

DIRECTORS' MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. Fiscal Impact Statement. Public Works/Street Operations.
2. Fiscal Impact Statement. Public Works/Street Operations.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Flags to be flown at half staff in honor of Staff Sgt. Prange.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday, August 14, 2014, 3:00 p.m. at 55 S. 10th Street, Council Chambers. The agenda and attachments are online.

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation. Response to letter from Tom Nesbitt.
 - a) Letter to Tom Nesbitt from Lynn Johnson regarding the June 12th letter to Mayor Beutler regarding the Golf Program.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission on August 6, 2014.
2. Planning Commission Final Action, August 6, 2014.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 29, 2014 through August 4, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Moni Usasz email of gratitude for helping Parks and Recreation recover from some of the deep cuts over the five or more years.
2. Jim Klein thanking Councilman Camp for his effort on the special permit request, #166C.
3. Phillis Higley comments on the Foxhollow Outlot B, with reply from Councilman Camp.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Susann Andrews writing in support of the proposed Neglected House Ordinance. (Distributed to Council before meeting on 08.04.14)
2. Jenne Rodriguez listing objections to Resolution 14RS, Agenda Item 43, on the agenda of August 4, 2014. (Distributed to Council before Meeting on 08.04.14)
3. Thomas Shores commenting on the proposed amendment of Special Permit No. 1665C, thanking Council for delaying the decision.
 - a) Councilman Camp replying to Thomas Shores on developments of Outlot B.

4. Mildred A. Petersen writing to Time Warner Cable listing some of her concerns.
5. Larry Ball's information on 2025 Pepper Avenue.

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works/Street Operations

DATE: July 2, 2014

NEED

There are currently seven (7) pumps located near the Havelock Avenue and N. 48th Street Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) under crossings, just north of Cornhusker Highway, that during heavy rain events, pump the water that collects in the under crossings, helping to keep both streets open to traffic. Three (3) of the seven (7) pumps have been replaced in the past few years and three (3) others remain in good working order. The one (1) remaining pump has been in service since 1985 and we were recently informed by our Wastewater Division, that it is in need of replacement. In addition, the pumping station facilities themselves, are in need of some relatively minor modification that will allow for safer access to these pumps. The cost to purchase a new replacement pump is \$33,500.00 and the cost to complete the facility modifications is estimated at another \$6,500.00. This \$40,000.00 is not included in any one of the Street Maintenance Operating Budgets, so we are requesting that the allocation of this amount be included in our Street Maintenance Drainage Operating Budget (79110). The actual transfer of dollars would be from 79110.5021 (Salaries) which are available because of savings realized due to open positions. \$33,500.00 would be transferred to 79110.6076 (Capital Outlay Misc. Equipment) and \$6,500.00 to 79110.5621 (Misc. Contractual Services).

FUTURE IMPACT ONGOING
 LIMITED **Projected Completion Date** August 2014

REVENUES GENERATED

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

City **Yes** **No**
County **Yes** **No**
State **Yes** **No**
Federal **Yes** **No**

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) <input type="checkbox"/>		
PERSONNEL (cost) index code: 79110 object code description 5021 (Salaries)	(\$40,000)	
SUPPLIES index code: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES index code: 79110 object code description 5621 (Misc. Contractual Services)	\$6,500.00	
EQUIPMENT index code: 79110 object code description 6076 (Misc. Equipment)	\$33,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		

SOURCE OF REVENUES General Fund 79110

DIRECTOR *Michael Syme*

DATE 7-2-14 *T. J. ...*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Hubben</u>
PURCHASING AGENT _____	
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Hubben</u>	DATE <u>7/30/14</u>

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>7-4-14</u>

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of fte's the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Public Works/Street Operations

DATE: July 18, 2014

NEED

The City of Lincoln contracts with local area farmers and construction contractors for the use of Ag tractors for snow removal purposes. These services are a critical component of the City's overall snow removal program. In FY13/14, A total of seventeen (17) tractors were made available and utilized through these contracts. In June of 2014, the Ag tractor services were re-bid. The new bid resulted in four (4) additional farm tractors that have bid on providing snow removal services. These additional pieces of equipment and operators, will help to continue to provide needed snow removal services and will assist in keeping up with the growing City. Per the contract, the City must provide the plows and frames to be mounted on the individual tractors. So, with the addition of four (4) new tractors, comes the need to purchase additional plows and frames. The cost to purchase the plows and to have the frames fabricated is right at \$30,000.00. Currently, the Snow Budget has just over \$16,000.00 remaining in the Capital Outlay portion of the budget, which is \$14,000.00 short of the need. We are requesting to cover this shortfall by using unspent dollars from our "Rent of Machinery & Equipment" line item, which will have unspent funds, due to a less than average 2013/14 winter. The actual transfer of dollars would be from 79130.5924 (Rent of Machinery & Equipment) to 79130.6076 (Capital Outlay Misc. Equipment). An approximate Snow Balance of \$200,000.00 will remain, if this request is approved.

FUTURE IMPACT **ONGOING**
 LIMITED **Projected Completion Date** October, 2014

REVENUES GENERATED

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Federal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) <input type="checkbox"/>		
PERSONNEL (cost) index code: 79130 object code description 5924 (Rent of Machinery & Equipment)	(\$14,000)	
SUPPLIES index code: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES index code: object code description		
EQUIPMENT index code: 79130 object code description 6076 (Misc. Equipment)	\$14,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$14,000.00	

SOURCE OF REVENUES Street Construction/General Fund 79130

DIRECTOR *[Signature]*
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DATE 7-22-14

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steven Huber</u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steven Huber</u>	DATE <u>7/30/14</u>

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>2-4-14</u>

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 7, 2014

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

FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT HALF STAFF
IN HONOR OF STAFF SGT. PRANGE

Governor Dave Heineman has granted the request of Mayor Chris Beutler for flags to be flown at half staff in Lincoln Friday, August 8 until sunset in honor of Army Staff Sergeant Benjamin G. Prange of Hickman. The 30-year-old Norris High graduate was killed July 24 while on duty in Afghanistan. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at Southwood Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

A memorial fund has been set up in his honor at First State Bank, with all proceeds going to his wife and two sons.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting August 14, 2014

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The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on **Thursday, August 14** at 3:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, Room 112.

Agenda and attachments are online at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

Pam Gadeken

ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Lynn Johnson
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 4:08 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Response to letter from Tom Nesbitt dated June 12, 2014
Attachments: Nesbittlrresponse8-4-14.pdf

Dear City Council members: Please find attached a response to a letter from Tom Nesbitt dated June 12, 2014 regarding the Lincoln City Golf program. Please let me know if you have questions or if I can be of assistance. Thanks, Lynn

Lynn Johnson
Parks and Recreation Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation
(402)441-8265
ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov



LINCOLN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 "A" Street Lincoln, NE 68502
402-441-7847 fax: 402-441-8706 lincoln.ne.gov

August 4, 2014

Tom Nesbitt
7510 Sonatta Court
Lincoln, NE 68516

RE: June 12 Letter to Mayor Beutler regarding the Golf Program

Dear Tom:

The purpose for this letter is to respond to your letter to Mayor Beutler dated June 12, 2014. Mayor Beutler indicated in his related letter of June 19 that I would prepare a response to be shared with you as well as those copied on your original letter.

Please find attached responses to the eleven items that you identified in that attachment to your letter under "An Overview of the Use of the Golf Enterprise Fund". Your original information is included followed by my responses in italicized text.

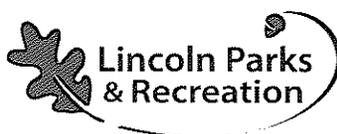
Please let me know if you have questions or would like to meet to discuss the information. Thank you for your involvement in inauguration of the reformatted golf advisory committee, and for your continuing interest in the success of the Lincoln City Golf program. Please phone me at 402-441-8265 if you have questions or would like to set a time to meet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" and last name "Johnson" clearly distinguishable.

Lynn Johnson
Parks and Recreation Director

Cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council
Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee



An Overview of the Use of the Golf Enterprise Fund

(Responses in italicized font by Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson)

1. **New Holmes GC Clubhouse, \$1.5 million.** The issues and functional problems associated with the new golf clubhouse are well documented. It's an opportunity lost for golf patrons who expected a full-service clubhouse and golf facility, including a full-service commercial kitchen, below grade cart barn and other amenities – yet it's the golf patron user fees that are retiring the \$1.5 million bond issue and mistakes made by the Golf Division management.

The program for the new Holmes Golf Clubhouse essentially mirrored the Highlands Golf Clubhouse of about 6,100 square feet including service counter, merchandise space, lounge, small prep kitchen, large gathering space, restrooms and mechanical space. The actual square footage of the newly constructed Holmes Golf Clubhouse is 6,175 square feet.

As the architecture team selected to design the new facility began working on the project they thought that a below-grade golf cart storage area and a commercial restaurant kitchen could be included within the available budget.

When the project was bid for construction, costs significantly exceeded the available budget. The building was redesigned, including removal of the below-grade cart storage, by the architecture team at no cost to the project. The kitchen space was constructed and the kitchen equipment was bid as an alternate that could be added if budget allowed. The budget did not allow for purchase and installation of the kitchen equipment with the initial construction. We are exploring options for securing the kitchen equipment in the future.

2. **The National Golf Foundation Research.** The ISF and Central Service Fund charges by the City of Lincoln to the golf enterprise fund accounts for \$636,076 of all golf expenses for FY2013. In other words, over \$1 of every \$5 dollars earned by the golf division is used for ISF and Central Service Funds (City's general fund charges to the golf enterprise fund).
 - a. The NGF's research findings cited the City of Lincoln's Internal Service Fund (ISF) and Central Services Fund charges from its general fund to the golf enterprise fund as "excessive," with "High City overhead and utilities expense structure, referring to it as "the death spiral."

The "death spiral" referred to the National Golf Foundation is the phenomena of reducing maintenance costs in response to reduced revenue that lessens course playing conditions that in turn results in further reductions in play and related revenue.

- b. For FY2013, the golf program generated \$3.1 million in revenue and it more than paid for its true operating expenses of \$2.8 million, as demonstrated by NGF's budget profile.

The annual expenses of the golf program include payment of interservice fund (ISF) can central services charges.

Interservice Fund (ISF) charges pay for:

- *Data processing*

- Insurance
- Fuel
- Electricity
- Health Department permits
- Photocopier expenses
- Water

The largest ISF expenses are water for use in buildings and course maintenance, fuel for maintenance equipment and golf carts, and electricity for building for use in buildings and to operate irrigation pumps. The total of these expenses for FY 2012-13 was \$484,310. These are all necessary costs for operating the golf courses. The cost of irrigation water, in particular, has a significant impact of the operating budget of the Lincoln City Golf program. The cost to purchase water is about nine-percent of the golf course maintenance budget. Ideally the golf courses would have been located where there were viable sources of groundwater for irrigation. The courses were built during periods when the cost and availability of water was less of a concern. Thus, the program is in a position where expensive potable water has to utilized for irrigation as efficiently as possible.

Central Services charges pay other City Departments for services provided to the Golf program:

- Accounting
- Accounts payable
- Payroll
- Budget
- City Clerk
- Human Resources
- Purchasing
- City Attorney's office – legal services
- Citizens Information Center (not included in FY 2014-16 budget proposal)
- City Council (not included in FY 2014-16 budget proposal)
- Mayor's Office(not included in FY 2014-16 budget proposal)

These are expenses that the golf program would need to secure from the private sector if they were not procured from other City Departments.

3. **Golf Fund Supports Eight (8) City Departments.** Despite the golf policy as outlined in the Lincoln Municipal Code, the golf enterprise fund has supported eight (8) municipal departments for many years, including the Office of the Mayor, city council, finance, clerk, legal, treasurer, purchasing, and citizen information center.
 - a. From FY2009-13, the golf enterprise fund has supported the aforementioned departments with \$394,979 through central services charges, averaging \$78,995/annually. Factoring over a 10 year period, the financial support from the golf enterprise fund to the City's general fund for "central services" would equal what it currently owes it.

Please see the response above. Central Services charges are legitimate expenses of the golf program. Funding for the City Council ("board of directors"), Mayor's Office ("chief executive officer") and Citizens Information Center (public information, website site support) are not included in the FY 2014-16 budget proposal.

4. **Golf Miscellaneous Expenses.** For FY2011-12, the golf administration budgeted for \$133,434 for "miscellaneous service expenses." For FY2009-10, golf administration had actual "miscellaneous service expenses" of \$139,607.

The "Miscellaneous" category under "Services Summary" in the Annual Operation Budget book is an aggregate of six budget line items:

- Advertising
- Central Services Charges
- Industrial Promotion (advertising)
- Memberships & Subscriptions
- Fees paid to the State of Nebraska
- Credit Card/Bank Fees

5. **Pending Sale of Five Acres of Highlands GC Property.** The city is discussing the possible sale of five acres of golf course property just south of Highlands GC range; it's unclear how the proceeds of this sale will be used.

The appraised value of the property in November, 2013 was \$535,000. We will be entering in a listing agreement with a commercial realtor to actively market sale of the property. The proceeds of sale of the five-acre parcel at Highlands Golf Course will be used to retire a portion of the Golf Fund Debt to the General Fund.

6. **New Well and Inlet for Holmes GC.** Approximately five years ago, Golf Division management approved the installation of a new well and inlet for Holmes GC at a cost of \$75,000 - \$80,000. The project was completed without the final approval from the Corp of Engineers, it (new well & inlet) was denied by the Corp of Engineers due to wetlands issues at Holmes Lake. Another example, of golf enterprise funds that are expended but the investment is lost to its golf patrons. The new well and inlet are located near #14 tee box, it's not presently used.

At the time that the Holmes Lake renovation project was being planned, the Parks and Recreation Department had a permit to draw water from the lake to irrigate Holmes Golf Course. The decision was made to fund and construct the structure ("wet well" and intake pipe) where water would be drawn from the lake for the irrigation system. Each time the permit has been renewed since that time new environmental regulations made drawing irrigation water from the lake more challenging. The most recent permit would require hydraulic analysis of removal of irrigation water from the lake involving Salt Creek and the Platte River. This analysis would be expensive and there is no guarantee that approval to draw water from Holmes Lake would be approved.

Thus, the decision to construct the wet well and intake pipe was make based on the best information available at the time.

7. **Talent+ purchased 2.3 acres of public land at Holmes Golf Course.** In 2001, Talent+ purchased 2.3 acres of public golf property for \$650,000 to develop their current office complex. Recently, the City of Lincoln sold an additional 1.5 acres of public land, considered Holmes Golf Course property, to Talent+ for \$100,000 to meet their current expansion needs.

- a. When Holmes Lake Park and Golf Course was originally planned and developed (1965-66) it was financed in part through Federal Land and Water Conservation

Funds and, in the event these public lands were ever sold, it required the city to use the proceeds to purchase additional park land.

- b. Of concern, is using "public golf property" that has been maintained for 40 years by the golf enterprise fund, golf patrons' user fees – not park funds – and divert these same lands and golf patrons investment for non-golf purposes.

It is my understanding the golf funds were not used to purchase the Holmes Park / Holmes Golf Course property. The land appears to have been acquired with funds from sale of other parkland and funding from the Corps of Engineers. Thus the land where Holmes Golf Course is publicly owned land used for golf purposes, but it was not purchased by the Golf Fund. Federal grant funds were used in development of the Holmes Park / Holmes Golf site. Provisions associated with these federal grant funds required replacement of the land sold to Talent+ to be replaced on a value for value basis. Proceeds of the sale of the land could not be directed to the Golf Fund to assist with operating expenses or capital improvements. The proceeds of sale of 3.3 acres of land at Holmes Golf Course were used to purchase nearly 80 acres of new park land. Talent+ funded a majority of the cost of the new maintenance building at Holmes Golf Course as part of the real estate transaction. The current assessed value of the Talent+ land and improvements is about \$7.5 million adding to the tax base of the community.

8. **Land Purchased for Highlands Swimming Pool – A General Fund Facility.** Golf enterprise funds paid for the land where the Highlands municipal swimming pool is located and, until recently, the city has not attempted to reimburse the golf enterprise fund for this public investment.

The City Council will be asked to approve directing \$234,000 of general funds to the Golf Fund budget in conjunction with the FY 2014-16 budget approval process. These funds will offset a portion of the debt of the Golf Fund to the General Fund by recognizing the value of the land where Highlands Pool, a General Fund facility, is located.

9. **Pioneers GC Water Meter – Usage.** For decades, Golf Division management estimated water usage for Pioneers GC. The water meter was located in Pioneers Park and not at the golf course, so both properties (park and golf course) used, and was charged for water from the same meter. Four years ago, a new water meter was installed just East of #4 tee box to measure exactly how much water was pumped into the Pioneers GC retention pond for course uses.
 - a. Currently, it's unclear which water meter the Golf Division uses to measure water usage at Pioneers GC.
 - b. And due to the aging irrigation system at Pioneers GC accurate water usage will never be known due to water leaching from the retention pond, and the many water line and sprinkler-head breaks.
 - c. In short, the Golf Division uses a "Band-Aid" approach with Pioneers GC maintenance needs (35+ year irrigation system/pond) versus replacing it with a new irrigation system.

10. **Elks Baseball Field.** For decades, golf enterprise funds (Jim Ager GC) maintained the Elks baseball field and grounds with its water and irrigation needs.

Shared water systems in Pioneers Park and Antelope Park were installed during periods when estimating water use and cost shares was acceptable. As noted above, a meter was installed a few years ago that measures the actual amount of water used by Pioneers Golf Course so there is an accurate method of allocating costs. Replacement of the aged irrigation system at Pioneers Golf Course is a priority in the proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP). A plan for incrementally increasing golf fees to fund the CIP is in progress.

Development of a well and installation of a new irrigation system at Ager Golf Course is included in the proposed capital improvement program for FY 2014-15. The well will serve the Ager Golf Course, Elks Ball Field, and the Veterans Memorial Garden. The funding source is Keno funds. The intent in proposing use of Keno Funds is to recognize that the Golf Fund has been paying for water used at Elks Ball Field for a period of years

11. **Special Olympics.** Over \$200,000 worth of improvements to the golf facilities were completed and paid from the golf fund. The City of Lincoln and businesses benefited from the Special Olympics event. The golf fund was not reimbursed for this expenditure.

The Golf Program was asked to improve the appearance of Highlands Golf Course and to make the Mahoney Golf Course clubhouse accessible to individuals with mobility limitations. The golf course landscape improvements at Highlands Golf Course and renovation of the Mahoney Golf Clubhouse to make it accessible to individuals with mobility limitations completed prior to the 2010 Special Olympics National Summer Games continue to benefit golfers visiting the facilities. The cost of these improvements was less than \$60,000. The clubhouse renovations to meet accessibility standards are requirement for all public facilities, and were needed independent of any special uses of the golf course. One or two parks and recreation facilities department-wide are renovated annually to bring them into compliance with accessibility standards.

***** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION *****
August 6, 2014

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 6, 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.

The Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, August 6, 2014, immediately following their regular meeting, in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, for a post-meeting workshop on “Rezoning for Apartments”.

****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, AUGUST 6, 2014

[Commissioners Hove, Cornelius and Harris absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 23, 2014. ****APPROVED: 5-0 (Weber abstained; Hove, Cornelius and Harris absent)****

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

TEXT AMENDMENT:

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- 1.1 Text Amendment No. 14007, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to correct errors made in previous text amendments and to clarify existing language without changing the intent of the language, by amending Section 27.02.200 to clarify the definition of “story” to provide for a more clear understanding of where the first story of a structure begins; amending Section 27.06.160 relating to the Major Entertainment and Event Use Group to provide guidance as to when a venue should be classified as “major event entertainment,” e.g. 500 seats or more; amending Section 27.06.170

by amending the Use Group Table to designate Cabinet Shops and Stores as a conditional use in the H-2 zoning district; amending Section 27.57.180 to add "council member" to the list of persons who may appeal; amending Sections 27.61.040 and 27.61.050 to add "or this Chapter" as a reference to clarify what methods can be used to structurally alter, reconstruct, or restore a nonconforming structure; amending Section 27.64.010 to add "any council member" to the list of persons who may appeal; amending Section 27.67.066 to update parking for H-3 uses to reflect specific uses that were allocated a parking reduction prior to Use Groups approval; amending Section 27.69.030 general provisions for signs, to clarify that roof signs are permitted but are regulated under Section 27.69.310 and to require a certain spacing between the location of any sign and an abutting residential premises located in a residential district; amending Section 27.69.240 to clarify that menu boards, although a type of freestanding sign, have their own regulations; amending Section 27.69.290 to clarify that window signs are not counted toward the allocated percentage of wall signage; amending Section 27.69.310 to insert language needed for consistency between this section and Section 27.69.030; amending Section 27.72.180 to provide that a commercial use abutting a residential district does not need to comply with the residential district provisions if the adjacent land in the residential district may be used for a commercial use under a PUD; and repealing Sections 27.02.200; 27.06.160, 27.06.170, 27.61.040, 27.61.050, 27.67.066, 27.69.030, 27.69.240, 27.69.290, 27.69.310, and 27.72.180 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 6-0 (Harris, Hove and Cornelius absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF ZONE:

Page 23 1.2 Change of Zone No. 12018A, an amendment to the Holdrege/Idylwild Redevelopment Planned Unit Development, to increase the allowable dwelling units from 40 to 60, on property generally located at Idylwild Drive and Holdrege Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 23, 2014: 6-0 (Hove, Harris and Cornelius absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

PERMITS:

Page 45 1.3 Special Permit No. 14020, for authority to expand a nonstandard single-family residence into the front yard setback, on property generally located at South 31st Street and Sherman Street (3245 South 31st Street).

****FINAL ACTION****

Staff recommendation: Conditional approval

Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 24, 2014: 6-0 (Cornelius, Harris and Hove absent).

Resolution No. PC-01404.

Page 55 1.4 Use Permit No. 48A, to clarify that R-T Residential Transition District uses are allowed in the office buildings located in Alpine Village, on property generally located at South 48th Street and Normal Boulevard (2300 South 48th Street). ****FINAL ACTION****

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Paul Barnes, 402-441-6372, pbarnes@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated July 23, 2014: 6-0 (Cornelius, Harris and Hove absent).

Resolution No. PC-01405.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Page 63 1.5 Street & Alley Vacation No. 14006, to vacate 13 feet of the Y Street right-of-way lying south of Lots 17 through 22, Block 15, Cahn, Metcalf and Farwell's Subdivision, generally located at 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1036, 1048, and 1052 Y Street.

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, with conditions as set forth in the staff report dated July 22, 2014, as revised: 6-0 (Cornelius, Harris and Hove absent).

Public Hearing before City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 of the LMC have been satisfied.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (See Item #1.2 above)

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Page 69 4.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 14017, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan to create the "Western Supply Building Redevelopment Project" area, located at 820 N Street and including the S. 8th Street right-of-way between N Street and O Street, the N Street right-of-way between S. 8th Street and S. 9th Street, the east/west alley between S. 8th Street and S. 9th Street and the adjacent north/south alley lying north of N Street. The project proposes to redevelop the currently vacant Western Supply Building and parking lot located at 820 N Street into a commercial/office use. The Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan area is generally bounded by Salt Creek, Interstate 180 and "R" Street on the north, 17th Street on the east, "G" Street on the south, and Salt Creek, 2nd Street and Sun Valley Boulevard on the west, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

**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: 6-0 (Cornelius,
Harris and Hove absent).**

**Public Hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for
Monday, September 8, 2014, 3:00 p.m.**

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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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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 : August 6, 2014

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: August 6, 2014

Please be advised that on August 6, 2014, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01404, approving Special Permit No. 14020, with conditions, to expand a nonconforming use for the expansion and reconstruction of an existing sun room in a two-story single family residence with an adjustment to the front yard setback to six feet from the front property line, on property located at 3245 South 31st Street.

Resolution No. PC-01405, approving Use Permit No. 48A, with conditions, to amend an existing Use Permit to revise a note on the approved site plan to allow all uses permitted in the R-T Residential Transition District in the buildings located in the Alpine Village Use Permit, on property generally located at South 48th Street and Normal Boulevard.

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. SP14020, UP48A). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.



Memorandum

Date: ♦ August 5, 2014
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 29, 2014, through August 4, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 14046 to Change of Zone No. 12024, Lincoln Community Playhouse Planned Unit Development, requested by SMJ International, approved by the Planning Director on July 29, 2014, to collocate personal wireless facilities antennas on the Lincoln Community Playhouse, on property generally located at 56th Street and Lillibridge Street.

Administrative Amendment No. 14048 to Special Permit No. 05013, Pasdedeux Dance Studio at Thompson Creek Office Park, requested by Larry Chilese, approved by the Planning Director on July 31, 2014, to increase the allowed parking demand from 15 to 17 spaces, at property generally located at South 56th Street and Thompson Creek Boulevard.

Administrative Amendment No. 14050 to Use Permit No. 130A, Pioneer Woods Commercial Center, requested by Olsson Associates, approved by the Planning Director on August 1, 2014, to delete the building envelopes from Lots 8 and 10, to adjust the rear setback on Lot 10 to 0' next to the private open space, and to revise the notes accordingly, on property generally located at South 70th Street and Pioneers Boulevard.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp
Subject: FW: Parks and Rec budget

From: Moni Usasz [<mailto:musasz@neb.rr.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 8:35 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Parks and Rec budget

8/6/14

Mr. Camp,

Thanks so much in advance for your leadership in helping Parks and Recreation recover from some of the deep cuts they've absorbed over the last five or more years. Coby Mach's op-ed pitting police against parks attempted to divide the community. Steve Hubka's op-ed did a good job of delineating all the cuts Parks and Recreation has already faced and the difficulties this has caused.

Clearly parks are an important part of a liveable and secure city. As the city grows the number of parks grow as well. Street trees are also an important part of a liveable city. Both parks and trees require maintenance and care to grow or be fully utilized.

Wilderness Park is one of my favorite places in the city. Over the past twenty plus years the two employees and building and equipment dedicated to Wilderness Park's care and management has disappeared and the only maintenance is by overworked Pioneer's Park staff. The Park trails get mowed twice yearly. Right now volunteers are mowing and maintaining the trails for a good part of the year. I also know we have lost some dedicated employees who at some point couldn't continue to somehow get by with fewer and fewer staff. Stopping that brain drain of experience and dedication is important as well.

Thank you again. Please continue to support the money in next year's budget for Parks and Recreation.

Moni Usasz

3340 S. 31

Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: James Klein [jklein9@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 12:19 PM
To: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com; Jon Camp
Subject: Your Efforts Appreciated on Special Permit Request

Dear Mr. Camp,

Although we didn't win a single vote in trying to send the TH proposal back through the planning process, I was impressed with the way you dug into the depth of the positions of both sides. You asked good, penetrating questions, and followed the logic of what was being argued. Our answers to your questions weren't always in our favor, but that is a burden both sides share equally. I will say having gone through this process both before the Planning Commission and the City Council that the Comprehensive Plan is being reduced to a make-weight. I like Webster's definition of that as, "anything added to a scale to complete the required weight". That's too bad because if it is applied systematically one guiding principle at a time that process will bring out what each side is thinking and that can only help the effort to find resolution. As it stands now, I believe the planning process has been boiled down to the zoning and subdivision rules and what is quantifiable such as traffic load and environmental harm. There is so much more at stake in these disputes because as one of our speakers said, "These are our homes." My suggestion is if neighbors come to you for your help in the future, encourage them to meet with the developer involved for the purpose of going through the Comprehensive Plan together one guiding principle at a time.

From my experience living so long as I have in Fox Hollow, I do believe that good planning pays off and continues to pay off over the very long run. Anyone who insists on that can take credit in how Lincoln has grown and developed over the years. You have put in a good effort towards that end here in a situation that was not easy for us to win. Thank you for your efforts.

Best regards,
Jim Klein

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Chateau Development on Outlot B

Subject: Chateau Development on Outlot B

Phyllis:

Thanks for your email. Due to meetings before our City Council public hearing, I did not receive your email prior to that public hearing.

I do appreciate the cooperative spirit of you and your neighbors as well as your concerns. Homes are a special element in our lives. . .I believe the old saying goes "a home is one's castle".

At this time, we will watch as the Chateau Development proceeds with architectural plans and more details. Stefan Gaspar's past record with quality of construction, management and maintenance reflects positively. He appears to be a developer who takes pride in his projects.

I look forward to monitoring this situation and also encourage scheduling a meeting with Mr. Gaspar at the appropriate time to view more complete details.

Best regards,
Jon

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From: Phyllis Higley [<mailto:phigley@neb.rr.com>]

To: Jon Camp

Subject: Fowhollow outlot B

Mr. Camp,

I'd like to thank you for your help and support in our effort to sustain a safe and attractive neighborhood. We no longer have to worry about a 20-unit apartment complex on a busy corner of Foxhollow subdivision. We could not have done this without your input.

Currently the developer is planning to build 20 duplexes in this lot. The density seems too high, especially in light of the original plan (20 years ago) of 9 single family dwellings. I think the concerns we had with a two -story apartment building plus duplexes still stands. There will be traffic problems, light pollution, aesthetic concerns, and overall safety issues related to the density. Please continue to work with us to resolve the issue. I am supportive of the area being developed, but it should be at a level consistent with the rest of the neighborhood.

Thanks you for your time and consideration.

Phyllis Higley

Mary M. Meyer

From: Susann Andrews [susandewey@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Neglected House Ordinance

I am unable to attend the hearing today with regard to the Neglected House Ordinance. The purpose of this email is to voice my support of this proposed ordinance. I am a resident of the Woods Park Neighborhood and have been so for many, many years. At one time, I lived across the street from the house located at 3015 N Street. The house is ugly, unkempt and an attractive nuisance for young people. I recall one afternoon sitting on my front porch watching three kids throw rocks at the windows. The broken glass remained in the yard for weeks and the broken windows remained for months. The home was "out of sight out of mind" to the absentee owner, leaving the neighbors with the role of policing the property for them.

I am now located in a different part of Woods Park. I love my house. I love my immediate neighbors. I am disgusted with the houses that remain unattended and "out of sight out of mind" to their owners. No matter where you live in our neighborhood, there is always at least one problem house. The City needs to make the owners accountable for policing their own neglected/unsupervised properties and take it out of the hands of the rest of us who live here. We live here because we want to. We live here because we can afford to take care of our properties as they should be taken care of. Don't penalize us for our choice of living in Woods Park, penalize those absentee property owners for their choices (or lack thereof).

Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jenne Rodriguez [hjzrodriguez@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Agenda Item 43, August 4, 2014

I am objecting to Resolution 14 RS, Agenda Item 43, on August 4, 2014.

I understood the plan was delayed on July 28 by the Council to amend it to town homes. I expected a layout similar to those on the other side of Sherman Street. I was surprised to see 20 units lined up like barracks. Now there is one lot and these are condominiums.

There is too much confusion surrounding this project. Neighbors want home ownership to be a priority for this area that currently consists of 9 single family lots.

The integrity of Chateau, the expectations of the neighbors and the integrity of the Community Unit Plan are not aligned.

Perhaps a “NO” to this project would be the best outcome we could hope for today.

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Van Dorn Meadows

From: Thomas Shores <tsshores@gmail.com>

Date: 2014-08-04T08:05:49-07:00

Subject: Van Dorn Meadows

To: leirion@leirionforlincoln.org

Dear Leirion:

First, I would like to express my thanks to City Council members for delaying the decision on the proposed amendment (Special Permit No. 1665C) to the Van Dorn Meadows CUP. However, I am greatly concerned that Chateau Development hastily submitted an alteration to this proposed amendment so as to minimize citizen analysis and input. Clearly, Chateau already had a plan B in place for this very purpose.

There are numerous concerns regarding this plan, which I'm sure others will detail today. Unfortunately, medical appointments make it unlikely that I will be able to voice my own at this meeting, so let me state a few:

1. It is unclear to me whether or not the revised plan has a road exit onto Sherman Drive. If so, this should be denied and the only outlets should be driveways from individual units. After all, city traffic engineers testified that a single exit into Holmes Park Road was appropriate and sufficient for the original plan with 30 dwelling units, so why shouldn't it be sufficient for 20?
2. Chateau is unclear about the remaining adjacent 6 lots that they apparently no longer "withdraw" from consideration. Why? Is this where they will plant their apartment units as a follow up to their Plan B?
3. The entire population limits of this CUP need to be reconsidered. Mr. Hunzeker is entirely correct that 25 years warrants reconsideration of the original plan, but perhaps not as he intended. Why should pond and private commons area factor into the population calculation? If a lake were surrounded by a band of shore line property, would you count the lake in computing appropriate population density? I don't think so.
4. How is it that Chateau has the privilege of bypassing the entire planning process by submitting an alternate directly to the City Council? Shouldn't the entire process be restarted and passed through the planning department and Planning Commission so as to give the citizens of Lincoln the privilege of examining the plan and voicing their criticisms in a timely fashion? Why the haste?
5. If one examines the layout of this plan, one notes that the only portion of Outlot B that does not face neighborhood homes is the 11% of the perimeter adjacent to Holmes Park Road. And what is across the street?

Lots owned by Chateau on whose future use Chateau is mum. So it is absurd to call the current plan a reasonable "transition" unless you consider a transition from undeveloped Chateau property to developed Chateau property a "transition."

For these reasons and many more, I urge the City Council to deny approval of this plan. Chateau can still resubmit it to the planning department where it should undergo the same process as the original amendment (Special Permit No. 1665C). Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Thomas Shores
3211 Fox Hollow Road

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Van Dorn Meadows

Mr. Shores:

Thank you for your concerns expressed in your Monday email regarding the modified Chateau Development plan for Outlot B.

My City Council colleague, Roy Christensen and I personally met with Mr. Gaspar and his attorney on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, with the discussion focusing on elimination of the apartment complex and emphasizing a townhome approach. Within 24 hours Mr. Gaspar did substitute his plan for ten townhome units, each with 2 residences for a total of 20 residences. When an architect is engaged the details will be better known with future opportunities for discussion.

This was a major step and reflects the efforts of you and your neighbors in the past several months. I am also appreciative of the attention given by several of my City Council colleagues to personally meet with the neighbors in preceding weeks.

I encourage you to keep the dialogue open. Perhaps a meeting can be arranged in the future to constructively discuss the details with Mr. Gaspar. His record of past development reflects quality in both construction, management and maintenance.

Again thank you for the privilege of working with all of you on this important issue.

Best regards,

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council

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August 5, 2014

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Manager
Time Warner Cable
5400 S. 16
Lincoln, NE 68512

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am quite unhappy with Time Warner and its service. If you knew you were going to change NBC (Channel 6) why weren't we notified? Also, if you knew the change was going to be made, why didn't you have an HD channel ready? I've been told by a very nice gentleman at the office that he hopes one will be available "by fall."

My other problem has been with your answering service. When I first called, the person was in the Philippines and said she would call me back, which I really didn't expect to have happen. The next person was in eastern Ohio. Although I realize a computer can be used any place, it is still comforting to talk to a person in Lincoln.

Please forward my complaints to the home office.

Sincerely,



Mildred A. Petersen

✓Cc: Lincoln City Council



***Is The Truth Hidden
In A Pyramid Of Lies?***

If So, WHY?????

Pepper Pinch Update

In my last booklet I alluded to some sort of a cover-up as to who is the owner of 2019 Pepper. Don Hansen IS the name on the recorded deed. According to law, then, he IS the owner.

In the previous booklet, I reported that my wife had a conversation with a lady from New Jersey who had stopped in front of 2019 Pepper and was looking it over. She told my wife that she was the owner.

Further, I said that 4 tradesman stopped at the house about three months ago. One came to my door and my wife answered. She called to me to answer the man's questions. I talked to the four of them. They said that they represented the owner who was located in New Jersey. I told them that she was not the owner as it was Hansen's name that was on the deed.

This made them a little agitated with me so I told them to go to the County-City Building and check it out for themselves. They left and I have not heard any more from them. Unless what happened today was at their direction, if so, then I have again heard from them.

The other day I finally was successful in making personal contact with Don Hansen. At our coffee session, I told him

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about our upcoming meeting and gave him a copy of both of the booklets I had distributed to that point. Further, I invited him to our meeting.

As stated to you in my last missive;

Don seems to be hiding something about other people that are involved with him as ---

a. Owners, or

b. Business managers, or

c. Partners

Well, surprise, surprise, this morning my wife saw a guy walking around the property looking it over. I went out and asked what he was doing.

His response was that he had been telephoned by a person he identified as "Jay." He did not personally know Jay, but he said that Jay told him that the City and the neighbors were giving the "owners" a hard time that that they needed to get things done on the property. In short, get it finished.

I asked him if he knew who the owners were.

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“Some investors from New Jersey,” was his reponse.

There is something “funny” [ha-ha] going on here. Don Hansen denied, or at best, was very evasive about other “owners.”

These other owners have to be trying to hide something by keeping their name or names off the deed or somebody is hiding something from them? Don’t you wonder which?

Now Hansen told me that it was his intent to remodel the house and sell it. In my mind that meant that there would be another homeowner there.

Possibly this would not be if his intended “sale” were to the New Jersey investors. I think I remember the four guys say that the New Jersey investors owned 30 other properties in Lincoln.

With the experience we had relevant to 2019, this should frighten us. Why? Because based upon our experience they could be the worst of the worst of slum lords.

Yes, the truth, whatever it is, is seemingly being hidden from us.

See you at the meeting

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**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2014**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of August 9, 2014 through August 15, 2014.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Memo from Angela Chesnut, Parks Secretary, outlining Advisory Board meeting:
 - a) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for August 14, 2014;
 - b) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet - Hours of Operation; and
 - c) Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet - Naming of Parkland.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. The Summer issue of *The Urban Page* is available online.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, August 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Tom Nesbitt writing on his concerns for the Lincoln Golf Program.
2. Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board meeting agenda for Friday, August 15, 2014. Full agenda and support materials can be found online.
3. Henry and Jenne Rodriguez sending a thank you to City Council Members for the attentiveness during the public hearing on the housing plan by Chateau Development.
4. Moe Smith writing regarding her suggestions for City budget decisions.
5. Jim Heydt left message with his support of the Negative Properties Ordinance.
6. John Turincs writing, with attachments, on the City budget and mostly his concern is with the West "A" Street Project.
 - a) Comments submitted by John Turincs to the Planning Commission on May 7, 2014;
 - b) Westword newsletter containing article written by John Turincs on the West "A" Street project.
7. Kathryn Bruggeman with comments regarding Time Warner Cable. This exclusive franchise provider has given poor and expensive service which is not acceptable.

Date: August 8, 2014

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of August 9 through 15, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, August 9

- "Crash the Railyard WiFi Party," remarks - 7 p.m., Railyard in the Haymarket (on the patio near The Cube)

Monday, August 11

- KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (previously recorded)
- Award of Excellence - 2:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Thursday, August 14

- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers

Friday, August 15

- Proclamation presentation to Jerry Obrist, retiring Lincoln Water System (LWS) Chief Engineer - 3 p.m., LWS Service Center, 2021 N. 27th St.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: PRAB & LPFB Joint Meeting this Thursday!
Attachments: Agenda 8-14-14.pdf; 8-14-14 PRAB Packet - Hours; 13th & P and Iron Horse.pdf; 8-14-14 PRAB Packet - Jonathan Gapp Park.pdf

Importance: High

Good morning all,

Attached, please find the agenda for this Thursday's joint meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board. *A brief business meeting of the PRAB will begin at 4:00 p.m., with the joint meeting to follow at 4:30 p.m.* Also attached are the fact sheets for the PRAB agenda action items.

Remember that this meeting will be held at the Holmes Golf Clubhouse, 3701 S. 70th Street. Vans will be provided for the group tour of new parks and trails in southeast Lincoln.

See you there!

Angela Chesnut

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NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: August 14, 2014
LOCATION: Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse, 3701 South 70th Street
TIME: 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.
CHAIR: Peter Levitov

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order and Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'
2. Comments from Public for Items Not Listed on the Agenda
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131
 - * Recommendation regarding hours of operation of the civic plaza at 13th & P Streets, and for Bill Harris Iron Horse Park.
 - * Recommendation regarding naming of the parkland along Beal Slough between Pine Lake Road and Yankee Hill Road as *Jonathan Gapp Park*.
4. Adjourn to Joint Meeting and Tour with the Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors.

* Denotes Action Items

JOINT MEETING OF PRAB AND LPF BOARD 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. (A light meal will be provided)

1. Introductions
2. Rolls and responsibilities of the Parks & Recreation Department, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Lincoln Parks Foundation Board of Directors.
3. Review of process for fundraising by an allied organization.
4. Overview of Parks & Recreation 10-year Facilities Plan:
 - a. Discussion of potential upcoming fundraising projects.
5. Projects construction status report.
6. Presentation regarding new parks and trails in southeast Lincoln.
7. Van tour of new parks and trails in southeast Lincoln – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Policy discussion regarding activity areas and improvements at joint elementary school/neighborhood park site.
8. Adjourn.

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

Lincoln Commission on HUMAN RIGHTS

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

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: August, 2014

Request: Recommendation regarding hours of operation for the plaza at 13th and P Streets, Lincoln Community Foundation Tower Square, and for Bill Harris Iron Horse Park at 7th and Q Streets

Discussion: Hours that public parks are open to the public are established within the Lincoln Municipal Code. Presently Bill Harris Iron Horse Park is open 24 hours a day. The downtown plaza at 13th and P Streets, Lincoln Community Foundation Tower Square will be completed and dedicated in early October of this year.

The purpose of this action is to provide a recommendation regarding hours of operation for both facilities. The Downtown Lincoln Association and the Lincoln Police Department have been consulted regarding hours of operation for the facilities. The recommended hours of operation for the facilities is 6 am to 2 am daily.

Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines:

Staff Recommendation: Approval

Committee Discussion and Recommendation: Approval

Committee: Futures Committee

Chair: Bob Ripley, 402-471-0419

Date: _____

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: August, 2014

Request: Recommendation regarding naming of the parkland along Beal Slough between Pine Lake Road and Yankee Hill Road as Jonathan Gapp Park

Discussion: The City acquired land along the west side of Beal Slough between Pine Lake Road and So. 70th Street from Thomas and Linda Gapp for a sanitary sewer main, trail development, flood plain conservation and open space. The Gapps donated a portion of the value of the 13 acre parcel and asked that the property be named in recognition of their son Jonathan Gapp who died of childhood cancer. They also requested that a contemplative seating area be developed along the future Beal Slough Trail as it extends through the subject property.

The recommendation is to name the property Jonathan Gapp **Park** .

Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines: Guidelines for naming of parks and recreation facilities state that a facility may be named in recognition of donation of the land.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

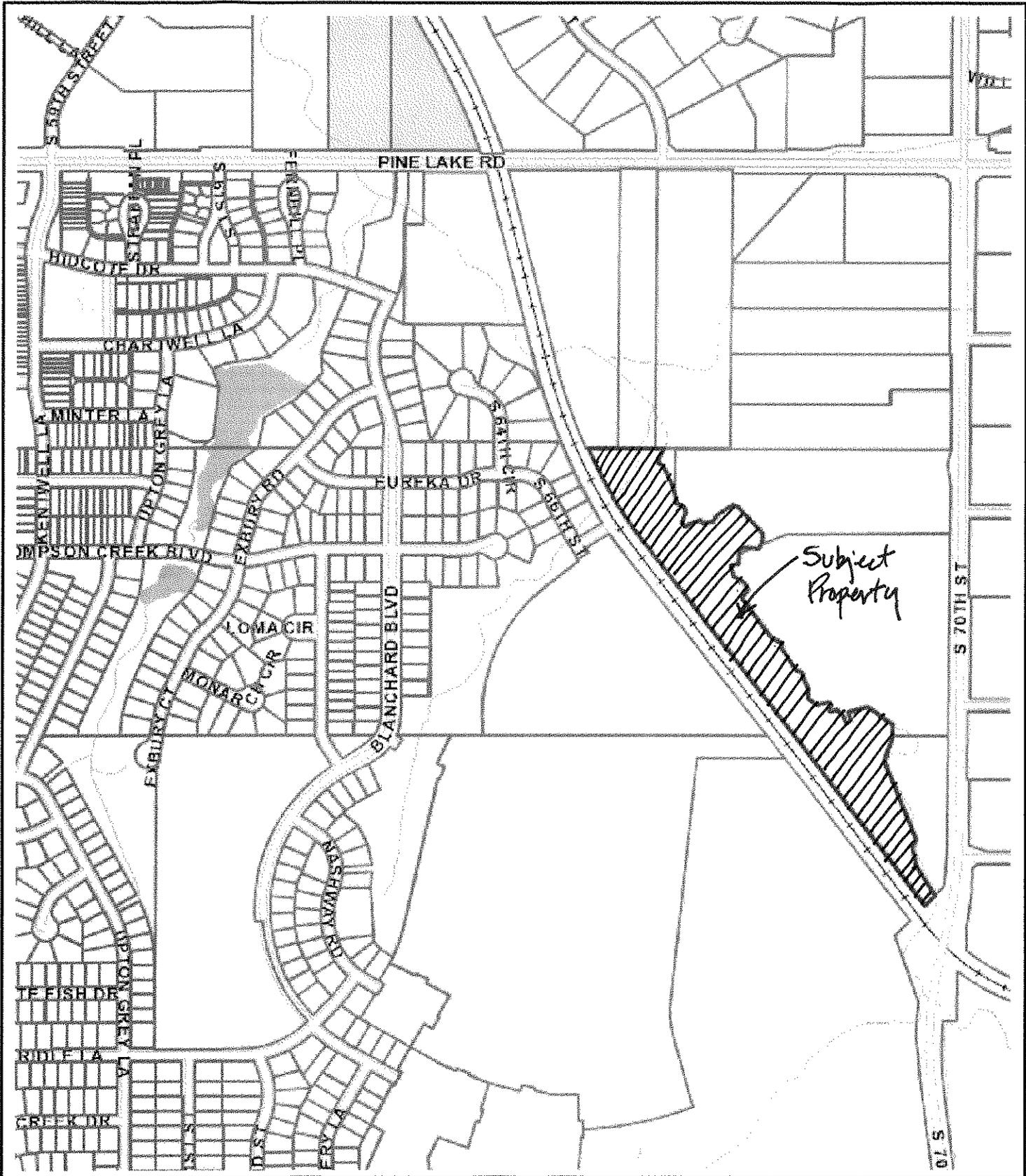
Committee Discussion and Recommendation: Approval

Committee: Futures Committee

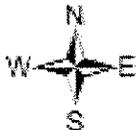
Chair: Bob Ripley,

Date: _____

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:



Lancaster County/City of Lincoln GIS Map



Proposed Jonathan Gapp Park

Printed: Aug 08, 2014

DISCLAIMER: The information is presented on a best-efforts basis, and should not be relied upon for making financial, survey, legal or other commitments. If you have questions or comments regarding the data displayed on this map, please email ags@lincoln.ne.gov and you will be directed to the appropriate department.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Opal G. Doerr
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 9:40 AM
To: Opal G. Doerr
Subject: Summer Urban Page newsletter available

Hello!

The Summer issue of *The Urban Page* is available at: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/urban-page.htm>

Topics included in this issue:

- Neighbor Works Lincoln – Working to Repair or Replace Vacant, Dilapidated Housing
- Possible New Ordinance for Neglected Houses
- Lincoln’s Two New Sports Parks
- General Occupation Tax Revenues
- American Job Center Open House
- 11th Street Phase 2 Begun
- West O Historic Highway Project Underway
- Civic Plaza Update
- PCE Expansion on Yolande Ave
- Gateway Senior Housing now Gateway Vista
- Update on Block 68 – Student Housing & Retail
- N. 27th Street Project Updates

Happy reading!

If you’d rather not receive this notification, please let us know at urbandev@lincoln.ne.gov. Thanks!

Opal G. Doerr
Planning Assistant
City of Lincoln DSC / Urban Development Dept.
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Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Cutleaf & Common Teasel Designated Noxious in Lancaster Co.

AUGUST 2014

Teasel Designated Noxious	1
Sericea Lespedeza Training	1
Noxious Weed ID Guide	2

“Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) is the most economical way to attack invasive weeds”

Greg Ibach, Director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture recently approved the designation of cutleaf and common teasel as noxious weeds in Lancaster County.

The Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act allows individual counties to designate local invasive weed problems to their own county list, without being added to Nebraska’s statewide list.

After holding public hearings, gathering information and testimony, Lancaster County Weed Control proceeded with the process to add both teasels to our noxious weed list. Lancaster County is the first county in Nebraska to add cutleaf and common teasel.

The following is information gathered to help us to make the determination to add common & cutleaf teasel.

**Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) is the most economical way to attack invasive weeds. Getting after the problem*



Common teasel rosette



Common teasel



Cutleaf flower



Cutleaf teasel



Cutleaf rosette

early is the most economical way to control invasives. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will become to eradicate.

**Currently only 10 counties in Nebraska are reporting teasel. This makes it the perfect time to attack this problem early before it gets widespread.*

**Nine states have already declared one or both teasels as noxious - Missouri and Colorado being the closest.*

**Nebraska Game & Parks has reported working on controlling teasel for years without having much success at*

eradication.

**Lancaster County currently has less than 100 acres with most of them being small and easy to control.*

**Teasel will crowd out all other native and desirable vegetation; reduce forage, wildlife habitat, and species diversity. It is a very prolific seed producer, which results in rapid expansion of existing infestations.*

**Teasel is not eaten by livestock and has no forage value. Livestock will avoid areas because of the plants spiny stems, leaves and seedheads.*

Sericea Lespedeza Landowner Training

“Over 40 landowners and government folks gathered to learn how to identify sericea lespedeza”



On July 24th the 5 Rivers Weed Management Area (WMA) along with Lancaster County Weed Control hosted an Invasive Weed Species & Cost Share Conference focusing on sericea lespedeza. Over 40 landowners and government folks gathered to learn how to identify sericea lespedeza, as well as the cost share opportunities that are available. Cost share is being provided by grant funds received by 5 Rivers WMA from The Nebraska Environmental Trust.

**Lancaster County
Weed Control**
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Good Neighbors Control Their Weeds!



We're on the Web!
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weeds](http://www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds)

Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation. The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.

<p>Musk Thistle Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Canada Thistle Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p>Plumeless Thistle Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p>Purple flowers</p>
<p>Phragmites Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p>Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Leafy Spurge Height .3–2.6 ft</p> <p>Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stems/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p>Sericea Lespedeza Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p>White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p>Japanese Knotweed Height 3–10 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Giant Knotweed Height 8–13 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Purple Loosestrife Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p>Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p>Saltcedar Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p>Pink to white flowers</p>	<p>Spotted Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p>Diffuse Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>White/purplish flowers</p>

GOOD NEIGHBORS CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association (www.neweed.org), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture (www.agr.ne.gov/noxious_weed)

Download to print from our website: weeds.lancaster.ne.gov

August 9, 2014

Carl Eskridge, Chair
Lincoln City Council

I'm writing to you out of concern for the Lincoln Golf Program and its proposed budget for FY2014-16. The Mayor's 2014-16 golf budgets propose annual expenses of \$3.57 and \$3.77 million dollars, respectively. This represents a golf expense increase of \$1.790 million dollars for this budget period. The golf program cannot sustain this increase. What new golf sources of revenue will sustain this increase? What new golf expenses account for these significant cost increases?

I recently served on the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee (LMGC) and I have several concerns on the use(s) of the golf enterprise fund, its full and accurate accounting of all revenues and expenses, and its financial transparency to the public. I bring to your attention the recent *Lincoln City Golf Program Sustainability Study* by the National Golf Foundation (NGF), they cited that true golf operating and maintenance expenses were \$2.78 million dollars for FY2012-13. The Lincoln golf program generated revenues of \$3.113 for the same period; hence, the Lincoln golf program would appear self-supporting as defined by the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC).

Further, while serving on the LMGC and examining golf budget documents provided by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation, a clear concern is the ever-increasing costs of the Internal Service Fund (ISF) and Central Services (CS) – as underscored by the NGF. Based on NGF's prior work and experience with municipal golf programs, it cites "excessive" administrative and city overhead costs are the "death spiral" for many municipal-operated golf programs. They also stated "From a broader strategic picture, one City department should not be charging another City department that puts that second City department in the red."

For Lincoln, ISF expenses (including central services) total \$636,076 for FY2013. Simply, greater than \$1 of every \$5 dollars (21%) earned by the Lincoln golf program is spent on ISF related costs, i.e., general fund charge-backs to the golf division's enterprise fund. By comparison, according to the NGF, the City of Omaha municipal golf program operates seven (7) public golf courses, it generates \$3.0 million in revenue, and it has ISF expenses of only \$250,000. Why are Lincoln's ISF expenses with its golf program 2.54 times greater than Omaha's?

Examples of ISF expenses include: water, electricity, fleet services (fuel & oil), central services, risk management (insurance), information services, and other. Lincoln's Central Services Fund was \$79,744 for FY2013; general fund charge-backs to the golf enterprise fund are in support of other City departments. They include: finance, clerk, legal, treasurer, purchasing, Mayor's office, City Council, and Citizens Information Center. There are so many other golf budget concerns too numerous to mention and include in this letter that are quite frankly a mystery. For example, for FY2013, the golf division budgeted \$115,050 for "miscellaneous service"

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expenditures and, recently, I learned that actual expenditures for this same fiscal year and budget code were \$196,149 – “again, for ‘miscellaneous’ services.”

The LMGC budget committee prepared a spreadsheet in an attempt to establish a historical five-year golf budget/actual expense trend-line for purposes of gaining a perspective on how the golf division budgets for, and accounts for all ISF and Central Services expenses by budget code. This request(s) was originally made in August, 2013 and, to date; neither I nor any member of the LMGC has received a response from the golf division. If ISF expenses account for greater than \$1 of \$5 golf enterprise dollars earned would it not be beneficial to know how these same expenses are budgeted and accounted for by line-item budget code(s)?

In closing, I remind City Council members again, the golf program is guided by the Lincoln Municipal Code which governs the uses of the golf enterprise fund. Specifically, LMC Section 12.24.030, Golf Fees Placed in Golf Fund:

“All fees collected from persons playing the game of golf upon golf links owned or maintained by the city, as aforesaid, shall be placed by the City Treasurer in a separate fund to be designated as the "golf fund." Such fees shall be used only for the operation, maintenance, improvement, and extension of present golf links, or the construction and maintenance of additional golf links and all necessary expense incident thereto. (Ord. 8468 § 1; July 13, 1964).”

The question before elected officials, LPR golf division, LMGC, and Lincoln golf patrons -- who we serve -- is should the golf enterprise fund be used for “city-overhead” purposes, i.e., non-golf related municipal costs? The \$800,000 debt the golf fund owes the city’s general fund is a “self-inflicted wound,” it’s a matter of resolving the city’s ever increasing overhead cost charges to the golf enterprise fund, i.e., Internal Service Fund and Central Services Fund.

In past committee and public discussions, further underscored by the NGF recommendations, the temptation to sell a public golf asset, e.g., Highlands GC as mentioned by Lynn Johnson on behalf of the administration, for a “quick fix” to resolve a current general fund debt, is not a long-term solution for the Lincoln golf program nor will it lead to its sustainability.

Sincerely,

Tom Nesbitt

CC:
Mayor Beutler

Lincoln City Council
Lynn Johnson
LMGC Members
LMGA
LWMGA
Lincoln Men Seniors



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REVISED
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, August 15, 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 July 18, 2014 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board**
- 3. Comments from Customers**
- 4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff**
 - A. 20 Years – Ron Kohel, Meter Reader, Customer Services
 - B. 30 Years – Andy Speedlin, Line Technician 1st Class-Troubleshooting
T&D Construction, Energy Delivery
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
 - B. Personnel & Organization Committee
 1. *Approval of LES Employees' Life Insurance and Disability Updates – LES Resolution 2014-10
- 6. Administrator & CEO Reports**
 - A. 2015 Budget Public Process
 - B. *Approval of LES Investment Policy – LES Resolution 2014-11
- 7. Chief Operating Officer's Reports**
 - A. Community Solar Project Update
- 8. Other Business**
 - A. Strategic Planning Topics Review
 - B. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
 - C. Miscellaneous Information

9. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

Next Regular LES Administrative Board meeting Friday, September 19, 2014.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jenne Rodriguez [hjzrodriguez@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 4:27 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Thank You!

Members of the City Council:

Thank you for your attentiveness during the public hearing regarding the housing plan by Chateau Development, LLC at Holmes Park Road and Sherman Street.

The outcome is not what we wanted; but we appreciate your willingness to visit our neighborhood, review the plans, and ask qualifying questions of us and the developer's representative.

We are hopeful that the layout of the single-family attached units will be more creative than what was presented in the "conceptual" drawing.

Thank you for your service to the community.

Henry and Jenne Rodriguez

3431 Fox Hollow Circle

To: Lincoln City Council Members
Re: Budget Discussions

First, let me say that I have never been so inclined to write a letter like this, as I am currently. The upcoming budget decisions are extremely important and I would like nothing more than to be able to attend the council meeting and make my thoughts known. However, prior obligations preclude me from doing so. That said, here are a few things that concern me, just an average citizen.

In a recent LJS article, by Nancy Hicks, it was mentioned that Councilman Camp has proposed providing each council member with a discretionary fund. Whether this money is needed, the amount is too much, too little, I have no idea. Providing some funds does seem like a reasonable idea. The part of the article that flabbergasted me was Councilman Emery's comments. His concern seems to be that council members would be pummeled in their next election campaign, if they supported such funding. This stance is asinine. If this is his big concern, or the concern of any other council member, they should resign their seats immediately. If they are more concerned about the next election than they are about serving the citizens of Lincoln, RESIGN!

Also I see there is some controversy about the police and parks budgets. The LPD does an outstanding job. The overall crime rate is relatively low, but so are the staffing numbers, per capita. Lincoln is rapidly growing in size and population. The drug issues and gang related activities are only going to increase. Why wait until these problems get completely out of control. Then there will be much finger pointing, hand wringing, and teeth gnashing about why didn't we do something sooner. HIRE MORE POLICE OFFICERS!

The Parks & Rec Dept. has been out of control for several years. Yes, there have budget cuts and staff reductions. Yet we continue to expand and add more parks. The new Civic Plaza is a prime example. I'm sure a few people will sit and eat their lunches there and at night a few drunks will vomit and urinate there. A far better option would have been to sell the land for redevelopment, thus putting it back on the tax rolls. Parks are nice, but I would guess, without any statistics to support it, that a very small percentage of Lincoln residents actually go the parks. Maybe because they have become overgrown weed patches. Director Johnson is in over his head and it is quite apparent when he stands before the council. He seems as nervous as the proverbial pregnant nun. The director needs to be an innovative person that can get the job done, with what he has. Golf courses should be self supporting, swimming pools should be self supporting. The director should be someone who will step up and demand that further expansion be reined in until there is truly adequate funding available. NO MORE PARKS!

An increase in the city sales tax is a splendid idea, whether a quarter-cent, or a half-cent. I would support it wholeheartedly if the money were used to fix the streets. I would not support it if it were to be divvied up to the special interest groups. A person would think that after the exorbitant increase in the wheel tax, that the streets would be improving. Quite the opposite has happened. Overall the condition of the streets in Lincoln is well below acceptable standards. FIX THE STREETS!

Very sincerely,
Moe Smith

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Message from:

Jim Heydt

In favor of the Negative Properties Ordinance.

Mary M. Meyer

From: John Turincs [jturincs@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 1:42 PM
To: Jonathan A. Cook; Carl B. Eskridge; Jon Camp; Roy A. Christensen; Doug Emery; Trenton J. Fellers; Leirion Gaylor Baird
Cc: bvocasek@neb.rr.com; info@timberidge-linc.com; Mayor; Miki Esposito; leirion@leirionforlincoln.org
Subject: Budget Comments
Attachments: Comments for Planning Committee Meeting May 7 2014.pdf; WestWord Newsletter Excerpt - August 2014.pdf

I am attaching a copy of the comments I submitted to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission for the May 7, 2014 meeting (many of you have received a copy of this directly or indirectly, but is recorded as Exhibit A in the meeting minutes <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/pc/minutes/2014/050714.pdf>) and an excerpt from the August 2014 Westword West A Neighborhood Association newsletter.

After reviewing the budget, I performed additional research on the main project I am concerned with – The West “A” Street project and felt I should share this information with the city council prior to the upcoming budget hearing in the hopes that you will reconsider this project to be adopted in the next 2014-2016 budget period (as I understand it, this would require an amendment to the [2014-2020 CIP](#) so that funding was allocated in the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 budget periods). This area is primarily represented by Jonathan Cook on the council but a portion, (section 2D-3 on the [City Council Districts Map](#)) is represented by Carl Eskridge.

The West A Street project first appeared in the 2003-2009 CIP (see project 57) with \$200,000 funding coming from Impact Fees and the remainder from Other Funds (which I believe typically means obligation bonds).

2003 - 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM		DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC WORKS		FORM A										
		DIVISION: STREETS & HIGHWAYS												
(1)	(2)	(3)	9% Inflation per year (4)											
PROJ. NO.	PROJECT TITLE	PROJ. PROJ. NO.	PROGRAMMED EXPENDITURES & FUNDING SOURCES (FS) (000's)											
			2003-2004	FS	2004-2005	FS	2005-2006	FS	2006-2007	FS	2007-2008	FS	2008-2009	FS
63	Normal Blvd. - 50th St. to Van Dom St.	B												
	DESIGN				499.3	OF								
	ROW						266.3	OF						
	CONST								2,563.0	OF				
	Total				499.3		266.3		2,563.0					
64	Adams St. - 75th to 84th St.	B												
	DESIGN				497.2	OF								
	ROW				200.0	IF								
	CONST						371.9	OF			3,579.1	OF		
	Total				697.2		371.9		3,579.1					
65	Van Dom St. - Normal Blvd. to 1/4 mi. E/O 84th St.	B												
	DESIGN				575.2	OF								
	ROW				490.0	IF			568.1	OF				
	CONST										5,467.8	OF		
	Total				1,065.2		568.1		5,467.8					
66	Coddington St. - "A" St. to Van Dom St.	B												
	DESIGN				588.1	OF								
	ROW				200.0	IF			420.3	OF				
	CONST										4,045.4	OF		
	Total				788.1		420.3		4,045.4					
67	W. "A" St. - 1/4 mi. W/O SW 40th to Coddington	B												
	DESIGN				595.1	OF								
	ROW				200.0	IF			424.1	OF				
	CONST										4,081.7	OF		
	Total				795.1		424.1		4,081.7					

In the 2004-2010 CIP, this was changed to \$121,800 from impact fees in 2004-2005, \$436,800 from other funds in 2005-2006, and a combination of \$593,000 from impact fees and \$1,816,500 from where tax in 2007-2008.

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) - Comhusker 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

Further, if you examine District 1 impact fees over the CIPS, there is often significant variances from year to year with no explanation on the variances.

CIP

Funding Level for District 1	2005-2011	2006-2012	2007-2013	2008-2014	2009-2015	2010-2016	2012-18 CIP	2014-2020 CIP
2005/2006	557.5							
2006/2007	695	1840						
2007/2008	787.5	787.5	825					
2008/2009	855	855	892.5	1000				
2009/2010	925	925	962.5	1000	1000			
2010/2011	992.5	992.5	1030	1010	1010	1010		
2011/2012		1062.5	1100	1020.1	1020	1020.1		
2012/2013			1240.5	1030.3	1030.3	1030.3	388.7	
2013/2014				1040.6	1040.6	1040.6	503.1	
2014/2015					1051	1051	521.4	174.7
2015/2016						1061.5	592.8	210.4
2016/2017							628.6	610.4
2017/2018							653.6	610.4
2019/2020								610.4

So who cares?

First, I do, which is why I have invested my time and effort in documenting this information and scanning countless CIP and budget documents, which, I think you will agree, is not the most fun task. Secondly - area residents, although they have not appeared as a cohesive body but I have heard these concerns from them when discussing the issue directly with them.

Civic Fixes: No shoulder, no sidewalk in the Lincoln Journal Star on 6/14/2014 provides another example. The article raises the same question everyone does when driving down West A Street and watching a pedestrian or cyclist

navigating the street - "Does someone have to get hit by a car before a sidewalk is put in?" It is especially concerning when we see a younger person attempt to navigate the street.

The West A Neighborhood Association has contacted the city multiple times according to Bill Vocasek - see the second attachment which is an excerpt from the August 2014 Westword West A Neighborhood Association newsletter (for the record, the quote that was attributed to Ms. Gaylord-Baird in the article was not made by her, but was actually from the [West A Street Project website](#) maintained by the Planning Department).

Mayor Beutler in his April 17, 2014 press release *City's [Federal Spending Authority Shifted to South Beltway Project](#)* said "...the City's highest priority is construction and rehabilitation on roads such as Yankee Hill, Pine Lake, West "A" and South 56th...", which is why I do not understand if this project was deemed so important (which I believe it is), that it is not slated to start until 2017, and could possibly be delayed again since there is no firm commitment beyond the current two year budget cycle.

I would ask you again, please consider amending the CIP to include the West 'A' Street project in the next two year budget cycle. This has been an identified need for over ten years; when we can come up with \$2 million in a matter of months in order to demolish the Pershing, we should have a means to identify and commit the funding to get this project completed. The residents in this area deserve to have this project completed, we have waited long enough.

John Turincs
3747 W Springview Rd
Lincoln, NE 68522
402.435.4477

My name is John Turincs and I currently reside at 3747 W Springview Rd, Lincoln, NE 68522, (402)435-4477 and email address jturincs@hotmail.com

I just wanted to start out by saying I appreciate the time, effort, and thoughtful consideration Kristen Humphrey (Engineering Services) and Thomas Shafer (Manager of Design and Construction for Public Works) has provided me in helping me understand the current status of the West A Street project, the documents used in planning and the prioritization process. I should also note that the information presented strictly represents my views and opinions and not necessarily those of any referenced individuals or homeowner associations in the area.

The West A Street Project is to upgrade West A Street from SW 40th Street to Coddington Avenue to meet current City design standards which "include curb and gutter, storm sewer, sidewalks, and right and left turn lanes where appropriate". The first public open house for the project was held October 24, 2005 to present preliminary plans (<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/projects/a/sw-40th-coddington/>). The project has shown up on the MPO since 2004 (see project 67 p C-37 FY 2004-2009 Transportation Improvement Program <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/mpo/tip/tip04/pdf/pworksss.pdf>) - the following is an excerpt from the report:

2004-2009 LINCOLN CITY/LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA										AGENCY: Public Works				FORM A					
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM										DIVISION: Streets & Highways/Traffic Engineering									
(1)	(2)			(3)	5% Inflation per year (4)														
PROJ NO (Map)	PROJECT (Location & Distance)			PROJ PRIO	PROGRAMMED EXPENDITURES & FUNDING SOURCES (FS) (000's)														
	(Improvement Description) (Project Number)	(Work Phase)	PRIORITY PROJECTS						OUT YEAR PROJECTS										
			2003-04		FS	2004-05	FS	2005-06	FS	2006-07	FS	2007-08	FS	2008-09	FS				
67	W. "A" St. - 1/4 mi. W/O SW 40th to Coddington			B															
	DESIGN						595.1	OF											
	ROW						200.0	IF											
	CONST								424.1	OF									
	Total						795.1		424.1		4,081.7	OF	4,081.7						

The report format has changed over time, but even in 2004 it was shown as a priority project. The current Long Range Transportation Plan (see Appendix F: Project Prioritization Support Data http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/plan/document/lrtp/110907/app_F.pdf) shows this as a high priority project.

2040 LRTP Urban Area Street System Project Scoring
Work In Progress

Facility/Project Name	Project Type	2040 Plan Status	Project Cost (2010 Dollars)	Weighted Goals							Weighted Score
				18.3	18.0	10.1	9.8	14.6	17.7	11.6	
State Projects				Goal 1	Goal 2	Goal 3	Goal 4	Goal 5	Goal 6	Goal 7	
W. "A" Street, SW. 40th Street to Coddington Avenue	2 lanes + turn lanes	High Priority	\$4,408,000								0.0
W. "A" Street, Coddington to Folsom	2 lanes + turn lanes	High Priority	\$3,070,363								0.0

There are seven goals that factor into the weighted ranking of the projects on the LRTP:

- Goal 1: Maintain the existing transportation system to maximize the value of these assets.
- Goal 2: Improve the efficiency, performance and connectivity of a balanced transportation system.
- Goal 3: Promote consistency between land use and transportation plans to enhance mobility and accessibility.
- Goal 4: Provide a safe and secure transportation system.
- Goal 5: Support economic vitality of the community.
- Goal 6: Protect and enhance environmental sustainability, provide opportunities for active lifestyles, and conserve natural and cultural resources.
- Goal 7: Maximize the cost effectiveness of transportation

Unfortunately, at the time I compiled this information, the individual scoring was not available in Appendix F of the Long Range Transportation Plan (Thomas Shafer acknowledged this and I believe noted that this is a draft in process and was working to get the document updated with the individual scores).

The FY 2015-2018 TIP show the project starting in 2017-2018, so if funding is only approved for the next two year biennium budget, I am assuming this project is not funded and may again be delayed due to future re-prioritization:

2015-2018 LINCOLN CITY/LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM				AGENCY: City of Lincoln : Public Works & Utilities DIVISION: Streets & Highways												
PROJ NO (Map)	PROJECT (Location & Distance) (Improvement Description) (Control Number)	PROJECT NUMBER	WORK PHASE	PROGRAMMED EXPENDITURES & FUNDING SOURCES (F\$) (000's)						COST BEYOND PROGRAM	TOTAL PROJECT COSTS					
				PRIOR FISCAL YEARS	FS	2014-15	FS	2015-16	FS			2016-17	FS	2017-18	FS	
11	West "A" Street from SW 40th to Folsom <small>This project would improve the capacity and safety of this area by programming city funds for the completion of design engineering, right-of-way, construction and construction engineering to construct two lanes of pavement along West "A" Street between Folsom and SW 40th streets. The project will construct left and right turn lanes as appropriate and include intersection improvements at Folsom, Coddington and SW 40th Streets. The project will improve safety and capacity.</small>															
				FE		0.0		0.0		0.0		659.6 LN				
				TOTAL		0.0		0.0		0.0		659.6		0.0	659.6	

This is also confirmed in the FY 2014/15-2019/2020 draft Capital Improvement Program Streets & Highways section (<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/cip/2014-20/Streets.pdf>) project 0768 (p. 3) which shows funding from City Wheel Tax and the New Construction fund to occur in the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 funding periods.

0768 West "A" Street from SW 40th to Folsom

Description:
This project would improve the capacity and safety of this area by programming city funds for the completion of design engineering, right-of-way, construction and construction engineering to construct two lanes of pavement along West "A" Street between Folsom and SW 40th streets. The project will construct left and right turn lanes as appropriate and include intersection improvements at Folsom, Coddington and SW 40th Streets. The project will improve safety and capacity.

Group:	(None)
Program:	(None)
Budget Outcome:	Effective Transportation
Budget Goal:	Provide transportation infrastructure
Date Anticipated:	
Rating:	B
Status:	New
Comp Plan Conformity:	In Conformance With Plan

Project Total \$6,622.20	Prior Appropriations \$0.00	Costs Beyond: \$0.00					
6 yr appropriations							
<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>6 yr Total</u>
City Wheel Tax, New Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$659.60	\$5,962.60	\$0.00	\$6,622.20
6 yr estimated cost by activity							
<u>Activity type</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	
Preliminary Plans				X	X	X	

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 LRTP 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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Timber Ridge Homeowner's Association, info@timberidge-linc.com
Bill Nelson, High Ridge/Cushman Neighborhood Association
Thomas Shafer, Manager of Design & Construction, City of Lincoln Public Works, tshafer@lincoln.ne.gov
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Mayor's Office
Lincoln City Council

Smith passes, legacy remains

Bill Smith, Speedway Motors founder and owner, died May 30, weeks before his 85th birthday.

A Lincoln native, he was hooked on cars early in life and began to buy, fix and sell Model Ts for profit as a teenager. He then raced motorcycles and cars.

In 1952, Smith opened Speedway Motors, one of the Midwest's first speed shops, at 2232 O St. Although his business was mostly based in Southern California, he remained in Lincoln.

"The Smith family invested into the West A area, and helped us work with the city to develop the corner of West A and Coddington," said Bill Vocasek, West A Neighborhood Association president. "It would have been easy to wait for someone else to get it done, but they worked with us. They asked what services we wanted, and then found those businesses and brought them to the area."

Speedway Properties, a subset of Speedway Motors, still owns the property on which Coddington Market

sits. The business was established in 1961 and has received numerous awards for projects that positively impacted Lincoln, often by redeveloping older buildings.

To preserve racing history, Smith established the Museum of American Speed, 599 Oak Creek Drive, in 1992. It maintains a collection of racing engines and cars, which attract visitors to Lincoln.

Andy Anderson, owner of Omaha's Park Drive Garage and Gas Pump Heaven, knew Smith for 30 years.

"The Museum of American Speed is Smith's legacy, and people don't realize that it's in their own backyard," he said. "The museum has grown so much since it began."

Smith's wife, Joyce, died in August 2013. They had sons, Carson, Craig, Clay and Jason, who remain involved in the business.



Let your voice be heard by sending an email or letter asking for a commitment to:

Mayor Chris Beutler
mayor@lincoln.ne.gov

Director of Public Works Miki Esposito
mesposito@lincoln.ne.gov

Council member Jonathan Cook
jcook@lincoln.ne.gov

Council member Leirion Gaylor Baird
lgaylorbaird@lincoln.ne.gov

Council member Roy Christensen
rchristensen@lincoln.ne.gov

You may contact all city council members at:
councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov

All of the above names can be sent mail to:
555 South 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Let your voice be heard

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He recently submitted a document to the Lancaster County Planning Commission and received a response from City Council member Leirion Gaylor Baird.

"Because funding has not been identified for right of way or construction, the project has been placed on hold indefinitely," Gaylor Baird wrote.

Turincs encourages community members to contact city council members to encourage commitment to move the project forward.

"A lot of people have known about the project a long time," he said. "Without some type of input from the community, it probably will never happen."

West A Neighborhood Association President Bill Vocasek said the association has contacted the city multiple times regarding this issue in the past. It has been put on the Community Improvement Plan, but funding has not been approved.

"This is reviewed yearly," he said. "It can't hurt to contact your city representatives and voice your legitimate concerns."

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Mary M. Meyer

From: bruggeman@windstream.net
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:53 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cable tv franchise

I do believe that Time Warner should not be given an exclusive franchise for television in Lincoln NE, but that competition should be allowed. I am just an ordinary television watcher and yet my services with Time Warner has deteriorated and the charges have increased a lot over the past few years. They have deleted channels that I like to watch, (KMTV, city channels, WGN, travel channel) or required a box to access them. Last Monday, with no advance warning, I discovered that WOWT in Omaha had been replaced with KHAS in Hastings, with analog only and unsatisfactory reception. I much prefer to receive NBC, which I watch extensively, from Omaha which has more news and weather that pertains to Lincoln. After 2 days of trying to talk to a person at Time Warner I was finally told that I would have to buy a box at \$11.95 per month if I wished to receive WOWT (hopefully in HD). I feel that an exclusive franchise with one provider who has given me poor and expensive service is not acceptable.

Kathryn A. Bruggeman
8119 Hickory Lane
Lincoln NE 68510

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014

Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Carl Eskridge; Roy Christensen; and Jonathan Cook

Absent: Leirion Gaylor Baird; and Jon Camp

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Mary Meyer, City Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Meier, in review of today's agenda, stated on Item #11, the applicant has requested to withdraw their application and will resubmit at a later date. Emery asked Cook if he would so move with the reply being yes.

Meier then commented, the Motions to Amend on Items #21, #22, and #23 will not be needed, as discussed with the Assistant City Attorney, Don Taute.

II. MAYOR

1. Fiscal Impact Statement. Public Works/Street Operations.
2. Fiscal Impact Statement. Public Works/Street Operations.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Flags to be flown at half staff in honor of Staff Sgt. Prange.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday, August 14, 2014, 3:00 p.m. at 55 S. 10th Street, Council Chambers. The agenda and attachments are online.

PARKS AND RECREATION

1. Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation. Response to letter from Tom Nesbitt.
 - a) Letter to Tom Nesbitt from Lynn Johnson regarding the June 12th letter to Mayor Beutler regarding the Golf Program.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission on August 6, 2014.
2. Planning Commission Final Action, August 6, 2014.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 29, 2014 through August 4, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Moni Usasz email of gratitude for helping Parks and Recreation recover from some of the deep cuts over the five or more years.
2. Jim Klein thanking Councilman Camp for his effort on the special permit request, #166C.
3. Phillis Higley comments on the Foxhollow Outlot B, with reply from Councilman Camp.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Susann Andrews writing in support of the proposed Neglected House Ordinance. (Distributed to Council before meeting on 08.04.14)
2. Jenne Rodriguez listing objections to Resolution 14RS, Agenda Item 43, on the agenda of August 4, 2014. (Distributed to Council before Meeting on 08.04.14)
3. Thomas Shores commenting on the proposed amendment of Special Permit No. 1665C, thanking Council for delaying the decision.
 - a) Councilman Camp replying to Thomas Shores on developments of Outlot B.
4. Mildred A. Petersen writing to Time Warner Cable listing some of her concerns.
5. Larry Ball's information on 2025 Pepper Avenue.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.