

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, September 11, 2017
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

I. MINUTES

1. No minutes for August 28, 2017 due to night meeting
2. No minutes for September 4, 2017 due to observance of Labor Day

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Edward Byrne JAG Grant - Chief Bliemeister

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Final Action Notification dated August 30, 2017
2. Action Agenda dated Wednesday, August 30, 2017

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Baird (08.22.17)
2. LPED - Camp, Eskridge, Christensen (08.22.17)
3. RTSD - Christensen, Lamm, Raybould (08.22.17)
4. WHJPA - Eskridge (08.24.17)
5. PAC - Lamm, Raybould, Shobe (08.24.17)
6. ILC - Christensen, Eskridge, Shobe (08.28.17)
7. PRT - Lamm (08.31.17)

VII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Taxes - Dustan Daniel
2. Elm Trees on Pawnee Street - Kathleen James
3. 14th & Old Cheney & Warlick Blvd suggestion - Jim Frohman
Response from Erin Sokolik
Response from Jim Frohman
4. Southeast Lincoln drainage issues - Bob Selig
Response from Jon Camp
Response from Bob Selig
Response from Ben Higgins, Public Works & Utilities
5. Pioneers Park Horse Trail - Richard Boucher
6. Downtown Parking - Ryley Hubbard
7. Refuse Service - Sarah Martin

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

IX. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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Present: Roy Christensen, Jane Raybould, Carl Eskridge, Bennie Shobe, and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office. Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney. Other Department Directors' present.

Chair, Roy Christensen opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

I. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

II. CITY CLERK

Under Consent Agenda - Item 1 there is a Motion to Amend No. 1 – Change in verbiage
Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions - Items 11 and 12 will be called together
Under Public Hearing Resolutions - Items 15 through 17 will be called together

III. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office advised a date will need to be set for Pre-Council on the LNK Stat Budget Process. First available date will be the first week in October.

IV. LINCOLN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Bliemeister reported that the Edward Byrne JAG Grant application will be coming before the City Council. This is a reoccurring grant that has been submitted and received for close to two decades. In 2017 the awarded amount was \$154, 687.00. This year the awarded amount is \$146,953.00. These funds are used to fund the partial salary of one Lancaster County Sheriff's Office Deputy and three partial salaries for the Lancaster County Attorney's Office, all which are in direct support of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Taskforce with is managed by LPD.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) – Baird (08.22.17)

Baird reports there was a leadership change and shift in board members. There were a couple of different items that were discussed with Todd Ogden about downtown and events. Tower Jazz is a great follow up to Jazz in June, has wrapped up. The 2nd annual basketball tournament, Railyard Rims was a great success. There were 53 teams which raised about \$15,000 for youth organizations. There was a highlight of the bike share program; phase 2 will rely more on private sponsorships in locating the stations. The 1st phase was funded by federal grant dollars and had very specific criteria on the bike share locations. There was also discussion on the downtown Master Plan and the combined efforts of the City. There was a brief discussion on the recent discovery that there is a City requirement that the DLA has to respond to a request for proposal for the bid management process. A new recognition of an existing requirement with would require the DLA to respond to an RFP to manage the downtown business improvement district, which they've been doing for years. Eskridge added that the Master Plan looks exciting and it's going to be great to see what is to come in the near future for the downtown area.

2. LPED – Camp, Eskridge, Christensen (08.22.17)

Eskridge reported he was not able to attend the meeting.

3. RTSD – Christensen, Lamm, Raybould (08.22.17)

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Raybould reported the levy request has been set. The levy request was projected to be 2.3000 but because of the evaluation increase they were able to offset it and reduce it to 2.2217. The County Board will no longer be taking part of the RTSD levy authority and using it to support the Correctional facility. Jane added they will be able to completely fund their projected proportion of the South Beltway and will continue to move forward with all the projects that have been on the capital improvement.

Eskridge commented about the recent article in the LJS regarding the railroad tracks going through the South Bottoms to Denton. Eskridge had not realized the number of fatal accidents that have occurred. Christensen stated that he and Deb Shore have been working with the RTSD for some time regarding the Hobson yard and what was reported in the LJS. This particular idea has been underway and there are discussions being had with BNSF regarding the matter.

4. WHJPA - Eskridge (08.24.17)

Eskridge reported the BNSF parking lot area has been relocated to under the Harris overpass. There is a lighting component that is being addressed. There are some issues with the some of the letters on the Pinnacle Arena that are not illuminating at night. This issue is being addressed.

5. PAC - Lamm, Raybould, Shobe (08.24.17)

Raybould reported some of the reports have been received and reviewed. However, they are still waiting for some of the reports to come in for review. Discussion was had in regards to the items for the upcoming year.

6. ILC - Christensen, Eskridge, Shobe (08.28.17)

Eskridge reported there were some bar and property owners along South 11th Street who came forward to discuss the possibility of outdoor consumption areas. The discussion opened the door to look at an area that could possibly have a need for redevelopment. Discussion was also had on the start of football season and the “party” houses in the North Bottoms area. Certain student organizations are renting a specific property in the North Bottoms by the day and utilizing the property for their own pleasure which is creating an issue. Discussion was had on ways to control these particular types of issues. Eskridge also stated that there is a tailgate walk planned for the Saturday of the Wisconsin game which will take place about 3 to 4 hours prior to kick off.

7. PRT - Lamm (08.31.17)

In Lamm’s absence this committed did not get reported on

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Christensen reported that he had the opportunity to give a presentation at the Lincoln Area Retired School Personnel this morning. There is a tremendous amount of volunteering being done by the group. It was calculated that the general volunteer hours this organization has given to the City of Lincoln over the past year are in excess of 16,000 hours of community service valued at \$397 thousand dollars. A separate calculation was done on the volunteer hours that serviced the youth of the City of Lincoln which are equal to 9500 hours valued at \$229 thousand dollars.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Christensen adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.