DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

I. MINUTES
1. No Directors’ Meeting minutes for March 27, 2017, due to evening meeting.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Normal Blvd. Improvements to Resume Saturday, April 1.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Temporary closures begin today for S. Coddington Ave and W. Van Dorn Intersection.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Media is invited to a news conference with nationally recognized sculptor Benjamin Victor.
4. NEWS RELEASE. South 27th closed Thursday morning between Van Dorn and Sheridan.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to see renowned Sculptor at work.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Fall prevention classes begin in April at Waverley Senior Center.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Open House set for Intersection Improvement Project, Thursday, April 13.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/ HOUSING

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Raybould
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) - Eskridge
3. PBC Chair and Mayor - Raybould
4. Board of Health - Raybould
5. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (WHJPA) - Eskridge
6. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Lamm
7. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers
8. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
9. Performance Audit Committee (PAC) - Fellers, Lamm, Raybould
VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE
   1. Marilyn Dorf Pit Bull complaint.

X. PRE-COUNCIL SCHEDULE

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
   See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
MINUTES
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, April 3, 2017

Present: Leirion Gaylor Baird, Roy Christensen, Carl Eskridge, Cyndi Lamm, Jane Raybould

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office. Others present but not familiar with names and department heads.

Chair Leirion Gaylor Baird opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

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II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA - None

III. CITY CLERK
Meier, in review of the agenda, stated under Public Hearing/Liquor Resolutions items 12/13, 14/15, will be called together, item 17 received a request to continue the public hearing in action for one week, April 10, 2017. Public hearing Ordinance 2nd reading. Items 23/27 are all related and will be called together. Item 23 a Motion to Amended No.1 was handed out, no action will need to be taken until next week. In the Thursday packet a Motion to Amend on item 26, no action will need to be taken until next week. Under Ordinance 3rd reading from the meeting item 29 Motion to Amend from Kent Seacrest. Ordinance 1st reading, item 36, request to have 2nd and 3rd reading on April 10, 2017, due to the fact the interest rate for the lease purchase will only be held by the bank until April, 17, 2017. It is believed that request was received by Purchasing, per Council member, Leirion, this request will be dealt with Monday by the City Council members. Items 40, 41, and 42 request to delay Introduction by one week.

IV. MAYOR’S OFFICE
No report at this time.

Leirion asked if there any questions for staff - None

Leirion asked if Jeff Kirkpatrick had nothing to report - None

Leirion requested a short break.

Leirion called meeting back to order.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (WHJPA) - Eskridge
   1. Hired a consultant to help collect data on one of the clean-up sites, goal is to get a letter from the DQ that the issues have been addressed and they will not have to monitor at the same level that is being done now. paying the consultant will save a lot of money.
   2. Lumber Works Liner Building - change in parking arrangement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, part of the West Haymarket JPA project that has been approved, right of entry agreement on some city property that has not yet been developed for work on the Lumber Works Liner Building, that is now getting ready to happen.
Council member, Jane, inquired as to how many wells are being monitored and inquired about the cost for monitoring those wells. Council member, Carl, reports the wells that are being monitored are under the apartments across from the Rail Yard.

Miki Esposito, former Environmental Project Manager, advised about the monitoring of the wells are petroleum related. State law is that the wells can have absolutely no free product. Quarterly monitoring will continue, even if you have a trace amount you have to continue monitoring. It is safe to build on top of the wells. Monitoring is in place and will continue. Because of the historic railroad there will always be trace amounts. DQ did sign off on some of the wells. The remaining wells that continue to be monitored have not been signed off on. If it gets to a point of accumulation of free product they can go in a vacuum it out. The free product can also be retrieved and recovered as oil. The monitoring is part of the legal control for the site. Council member, Jane, inquired if DG comes out and does the quarterly test. Miki advised, no, that is why there is the consultant who would then submit the quarterly reports on WHJPA’s behalf.

2. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Lamm

Met last Thursday, 03/30/17. There are currently three properties on the list, along with a couple of properties that are still being monitored. The properties currently on the list are single family dwellings. It is anticipated that more properties may be added to the list in the Spring with the increase in rain and growth of the grass and weeds.

3. Internal Liquor Committee (ILC) - Christensen, Eskridge, Fellers

Council member, Roy, reports a lot of time has been spent talking about the report from Bridge and understanding what is going on there. The biggest concern is, there hasn’t been a big increase in the number of people but a steady creep in the severity of the blood alcohol content of the individuals that they see and it is a big concern. It’s astounding the amount of blood alcohol a person can have in their system and still be able to move from one place to another. There was discussion about not being able to do anything with the numbers as far as enforcement because the information is being obtained from the individual who is impaired, as to where their last drink was. So a business can’t be targeted based on that alone. Council member Eskridge stated, the report obtained from the Bridge was from a period of about six months. A significant number of the high numbers came from football season. It used to be that they would target when you would have a .25 level or higher and now they are seeing, pretty regularly, numbers over .03, which is very concerning. Council member Lamm asks, “Does the Bridge have a point at which they don’t keep the individual there but refer them for medical treatment”? Council member, Christensen stated, there is medical staff there and they assess each person. He stated that a .3 on a 240 lb person is much different than that of a person weighing 140 lbs. Council member Eskridge states that, LPD is not here but they also make that assessment before they would take them to the Bridge without having the BAC to know. If the person is not responsive they need to be at the hospital. Council member, Jane, asks, “With these numbers that are being talked about are they deciding or determining if that licensing program is actually making any headway or dents in decreasing those numbers”? Council member, Christensen, states, here is the real issue according to some of the bar owners; with the increase residency in the downtown area you see a lot of people drinking in their apartments then going to the bars, because of the lag time between how much they’ve consumed and when they show symptoms. They can be in a bar and not be showing as many symptoms, then have a drink or two and show a lot of symptoms. So, it is not necessarily fair to tag it all on that program but it’s certainly something that we need to keep watching. Council member Eskridge states, it used to be before the 2:00 a.m. bar close, when the bars closed at 1:00 a.m., there was a problem with after bar hours parties. People would go to who’s ever house and party from there which created a problem with drunk drivers and other issues. So we’ve pretty much eliminated that, come 2:00 a.m. most people are ready to go home or get something to eat, so it seems there partying is mostly done. But people are pre-partying so they’re going to residences or different places and drinking cheaper then going to the bars later. So they’re already well on the way by the time they get to the bars. Council member, Leirion asks if the Bridge has any recommendation for (in audible) or did they just report the stats? Council member, Eskridge replied that they just report but there
were some policy issues that were being discussed and they usually have a report from LPD but didn’t get one before this last meeting due to time constraints. Council member, Christensen added that there has been some discussion about proposed ordinance change, looking at cleaning things up. Council member Eskridge added some specifics regarding SDL’s and that the Clerk’s office has been working with some of the City departments. A drafted proposal is pretty close to being ready to be brought to Council here in the next two or three weeks. Council member, Jane inquired about Open Harvest and there concerns about getting a liquor license and if things are different now. Council member Eskridge, responded that there needs to be a broader discussion involving Planning and other departments will be a part of; the bigger picture being; are things different now than they were when current roles were implemented.

4. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
Council member Eskridge reports there was a presentation on the Bike Share program. It’s happening but there is a glitch in the terms of some of the requirements which mandate that a certain percentage of the steel used in the bikes and stations is all US steel. It was determined that the cost would be more expensive. As a result they are needing to raise additional funds to cover the cost of the projected number of bikes they had originally anticipated in providing. Also, the DLA is involved in the strategic planning process, for those that followed the downtown master plan 15 years ago. Everything that was on that list pretty much got completed. They are ready to look at other great things that can be implemented in the downtown area. Council member, Leirion, added the DLA had some objectives in strategic tactics that they outlined in their updated in their plan. They are still working at revising their mission statement and vision. Some of the details that are being tossed around are: ideas about improving communication between downtown stakeholders and creating a downtown residence council. They will continue to advocate for city garages and the preservation of the parking enterprise fund. They are thinking about evaluating the need for a downtown convention center.

5. Performance Audit Committee (PAC) - Fellers, Lamm, Raybould
Lamm stated they met last Monday prior to the Council meeting. Council member, Lamm, presented the first draft of the report for the Council. It was decided a letter would be sent to the Building and Safety based on some testimony they had for recommendations. The committee will allow a couple of weeks for the Building and Safety to respond. Also discussed the fees and the Take Charge Survey that W. Don Nelson is working on to compare fees to other Big Ten cities.

6. Funders Group (FG) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
Council member, Baird, advised that the group is made up of Foundation and Non-profit leaders. At the last meeting, discussion was had about revising membership guidelines. There was also a presentation by Carl Eskridge and his role as Ombudsman detailing contract, non-payment, and funding issues. Council member, Eskridge, advised the State has a grant from the Department of Justice which provides funding for non-profits across the State that are doing work relating to domestic violence issues. The problem is, there are a lot of requirements to monitoring and how those funds are spent and disbursed among the groups. Which in turn is causing issues for the different agencies that have applied for the funds. The State agency, State Crime Commission is responsible for approving the grants and it is taking a great deal of time for the agencies to receive the funds reimbursed to them, at times, up to a year. The committee has been working with the non-profit agencies and the State Crime Commission to try and get funds allocated in a more timely manner.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
Council member, Lamm, proposed the possibility of a rule or procedural change whereby a City Council member would view Legislation prior to it being placed on the Council’s Agenda. Discussion was had on the topic and concerns were raised about it this proposal delaying the process. Council members are open to further review and discussion the matter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Leirion Gaylor Baird adjourned the meeting at 2:48 p.m.