

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

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Adam Hornung, Chair
Lincoln City Council
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Dear Mr. Hornung:

Attached are applications received by the Library Board of Trustees from 14 persons interested in being appointed to the Library Board to fill a vacancy for one seven-year term created by the completion of April Stevenson's appointment.

This group of candidates responded to notices posted at all library locations, community and cultural centers, as well as the Library website. Candidates who submitted interest in prior appointments were notified of the vacancy as well as individuals who expressed interest through the Mayor's Board Bank.

The Library Board Committee on Administration reviewed the qualifications of the candidates based on current and future needs of the Board of Trustees, along with applicants' interest in the public library and the community as a whole. The Committee on Administration presented its report and recommendation to the Library Board at the Board's July 17, 2012, meeting.

After thorough review, the Library Board recommends Carol Speicher for appointment to the Library Board. Ms. Speicher has experience serving on boards and is a retired library professional. The Board also recommends Jan Opocensky Rice and Nathaniel Blum as alternates. Jan Rice has 30 years of experience as a professional librarian. Nathaniel Blum is involved in the community and has experience in customer service and financial planning.

As soon as the City Council completes its appointment process, the new Board member will be contacted and the orientation process begun. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Pat Leach
Library Director

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
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Present: Adam Hornung, Chair; Carl Eskridge, Vice Chair; Gene Carroll; Jon Camp; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; and DiAnna Schimek

Others: Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Denise Pearce, Senior Policy Counsel; Pat Leach, Library Director; and Dave Landis, Urban Development Director

Chair Hornung opened the meeting at 2:10 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

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- With no corrections the above minutes were approved.

II. REPORTS ON BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCES

1. District Energy Corporation (DEC) - Camp

Camp stated now when looking at the West Haymarket you see a new building going up, the District Energy facility, which will meet the major energy needs of the arena. The facility should be complete by January. DEC will also have the capacity to supply a lot of the West Haymarket, extending south, with current discussions regarding other properties. Would include the hotel, housing units, and retail.

2. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency - Carroll

Carroll stated they met last Friday and approved two major items. First, the parking garage across from the arena, Parking Garage No. 1. Hausmann/Dunn who received the bid, a little less than \$13 million, came in under budget on the parking garage. Will start right away with completion before the opening of the arena.

The second contract was for all kitchen equipment throughout the Haymarket Pinnacle Bank Arena, \$2.8 million, awarded to Baring Industries, from Florida. They provide kitchen equipment, such as freezers, refrigerators, hot dog warmers, for major arenas around the United States. The third item is a new video. A fly by video of the West Haymarket area. Go on the Haymarket Now website to view the new video. Emery asked if it shows what is there now, or what it will be? Carroll replied what it will be. Emery asked if the two companies receiving the contracts are pairing with someone locally? Carroll replied no, we're buying equipment. Emery questioned if the equipment being purchased will be installed locally? Carroll answered it will be installed by their company.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Letter from Library Director Pat Leach regarding appointment to the Library Board

Director Leach stated Council has received a letter she sent on recommendations in regard to the Library Board vacancy. The Board recommends Carol Speicher for appointment to the Library Board. Did receive fourteen (14) applications for the term left vacant as April Stevenson's seven-year term is complete. Camp added as a note, our colleague's husband is on the Library Board. When you look at applicants, what are some perimeters to obtain a balance? What key facets of the community? Leach responded when the administration looks at all the applications they do look for a variety of

items. One which is often helpful for a strong candidate is other board experience, similar experiences working with organizations. Sometimes will look at something as basic as address. There is no requirement there be representation from all parts of the city on the Library Board, but for instance Ms. Speicher is from the north, the 27 Street area where we don't have a lot of representation north of O Street. Combining her experience with serving on boards, strategic planning, with simple geography also helped her application rise to the top. Two, depending on the year and the person coming off the Board, April Stevenson, is a local business person. Not necessarily meaning we have to name another local business person, but in thinking of what April brought in terms of experience from the neighborhood perspective. The other item is when you have 14 applications you're not sure who applied. There could be an applicant with a background we haven't seen before that is particularly strong or interesting.

MOTION: Carroll moved approval of Carol Speicher for the Library Board, seconded by Cook. Vote: Hornung, Eskridge, Schimek, Emery, Camp, Cook, and Carroll voted aye. Passed 7-0.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR

None

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Larson Building - Dave Landis, Urban Development

Chair Hornung requested summary of this morning's presentation. Landis stated it is the Larson Building, not the Larson Garage. Chipotle is just about ready to open, and the Mutual of Omaha area is complete, the center detail bay has not been leased. The top three floors are leased and the parking equipment is up and operating. Some with existing contracts or folks that go in are able to have their business now. About 120 people attended. Mayor Seng's role was acknowledged, with speakers including Mayor Beutler.

VI. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

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Chair Hornung adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.