

BRIEFING NOTES

NAME OF GROUP: PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING: Wednesday, January 14, 2009, 11:00 a.m.
Room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gene Carroll, Michael Cornelius, Dick Esseks, Wendy Francis, Roger Larson, Jim Partington and Lynn Sunderman. Leirion Gaylor Baird and Tommy Taylor absent.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rick Peo of the Law Department; Marvin Krout, Steve Henrichsen, Mike DeKalb, Tom Cajka, Brian Will and Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department.

STATED PURPOSE OF MEETING: **Annexation Study**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Steve Henrichsen stated that the proposed annexations will be on the January 28 Planning Commission agenda. Staff briefed the Commission on the full annexation study in September of last year. There were two open houses in September as well. Of the 14 proposed annexations, staff is moving forward with nine. These nine areas met all the criteria in terms of the Comprehensive Plan review, and they are urban in character. Staff does not see any issues with any of these areas. There are several areas that staff is delaying as there are pending issues.

Esseks asked about the tax implications of these nine areas. Henrichsen stated that taxes will not be assessed until 2010. There is also the equity issue with receiving City services and paying for those services.

Larson asked if the school district boundary coincides with the City boundary. Henrichsen stated that Lincoln Public School boundaries coincide with the City boundaries and some area beyond.

Esseks asked if LPS annexes independently of the City. Henrichsen stated that LPS has not annexed independently of the City. Their boundary expands with the City's annexation.

This portion of the briefing was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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