

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010**

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2. NEWS RELEASE. Motorists urged to avoid 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and I-180 downtown.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor and developers break ground for Catalyst Project.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Trail users advised to "See and Be Seen".
5. NEWS RELEASE. Artists needed for 2011 Rain Barrel Art project.
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2. Health Department Report for November, 2010.

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**PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 13, 2010

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

**MAYOR PRESENTS NOVEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for November to Pamela Rowe of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Rowe has been a Public Health Educator for the City since 2004. Co-worker Renee Massie nominated her in the categories of customer relations and productivity for her work with the Tobacco Prevention and Education program. Rowe works with the Police Department to organize monthly compliance checks for tobacco sales to minors, a program proven to prevent young people from starting tobacco use. The Lincoln area failure rate is below 10 percent.

Rowe works with Lincoln Public Schools to recruit teen volunteers to work with police on the checks. Sergeant Robert Ziemer and Officer Jason Brownell say Rowe has built a strong working relationship with police and students as well as their families. Rowe visits with the retailers and individuals cited for selling tobacco to minors to promote free training. She developed a booklet for landlords on the benefits of smoke-free housing and is now creating a Smoke-Free Housing Registry. She also is calling owners and managers of multi-family dwellings to promote the Housing Options guide and to register smoke-free buildings. Rowe also helped with the Tobacco Free Lancaster County website.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 13, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Scott Opfer, Engineering Services, 441-7851

**MOTORISTS URGED TO AVOID  
9TH, 10TH AND I-180 DOWNTOWN**

City officials say "O" Street between 9th and 10th streets will remain closed through at least tomorrow evening. The street was closed Sunday morning because of the major fire on that block. Both 9th and 10th streets remain open, but motorists are asked to avoid the area, especially during morning and afternoon rush hours, to reduce traffic delays.

Lincoln Fire and Rescue crews were at the scene mid-afternoon today to extinguish hot spots, and officials have concerns about the stability of the building.

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Dallas McGee, Urban Development, 441-7857

Will Scott, WRK LLC, 477-6767

Zachary Wiegert, Woodbury Corporation, 434-9440

**MAYOR AND DEVELOPERS BREAK GROUND FOR CATALYST PROJECT**

Mayor Chris Beutler and developers today broke ground for a ten-story structure to be built on the City-owned “Catalyst” site on the south side of “Q” Street between 13th and 14th streets. The \$30.6 million project includes 17,000 square feet of first-floor retail and six floors of City-operated parking, with 53 residential units on the top three floors. Crews are now removing the pavement from the site, and the project is scheduled to be completed by summer 2012.

“This new building, one of the tallest to be built in more than a decade, will literally change the skyline of our City,” said Mayor Beutler. “I want to thank all those who worked to create this major investment. The 600 parking stalls along with the new retail and residential space were priorities for downtown Lincoln. The project will spur additional development and set the stage for the future Civic Plaza at 13th and ‘P’ streets.”

The Lincoln City Council approved a redevelopment agreement for the project November 22. Sampson Construction signed a construction manager-at-risk agreement with the City and Block 38 LLC to oversee the bidding and construction of the project. The project includes \$16.4 million in private investment and \$14.2 million in public funding. About \$1.7 million in tax-increment financing will be used to help fund the City parking portion of the project along with alley work, sidewalks and landscaping.

The development team includes local developer WRK and nationally known developers Woodbury Corporation and Colmena Capital. Other members of the team include Sinclair Hille Architects; Engineering Technologies; C & C Consultants; Desman Associates; Olsson Associates; and Structural Design Group.

This site on block 38 was originally identified in the 2005 Downtown Master Plan for a major project that would tie into the Civic Plaza and provide additional parking. In 2007, the City began negotiations on a redevelopment agreement for the Catalyst site with the Lincoln Synergy Group, but negotiations ended due to the economic downturn. The City received two responses to an invitation for new redevelopment proposals in 2009, and Block 38 LLC was chosen for the project.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 441-7847, fax 441-8706

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 15, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Terry Genrich, Natural Resources/Greenways, 441-7939

**TRAIL USERS ADVISED TO "SEE AND BE SEEN"**

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee encourage residents to "see and be seen" when using the trails, especially this time of year with the reduced amount of daylight. Bikers, joggers and walkers are urged to wear reflective clothing or use some form of illumination. Those who don't take steps to make sure others can see them pose a significant threat to the safety of all other users on the City trails and streets. It is also recommended that trail users carry cell phones in case of an emergency.

Proper equipment and illumination clothing is available at all bicycle shops and most running apparel stores. Many options are available including vests, flashlights, blinking shoes, flashing lights, reflective strips and arm bands.

Information on the City Parks and Recreation Department is available at [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov).

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Watershed Management Division, 901 N. 6th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7701, fax 441-8194

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** December 15, 2100

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Ellen Wright, Watershed Management, 441-7075

### **ARTISTS NEEDED FOR 2011 RAIN BARREL ART PROJECT**

Local artists are invited to participate in the third annual Artistic Rain Barrel program. This year's project is sponsored by the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the Watershed Management Division of the City Public Works and Utilities Department. Applications are due February 11, and 25 artists will be chosen to paint rain barrels for city-wide display this spring and a public auction in May.

Rain barrels are above-ground containers modified to receive, store and distribute rooftop runoff for non-drinking uses. The first two programs raised more than \$12,450 for the Friends of Pioneers Park Nature Center for scholarships. The 2011 proceeds will help fund the Zoo's environmental education programs.

"Anyone is welcome to transform a dull 55-gallon food grade barrel into a work of art that inspires and connects the Lincoln community," said Ellen Wright, Environmental Health Educator in Watershed Management. "The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that stormwater runoff accounts for 70 percent of the pollutants in our lakes, rivers and creeks, and rain barrels are simple pollution solutions. This project is a fun way to educate the public about the importance of managing stormwater runoff and raise funds for a great cause."

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality says 46 percent of our local streams are impaired by polluted stormwater. In addition to using rain barrels, residents can help reduce polluted runoff by installing rain gardens, using lake-friendly fertilizers and removing pet waste.

Applications, which include a short summary of the intended design, are available on the City website, [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: rain barrel), and at the City Watershed Management office, 901 N. 6th St. The chosen artists will be notified by February 11, and they will have until April 1 to paint and return the barrels. Barrels will be on display from April 4th to May 6th at Lincoln City Libraries and local businesses. A week-long display of all the barrels at the Lincoln Children's Zoo will culminate in a public auction from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 19. Photos of the barrels and more information will be posted on the City website.

For more information, contact Ellen Wright of Watershed Management at 441-7075 or [ewright@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ewright@lincoln.ne.gov).

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** street condition update

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**From:** Diane K. Gonzolas

**Subject:** street condition update

CITY OF LINCOLN STREET CONDITION UPDATE

A complete voice report is available at 441-7783. This number is for news media use only.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644

Diane Gonzolas, cell 525-1520, work 441-7831

Date: Thursday, December 16, 2010

Time: 10 a.m.

Freezing rain began causing problems for Lincoln motorists about 7:30 Wednesday night. City crews responded with 19 material spreaders applying salt on snow emergency routes, other arterials and bus routes. At 3 a.m., crews began spreading sand around all Lincoln schools before returning to material spreading with salt about 8 a.m. That operation continues at mid-morning. By noon, crews hope to be in residential areas spreading sand at stop signs and on hills and curves.

The Police Department reports there were 46 crashes last night between 7:30 and midnight, none serious. Only six crashes have been reported in the City since midnight. StarTran buses are running on schedule.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have question, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.



# WASHINGTON REPORT

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**Washington Report**

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## HOUSE DEMOCRATS BALK AT TAX PLAN

### CONGRESS

Congressional leaders searching for endgame. With Members of both the House and Senate eager to end the current lame duck session, Democratic leaders are looking for ways to secure passage of a few key initiatives before breaking for the holidays.

Republican Senators signed a letter last week insisting that they would not agree to votes on any major legislation until an extension of the expiring Bush-era tax cuts and the FY 2011 budget were addressed. (See related stories below.) As a result, Senate majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has found it difficult to move some of his legislative goals for this post-election session. They include the:

- Defense authorization bill, as well as a repeal of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" rule
- DREAM Act, a pared down immigration measure that would provide a path to citizenship for children who were brought to the U.S. illegally by their parents
- START arms treaty with Russia

Congress did manage to approve a one-year fix of Medicare reimbursement rates for physicians this week, but the other measures are proving to be more difficult. With Republicans set to gain additional seats in the Senate and take control of the House on January 5, the GOP appears to be content to wait until they have more leverage to deal with many of these issues.

Depending on how hard Democrats want to push the matters, legislators could potentially be in session right up the holidays, and potentially until January 4.

### TAX BILL

House Democrats wary of tax compromise: votes expected next week. Many House Democrats remain cool to a compromise tax package proposed earlier this week by the White House and congressional Republicans, but supporters of the package hope that a majority will ultimately vote next week to clear the plan.

Democrats in the House continue to object to an extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts to the wealthiest Americans and treatment of the estate tax, but the political reality for the President is that Republicans will only agree to extend all the Bush-era tax cuts, not just the ones for the lower and middle income earners. The House Democratic Caucus failed to support the measure in a non-binding vote this week, but the chamber is expected to clear the package next week in the face of both Presidential and Senate support.

The tax compromise also includes provisions that have been pending all year to extend a number of popular tax provisions that were scheduled to expire at the end of the month or had already expired. They include the:

- Alternative Fuels Tax Credit
- Brownfields Tax Credit
- Deduction for state and local sales taxes
- Research and Development Tax Credit
- New Markets Tax Credit
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit
- Enhanced charitable deductions for food banks
- Increased transit benefit

Not included in the compromise tax bill were extensions of popular bond programs in the 2009 Recovery act, such as the Build America Bonds program and the Recovery Zone Bonds program. Republican negotiators reportedly insisted that the programs were

always intended to be short-term initiatives.

A summary of the latest version of the tax bill put forward by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/fwpE9B>

A Senate vote to cut off debate on the tax package is scheduled for 3:00pm on Monday, and a vote on final passage is expected by mid-week.

## BUDGET

House approves long-term Continuing Resolution; Senate working on separate FY 2011 spending package. The House this week approved a Continuing Resolution (CR) designed to keep government operations running in the absence of approved FY 2011 appropriations bills.

However, unlike previous short-term CRs that had been approved since FY 2011 formally began on October 1, this CR would extend all the way through September 30, 2011. Most federal programs would be funded at their FY 2010 levels in the CR, but there were a number of exceptions, as well as some policy decisions included in the package. They include:

- \$4.9 billion in additional funding for the Defense Department for health care costs
- \$5.7 billion in additional Pell Grant funds
- \$3.1 billion for the Veterans' Administration for medical operations
- \$723 million in additional Social Security, Medicare, and unemployment compensation operations
- \$550 million for the Education Department "Race to the Top" program
- \$624 million for nuclear weapons programs
- Rescission of \$630 million in unobligated earmarks from old highway reauthorization bills
- \$1.5 billion less for the Transportation Department high speed rail program
- Rescission of \$500 million from the Justice Department Asset Forfeiture Fund

- \$5.1 billion less for the Defense Department base closure fund
- Rescission of \$6 billion for the Census Bureau

The measure also instructs federal agencies in some instances to adjust funding within their departments to reflect changing policies and priorities, but with no additional overall funding. Examples include requiring the Agriculture Department to adjust funding to ensure additional resources for child nutrition programs and NASA to adjust funding to reflect policies enacted in a recent authorization bill for the agency.

In addition, the bill would waive the matching requirements in FY 2011 for the firefighter hiring programs known as SAFER at the Department of Homeland Security and extends federal surface transportation (SAFETEA-LU) and aviation programs through September 30, 2011. (See related story below.)

There are no earmarks in the House-approved CR.

Additional details on the House CR can be found at:

<http://bit.ly/f4hNsl>

In the Senate, leaders of the Appropriations Committee are reportedly crafting an omnibus appropriations bill that would combine all 12 FY 2011 spending bills into one package. That measure would most likely better reflect changing spending priorities in the individual agencies, and could also potentially include earmarks. However, most observers believe that it will be difficult for that measure to garner the 60 votes necessary to overcome a certain Republican filibuster, in which case the Senate would likely turn to the approved House CR.

Further complicating matter, though, are conservative Republicans who believe that a short-term CR (possibly though February) should be approved, which would allow the GOP to have a greater say in spending decisions once they take control of the House and gain seats in the Senate.

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Senate rejects collective bargaining measure by a vote of 55-43. On Wednesday, the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act (reintroduced as S 3991 last week) was unable to get the 60 votes needed for a cloture motion in order to end debate on the bill and bring it to a final vote. Three Democrats and all Republicans voted to block the bill.

The measure would have mandated that states and local governments enter into collective bargaining with their public safety employees. State and local officials have opposed collective bargaining legislation on the grounds that the measures provide for federal interference in traditionally local matters.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced the modified version of collective bargaining legislation last week. To garner more support, S 3991 included a provision to exempt sheriff's departments from the collective bargaining requirements. This exemption resulted in withdrawal of support from the Fraternal Order of Police.

No other action is expected on collective bargaining this year.

## TRANSPORTATION

House CR extends SAFETEA-LU, FAA authorizations. The Continuing Resolution (CR) for FY 2011 spending approved by the House this week contains some additional transportation-related provisions.

The measure would permanently rescind \$630 million in unobligated earmarks previously authorized in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) and older transportation reauthorization bills. Also, any earmarks from the 1998 Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) in which 10 percent or less of the funding has been obligated would also be permanently rescinded.

Other cuts to transportation include a reduction in high-speed rail from \$2.5 billion to \$1 billion, consistent with the President's budget request submitted to

Congress last February. The CR also provides the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authority to use its funding for audits of new interstate carriers, and for grants to improve the commercial driver's license program.

The CR also extends through September 30 SAFETEA-LU, the surface transportation authorization bill which expired in September 2009, and has since been renewed for short periods while Congress attempts to pass a long-term bill. Transportation advocates are holding out hope that the extension could provide the new Congress with some time to draft a long-term reauthorization bill before it gets bogged down in politics surrounding the 2012 election.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill, like SAFETEA-LU, has been extended multiple times while Congress works on a long-term reauthorization, and the CR includes an extension of the current FAA programs and fees through September 30 as well.

In a related event, the Obama Administration this week announced that approximately \$1.2 billion high-speed rail funding from the Recovery Act that had been awarded to the states of Wisconsin and Ohio would be redirected to 14 other states. Governors of both those states asked the White House if they could divert the funds – which they had originally applied for rail use -- to other infrastructure needs but were rejected. The majority of the reallocated funds will go to California and Florida.

## COMMUNITY FOODS

Local foods program included in child nutrition legislation. The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (S 3307), which was approved by Congress last week and will be signed into law by the President, would authorize a new Access to Local Foods: Farm to School Program. This program would provide competitive grants and technical assistance to eligible schools, state and local agencies, tribal organizations, agricultural producers and nonprofit entities.

Eligible funding uses would include planning, purchasing equipment,

developing school gardens and implementing farm to school programs. The program would also give priority to projects that: make local food products available on school menus; serve a high proportion of children who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches; and incorporate experiential nutrition education by involving school children in farm and garden-based agricultural education activities.

S 3307 would authorize appropriated funding for the Farm to School Program for FY 2011 – FY 2015. The program would provide grants of up to \$100,000 with a 25 percent non-federal match requirement. The bill also would authorize a pilot program for high-poverty schools to develop and run community gardens to provide students with hands-on nutrition education.

## GRANTS & NOTICES

### Environmental Protection Agency

The EPA is accepting comments on its draft Integrated Cleanup Initiative (ICI) Plan that was released on December 9, 2010. The ICI Plan is a three-year strategy focusing on EPA's land cleanup programs. Sites covered under the cleanup programs include Superfund, federal facilities, brownfields, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act corrective action, and underground storage tank. The goal of the initiative is to accelerate cleanups of contaminated sites, address a greater number of contaminated sites, and put the sites back into productive use while protecting human health and the environment. The initiative also seeks to provide communities with greater accountability and transparency during the cleanup process. EPA plans to use the comments to evaluate and refine the draft plan. The draft ICI Plan is available for public comment for 30 days:

<http://bit.ly/hG5ueW>.

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Office announced the Fire Prevention and Safety Grants application period will be opening soon. The AFG Office published a preparation guide to better prepare applicants for the

application questions. The guide gives tips on heavily weighed areas of the application and highlights newly added capability questions. View the guide at: <http://bit.ly/hNMKrW>.

# LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health  
November 9, 2010

## I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:01 PM by Karla Lester at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members present: Rodrigo Cantarero, Tony Messineo, Lisa Peterson, Deb Schorr, David Smith, Jayne Snyder, Heidi Stark, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Karla Lester.

Members Absent: Ed Schneider and Rick Hoppe (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Andrea Mason, Gwendy Meginnis, Charlotte Burke, Rick Thorson, Gary Bergstrom, Joyce Jensen and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Dennis Grams and Alexis Seetho.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Lester asked that Information Items A. Discussion on Pipelines and B. FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards Report be switched on the Agenda. She asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

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Motion: Moved by Dr. Peterson that the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Mr. Messineo. Motion carried by acclamation.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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Motion: Moved by Mr. Messineo that the October 12, 2010 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

### PUBLIC SESSION

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated two Board of Health members asked about a gift from the Board of Health for Dr. Dart. Ms. Severe provided specifics on a Department clock with a plate thanking Dr. Dart for his service to the community. Board members asked Ms. Severe to order the clock and it will be delivered to Dr. Dart.

Ms. Halstead stated the December Board of Health meeting will include a public hearing on several revisions to the Lincoln Food Code. Department Food Code policy

revisions will be discussed and the Lincoln Municipal Code states that a public hearing before the Board of Health at a regular Board of Health meeting be held before adoption by the Board of Health.

Ms. Halstead stated the Nebraska Medical Association is conducting public health forums across the State of Nebraska. Dr. Richard Raymond is facilitating the forums. Information provided at the forums includes the implementation of public health, history of public health in Nebraska, how it has changed and funding sources. The Nebraska Medical Association would like to provide a forum for Lancaster County in January, 2011. Ms. Halstead suggested the Board of Health host the forum at their January 11, 2011 meeting. Members agreed to host the public health forum. Invitations will be sent to elected officials, legislators, and community leaders. The forums are led by Dr. Raymond, Dr. Les Spry from the Nebraska Medical Association and Dave Palm from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Ms. Halstead stated the Dr. Lester's office - TeachAKid2Fish has relocated to the Health Department. Ms. Halstead stated the Department will be providing office space to Lincoln Fire and Rescue for a grant coordinator. The position is federally funded and will work on labor management issues. Office space at the Health Department will provide a neutral location for Lincoln Fire & Rescue.

Mr. Frederick and Health Data & Evaluation staff will work with Board of Health members to determine their specific interests in implementing their individually designed Dashboard applications.

Mr. Messineo asked about the Assistant Health Director and Resource & Program Development Coordinator vacancies. Ms. Halstead responded the Assistant Health Director position will be advertised in December and it is hoped someone will be hired by February. The Resource & Program Development Coordinator position will be left vacant for the present time.

Mr. Messineo asked Ms. Mason to provide an update on the State Medicaid changes. She stated as of August 1, 2010, the model of service delivery for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid changed to two Managed Care Organizations. As a result, they also changed the Department's Medicaid Access to Care contract. Our Department will now receive \$200,000 less in funding. Staff were realigned in the Community Health Services and Dental Divisions to accommodate the decrease in funding.

## VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

- A. Proposed Revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards

Mr. Thorson stated staff are proposing revisions to the Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards. The revisions are necessary because new regulations have been promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency and adopted by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. EPA has delegated our Department authority to administer the air quality regulations for Lincoln and Lancaster County. Mr. Bergstrom reviewed the proposed revisions to the regulations. The proposed revisions were approved by the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board. Their only change they suggested was adding a statement - "any new computer software will automatically be included".

Motion: Moved by Dr. Smith that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards as amended by the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board and forward them to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners for approval. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Revisions to Policy 222.01 - Food Safety Program Quality Improvement and Standardization

Ms. Jensen reviewed the proposed revisions to the policy. Revisions include updating and correcting terms and titles, changing the standardization intervals of the Standardizing Office, and staff doing food establishment inspections to once every two years instead of annually. The policy would now include the qualification that food establishment inspectors be Registered Environmental Health Specialists and be Certified Professionals in Food Safety. The qualifications are already required in personnel hiring, this just makes it consistent. The proposed revisions were approved by the Food Advisory Committee.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Schorr that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 222.01 - Food Safety Program Quality Improvement and Standardization. Second by Dr. Snyder. Motion carried by a 8-0 roll call vote.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards Report

Ms. Jensen provided an update on the FDA Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards Report for the Department. She noted the FDA Standards provide goals and direction for the Program. The Food Program began working on the Standards in 2001 and initially met only one of the Standards. All of the Standards were audited by an FDA approved auditor. The Program met its goal from last year to meet Standard 5 and received a \$2,500 payment from FDA for

completing the work. To date, the Department meets six of the Standards. Goals for the coming year include completing the self assessment for Standard 4 and to complete a second risk factor survey using our inspection data. If the risk factor survey is completed by June, 2011, the Department will receive another \$2,500 payment from the FDA. Mr. Messineo complimented the staff for their good work and stated the Department's Food Program is one of the finest.

B. Discussion on Pipelines

Mr. Holmes provided an update on natural gas pipelines located in or near Lincoln. He stated the Department has been successful in working with the Planning Commission and Planning Department. Recommendations include: 1) New developments are encouraged to avoid hazardous areas as much as possible. We continue to make recommendations to the Planning Commission and this has been very successful. 2) Development of maps delineating the hazardous areas. Mr. Holmes stated the Departments have very detailed GIS maps. 3) Staff note hazardous areas to decision makers. Health Department staff provide recommendations to the Planning Department. 4) Notification - future landowners are notified of pipeline locations. Staff work with the Planning and Law Departments to include this information. Mr. Holmes stated the pipeline companies do post notices and information is available on the County Assessor's webpage. Board of Health members asked if staff could request the gas companies to add odorant to the pipeline. Board of Health members Messineo, Peterson and Schneider will work with Mr. Holmes and Black Hills Energy on this issue.

C. Bar Observation Walk Update

Dr. Smith provided a report on the Bar Observation Walk when he, Dr. Peterson and Dr. Schneider accompanied Lincoln Police officers on October 30, 2010 on a walk through downtown Lincoln. They were also accompanied by Columbia, Missouri police officers and they were very complimentary of the Lincoln Police Department and their efforts. He stated there were huge crowds of people, many intoxicated individuals, no fights, and he noted many do drive home. These issues are of concern. Jayne Snyder stated the City Council does have an internal liquor commission and they are working with the bar owners. She suggested a Board of Health member be included in this group and offered to discuss this with Councilman Spatz to see if this would be possible.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is December 14, 2010 at 5:00 PM

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark  
Vice-President

# DEPARTMENT REPORT

## NOVEMBER, 2010

### HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Health Director is finalizing plans for the Nebraska Medical Association's public health forum for the Board of Health and community guests at the January 11, 2011 meeting. Dr. Richard Raymond, Dr. Les Spry and Dave Palm will facilitate the forum.
- The Health Director and staff provided a presentation on a performance indicator dashboard for the Mayor's Office to City agencies. We are recommending other City agencies use the software we utilize for our dashboard.
- Plans for being finalized with Lincoln Fire & Rescue (LFR) to house a Grant Coordinator at the Health Department. LFR received federal grant funds to support the grant coordinator position. The individual will work on labor issues and the Health Department location will provide a neutral site.
- Employee of the Month - Jim Newman - Environmental Public Health Division.
- Mayor's Award of Excellence - Pam Rowe for her work in the Tobacco Program - Health Promotion & Outreach Division. Mayor Beutler will present the award to Ms. Rowe at the December 13, 2010 City Council meeting.
- The Employee Relations Committee hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for Health Department staff on November 8, 2010.

### ANIMAL CONTROL

Nov Statistics

	Sep 08- Oct 08	Sep 09- Oct 09	Sep 10- Oct 10
<b>Pet Licenses Sold</b>	8,878	9,344	8,577
<b>Cases Dispatched</b>	3,718	3,440	2,911
<b>Investigation</b>	4,007	4,432	3,246
<b>Animals Impounded</b>			
<b>Dogs</b>	375	356	359
<b>Cats</b>	352	294	422
<b>Court Citations Issued</b>	52	35	99
<b>Warnings/Defects Issued</b>	1,276	903	316

<b>Bite Cases Reported</b>	92	62	78
<b>Attack Cases Reported</b>	<b>14</b>	15	13
<b>Dogs Declared (PPD, DD, V)</b>	16	22	29
<b>Animal Neglect Investigations</b>	138	90	109
<b>Injured Animal Rescue</b>	105	126	120
<b>Wildlife Removal</b>	107	75	91
<b>Dead Animal Pickup</b>	275	294	321
<b>Lost and Found Reports</b>	350	428	437
<b>Phone Calls</b>	8,259	6,312	8,252
<b>Average Response Time (in mins)</b>	24	21	36

- Animal Control Officers continue to respond to dog attacks and bites although those numbers are expected to decrease as the winter approaches. Officers will be shifting some of their time to doing compliance follow ups on potentially dangerous dogs, dangerous dogs and on license defects.
- A new tracking and monitoring system has been set up to assign license defects to officers by zip code. We are able to distribute a more manageable number of follow ups to the officers and be able to do a better job tracking the disposition of the license defects.
- Progress continues on a new website design and look for the Animal Control Division. The work is being coordinated along with a bigger city wide website upgrade. Our goal in Animal Control is to get the information the public requests most often as the most accessible and visible.
- Weekly meetings with the Capital Humane Society have continued in November and are useful in discussing shared cases and incidents allowing staff to problem solve issues earlier and more efficiently.
- The Animal Control Manager met with Board of Health Member and UNL faculty member Dr. David Smith. We discussed some joint interests and the upcoming placement of students with the AC Division. We toured the vet science facilities and talked to Dr. Laura Hardin. Dr Hardin wants to help the matching of the some of the students with certain special projects and/or programs we would sponsor in Anima Control.
- The Animal Control Advisory Committee members have been contacted to determine which members want to continue serving. The ACAC has agreed that broader representation is needed. Letters will go out from the Health Director appointing new members in November and December.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

### EXPANSION OF AN EVIDENCED-BASED MODEL

- Home visiting staff in Maternal Child Services and Healthy Homes will be attending a week-long Healthy Families America (HFA) training. HFA is the national model we are currently using in the Parenting Support Project. Starting November 29 and December 6, two back-to-back sessions will be held in order to accommodate staff from LLCHD, CEDARS Youth Services, Early Head Start, and participants from other states. HFA is a research-based model of voluntary home visiting promoting positive parenting and child health and development. HFA recently changed their curriculum and Lincoln will serve as their first site in the nation for new training. Services are offered prenatally through the child's first 3 years of life. Service delivery is intensive and based on a systematic assessment of family's strengths and needs. Outcomes achieved in the first 2 years of implementing this model in the Parenting Support Project include; (a) 100% of well child checks, medical visits, and immunizations completed on time, (b) 95% of children at or exceeding developmental milestones, and (c) 94% of children without a substantiated report of abuse/neglect. Parenting Support is a collaborative project between CHS and CEDARS Youth Services.

### PARTNERSHIPS ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE ACCESS

- CHS staff from Information & Referral and General Assistance (GA) Medical Clinic & Outreach assisted in the orientation of Health Hub advocates recently. Topics covered were; LLCHD services including general eligibility and target populations, GA eligibility/application process for Lancaster County, and other health/human services resources for uninsured clients in our community. In addition to this new partnership, CHS staff continues to work toward a streamlined referral process to and from our community's free medical clinics (Clinic with a Heart and People's City Mission), People's Health Center, ED Connections, and the Lancaster County Medical Society. The overall goal is to establish and maintain an effective community-wide system of health care access for the poor and uninsured. Sharing of medical information in a secure and timely manner and follow-up to determine if the client was successful in accessing an appointment, or not, continue to be barriers for CHS and our partners. Mental illness and limited access to needed but expensive medication continue to pose significant barriers in our community as well. The implementation of CHS' GA Outreach has been an example of successful connection to care for the poor and uninsured. Since July, CHS' Community Resource Specialist (CRS) assisted 82 clients with access to a medical home – including our General Assistance Medical Clinic. On average, each client needed 4 encounters/interactions to connect them to a source of care. One client needed 15 encounters/interactions with the CRS. Another strength of our GA Outreach efforts is that each client has access to nursing triage to assess their needs including urgent care.

## DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

### WIC

- October marks the start of the new fiscal year for the WIC Program and affords us the opportunity to review successes and challenges over the past year and to plan for the year(s) ahead. There are two initiatives WIC will be undertaking.
- **Grow and Glow:** This is a standardized competency-based curriculum designed to ensure all WIC staff attain a level of proficiency in the skills required to promote and support breastfeeding in the WIC setting. Selected staff attended a “Train the Trainer” work shop September 29, 2010. All WIC staff will complete the Grow and Glow training over the next year.
- **Participant Centered Services (PCS):** This model is a promising approach helping individuals adopt positive nutrition- and health-related behaviors. PCS is a systems approach designed to focus nutrition education on topics and issues that are relevant to the participant. In this model, the nutrition educator and the participant form a partnership to engage in interactive discussions based on the particular needs and circumstances of the participant. The PCS project includes a review of clinic processes, policies and procedures from the state to the local WIC agency level. It is a multiyear project.
- If you would like specific information about the WIC program or either of these projects please contact:  
Claudia Pankoke ([cpankoke@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:cpankoke@lincoln.ne.gov)) or  
Melissa Oerman ([moerman@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:moerman@lincoln.ne.gov))

### Dental Health

- During the month of October, dental staff provided 768 patient visits for 556 clients receiving dental care in the clinic. Of the patients served, over 57% of the clients served were of racial and ethnic minorities and 192 clients were new to the dental clinic. Thirty-four percent (34%) of the clients were non-English speaking with language needs that included Arabic, Spanish, Vietnamese, Farsi, German, Kurdish and Sudanese. Forty-two percent (42%) of the clients served were enrolled in Medicaid, 6% were receiving General Assistance, 40% of the clients fell at or below 100% of poverty with no other resources, receiving services at a minimum fee for service and 12% of the clients fell in the range of 101-200% of poverty, receiving services on a sliding fee scale.
- Dental staff provided 849 children and families with oral health education and information at the Hartley and Clinton Community Learning Center, F Street Health Fair, West Lincoln Health Fair, and Mickle Middle School Health Fair.

- Dental staff provided 82 children with school based dental screenings at Hamlow Elementary in Waverly and Waverly Intermediate School.
- Eight (8) dental students rotated through the dental clinic for a pediatric rotation under the supervision of Dr. Marty Killeen. In addition, 4 dental hygiene students rotated through the dental clinic for hands on clinical experience.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Indoor Air Quality: Carbon Monoxide**

- With winter approaching and colder temperatures upon us, the potential for Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning increases significantly. CO is a by-product of incomplete combustion of various fuels burned in many common devices in our homes and other buildings. These devices can release CO if they are not operating properly or if they are not used correctly. Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The health effects of CO depend on the CO concentration and length of exposure, as well as each individual's health condition.
- Most people won't experience any symptoms from prolonged exposure to [very low](#) CO levels, but some heart patients might experience an increase in chest pain. As CO levels increase and remain high, symptoms become more noticeable and can include headache, fatigue, nausea, shortness of breath, or dizziness. At very high sustained CO concentrations, disorientation, vomiting, unconsciousness, and death are possible.
- The Air Quality Section encourages everyone to make sure that all devices that burn natural gas, propane, wood, coal, oil, or other combustibles be serviced and inspected to ensure proper function and operation. Every home or building that uses these fuels for heat, cooking, power, or hot water should have at least one properly functioning CO detector. In the home, CO detectors should be located near any bedroom.

### **Water Quality: Property Transfer**

- In May of 2006, a Property Transfer Code was enacted by the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners requiring the inspection of individual on-site waster water systems and wells prior to the sale of the property.
- The inspections are conducted by private businesses that are trained and permitted by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD). Water staff review the inspection reports and issue an approval or denial. A "Denial" does not stop the sale of the property, but informs the seller and buyer of what conditions may be present. When conditions present a risk to public health risk or the environment, LLCHD follows up to

assure corrections are made.

- Since 2006, 649 property transfer reviews have been conducted and 278 or 42.8% received initial denials based on the conditions found at the time of inspection. Of these, conditions were corrected at 180 properties. Seven (7) lagoons and 23 septic systems had evidence of failure and were either repaired or replaced. In addition, excessive sludge buildup was identified in 25 septic tanks, which were then pumped. As designed, the program does not prohibit property transfer, even if a denial was issued. Thus, 98 of the 278 properties (15%) were still transferred despite LLCHD denial. In most situations, the seller has accepted the conditions that caused the denial, such as a water supply with a high Nitrate level (> 10 ppm) or a windbreak within 50 feet of a lagoon that is not affecting the operations. LLCHD assures that any conditions which present significant risk to public health or the environment are corrected.

## **HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION**

- The MAPP project is moving forward. At their second meeting, the MAPP Steering Committee suggested changes in the State's common survey instrument. We will be using the convenience survey to gather perceptions from the public about the quality of health care system in the community and other perceptions about the local community's attributes. The survey is now being tested to see if the questions are understandable and that we can evaluate the responses as one of the inputs for the Community Themes and Strengths Assessment. As part of the assessment we will also convene focus groups to gather perceptions about the quality of the local health system (both medical and public health) in Lincoln and Lancaster County.
- In addition to the Themes and Strengths Assessment, the Community Health Status Assessment is underway and the first meeting of that committee will be held on December 7. We have also used Survey Monkey to ready the survey that will be going to our local community health partners to help assess the how well we are addressing the ten essential services as part of the Community Public Health System Assessment. The last assessment will be Forces of Change, which we will begin to seek input later in December.
- Dashboard applications are being proofed for accuracy and ease of use. Raju Kakarlapudi and Kathy Cook recently met with several City agencies to discuss how to get their data. Some City agencies have more complex indicators, or some that don't fit the normal bar chart format, and they have been given a spreadsheet that meets their needs.
- Judy Halstead, Kathy Cook, Raju and I also recently met with Dave Palm and Colleen Svoboda from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) and Rita Parris and Pat Lopez from the Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN) to discuss their plans for implementing dashboards. (The NDHHS was recently awarded a

five-year grant that includes money for each local health department to purchase dashboard software.) A number of options were discussed, but no final decision was made.

- Raju and I will work with individual members of the Board to develop the LLCHD Board of Health dashboard and get each of you access to the server.
- Local influenza activity currently is still very limited. Nor is there much activity in Nebraska and nationally there's only a few states reporting more than sporadic activity. Tim Timmons provides a weekly update to providers and interested persons.
- Nationally, while few states show a high level of flu activity, influenza activity has picked up as 7.7% of lab tests have been positive for influenza. As for mortality nationally we just reached the "epidemic level" in terms of deaths from influenza and pneumonia (7.0 percent) for this time of year (Week 45). The weekly flu activity nationally can be followed on the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/>.

## **HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH**

### **Worksite Health Promotion**

- The WorkWell Annual Banquet was held on October 21, 2010 at the Rococo Theatre with 260 people in attendance. Michael Samuelson, Vice President of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island and CEO of the Health and Wellness Institute, provided the keynote presentation. Governor Heineman presented 27 companies with the Governor's Excellence in Wellness Award. Five individuals were recognized for lifestyle and leadership involvement for health. The WorkWell Annual Report was released demonstrating a four-year trend improvement in all health risk areas with the exception of heavy alcohol use and in fruit and vegetable consumption. The results include a decrease in overweight/obesity from 72% to 61% and an increase in physical activity from 43% to 52% over the past four years.
- The Smart Bicycling Lincoln project (a Community Health Endowment funded project), headed by Mike Heyl, held its first round of training for potential bicycle education instructors. Ten individuals from across the community participated in the initial eight hour class, Traffic Skills 101. Completion of this class qualifies individuals to begin a twenty hour certified instructor training. The intent of this and future Traffic Skills 101 classes is to certify enough instructors in the League of American Bicyclists curriculum to be able to provide varied levels of bicycle education classes to hundreds of children, youth, and adults in Lincoln. Another twenty people are registered to begin training in December. The twenty hour training of the Traffic Skills 101 participants will be taught by nationally certified instructors from the League of American Bicyclists. The ultimate goal of this project is to get more people bicycling for exercise, health, commuting, as a 'green'

- activity, and for safety. There have been no bicycle education classes in Lincoln for many years. The bicycle education classes for the public are anticipated to begin in March.
- The 54321GO project is being expanded into the neighborhoods around the F Street Recreation Center and the Airpark Recreation Center/Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center. Staff from HPO met with staff from these centers to develop plans to educate children and adults served by the centers on the components of 54321GO.
  - To bring attention to the 2010 Great American Smokeout, staff placed pledge walls at the Salvation Army, Malone Center, F Street Recreation Center, Southeast Community College, and the following schools: lakeview, Arnold, West Lincoln, Mickle, and Elliott. Youth and adults signed these pledge walls and gave reasons why they choose to stay tobacco free. The 'walls' will remain in the facilities/schools to remind everyone of the importance of not using tobacco. The pledge walls were promoted for three weeks before the GASO. In addition, more than 100 Quit Kits were provided to people at Matt Talbot Kitchen and Southeast Community College who are interested in quitting using tobacco.

## **INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

- The Division Manager attended the Annual Meeting of the Public Health Data Standards Consortium. The meeting was organized as a summit to look at public health information technology needs and strategies over the next ten years. Ms. Cook serves on the Consortium as the representative for NACCHO. The Consortium was organized to bring together all the various public health organizations to better represent public health needs in the national process of setting standards, developing requirements and regulation and certifying information technology. Many of the national organizations for the health care industry employ experts who represent their industry full time in these initiatives. Public health has and continues to have very limited resources for this purpose. In particular, it has been extremely difficult to develop a voice for the needs of local public health. One of the outcomes of this meeting will be a meeting in early December of 8-10 local public health information technology leaders. At this meeting, we will try to reach a consensus on an overarching framework for representing local public health IT needs. We hope this framework will help us improve the effectiveness of our input to the national initiatives and increase the participation of local public health leaders. A number of initiatives in the next year or two are seeking to create and publish functional profiles, technical architecture and requirements for public health. If we can increase our effectiveness, these initiatives will not be driven entirely by federal and state understanding of public health IT needs.
- The Management Academy team is continuing to develop the Business Plan for enhanced Small Business Program. During the next month, we plan to get input from representatives of the target industries (Food service, not-for-profits and small medical practices). The first draft of the business plan will be completed by January 7<sup>th</sup>.





# *Memorandum*

*Date:* ♦ December 14, 2010  
*To:* ♦ City Clerk  
*From:* ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.  
*Re:* ♦ Administrative Amendment approvals  
*cc:* ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from December 7, 2010 thru December 13, 2010:

**Administrative Amendment No. 10059** to Special Permit No. 1991, Pinecrest Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on December 7, 2010, requested by Olsson Associates, to add a note to allow covered unenclosed decks to be 10 feet from the rear lot line for Lots 9-68, Block 3, on property generally located at N. 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Morton St.

**Administrative Amendment No. 10066** to Special Permit No. 04044A, North Creek Villas Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on December 13, 2010, requested by Dave Carper, to add a note to allow Lots 10-13, Block 6, to be developed as either single family detached, single family attached or townhouse, on property generally located at N. 19<sup>th</sup> St. and Fletcher Ave.

City/County Planning Department  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm. 213  
Lincoln NE 68508  
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**\*\* ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION \*\***  
**December 15, 2010**

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

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**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010**

**[Commissioner Gaylor Baird absent]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held December 1, 2010. **\*\*APPROVED, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent)\*\***

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

**CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:**

- Page 01 1.1a Change of Zone No. 10025, from R-2 Residential District to R-T Residential Transition District, on property generally located at N. Cotner Boulevard and Y Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**  
**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2011, 3:00 p.m.**
- Page 01 1.1b Use Permit No. 10001, for approximately 3,100 square feet of office use, with waiver request to allow a parking lot to be located 10 feet, instead of the required 20 feet, from the adjacent residential district to the east, on property generally located at N. Cotner Boulevard and Y Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated December 1, 2010, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**  
**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2011, 3:00 p.m.**

**PERMITS:**

- Page 13 1.2 Special Permit No. 10033, for soil excavation, on property generally located at the northwest corner of the intersection of N. 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Interstate 80 and Arbor Road. \*\*\* **FINAL ACTION** \*\*\*  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, [mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated December 1, 2010, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**  
**Resolution No. PC-01217.**
- Page 33 1.3 Special Permit No. 10034, for soil excavation, on property generally located at the southeast corner of the intersection of N. 120<sup>th</sup> Street and Alvo Road. \*\*\* **FINAL ACTION** \*\*\*  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, [mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated December 3, 2010, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**  
**Resolution No. PC-01218.**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Page 55 1.4 Street & Alley Vacation No. 10017, to vacate the remaining portion of the east-west alley from Centennial Mall to N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, between P Street and Q Street, generally located at N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and P Street.

**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan  
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**

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

**2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.**

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

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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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**PENDING LIST: *None***

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**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION**  
NOTIFICATION

**TO :** Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM :** Jean Preister, Planning 

**DATE :** December 15, 2010

**RE :** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: December 15, 2010

Please be advised that on December 15, 2010, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

1. **Resolution No. PC-01217**, approving **Special Permit No. 10033**, requested by Wolf Farms, LLC, for authority to conduct excavation on AG Agricultural zoned property located east of North 70<sup>th</sup> Street between Interstate 80 and Arbor Road.
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Note revised hearing date on Items No. 1.1a and 1.1b\*\*)

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**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for January 24, 2011, 3:00 p.m., at applicant's request.**

**PERMITS:**

- Page 13 1.2 Special Permit No. 10033, for soil excavation, on property generally located at the northwest corner of the intersection of N. 70<sup>th</sup> Street, Interstate 80 and Arbor Road. \*\*\* FINAL ACTION \*\*\*  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, [mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated December 1, 2010, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**  
**Resolution No. PC-01217.**
- Page 33 1.3 Special Permit No. 10034, for soil excavation, on property generally located at the southeast corner of the intersection of N. 120<sup>th</sup> Street and Alvo Road. \*\*\* FINAL ACTION \*\*\*  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, [mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated December 3, 2010, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**  
**Resolution No. PC-01218.**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Page 55 1.4 Street & Alley Vacation No. 10017, to vacate the remaining portion of the east-west alley from Centennial Mall to N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, between P Street and Q Street, generally located at N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and P Street.

**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan  
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, [tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 8-0 (Gaylor Baird absent).**

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

**2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.**

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

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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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**PENDING LIST: *None***

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**The Planning Commission has canceled their meeting  
scheduled for December 29, 2010.**

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**The Planning Commission meeting  
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday  
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.**

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## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Joan Anderson [johnjoan@inebraska.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2010 7:32 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** fire fighters pay raise

City Council, I think our firefighters deserve a pay raise. Sunday, Dec. 12 I shivered with cold as I drove to church. A fire truck passed me. After I reached my church people in the parking lot were looking at the smoke downtown. All I could think of was our brave public servants battling a fire in very cold weather. I remembered that their pay increase would be discussed. Yes, they deserve a raise. Firefighters put their lives on the line when they rush to save life and property.

Thanks for reading this and I hope you see your way clear to vote "yes."

Joan Anderson  
2427 Kessler Blvd.

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Janet Scott [jniess35@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 13, 2010 3:24 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Contract for Firefighters" pay increase

Please vote against the very large pay increases currently up for debate, for the the Firefighters.

It is extremely irresponsible to give government employees huge raises (10% with the proposed regular raise plus the increase in longevity pay) when so many people are out of work, accepting cuts in hours and pay, and the city cannot afford it at this time!!

Citizens need to see that our officials and employees are willing to share in the burden of getting our economic situation into better shape before asking the taxpayers to provide more and more of their much needed earnings/savings!

Thank you.

Janet Scott

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:53 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

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**Comment or Question:**

Good morning Council members. I just read an article in the Lincoln Journal Star and would like some clarification. In Nacey Hicks' article she states that the occupational tax at a restaurant is charged and then sales tax is charged on the tax that was just calculated. She writes "You buy a meal in a restaurant for \$10. The 2 percent arena tax is calculated by multiplying \$10 by 2 percent, for 20 cents. Add those figures together for a \$10.20 subtotal. Then multiply \$10.20 by 7 percent for the city and state sales tax for an additional 71 cents. The total bill for the meal will be \$10.91." Is this correct? Am I going to be taxed on a tax? Please respond.

Cheston Coffin