IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
JANUARY 30, 2012

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WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
  1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 555 S. 10th, in the Council Chambers. The agenda and attachments posted on line.

III. DIRECTORS

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  1. NEWS RELEASE. The 7th Annual African American Read-In will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Bennett Martin Public Library.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
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  1. Email from Lou Suda with opinion on language to the Comprehensive Plan.
  2. Letter from Occupy Lincoln regarding the renovation of Centennial Mall. (Each Council Member received individual letter)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 23, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

LINCOLN CELEBRATION RETURNS TO SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
Event to feature Lance Mack as President as well as dancing with Smith Family Band

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced plans for the City’s 12th annual Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 12. The free celebration will return to Southwest High School, 7001 South 14th Street. The event is presented by the City of Lincoln with support from the Nebraska Humanities Council, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln Benefit Life, Cornhusker Bank and other individuals and organizations.

All events will take place in the school’s commons area. Local musician Chris Sayre, who has performed at every celebration, will warm up the crowd at 1 p.m. The Smith Family Band of Hastings will play from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and Pam Smith will lead the crowd in traditional dances.

The band will take breaks at 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. for 10-minute performances by Lance Mack of Marion, Iowa as President Abraham Lincoln. A former university professor, Mack has been portraying Lincoln since 1989. He has performed at hundreds of events including reenactments as well as school, political and holiday events.

Those dressing as President Lincoln can enter the “Impersonators Contest” by registering at the information desk the day of the event. Judging will take place following Mack’s 2 p.m. performance. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m. and the crowd will sing Happy Birthday to President Lincoln just before Mack’s performance.

Exhibitors will include:
- Susan Dittman of Lincoln, author of “Abraham Lincoln’s Shining Star – the Inspiring Story of Abraham Lincoln and Nebraska.”
- The Homestead National Monument, which is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act signed by President Lincoln in 1862.
- Organizations such as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Free refreshments, including birthday cake, will be available all afternoon and a children’s area will feature toys, games and crafts. Area Civil War re-enactors in authentic uniforms will mingle with the crowd and answer questions.

More information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov or by calling 402-441-7831.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 24, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 402-434-ARTS (2787)

LINCOLN ARTS COUNCIL INVITES PUBLIC TO OPEN HOUSE AT NEW OFFICES

Mayor Chris Beutler today congratulated the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) on its move to new offices in the Sowers Building at 1701 S. 17th Street, Suite 1A. The LAC will host an open house at its new location from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 26. The Mayor will speak at a short program planned for 6:30 p.m.

LAC Executive Director Deb Weber thanked the Lancaster County Public Building Commission for accommodating the LAC at Old City Hall at 9th and “P” streets for many years. Weber said the new location offers more space for offices and programming as well as free parking close to the building for staff and visitors. She thanked the Sowers Club, Clark Enersen Partners, Shaw Contact Group and Floors, Inc. for working with the agency on the move.

The open house will feature refreshments from Greta’s Gourmet, recorded music by local artists and an exhibit of artwork by Meghan Stratman of Lincoln. Parking is available in the lots north and west of the building.

The LAC mission is “to inspire a creative community through promoting, cultivating and sustaining the arts in Lincoln.” It was formed in 1968 and was designated as the City of Lincoln agency for the arts by Mayoral Executive Order in 2006. LAC-sponsored events include the Mayor’s Arts Awards in June and the Lincoln Arts Festival in September. More information is available at arts scene.org, which also lists arts events and programs in the community.

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WESTBOUND LANES AT 11TH AND “O” TO CLOSE FOR WATER MAIN PROJECT

The westbound lanes of “O” Street at 11th Street will be closed beginning at 6 p.m. today for the replacement of water main valves. This work will require the lanes to be closed through tomorrow and possibly over the weekend. Motorists are advised to avoid the area if possible and use alternate routes. Traffic is expected to be restored by the Monday morning commute.

Business along “O” Street from 10th to 11th and along 10th Street from “N” to “O” will experience some disruption of water service beginning at 9 p.m. this evening and lasting for about six 6 hours.

This work is part of a water main project that has been under construction in “N” Street over the last few months.

For more information on City projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).
The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 1:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers Room 112.

The agenda and attachments for the meeting are now posted at http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  January 25, 2012
CONTACT:  Carol Swanson, Lincoln City Libraries
EMAIL:  c.swanson@lincolnlibraries.org
PHONE: 402-441-8575

The 7th Annual African American Read-In, co-hosted by Lincoln City Libraries and Doane College, will take place on Wednesday, February 15th, at the Bennett Martin Public Library, 14th & N Streets, Lincoln, Nebraska. Readings will begin at 12 noon.

This Black History Month celebration includes community members reading excerpts by and about African Americans and a performance by the Quinn Chapel Choir.

For additional information contact Lincoln City Libraries at 402-441-8500.

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Barbara Hansen
Administrative Aide
Lincoln City Libraries
402-441-8512
** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION **
January 25, 2012

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2012

[Commissioners Francis and Weber absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 11, 2012. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent)**

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

ANNEXATION WITH RELATED ITEMS:

   1.1a Annexation No. 11005, to annex approximately 36.0 acres, more or less, generally located at S. 84th Street & Yankee Hill Road.

   Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to a revised Annexation Agreement
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, subject to a revised Annexation Agreement, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
   Public Hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the associated revised Annexation Agreement is completed and scheduled.
1.1b Change of Zone No. 05068B, an amendment to The Woodlands at Yankee Hill Planned Unit Development, from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District PUD to add approximately 36.0 acres, more or less, generally located at S. 84th Street and Yankee Hill Road; for a Planned Unit Development designation of said property to add approximately 265,000 sq. ft. of commercial floor area.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing. Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 10, 2012, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).

Public Hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the associated Annexation No. 11005 and the revised Annexation Agreement are scheduled.

CHANGE OF ZONE:

1.2 Change of Zone No. 11044, from P Public Use District to R-7 Residential District; from R-7 Residential District to P Public Use District; and from P Public Use District and I-1 Industrial District to B-1 Local Business District, on property generally located at N. 17th Street and R Streets.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Rashi Jain, 441-6372, rjain@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for two-week deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for February 8, 2012.

1.3 Change of Zone No. 11046, from I-1 Industrial District to AG Agricultural District, on property generally located at N. 134th Street and O Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
PERMITS:

1.4 County Special Permit No. 187A, an amendment to the Prairie Vista
Community Unit Plan, to remove the building envelope on the previously
approved 76.89 acre lot and show a residential lot in the northwest corner
of the development, with a waiver request to the lot width to depth ratio, on
property generally located at N. 176th Street and Fletcher Avenue.

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set
forth in the staff report dated January 12, 2012, 7-0 (Francis and Weber
absent).
Resolution No. PC-01263.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: (See Item No. 1.2 above and Items No. 4.1a and
4.1b below)

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: (See Items No. 1.1a and 1.1b
above)

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATION ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.1a Change of Zone No. 11045, from R-2 Residential District, I-1 Industrial
District, and R-5 Residential District to H-3 Highway Commercial District, on
property generally located at N. 40th Street and Colfax Avenue.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC
HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

4.1b Preliminary Plat No. 11002, MJ Tent, for approximately 14 commercial lots,
with requests to waive storm water detention facilities, sanitary sewer
running opposite the street grades, and the centerline grade more than one
foot below the 50 year flood elevation, on property generally located at N.
40th Street and Colfax Avenue. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant’s request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC
HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012.
4.2a Change of Zone No. 11047, from I-1 Industrial District to R-4 Residential District, on property generally located at N. 33rd Street and Apple Street.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

4.2b Special Permit No. 04023A, an amendment to the Flat Iron Crossing Community Unit Plan, to add approximately 1.73 acres, more or less, revise the lot layout, and add a 45 stall parking lot; with waiver requests to the block length, recreation facility, location of water main, location of the sanitary sewer and constructed under the street paving, reduce the rear and front yard setbacks on Lot 24, reduce the front yard setback on Lot 25, sidewalk along the north side of Overland Trail west of Lot 34, and double frontage lots, on property generally located at N. 33rd Street and Overland Trail.

*** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 11, 2012, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
Resolution No. PC-01264

4.2c Special Permit No. 11033, for a “Neighborhood Support Services” building within the existing Flat Iron Crossing Community Unit Plan, on property generally located at N. 33rd Street and Overland Trail.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated January 9, 2012, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
MISCELLANEOUS:

4.3 Miscellaneous No. 11007, a text amendment to the City of Lincoln Design Standards, to repeal Chapter 4.00, Driveway Design Standards, to adopt the City's Access Management Policy; and to amend Section 1, Chapter 1.00, Request for Waiver, Procedure, and the repeal of Section 2.3 of Chapter 1.00, to clarify the repeal of Chapter 4.00.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: David Cary, 441-6364, dcary@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

4.4 Miscellaneous No. 11008, to review the proposed determination that the Theresa Street Redevelopment Area as set forth in the "Theresa Street Redevelopment Area Blight & Substandard Determination Study" be declared a blighted and substandard area as defined in the Nebraska Community Development Law. The study area consists of an estimated 114 acres, more or less, comprised of public/quasi-public, residential, commercial and industrial land uses, located generally between Cornhusker Highway and Salt Creek Roadway from approximately North 20th Street at the west boundary, to North 27th Street at the east boundary and including adjacent rights-of-way.

Staff recommendation: Finding that there is a reasonable presence of blighted and substandard conditions in the redevelopment area
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF BLIGHTED AND SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS, 7-0 (Francis and Weber absent).
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012, 5:30 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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PENDING LIST:

1. Change of Zone No. 11028, amending Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District as a permitted conditional use; and repealing Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing. (11-30-11: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on February 22, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)

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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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The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
     Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : January 26, 2012

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: January 25, 2012

Please be advised that on January 25, 2012, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01264, approving Special Permit No. 04023A, with conditions, requested by City Impact, for authority to amend the Flat Iron Crossing Community Unit Plan to increase the area by approximately 1.75 acres, to add nine dwelling units; to add a parking lot on the north side of Overland Trail; to replace 10 residential lots with Neighborhood Support Services facilities; and to revise the lot layout on the south side of Overland Trail, with associated waiver requests, on property generally located at North 33rd Street and Apple Street.

The associated Change of Zone No. 11047 from I-1 Industrial to R-4 Residential and Special Permit No. 11033 for the Neighborhood Support Services building are tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on February 13, 2012.

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council 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. SP04023A). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Date: January 25, 2012

To: City Council Packet

From: Ben Higgins, Public Works and Utilities (402-441-7589)

Subject: Updates to Lincoln Municipal Code 28.01 (Ordinance 12-3), Public Hearing on January 30, 2012

Chapter 28.01 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Regulations for Construction Site Discharges is proposed to be amended to meet all state and federal requirements.

Significant revisions for this amendment include:
- Removing the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District as the agency approving the permits for large site developments
- Providing a clearer intent of the regulations and removing general non-declarative statements. For example, general statements formerly required in Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans were eliminated from the ordinance
- Revisions were made to more closely align the ordinances with current state and federal requirements. For example, current ordinances require inspections every seven days which was revised to fourteen days with the proposed revisions
- Provisions were added for fees (zero dollars for all permits)
- Revisions were also added that enable the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan to be amended

Initial erosion and sediment control standards were developed in 2000. Following discussion with the Nebraska Department of Water Quality and in meetings with an Erosion and Sediment Control Working Group (formed in 2006) ordinances were adopted in June 2007 (Ordinance 18949). The purpose of the 2007 ordinances were to update and consolidate the erosion and sediment control ordinances in one section of the Lincoln Municipal Codes.

Since 2000 and still on-going the City and the District has provided numerous workshops, training, educational materials and newsletter articles on erosion and sediment control.
January 25, 2012

Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
Attn: LeMoyne D. Schulz, Secretary for the Board
1500 Highway 2, PO Box 94759
Lincoln, NE 68509-4759

RE: Request for Relaxation of Minimum Design Standards for Sag Vertical Curve – Maintenance Project
27th Street Viaduct; Center Street - Theresa Street
City Project 540023
State Project LCLC-5231(13), CN 13137

Dear LeMoyne:

The City of Lincoln is in the preliminary design process for a federally funded bridge rehabilitation project on 27th Street from Center Street to Theresa Street. Included with the project is to replace the concrete pavement approach sections which have settled and deteriorated. The project is maintenance oriented, and the City aims to extend the service life of the existing facility. With this letter, the City of Lincoln is formally submitting a request to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Committee (Board of Classifications) for a Relaxation Request (RR) on this project. This RR would require an exception to the minimum design speed found in the “Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards Minimum Design Standards (MDS)” Table 001.15 of the MDS requires a minimum design speed for Other Arterials equal to 30 MPH, or the posted speed limit, whichever is greater. The posted speed limit is 40 MPH and controls the minimum design speed criteria. The City of Lincoln is requesting a RR to maintain the use of the existing sag-vertical curves near each end of the pavement approach sections which currently meets 35 MPH design criteria. The roadway is urban in nature and contains street lighting on both sides of the existing street. The street lighting will be maintained for the area. The scope of work for this project consists of replacing the barrier railings on each side of the viaduct, replacing the bridge deck expansion joints, performing maintenance/repair work of the existing substructure elements, and replacing the aforementioned concrete pavement approach sections.

Project Design:
- NE Bd, of Classification and Standards Design Standard, Local Roads and Streets, Municipal Streets, Other Arterial.
- Current ADT: 32,700
- Design ADT (2031): 34,185
- Design Speed: Posted= 40MPH
- Posted Speed: 40mph
- Percent Trucks: 1.5%

Degree of Reduction in the Standard: The minimum design speed is 30mph or posted speed, which is 40mph. The proposed reduction in the standard is to maintain the sag vertical curves located on each end of the bridge approach to match the existing grade which meets a 35mph design speed. The proposed reduction is necessary such that the replacement pavement will appropriately match the top of the existing retaining walls that form the bridge approaches. Increasing the design speed to 40mph (posted speed) would require raising the grade six inches and lengthening the curve 50 feet. This would result in significant expense to increase the height of the existing retaining walls to match the new pavement grade. The additional expense is not justified since the sag vertical curve is in an urban condition that has adequate roadway lighting at night, mitigating the shorter sag curve length.
Design Exception Effect on Other Standards: The overall safety of the roadway is not degraded by the design exception since the proposed condition would simply match the existing conditions and adequate roadway lighting exists for nighttime operations.

Crash History Analysis: Accident reports for the time frame of 2006-2010 indicated 60 vehicle crashes. Approximately 1/3 of the total crashes reported identified ice, snow, or freezing rain/drizzle as road conditions.

Cost of Attaining Full Standards: Structural analysis would be required to verify the existing capacity of the retaining walls and their ability to withstand the additional fill. Furthermore, the construction activities required to raise the wall would be overly laborious to properly extend the height of the wall with proper connection. An added complication is that the concrete barrier is connected to the top of the wall, thus requiring significant load transferring capabilities of the connection. The cost of these items is not justified for the little benefit received.

Mitigating Features: Existing roadway lighting currently in place.

Future Improvements: None anticipated at this time.

Resultant Environmental Impacts: None.

Plan sheets showing typical sections, plan and profile, and a resolution from the City Council supporting the relaxation of the design standard for this project are also included.

With this letter, the City of Lincoln requests approval from the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards for this Request for Relaxation (RR). This RR would require a relaxation of the minimum lane width found in the “Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards MDS”. The project is “maintenance oriented” and since 3R Standards for Local Projects do not exist, a relaxation from the New & Reconstruction Standards is necessary.

Please arrange to have the City on the agenda for the February 17, 2012 board meeting. Please notify me if you have any questions concerning this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration of this Relaxation Request.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Figard, P.E.
City Engineer

cc: Raitis Tigeris, NDOR
    Devin Biesecker, City of Lincoln

27th St Viaduct Board of CE Ltr RAF tdq
A request has been made to vacate a portion of North 44th Street lying north of Superior Street and immediately south of Morton Street. The area was viewed and appears as unimproved right-of-way which has grown up in volunteer trees. No utilities were observed at the time of inspection, but Public Works has indicated the existence of a 48-inch sanitary sewer main and has requested a utility easement be retained over the entire area. A large portion of the area to be vacated is within the floodway of Salt Creek with the remainder being in the 100-year flood plain. Public Works Watershed Management has requested a Conservation Easement be retained over the entire area. Due to the imposition of utility and conservation easements as well as the existence of the flood plain, the area is considered to be unbuildable.

Long, narrow strips such as this generally have very little value in and of themselves, but when assembled into abutting properties they can take on, or enhance, the value of the abutting property. In this case because of the existence of the floodway which extends beyond the area to be vacated, the area has very little value as assemblage since no additional building area will be gained. As such the area is considered to have only a nominal value as open space and a value of $0.10 per square foot is considered appropriate.

Calculations are as follows:

\[(0.92 \text{ acres}) \times 40,075.2 \text{ sq. ft.} \times $0.10/\text{sq. ft.} = $4,007.52 \text{ Called } $4,000.00\]

It is therefore recommended if the area be vacated the easterly half be sold to the abutting property owner for $4,000. The westerly half of the vacated right-of-way will be retained in the name of the City to become part of the abutting park.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
WHAT A WASTE OF TIME TO ADD MORE COMPLICATED LANGUAGE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT, AS JONATHAN HAS STATED, HAS WORKED FOR A LONG TIME, NOT TO MENTION THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S WORK ON THIS. MR CAMPS 'THEATRICS' IN RESPONSE TO JONATHAN'S COMMENTS WAS DESPICABLE.

ADAM, WHY NOT JUST SAY IT'S A GUIDE INSTEAD OF ALL THE CONVOLUTED LANGUAGE YOU'RE TRYING TO ADD?

INCREDIBLE!

LJ

--- On Tue, 1/17/12, Lou Suda <lousuda@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: Lou Suda <lousuda@yahoo.com>
Subject: January 17, 2012: Cabs
To: council@lincoln.ne.gov
Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:10 AM

Lincoln City Council:

I encourage all of you to support additional cabs competition in Lincoln. It's long overdue. Only recently I saw a woman standing with a cart of groceries on the south side of HyVee at 52nd & O. As I walked past I told her "patience is rewarding" and she responded that she had been there for 2 1/2 hours waiting for a cab. This type of service (non-service actually) has been on-going for many years. There is no reason for a cab monopoly in this size city. I can't think of one reason why you would disallow another cab company or two to begin service in Lincoln.

L J Suda
January 26th, 2012

Dear Mr. Carroll,

We know all too well that Centennial Mall is in need of major renovation. Steps are crumbling, the concrete is sinking, drainage is lacking, and accessibility paths for the disabled are convoluted and downright burdensome. We are also aware that the city’s plans to renovate the Mall predate the beginning of our ongoing protest, and are happy to learn that progress is being made to beautify vital public space.

Public space itself is extremely relevant to the tradition of democracy – and indeed, to participation in society as a whole. Face to face human interaction and vibrant public discussion are integral to establishing civic identity and a sense of community, which are eroded without the opportunity to utilize public space to engage one another. This is why we feel our presence on Centennial Mall is vital. Re-occupying public space, and inviting others to join us in discussing what we believe are critical issues is, in a way, an effort to regain a sense of community spirit.

We feel very strongly that removal of our camp would not only deprive our ongoing discussion of a physical venue through which it can continue to reach the public, but would also deprive the public of a valued space in which any discussion may occur. In the shadow of our beautiful capitol building, we do our daily best to honor the etched words of Nebraskan scholar Hartley Burr Alexander: “The salvation of the state is watchfulness in the citizen.”

We are here because we feel Nebraskans need to be reminded that the purpose of government is to serve its constituency, not its campaign donors. We are here to decry the ways in which corporations’ uninhibited political expenditures affect American citizens. We are here because we believe that when money is considered speech, the poor are silenced. Most importantly, we are here not only because our right to peaceably assemble and petition the government for a redress of our grievances is protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, but because, as Americans – and indeed, as humans – we feel it is our duty to do so.

Though we do not intend to prevent your work from beginning, we feel as though our work on the Mall is not yet ready to end. We therefore respectfully disagree with the city’s assertion that it is necessary for all tents and other property to be removed from Centennial Mall by March 1, 2012.

In the 100+ days since our occupation began, communication between the city and our membership has been cooperative in nature and cordial in tone. We would point to that history of cooperation as evidence of our wish to negotiate the persistence of a protest site in a way that does not impede renovation of the Mall. As stated above, we believe that by continuing dialogue with city officials, a solution may be found which protects our right to assemble and engage in thoughtful public discourse while simultaneously allowing the city to move forward with its renovation.

We envision maintaining a safe and family-friendly presence that does not hinder the long-awaited renovation of Centennial Mall. We ask that city officials continue to respect our rights in this matter and work with us in finding a solution that is agreeable to all.

Sincerely,

Occupy Lincoln

as approved by our General Assembly on January 25th, 2012

CC: Mayor Chris Beutler, City Attorney Rodney M. Confer, Members of the Lincoln City Council, Director of Parks and Recreation Lynn Johnson
DIRECTORS’ AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran sees 20 percent increase in ridership over two years.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. The February 1, 2012 Urban Design Committee meeting has been cancelled.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Correspondence from John R. Schupbach regarding Bill 12R-3.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 27, 2012
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Larry Worth, Transit Manager, 402-441-7185

STARTRAN SEES 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN RIDERSHIP OVER TWO YEARS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced the ridership on StarTran’s fixed route buses was up 20 percent in the first four months of this fiscal year compared to the same period two years ago. Ridership totals for September through December of each year were:

- 2009 - 633,607
- 2010 - 691,263
- 2011 - 761,573

“Economic conditions and the price of gas could be factors in this increase of nearly 128,000 riders,” said Mayor Beutler. “But we also have to credit StarTran for its system improvements, special promotions and focus on customer service.”

StarTran Transit Manager Larry Worth said recent improvements include the addition of bike racks to all buses; new downtown bus shelters with digital signs for arrival times; and “get on board” web access to track buses live online. He said school booster service is meeting the needs of many students. The Big Red Express service for UNL home football games and the special event shuttles also continue to be popular.

Worth said full-price fares have remained fairly consistent since 2008, and the pass program for low-income riders continues to increase, with a record high usage of 2,900. Special fare promotions have included the summer StarPass for youth, 20-ride tickets for $20 and a holiday sale of 31-day passes for $20.

Information on all StarTran fares and routes can be found by visiting startran.lincoln.ne.gov or calling 402-476-1234.

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Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule  
Week of January 28 through February 3, 2012  
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, January 28
• New Americans Leadership Academy graduation, remarks - 3:30 p.m., Asian Cultural Center, 2615 “O” St.
• Prairie Plains Resource Institute celebration - 5 p.m., Great Plains Room, UNL East Campus Union, 37th and Fairway

Monday, January 30
• Mayor Beutler’s Legislative Breakfast - 7:30 a.m., Hawthorne Room, Cornhusker, 333 S. 13th St.

Tuesday, January 31
• Corrections Joint Public Agency (JPA) - Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, February 1
• West Haymarket JPA - 1:30 p.m., Council Chambers

Thursday, February 2
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
• Mayor’s Environmental Task Force meeting - noon, Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building
• NAIFMA Realty fourth annual Lincoln Market Overview - 4 p.m., Wells Fargo Center, 1240 “O” St. (11th floor)
The February 1, 2012 Urban Design Committee meeting has been cancelled.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Planning Department at 441-7491.

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402-441-6164
I object to item bill 12 r 3 being heard at the January 30, 2011 City Council meeting because I received notice of this matter on 02-21-2011 and the nine day notice has not given me and my attorney adequate time to prepare a settlement agreement with the City Attorney’s office.

I respectively ask that this item be moved back 14 days to allow adequate time to settle this matter.

John R. Schupbach