOUTH 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**BILL LUXFORD STUDIO**  
**2:00 P.M.**

**I. MINUTES**

1. Directors' Meeting of January 23, 2017.
2. Pre-Council: Budget Discussion. January 9, 2017.
3. Directors' Meeting of January 9, 2017.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

**III. CITY CLERK**

**IV. MAYOR' CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Aging Partners' February musical performances.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to open house on No. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Storm Drain and Road Project.

**V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Action by the Planning Commission, Wednesday, February 1, 2017.
1. Planning Commission Final Action, February 1, 2017.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. The Urban Design Committee scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 canceled due to lack of agenda items.

**VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS**

1. Performance Audit (01.17.17) - Fellers, Lamm, Raybould
2. Downtown Lincoln Association - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
3. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Eskridge
4. Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board - Fellers
5. Problem Resolution Team - Lamm
6. Funders Group - Gaylor Baird

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP**

1. Craig Ditzler commenting on the recycling vote.
2. Thomas Peterson stating his concerns with Allo Communications with Councilman Camp replying.

**IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ray Crisp, Eden Park Neighborhood Association President, requesting Miki Esposito, Director of Public Works & Utilities, to look into Kevan Dragoo's letter asking for assistance on icy streets.
2. Ed Schnabel asking questions regarding recycling.

3. Dave and Sue Van Horn wholeheartedly support the proposed ordinance to ban cardboard from the city landfill.
4. Barb Bennett asking questions on why other logical choices not picked for recycling.

**X. PRE-COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

**XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**  
See invitation list.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Aging Partners, 1005 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** January 31, 2017

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bob Esquivel, Aging Partners, 402-441-6102

**PUBLIC INVITED TO AGING PARTNERS'**  
**FEBRUARY MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**

Aging Partners invites all senior citizens and the public to attend two musical performances in February:

- **"The Roots of Black American Music from Africa to Today"** – 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9, Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd. Presented in conjunction with Black History Month, Charles Bowling, Angela Onuoha, Anita Elliott and Sue Hill will take you on a musical journey from the coasts of Africa, through the fields of slavery, to the birth of black gospel music and finally arriving at the song stylings of today's greats.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. There is a \$10 suggested meal contribution for those age 60 and over and a \$10 fee for those under age 60. For those wanting to attend the performance only, there is a \$5 suggested contribution for all ages. The catered Hy-Vee meal includes chicken fried steak with country gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pineapple upside down cake, Kings Hawaiian Roll and milk.

- **"Jimmy Mack's Valentine's Day Malt Shop Show"** – 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 14, Downtown Senior Center, 1005 "O" St. Veteran Lincoln performer Mack will play musical favorites from the 1950s.

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. There is a \$4 suggested meal contribution for those age 60 and over and an \$8 fee for under age 60. There is no charge for the performance. The special nostalgic menu will include cheeseburgers, fries and chocolate malts.

Roundtrip transportation in Lincoln is available to both events for a suggested contribution of \$4. Meal and transportation reservations for both events must be made two days in advance by calling 402-441-7158. More information on Aging Partners senior center activities is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: my center news).

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Thursday, February 2, 2017

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Kris Humphrey, Engineering Services, 402- 326-1176

Jared Nelson, Watershed Management, 402-441-4955

Emily Molloy, Alfred Benesch & Company, 402-479-2200

**PUBLIC INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE ON  
N. 33RD STREET STORM DRAIN AND ROAD PROJECT**

The public is invited to an open house Thursday, February 9 on improvements to N. 33rd Street between Holdrege Street and Madison Avenue. The meeting is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Nebraska Educational Telecommunications, 1800 N. 33rd Street. Parking is available on the south side of the building. No formal presentations are planned. Design information will be displayed, and City representatives and project consultants will be available to discuss the project.

The project includes repairing or replacing deteriorated concrete base and curbs, and milling and replacing the asphalt surface. Other work includes replacing damaged storm drains and inlet tops and reconstructing curb ramps to meet ADA requirements. N. 33rd Street will be closed during the project between Holdrege Street and Madison Avenue, but emergency and local access will be maintained. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring and take about three months to complete.

More information on the project is available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword 33RD) or by contacting Kris Humphrey, Public Works and Utilities, at 402-326-1176 or [khumphrey@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:khumphrey@lincoln.ne.gov).

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**ACCOMMODATION NOTICE**

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402-441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.

## **\*\*REVISED ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

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

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

### **AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017**

**[Commissioners Corr, Hove and Weber absent]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 2017. **\*\*APPROVED: 6-0; (Corr, Hove and Weber absent)\*\***

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

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE:**

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- 1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16010, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a request to declare approximately 4,525 square feet of property at Standing Bear Park as surplus, on property generally located to the west of South 8th Street and Harrison Avenue and adjacent to 710 Hill Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan: 6-0 (Corr, Hove, and Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

**ANNEXATION AND RELATED CHANGE OF ZONE AND PRELIMINARY PLAT:**

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- 1.2a Annexation No. 16009, to annex approximately 30.33 acres, more or less, on property generally located at North 70th Street and Arbor Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 6-0 (Corr, Hove and Weber absent), as set forth in the staff report dated January 17, 2017. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m.**
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- 1.2b Change of Zone No. 16031, from AG (Agricultural District) to I-2 (Industrial Park District), on property generally located at North 70th Street and Arbor Road.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 6-0 (Corr, Hove and Weber absent), as set forth in the revised staff report dated January 17, 2017, as requested by the applicant. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017, 5:30 p.m.**
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- 1.2c Preliminary Plat No. 16005, Rogge Square, on approximately 156.72 acres, more or less, with waiver requests to pedestrian ways, block length, adjacent street improvements, stormwater detention, street grade, on property generally located at North 70th Street and Arbor Road. **\*\*FINAL ACTION\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, 6-0 (Corr, Hove and Weber absent), as set forth in the staff report dated January 17, 2017. Resolution No. PC-01536.**

#### **CHANGE OF ZONE:**

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- 1.3 Change of Zone No. 17001, from H-1 (Interstate Commercial District) to H-3 (Highway Commercial District), on property generally located at 3100 NW 12th Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 6-0 (Corr, Hove and Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL PERMIT:**

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- 1.4 Special Permit No. 16060, to allow for the remodeling of an existing garage and the addition of a second floor above the garage, on property generally located at 2340 Woodsdale Boulevard. **\*\*FINAL ACTION\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, [rjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjones@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 17, 2017: 6-0 (Corr, Hove and Weber absent). Resolution No. PC-01537.**

**2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:**

- 2.1 Text Amendment No. 16020, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code (“Zoning Ordinance”) by amending Section 27.62.100(c)(2) to modify the front yard and side yard setbacks for car sales; Section 27.67.030 to allow parking in the side yard of commercial and industrial districts when not abutting a residential district; Section 27.67.040 to create a new parking requirement for motorized vehicle sales of three stalls for sales lots less than two acres; Section 27.72.060 to allow motorized vehicle sales in the same locations as parking with requirements for how vehicles for sale in the front yard can be displayed; Chapter 3.45 Design Standards for Parking Lots to clarify which parking lot requirements are applicable to vehicle sales lots; Chapter 3.50 Design Standards for Screening and Landscaping to clarify that parking lot screen applies to vehicle sales lots, and repealing Sections 27.62.100(c)(2), 27.67.030, 27.67.040, and 27.72.060 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission granted the applicant’s request for a 2-week deferral, with PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017.**

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - None.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

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- 4.1 Miscellaneous No. 16006, to review the proposed determination that the "North Cotner Boulevard and P Street Redevelopment Area", as set forth in the North Cotner Boulevard and P Street Redevelopment Area Blight and Substandard Determination Study, be declared blighted and substandard as defined in the Nebraska Community Development Law, which is described as an area bounded by P Street, Corner Blvd, North 56th Street, and R Street, along with adjacent street rights-of-way in South 56th Street, P and R Streets, and North Cotner Blvd, covering approximately 11.6 acres, more or less.

**Staff recommendation: Finding of Substandard and Blighted Conditions**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF SUBSTANDARD AND BLIGHTED CONDITIONS; 6-0 (Corr, Hove and Weber absent)**  
**Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

**5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**COMP. PLAN CONFORMANCE AND RELATED CHANGE OF ZONE :**

Page 73 5.1a Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16012, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan to add the "Telegraph District Phase 2: Telegraph Flats & Telegraph Lofts East Redevelopment Project". The proposed project area is approximately 4 acres and is generally located between L Street and the alley north of N Street, and S. 20th Street to the Antelope Valley channel. The Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan Area consists of approximately 900 acres with 4 broad districts or groups of uses, including Antelope Creek, Neighborhoods, Downtown Lincoln and the University of Nebraska City Campus.

**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan**  
**Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, [gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: Conforms to the Comprehensive Plan: 5-0 (Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Corr, Hove, and Weber absent). Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017, 3:00 p.m.**

Page 95 5.1b Change of Zone No. 16045, Telegraph District B-4 Planned Unit Development, for a Change of Zone from B-4 Business District to B-4 Business District Planned Unit Development, on property generally bounded by O Street on the north, Antelope Creek on the east, K Street on the south, and Antelope Valley Parkway on the west, and generally located at 401 South 21st Street. The application is for a Planned Unit Development district designation of said property, and for the approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the zoning ordinance, land subdivision ordinance and design standards to foster an urban mixed-use area at the southeast corner of downtown, including office, residential, retail and other commercial activities in a vibrant and distinctive neighborhood, reflecting its historic utility and industrial roots combined with an innovative, high-tech vibe.

**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, [ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 5-0 (Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Corr, Hove and Weber absent), as set forth in the staff report dated January 10, 2017. Public hearing before the City Council on this change is zone is pending.**

**Adjournment 1:48 p.m.**



**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION  
NOTIFICATION**

**TO:** Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM :** Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

**DATE :** February 2, 2017

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: February 1, 2017

Please be advised that on February 1, 2017, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. PC-01536**, approving PRELIMINARY PLAT NO. 16005, Rogge Square, on approximately 156.72 acres, more or less, with waiver requests to pedestrian ways, block length, adjacent street improvements, stormwater detention, street grade, on property legally described as Lots 27, 31, 47, 48, and 49, Irregular Tracts, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 28-11-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at North 70th Street and Arbor Road; and

**Resolution No. PC-01537**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 16060, to allow for the remodeling of an existing garage and the addition of a second floor above the garage, on property legally described as Lot 7, Woods Bros. Country Club Addition, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 1-9-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 2340 Woodsdale Boulevard.

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

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. PP16005, SP16060). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Urban Design Committee Meeting on 2/7/17 - Cancelled

**Subject:** Urban Design Committee

The Urban Design Committee regularly scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

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**Teresa McKinstry**  
Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Planning Dept.  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 213 \* Lincoln NE 68508  
402-441-6164

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Craig & Flo Ditzler <craigandflo@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 7:00 AM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Cardboard ban

Dear Councilman Camp,

In a previous response to one of my emails you described Mayor Beutler with the phrase "my way or the highway".  
Hmmm - it looks like you've adopted the no compromise attitude with your vote on the cardboard ban from the landfill! 6  
to 1 vote on an excellent compromise solution. As DJT would tweet "SAD!!!!"

Craig Ditzler  
Sent from my iPhone

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 02, 2017 9:26 AM  
**To:** tepeterson29@gmail.com  
**Cc:** bmoline@allophone.net; David P. Young; Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** RE: Allo Communications

**Importance:** High

Mr. Peterson:

Thank you for your email regarding activities by Allo Communications to extend its internet fiber network. I am aware of similar concerns by property owners.

Based upon some recent reports, it appears that Allo is responding to property owners' concerns.

To assist you in alerting Allo to your concerns, this email is being sent to Brad Moline, the lead person for Allo Communications; his telephone number is (866) 481-2556. I have also included David Young, who is with the Lincoln Public Works Department, and specifically oversees the fiber network and right of way matters.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

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](mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com)

**From:** Thomas Peterson [<mailto:tepeterson29@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Allo Communications

Mr. Camp

Over the last week I have been dealing with Allo's construction in my front yard. I was given no notice of the work that was about to take place and was only able to figure out who to call for information when I saw Allo's name on a truck. I have spoken with several customer service representatives and experienced terrible communication on the part of the company. I am now being told that I will have a large access box in my front yard. I feel that the company has very little regard for the people they are harming with this work. Every representative I have spoken with has tried to tell me a story about their own yards being torn up by water and electrical utility work. Water and electricity are necessities. Installing faster internet to the detriment of homeowners is not a necessity. I was disappointed to learn that Allo has an agreement with the city that allows them to legally do the things they are doing. I hope that you will at least be disappointed to hear that this company that has been given free reign is violating the agreement by not keeping homeowners up to speed on the work and causing a major inconvenience for my family.

I look forward to hearing anything that you might be able to do to help me with this problem.

Thank you

Thomas Peterson

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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**Subject:** Citizen assistance on icy streets

**From:** [raydcrisp@gmail.com](mailto:raydcrisp@gmail.com) [<mailto:raydcrisp@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 7:26 AM  
**To:** Miki M. Esposito  
**Cc:** Mary M. Meyer; Camp Jon; [kdragoo131@nebr.com](mailto:kdragoo131@nebr.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Citizen assistance on icy streets

Dear Ms. Esposito,

I am following up on an email that Jon Camp sent to you last January 4 regarding Kevan Dragoo who is looking for a source of salt, ice melt, or some other substance so that he can continue to help out people who cannot maneuver the icy streets near 40th & Van Dorn and particularly the iced-over hill at 41st and Van Dorn. Kevan has in the past obtained material at the city's site on South Streets, but he encountered a particularly difficult situation when he tried to obtain material there the last time.

Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Ray Crisp  
President  
Eden Park Neighborhood Association

**From:** [Jon Camp](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:53 AM  
**To:** [Miki M. Esposito](#)  
**Cc:** [raydcrisp@gmail.com](mailto:raydcrisp@gmail.com) ; <mailto:mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Subject:** Citizen assistance on icy streets

Miki:

As I recall you will have been celebrating your wedding activities this holiday season—congratulations!

When you have time, would you please review internal policies regarding citizens who want to help with keeping streets safe. For example, Kevan Dragoo, who resides near 40<sup>th</sup> and Van Dorn, has tried to keep the incline on Van Dorn safer. In years past he was able to go to a Public Works site and obtain a container of gravel, ice melt or other applicant that he then used to apply to the street when conditions became icy. He no longer can obtain material to apply.

Please help nurture a situation like this, namely with a citizen willing to provide a service at no or little expense to the City.

Thank you in advance for reviewing this. Mr. Dragoo attended a recent meeting I had with the Eden Park Neighborhood Association. Mr. Ray Crisp ([raydcrisp@gmail.com](mailto:raydcrisp@gmail.com)) is the current President of that group and can provide contact information for Mr. Dragoo.

Jon

**JON A. CAMP**  
**Lincoln City Council**  
**200 Haymarket Square**  
**808 P Street**  
**P.O. Box 82307**

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 8:58 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Feedback

### Council Office - Feedback

Date : 1/30/2017 8:58:16 PM

**Full Name** Ed Schnabel

**Address** 7317 South Wedgewood Drive

**City** Lincoln, NE

**Phone** 402 488 0814

**Email** [eds19495@aol.com](mailto:eds19495@aol.com)

**Comments** Items that never come up on recycling.

How much does city receive for the items recycled?

What are the waste haulers payed for the pick up of containers?

Need to require haulers to have containers picked up very night.

Ones at East High over flow daily.

When they do, people just leave the boxes outside the containers which blow into local yards.

Are the haulers fined when the containers over flow causing trash to blow into yards?

Ed Schnabel

IP: 97.98.182.192

Form: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/feedback.htm>

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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** David and Sue Van Horn <d-svanhorn@neb.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Recycling

This is to inform you that we support wholeheartedly the proposed ordinance to ban cardboard from the city landfill. We view this as being a positive action for both the environment and city finances.

Dave & Sue Van Horn  
2840 Winthrop Road



**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Barb Biffle Bennett <whoozon1st.band@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** Council Packet; Council Packet  
**Subject:** Confusing?? Hope you can explain.

Dear Council Members,

First of all, my husband and I have been recycling for years. We are amazed at how much of our "stuff" is recyclable.

We also take our plastic bags to be recycled separately.

I also am aware that recycling may cause a financial hardship for some, and that needs to be addressed. .

Here is my question on the recent vote. WHY make it mandatory to recycle corrugated cardboard?

If I have a glass bottle, a metal can, a plastic bag and a piece of cardboard, and I put them all out in my yard, which one deteriorates faster? You got it...the cardboard.

Therefore, logically, if you would BAN the glass, the metal, and the plastic from landfills, that would make MORE of an impact on the longevity of our landfill, and the environment than banning cardboard.

That's it. I await your logical responses, and I thank you in advance.

Barb  
Barb Biffle  
402-261-5508

**DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA  
ADDENDUM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE**

**MAYOR**

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of February 4, 2017 through February 10, 2017.
2. NEWS RELEASE. 56<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege intersection to close Sunday night.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Seniors invited to participate in Aging Partners events February 6, 2017 through February 12, 2017.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Public encouraged to participate in Wilderness Park survey.
5. NEWS RELEASE. "An American Patriotic Celebration!" to highlight Annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration.

**III. DIRECTORS**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Memorandum and supplemental information to the factsheet for Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16012 and Change of Zone No. 16045.

**IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP**

1. Paul Huebner giving opinion on how money should be managed if City receives a "tax windfall"

**V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Chris Wilson, InterLinc Correspondence, stating concerns with the recent increase in property tax assessments.

Date: February 3, 2017

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of February 4 through 10, 2017**  
*(Schedule subject to change)*

Wednesday, February 8

- Face the Chamber, keynote speaker – noon, Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th Street

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Engineering Services, 949 W. Bond St., Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** February 3, 2017

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Shane Dostal, Public Works and Utilities, 402-525-7852

**56TH AND HOLDREGE INTERSECTION TO CLOSE SUNDAY NIGHT**

The intersection at 56th and Holdrege streets will be closed from 8 p.m. Sunday, February 5 to 6 a.m. Monday, February 6 for electric line work. Sidewalks and access to the businesses near the intersection will be open.

For more information, contact Shane Dostal, Public Works and Utilities, at 402-525-7852.

The Stepping On Fall Prevention class (in red below) scheduled for Tuesday, February 7 has been cancelled.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

Aging Partners, 1005 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** February 3, 2017

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

**SENIORS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
AGING PARTNERS EVENTS FEBRUARY 6 THROUGH 12**

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 February 6 through 12:

Monday, February 6

- Contemporary Yoga, Cotner Center Condominium – 9 a.m.
- Movement and Music class, Auld Recreation Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Chair Tai Chi, Belmont Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Musical performance by The Clefs, Downtown Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Tai Chi (Continuing 24 Form), Cotner Center Condominium – 10:30 a.m.
- 10-point Pitch, Northeast Senior Center – 12:30 to 3 p.m.
- Dynamic Movement, Cotner Center Condominium – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7

- **Stepping On Fall Prevention, Madonna ProActive – 9:30 a.m.**
- 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.
- BINGO, Bennet Senior Center – 1 p.m.
- Dynamic Movement class, St. Mark's United Methodist Church – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

- Senior Health Promotion UNMC Health Clinic, Vermeer Education Center – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- BINGO, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Downtown Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- BINGO, JoAnn Maxey Center – 11:30 a.m.
- Musical performance by Gayla and Don Becker, Hickman Senior Center – 12:30 p.m.
- 10-Point Pitch and Bridge, Northeast Senior Center – 12:30 to 3 p.m.
- Diabetes Self-Management Workshop, Gere Library – 1 p.m.

- Chair Yoga class, Vermeer Education Center – 3 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

- Beginners Tai Chi for Balance and Fall Prevention (Basic 8 Form), Auld Recreation Center – 9 a.m.
- Downtown Senior Health Promotion UNMC Health Clinic, Downtown Senior Center – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- “Surfing the Internet” introductory class, Northeast Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.
- Movement and Music class, Auld Recreation Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Blood pressure screenings by Good Samaritan Center nurses, Bennet Senior Center – 11 a.m.
- Dynamic Movement class, St. Mark’s United Methodist Church – 3:30 p.m.
- “The Roots of Black American Music from Africa to Today” featuring Charles Bowling, Cotner Center Condominium – 5:30 p.m. dinner (show starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Friday, February 10

- Traditional Tai Chi (24 Form), Auld Recreation Center – 9 a.m.
- Musical performance by Bill Hill, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi (Continuing 24 Form), Auld Recreation Center – 10:15 a.m.
- Chair Yoga, East Lincoln Christian Church – 11 a.m.
- 10-point Pitch, Northeast Senior Center – 12:30 to 3 p.m.

**Senior Center Meal Schedule (reservations required two working days in advance):**

Belmont Senior Center (402-441-7990): Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.  
Bennet Senior Center (402-416-7693): Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon  
Downtown Senior Center (402-441-7154): Monday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Firth Senior Center (402-416-7693): Mondays at 11:30 a.m.  
Hickman Senior Center (402-792-2006): Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.  
JoAnn Maxey Senior Center (402-441-7849): Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.  
Lake Street Senior Center (402-441-7157): Monday - Friday at 11:30 a.m.  
Northeast Senior Center (402-441-7151): Monday - Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.  
Waverly Senior Center (402-416-7693): Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

**Location addresses:**

Aging Partners Health and Fitness Center, 233 S. 10th St.  
Auld Recreation Center, 1650 Memorial Dr.  
Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St.  
Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St.  
Cotner Center Condominium, 1540 Cotner Blvd.  
Downtown Senior Center, 1005 “O” St.  
East Lincoln Christian Church, 7001 Edenton Road  
Firth Senior Center, 311 Nemaha St.

Gere Library, 2400 S. 56th St.  
Hickman Senior Center, 300 E. 3rd St.  
JoAnn Maxey Senior Center, 2032 “U” St.  
Lake Street Senior Center, 2400 S. 11th St.  
Madonna Proactive, 7111 Stephanie Lane  
Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave.  
St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 8550 Pioneers Blvd.  
Vermeer Education Center, 4000 S. 84th St.  
Waverly Senior Center, 14410 Folkestone St.

For information on classes or to register, call 402-441-7575. Roundtrip transportation is available for senior center meals and activities in Lincoln only by calling the centers directly (phone numbers listed in meal schedule). For more information on senior center events and activities, visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: My Center News) or call 402-441-7158.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** February 3, 2017

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Sara Hartzell, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8261

**PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE**  
**IN WILDERNESS PARK SURVEY**

The Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to participate in a survey about Wilderness Park through February 17 at [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov) (select "Take the Wilderness Park survey"). Hard copies are available at the Parks and Recreation office, 2740 "A" Street, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The survey will help the department make decisions about park maintenance and planning.

"Wilderness Park is a unique and much-loved park, and it's important to engage the public in its management," said Sara Hartzell, Park Planner. "The feedback we receive through the survey helps us to understand what people value and where improvements can be made."

Survey results will be reviewed by Wilderness Park user groups and available to the public at [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov). For more information about the survey, contact Hartzell at [SHartzell@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:SHartzell@lincoln.ne.gov) or 402-441-8261.



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** February 6, 2017

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

**“AN AMERICAN PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION!” TO HIGHLIGHT  
ANNUAL ABRAHAM LINCOLN BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
*Celebration is official Sesquicentennial event*



Mayor Chris Beutler today invited the public to attend the 17th annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration Sunday, February 12 at Lincoln Southeast High School, 2930 S. 37th Street. Activities begin at 1:30 p.m. in the commons area, and “An American Patriotic Celebration!” featuring a children’s choir and storytellers is set for 3 p.m. in the Jennifer L. Dorsey-Howley Performing Arts Center. All activities and events are free. The Nebraska 150 Celebration has designated it as an Official Event of the Nebraska Sesquicentennial.

“We are pleased to again celebrate the great man for whom our City is named on his 208<sup>th</sup> birthday,” Mayor Beutler said. “At the same time, we are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nebraska Statehood. While President Lincoln never set foot in our State, he had an enormous impact on its future by signing the Homestead Act, the financing of the transcontinental railroad, the Morrill Land Grant College Act and the Emancipation Proclamation.”

The program presented by America’s Great Stories<sup>™</sup> will feature about 50 children from across the community performing patriotic songs. The children represent Belmont Elementary, College View Academy, Lincoln Christian School and Prescott Elementary. Five adult storytellers will bring history to life: Gene Hobelman as President Lincoln; Talea Bloch as Julia Ward Howe, who wrote “Battle Hymn of the Republic”; Phil Boehr as The Rev. Samuel Francis Smith, who wrote “America”; Darla Reinwald as Mrs. Samuel Smith; and Janet Sorensen as singer Kate Smith, whose iconic version of “God Bless America” continues to inspire patriotism.

Joann Herrington, a teacher at Belmont Elementary School, is the show’s Music Director. Deborah Freeman, Drama Director at Lincoln Christian School, is the Production Coordinator. The script is written by Susan Dittman, author of “Abraham Lincoln’s Shining Star: The Inspirational Story of Abraham Lincoln and Nebraska.”

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**Abraham Lincoln Celebration**

**February 6, 2017**

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Musician Chris Sayre will perform from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the commons area. Sayre has performed at every annual celebration. Other activities before and after the concert will include kids' crafts and games, historical displays and free birthday cake. The Homestead National Monument in Beatrice will also have an exhibit and activities. The Abe Lincoln Impersonators Contest is open to all ages, and prizes from Lazlo's/Fireworks restaurants will be awarded.

The Celebration is supported by the presenting sponsor Cornhusker Bank as well as Humanities Nebraska, and other local individuals, businesses and organizations.

Those attending are advised to use one the two parking lots east of the school: the lot off of Van Dorn Street or the lot that can be reached off of 37th Street south of the school. Enter through the Prash entrance (door 9) or the commons entrance (door 18). Signage will be posted to direct the public to the commons and the Performing Arts Center.

More information will be available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) or by calling 402-441-7831.

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# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Department *GR*

**SUBJECT:** Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 16012, Proposed Amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan to Add the "Telegraph District Phase 2: Telegraph Flats & Telegraph Lofts East Redevelopment Project", Bill #17R-28 - Supplemental Statement to Factsheet

**DATE:** February 3, 2017

**CC:** Mayor Chris Beutler  
David Landis, Urban Development  
Wynn Hjermsstad, Urban Development  
Rick Peo, City Attorney's Office  
Tim Sieh, City Attorney's Office  
Kent Seacrest, Attorney for Development Team  
David Cary, Planning Department

As requested by the City Attorney's Office, there was a deviation from the usual scheduling of this application before the City Council prior to being heard by the Planning Commission on February 1, 2017. As such, the February 1, 2017, Planning Commission meeting minutes were not included in the City Council Factsheet for Bill #17R-28, submitted on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Please be advised that on February 1, 2017, the Planning Commission voted 5-0 (Commissioner Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Corr, Weber and Hove were absent) to find this proposed amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan to be in conformance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. An excerpt of the Planning Commission's meeting minutes from February 1, 2017, regarding the above-referenced application and associated Change of Zone No. 16045, is attached for your review.

Please note that the scheduling of Change of Zone No. 16045 before the City Council is pending until such time that the Redevelopment Agreement is ready for scheduling.

Bill No. 17R-28 is to be introduced to the City Council on February 6, 2017, and is scheduled for public hearing and action on February 13, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 402-441-6365 or [plan@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:plan@lincoln.ne.gov).

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**CONFORMANCE PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 16012  
AND  
CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 16045**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NO. 16012 - TELEGRAPH DISTRICT PHASE 2:  
TELEGRAPH FLATS AND TELEGRAPH LOFTS EAST REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT.**

**PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:** February 1, 2017

Members present: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Scheer, Washington present;  
Corr, Hove, and Weber absent.

**Staff recommendation:** Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There were no ex parte communications disclosed.

**AND**

**CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 16045 - FROM B-4 BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-4  
BUSINESS DISTRICT PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.**

**PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:** February 1, 2017

Members present: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Harris, Scheer, Washington present;  
Corr, Hove, and Weber absent.

**Staff recommendation:** Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There were no ex parte communications disclosed.

**Staff Presentation:** Wynn Hjermstad, Urban Development Department, stated the amendment is to add this project to the Antelope Valley Plan and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase included the 301 Building and parking garage. The old AT&T Warehouse also had work done, but was not included in the plan in order to meet the time constraints of a tenant.

This phase includes the former Fisher Foods complex, which will become the Telegraph Flats and includes the Towel Building, Dairy Building, and power plant. The buildings are in rough shape. One part of the Dairy Building cannot be saved and will be replaced with a new addition. The Towel Building will be renovated to include 1<sup>st</sup> floor retail and 4-5 residential units on the back side. The Dairy Building will included 57 units above, also with 1<sup>st</sup> floor retail, and that addition at the southern end. The power building will become indoor and outdoor amenity space for tenants. Parking will be available on one

side of the Towel Building, as well as a lot across the street, and on-street along 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Since the area is B-4, there is not parking requirement but, obviously, it is in the best interest of the developer to include it.

The Telegraph District is intended to be a vibrant, active area, but 20<sup>th</sup> Street will be more residential in character. Curbs will be removed to add landscaping and there will be balconies facing the street with steps leading up to various entrances. The steps will be removable in case the sewer line under the area needs to be accessed.

The other project is the Telegraph Lofts, a 3-story, mixed-used building with retail on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and about 46,000 square feet of residential above. The location across the street, currently Randolph Carwash, may eventually develop into a companion building. There will be underground parking with an additional 200 stalls behind the building and some diagonal on-street parking. A dock will be built along 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

The two projects will be connected with streetscape including new sidewalks, lighting, planters, and distinctive signage. The Muny building is included in the project area, though nothing is planned for it at this time. There is also a LES substation. An enhanced screening wall is being considered for that area and may include extension of the Constellation Studio mural.

These projects were approved by the Urban Design Committee. Developers had a neighborhood meeting with about 30 people in attendance and they also met one-on-one with stakeholders. This proposal is very consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and will amount to approximately \$22 million of private investment, with \$2.8 million in TIF funds. The area will create a strong sense of place and is the fruition of what was envisioned when the City made the significant investment of getting rid of the floodplain in the area.

### **Proponents:**

**1. Kent Seacrest, 1128 Lincoln Mall**, came forward representing EADO, LLC. This formerly industrial neighborhood is being transformed. Prior to the Antelope Valley improvements, this project area was located mostly within the floodplain. The area started in the north with development by Assurity, then Union Plaza, and now this neighborhood. The area is physically larger than that of the West Haymarket, though it will not be as intensive in use.

There are 12 block faces included in this phase and over 130 pages of master planning to lay out the vision for the area, all the way down to the landscaping. Logos and signage are included as part of the PUD process to create a sense of identity for the neighborhood. Signage will be directed at pedestrians and will include streetscape markers and banners. There are freestanding gateway signs and two electronic signs providing advertisement space for Telegraph District businesses and events. Other

types of signs appropriate in other areas, such as mobile signs or acrylic translucent face signs, will be prohibited here, where signage is minimized to be more appropriate to the sense of place being created.

Buildings will have iconic features so people will know they are in a special place. Overall, the design standards are similar to downtown standards, and in some cases, are stricter. Any major remodels will go through Urban Design Committee. New structures will be built within 13 feet of property lines and the first 20 feet above street level will be brick. Long facades will be articulated with windows.

Finnegan asked what the time line for this phase will be. Seacrest replied Phase I is under construction. Phase II, if approved, will begin in the spring and summer. More phases will come forward in the future.

Harris asked how this project, particularly parking, will be affected by Text Amendment 16017 which was recently approved by Planning Commission and is now before City Council. Seacrest said the text amendments are expected to go through, but if they do not, a request to waive the parking requirement would not be out of the question since not every property in this district should have parking. Parking will be clustered and the district will emphasize will pedestrian, bicycle, and public transit use.

There was no testimony in opposition.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE NO. 16012**  
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**February 1, 2017**

Finnegan moved Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Washington.

Harris said it is great to see private investment of this caliber following the significant investments made in Antelope Valley. She hopes this will serve as a role model for other communities.

Finnegan said she remembers the inception of the Antelope Valley project and is excited to see it coming to fruition.

Motion carried 5-0: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Washington, and Harris voting 'yes'; Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Corr, Hove, and Weber absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.

**CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 16045**  
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**February 1, 2017**

Finnegan moved Conditional Approval, seconded by Beckius.

Harris said the description of this project stood out to her. Combining historic utility with a high-tech vibe is a good slogan for downtown development.

Motion carried 5-0: Beckius, Edgerton, Finnegan, Washington, and Harris voting 'yes'; Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Corr, Hove, and Weber absent. This is a recommendation to the City Council.

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Paul Huebner <phuebner6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2017 1:32 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Letter to the Editor - Hands Off Tax Rates

Hi Jon,

I hope all is well with you starting the new year 2017. Here is a copy of a letter to the editor I wrote, that LJS has said they plan to publish soon. I send it along to you hoping it will help inform your debate and decisions on this issue, if it becomes a reality. Please let me know your opinion on this matter. Thanks for listening.

Paul

### **Hands Off Tax Rates February 2, 2017**

I am a fiscal conservative. I believe government should be limited, and only as big as necessary to protect us and help provide for the common good. In 2016, Lincoln's City Council and Mayor sponsored a taskforce that clarified our city's long term financial promises for Police and Firefighter pensions. The findings were shocking to me. Using historical stock market investment assumptions, Lincoln currently faces over a \$100 million pension funding shortfall over the next 20 years or so. This is a legal promise to pay made by past and current city councils and mayors, that we citizens are legally obligated to keep. Lincoln's pension advisors have also reported an immediate pension contribution shortfall of \$8-12 million. We will certainly pay dearly later, if do not act now to eliminate this deficit. Just look at Stockton CA, Detroit MI, and Illinois, etc. Therefore, in my opinion, every penny of any "tax windfall", IF it really materializes, should go to reduce our Police and Firefighter pension deficit. The essence of good political leadership is the ability to persuade us citizens to do the right thing when it is so tempting to do the easy, popular thing. I hope Leirion Baird and this newspaper have just gotten a little carried away by the easy politics of a property tax rate cut. No doubt, tax cuts are popular. But if we cut taxes, we will undercut our promises to our Police and Firefighters. Now is the time for good leadership at City Hall.

Paul Huebner  
Partner  
Congruiti, LLC  
Mobile: (402) 730-3221



## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2017 12:21 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc - Feedback

### Council Office - Feedback

Date : 2/3/2017 12:20:55 PM

**Full Name** Chris Wilson  
**Address** 11577 ASPEN CANYON ROAD  
**City** LINCOLN,Ne. 68526  
**Phone** 4025703342  
**Email** [casmithrner11@yahoo.com](mailto:casmithrner11@yahoo.com)

**Comments** I would like to express my concerns with the recent increase in property tax assessments. Which were already high in comparison nationally. My husband and I have lived in Lincoln our entire life. both of worked 2-3 jobs with the hope of "getting ahead", someday to retire here. My husband's mother is 93 years old and could no longer live by herself so we decided to sell our 2 story home and build a ranch to accommodate her needs. We budgeted the cost of the home, shopped around at the "big box" stores for sales on flooring, carpet,cabinets....to stay within our budget, which we did. This past November we moved in. We recently were notified by the county assessor that our property taxes are 29.9% higher than the price it actually cost to build. This has made the taxes so far outside our budget we cannot afford it. What has happened to common sense. We are not an isolated incident. This tax increase is devastating for thousands of others hard working families. This is outrageous and shameful to the residents of Lincoln. How can you justify a budget that may provide services for some but in totality it is hurting more citizens just trying to provide the basics for their families. As city council representatives it should be a priority to encourage growth of our city by making Lincoln an attractive place to live. I believe in the saying " Management is doing things right. LEADERSHIP IS DOING THE RIGHT THINGS." Each of you were elected to represent "all of us". I would like to request a response from the council to the general public, an explanation on why it was so necessary to have such a large increase in taxes, why you wanted to force property values to increase at an UNAFFORDABLE RATE. No one had an increase in income to accommodate your tax increase. Many will be forced to sell their home, many more will NEVER be able to afford to buy a home and retirees will be forced to move. The American dream does not exist in Lincoln.

IP: 97.98.172.155

Form: <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/feedback.htm>

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**MINUTES**  
**DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017**

**Present:** Roy Christensen, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Trent Fellers; Jane Raybould; and Carl Eskridge

**Absent:** Leirion Gaylor Baird, Chair; and Cyndi Lamm

**Others Present:** Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; Pat Leach, Library Director; David Cary, Planning Director

Vice Chair Christensen opened the meeting at 2:01p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. MINUTES**

1. Directors' Meeting of January 23, 2017.
2. Pre-Council: Budget Discussion. January 9, 2017.
3. Directors' Meeting of January 9, 2017.

**II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

Christensen noted Gaylor Baird is absent due to family, and Lamm absent due to illness. Raybould stated she would report on the Kansas City bus tour. Will list under Miscellaneous.

**III. CITY CLERK**

Meier, in review of the agenda, stated Ordinances, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, will call Items 13/14 together, and Items 15/16 together. Item 16 should have an action date of February 13, 2017, will add to the action sheet.

Under Ordinances, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Items 37 and 38 have a request for a Second Reading on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Item 39 will be coming off the Pending List. Raybould asked if Council has to vote on suspending the rules on Items 37 and 38? Yes. Christensen added with that we'll have another public hearing.

Eskridge added he's not fond of suspending rules, and this project is one they haven't done before. Concerned if a lot of people today, with questions, may not be a good idea. When do we determine? Meier replied need to vote today. Christensen stated could vote today to suspend the rules and if on the day of the hearing it looks more complicated than expected, we can delay the vote.

Fellers asked for the reasons. Meier answered they have a closing on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Gaylor Baird asked Cary if he wanted to add anything? Cary stated they requested this closing to be fast forwarded. We try to accommodate. They know they're late in trying. Eskridge added, the President's holiday. Cary added, basically the reason, didn't account for having no Council meeting that day.

Raybould stated she requested they go back to their lender or party they're negotiating with and ask for an extension. Pretty customary. Camp commented we rarely give extensions. Fellers commented they've done one waiving of rules in, almost two years?

**Pat Leach, Library Director**

Leach wanted Council to be aware they're moving forward with what's called the Building Program process for a central library. Think everyone knows we've been working on the Central Library Project for some time. The building program we're working on is documented words describing what would needed for a central library building. From services, spaces, furnishings, technology, to toilets. All. Also including the estimated cost for both building and operation. Not a site specific document. Basically says this is what we believe should be contained within the library.

Leach added it relies a lot on public input. Want Council aware that later this month we will work with the consultants who are developing the programming with us and have town hall meetings, focus groups, scheduled meetings, and other conversations which go on as we talk with the public on thoughts basically about the Lincoln community, and central library. Coming down the pike and you may see or hear more.

Camp asked who is participating, the Library Board? Leach replied yes, Boards, the Library Board, and we've contracted with Freezen Associates from Dallas. Will have meetings involving the Library Board, and Foundation for the City Libraries. We are holding focus groups to include teens, business people, educators, parents from the Lincoln core. Then town hall meetings where everybody is welcome and interviews as well.

Camp asked, what's the budget for this process? Leach replied up to \$55,000 has been budgeted to pay Freezen Associates. They report on the work they've done so far. As they move forward there's areas where grants are reviewed and approved before they go further. Camp added, think we need a library downtown.

#### **IV. MAYOR' CORRESPONDENCE**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Aging Partners' February musical performances.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to open house on No. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Storm Drain and Road Project.

#### **V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Action by the Planning Commission, Wednesday, February 1, 2017.
1. Planning Commission Final Action, February 1, 2017.

##### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. The Urban Design Committee scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2017 canceled due to lack of agenda items.

#### **VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS**

##### **1. Performance Audit (01.17.17) - Fellers, Lamm, Raybould**

Fellers stated this was basically a next step meeting, discussing two different areas. One is fees. The City Finance Department has given us a list of fees, and decided since this body was tasking us to look at fees, to come back and ask on which fees we should look at. Then report at the next meeting in two weeks.

Raybould commented want to know which of the five fees you are aware, or you have heard from constituents, of being burdensome or not appropriate? The Parks & Recreation rental fees? People complain because they're low in some cases. Don't know on golf fees, a large portion of some fees. We've had the study, and consultants come in. Are there other fees? Looking at the list? Fellers replied he has the list in his office and will make copies. This body is the one who tasked the Committee with fees.

Fellers commented they discussed Building and Safety. Received a presentation from Building and Safety on safety codes previously. At this meeting we'll talk to some neighborhood groups, landlords, and others on how they see Building and Safety and resolving problems. How it might improve. We saw one side, now we'll see the other, and then develop our report.

Raybould noted they're confirmed to go before the Neighborhood Roundtable next Monday. On the agenda. Volunteer to speak to neighborhood groups to see if we could get associations to come to the next

meeting in February to discuss their concerns. How can we improve on communication? How do we make the website friendlier when you report a concern? Besides working with the Resolution Team and making the website a little easier to report a problem, track a problem, and to know the outcome of the concern. Carlson was at a meeting when Safety gave their presentation. He tried to demonstrate, on the website, how to navigate. Not as intuitive and easy as it should be. From my conversations with neighborhood associations they would like some type of clear cut go to, click on this, various things so they can easily track concerns or complaints which may go to associations. We'll be at the Roundtable and will ask if any of them would attend the Performance Audit Committee in February.

Camp asked regarding the website, any research? Sometimes it does get confusing and not just the City. Eskridge asked if we developed a top tab? Camp said he's speaking on how to use the website. People get flustered. Eskridge added nothing tells you how to use the site.

## **2. Downtown Lincoln Association - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird**

Eskridge stated they met two weeks ago and most of the time spent on the commercial club project presentation.

## **3. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Eskridge**

Eskridge stated they received a letter from the State EQ, certifying. So far we've done the cleaning up of environmental issues. Still work continues to be done, but not really monitoring now. He added they continued their consultant agreement with PC Sports but changed somewhat because of the amount of work they're doing has decreased and we pay them on an hourly basis for work done. Eskridge commented they discussed the development of the West Haymarket and assorted issues. Don't know how long this will continue but agreed upon for this next year.

Eskridge noted there was a property sale of Lincoln Lumber Works project in the works. And the endowment talked about two weeks ago passed. Set aside for an endowment to take care of, maintain, the infrastructure, amenities, and other assets of the JPA controlled area, external to the arena.

Camp said he met with Eskridge and called Clare who had a different picture of what it was doing. Personally kind of confused. He wasn't aware of the DLA doing things. Sounds kind of nebulous to take \$2 million out from savings to pay down bonds, and he had included art work in the \$2 million. Eskridge replied on the one sculptural piece, outside of the arena, it does take care of the maintenance. Camp stated, shouldn't be \$2 million, and saw this is buying public art. Eskridge answered no, this is just maintaining. It's interest off the \$2 million, an endowment, not spending \$2 million. Approximately \$50,000 a year.

## **4. Telecommunications/Cable Television Advisory Board - Fellers**

Fellers stated they elected officers at their annual meeting, and completed clean up items. Adopted new bi-laws from before a Council Member was on the Board. Cleaned up some rules. Received updates from Allo on construction, on a Channel 8 piece with people upset about construction in their yards, often described as a mess. While there might be dirt around the boxes but still cannot can't put grass in now, too cold with the ground frozen. They'll come back to seed grass later on.

Time Warner and Charter gave updates. This was the day it was announced they could possibly be purchased by Verizon, so we may have another cable franchise agreement in our future.

Somewhat discussed the cable stations for Lincoln, and public tax stations. Received report. Since Channel 5 and the Star City Health Channel, 10. Not letting the same channels on Allo and Windstream, and do a lot of streaming on You Tube. The channels don't make sense anymore, so they talked about rebranding to make

it so they could be on any channel and online. Also, fitting in with the City branding.

Welcomed new committee members who were previously approved. Eskridge asked where is Allo in terms of their percentages? Fellers stated they didn't answer that question. Most time was focused on the dirt around the boxes. They did mention they were getting pretty high options in the areas they were coming in. But also said they weren't getting as an option rate in the television product. Almost industry standard, so many options. They're losing out to the Netflixs, Slings, who offer more choice than cable. Something to be mindful of since we have a cable franchise. People are signing up for internet products and TV pieces based on individual choices rather than a TV package. They're being more competitive.

Raybould had heard when someone wants a bundle with them, they're more expensive than the current bundle they get from Charter. Could be one reason they're not as competitive. Rates, or might not be as aggressive as they should. Fellers added with so many more products we personally dropped cable. We have Playstation, Netflixs now, and we save \$100.00 a month. Our internet speed bumped up because they were bumping everyone up. So, we have a faster internet speed and we stream everything.

Camp stated let's go back to the Allo construction work right of way, because of the numerous calls and emails received. They have the right of way, but some things I hear for example is they're putting their boxes in the center. The City granted them right of way from the sidewalk. They're going directly right in the middle of a picture window. Another email repeated same. Understand about the grass and the directness, and washing down into the neighbors. Asked Don and David to visit with them. Christensen commented you might want to talk directly with Allo, as they're aware of these situations. Camp said he has but want to say it isn't just dirt. Fellers added we do have concerned constituents, but send Allo an email. They're pretty responsive. Likewise if you have issues with Windstream or Spectrum they're hiring a person to handle.

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Bus Tour - Jane Raybould**

Raybould stated a group put together by the Community Health Endowment went to Kansas City last Wednesday. Named numerous people who went. Visited a newly opened Crisis Center, like a Crisis Center Triage Center for those with behavioral health substance abuse issues. An amazing facility. They partner with the Kansas City police. A little bit of a hybrid where they're able to take individuals who are brought in from domestic disturbance calls, and other calls, as well as the drunk and disorderly. They only accept those brought in by the Police Department. The commit is to make sure they have transitional treatment programs and out-patient set up within 23 hours. They have eight, not beds but large lounge chairs, for those with behavioral health, crisis issues, and then eight beds for those with drug and alcohol substance abuse issues.

A great model and the reason we went, with raising issues on an increase in proven vagrants, camping and people under bridges, and possible increased calls to the City of Lincoln. A great discussion and an interesting facility to see what we can do to improve. Think we're very lucky in Lincoln to have what we do but still room for improvement.

## **VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **JON CAMP**

1. Craig Ditzler commenting on the recycling vote.
2. Thomas Peterson stating his concerns with Allo Communications with Councilman Camp replying.

## **IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ray Crisp, Eden Park Neighborhood Association President, requesting Miki Esposito, Director of Public Works & Utilities, to look into Kevan Dragoo's letter asking for assistance on icy streets.
2. Ed Schnabel asking questions regarding recycling.
3. Dave and Sue Van Horn wholeheartedly support the proposed ordinance to ban cardboard from the

city landfill.

4. Barb Bennett asking questions on why other logical choices not picked for recycling.

**X. PRE-COUNCIL SCHEDULE**

**XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

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