

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014**

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 12, 2014

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

MAYOR PRESENTS APRIL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for April to Megan Ellis, an Emergency Services Dispatch Supervisor in the Communications division of the Police Department. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Ellis has worked for the City since 2005 and was nominated by Linda Thurber, who recently retired as Dispatch Supervisor. She was nominated in the categories of customer relations and productivity for creating a new procedure for communicating information to the County Attorney's office.

The Emergency Communications Center dispatches for the Police and Fire Departments, and takes 9-1-1 and non-emergency phone calls. In December 2012, the Center merged with the Police Department. Thurber said the agency did a great deal of self-review as employees worked on policies and procedures and learned new job tasks.

As the first shift supervisor, Ellis manages up to ten employees in addition to working a position in the Center. Thurber said Ellis is able to balance both jobs and continuously encourages staff members to perform at their best. She said Ellis has a positive attitude and is self-motivated.

As a service to its user agencies, the Center routinely provides copies of audio recordings of calls for use in training, methods improvement and legal proceedings. Most of these requests come from the Lancaster County Attorney's Office. Over the last three years, this division has averaged 900 requests per year from the public and user agencies, including the County Attorney. Creating an audio file takes an average of 20 minutes, so this task takes about 300 hours a year, equal to about 38 eight-hour shifts.

To save time, Ellis took the initiative to create a new procedure for the County Attorney's office to request recorded audio evidence in domestic abuse cases. The previous procedure required a Center supervisor to research the information provided, retrieve the audio, burn it to a CD, print a label, and create a cover memo listing the call taker and radio dispatcher. This information was then sent through the interoffice mail to the requesting County Attorney.

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The new process uses electronic file sharing. Requests are placed in a shared folder on the City network, and the retrieved audio file is then placed in the same shared folder for the County Attorney's office. It's estimated that the new process will cut the supervisor's preparation time in half. It also eliminates the cost of CDs and labels. Ellis recently facilitated a meeting with Nicole Ringler and Brenda Kramer from the County Attorney's office to work out the final steps.

Ellis has also volunteered to cross-train for a different position, which dispatches an information channel for LPD. Thurber wrote, "She has embraced this assignment, always digging deeper, wanting to understand all facets of the position. She takes pride in her work and has strived to make improvements by updating or restructuring processes when possible."

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials.

Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are considered by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 13, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, 402-441-8265
Brendan Evans, Party in the Parks Coordinator, 402-730-2016

PARTY IN THE PARKS RETURNS TO UNION PLAZA

First event May 17 celebrates “Kids to Parks Day”

Mayor Chris Beutler invites Lincoln families to celebrate national “Kids to Parks Day” 2014 by participating in Lincoln’s first Party in the Parks of the season from 4 to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Union Plaza. The National Park Trust is encouraging communities to plan special events for “Kids to Parks Day” in local, state and national parks across the country.

“The national observance of ‘Kids to Parks’ Day is the perfect opportunity to kick off the second year of our local Party in the Parks events,” said Mayor Beutler. “By encouraging families to enjoy arts and recreational activities in our beautiful public parks, we promote creativity, wellness and a feeling of community.”

The free public event May 17th will feature children activities from 4 to 6 p.m. They include painting and planting pots, a bike rodeo, a hula hoop demonstration, an introduction to yoga and a Kids 5-4-3-2-1 Challenge Course. Theater performances are scheduled between 6 and 7 p.m., and local bands, “Blet” and “Powers” will perform between 7 and 9 p.m. Food trucks will be at Union Plaza for families to purchase snacks or a picnic meal.

The Party in the Parks events were initiated in the summer of 2013 to provide free community arts events in Union Plaza. Additional events this year are set for June 14, July 12, August 16 and September 13. The Party in the Parks initiative is also being expanded in 2014 to include other free performing and visual arts events in Lincoln’s parks throughout the summer months. A calendar of 2014 Party in the Parks events is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov, and more information is available by calling 402-441-7847.

“We want to thank the many community partners who come together to make Party in the Parks events happen,” said Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson. “Party in the Parks are cooperative efforts that make Lincoln a fun place for residents and visitors.”

Party in the Parks events in Union Plaza are supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) as part of its “Art Works” initiative. More information on the NEA is available at nea.gov.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 13, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Barbara Hansen, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8512

LIBRARY'S ONLINE RESOURCES
UNAVAILABLE DURING SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Due to the installation of a software upgrade, Lincoln City Libraries' online resources will not be available from about 9 p.m. tonight through mid-morning Wednesday, May 14. Online resources that will not be available include the catalog, downloadable e-books and audiobooks, Homework Help and Internet reservations. All libraries will be open during regular hours, and staff will help patrons find and check out materials and use the computer labs. For information about the availability of specific items, call the customer service line at 402-441-8530.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7548

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 13, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Street/Traffic Operations, 402-416-5150
Bill Fish, Lincoln Water System, 402-441-5921

LANE CLOSED ON SOUTH 27TH STREET

A water main break this morning has closed the west lane of South 27th Street from Lafayette Ave. to Woodsdale Blvd. The leak has been repaired, and water service has been restored, but the lane will be closed for about two days to allow for the concrete and asphalt work to be completed. Traffic in that area has been reduced to one lane in each direction, so motorists may want to take alternate routes during peak traffic times.

More information on street construction and closures is available at lincoln.ne.gov.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: May 13, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Zoe Olson, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

Aging Partners, with financial support from AARP, is hosting a free screening and discussion of “Age of Champions” at **1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14** at **Marcus Edgewood Cinema, 5220 S. 56th St.** (56th Street and Nebraska Highway 2). The film’s co-producer, Tad Ochwat, will lead the film discussion. The event is being presented as part of Older Americans Month.

Media note: To schedule an interview with Ochwat, contact Zoe Olson, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156.

“Age of Champions” is the story of five competitors who sprint, leap and swim for gold at the National Senior Olympics. In the film, viewers will meet a 100-year-old tennis champion, an 86-year-old pole vaulter and a team of basketball-playing grandmothers. Ochwat will share an update on the “Age of Champions” athletes. “Age of Champions” premiered last year at the prestigious Silverdocs Film Festival in Washington D.C. and was called “infectiously inspiring” by the *Washington Post*.

Ochwat is a Producer for the Documentary Foundation, a Sacramento, California-based nonprofit dedicated to documentary production, education and outreach. He is also the founder of Ochwat Tech & Marketing, specializing in providing marketing services to Sacramento area businesses and non-profit organizations. Ochwat is a graduate of Sacramento State University and studied at HAN University in the Netherlands.

More information on Aging Partners and Older Americans Month events can be found at aging.lincoln.ne.gov.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

DATE: May 14, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: David Norris, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

Mayor Chris Beutler will have a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, May 15** in **City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

There will be two topics:

- The Mayor will discuss an effort to devote more resources to gang-related crime.
- The Mayor will recognize the winners of the annual water conservation poster contest for fifth-graders. He will also discuss the status of the City's water supply and the water management plan.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 15, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 402-441-7571

MAYOR NOT RECOMMENDING WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Residents encouraged to follow good conservation practices

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City's water supply is 95 percent full, and he will not ask residents to follow the voluntary designated-day watering schedule at this time.

Lincoln's water comes from well fields along the Platte River. Lincoln Water System (LWS) officials say precipitation has been below normal levels from December through March and slightly above normal in April. LWS will review river flows and water usage in early June to determine if additional conservation measures are needed at that time.

"We are in good shape now, but we all know how uncertain our summer weather can be," said Mayor Beutler. "We will continue to monitor our supply and usage very carefully over the next few months. It's important that residents stay informed and be prepared if the situation changes and we determine that restrictions are necessary."

Last year, the City Council revised the Water Management plan and approved the use of higher water rates during Phase 1 through Phase 3 water restrictions. The revised Water Management Plan now includes new designated watering days for apartment complexes and commercial properties and changes for those using private wells. Details can be found at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: water shortage rates). *A summary of the changes to the Water Management Plan follows this release.*

Mayor Beutler encouraged residents to begin using water conservation practices now. Lawn professionals say watering one or two days a week is adequate, and over-watering can lead to shallow roots and lawn diseases. Other ways to decrease outdoor watering include the following:

- Do not water in windy conditions or during the heat of the day.
- Raise your mower height to 3.5 inches, and leave mulch on the lawn to retain moisture.
- Keep automatic sprinklers maintained, install a rain sensor and reduce watering times.
- Adjust sprinklers to water only the lawn, not the sidewalk, driveway or street.

More information is available by visiting water.lincoln.ne.gov or calling the Water Management Hotline at 402-441-1212.

SUMMARY OF 2013 CHANGES IN CITY WATER PLAN

City water rates increase when the Mayor declares Phase 1 through Phase 3 water restrictions. City water is billed by the unit, equal to 100 cubic feet (748 gallons), and the residential structure has three price blocks:

- The rate for **block one** (first eight units per month) is \$1.344 per unit for Phase 1 restrictions and increases to \$1.559 per unit for Phase 2 restrictions.
- The rate for **block two** (nine to 23 units) increases from \$1.911 to \$2.624 per unit for Phase 1 restrictions and to \$2.771 per unit for Phase 2 restrictions.
- The rate for **block three** (all additional units) increases from \$2.961 to \$4.587 per unit for Phase 1 restrictions and to \$5.635 per unit for Phase 2 restrictions.

Rates increase again if the water shortage is deemed to be “critical” or “catastrophic.” Bills are sent out bi-monthly and based on two months of water use. Bill amounts are determined by the amount of water used in each block. Rates for non-residential and industrial customers also increase slightly under Phase 1 through Phase 3 watering restrictions. The rate increase is smaller because these customers provide jobs, and the water use for large customers is more stable throughout the year.

Violating the Phase 2 and Phase 3 water restrictions is no longer a misdemeanor criminal offense. Egregious or multiple violations may be filed criminally by the City Attorney’s Office. The penalty is \$50 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense and \$350 for third and subsequent offenses. The Police Department continues to enforce watering restrictions, but officers are not required to present the citation to the tenant or property owner in person and may leave it on the door of the property.

If Phase 2 and Phase 3 restrictions are implemented, apartment complexes, commercial properties and other similar properties are required to limit outdoor watering to Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays regardless of address.

The designated-day watering schedule remains the same for single-family and duplex properties:

- Properties with street addresses ending in even numbers, including zero, will be required to limit outdoor water use (watering lawns and washing vehicles) to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- Properties with addresses ending in odd numbers will be required to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Owners of private wells are encouraged but not required to follow the designated-day watering schedule and other restrictions. If the Mayor implements mandatory water use restrictions, private well owners are required to post a sign on each property served by the well. The City supplies the signs at no charge. For homes and businesses, owners must post the signs in a window so they are visible from the street. For areas not directly associated with a structure, yard signs are available to pick up at the LWS Operations Center, 2021 N. 27th Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 15, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 402-441-7571

**MAYOR ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ANNUAL
WATER CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced the winners of the annual water conservation poster contest. Lincoln fifth-graders participated in the art contest, sponsored by the Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force. The top two entries were submitted by Grace Akins of Morley Elementary School, whose artwork will be displayed on a StarTran busboard, and Braden Lackey of St. Teresa Elementary School, whose artwork will be displayed on billboards at various Lincoln locations.

"Our Water Conservation Task Force has played a big role in helping our city respond and adjust to the challenges Mother Nature has posed in the past," said Mayor Beutler. "The attention they've brought to past drought problems through promotional efforts such as the annual poster contest goes a long way in helping educate the community. It's always good to reinforce good conservation practices for our young people and set a great example for future generations to follow."

The third-place winner was Grady Arndt of Morley Elementary. Honorable mention awards were presented to Olivia Swanson, Kahoa Elementary; Nicole Davis, St. Teresa Elementary; Kayleen Nguyen, Kahoa Elementary; Jordanna French, Morley Elementary; Holly Ochsner, Kahoa Elementary; Morgan Madsen, Morley Elementary; and Brynn Drickey, Morley Elementary.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 15, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Steven Faust, Engineering Services, 402-429-4873

Greg Topil, Engineering Services, 402-416-5150

PARTS OF S. 56TH STREET TO CLOSE NEXT WEEK FOR REPAIR

Sections of S. 56th Street will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. next week for pavement repair. The work is necessary to maintain the roadway until the reconstruction of S. 56th Street from Old Cheney to Shadow Pines Drive begins. That project is scheduled to begin next year.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, May 19, S. 56th Street will be closed to all through traffic from Old Cheney Road to Waltz Road. Area businesses that use Waltz Road will have access from the south. On Tuesday, work will continue to the south with the roadway closed from Waltz Road to Cumberland Road for several days. Only residential traffic will be allowed.

During the S. 56th Street construction, traffic will be rerouted to Old Cheney, Highway 2, 70th Street and Pine Lake Road. Message boards will be used to assist drivers with detour and street closing information. Construction is expected to be completed by Friday, May 23.

Motorists are urged to use extra caution in or near work zones. For more information on City construction projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 15, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Public Safety Director Tom Casady, 402-441-7071

Police Chief Jim Peschong, 402-441-7237

CITY SEEKS GRANT TO ADD TWO POLICE OFFICERS

Additional resources to be used for gang investigation and intervention

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) will apply for a federal grant to add two police officers, allowing LPD to devote more resources to fighting gang-related crimes. The grant from the Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) would pay 75 percent of the cost of salary and benefits, up to \$125,000 per officer per year for three years.

“Crime in Lincoln has been declining consistently and significantly since peaking in 1991, but law enforcement officials, residents and I have become concerned with what appears to be an increase in the intensity of gang-related crimes,” Mayor Beutler said. “Last year, there were three gang-related murders in Lincoln. I have received two confidential briefings from our police department about emerging inter-gang conflict and violence in the past two years. This grant would allow us to be more proactive in this area by committing more resources to gang investigation and intervention.”

Police Chief Jim Peschong said the City has seen an 18 percent increase in documented gang membership in the last seven months. “This past year we’ve connected several patterns of convenience store robberies to organized gang activity,” Peschong said. “In addition to the three gang-related murders, a fourth was committed by a gang member carrying a gun. We want to stay ahead of these situations in which gang members are carrying weapons and involving themselves in violent crime.”

“Responding after the fact is not as effective as prevention and early intervention,” said Public Safety Director Tom Casady. “By committing more resources to gang intervention, we will improve our chances of avoiding gang violence in the community, interrupt gang recruitment and prevent the retaliatory violence.”

Casady said the COPS grants require a 25-percent local match. He expects the total cost per officer including benefits to be about \$100,000 a year, so the City share would be \$25,000 per officer per year. COPS will announce its grant recipients by September 30.

The City last used a COPS grant in 2009 when it accepted \$679,136 in federal stimulus funds to hire four full-time police officers. That grant provided 100-percent funding for salaries for three years. More information is available at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

More information on LPD is available at police.lincoln.ne.gov.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 15, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8565

CHILDREN CAN READ TO A DOG THIS SUMMER

Lincoln City Libraries and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization, are providing an opportunity for children ages 6 to 12 to polish their reading skills this summer. Therapy teams made up of a dog and its handler are partnered with children who can practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a dog.

Children read to dogs in 20-minute shifts once a week for four weeks. The next session begins the week of June 2 and runs through June 28. Pre-registration is required. To register, contact the person listed at these branch libraries:

- Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue, Saturdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., drop in, no registration required
- Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., contact Dan at 402-730-5274 or dan@millcoffee.com
- South Branch Library, 2675 South Street, Fridays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., e-mail Joy at joydeeblythe@gmail.com
- Gere Branch Library, 2400 So. 56th Street, Mondays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., contact Mimi at 402-217-9019
- Walt Branch Library, 6701 So. 14th Street, Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m., contact Katherine at 402-202-6556 or zupconsult@gmail.com

For more information about Lincoln City Libraries and its services, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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LIBRARY OFFERS BILINGUAL BOOK GROUP

Lincoln City Libraries is offering “Stories for Everybody,” a bilingual book discussion group for Spanish-speaking families with elementary-age children. The group will meet from 11 a.m. to noon on five consecutive Saturdays, May 31 through June 28 at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street.

The library will provide books, crafts and a snack for all participants. Early literacy activities will be available for preschool-age children in the participating families.

This program is made possible by funding from the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Kevin Colleran Memorial Fund. For more information or to register, call Lorena at 402-217-4918.

More information about Lincoln City Libraries is available at lincolnlibraries.org.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 13, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Judith Halstead, MS, Health Director, 402-441-8001

Andrea Haberman, MSN, RN, Community Health Services Manager, 402-441-8054

HEALTH DEPARTMENT ADVISES TO GUARD AGAINST TETANUS

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) is advising residents who are cleaning up from the weekend storms to take precautions against tetanus. The serious disease, causes painful tightening of the muscles, usually all over the body. It is sometimes called "lockjaw" because it can prevent a victim from opening the mouth or swallowing.

Tetanus is caused by exposure to a bacteria that generally enters the body when a person has a deep cut or puncture wound. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccination for children and adults to prevent tetanus. Tetanus leads to death in about one in ten cases, and most of the deaths occur in people who are unvaccinated. Residents are advised to check with their doctors to make sure they are protected against tetanus and all other vaccine-preventable diseases.

The bacteria that causes tetanus is often on rusty metal objects. LLCHD recommends wearing puncture resistant shoes and gloves when assessing storm damage and cleaning up. The Health Department also advises that the following people not help with clean-up efforts:

- Children who have not completed the three-dose tetanus series
- Adults who have not had a tetanus booster within the last 10 years
- Pregnant women who have not been vaccinated against tetanus during their current pregnancy

The CDC recommends an immediate post-exposure vaccine for those who have experienced a recent deep and dirty wound (contaminated with rust, dirt, feces, saliva, etc.) and who do not have a record of receiving a tetanus vaccine in the last five years.

LLCHD will provide a tetanus vaccine to Lancaster County residents who have been affected by the recent storms and who do not have a primary care provider. For more information, call 402-441-8065. LLCHD will provide tetanus vaccinations at no charge to the following:

- Children through age 18 who are uninsured, under-insured or insured by Medicaid
- Adults age 19 through 64 who are uninsured or under-insured.

More information on vaccines is available at health.lincoln.ne.gov.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

April 8, 2014

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Karla Lester, Jacquelyn Miller, Mike Tavlin, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Rick Hoppe (ex-officio) arrived at 5:05 PM. Michelle Petersen arrived at 5:22 PM.

Members Absent: Roma Amundson and Craig Strong.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Steve Frederick, Scott Holmes, Renae Rief, Randy Fischer, Andrea Haberman, Kathy Cook, Dan King, Nancy Clark and Elaine Severe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Tavlin that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Lester. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the March 11, 2014 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated Public Health Week is April 7-13, 2014. The theme is "Public Health Starts Here". The Department received a "Community Partner Award" at the Annual Clinic With A Heart Dinner and Awards Ceremony on April 4, 2014. The award was presented to the Department for the staff's collaboration and partnership with Clinic With A Heart.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department is working with Pepsi Cola Bottling Company (Lin-Pepco) regarding healthier snacks and beverages in vending machines. The "Choose A Healthy You" Campaign will be launched in May, 2014.

The Department's 2014-2016 budget request was reviewed by the Finance Department on April 1, 2014. The budget request will be reviewed with the Mayor's Office on April 14,

2014.

The Board of Health luncheon and Awards Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 11:30 AM at Bryan Health East Conference Center. Please RSVP attendance to Ms. Severe.

The Nebraska MEDS Project will hold a Drug Enforcement Administration's Drug Take Back Day on April 26, 2014.

Ms. Halstead stated the July Board of Health meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2014. She suggested cancelling the July meeting. For the past four years, two of the meetings were cancelled and attendance was low at the other two meetings. By general consensus, Board members agreed to cancel the July 8, 2014 meeting. By deciding now, instead of waiting until June and realizing there will not be a quorum, staff can better schedule for June and August meetings of the Board.

CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

1. Election of Officers

Ms. Halstead stated the Slate of Nominations for Board of Health Officers for 2014-2015 is Heidi Stark, DDS – President and Jacquelyn Miller, DDS – Vice-President. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the Board of Health elect Heidi Stark, DDS as President and Jacquelyn Miller, DDS as Vice-President of the Board of Health for 2014-2015. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

2. Collaboration with Community Health Endowment on Increasing Physical Activity

Ms. Halstead stated the Community Health Endowment plans to launch a physical activity campaign initiative and Health Department staff will assist with the initiative. The initiative will encourage individuals to increase their physical activity and move more. She stated the Endowment plans to kick-off the initiative at their Annual Meeting in June and it will end with the Streets Alive event in September. She asked Board members if anyone would serve as a representative for the Department to assist Health Department staff and Community Health Endowment staff with the Initiative. Dr. Lester stated she would serve as the Board of Health liaison.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Stark to appoint Dr. Lester to serve as the Board of Health representative to assist Health Department staff and the Community Health Endowment with the Physical Activity Campaign. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

1. Review of March 19, 2014 Preparedness Exercise

Mr. Frederick introduced Mr. Fischer, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Mr. Fischer provided an overview of the Winter Weather-Mass Casualty Incident Exercise that was held on March 19, 2014. Initial planning began in the fall of 2013 and a tabletop exercise was conducted at the Health Department in January, 2014. Major strengths and weaknesses were identified. Major strengths included the interagency cooperation and coordination, community partnerships and communication between the hospitals and partners. The full scale exercise was held on March 19, 2014 and it was successful. Primary areas for improvement included additional Incident Command System training to all staff, radio communication needs to be tested more frequently, patient tracking, and updating the Local Emergency Operations Plan with agencies input. Ms. Halstead stated staff benefit from these training exercises as well as the hospitals and other agencies in the community.

2. Legislative Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on legislation the Department is following. Bills of interest include: 1) LB863 – banning the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors - passed; 2) LB887 - Adopting the Wellness in Nebraska Act. - failed; 3) LB276 – Early Development Network Services/MIPS on final reading. The Legislative Session is scheduled to conclude on April 17, 2014.

3. Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Mr. King provided a presentation on the Household Hazardous Waste Program. The program has been in operation for more than 20 years. He reviewed highlights of the program, the toxics reduction program, the Safe Homes for Seniors Program, He noted one of Mayor Beutler’s Taking Charge

indicators is to divert 100,000 lbs. of waste from the Landfill. The Solid Waste Management Plan 2040 recommendations include expanding the Household Hazardous Waste Program and to provide year around access for disposal. The Nebraska Department of Environmental Trust will provide \$159,000 to expand the program.

4. E-Cigarette Prohibition Implementation Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the information on the ban of E-Cigarettes in all buildings, facilities, tobacco-free areas of parks and vehicles owned by the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and the Public Building Commission. The Lancaster County Commissioners approved the resolution on March 25, 2014. The Public Building Commission approved the resolution on April 8, 2014. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board will vote on the resolution on April 10 and the Library Board will vote on the resolution on April 15, 2014.

FUTURE BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting – May 13, 2014 – 5:00 PM

Board of Health Minutes – April 8, 2014

Annual Luncheon & Awards Ceremony – April 24, 2014 – 11:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller, DDS
Vice-President

DEPARTMENT REPORT

APRIL, 2014

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

- The Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was held on April 24, 2014 at the Bryan Health Conference Center. Award winners include:

Community Public Health Awards - 1) Damon Hershey, 2) Health 360, and 3) Joe Skare

John J. Hanigan Award – Kay Anderson, MD, FAAP, IBCLC

Food Sanitation Excellence Awards – 1) Ming's House, and 2) The Oven

Public Health Leadership Award – Lori Seibel

Carole Douglas Public Health Achievement Award – Brenda Christie
- The Health Director and Information & Fiscal Management Division Manager met with Mayor Beutler and staff regarding the Department's FY2015-2017 budget request.
- Lincoln Police Department Officers Shane Winterbauer and Mario Robinson provided training for all Health Department staff regarding what to expect and ideas of what to do if we encounter an active shooter.
- The Health Director and Division Managers attended the Tabitha Foundation Appreciation Luncheon. The Health Director serves on the Tabitha Foundation Board of Directors.
- The Health Director and HPO Manager attended the Clinic With a Heart Recognition. The Health Department was recognized for their collaboration and partnership with Clinic With A Heart and other agencies in the community.
- The Health Director and Administrative Aide attended The United Way Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony. The City of Lincoln employees were recognized as a Top Ten United Way/Community Health Charities Supporter. City Council Chairman, Carl Eskridge, accepted the award for the City of Lincoln.
- Health Department professional staff hosted a potluck luncheon for the Department's support staff for Administrative Professionals Day.
- Employee of the Month – Deb Edelmaier – Health Promotion & Outreach Division.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control Stats

	Sep 11- Mar 12	Sep 12- Mar 13	Sep 13- Mar 14
Pet Licenses Sold	36660	36892	37320
Cases Dispatched	12436	12900	13063
Investigation	13458	13789	14088
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	937	851	802
Cats	815	609	692
Court Citations Issued	128	197	213
Warnings/Defects Issued	7009	8848	9366
Bite Cases Reported	268	247	228
Attack Cases Reported	27	26	22
Dogs Declared (PPD, DD,V)	44	57	45
Animal Neglect Investigations	303	341	340
Injured Animal Rescue	393	306	337
Wildlife Removal	192	187	198
Dead Animal Pickup	1203	944	848
Lost and Found Reports	1284	1327	1141
Phone Calls	26202	27791	24208
Average Response Time (in mins)	22	18	17

- Animal Control Staff will meet with staff from Lincoln Parks and Recreation to gather information regarding future plans for Bark Parks here in Lincoln. Lincoln currently has two dog runs, one near Holmes Lake and another near Oak Lake.
- The Tails and Trails event will be held May 17th at Fallbrook. Animal Control Staff will staff a booth providing educational materials and promoting pet license sales, license renewals and vaccinations for pets. Tails and Trails is an annual event and Animal Control has participated in several years.
- Two Animal Control Officers will be attend a week long training as part of their end of probation period with Animal Control. The training is sponsored by the National Animal

Control Association and provides valuable field training on most all situations an officer faces in their job.

- A UNL Oshcer Lifelong Learning Institute class was held at the Health Department on May 1, 2014. The eight week class is attended by several adults 50 years of age and over that want to learn more about Animal Control, the Capital Humane Society and other local animal groups.
- As the weather warms, Officers are responding to an increase in bat calls. Animal Control tests most bats that have had human and/or pet contact. The bat populations are more concentrated in those neighborhoods that have older housing stock, although it is not uncommon to find them anywhere in or out of the City limits.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Health Insurance Marketplace

- Congratulations to CHS staff who are Certified Application Counselors (CACs, or in-person assistors) who were recognized as “Employees of the Month” for their hard work during the open enrollment period of the federal Health Insurance Marketplace.

Since last summer, we have partnered with Community Action, Ponca’s Tribe of NE, People’s Health Center, Lancaster County Medical Society, the Center for People in Need, AARP, NE Appleseed, the Health Center Association of NE, and NE Medicaid & Economic Assistance to coordinate efforts to educate the general public and enroll eligibles in the federal Health Insurance Marketplace or NE Medicaid. When it became clear that federal funding for in-person assistors would be very limited for our area, LLCHD contracted with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to become a Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization.

Last fall, staff members were trained as CACs. As of March 31, our CACs made 311 contacts to help people access the Marketplace and an additional 214 contacts to help people access NE Medicaid. Every week in February and March staff members worked with People’s Health Center, NE Medicaid and AARP to offer individual appointments at the Center for People during their large food distribution events. Forty six people received one-on-one assistance and an additional thirty people attended a group education session about the Marketplace. Most people seeking assistance at the Center would have been eligible for Medicaid had Nebraska decided to expand it; which means their incomes were, at the highest, a little over \$15,000 per year. Interpretation in Spanish, Vietnamese and Arabic was provided.

Refugee Health

- A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence. A refugee has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Most likely, they cannot return home or are afraid to do so. War and ethnic, tribal and religious violence are leading causes of refugees fleeing their countries.

This month, Peh Wah Mu, of Lincoln Public Schools discussed her experience as a Karen refugee from Burma during our monthly CHS Division Meeting. Peh Wah was an internal displaced person, living in refugee camps in Thailand for 25 years. Learning about her experiences was very helpful for our staff members who are serving refugees from Myanmar (Burma) currently.

CHS staff members provide health assessments, lab tests, and immunizations for refugees who are newly arrived in the United States, resettling in Lincoln. Patients are screened for communicable and chronic disease. Twenty five or more lab tests are conducted per patient and all refugees have several return appointments scheduled with our Public Health Clinic to complete their immunizations. We work closely with Catholic Social Services and Lutheran Family Services (our two local resettlement agencies) to serve approximately 250 people of all ages per year. In the last year, refugees have also resettled from Iran, Iraq, Congo, Cuba, Afghanistan, and Northern Africa.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC

Caseload (Participation):

Total	3304
Main	2430
LMEP	197
Cornhusker Clinic	677

Food: For November 2013

Food Monthly Obligations	\$ 216,815.73
Food Pkg Avg.	\$ 69.20
Women	\$ 41.16

Infants	\$ 146.75
Children	\$ 46.93

Mentoring:

(Number and school)

Students	2 UNMC RN students
Interns	1 RD intern
Volunteers	0
LMEP Residents	3

Dental

March, 2014 Dental Services

- Total client count (unduplicated count): 600
- Total client encounters (duplicated count): 693
- Total patient visits (duplicated count of provider appointments): 989
- Total children seen: 372 children (62%)
- Total number of all clients enrolled in Medicaid: 328 clients (54.6%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in General Assistance, receiving services at no fee: 11 clients (1.8%)
- Total number of all clients at or below 100% of poverty, receiving services at minimum fee or no fee for services: 190 clients (31.6%)
- Total number of children provided transportation and treatment services through school based program: 16 children (Holmes, Elliott, and Everett schools) during 35 patient encounters for a total of 55 provider appointments (6 children enrolled in Medicaid, 10 children uninsured receiving services at no fee).
- Community outreach activities included: Assessment and Fluoride Varnish program at Educare Center for 123 children; Presentation for 25 children at Kindercare.
- Student Rotations: 2 dental students and 4 dental hygiene students from UNMC College of Dentistry; and 2 dental assisting students from Southeast Community College rotated through clinic.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Waste Management: Nuisance/Solid Waste Complaints

Goals

Protect human health and the environment by assuring proper management and disposal of wastes and preventing illness and disease caused by improper waste management.

Methods/Strategies

Receive complaints and send letters to property owners and tenants; Investigate complaints; Issue warning notices; Abate nuisance conditions

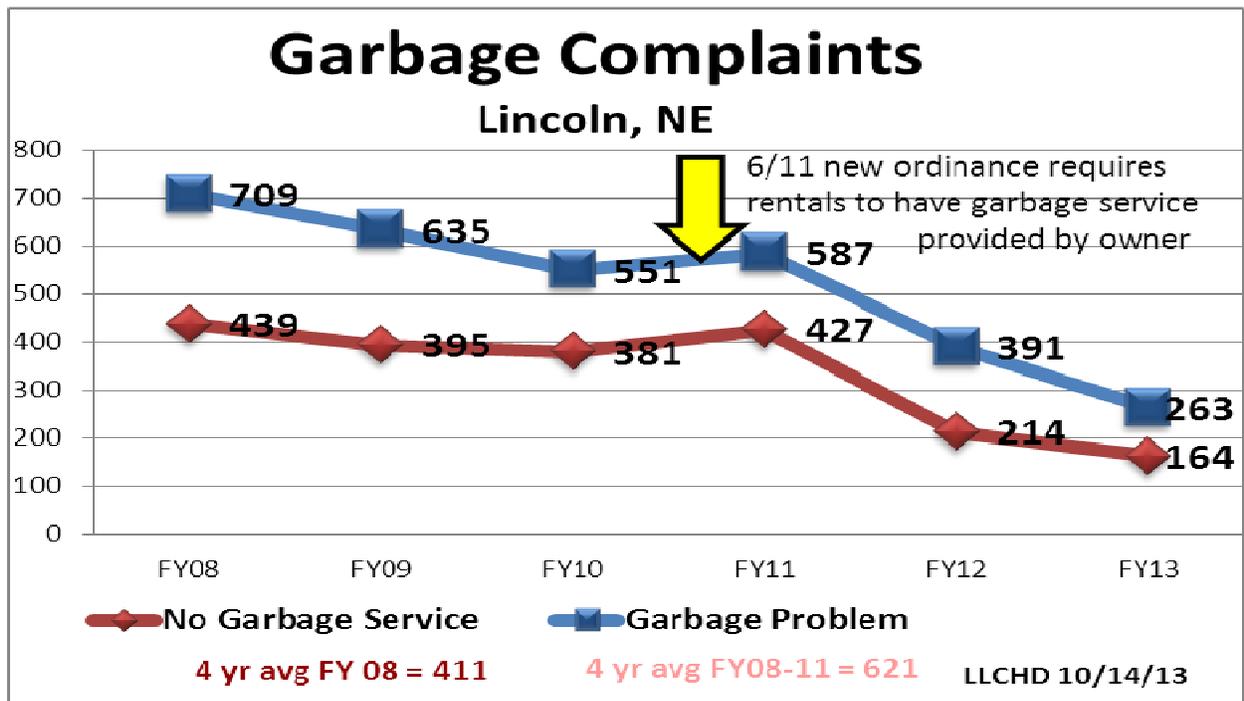
Indicator

Resolve 90% of nuisance complaints involving garbage, rodents, stagnant water or mosquitoes within 30 days.

Comparison

72% of garbage complaints were resolved within 30 days in FY13.(2) This compares to 94% in FY11, 87% in FY10, 80% in FY09 and 56% in FY08.

In June of 2011, the City of Lincoln changed LMC 8.32 to require owners of rental property (duplex and single family) to provide for garbage service. Education and enforcement of this new ordinance resulted in about a 60% reduction in garbage complaints in FY13 compared to the average numbers of complaints between FY08-FY11.



Description

The public reports nuisance complaints to the Health Department. In most cases, a letter is mailed to both property owner & tenant informing them of the complaint, and directing them to abate the conditions. A response card is included. If no response is received indicating action has been taken, staff inspects the property, and enforcement procedures are followed. In most cases, resolution is obtained, but in FY13 eighteen (18) abatements were conducted by order of the Health Director. Costs are charged as a lien against the property. Higher priority complaints include garbage, rodents, and insects, since they pose higher public health risk.

Funding/Source

Waste Hauler Occupation Tax (100%)

Partnerships & Efficiency

Mailing notices instead of field investigation of every complaint was instituted several years ago as a cost savings measure. This approach has proven to decrease the number of complaints with no findings, but delays response to problem nuisance conditions. Health is part of the city Problem Resolution Team and attends the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable. Health works closely with Building and Safety and Weed Control to address all complaints on properties. Health staff will note violations of the B&S Housing Code, including such violations on official notices and enforcement letters, and makes referrals to other agencies as appropriate.

Water Quality: Property Transfer Reviews

Goals

Protect human health by preventing waterborne illness, and preventing ground and surface water pollution.

Water Quality Indicator

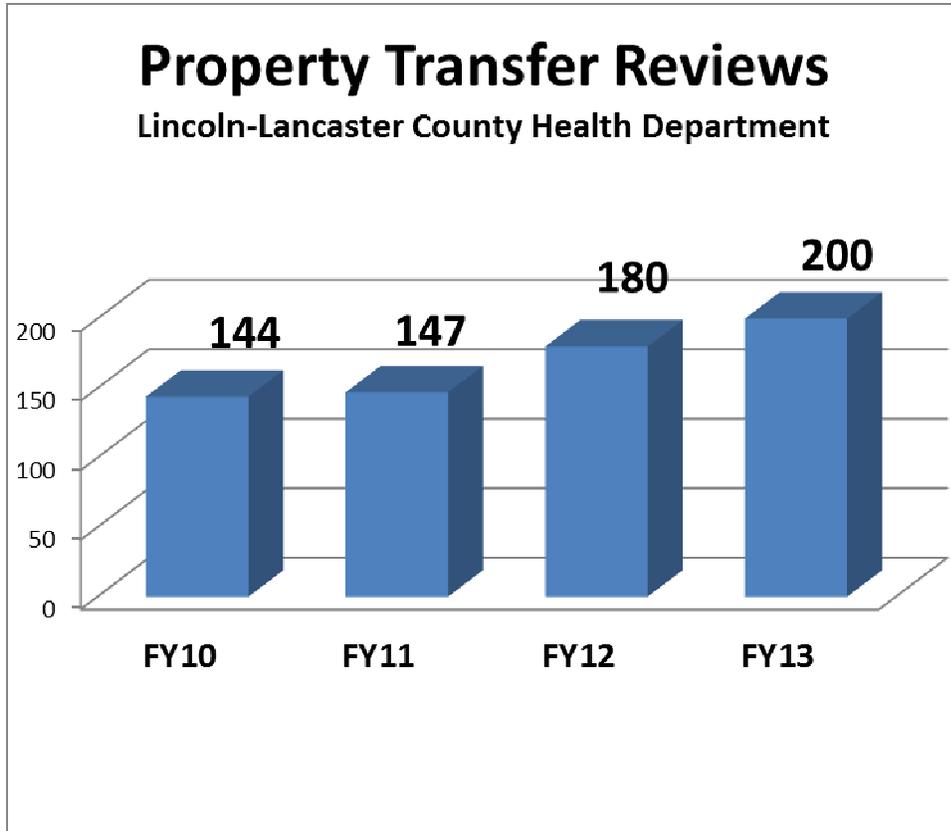
100% of property transfers are inspected to assure that wells and private wastewater treatment systems meet public health water and sewage criteria

Strategies/Methods (What we do)

Train and permit Property Transfer Inspectors; Review Property Transfer Inspector's inspection reports; Issue approval or denial; Provide consultation to resolve problems; Assure failed systems are replaced or repaired and meet current regulations.

Funding

User Fees; City General Fund/County General Fund



Comparison

The number of Property Transfer Reviews increased as home sales recovered from the recession. 200 reviews were completed in FY13, the highest total ever. So far in FY14, 105 Property Transfer Reviews have been completed.

Description

The Property Transfer code requires that prior to sale, each property that has a private well or sewage system must be inspected. These inspections are done by private businesses that are trained and permitted by the Health Department. The Property Transfer Inspectors send the inspection report to the Health Department to review. The current review fee is \$200. A “Denial” is issued if either the well or sewage system has significant deficiencies. This does not stop the sale of the property, but informs the seller and buyer of what issues may be present. When conditions present a health risk or significant risk of contamination of the environment, the Health Department follows up to assure that corrections have been made. All failed systems were repaired or replaced to protect public health and our environment. On average, about 20

failed wastewater treatment systems are identified each year. In FY13, 22 sewage systems and 21 wells were required to be repaired or replaced to protect public health and our environment. Numerous other violations have also been corrected and human health has been protected from bacterial and Nitrate contaminated water. Property transfers are split about 55% County and 45% City 3-mile limit.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- On April 23rd as a follow-up to a February 13th tabletop exercise (TTX), hospitals in the 15-county southeast Nebraska area outside of Lancaster County conducted their community-wide full scale exercise to test triage systems, hospital incident command and various counties' Emergency Managements' EOCs (Emergency Operations Centers). The exercise scenario, a winter-weather mass-casualty event involving injuries to school children, was similar to the March 19th exercise that was conducted in Lincoln; however, accident locations were changed to be highway intersections and venues near the participating hospitals.
- While all but one hospital in the region participated in the TTX, the twelve hospitals that were involved in the April 23rd exercise were: Annie Jeffrey Memorial (Osceola), Henderson Health Care, Memorial Health Care (Seward), Butler County Health Care, Jefferson Community Health, Thayer County Health Services, Community Memorial (Syracuse), Pawnee County Memorial, Community Medical (Falls City), St. Mary's Community Hospital (Nebraska City), Johnson County Hospital, and Nemaha County Hospital. All of the other area hospitals that were not participating by accepting "patients" (in Beatrice, Crete, Geneva, Friend, and York) were contacted about bed availability
- In each county that "participated" in the exercise, volunteer patients or parents of victims (or paper patients) were transported to or arrived at the hospitals with fictitious names and specific injury information or symptoms to test the hospitals' ability to both treat and take on a surge of patients. As with all exercises, all communications were relayed to participants with "this is an exercise or a drill" so that no one would mistake the activity as a real-world event. These exercises are excellent ways to test communications between and amongst partner agencies (e.g., EMS, the hospitals, the Emergency Operations Centers and all community partners involved, etc.), patient tracking, public information and media messaging and family assistance departments. While I won't mention all the names or affiliations of non-hospital participants, the exercise involved hundreds of participants from throughout the region. In addition to the hundreds of staff at the hospitals, county emergency managers and the four local public health departments' staffs; there was widespread participation from local schools, colleges and universities as volunteers, Region V Health Systems and the Southeast Nebraska Medical Reserve Corps, law enforcement, American Red Cross, and rescue and ambulance squads. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services were also asked to supply needed medical personnel. In some

locales, long-term care facilities, the county attorney and clergy members were participants. All hospitals exercised their calling trees or systems used to contact off-duty staff. In addition, in at least a couple of the locations the use of ham radios was utilized to test a redundant form of communication in the event cell towers are down or overloaded, landlines are down and radios aren't working. In several locations, local media covered the exercise.

- Even though several of the area hospitals did not participate except to furnish information about available beds, the exercise was a huge success and Randy Fischer, the lead exercise controller, and all of the emergency managers and public health partners who helped plan the exercises did an excellent job in preparing for the exercise. After the morning exercise, each location was asked to provide feedback (a “hot wash”) about the Strengths, Weaknesses, and Other Comments they wished to share as well as the overall assessment. The meeting or call to finalize the After Action Report (AAR) for the exercise is scheduled for May 21st.
- HDE recently received the 2013 birth data from the state for Lancaster County and our Public Health Epidemiologist, Raju Kakarlapudi, and Assistant Public Health Epidemiologist, Tommy George, have been checking the data and preparing the tables for the Vital Statistics portal on the Health Department's webpage (<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/data/vitalstats/index.htm>). An early look at the data shows that the number of teenage births continues to decline and partly as a consequence, the percentage of infants who were classified low-birth weight (LBW) also dropped. More analysis will be done by our Epidemiologists and the updated dashboard should be available before the May Board of Health meeting.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease Prevention

- Staff has aggressively been promoting increased physical activity to audiences of all ages. Following are a few examples:

Staff provided a program on the health risks of sitting for long periods to over 75 Lincoln Library employees;

All children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade at Prescott Elementary participated in an all day Walk Your Child to School training. These intensive trainings are designed to help children learn how to safely walk or ride bikes to school and especially how to deal with vehicle traffic. All children participate in four modules – 1.a computerized pedestrian behavior module; 2.actually practicing crossing streets, standing away from the

curb, making eye contact with drivers, etc.; 3. recognizing the difficulty that drivers of high profile vehicles have in seeing children (the children have the opportunity to sit in the driver's seat of a large truck so they can experience how far children must be from the truck to be safe); 4. and the importance of physical activity (walking/biking) for good health

Staff facilitated the Bike to School Day observation on April 17 at Kahoa and Lakeview Elementary schools. Approximately 100 children rode their bikes to school and participated in bike rodeos held after school. Staff also taught parents how to fit helmets properly for their children.

Staff assisted with bicycle parking at the City's Earth Day Observance on April 12 at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center. Hundreds of people rode their bikes to the 'Jayne' and used the bike parking service.

Staff presented information on the National Bike Challenge and Bike to Work Week to hundreds of students, faculty, and staff at the UNL annual BikeFest on April 16. To date, 600 people from Lincoln have registered to participate in the National Bike Challenge. This challenge runs from May 1 through September 30. In 2013, Lincoln placed first in the nation in the National Bike Challenge with 1,200 participants at the end of the challenge. Lincoln is currently leading the nation in participants.

Injury Prevention

- Staff facilitated a Fire Safe Landlord Training for 13 landlords. To date, 78 landlords representing 6,967 individual units have received this training designed to help the landlords educate their tenants on prevention of apartment fires.
- Staff continues to provide Child Care Transportation training for licensed child care providers to meet the newly implemented Nebraska Child Care regulations. The three hour program is offered two times each month for up to 20 childcare staff who transport children. These trainings are mandatory for the licensed child care centers.
- Staff provided education to ten pregnant or parenting teens (8 teen mothers, 2 teen fathers) at North Star High School on proper use and installation of child passenger safety seats. During the educational program, the teens admitted to staff that they seldom wore seatbelts themselves. Staff then discussed the importance of seat belts, the statistics, role modeling for their children, and other necessary information regarding the use of seatbelts.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Department Report – April, 2014

- The Health Director and Information and Fiscal Management Division Manager met with the Mayor and his staff to review the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Budget request.
- Fiscal reviews were completed with the management team of each division.
- Information Management staff are preparing for moving the Department from our Novell File Server to a Windows File Server.
- Fiscal Operations staff are working with receiving and processing payments for permits for Environmental Health.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Memo to Golf Committee and PRAB

MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2014

TO: Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee
FR: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Cc: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
RE: Brad Kai selected as Lincoln City Golf Player Development Supervisor

The purpose of this memo is to let you know that PGA Professional Brad Kai began work last week as the new Lincoln City Golf Player Development Supervisor. Brad will be responsible for developing and coordinating programming to train new golfers, encourage lapsed golfers to resume playing, and promote retention of new and lapsed golfers. Brad will also be responsible for operation of the Ager Golf Clubhouse and will be assisting with business functions related to golf program.

Brad comes to the program with extensive municipal golf experience, and a passion for teaching the game of golf. He indicates that he enjoys working with golfers of all skill levels and abilities, but particularly enjoys working with beginners. He has been working for Tim Rowland at the Pioneers Golf Clubhouse for about two years and is familiar with the Lincoln City Golf program.

The PGA assisted in publicizing the job announcement. We were pleased to have a well qualified group of applicants. The PGA has also offered to provide Brad with training regarding the Get Golf Ready program.

Also, Dale Hardy will be leaving the Lincoln City Golf program at the end of May. We wish Dale well in his future endeavors.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor's Capital Improvements Advisory Committee
Mayor Chris Beutler
Rick Hoppe, Trish Owen
Marvin Krout, David Cary, Sara Hartzell
Steve Hubka
Miki Esposito

FROM: Jean Preister, Planning 

DATE: May 13, 2014

SUBJECT: FY 2014/15 - 2019/20 Capital Improvements Program
FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment to the 2040 LRTP

cc: City Council
Mike Brienzo, Planning
Rod Confer, City Attorney
Pam Dingman, County Engineer
Planning Commission

I hereby respectfully submit for your information the Minutes of the Special Public Hearing held by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission on May 7, 2014, on the ***FY 2014/15 - 2019/20 City of Lincoln Capital Improvements Program (CIP)***, the ***FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)***, and ***Amendment to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)***.

On May 7, 2014, the Planning Commission agreed with the staff recommendation and voted 8-0 to approve the proposed amendment to the Lincoln MPO 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and supporting Technical Report to show the Lincoln South Beltway project as a priority project by moving it from the listing of Unfunded State Projects to the list of Committed State Projects (funded) and revising the fiscally constrained project listing of the MPO Roadway Projects in the Transportation Plan accordingly.

On May 7, 2014, the Planning Commission agreed with the staff recommendation and voted 8-0 to find the draft TIP, with the foregoing amendment to the LRTP, to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

On May 7, 2014, the Planning Commission agreed with the staff recommendation and voted 8-0 to find the draft CIP in full or general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

These minutes will be approved by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on May 28, 2014.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 402-441-6365 or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, May 7, 2014, 1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Michael Cornelius, Chris Hove, Jeanelle Lust, Lynn Sunderman, Tracy Corr, Cathy Beecham, Maja V. Harris and Dennis Scheer (Ken Weber absent); Marvin Krout, David Cary, Mike Brienzo, Sara Hartzell and Jean Preister of the Planning Department; other Department representatives; and other interested citizens.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: Special Public Hearing
Planning Commission Review Edition of the FY2014-15 thru 2019-20 Capital Improvements Program (CIP); the FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program; and amendment to the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Chair Jeanelle Lust called the meeting to order and acknowledged the posting of the Open Meetings Act in the back of the room.

The Clerk then called the first public hearing.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW EDITION OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN'S DRAFT SIX YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) FOR FY 2014-15 - 2019-20.

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:

May 7, 2014

Members present: Corr, Beecham, Cornelius, Hove, Harris, Scheer, Sunderman and Lust; Weber absent.

Staff recommendation: A finding of full or general conformance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Ex parte communications: Harris disclosed that she had a conversation with Pat Leach, Library Director, and asked, given the Library's past interest in Pershing, if the Library Board had taken a position on the demolition of Pershing, and they have not.

Staff presentation: **Sara Hartzell of Planning staff** gave a brief overview of the general purpose of the Capital Improvement Program and today's hearing. She pointed out that the Planning Commission did have a briefing on the CIP, TIP and LRTP amendment on April 30, 2014, at which many of the Commissioner's questions were answered and discussion took place so there may not be as many discussion points today.

The Capital Improvement Program, or CIP, provides a multi-year list of proposed capital expenditures for the City and is one of the most important responsibilities of municipal government. This program attempts to set funding strategies not only for the next two fiscal budget years, but also to project future needs for major construction projects and land acquisition. The City constantly looks ahead to consider how it will improve major items such as roads, utilities, police and fire stations, parks, libraries and other community buildings for the people of Lincoln. Capital expenditures are viewed not only in the context of how much the project will cost, but also what impact the project will have on the City's operating budget. Capital improvements are projects that generally have a useful life of fifteen or more years that maintain, upgrade or replace public infrastructure and public service-providing facilities. It should be noted that due to some federal planning requirements, some projects included in the CIP may not necessarily meet the desired fifteen year life-span, but the project may need to be included in the local capital planning document to qualify for federal funding.

The CIP is not intended to be an all-inclusive inventory of the City of Lincoln's capital needs for the upcoming six years. It is a document that outlines planned capital improvements given available financial resources.

The Lincoln City Charter assigns responsibility for assembling the City's annual six-year CIP to the City's Planning Department. This process involves coordinating the assessment of the City's capital needs across more than a dozen different departments and agencies. Each City department assesses its capital needs and creates an improvement program for a six-year period. The individual capital project requests are submitted to the Planning Department and assembled into a single document that becomes the CIP. Each project is evaluated for conformity with the City-County Comprehensive Plan along with the most recent funding projections and revenue calculations.

Lincoln's six-year CIP is updated every two years in the winter, when City departments prepare their proposed capital improvement program. The Mayor's Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) guides the development of the document. A great deal of effort and work is done by dozens of staff members across city departments to develop this program and their efforts are appreciated.

Per the City Charter, the CIP is reviewed for conformity with the 2040 City-County Comprehensive Plan by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission makes a recommendation as to conformance with the Comprehensive Plan and that recommendation, along with public testimony, is passed on to the Mayor and City Council for consideration in budget discussions over the summer. Years 1 and 2 of the CIP become the Capital Budget for fiscal years 2014/2015 and 2015/2016.

Today, each section of the CIP will be called for public hearing. Representatives from departments are here to answer detailed questions, if necessary.

The Clerk then called each section of the CIP for public hearing, and Hartzell provided an overview of each Department's CIP:

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Pershing Auditorium

The Finance Department's capital improvements program submittal this year reflects the sunsetting of Pershing Auditorium. The proposed capital improvements program includes funding for the demolition of the structure, including remediation of asbestos and the possible salvage of some building materials and/or features of the structure. This is for the removal of the structure itself and not the redevelopment or sale of the property. Should those actions take place in the future the project would come before this body again.

The Pershing Auditorium CIP project is found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lincoln Police Department

Hartzell explained that the 911 Communication Department has been fully integrated into the Lincoln Police Department and is included in the Police Department's CIP.

The proposed capital program for the Police Department involves five projects: a study and construction of a new Team Assembly Station, construction of a new LPD Garage-Maintenance & Repair Facility, a new P25 Radio System upgrade, and a relocation and

expansion of the Emergency Communications 911 Center. All projects are planned for general obligation bond funding.

All of the projects included in the Lincoln Police Department CIP are found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Fire & Rescue Department

Lincoln Fire and Rescue Department's proposed CIP submittal includes six projects. These projects involve two new fire stations, two relocated fire stations, a general fire station modification and repairs program, and the use of the Municipal Services Center for training and administrative needs. Funding is primarily through GO Bonds with the MSC project being funded by Lease Purchase Financing.

All of the projects included in the Fire Department CIP are found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

The Lincoln City Libraries program includes eight projects in the six year CIP. The largest single project is the proposed replacement of the Bennett Martin Library with a new Headquarters Library in FY 19/20 using a planned General Obligation bond issue and Other Financing likely to include private funds. Using General Revenue funding, needed roof and carpet replacement at Anderson and Gere Branches is planned, the Bethany Branch roof, and heating/cooling and carpet replacement projects in Bennett Martin Library.

All of the projects included in the Library CIP are found to be in conformance or in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Harris asked Hartzell to explain why we need the improvements for Bennett Martin even though there is a new main library in the CIP. Hartzell explained that the Bennett Martin building is not anticipated to be destroyed. It may be used for another city department or leased or sold to a private individual. We want to make sure the building is cared for and that the major main projects are done so that it does not lose value over time.

There was no other public testimony.

LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM

The Lincoln Electric System's proposed \$282 million capital program embodies a substantial investment in electrical power supply and distribution for the community over the six-year period. This year's program plans for 12,000 new customers over the 6 year period. Major projects include a new Service Center in the southern area of the City. Underground distribution, with the majority going to new residential and commercial development, new transformers and meters, extensions, rebuilds, relocations, and power supply investment in the Laramie River Station account for the largest portions of the program.

The Lincoln Electric System CIP is found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Urban Development Department's proposed CIP includes nine projects. Funding for the program consists of Community Improvement Financing (Tax Increment Financing), Community Development Block Grants, General Revenue funds, and User Fees. Public parking program projects (ongoing repairs, lighting and elevator improvements, and new facilities) comprise a majority of Urban Development's CIP. Also included in the Urban Development Department's capital program in the first year are the 11th Street Corridor project, 8th Street Improvements, Downtown Lighting Project, and Primary and Secondary Retail Corridor Improvements (P Street improvements). Ongoing annual efforts included are the Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Area Park Improvements program and the Downtown Street Tree Replacement program.

The Urban Development CIP is found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Beecham asked Hartzell to address what kind of park improvements are anticipated. Hartzell stated that generally they look at playground improvements and work with the Parks Department. She believes that Urban Development is in charge of the determination of where those LMI areas are in targeting the parks.

There was no other public testimony.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Proposed capital improvements to the City's parks and recreation system are projected to cost \$73 million over the six-year period. General Obligation (GO) bonds, general revenue, Keno funds, impact fees, tennis fees, and the Parks & Rec repair/replacement fund account, federal program funds, other financing (grants, donations, Lincoln Cares program, Two for Trees, and other sources) and unknown funding provide the majority of funds programmed for the CIP. Funds from private sources are also being shown for a substantial portion of the six year improvement program.

The current level of funding for Parks & Recreation does not fully support the needs for repair and replacement of existing park facilities and development of new and improved facilities to meet the need of community growth. An additional \$3 million per year shown in the Repair and Replacement and Select New Facilities project would fund repair and replacement needs based on life-cycle cost estimates, upgrade and improvement of major facilities and needed new facilities. At this time the source of this additional funding has not been identified. A general obligation (GO) "Quality of Life Bond Issue" request amounting to \$19.9 million is planned for FY 19/20 for various improvements to the Parks & Recreation system. Should the additional funding mentioned above be secured, the size of this bond request would likely be reduced.

The Parks & Recreation CIP is found to be in conformance or general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

StarTran

StarTran's six-year, \$11.9 million proposed capital improvement program is funded largely through Federal transportation funding with \$8.0 million in funds, with the balance coming from City General Revenue funds and Special Reserves. The bulk of this capital program comes from the accumulation of funds for the replacement of 13 buses in FY 16/17, and the replacement of 15 buses in FY 18/19. No General Revenue funds are programmed in the first two years of this CIP.

The StarTran CIP is found to be in conformance or general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Streets and Highways

The Streets and Highways capital program proposed by Public Works & Utilities identifies a program totaling \$244 million over the six year programming period, an increase of approximately \$60.5 million from last year's CIP. These projects range from resurfacing projects to pedestrian facilities to system management programs to the construction of major new roadway facilities.

A variety of Federal, State and City revenues are utilized to fund the Streets and Highways program, including Impact Fees, City Wheel Tax revenues, State Highway Allocation gas tax funds, Railroad Transportation Safety District funds, and Federal transportation funds. The Public Works & Utilities Department anticipates project costs to increase faster than revenues over the next six years that will reduce the City's ability to meet the needs of the transportation system. There is additional funding as compared to the 2012 CIP in increased Wheel Tax and the State has approved LB84, the Build Nebraska Act, to direct revenue to roads. This additional funding on the State level will allow for the statewide expressway program to be continued including \$160 million for the South Beltway in Lincoln, and add to the Highway Allocation State gas tax revenues by dedicating a smaller amount of funding for local transportation needs. The additional City Wheel Tax revenue is allowing for more Residential Rehabilitation and Intersection Improvement, arterial Roadway and Bridge Rehabilitation, and in the highest priority new street construction projects in this year's CIP. The Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair program additional funding has been programmed to the amount of \$1 million annually.

However, even with additional funding in this CIP, some of the needs are not being fully funded. As a result, a new project is in this year's Streets and Highways CIP that identifies this need for additional funding from a potential new funding source. This project is using an "Unknown" funding source at this point as it is not determined where the additional funds would come from at this time, but it is planned to provide \$7 million annually for streets and \$2 million annually for sidewalks beginning in Year 2 of the program.

Notable projects in the first two years of the program include the improvement of Yankee Hill Road from 70th to Highway 2, significant pedestrian improvements related to new Lincoln Public School sites in southeast Lincoln, use of federal funding in Year 1 to help the State complete its I-80 widening project in Lincoln that then provides a credit to Lincoln for its share of the South Beltway project in Year 6, completion of funding for the NW 48th Street widening project from O Street to Adams Street, beginning funding for widening Pine Lake Road from 61st to Highway 2, and segments of Rokeby Road from 40th to 48th and from 70th to 84th as eligible for use of impact fee revenues for design and construction of improvements.

Projects in the Streets and Highways CIP are found to be in full or general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Hartzell noted there to be one comment from the public received by email relating to the West A Street Project, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Cornelius asked Hartzell to help him understand the process by which the unidentified funding source will be identified for sidewalk maintenance. **David Cary of Planning staff** clarified that Cornelius is referring to the two million dollars for sidewalks with unknown funding. Quite literally, this is a point in time where there have been discussions about the need for additional funding. What this is saying is that we are identifying the fact that there are far more needs than existing and planned revenues to meet those needs. In the Comprehensive Plan, there is a 15-year very aggressive effort on sidewalks. Cornelius thinks it sounds a little like what we have is an underfunding of these particular needs, and it's a little bit of a roundabout way to say that and still make a recommendation of conformance as opposed to saying we do not have the funding for that identified in the Comprehensive Plan. He has concerns about this and feels like his motion might be to amend, finding the sidewalk maintenance and repair project in conformance, contingent upon an identification of this funding source. Is that acceptable?

Cary believes the Commission is in the position to make that motion. But, he pointed out that two years ago, there was a similar discussion when the proposed CIP came forward for that program only showing \$500,000/year. We have now gotten to the point where we are saying we are going to get that to at least one million dollars per year. Cornelius then observed that every year, continually, there is a chronic underfunding for sidewalks and during every update he says the same thing. There was a Comprehensive Plan Update where we identified these needs and we're still not funding it. It seems underfunded and therefore not meeting the need identified in the Comprehensive Plan, and therefore not in conformance.

Lust then clarified that based on the needs for sidewalks, \$1,000,000 is underfunding at about only 1/3 of the needs to catch up. Cary stated that the Comprehensive Plan says the needs are \$2.5 million for the adopted Comprehensive Plan, so you would compare the \$1 million to \$2.5 million. Lust pointed out that that was two years ago. She assumes that over time the condition of the sidewalks has actually deteriorated further. Cary agreed. As more time goes on that it is not fully funded, the needs continue to grow. Lust asked whether there is any level of confidence that the projected funds would catch us up. Cary believes \$3 million over 15 years is the effort needed to get fully caught up, and then fully retain that to not get behind again.

There was no other public testimony.

Broadband Infrastructure

The Broadband Infrastructure section of the CIP is appearing for the first time this year. Broadband Infrastructure covers City projects to replace, update and expand to support the Lincoln Technology Improvement System. Examples of projects include new and updated backbone conduit, innerduct, manholes, handholds, fiber optic cables and other equipment. The facilities are intended for public and private use. The funding source for these projects has not been identified.

Projects in the Broadband Infrastructure CIP are found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

Lust sought to clarify, for example, with the Parks and the sidewalks and now Broadband, when the Commission is finding something to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan when we actually haven't identified the funding source, is the finding that the Planning Department is recommending contingent upon that funding being found? In other words, we are assuming the "wished for" funding comes along to make the project in conformance. Hartzell responded that there is a funding amount; we don't know where it will come from; but as the Mayor and Council work through the budget process, they will identify the funding sources; it would not be adopted in the budget without the funding source. Lust suggested that the recommendation could be a finding of conformance for the project, if you find the funding. Hartzell agreed.

Beecham wondered about the ramifications of a motion finding that it is not in conformance because it is not funded. Hartzell suggested that in the case of sidewalks and broadband, the City Council can still appropriate funds without having a finding of general or specific conformity. The only time that we have an issue with a finding of nonconformity is if federal funds are needed through the TIP program. The TIP is a fiscally constrained document and requires that the projects must have some level of conformity with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Watershed Management

The proposed Watershed Management CIP contains approximately \$28.3 million in improvements over the six year period. The passage of three general obligation (GO) bond issues (in FY 2015/16, FY 2017/18, and FY 2019/20) constitute the bulk of the funding for these improvements. The remaining watershed management funding includes Other Financing. Projects include Water Quality Projects, Stream Rehabilitation on Parks Property, Floodplain/Floodprone Area Engineering Projects, Urban Storm Drainage Projects, Implementation of Watershed Master Plan Projects, and the continued development of Comprehensive Watershed Master Plans.

The Watershed Management CIP is found to be in full or general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Street Maintenance Operations

The Street Maintenance Operations CIP includes a New Portland Cement Silo at 3200 Baldwin Ave., Fleet Services Shop bridge crane, and replacement of existing Gasboy Fuel Management system, all using General Financing. Additional General Financing is used for a Master Planning Study for a common use maintenance facility in the southern part of the City which may be shared with one or more City divisions. A regular Facility Repairs program is planned for each year using a combination of General Financing and Other funds. This program would maintain and repair the 3200 Baldwin Street and 3180 South Street facilities as well as the Municipal Services Center.

The Street Maintenance Operations CIP is found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Water Supply and Distribution

The proposed Lincoln Water System CIP contains approximately \$101.7 million in water supply, treatment, storage and distribution improvements over the six-year period. The CIP has been prepared based upon information and recommendations contained in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Lincoln Water System Facilities Master Plan. This proposed CIP assumes a 3% increase in water utility revenues in the first two years and a 5% increase in each year of the program thereafter.

Continued in this year's program is general programming of projects intended to serve growth in the community. A total of \$10.3 million in Utility Revenues is programmed for specific improvements associated with new growth in the 6 year CIP period. And an additional \$9.3 million is shown for projects that may not have been identified as yet, or may be identified as having a "To Be Determined" funding timeline. Of the above mentioned \$9.3 million, \$250,000 per year is designated for an economic development project fund. The Selected Main Replacement and Infrastructure Rehab programs show funding increasing over the 6 year period at a rate which will better address these needs.

The Water Supply and Distribution CIP is found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Wastewater

The proposed Lincoln Wastewater CIP contains approximately \$67.7 million in projects. The CIP has been prepared based on information and recommendations contained in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the adopted Lincoln Wastewater Facilities Master Plan. Funding sources for projects include Revenue Bonds, Utility Revenues, and Impact Fees. This proposed CIP assumes a 3% revenue increase in wastewater utility revenues in the first two years and 5% in each subsequent year of the program.

Continued in this year's program is more general programming of projects intended to serve growth in the community. A total of \$10.6 million in Impact Fees, Revenue Bonds and Utility Revenues is programmed for these projects in the 6 year period, \$250,000 of which is specified each year for an economic development fund. Specific funding for projects is identified for those with a construction date already determined, and will be identified as planning and need become more apparent in future years.

The Selected Repair/Replacement of Wastewater Facilities/Collectors program is funded at \$10.7 million over the 6 years of the program. Of note are anticipated NPDES Nutrient Removal studies at both Theresa Street and the Northeast Treatment Plants in the later years of the CIP. With this CIP, all developer commitments through annexation agreements are being met.

The Wastewater CIP is found to be in full or general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Solid Waste Operations

Proposed capital improvements for the Solid Waste Operations program include projects related to the Bluff Road Sanitary Landfill, the North 48th Street Landfill and Transfer Station, and the Solid Waste Management System. The CIP totals approximately \$16 million over the six-year period which is a decrease of almost \$10 million from last year.

Notable projects include liner and leachate collection systems for new phases and final caps for older phases of the Bluff Road landfill, Access Roadway Repair, Maintenance Building Expansion and Site Maintenance at the Bluff Road Landfill, Recycling Drop-off Maintenance and Improvements, closure of the North 48th Street landfill and a study of a possible new Waste Transfer/Eco Park as recommended by the Solid Waste Master Plan Advisory Committee.

The Solid Waste Operations CIP is found to be in general conformance with the Comprehensive Plan.

There was no other public testimony.

Discussion:

Cary appeared to make a clarification about the CIP for sidewalk maintenance and repair. He suggested that the one thing to think about when looking at the conformity of the projects, when you look at the financially constrained plan for transportation, the sidewalk program is identified at \$1 million. A lot of the programs throughout the CIP are not going to meet the needs, but the financially constrained plan includes the \$1 million.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
LINCOLN MPO 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION
PLAN (LRTP) CONCERNING THE LINCOLN SOUTH BELTWAY.
PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

May 7, 2014

Members present: Corr, Beecham, Cornelius, Hove, Harris, Scheer, Sunderman and Lust; Weber absent.

Staff recommendation: Approval.

Staff presentation: **Mike Brienzo of Planning staff** advised that this LRTP amendment is a proposal by the Nebraska State Department of Roads (NDOR) to amend the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) LRTP and supporting Technical Report to show the Lincoln South Beltway project as a priority project by moving it from the listing of Unfunded State Projects to the list of Committed State Projects (funded) and revising the fiscally constrained project listing of the MPO Roadway Projects in the Transportation Plan.

Brienzo stated that the project has been and continues to be coordinated with the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County, and both agree with the NDOR proposal to amend the LRTP at this time. This is to identify the Lincoln South Beltway project as a priority project in the fiscally constrained road projects.

Brienzo further stated that there is a long history of this project, dating back to the 1970's. The concept has undergone a number of variations but at this time, the NDOR has assumed it as an alternative route for Nebraska Highway 2. NDOR has been provided state funding through the Build Nebraska Act, and this, coupled with some federal funds and local funds, makes the development possible.

Jim Wilkinson from Project Planning at NDOR was in attendance to answer questions.

Lust commented that the briefing provided last week was very comprehensive, thus the lack of questioning at this time.

Harris inquired as to the most recent public input process on this project, in that the South Beltway has been in the works for a long time. Brienzo advised that the project was revived last year to update the Environmental Impact Statement, and that was open to public review in June as the study was re-started. The environmental review is now underway and we would expect it to take another six to eight months; then that is handed off to Federal Highway Administration for their review as well as other federal agencies. It is anticipated that there will be more public meetings on the project itself to take place later this year in the fall. Once the environmental document is completed and approved, the project will undergo design and full construction. At this time, construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.

Support

1. **Kyle Fischer** appeared on behalf of the **Lincoln Chamber of Commerce**. He commented that there is reason to celebrate when we get to put the South Beltway back on the funded list. It was a big blow to the community when the project was taken off the funding list. The Chamber has worked very hard to get LB84 funded through the Legislature to get that funding back on track for Lincoln and all of Nebraska. He is hopeful that the Commission will support this amendment and celebrate what a momentous occasion this is.

**THE LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2018.
PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

May 7, 2014

Members present: Corr, Beecham, Cornelius, Hove, Harris, Scheer, Sunderman and Lust; Weber absent.

Staff recommendation: A finding of general conformance with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Ex parte communications: Cathy Beecham disclosed that she participated in a citizen advisory committee regarding Penny Bridge.

Staff presentation: **Mike Brienzo of Planning staff** stated that the TIP is a program of projects that are developing to satisfy the federal requirements to coordinate projects and to list any project that will receive federal funding. This program is coordinated with all transportation agencies within the planning area in Lancaster County, including the state NDOR projects, County Engineer projects, City projects, Public Works & Utilities transportation projects as well as StarTran, Lincoln Airport Authority, Parks & Recreation, Lower Platte South NRD and Hickman, which has a trails project that is receiving federal funding. The TIP is a four-year program and it is coordinated with the LRTP, which is a fiscally constrained document, making the TIP a fiscally constrained document. It is also coordinated with the Comprehensive Plan, using the Comprehensive Plan as a foundation. The LRTP is much more detailed and the documentation therein is more extensive.

The staff is recommending a finding of conformity, with the amendment to the LRTP concerning the South Beltway.

There was no other public testimony.

LRTP AMENDMENT

ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

May 7, 2014

Cornelius moved approval, seconded by Hove.

Cornelius commented that it is exciting to see this development. He was disappointed to see it go from funded to unfunded, and now it is good to see it come back.

Hove stated that he is also very excited. The South Beltway is really needed and we need to push it forward as quickly as possible.

Motion for approval carried 8-0: Corr, Beecham, Cornelius, Hove, Harris, Scheer, Sunderman and Lust voting 'yes'; Weber absent.

2015-18 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

May 7, 2014

Beecham moved to approve a finding of general conformance with the 2040 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan, as amended by the foregoing LRTP amendment, seconded by Scheer.

Lust believes these are good projects for the city and she believes that the finding of general conformance is appropriate.

Motion carried 8-0: Corr, Beecham, Cornelius, Hove, Harris, Scheer, Sunderman and Lust voting 'yes'; Weber absent.

DRAFT SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

May 7, 2014

Cornelius moved to approve a finding of conformance with the Comprehensive Plan, seconded by Hove.

Cornelius stated that as always, he has concerns about the sidewalk program in particular, and there are other projects with similar issues. With regard to sidewalk maintenance, he decided not to find lack of conformance because he believes the goals of the project are in conformance with the Plan; and because of the complicated relationship between the CIP and the LRTP and budget requirements; and because the project does call for funding to meet the goals and needs set out in the Comprehensive Plan; and because it calls for paying for those needs, that project is in conformance and that is why he will find it in conformance.

Lust agreed with Cornelius. When the Commission went through the Comprehensive Plan process, the fiscally constrained plan was adopted and that put aside funding at one million dollars per year. But, it was her belief at that time and it is still her belief now that that level of funding still does not comply with the spirit of the Comprehensive Plan calling for compact growth; you cannot have compact growth if people cannot walk. Since the approved level of funding is at one million dollars, she believes it is within the Comprehensive Plan; and since there is a plan to try to find more funding for sidewalks, which she desperately hopes can happen, she will find the project for sidewalks to be in conformance and she is not proposing any amendments. She expressed how very important it is to improve that infrastructure.

Beecham commented that she is very excited about the CIP for broadband infrastructure. Lincoln is really poised to be an amazing place for startups and small and large companies, and this is a real critical piece. The Comprehensive Plan looks at a lot of infill and redevelopment and there are key pieces to make that successful, including sidewalks, neighborhood pools, street trees, parks, etc. She is happy to see them and it is important to continue to fund those items. Low to moderate income (LMI) is critical because we are only as strong as our weakest neighborhood. We need improvements to grow, not just on the outside but also within our city limits.

Motion for a finding of conformance with the Comprehensive Plan carried 8-0: Corr, Beecham, Cornelius, Hove, Harris, Scheer, Sunderman and Lust voting 'yes'; Weber absent.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Please note: These minutes will not be formally approved by the Planning Commission until their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

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In the same document, project 0218 identifies funding sources from Impact Fees in District 1 for 2014/2015 through 2019/2020 for initial design and right-of-way acquisition prior to roadway improvement (p. 6). Note that the 0218 project shows examples from the District 1 Impact Fees which include the West A Street projects, but does not necessarily show which individual projects are being funded in which year since the primary goal of the CIP is to identify funding sources.

0218 Impact Fees - District 1

Description:

The intent of this listing identifies example roadway segments where initial design and right-of-way acquisition can be completed prior to the roadway improvement. Initial construction may only provide two through lanes plus turn lanes. Priority of Roadway improvements will be determined as land development generates roadway capacity needs. These roadways are currently identified in the existing comprehensive plan. Construction schedules are contingent upon availability of Funding. Projects such as :
 W. 'A' Street - Coddington to Folsom,
 W. 'A' Street - SW 40th to Coddington Avenue,
 W. Holdrege - NW 56th to NW 48th,
 NW. 56th - Partridge Lane to "O" St,
 W. Holdrege - NW 48th to NW 40th,
 NW 48th - "O" to Hwy 34,
 NW 40th - "O" to Holdrege,
 US-6 (Sun Valley Blvd) - Cornhusker Highway to W. "O" St,

Group:	Impact Fee Districts
Program:	District 1
Budget Outcome:	Effective Transportation
Budget Goal:	Provide transportation infrastructure
Date Anticipated:	
Rating:	B
Status:	Continued
Comp Plan Conformity:	In Conformance With Plan

Project Total:\$8,573.60

Prior Appropriations \$5,746.90

Costs Beyond: \$0.00

6 yr appropriations

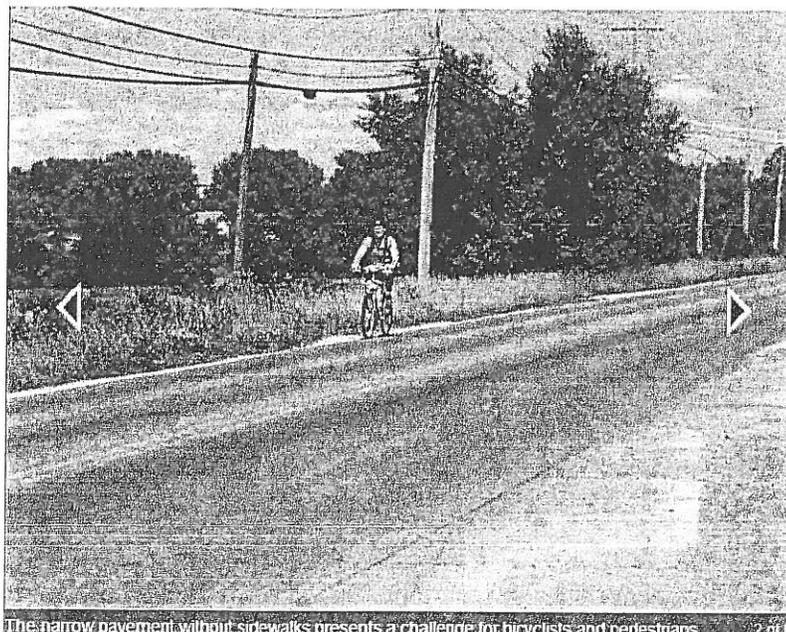
Funding Source	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	6 yr Total
Impact Fee Revenues	\$174.70	\$210.40	\$610.40	\$610.40	\$610.40	\$610.40	\$2,826.70

6 yr estimated cost by activity

Activity type	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Other	X	X	X	X	X	X

I am providing the preceding information as background. The West A Street Project has been "on the books" since 2004, and although it has always been deemed a priority, it either did not have the commitment of funding, or other projects have been prioritized over it, delaying it for over 10 years. I believe there are multiple factors which warrant consideration for not only a firm commitment to the project, but to initiate it in the current biennium budget. I understand the need to prioritize capital and infrastructure improvements under capital budgeting constraints, but in addition to the seven goals outlined in the Long Range Transportation Plan, there should be consideration to ensure newer projects do not continually outrank existing projects to ensure no area of the city is neglected.

With respect to the current justification for the project outlined by Public Works, I agree that safety is an important consideration. Living in the area, it is somewhat disconcerting to see younger children walking along the road or cyclists using the road. It is narrow and poses a hazard to both groups. Prioritizing this project will also



The narrow pavement without sidewalks presents a challenge for bicyclists and pedestrians.

highlight goal 6 (Protect and enhance environmental sustainability, provide opportunities for active lifestyles, and conserve natural and cultural resources). I believe a safer route would also increase cycling in the area. Some residents currently transport their bikes to trailhead areas to avoid the safety issues associated with West A Street, and increasing the convenience will increase overall participation. The initial justification also outlined what has occurred – a continued increase in traffic. There are substantially more dwelling units in the area since the initial identification of the project ten years ago. Completion of the viaduct over the BNSF tracks on SW 40th and West O Street will increase traffic flow due to the new County Jail Facilities located at SW 40th and West O Street. West A Street between Coddington Avenue and SW 40th also suffers from degradation; while there are no significant pot holes due to upkeep by Public Works, there are indentations in the road that leads to water pooling during significant rainfall events, particularly in those intersecting roadways and older portions of the roadway, creating a potential for vehicles to hydroplane.

Given these factors, I believe we can all agree as the L RTP states that this should be a high priority; the mayor in a recent press release (*City's Federal Spending Authority Shifted to South Beltway Project* <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2014/041714.htm>) references this project: "Mayor Beutler said the City's highest priority is construction and rehabilitation on roads such as Yankee Hill, Pine Lake, **West "A"** and South 56th...". I would reiterate that I believe funding for design, right of way acquisition and construction be committed to start within the proposed two year biennium. This roadway services multiple neighborhoods that did not exist at the time when it was rated a priority project and the citizens in this area have been patiently awaiting deserved safety and infrastructure improvements.

I plan on making this statement available to the area homeowner's associations, city council, and mayor's office, I appreciate your consideration and will be available at any of the contacts that I listed in the opening statement if you have any specific questions for me. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Regards,
John J. Turincs

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Bill Nelson, High Ridge/Cushman Neighborhood Association
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Mayor's Office
Lincoln City Council

**** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ****
May 14, 2014

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th 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, MAY 14, 2014

[All members present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 30, 2014. ****APPROVED: 9-0****

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

- Page 01
- 1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 14010, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, the assignment of a permanent conservation easement to the City of Lincoln for the purpose of preserving flood storage volume in the Salt Creek storage area, on property generally located at S. 1st St. and W. South St. (177 W. South St.). ***** FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had public hearing.
At the request of staff, Planning Commission granted a two-week deferral, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2014, 1:00 p.m.

ANNEXATION WITH RELATED ITEMS:

Page 13 1.2a Annexation No. 14002, to annex approximately 10.40 acres, more or less, generally located between S. 70th St. and S. 84th St., south of Yankee Hill Rd.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

Page 13 1.2b Change of Zone No. 05068D, an amendment to The Woodlands at Yankee Hill Planned Unit Development, for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District PUD to expand the PUD by approximately 10.55 acres, more or less; and from R-3 Residential District Planned Unit Development to R-3 Residential District to reduce the area of the Planned Unit Development by approximately 2.15 acres, more or less, on property generally located between S. 70th St. and S. 84th St., south of Yankee Hill Rd.; for a planned unit development district designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Ordinance, and which increases the number of dwelling units shown in the PUD from 613 to 675, thereby increasing the total number of allowed dwelling units to 700 on the underlying R-3 zoned area.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated April 30, 2014, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Page 35 1.3 Waiver No. 14004, to waive the requirements of the Land Subdivision Ordinance for street paving, street trees and sidewalks, on property generally located at S. Folsom St. and W. Calvert St. (727 West Calvert Street).
***** FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had public hearing.
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated April 29, 2014: 9-0.
Resolution No. PC-01392.

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1.4 Street & Alley Vacation No. 14003, to vacate the east-west alley between 10th St. and vacated 11th St., generally located at 10th St. and Q St.
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 have been satisfied.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: (See Items 1.1 and 1.3 above)**

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

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4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 14009, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan to add the Kiechel Fine Art Gallery Redevelopment Project located at 1208 "O" Street. The project consists of an art garden on the rooftop deck, energy efficient windows and enhanced facade lighting. The Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan area is generally bounded by Salt Creek, Interstate 180 and "R" St. on the north, 17th St. on the east, "G" St. on the south and Salt Creek, 2nd St. and Sun Valley Blvd. on the west.
Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 9-0.
Public Hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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4.2 Waiver No. 14005, to modify the requirements of the Land Subdivision Ordinance to reduce the lot depth-to-width ratio, on property generally located at S.W. 6th St. and West C St. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission 'final action': APPROVAL: 9-0.
Resolution No. PC-01393.

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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Adjournment

PENDING LIST: *None*

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**The Planning Commission meeting
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday
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**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : May 14, 2014

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: May 14, 2014

Please be advised that on May 14, 2014, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01392, approving Waiver No. 14004, requested by Mike and Sue King, to modify the Land Subdivision Ordinance to waive the requirements to pave West Calvert Street, install sidewalks and plant street trees for the subdivision of one lot into two lots, on property generally located at S. Folsom Street and W. Calvert Street (727 W. Calvert Street).

Resolution No. PC-01393, approving Waiver No. 14005, requested by John R. Alley, Walter Jr. Alley and Nancy Alley, to modify the requirements of the Land Subdivision Ordinance to waive the required minimum lot depth of residential lots from 90 feet to 80 feet for four lots associated with the Elmwood 2nd Addition final plat, on property generally located at SW 6th Street and West C Street.

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

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. WVR14004, WVR14005). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.

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Memorandum

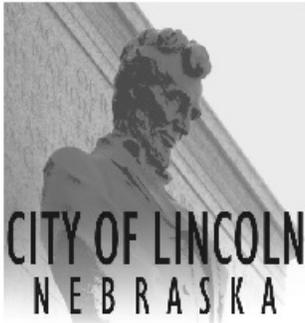
Date: ♦ May 13, 2014
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 6, 2014 through May 12, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 14025 to Administrative Final Plat No. 01061, approved by the Planning Director on May 6, 2014, requested by Olsson Associates, to correct the dimensions of the length of the southeast line of Lot 1, Horizon Business Center 5th Addition. Property is located at 1130 Aries Drive.

Administrative Amendment No. 14029 to Special Permit No. 1895, Vavrina Meadows Planned Service Commercial, approved by the Planning Director on May 9, 2014, requested by ESP, Inc., to add to the general notes to clarify that cross parking is allowed both on the private roadways and lots, on property generally located at S. 14th St. and Yankee Hill Rd.

Administrative Amendment No. 14030 to Use Permit No. 129A, Vavrina Meadows, approved by the Planning Director on May 9, 2014, requested by ESP, Inc., to add to the general notes to clarify that cross parking is allowed both on the private roadways and lots, on property generally located at S. 14th St. and Yankee Hill Rd.



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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May 15, 2014

South 56th Street; Old Cheney Road - Waltz Drive South 56th Street; Waltz Drive - London Road

Beginning 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014, South 56th Street from Old Cheney Road to Waltz Drive will close for pavement repairs (asphalt patching). The street will be closed from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m daily until completion. Access to the intersection at 56th Street and Waltz Drive will be maintained throughout the project either from the north or the south. Construction is expected to be completed by Friday, May 23, 2014.

The road work is necessary to maintain the roadway until the South 56th Street reconstruction project from Old Cheney to Shadow Pines Dr begins. City Maintenance crews will be doing the work.

The City Public Works and Utilities Department appreciates the public's patience during construction and urges motorists to use extra caution in or near work zones. For more information on City construction projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: [projects](#)).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Doug at 402-326-0691.

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: City staff and the purchase of a surplus property

From: Robin Eschliman [<mailto:robin@ecrproperty.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2014 12:33 PM

To: Jon Camp

Subject: City staff and the purchase of a surplus property

I wanted to make you aware of something I think has really improved in recent years. I have been assisting a restaurant owner who was searching for the ownership of a vacant parcel adjacent to his property because he is interested in expanding in the future. I researched the parcel and discovered it was owned by the City of Lincoln. I was able to jump on the City website and quickly find a list of surplus properties, along with helpful description, aerial and information. I bet that website saved me probably five phone calls.

Our conversations with Urban Development have been extremely cordial. My client made an offer on the property, and Urban Development was very quick getting us answers, advertising the property for sale to the rest of the public, and getting back to us with a negotiation. Receiving paperwork and getting answers from the Law Department has taken longer, but Urban Development has stayed in touch in order to keep the process moving.

When I was in service to the City, I advocated for more transparency with these surplus properties. I did not expect things to move along as smoothly with this transaction as they have. I think part of it is that technology is better now, but I also think that the City has been intentional about making information available to the public.

Robin Eschliman, CCIM, President

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AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, May 16, 2014 – 9:30 A.M.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the April 18, 2014 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board**
- 3. Comments from Customers**
- 4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff**
 - A. 20 Years – Steve Ehlers, Night Service Technician, Energy Delivery
 - B. 40 Years – Paul McCoy, Crew Leader, Transmission Distribution, Energy Delivery
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
 - B. Budget & Rates Committee
 - C. Personnel & Organization Committee
- 6. Administrator & CEO Reports**
 - A. Report to Rating Agencies
 - B. 2013 Annual Report
- 7. Chief Operating Officer’s Reports**
 - A. Miscellaneous Updates
 - B. 2014 Construction Review and Outlook
 - C. Sustainable Energy Program (SEP) Update
- 8. *Executive Session – Administrator and CEO Performance Review – LES Resolution 2014-6**
- 9. Other Business**
 - A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
 - B. Miscellaneous Information
- 10. Adjournment**

*** Denotes Action Items**

Next Regular LES Administrative Board meeting Friday, June 27, 2014.

Message from Mark Hinrichs

As he has an older home the water meter is larger and he doesn't feel like it's equitable that his service fee is double for water than someone with a smaller line.

DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2014

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. City seeks grant to add two police officers.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Free public wi-Fi now available in Bill Harris Iron Horse Park.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of May 17, 2014 through May 23, 2014.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for May 22, 2014.
2. Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting agenda for May 22, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. North 33rd Street; P Street - Holdrege Street. City Rehabilitation Project No. 701775.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Article from The Wall Street Journal regarding pension funds.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Scott Sandquist memo in support of the proposed Great American Sports Park redevelopment Project, including letters of support from:
 - a) Brian Rodaway, Lincoln Indoor Baseball;
 - b) Andrew J. Ferguson, Executive Director of Sporting Lincoln FC;
 - c) Maggie Griffin, Owner, VC Nebraska;
 - d) Justin E. Hayes, Partner/Director of Football Operations, Lincoln Haymakers;
 - e) Dave Minarik, Executive Director, Nebraska Sports Council;
 - f) Scott Wieskamp, Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Lincoln Public Schools;
 - g) Harvey Perlman, UNL Chancellor; and the
 - h) Junior Saltdogs President.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 15, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Public Safety Director Tom Casady, 402-441-7071

Police Chief Jim Peschong, 402-441-7237

CITY SEEKS GRANT TO ADD TWO POLICE OFFICERS

Additional resources to be used for gang investigation and intervention

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the Lincoln Police Department (LPD) will apply for a federal grant to add two police officers, allowing LPD to devote more resources to fighting gang-related crimes. The grant from the Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services (COPS) would pay 75 percent of the salary cost up to \$125,000 per officer over the three-year period.

“Crime in Lincoln has been declining consistently and significantly since peaking in 1991, but law enforcement officials, residents and I have become concerned with what appears to be an increase in the intensity of gang-related crimes,” Mayor Beutler said. “Last year, there were three gang-related murders in Lincoln. I have received two confidential briefings from our police department about emerging inter-gang conflict and violence in the past two years. This grant would allow us to be more proactive in this area by committing more resources to gang investigation and intervention.”

Police Chief Jim Peschong said the City has seen an 18 percent increase in documented gang membership in the last seven months. “This past year we’ve connected several patterns of convenience store robberies to organized gang activity,” Peschong said. “In addition to the three gang-related murders, a fourth was committed by a gang member carrying a gun. We want to stay ahead of these situations in which gang members are carrying weapons and involving themselves in violent crime.”

“Responding after the fact is not as effective as prevention and early intervention,” said Public Safety Director Tom Casady. “By committing more resources to gang intervention, we will improve our chances of avoiding gang violence in the community, interrupt gang recruitment and prevent the retaliatory violence.”

Casady said he expects the total cost per officer to be about \$69,000 a year. The grant would provide \$41,667 per officer per year, so the City share would be \$27,334 per officer per year. COPS will announce its grant recipients by September 30.

The City last used a COPS grant in 2009 when it accepted \$679,136 in federal stimulus funds to hire four full-time police officers. That grant provided 100-percent funding for salaries for three years. More information is available at www.cops.usdoj.gov.

More information on LPD is available at police.lincoln.ne.gov.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 15, 2014

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

Mark Priscaro, Ruckus Wireless, 925-367-5505

David Young, Fiber Infrastructure and Right of Way Manager, dyoung@lincoln.ne.gov

**FREE PUBLIC WI-FI NOW AVAILABLE IN
BILL HARRIS IRON HORSE PARK**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that free high-speed outdoor public Wi-Fi service is available through September 15 in the area of Bill Harris Iron Horse Park at 7th and “Q” streets in the Haymarket. The City is partnering with Ruckus Wireless on the pilot project. The network name is **Lincoln_Free_WiFi**.

“Our long-term goal is to make Lincoln one of the most connected cities in the nation,” Mayor Beutler said. “Access to wireless technology in our public spaces for use by residents, visitors and even businesses is becoming an expectation. This public-private partnership gives residents and visitors a reliable Wi-Fi connection in one of the most exciting areas of our community. It’s the first step in our initiative to expand the service to more of the Railyard, Haymarket and West Haymarket area. It also lays the foundation for future wireless connectivity projects.”

The timing and location for the pilot project were chosen because of the large number of potential users in the area for the Haymarket Farmers Market on Saturdays. Ruckus and CSI, the City’s current equipment vendor, will have a table at the Market to assist users. NebraskaLink is providing a 1-gigabit network connection to support the project. Commonwealth Electric, the City’s fiber optic contractor, donated the installation of the fiber optic network.

Tracy Grosh of Ruckus Wireless said the partnership is delivering the first cloud-based municipal public Wi-Fi access service using the Ruckus Smart Access Management service. “With the explosive growth of the mobile Internet, the demand for high-speed Wi-Fi access will continue to rapidly increase,” said Grosh. “Lincoln and Ruckus share a similar vision of the vital importance to be able to provide reliable wireless connectivity to people who rely on getting online every day for work and play.”

David Young, the City’s Fiber Infrastructure and Right of Way Manager, said the pilot project grew out of the 2013 Lincoln Technology Improvement District (LTID), a partnership between the City and private broadband providers to upgrade the fiber network in the central business district.

- more -

Wi-Fi in Haymarket

May 15, 2014

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Young said Ruckus Wireless was chosen for the project after extensive testing because its patented technology provides more stable and higher-speed connections than conventional Wi-Fi technology. He said the technology was developed to deliver stronger signals at longer ranges to large numbers of concurrent users in outdoor environments. Ruckus is providing similar Wi-Fi service in San Francisco and San Jose.

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About Ruckus Wireless:

Headquartered in Sunnyvale, CA, [Ruckus Wireless, Inc.](http://www.ruckuswireless.com) (NYSE: RKUS) is a global supplier of advanced wireless systems for the rapidly expanding mobile Internet infrastructure market. The company offers a wide range of indoor and outdoor "Smart Wi-Fi" products to mobile carriers, broadband service providers, and corporate enterprises, and has approximately 36,000 end-customers worldwide. Ruckus technology addresses Wi-Fi capacity and coverage challenges caused by the ever-increasing amount of traffic on wireless networks due to accelerated adoption of mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. Ruckus invented and has patented state-of-the-art wireless voice, video, and data technology innovations, such as adaptive antenna arrays that extend signal range, increase client data rates, and avoid interference, providing consistent and reliable distribution of delay-sensitive multimedia content and services over standard 802.11 Wi-Fi. For more information, visit <http://www.ruckuswireless.com>.

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Date: May 16, 2014

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of May 17 through 23, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Monday, May 19

- “Success, Hopes and Dreams 2014” Statewide Behavioral Health Conference (Nebraska Mental Health Association), remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Tuesday, May 20

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m.
- City Impact ribbon-cutting, remarks and proclamation - 3:30 p.m., Peter Pan Park, 33rd Street and Overland Trail

Wednesday, May 21

- City Employee Service Awards ceremony, remarks - 8 a.m., Windsor Stables, 1024 “L” St.
- Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, remarks - 12:30 p.m., Justice and Law Enforcement Center, (east steps), 575 S. 10th St.



NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission** will hold a public meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2014. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 214, second floor, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street,, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda.

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

AGENDA

May 22, 2014

1. Approval of meeting records of March 27 and April 24, 2014.

Hearing and Action

2. Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 430 South 16th Street, First Christian Church.
3. Certificate of Appropriateness for inscribed plaques in the Spirit of Nebraska Pathway of Nebraska's Centennial Mall, in the Capitol Environs District.
4. Certificate of Appropriateness for work at the Museum of Nebraska History, 131 Centennial Mall North.

Discussion and Action

5. Miscellaneous: staff report, etc.

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Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

County-City Building
555 South 10th Street - Suite 213
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
(402) 441-7491

TO: Technical Committee Members
FROM: Marvin Krout, Chairman, Technical Committee
SUBJECT: Technical Committee Meeting

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: May 22, 2014
TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room #113
County-City Building

Meeting Agenda:

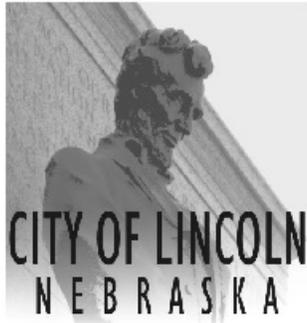
Roll call and acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"

1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the **April 24, 2014** Technical Committee meeting. *(enclosure)*
2. Review and action Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) request to amend the **Lincoln South Beltway Project** within the Lincoln MPO *2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*. *(Planning Commission Record enclosed)*
3. Review and action on the **proposed FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program**. The *proposed* TIP report is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. *(TIP is posted on the MPO web page/ Planning Commission Record enclosed)*
4. Review and action on the MPO's **proposed FY 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program**. The proposed UPWP report is located on the Lincoln MPO web page, www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/. *(Staff report enclosed)*
5. Other topics for discussion.

Next MPO Technical Committee Meeting: August 14, 2014

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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May 20, 2014

North 33rd Street; P Street - Holdrege Street City Rehabilitation Project No. 701775

The City of Lincoln will begin the rehabilitation of North 33rd Street from P Street to Holdrege Street on May 27, 2014, weather permitting. The existing asphalt pavement will be milled off. The concrete base will be removed in the center lane and at the approaches to the Vine Street intersection. New concrete base will be poured in the center lane and at the Vine Street approaches. The roadway will be overlaid with new asphalt and pavement markings. Pedestrian curb ramps along 33rd Street will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards. The MoPac Trail crossing will be upgraded to ADA standards and will be outfitted with Rapid Flashing Beacons. The traffic signal at 33rd and Vine Street also will be rebuilt. The project is expected to be completed by September 14, 2014.

Constructors Inc. will be the contractor. They will perform the work under a total street closure with the road closed to through traffic. Traffic from 33rd Street will be detoured using 27th Street and 48th Street. The contractor will perform the work in two phases. Phase 1 will take place from P Street to W Street including the traffic signal and concrete work at the Vine Street intersection. Phase 2 will take place from W Street to Holdrege Street. During the project, Vine Street will remain open to one-through lane in both the east and west directions. 33rd Street is expected to be open to through traffic by August 31, 2014.

Access to businesses and residences will be restricted at times during the construction operations. The City will work with local businesses and residences regarding their access during construction. If a business or residence has a sprinkler system along the project route in close proximity to a curb ramp, they are asked to flag the sprinkler heads to aid the contractor in minimizing damage.

Information on the City of Lincoln projects is available on the City's website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following people:

Zach Becker, Project Manager
City of Lincoln - Engineering Services
(402) 613-3763
zbecker@lincoln.ne.gov

Jeff Pankoke, Project Superintendent
Constructors Inc.
(402) 432-6369

OPINION

More Detroit's Are on the Way

By Richard Ravitch

The most significant step taken after New York City's near-bankruptcy in 1975 was to curb creative-accounting practices. How was that accomplished? Through a state requirement that the city balance its budget in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The city has not had a fiscal crisis since.

So it's not surprising that since the city's new mayor, Bill de Blasio, released his first budget last week, there's been intense public debate involving the comptrollers of both

Even as pension bombs tick, cities and states still borrow far beyond their means.

the city and the state about whether the deferral of payments contractually due city employees was properly accounted for.

Between the scrutiny of the press, civic organizations and public officials, the city's record of 30 years without a fiscal crisis is likely to last.

Sadly, no other local government chose to follow the example of New York City, a choice that has led to chronic shortfalls. Earlier this year, former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker and I released the "Final Report of the State Budget Crisis Task Force" after nearly three years of study and analysis. The report sought to understand whether the states' current fiscal problems were cyclical—caused by the financial collapse of 2008 and likely to abate with economic recovery—or whether they were structural, the

result of long-term revenue and spending imbalances. The report's main finding is that in most states and cities the problems are structural and the crisis is deepening.

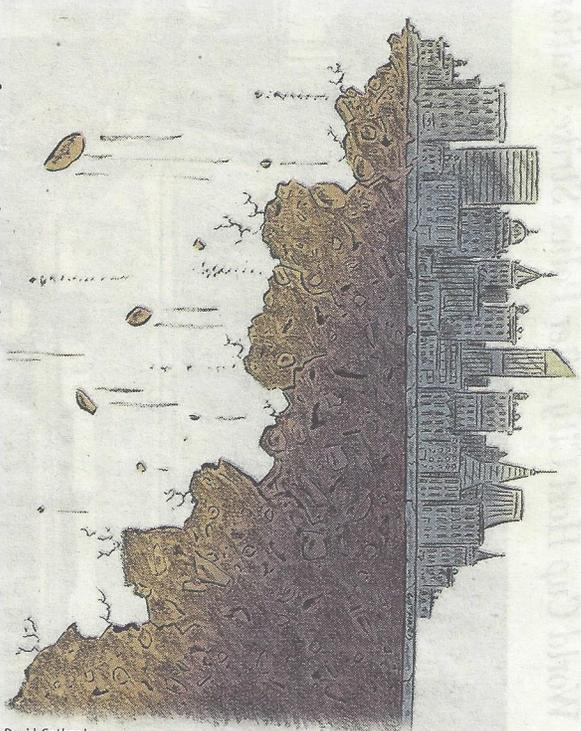
The crisis has many elements but a few stand out. First, contributions to employee pension funds are often well below the levels needed to ensure the payment of the benefits that are contractually or constitutionally guaranteed, let alone those that past trustees and legislatures added on a discretionary basis.

Sometimes the contributions are not made at all for years at a time. Everyone with a role in determining these contribution levels has an incentive to keep them as low as possible. Politicians don't like to raise taxes to meet future obligations, while public unions would rather take the long-term risk of underfunding rather than face immediate layoffs or benefit reductions.

The largest single expenditure in most state budgets is for Medicaid. Unfortunately, health-care costs have been rising faster than either inflation or state and local tax revenues, and most economists believe they will rise even faster in the next few years.

But the most critical piece of the states' fiscal dilemma is that they are borrowing to cover their operating deficits. They do this directly—by issuing debt securities—but also indirectly. Some states, like New York, make contributions to their pension systems in promissory notes rather than cash. States and cities also sell assets and treat the proceeds as operating revenues, in effect selling off the family silver to stay afloat.

In 2009 Arizona sold its capitol buildings for more than \$700 million. In 2008 Chicago leased its parking



David Gothard

meters for 75 years for nearly \$1.2 billion. In 1991 New York sold Attica Prison for \$200 million to itself through a bond issuance, providing a temporary revenue boost but costing taxpayers far more in the long run in interest. While state constitutions contain various balanced-budget clauses, they generally don't define revenues or prevent such creative accounting.

The consequences of our state and municipal fiscal crises are plain: We are drastically underinvesting in physical infrastructure—roads, bridges, ports, etc.—the necessary underpinning of future growth. Just as important, we are also underinvesting in human infrastructure, most notably our children's ability to compete. No one is satisfied with the output of our educational system, yet states spent over half a billion dollars less on prekindergarten education last year than they had the year before.

Permitting states and municipalities to continue these practices will result—indeed, has already begun to result—in harmful service cuts and a failure to fund promises made to creditors, public employees and the beneficiaries of essential public services, including elderly people without minimal levels of financial support. What this means is we can expect to see more Detroit's. Last July the Motor City filed the country's largest municipal bankruptcy after racking up \$18 billion in promises it could no longer afford to keep.

Meanwhile, the federal government is facing understandable pressure to rein in spending and reduce deficits. One proposal is to reduce health-care spending by raising the age of Medicare eligibility to 67 from 65. Yet this would greatly increase the spending burden on state and local governments currently obligated to fund health care for some 19 million retirees until they

are eligible for Medicare. Worse, we can only guess the scale of such impact since there is currently no mechanism in the federal government that properly measures the effects of federal proposals on the states.

No one seriously argues that when credit markets won't allow more state or local government borrowing, Washington should write checks to get them through their crises. Even if an administration proposed such a Band-Aid, it would be politically impossible for Congress to approve it. Yet if the number of cities and states in extreme distress were to grow significantly, the political pressure to do something would increase inexorably. The ultimate cost would be staggering.

It is time for the federal government to take the steps needed to avoid the social and financial crisis that must be expected if nothing changes. Washington now provides almost 30% of what the states spend annually and already imposes many mandates on states and localities in return for its largess. The federal government could condition its continued financial support on states and local governments adopting budget systems that would require recurring expenses to be matched by current revenues.

The political difficulty involved in such a step will be far less than the pain that will result if states and localities are not forced to move toward a responsible system of accrual budgeting. One thing is clear: Continuing to use cash budgeting practices that allow states and cities to inflate revenues, defer costs and multiply the burdens on future generations is the worst option.

Mr. Ravitch is the former lieutenant governor of New York and an adviser to the bankruptcy judge in Detroit.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Scott Sandquist [Scott@sandquistcqi.com]
Sent: Friday, May 16, 2014 5:01 PM
To: Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; Kent Seacrest; Amy Sandquist
Subject: GASP letters of support
Attachments: Brian Rodaway 20140516160757.pdf; Lincoln Haymakers Letter of Interest.docx; Lincoln Public Schools LOI WHSP 06-26-13.doc; Saltdggs Letter of Intent loi for sports complex on letterhead.jpg; Sporting Lincoln FC Letter of Interest.docx; Sports Council LOS 20140516160742.pdf; UNL Harvey Perlman 212.jpg; VC NE LOI.pdf; VC NE LOI.pdf

Importance: High

City Council Members,

Please find attached just a few general letters of support for our proposed Great American Sports Park redevelopment project.

And thanks much for your support as well!

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Amy and Scott Sandquist
Sandquist Construction
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Lincoln, NE 68510

I would like to offer support for Sandquist Construction's New Project (Great American Sports Park), referencing Lincoln's need for more Indoor/Outdoor fields for youth sports; baseball/softball specifically. I am excited there is a potential opportunity to expand the number of playing surfaces (Indoor & Outdoor) here in town, which will fill a gap, that if you ask any youth coach in town, is in dire need.

I am also looking forward to proving that my experience, baseball knowledge and ability to work with people, will help solidify the indoor portion of this great project. Sandquist came recommended as in the best in new and innovative ideas. We know of a similar project to be underway for soccer that has me excited to work with this group of youth sports enthusiasts to get baseball in Lincoln to a Premier Midwest complex.

I love baseball and especially teaching the game to the eager, hungry youth players in Lincoln and surrounding areas. I grew up in Lincoln, led Lincoln High School to the state tournament in '97, joined the Huskers and played on NU's first College World Series Team in 2001. Rodaway LHP was drafted in the 16th round to the Houston Astros organization, and later pitched for the Saltdogs in '05-'06; which was selected to the All-Decade Team in 2011; also played ball in Asia and 4 Latin American countries. I have gathered many All-Star Selections, including a Pitcher of the Year Award in 2007, and have a career ERA of 3.49 with over 1,000 strikeouts.

I also received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska in '09. My daughter Carly is 11, son Brayden is 9, and both play youth sports in Lincoln.

I enjoy baseball and teaching even more. Through my business, Lincoln Indoor Baseball, I have focused on providing a quality learning, yet fun, environment for Lincoln and nearby communities. Since retiring from professional baseball in 2008, I created Lincoln's First Indoor Baseball League as a winter option for youths wanting to pursue baseball, even when Mother Nature didn't allow it.

In addition to a full-time individual pitching/hitting lessons schedule, I have completed five seasons (6th starting in November 2014) with that successful Winter Indoor Baseball League. With the ability to expand into a larger space, the opportunity is there for LIB to offer more successful programs and into higher age groups as well. This will allow baseball to continue to grow within Lincoln along with the surrounding community with the spillover benefits.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to speaking with you further about this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,

Brian Rodaway

Lincoln Indoor Baseball



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(402) 314-0249 www.sportinglincolnfc.com

To Whom It May Concern:
Argent Lincoln Partners
Re: Optimist Park at Oak Lake

This letter is to confirm our interest in utilizing the outdoor sports fields to be located at the newly developed Optimist Park at Oak Lake. Sporting Lincoln FC operates as the most competitive soccer club in Lincoln, Nebraska, as well as an indoor sports center. Sporting Lincoln FC currently has 5,000 members and 400 active players with growth potential up to 10,000 members and 1,000 players. Our current needs are for the use of 2 full-sized soccer fields exclusively for 8-months (March through October). Additionally, we would request to utilize 6-8 fields during the first week of March, the first week of August, and for an additional 4 weekends throughout the year to be determined by the club within the next 12 months for tournament play. There may be additional requests for field usage as Sporting Lincoln FC and the Sporting Club Network develop proprietary leagues and events for our members. We are working on additional relationships with clubs in Omaha and Western Nebraska to facilitate a new state soccer league. Sporting Lincoln FC will require access to additional fields in the near future and will be able to bring additional resources to the complex if necessary.

Sporting Lincoln FC will utilize the accompanying indoor sports facility on the complex and will coordinate usage accordingly with Oak Lake Sports, LLC.

We look forward to the new complex and appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,

Andrew J Ferguson
Executive Director



Lincoln Haymakers

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E-Mail: jhayes@lincolnhaymakers.com Web: www.lincolnhaymakers.com

Date: September 24, 2013

Oak Lake Sports Arena

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express interest in partnering with Oak Lake Sports and the Lincoln Haymakers. The Lincoln Haymakers are a professional indoor football team currently playing at the Pershing Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. I am writing on behalf of the Haymakers organization to express our interest and desire to play at the brand new Oak Lake Sports Arena if build to fit the needs of a professional indoor football team. We are excited for you and look forward to building a great and successful partnership. We look forward to the chance to play at the new arena if it has the capabilities of holding 3,000+ attendees and has the appropriate ceiling and dimensions for an indoor field for football. We would like to start playing our home games beginning of the 2014=2015 indoor football season.

Again, we thank you for this unique and incredible opportunity; and we look forward to building a strong community and partnership with you! Please let this serve as the official letter of interest on behalf of the Lincoln Haymakers and their intent to play indoor football at the brand new arena!

Sincerely,

Justin E Hayes

Partner/Director of Football Operations



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May 12, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to write today in support of all efforts to develop, build and manage the proposed Great American Sports Park in the West Haymarket area of Lincoln.

As the Executive Director of the Nebraska Sports Council, I have been involved in sports tournaments in Lincoln—most notably the annual Cornhusker State Games—for the past 23 years. The Cornhusker State Games hosts an average of 40 baseball teams and 90 softball teams each year. The opportunity to hold the entire event in one facility, especially one as nice as the proposed Great American Sports Park, will undoubtedly attract more teams on an annual basis.

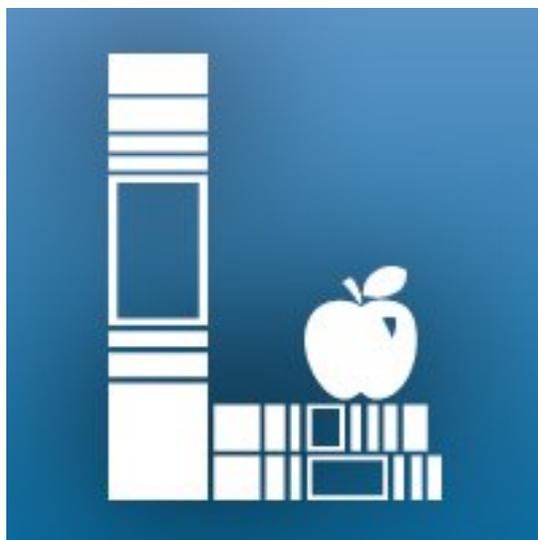
Along those same lines, our organization has earned hosting rights to the 2015 State Games of America, which will attract twice as many teams as the usual Cornhusker State Games, including an estimated 40 teams from outside of Nebraska. These out-of-state teams will have good reason to return if we can showcase top-shelf facilities like the Great American Sports Park. If we don't get this facility built in time for the 2015 SGA, a good portion of our baseball and/or softball will have to be held in Omaha or surrounding communities, so I strongly encourage moving this project along as quickly as possible!

As a parent of four ball-playing kids, ages 6 – 13, it has been a frustration, and one I often hear from other parents, that Lincoln does not have a high-quality baseball/softball complex with more than four or five fields. We seem to spend a good number of weekends throughout the Spring and Summer in Omaha or Council Bluffs. The Great American Sports Park means Lincoln can host big baseball/softball tournaments, Lincoln can enjoy the economic benefits and families here can travel less and be more proud of our hometown.

Please do whatever you can to get this facility built and operating as soon as possible!

Sincerely,

Dave Mlnarik
Executive Director



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

June 26, 2013

TO: West Haymarket Sports Park
3701 O Street, Suite #202
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

Attn: Amy Sandquist, Member

FROM: Lincoln Public Schools
3801 S. 14th St.
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Attn: Scott Wieskamp

RE: Letter of Interest ("LOI")

Dear Amy,

Thank you for contacting Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) regarding the West Haymarket Sports Park. Kathi and I enjoyed meeting with you and your team to discuss the opportunities available to LPS. After much consideration, I would like to formally express our organization's interest in becoming a potential tenant of the West Haymarket Sports Park.

As you are aware, Lincoln Public Schools is the only public school district in Lincoln, Nebraska. It is the second largest of Nebraska's 596 school districts, surpassed only by Omaha Public Schools. LPS educates more than 35,000 students in 57 schools

Since 20xx, Lincoln Public Schools has seen significant growth in a number of our sports. In addition, we are currently in the process of adding new teams including lacrosse and This growth has caused us to consider expanding our operations into a larger, more sport specific facility. Hence, the reason we are so excited to partner with you on this new and exciting sports park at the West Haymarket.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Scott Wieskamp
Director of Facilities and Maintenance
Lincoln Public Schools
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swieska@lps.org

April 16, 2008

We Compete, LLC
Attention: Jeff Weak, Member
13958 Fowler Avenue
Omaha, NE 68164

RE: Letter of Interest of University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Playground Sports Facility

Dear Jeff:

Thank you for meeting with me, President Milliken and Pete Kotsopoulos regarding the Playground Sports Facility Project you have envisioned for the West Haymarket and Northwest Corridor Redevelopment areas. As the Antelope Valley Project reaches fruition, UNL will be looking for opportunities for the development for the current recreational fields on the UNL campus and thus, will need to find alternative locations in reasonable proximity to the downtown campus for those intramural needs.

Your project will present a unique opportunity to expand the recreational programs for students at UNL. We are interested in your project and as your plans progress we are willing to visit further about a more detailed agreement for usage of the facility by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

I would encourage you to continue dialogue with us, and specifically, Stan Campbell at the UNL Campus Recreation Department. Please let me know if there is anything else we can do to assist you to take your project forward.

Sincerely,



Harvey Perlman
Chancellor and Harvey and Susan
Perlman Alumni Professor of Law



September 28, 2013

Lincoln Youth Baseball Organization (Lynco Jr. Saltdogs) is interested in this opportunity. We prefer to have an interest as a "preferred tenant". We are not in a position to be an owner but would like to participate as a preferred tenant. Jr. Saltdogs does have the capacity to do some form of reasonable enhanced credit.

We previously discussed using the 8 fields from early May to middle of July (Monday - Thursday); then increasing the field usage to include weekends during the last few weeks of July (weekend use due to end of year tournaments). We would also be using Optimist fields (same usage schedule as previous years) with requested field improvements.

We would also like to state that the cost of the field usage over the agreed time frame needs to be a reasonable rate based on average/comparable field costs in Lincoln.

Again, thank you for this opportunity and we look forward to working together to get the new complex completed. It will be a great addition to Lincoln and has unlimited opportunities for our community.

Sincerely,

Dina Euber, President

Jr. Saltdogs

Dina Euber, President



May 20, 2013

TO: West Haymarket Sports Park
3701 O Street, Suite #202
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

Attn: Amy Sandquist, Member

FROM: VC Nebraska
PO BOX 67193
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Attn: Maggie Griffin

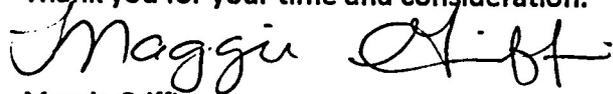
RE: Letter of Interest ("LOI")

Dear Amy,

Thank you for contacting VC Nebraska regarding your concept of the West Haymarket Sports Park in Metropolitan Lincoln, Nebraska. I have enjoyed meeting with you and your team to discuss the opportunities available to VC Nebraska. After much consideration, I would like to formally express my interest in becoming a potential tenant of the West Haymarket Sports Park.

As you are aware, VC Nebraska is a privately held youth sports organization with 400 girls in our youth academy program and 130 girls on our club teams this past year. VC Nebraska conducts year round indoor programming centered on the sport of volleyball. Since our inception in 2010, the club has shown incredible growth. This growth has caused us to consider moving the club to a larger, more up to date facility. Hence, the reason we are so excited to partner with you on this new and exciting sports park at the West Haymarket.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie Griffin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Maggie Griffin

Owner, VC Nebraska

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