DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014
555 S. 10TH STREET
LUXFORD STUDIO
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to celebrate Arbor Day April 24, 2014.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Work to begin at Centennial Mall and “P” Street.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Huffington Post editor to speak at 30th Annual Mayor’s Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss efforts to promote healthy living and a healthy environment at a news conference, April 10, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at Everett Elementary School, 1123 C Street.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor promotes Healthy Living and Healthy Environment.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
1. Commission on Human Right meeting agenda for Thursday, April 17, 2014.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of March 11, 2014.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department March 2014 Department Report.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 14012 approved by the Planning Director on April 1, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. P Street Streetscape. 11th Street - Centennial Mall. City Project No. 2013001/T.C. #701136.
2. ADVISORY. Sidewalk repair advisory. 27th Street; Leighton Avenue - N Street. Project #702692.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Street and alley vacation, No. 14002. Alley between Antelope Valley Parkway, South 20th Street, K and L Streets.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement newsletter, April, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
PUBLIC INVITED TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY APRIL 24

The public is invited to the City’s celebration of Arbor Day at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 24 at Folsom Park, 2240 Herel St. Adams Elementary School second-grade students will provide entertainment for the event, and City Parks and Recreation Director Lynn Johnson will read a Mayoral proclamation. All those attending will have the opportunity to help plant new trees at the park. If the weather is bad, the celebration will move to the Adams Elementary School gymnasium, 7401 Jacobs Creek Drive.

Arbor Day was founded in Nebraska in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, a former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. The official observance in 2014 is Friday, April 25. State offices will be closed that day, but City offices will be open.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 7, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Zach Becker, Engineering Services, 402-613-3763

WORK TO BEGIN AT CENTENNIAL MALL AND “P” STREET

Beginning Monday, April 14, traffic on “P” Street from 13th Street through the Centennial Mall intersection will be shifted to one north lane as part of the streetscape project. The traffic signal at the intersection will be temporarily deactivated. Work will include the removal and replacement of all paving and sidewalks at the intersection and is expected to take 30 days.

Access to businesses, the Lincoln Children’s Museum and the Nebraska History Museum are being maintained during the project, and more information is available on the Downtown Lincoln Association’s website at PStreetDistrict.com. Pedestrians are encouraged to follow the sidewalk detours to help maintain a safe work zone. In areas where parking is temporarily unavailable, the meters will be covered with hoods.

The “P” Street District project area is between 11th Street and Centennial Mall and on the east side of 14th Street between “O” and “Q” streets. The project includes a total redesign of the streetscape, parking and rights-of-way incorporating specialized lighting, plants and public spaces. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: pstreet).
NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release April 7, 2014

Media contact:  Michael Shambaugh-Miller, Faith Coalition of Lancaster County
402-304-5710,  fclcne@gmail.com

HUFFINGTON POST EDITOR TO SPEAK AT 30TH ANNUAL MAYOR’S INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Reservations are now being accepted for the 30th annual Mayor’s Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Thursday, May 1 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th Street. Doors will open at 7 a.m., and the program will begin at 7:30 a.m. The theme for this year’s breakfast is “Faithful Discourse in the Public Square.” The event is being hosted by Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler and the Faith Coalition of Lancaster County.

The featured speaker is Rev. Paul Raushenbush, Senior Religion Editor for the Huffington Post. Raushenbush was previously the Associate Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel at Princeton University and served as President of the Association of College and University Religious Affairs. An ordained American Baptist minister, Rev. Raushenbush is regularly invited to offer commentary on issues of religion and society on national television and radio, and his current focus is on the interplay between religion and the Internet. His first book, Teen Spirit: One World, Many Faiths (HCI) was released in 2004. He is the editor of the 100th anniversary edition of Walter Rauschenbusch’s book, Christianity and the Social Crisis – In the 21st Century (HarperOne).

Individual tickets are $25, and tables of ten are available for $250. To register, visit lincolnprayerbreakfast.org. Reservations are due Friday, April 25.

For more information on the Prayer Breakfast, contact Michael Shambaugh-Miller, Faith Coalition of Lancaster County, at 402-304-5710 or fclcne@gmail.com.

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DATE: April 9, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss local efforts to promote healthy living and a healthy environment at a news conference at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 10 at the entrance to Everett Elementary School, 1123 “C” Street.

Topics will include:
• Plans for the fourth annual Streets Alive! in September
• The Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 12 in Union Plaza
• The “Greatest Shoe Drive on Earth” recycling effort
• The new “Let’s Grow!” gardening initiative

If the weather is bad, we will have the news conference inside the school.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 10, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR PROMOTES HEALTHY LIVING AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
Activities include Streets Alive!, Earth Day, shoe drive and gardening initiative

Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged residents to participate in four events and programs aimed at healthier lifestyles and environmental sustainability:

• Streets Alive! will close streets to vehicles Sunday September 14 for free activities along a two-mile route from the State Capitol to Everett Elementary School, 1123 “C” Street.
• For the first time, Lincoln’s Earth Day celebration Saturday, April 12 will be at Union Plaza.
• “The Greatest Shoe Drive on Earth” will begin at the Earth Day celebration.
• Also kicking off at Earth Day is a new gardening initiative called “Let’s Grow! Get Out and Garden.”

“Promoting healthy living and a healthy environment must be a community-wide effort,” Mayor Beutler said. “City government is an important partner, but it takes the participation and cooperation of the private sector, the educational community, nonprofits and other community organizations. Most importantly, it takes the commitment of individuals who say, ‘I’m going to ride my bike and be more active, I’m going to eat better, I’m going to recycle more and I’m going to grow my own food.’ These activities and programs provide great opportunities to get started!”

Streets Alive!

This fourth annual health and wellness event is from 1 to 5 p.m. September 14. The entire route is closed to vehicular traffic so families can safely bike, walk, run, skate or skateboard. Participants can enter at any location along the route. Activities along the route will include entertainment, informational exhibits, the Everett Neighborhood Festival and VegFest presented by Community CROPS at the “F” Street Neighborhood Church. Streets Alive! is produced by Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln in collaboration with the Near South and Everett neighborhood associations and many community sponsors, partners and volunteers.

For more information, visit healthylincoln.org/streetsalive. (Media contact is Tami Frank, Partnership for a Health Lincoln, 402-483-4800, tfrank@healthlincoln.org.)
Earth Day

Activities from noon to 5 p.m. include a farmer’s market, food trucks, entertainment, kids activities, green vehicle demonstrations, a fashion show and about 90 exhibitors with information on recycling, renewable energy, sustainability and healthy living. Union Plaza is a hub for Lincoln’s trails system, so biking is encouraged, and bike valet service will be available. Assurity is providing free parking in its garage. Both 21st and 22nd streets from “P” to “Q” streets will be closed.

For more information, visit LincolnEarthDay.org. (Media contact is Anne Hintz, Earth Day Coalition, 402-421-8464.)

“The “Greatest Shoe Drive on Earth”

The goal of the campaign is to earn Lincoln another Guinness World record for the “most shoes collected for recycling in one attempt.” The effort is being led by Soles4Souls, an international anti-poverty organization; the Lincoln Solid Waste and Recycling Association; the Minnow Project; and the City’s Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative. From April 12 through May 17, usable shoes can be donated at drop-off sites across Lincoln. From May 11 through 16, local waste haulers will pick up donated shoes during their normal trash pickup. Shoes also can be taken to a celebration May 17 at the Pinnacle Bank Arena Plaza to announce the new record.

For more information, visit greatestshoelnk.org. (Media contact is Maggi Thorne, Mrs. Great Plains International and Soles4Souls spokesperson, 402-304-4651.)

“Let’s Grow! Get Out and Garden.”

The campaign is aimed at encouraging more gardening in Lincoln by encouraging people to take a pledge to grow their own vegetables in home or community gardens. It grew out of the “Let’s Move” effort and is an initiative of the Local Foodshed Working Group made up of local farmers, gardeners, organizations and individuals.

For more information, visit communitycrops.org/letsgrowlincoln. (Media contacts are Tim Rinne, 402-730-6675, and Rosina Paolini, 402-423-1260.)
CITY OF LINCOLN  
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
Thursday, April 17, 2014, 4:00 p.m.  
City County Building, Room 303, 555 South 10th Street  
AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2014 Commission Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda for April 17, 2014 Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause / No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR NO.: 14-0115-001-E-R
      2. LCHR NO.: 14-0124-002-E-R
      3. LCHR NO.: 14-0214-002-H
   B. Pre-Determination Settlement Agreements
      1. LCHR NO.: 14-0211-001-H
   C. Successful Conciliation
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0307-007-E

V. Administrative Closures
   A. Notice of Right to Sue
      1. LCHR NO.: 13-0703-021-E-R

VI. Old Business
   A. 2014 Civil Rights Conference Overview

VII. New Business
   A. Review Commission Bylaws

VIII. Public Comment**

IX. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.
I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen, Craig Strong, Mike Tavlin, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Roma Amundson, Karla Lester and Rick Hoppe (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Charlotte Burke, Steve Beal, Steve Frederick, Scott Holmes, John Chess, Karl Dietrich, Melissa Oerman, Claudia Pankoke, Gwendy Meginnis, Lisa Graf, Amanda Mortenson and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Nancy Hicks and Jane Raybold

Ms. Halstead introduced Craig Strong as a new member of the Board of Health. Lt. Col. Strong is employed with the Nebraska National Guard. Board members and staff introduced themselves to Lt. Col. Strong.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked to add under Current Business - Information Items - WIC Program Update & Presentation. She asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff completed the Department’s 2014-2016 budget request and it was submitted to the City Finance Department on February 27, 2014. She thanked Ms. Cook and her staff for their good work.
Ms. Halstead stated the Department will oversee a full scale functional mass casualty exercise on March 19, 2014. Participants will include area hospitals, Lincoln Fire and Rescue and area emergency managers.

Ms. Halstead stated the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 11:30 AM at Bryan Health East in the Conference Center.

Election of Officers for the coming year will be held at the April 8, 2014 meeting. Ms. Halstead asked Board members to let her know if they are interested in an officer position.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Appointment to the Food Advisory Committee

Mr. Holmes stated a vacancy exists on the Food Advisory Committee. Staff are recommending the appointment of Matthew Morrison from B & R Stores to serve on the Committee. Mr. Morrison has agreed to serve if appointed.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that Board of Health approve the appointment of Matthew Morrison to the Food Advisory Committee. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Resolution Regarding Electronic Cigarettes

Ms. Halstead and Ms. Burke stated staff are proposing the ban of electronic cigarettes in all buildings, facilities, tobacco-free areas of parks and vehicles owned by the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County and Public Building Commission. Ms. Burke noted several key points about e-cigarettes including they are being marked like cigarettes were in the 1950s and 1960s, youth are rapidly adopting e-cigarettes, e-cigarettes have not been proven to help people quit smoking; there is a high level of dual use of e-cigarettes and conventional cigarettes among adults, and currently there is little research on direct health effects. She noted more and more businesses in the community are prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in their facilities. Mr. Sieh reviewed the proposed Resolution that recommends the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster, and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission adopt a policy prohibiting the use of electronic cigarettes in all buildings, facilities, tobacco-free areas of parks, and vehicles owned and/or operated by the City of Lincoln, County of Lancaster or the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the Resolution regarding Electronic Cigarettes and forward it to the Mayor, Lancaster County Commissioners and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Public Building Commission for consideration and approval. Second by Dr. Petersen. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.
3. **Proposed Revisions to LMC 8.38 - Public Swimming Pools**

Mr. Sieh stated staff are proposing to update the Lincoln Municipal Code 8.38 Public Swimming Pools and 8.40 Spa Facilities Ordinance and Associated Design and Safety Standards. LMC 8.38 was enacted in 1978 and LMC 8.40 was enacted in 1989 with no major updates to either ordinance since they were enacted. Mr. Sieh reviewed the proposed revisions and the definitions to the Code. Mr. Chess stated three public meetings were held to gain public input on the proposed ordinance and standards. He stated staff conduct nearly 500 inspections per year.

**Motion**: Moved by Dr. Miller that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Lincoln Municipal Code 8.38 and the Associated Design and Operational Standards and rescind Lincoln Municipal Code 8.40 and forward the revisions to the Lincoln City Council for approval. Second by Mr. Tavlin. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

V. **CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)**

A. **Legislative Update**

Ms. Halstead provided an update on legislation the Department is following. Bills of interest include 1) LB887 Wellness in Nebraska Act; 2) LB807 - seatbelt usage and texting while driving - primary offenses; 3) LB861 - banning the sale of electronic cigarettes to minors now amended into LB863; and 4) LR422 - designating the Legislature’s Nebraska Health & Human Services and Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committees to develop policy recommendations towards transformation of Nebraska’s health care system.; and 5)LB276 - Early Development Network services/MIPS.

B. **WIC Program Update and Presentation**

Ms. Pankoke and Ms. Oerman provided a presentation on the Women, Infants and Children’s (WIC) Program. The federal program began in 1974 and the Health Department began providing WIC services in 1992. Today, WIC services are provided to 6,200 individuals in Lancaster County. The Department’s WIC program’s current caseload is 3,450 clients. Staff provide nutrition and health information and nutritional foods to clients. They reviewed the eligibility requirements, target populations, locations, the breastfeeding program, and the partnerships with other agencies in the community.

VI. **FUTURE BUSINESS**

Election of Officers - April, 2014

Review of March 19, 2014 Preparedness Exercise
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting - April 8, 2014 - 5:00 PM

Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony - Thursday, April 24, 2014 - 11:30 AM - Bryan Health East Conference Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President
DIRECTOR’S OFFICE

- The Health Director and Division Managers will meet with the City Finance Department’s Budget Directors to review the Department’s FY 2014-2015 budget request on April 1, 2014.

- Plans are underway for the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony. The Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be held on April 24, 2014 at the Bryan Health East Conference Center.

- The Health Director continues to oversee legislative activities for the Department. The Friends of Public Health hosted a legislative breakfast on March 4, 2014. The 60 day session is scheduled to end by the middle of April.

- The Health Director continues to serve on the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees and Funding Committee. The Funding Committee will begin their first review of grant applications for the Stage II Funding.

- Staff participated in a City-wide Mass Casualty Incident Exercise on March 19, 2014. The exercise involved representatives from area hospitals, Lincoln Fire & Rescue personnel and local emergency management agencies. A review of the exercise will be provided to the Board of Health at the April meeting.

- The Department prevailed in two District Court cases last month. The Assistant City Attorney continues to represent us well.

ANIMAL CONTROL

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Animal Control Staff meet with Bob Downey and Dr. Laura Andersen, DVM to discuss footbaths and disease prevention in the shelter and kennel operations. Dr. Andersen has a background in Shelter medicine as part of her academic training. She will be attending the April Animal Control Officer staff meeting to offer some insight as the Capital Humane Society Veterinarian.

Staff completed a draft of the Animal Control Continuity of Operations Plan for Emergency Management. The American Red Cross, Lancaster County Chapter, local director, Susan Epps and staff from the Capital Humane Society are working on a plan that would describe procedure for sheltering people and their pets in close proximity.

Warmer weather will mean an increase in the number of calls for Animal Control. We have already had a couple of bat calls and those will continue to increase, peaking in August and September decreasing by October and November.

Staff continue to work closely with the City Attorney’s office on cases that need greater attention and legal guidance. The City Attorney’s Office continues to be very helpful in providing guidance on the enforcement of the Lincoln Animal Control Ordinances.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Homeless Vaccination

- LLCHD nurses gave 759 vaccines to homeless and near homeless individuals from October 2013 through February 2014. This represents a 20% increase from last year. Vaccines given included: seasonal flu (574 shots), Tdap (167 shots), and pneumonia (18
shots). Community sites where vaccine was offered this year included: Project Homeless Connect (at Pershing Auditorium), Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, Center for People in Need, Gathering Place, and at the One80 Church (joint project with UNMC nursing students during a Food Net event). Without this program, this vulnerable population would not be protected.

Begin With Books

Begin with Books is a joint project of Lincoln City Libraries and LLCHD/Community Health Services Division with funding from the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, the Dillon Foundation, and LLCHD patient donations. The purpose of the project is to enhance early childhood literacy among poor and underserved families. The project will be piloted among pregnant and parenting families served by the Maternal-Child Health Services/Healthy Families America Program and the Immunization Clinic. Over 3,000 books were purchased and will be distributed starting April 1. A library card application and age-specific ways to encourage language will be included with each book. Books and materials are available in English and Spanish.

Research has shown that early language skills predict future reading abilities, and skills not developed early are difficult to remediate later on (I-LABS, University of Washington). The brain prepares itself for speaking and reading by hearing language. This has large implications for children in families where there is little verbal communication and or little child-centered speech. Children living with caregivers who are experiencing depression, constant and significant stress, and violence, for example, have an increased risk for a language-deficient environment. Research also shows that:

- Very young children learn best from one-on-one interaction.
- Very young children learn more and pay more attention to a familiar vs. an unfamiliar person.
- Children learn nothing from recorded media, DVDs and audio before the age of three.
- Children need a ratio of 5 to 1 positive vs. negative interactions to flourish.

This project is meant to encourage simple ways caregivers can expose their child to language in a child-centered, age-specific way such as:

- Birth to 9 months:
  o Talk to your baby as you go about your daily routines.
  o Make sure you read, sing and talk to your baby when he is awake.
  o Start a habit of visiting your library regularly. Your baby can get a library card right after she is born. Your library has story times especially for babies.
- 9 to 12 months:
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- Ask your child about the pictures in a story.
- Always keep a book in your diaper bag for waiting in doctor’s offices and other places.
- Get your child a few dress-up items like hats, aprons and boots.

- **1 to 2 years:**
  - Continue to read aloud to your child every day. He is learning new words rapidly.
  - Choose simple counting books to read aloud.
  - Learn a few finger plays such as Eensy-Weensy Spider to play with your child.

- **2 to 3 years:**
  - Borrow alphabet books from the library and practice singing the alphabet song.
  - Have your child “pretend” to read her favorite book to you.
  - Make sure your child has plenty of toys for imaginative play such as blocks, dress-up clothes and books.

- **3 to 4 years:**
  - Tell your child a story about your childhood.
  - Have your child help with simple meal preparations; peeling an orange or beating an egg.
  - Using flour or sand, have your child make letters with her finger.

**DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION**

**WIC**

**Caseload (Participation)**

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Dental Health

Number of clients served: 497
Number of patient visits: 774
Number of children served: 275 (55%)
Percentage of racial/ethnic minority clients: 56%
Percentage of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 54%
Percentage of clients at 100% of poverty, receiving services at minimum fee: 31%
Percentage of clients enrolled in General Assistance: 3%
Percentage of clients at 101%-200% of poverty, receiving services on fee scale – 12%

Outreach Activities for February:

- Provided 14 children (Elliott and Clinton Elementary Schools) with 27 patient visits, transportation from school and urgent dental care. These children were identified through the school based screening program in need of urgent care and identified as unable to access a dental home.

- In collaboration with Lincoln Libraries, staff provided presentations at South Library and Bethany Library for a total of 46 participants promoting February Children’s Dental Health Month and the importance of preventive and routine dental care.

- Presentation at Kelly Kids Learning Center for a total of 18 children.

- Presentation at UNL Children’s Center for a total of 72 children.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Outdoor Air Quality Monitoring

Air Quality Goal: Protect human health by maintaining air quality at levels which do not impact human health and preventing illness and disease caused by poor air quality.

Methods/Strategies (What we do): Monitor air for Particulate Matter (PM 2.5), and Ozone (O3).

Indicator: Maintain at least 90% of the year as “Good” air quality days.

Funding/Source: Air pollution emission fees, user fees and grants fund 100% of the program.
Description

The Health Department has been delegated authority by EPA and NDEQ to manage the Title V Operating Permits program and to regulate other sources of air pollution in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Local regulations reflect Federal and State air quality laws. The Air Pollution Control Advisory Board advises Health on all air quality matters.

Particulate Matter

Lincoln’s air quality is monitored 24/7 for very small particulate matter, called “PM 2.5.” Higher levels of PM2.5 can trigger heart attacks, asthma attacks and breathing problems for people with COPD. Elevated PM 2.5 levels are the primary reason for poorer air quality days. In March of 2013, the Federal standard for PM2.5 was lowered from 15 ug/m3 to 12 ug/m3 for the annual mean averaged over three years.

As expected, this resulted in Lincoln not being able to meet our goal of 90% of days being “Good” for air quality. In 2013, only 78% of days met the goal of “Good” air quality. However, Lincoln is not in jeopardy of being out of compliance.
with the Federal Standard at this time (see PM2.5 Trends 3yr Average Value chart). And the majority of
days that were poorer air quality were in the “moderate” category, which does not pose significant health
risks.

**Ozone**

Ozone (O3) is monitored in warm weather months. Higher levels of Ozone are associated with aggravation
of COPD, asthma, and irritation of the lungs. Lincoln has maintained Federal “attainment” status for air quality for
over a decade. With regard to Ozone, Lincoln had 100% of days in the “Good” air quality category.
However, we are seeing some increase in average Ozone levels, which again may be related to increases in vehicle
miles driven. Maintaining attainment status assures health risks are kept low and prevents onerous Federal air quality requirements which could dampen economic development. New Ozone monitoring equipment was purchased this winter and will be deployed this spring.

**Lincoln Recognized for Clean Air**

Lincoln was once again recognized by the American Lung Association in their Clear the Air report for
being one of the cleanest cities for Ozone in the nation. LLCHD’s Air Quality Program monitors ozone from April 1
through October 31. Ozone forms when the sun interacts with VOCs (hydrocarbons) and Nitrogen Oxides
(NOx), which are emitted from vehicles and industry. NOx is also emitted from agricultural field
burning. Ozone irritates mucous membranes and impairs lung function, especially impacting people with
asthma and COPD. The Federal ozone standard is currently 0.075 parts per million (ppm), but is
expected to be lowered, perhaps as low as 0.065 ppm. Our most recent data indicates that Lincoln
remains well below National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Newer vehicles with lower pollution
emissions and more people commuting by bicycle, bus and walking continue to help keep our air quality
good. Most growing communities see increasing levels of ozone primarily due more vehicles and sprawl,
which increases vehicle miles driven. VOCs and NOx emissions from industry have decreased the past ten years.

Where there’s Smoke there’s Particulate Matter

Smoke from open burning and fires have many toxic components, including extremely small particles (called PM2.5) that embed deep in the lungs. Higher levels of PM2.5 can trigger heart attacks, asthma attacks and breathing problems for people with COPD. While nearby burning in the County does contribute to PM2.5 levels, agricultural burning of over 200,000 acres of grass in the Flint Hills area of Kansas often results in large amounts of smoke coming into Lincoln causing health concerns. Air Quality staff use internet resources to watch and predict smoke impacts from open burning and will issues alerts or Health Advisories if necessary. Another event each year results in very high fine particulate levels – the 4th of July. Similar Health Advisories are issued regarding the health risks posed by smoke emitted by fireworks. In addition, staff carefully review requests for open burning in the County to protect the public’s health.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The March 19th community-wide full scale exercise went well overall with several lessons learned. The exercise was planned to, among other specifics for a particular agency: test communications between and amongst partner agencies (e.g., 911 and LFR, LFR and the hospitals, the Emergency Operations Center and all community partners involved, etc.), triaging patients at the scene of a crash resulting in mass casualties and also at the receiving hospitals, patient tracking, public information and media messaging and family assistance. In addition, the use of ham radios as a redundant form of communication in the event cell towers are down or overloaded, landlines are down and radios aren’t working. Volunteer patients were transported to the Lincoln hospitals with
fictitious names and specific injury information or symptoms to test the hospitals’ ability to both treat and take on a surge of patients.

- The exercise was a success and Randy Fischer and the other planners did a great job in preparing for the exercise and we will be sharing the after-action report and improvement plan information with the Board at the April 8th meeting.

- On April 23rd, a similar full-scale exercise will be conducted with all of the hospitals in a 15-county region (not including Lancaster County) with the help of the four local health departments and county emergency managers in the region. Randy Fischer has prepared all of the exercise plans, modified the scenarios for each local health department jurisdiction and the communities in each district. An update will be provided in May.

- The HDE Public Health Epidemiologist, Raju Kakarlapudi, and Assistant Public Health Epidemiologist, Tommy George, provided the statistical analysis and format for the newest version of the Food Inspection portal that Environmental Public Health will be announcing after the Food Advisory Committee meets to discuss the plans for rollout. Raju is also working with all of the City agencies for their March 31st update to the Mayor’s Taking Charge charts and graphs.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Tobacco Prevention

- Collaborative efforts continue with the Community Asthma Education Initiative (CAEI – a funded partner of the School/Community Tobacco Prevention Grant) to train staff from other agencies in asthma management with tobacco being a major trigger. Nineteen F Street Recreation Center staff were trained by Nan Nathanson from CAEI to identify asthma triggers within buildings and to recognize symptoms of asthma attacks among children and adults. Prior to the training a staff member of CAEI did an assessment of the building to locate possible asthma triggers. The staff indicated that as a result of this training, they will be talking with the families of children with asthma who attend the F Street Recreation Center regarding the development of Asthma Action plans. A similar training was done for staff at the Boys and Girls Club. A supervisor of Boys and Girls Club reported, “the training provided valuable insight to our staff when dealing with Club members and family members with asthma and asthma-like symptoms. Staff left the training with a better understanding of how to spot potential issues as well as tips on how to prevent them.”

- Staff coordinated tobacco retailer compliance checks in February and March with the Lincoln Police Department and youth volunteers. In February, there were 6 sales out of 41 attempts to purchase resulting in 15% non-compliance. In March, 2 sales were made out of 44 attempts to purchase for 4.5% non-compliance. As a reminder, the goal is to maintain a rate of non-compliance below 10% with the ultimate goal being zero sales.
According to the CDC, having a non-compliance rate of less than 10% is a deterrent to youth tobacco use.

**Injury Prevention**

- Staff assisted the Little Kingdom Childcare Center with the selection of National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) approved car seats to purchase for their three 15 passenger vans. The Center determined the need to replace car seats after attending the Child Care Transportation Training provided by LLCHD Injury Prevention staff and trained technicians that assist with the Child Passenger Safety Task Force.

**Early Development Network Services Coordination**

- This program provides services coordination to families of eligible children (birth to 3 years) with disabilities. The focus of the program is to identify and meet child/family needs through the coordination of informal and formal supports. Lincoln Public Schools is the primary partner in this program. The program is designed to assist families to access and maintain necessary services for themselves and their children. A tool used in Lincoln to assess the child/family needs is called the Routines Based Interview/Assessment (RBI). Two LLCHD Services Coordinators have received certification in the RBI and are working in partnership with LPS to enhance LPS home-base staff and the other Services Coordinators’ skills in effectively conducting the RBI to provide the greatest benefit to the child/family. During the months of January, February, and March, approximately 25 LPS and LLCHD staff are participating in an in-depth 3 part RBI training.

**INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

- Division Manager and Fiscal Supervisor are preparing for budget meetings with the City Finance Director and Budget Analyst and for the meeting with the Mayor and his staff. These meetings are scheduled in the first half of April.

- Beginning work on updating the Department’s Information Technology Strategic Guidelines and Plan.

- Division Manager and Fiscal Supervisor have scheduled and prepared for Fiscal Review meetings with the management staff in each division. These meetings will be completed by the end of March. In the meetings, we review the first five months of activity this year, analyze the financial status based on budget, identify any issues for monitoring. The reviews cover all funds and programs for each division.
Memorandum

Date:     •     April 8, 2014
To:       •     City Clerk
From:     •     Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re:       •     Administrative Approvals
cc:       •     Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from April 1, 2014 through April 7, 2014:

**Administrative Amendment No. 14012** to Special Permit No. 544, Glenbrook Townhomes, approved by the Planning Director on April 1, 2014, requested by Ron Rogers, to add a community building on property generally located at Portia St. and Knox St.
P Street Streetscape  
11th Street - Centennial Mall  
City Project No. 2013001/T.C. #701136

The City of Lincoln Public Works Department is issuing this advisory concerning the upcoming work to take place at the intersection of P Street and Centennial Mall as a part of the P Street Streetscape Project. Beginning on Monday, April 14, the traffic lanes of P Street will be shifted to the north lane with one lane remaining open through the Centennial Mall intersection. This work will include the removal and replacement of all roadway paving and sidewalks at the intersection. The traffic signal at the intersection will be de-activated during the work to allow for the continuous flow of traffic. Work is expected to take 30 days.

Please note that during this construction all businesses remain open and accessible to customers. This includes both the Nebraska History Museum and the Lincoln Children’s Museum. Based on these construction activities the routing of pedestrians will be necessary via signed detours and pedestrian barricading. Please pay particular attention to the signage and barricading in these areas to help us maintain a safe work zone. Please be aware that some areas of parking may not be available during the work activities and should be apparent by the hoods covering the parking meter.

Information on the P Street Streetscape Project is available on the City’s website at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: pstreet). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following people:

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

Kris Humphrey, Project Engineer  
City of Lincoln - Engineering Services  
(402) 326-1176  
khumphrey@lincoln.ne.gov

Hallie Salem, Downtown Re-Development Planner  
City of Lincoln - Urban Development  
(402) 441-7866

Andrew Christensen, Project Manager  
Hausmann Construction  
(402) 802-0023
April 10, 2014

SIDEWALK REPAIR ADVISORY
27th Street; Leighton Avenue - N Street
Project #702692

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for sidewalk repair adjacent to the Clinton Neighborhood area. This repair contract encompasses both sides of 27th Street from Leighton Avenue to N Street. The contract for this work has been awarded to R & C Construction of Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Contractor has indicated work will begin within the next several days. It is expected the sidewalk repairs along 27th Street will take 30 to 60 days to complete. The repair work will involve removal and replacement of marked sections of sidewalk. This work will also include construction of curb access ramps at intersections where ramps do not currently exist. This will involve lowering the sidewalk at ramp locations to meet requirements associated with ADA design guidelines. In some situations, short retaining walls or six-inch curb may be constructed to minimize the grading in the area along the sidewalks.

There will be some inconvenience to residents and businesses in this area as sidewalk sections are removed and replaced and sidewalk locations are closed and barricaded to complete this work. Driveways may also be closed for short durations to complete work on sidewalk through driveways.

We request the patience and cooperation of residents and businesses in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. If you have a sprinkler system, it is advisable that you mark the location of the sprinkler lines and heads. The City does not accept responsibility for repair of sprinkler systems.

This project is funded with funds through the Urban Development TIF funds. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract, and Alfred Benesch and Company will provide construction management and inspection of the project. If you have any questions or comments, please call one of the phone numbers shown below.

Project Manager
Steve Irons
Alfred Benesch & Company
402-310-7459

Contractor
Rene Solc
R & C Construction
402-432-2145
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler & City Council Members
FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office
DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION:
DATE: April 4, 2014

COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
Marvin Krout
Rod Confer
Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning
Sandy Dubas, City Clerk’s Office
Jamie Phillips, Mayor’s Office

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No. 14002
Alley between Antelope Valley Parkway
South 20th Street, K & L Streets

A request has been made to vacate South 20th Street between K and L Streets as well as the east/west alley in the block immediately west of the street to be vacated. The area was viewed and appears as a previously paved alley with evidence of sanitary sewer and electric utilities running within the alley. Staff has indicated that even though this portion of 20th Street would be vacated a public access easement over the entire area would be required.

Typically, wider right-of-way such as this could lend themselves to be buildable lots if it was not prohibited by the imposition of easements. In this case, the public access easement will render the area mostly unusable for anything except its current use. As such, a value of $0.10 per square foot is considered appropriate. The calculations are as follows:

\[ 19,544 \text{ sq. ft.} \times 0.10/\text{sq. ft.} = 1,954.40 \]

It should be noted that a portion of the east/west alley is not actually a platted alley, but rather surplus City property and while the process of disposal of surplus property varies slightly from that of a vacated public right-of-way the value is considered to be the same. Therefore, it is recommended that if the area vacated and surplused it be sold to the abutting property owner for $1,954.40.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023
Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) continues to be one of the main focuses of invasive weed control in Lancaster County. The earlier the landowner can start an aggressive effort to control infestations, the better the chance of eradication.

In an effort to stop the spread of phragmites before it takes over the creeks in Lancaster County, we continually do inspections to find infestations while they are small. This is the first complete survey of both the Oak Creek and Salt Creek drainages to be completed.

The $2,400 funding of the survey was made possible with a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust to the Nebraska Weed Management Area Coalition (NEWMAC), to help protect our riparian areas against invasives.

Once we complete the mapping, we will physically go to each site to confirm that it is the invasive, (not the native) phragmites. We will contact each landowner to begin a treatment program to prevent further spread.

“phragmites is very easy to spot this time of year, it stands all winter long, keeps its seed head intact, and is a distinctive rust color”

Oak Creek was surveyed from Raymond to where it meets Salt Creek in Lincoln

Salt Creek survey began south of Lincoln and went to where it meets the Platte River near Mahoney State Park
Nebraska’s Noxious Weeds

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

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

Musk Thistle
Height 1.8–0.8 ft
Pink to purple flowers

Canada Thistle
Height 1–3.9 ft
Pink to purple flowers

Plumeless Thistle
Height 1–4.9 ft
Purple flowers

Phragmites
Height 3.2–20 ft
Young seedhead

Leafy Spurge
Height 3–28 ft
Large yellow leaves (bracts)

Sericea Lespedeza
Height 1.5–6.5 ft
White or cream to yellowish white flowers

Japanese Knotweed
Height 3–10 ft
Cremy white to greenish white flowers

Giant Knotweed
Height 6–13 ft
Cremy white to greenish white flowers

Purple Loosestrife
Height 1.3–8 ft
Purple to magenta flowers

Saltcedar
Height 3.3–20 ft
Pink to white flowers

Spotted Knapweed
Height 1–3.9 ft
Lavender to purplish flowers

Diffuse Knapweed
Height 1–3.3 ft
Whitish purple flowers

GOOD NEIGHBORS CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

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

Good Neighbors Control Their Weeds!

We’re on the Web!
www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds

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

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS’ CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. Approved Administrative Regulation #2 and 2a signed by Mayor Beutler.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of April 12, 2014 through April 18, 2014.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Public input sought on water facilities plan.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Health advisory issued due to smoke.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER - TELECOMM/CABLE ADVISORY BOARD
1. Memo from Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center manager, regarding the Telecomm-Cable Advisory Board Members and meeting date.
   a) Correspondence from Dara Troutman as she leaves the Telecomm/Cable Advisory Board.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for April 17, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. LES Administrative Board meeting agenda for April 18, 2014. Full agenda and support materials can be found at www.les.com
2. Robert Boyce correspondence questioning the N Street Bikeway, and cost.
A. Purpose

The purpose of this administrative regulation is to establish a standard procedure for: (1) the acquisition of real property by the City; (2) the acceptance of dedications and donations of real property to the City; and (3) the sale of surplus real property by the City.

B. Methods of Acquisition

The City acquires property by several methods: direct purchase; eminent domain; dedications; and donations. In order for property to be acquired by direct purchase or condemnation, the acquisition must be for projects (1) specifically approved in the annual Capital Improvements Program; (2) authorized by the City Council after first receiving a report and recommendation from the Planning Department and Planning Commission regarding conformity of the proposed acquisition to the Comprehensive Plan; or (3) authorized through the creation of special assessment districts or projects.

C. Requests for Acquisition Assistance

The Urban Development Department’s Real Estate Division will assist other City departments in acquiring property for projects. Requests from the operating department for the Real Estate Division’s assistance in making such acquisitions shall include the following information:

1. A complete description of the property to be acquired.
2. An appraisal of the property if one has been secured, or a request that the Real Estate Division at its discretion either hire a fee appraiser or furnish a staff opinion of value. The Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 13-403 states: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no political subdivision shall purchase, lease-purchase, or acquire for consideration real property having an estimated value of one hundred thousand dollars or more unless an appraisal of such property has been performed by a certified real property appraiser.” Properties determined to have a value under $100,000 may be acquired without an appraisal but the acquiring entity must be prepared to defend the decision.
3. A statement as to the amount of money budgeted for Land Acquisition and the proper fund and account number from which monies are to be drawn. NOTE: If not budgeted specifically, approval of a redesignation of funds for land purchases by the Council must be obtained.
4. The proposed target date for completion of acquisition. NOTE: The development of the proposed target dates should be coordinated with the Real Estate Division in order to provide reasonable assurance that the dates can be met.
5. Complete plats or tract maps which depict any improvements located upon the property. NOTE: This information is needed so as to enable the appraisers to give full and proper considerations to the proposed acquisition and its impact. Sufficient proposed construction details are an absolute necessity.
6. A statement and a copy of the authorization for the project and acquisition, including authority for eminent domain proceedings, if necessary. NOTE: Generally this is in the form of a resolution or ordinance. For example, condemnation authority for capital improvement projects is generally authorized in the City’s biennial budget. In certain cases, an executive order may be required to institute eminent domain proceedings.

D. Acquisition Process

1. A request for acquisition, whatever the type, is to be submitted by the operating department to the Real Estate Division Office. NOTE: If the request is not accompanied by copies of the authorization and information regarding how the acquisition is to be financed (including fund sources and account numbers) the missing data will be requested by the Real Estate Division and the request for acquisition will be set aside until the data is received.

2. Following receipt of all data and confirmation the project has been properly authorized and funded, title research as to the properties affected will be initiated either by staff or fee abstractors, depending upon the staff work load.

3. When the identity and numbers of property owners have been determined individual tract files will be prepared by the Real Estate Division and individual parcel maps will be placed therein along with the title certificates.

4. The proposed contracts, deeds, easements, etc. will also be prepared and placed in the file at this time. The Real Estate Division will send notice of the City’s intentions to acquire the property rights needed for the project, whatever they might be, to each property owner along with a statement of the City’s Acquisition Policy. The notice shall include a statement that property owner will be contacted by the appraiser and that the property owner will to be afforded an opportunity to accompany the appraiser while he inspects the property.

5. If it is determined that a fee appraiser is to be utilized, the Real Estate Division and the appraiser will mutually agree upon a fee and a contract (providing for the specifications of each appraisal and the respective responsibilities of each party) will be prepared and executed by the appraiser and by the City. When the contract is approved and returned to the Real Estate Division, a copy will be sent to the fee appraiser along with the instructions to initiate his work. The contract will provide for a completion date determined by the target dates for the project and the scope of the project. When the appraisals are completed, they shall be reviewed by staff or by a fee review appraiser to insure: that they fulfill contract requirements; that they include all elements of compensation to which the property owner is entitled; that they exclude all compensations not covered by applicable laws; and that they are defensible in court. If the review appraiser’s final conclusion of value is different from that of the appraiser, the review conclusion of value shall be the basis for negotiations with the property owner.
6. When the appraisals are completed, the Real Estate Division shall prepare the necessary acquisition documents (warranty deed; easements; releases; and right-of-way contracts, etc.) and transmit the same to the Law Department for review to ensure their acceptability as to form.

7. When all appraisal reviews are complete, a staff or fee negotiator shall be assigned to the project and the initiation of negotiations shall be commenced. Each negotiator shall sign a certificate containing a number of assurances, primarily that they have no direct or indirect interest in the property for which negotiations are being commenced and no coercion is attempted. The negotiator shall keep a brief log of the essence of his conversations with the property owner, both for future use and for the possibility of condemnation proceedings.

8. Warranty deeds and necessary easements for the project should be carried by the negotiator during negotiations. If possible, the negotiator will secure the signature of the prospective grantor on the deed and/or easement, as well as on the right-of-way contract. NOTE: This eliminates the possibility of the owners subsequently refusing to sign the deed, even though they may have signed the contract. When the contract is finally approved and the deed form is approved by the Law Department, the Real Estate Division is authorized to tender payment either through the mail or by delivery.

9. In the event the negotiations are successful, the negotiator will secure the appropriate signatures on the Real Estate Agreements, deeds, and easements. Where the title research indicates that the property is mortgaged or otherwise encumbered, the negotiator will request a release of such encumbrance. In the event the negotiator does not, the Real Estate Division Office will make such request. NOTE: Frequently, to obtain such releases, it is necessary to make the payment jointly to the grantor and to the person giving the release of encumbrance. Executive orders approving the acquisitions will be prepared by the Real Estate Division and attached to each real estate contract and routed for approval by the operating department, Finance Department, and Law Department. Each executive order will be initiated by the Real Estate Division and will bear the executive order “Smart Number” and the signature of the Urban Development Director.

10. When all deeds, mortgage releases, releases of mechanics liens, etc., have been obtained and the various instruments approved by the Law Department, the Real Estate Division shall tender payment. The deeds shall be sent to the office of the Lancaster County Register of Deeds for permanent recording. Copies of each deed will be sent to the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department shall forward these same copies to the County Engineer’s Office in order that the County Engineer’s records and sectional plats may be updated. Once the original deeds are recorded and returned to the City Clerk, they will be indexed and then filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

11. When negotiations fail and the property is to be acquired through condemnation, a final letter shall be sent to the property owner along with a written explanation of the eminent domain proceedings and another copy of the proposed contract and deed. The entire Real Estate Division file shall then be copied and sent to the Law Department. This file shall include all correspondence, title
certificates, appraisals, documents, and recommendations. The transmittal memorandum shall reference the authority for the project and the necessity, if any, of an executive order authorizing the eminent domain proceedings. The transmittal shall also include a sufficient number of plats and descriptions to enable the Law Department to prepare required documents, file the condemnation petitions, and send the required notices to landowners.

12. Prior to the condemnation hearing before the Board of Appraisers, consultations between the Law Department and the Real Estate Division will take place in order to determine the personnel the Law Department may require to be present at the condemnation hearing. Necessary personnel may include the negotiator, the appraiser, engineers, etc.

13. Following the condemnation hearing and receipt of a copy of the Return of Appraisers, the Law Department will initiate a claim for payment of that award and costs and notify the Real Estate Division of the same. Consultation will then be undertaken once again between the Law Department, Real Estate Division, and the operating agency for whom the acquisition was made, and where relevant the Mayor, to determine if an appeal should be taken from that award. Any appeal to the district court shall be handled entirely by the Law Department, although the Law Department may request the Real Estate Division to obtain additional appraisals for use as evidence and for the purpose of utilizing the appraisers as expert witnesses.

14. When all of the real estate for any particular project has been acquired, either through direct purchase or condemnations, and all payments have been completed, and any person or persons or businesses who may have been displaced as a result of the project are relocated, a memo will be issued by the Real Estate Division to the operating department that the project is ready for construction, for bid letting, etc.

15. Where relocations of persons or businesses are required, studies will be undertaken concurrently with the initiation of the appraisal process to determine the services and/or payments to which the displaced persons or businesses may be entitled. That study must confirm that the displaced persons or businesses will have a place to which to relocate. Otherwise, the project may not proceed. The offers for relocation assistance and payments will be made by the negotiator or by a relocation agent at the same time the initial offer for purchase for real estate is made. The City must give any person or business to be displaced a minimum of ninety (90) days notice to relocate. NOTE: This notice is required by Federal and State law and by adopted City rules and regulations. Expected completion dates for any project should take the 90-day notice period into account. The notice to relocate can be delayed significantly in the event condemnation is required.
E. Federal Policy Requirements

Real property acquisition and relocation payments undertaken on projects in whole or in part by HUD, DOT or any other Federal agency require a number of procedures to be followed. These agencies each promulgate their own policy and procedure memorandums. There are a number, however, of uniform steps which must be followed and records thereof kept in the Real Estate Division's parcel files. For acquisition, those steps require at a minimum:

1. Official determination to acquire
2. Notice of intent to property owner and tenants of City's intent to acquire the property
3. Notice of land acquisition procedures
4. Invitation to owner to accompany appraiser
5. Appraisal reports, including reviewer's report
6. Determination of just compensation
7. Statement of the basis of determination of just compensation
8. Written purchase offer
9. Notice to tenant of the date of initiation of negotiations
10. The purchase agreement, deeds, declaration of taking, or tenant waiver.
11. Disclosure statement of settlement costs
12. 90 days notice to surrender possession of premises

In addition to the above requirements, acquisitions which require relocation of families, individuals, or businesses require at a minimum:

1. Site occupant record
2. Information statement
3. Referrals: housing or business
4. Referrals for social services or other assistance
5. Claims for relocation payment
6. Housing or business inspection report
7. Interim rental agreement
8. 90 days notice to surrender possession of premises
9. Grievances

Additionally, Federal agencies require the development and maintenance of policy statements for land acquisition, relocation assistance and property management.
F. Donations and Dedications

1. Real property is also acquired through donations. In many instances, the donations are made through a specific operating department such as the Parks, Library or Fire Departments. Other donations to the City take place in the form of dedications and the grant of easements in final plats, Planned Unit Developments, Community Unit Plans, Annexation Agreements, Development Agreements, etc. The conveyance documents (including certificates of title or other verification of ownership) for such donations/edications shall be forwarded to the Real Estate Division along with a recitation of any provisions or requirements of the donation/dedication. If approval of the Law Department has not previously been obtained, it will be obtained by the Real Estate Division. The acceptance of such donations/dedications is generally to be accomplished through an executive order. When the donation/dedication is approved, the executive order and conveyance documents shall be returned to the Real Estate Division to be filed with Lancaster County Register of Deeds for permanent record and the deed itself returned to the City Clerk. NOTE: This process should allow a complete inventory of City properties to be maintained by the Real Estate Division.

2. Occasionally there are conditions or stipulations accompanying the dedication or donation of real estate to the City. When the Real Estate Division is notified of these stipulations and provisions, it shall take such steps as are necessary to assure that all conditions, stipulations, or provisions are satisfied before any instruments are accepted and recorded. A dedication or donation conditioned upon the grantor performing other services or conditioned upon any other requirements shall not be accepted until all conditions have been satisfied.

G. Sale of Surplus Property

It is the policy of the City of Lincoln to maintain an inventory of land sufficient to meet its current and projected public use needs. Land for which there is no identified current or projected public use by the City should be declared surplus property and returned to the marketplace in an orderly fashion. This policy creates a framework for the identification of surplus property, the required methods to declare the property surplus, and the practices to be followed in the sale, trade or donation of the surplus property. This policy covers designation and disposal of all surplus property except for surplus dedicated right-of-way which is transferred to other public or private ownership through the vacation of public ways process found in Chapter 14.20 of the Municipal Code.

I. Identification Process

1. Within ninety days following the effective date of this administrative regulation, the Urban Development Department shall conduct an initial computer search of the County Assessor’s records to identify land parcels owned by the City. During this same time period, each department shall identify and submit to the Urban Development Department a list of all City property utilized by or under the control of the department. Each property will be identified by its County Assessor Land Parcel Number and classified by the department under one of the following categories:
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(a) Land currently utilized by the department;
(b) Land planned to be utilized by the department; and
(c) Land under the control or responsibility of the department without a current or planned use.

Property classified under Category (b) shall not be recommended for retention if the department can achieve its projected use by means of easements or conditions other than fee simple ownership. For each property classified under Category (c), the department will make a recommendation as to whether the property should be retained by the City or designated as potential surplus property. A department shall not recommend that a particular parcel of land be retained unless the department has a planned use for the property and the department is willing to be responsible for all taxes and maintenance costs associated with the property. NOTE: In accordance with the Comprehensive Plan (references 2040 Comprehensive Plan strategy, p11.14), City property in the floodplain should be retained except in unusual circumstances and in those instances, a conservation easement shall be reserved in any deed of conveyance to protect floodplain functions unless the purchaser grants the City an acceptable conservation easement over an equal or greater area of property.

For each parcel of City-owned land that does not appear on a City department list, the Urban Development Department will investigate the current use of the property and make a recommendation as to whether the property should be retained or designated as “potential surplus property.” The Urban Development Department shall then prepare a master list of City-owned land, identified by the County Assessor’s Parcel I.D. Number, which shall include for each parcel of land the department classification or the Urban Development Department classification if the property did not appear on a department list. The master list shall further include for each parcel the recommendation as to whether the property should be retained or designated as “potential surplus property.” The master list shall be submitted to the Mayor for his review and approval, or approval with modifications.

2. Following the Mayor’s approval, a list of properties designated as “potential surplus property” shall be submitted to City departments and such other public entities as have traditionally been given notice of the City’s intent to surplus and dispose of property. The departments and other public entities receiving this notification shall be advised that they must respond to the Urban Development Department within 10 working days from the date of the notice if they object to any “potential surplus property” being declared surplus due to the fact that the department or other public entity has a public need for the property. If a department has a public need for a particular “potential surplus property” and does not want it to be declared surplus and offered for sale, that department must agree in its response to the Urban Development Department to assume all maintenance and tax responsibilities for the property within three months from the date of its response. At the expiration of the 10-day notice, the Urban Development Department shall provide the Mayor with a summary of the outcomes of the notification process. If any department and one or more public entities express a public need for the property, the department shall have priority. If two or more departments express a need for the property, the Mayor shall determine which department has priority.
3. If only a public entity expresses an interest in the property, the Urban Development Department, with the Mayor’s approval, shall initiate discussions on and negotiate the terms and conditions for the sale, trade or donation of the land to that public entity, subject to the City Council declaring the property surplus and authorizing the transfer of the property to the public entity. When terms and conditions acceptable to the Mayor have been agreed upon, the Urban Development Department shall commence the process described in Subsection II below to declare the property surplus property. If negotiations are not completed within one year from the date discussions are commenced, the City shall terminate those negotiations and proceed in the manner provided in Subsection I.4 below.

4. If no department or other public entity expresses a need for the property, the property shall be listed on a City website under the Urban Development Department and identified as "potential surplus property" which is available for purchase subject to the property being declared surplus by the City Council. The website shall contain an explanation of the process for declaring property surplus which shall include the statement that any transfer of land valued in excess of $10,000 requires City Council approval by ordinance before a final disposition can be made. The website should further explain that if the property is located in the floodplain, the buyer will need to work with Public Works-Watershed Management and the Law Department on the retention of a conservation easement to protect floodplain functions of that property or the grant of an conservation easement over other property (of the same size or greater) within the same general area of the floodplain. The Urban Development Department shall be the entry point for citizens and developers who express an interest in the potential purchase of such property. A department shall forward any inquiries the department receives about the property to the Urban Development Department.

II. Declaration

1. If the Urban Development Department receives any expressions of interest in acquiring any "potential surplus property" from a potential buyer or buyer’s agent, the Mayor shall be informed of the inquiry. With Mayoral approval, the Urban Development Department shall initiate discussions and negotiate the terms and conditions for the sale of the property to the potential buyer. When terms and conditions acceptable to the Mayor have been agreed upon, the Urban Development Department shall commence the process to declare such property as "surplus property" and authorize its sale to the interested party. When required by law, the Urban Development Department will first refer the request to the Planning Director to have the request reviewed by the Planning Commission as to conformity with the Comprehensive Plan. After the Planning Commission has made its report and recommendation, the Planning Department will cause the request to be scheduled on the City Council agenda. If the Ordinance declaring the property surplus is adopted, there is a 15-day waiting period before the Ordinance goes into effect.

2. The Urban Development Department will review the remaining list of "potential surplus properties" for possible sale and transfer to private ownership. Based upon that review, the Urban Development Department shall prepare and submit from time to time, but at least annually, a
request for the City Council to declare some or all of the "potential surplus properties" as "surplus property" in the same manner as provided above.

Upon the Council declaring any property surplus, public notice that the property is for sale shall be given by posting a sign at a visible location on the property for a minimum of thirty days. In addition, that property’s listing on the website shall be changed from "potential surplus property" to "declared surplus property." The website shall explain that an offer to purchase the declared surplus property may be made by submitting an expression of intent to the Urban Development Department containing the terms the potential buyer nominates and the projected use of the property and an agreement to answer questions as may be required by the Urban Development Department in order to clarify the buyer’s intentions.

When the Urban Development Department receives an expression of intent to acquire "declared surplus property" from a potential buyer or buyer's agent, the Mayor will be informed of the inquiry. Should there be one or more expressions of intent to acquire the "declared surplus property," the Real Estate Division shall establish a reasonable value or obtain an outside appraisal of the property’s fair market value. If a potential buyer is working through a real estate agent, it is customary to pay a 5% commission upon successful closing of the sale.

The Urban Development Department may utilize auctions, multiple party open negotiations, negotiation with individual purchasers, real estate brokers or agents, or any other mechanism from which to select a buyer. Purchase price, investment, job creation, highest and best property use, neighborhood preferences and such other factors should be weighted to find the greatest amount of civic value in the sale, trade or donation. Agreements for the sale of declared surplus property valued in excess of $10,000 shall proceed to the City Council for final approval. The Urban Development Department will be the moving party and responsible for presenting the sale to the City Council. The Urban Development Department is free to propose conditions on the use of the property to be approved by the Council or other final decision maker. The Urban Development Department should consider attaching a list of prohibited uses of the sale land that runs with the land for a period of time such as five years. When selling a city-owned property, no appraisal is required, however, the sale price must be defensible (i.e., not so low as to constitute a gift).

The Urban Development Department is authorized to close on the sale or transfer property having a fair market value of $10,000 or less with Mayoral Executive Order approval.

The Law Department will review all Real Estate Division and/or Buyer prepared conveyance documents which are needed to convey property on the terms approved by the City Council or approved by the Mayor on transactions that do not require Council approval.

The executed deeds will be delivered to the buyer upon payment as prescribed by the documents. Sale proceeds will be deposited in the Advanced Land Acquisition Fund designated to the appropriate department.
Selling City-owned Property Which Does Not Need to Complete the Surplus Process

There are two scenarios where the surplus process does not need to be completed in order to sell a city-owned property: (1) a City-owned property has already been declared surplus; and (2) a property is declared to be surplus at the time of its acquisition. However, if such property has been held under City ownership for more than ten years, regardless of the reason for acquisition, a formal surplus property declaration process should be sought.

Sale of Surplus Park Property

1. Dedicated parkland shall not be declared surplus.

2. Park property that is acquired by the City through the sale of park bonds voted on by the electors is held in trust for the public by the City and may only be diverted from park use if the City is clearly authorized to do so by the Legislature and if the property is no longer needed for park purposes. NOTE: This rule is composed of three parts. First, the land subject to the trust must be parkland purchased with bond funds voted on by the electorate of the City. Second, the Nebraska Legislature must have specifically authorized the City to divert the land from park use. Third, the property must no longer be needed for park purposes by the City. Only when all three of these criteria are met may parkland purchased through a bond issue be declared surplus and disposed of.

3. Land devoted to a park use which was not dedicated as parkland or purchased with bonds may be abandoned as parkland and may be declared surplus and sold under the City’s general statutory power to buy or sell property.

The foregoing Administrative Regulation No. 2, superseding Administrative Regulation No. 2 effective April 1, 1978 and Administrative Regulation No. 2A effective April 15, 1994, is hereby APPROVED this 27th day of March, 2014.

Chris Beutler, Mayor of Lincoln
Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule
Week of April 12 through 18, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, April 13
• High Tea celebration - 3:30 p.m., Lux Center for the Arts, 2601 N. 48th St.

Monday, April 14
• Mayor’s Award of Excellence presentation, remarks - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
• Show City Council recent awards to City projects from Commercial Real Estate Summit and State chapter of the American Planning Association, remarks - immediately following Award of Excellence, Council Chambers
• Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, April 15
• KLIN - 8:10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16
• Best Places to Work in Lincoln awards luncheon - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Thursday, April 17
• Mourning Hope annual fundraising breakfast celebrating 20th anniversary, remarks - 7:30 a.m., Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th St.
• Lincoln Cares news conference - 10 a.m., Rudge Park, 14th and Lake streets
• Issue proclamation for Aspire’s SIDS Awareness Day - 1 p.m., Mayor’s Conference Room

Friday, April 18
• News conference, topic and location to be announced - 11 a.m.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 11, 2014
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 402-441-7571

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON WATER FACILITIES PLAN

The Lincoln Water System (LWS) is now updating its water facilities master plan and is seeking public input as part of the process. The master plan is updated every 10 years to help ensure a safe and adequate water supply to the City at all times. The master plan addresses water supply, treatment, distribution, operations and maintenance as well as water conservation.

The public can provide input in two ways:
• A survey is available through June 30 at water.lincoln.ne.gov.
• The public is invited to an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 at the Auld Recreation Center in Antelope Park.

“Historically, this master plan has been updated with little customer outreach or input,” said Public Works and Utilities Director Miki Esposito. “While that method has always produced a reliable long-range plan for providing water to the community, it was time to seek input from LWS customers. It’s important for ratepayers to better understand the water system to see how future improvements can be done in a cost-effective manner with fair, affordable rates.”

Esposito said the complicated process to get water from its source to customers is about a $37 million annual enterprise when you include operating, capital and debt expenses. And she said planning for a safe, plentiful water supply is critical for the growth of the city.

To provide additional input into the process, LWS created a stakeholders committee including representatives of LWS customer classes and community interests. The committee is co-chaired by Dr. Ann Bleed, Ann Bleed and Associates, and John Leach, Plant Engineering Manager for Veyance Technologies.

“Today in Nebraska, we are faced not only with increased demands for water to grow food and produce energy, but also with a higher likelihood of intense droughts,” said Bleed. “At the same time, cities like Lincoln are growing. If we are going to ensure a secure water supply for future citizens of Lincoln as well as for our other neighbors, both rural and urban, in the Lower Platte River Basin, we must work together to develop plans to manage our water supply. Only with such planning can we hope to ensure there will be sufficient water to maintain our good life in Nebraska.”

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LWS Master Plan Input
“As the plant engineering manager of a large industrial facility, I am very aware of the importance of uninterrupted water service to our business,” said Leach. “Our location is in an area that was experiencing water main breaks because of old infrastructure. In 2008, the City replaced water mains feeding our facility. It was an expensive LWS project, but it greatly benefitted our facility and the surrounding neighborhood by providing more reliable service.”

Esposito said the City is seeing the impact of water conservation. Over the last 30 years, total per capita water use in Lincoln has decreased by over 25 percent. But, LWS is also dealing with aging infrastructure. Water mains over 100 years old are still being used today, and 60-year-old water mains also are failing due to corrosion.

“It is vital to have the funding needed to maintain these systems and ensure reliable service and high-quality water to customers,” Esposito said. “As we focus on keeping rates affordable for residential, commercial and industrial customers, we also need to anticipate future costs for developing adequate water supplies, treatment technologies and infrastructure replacement.”

LWS expect to have a draft of its master plan update by early May.

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HEALTH ADVISORY ISSUED DUE TO SMOKE

Due to high levels of smoke from agricultural burning in the Midwest, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) today issued a Health Advisory for people with asthma, lung disease, other respiratory conditions or heart disease. If the air becomes smoky, individuals with those conditions should stay indoors and avoid strenuous physical activity.

“Due to winds from the south and the extensive burning in the Midwest, especially the Flint Hills area of Kansas, people may be exposed to smoke in the air this weekend,” said Chris Schroeder, Air Quality Program Supervisor with LLCHD. “Smoke is made up of tiny particles and gases. When these are breathed into the lungs, they can cause asthma attacks, worsen chronic bronchitis and emphysema, and cause angina in some people with heart disease.”

Most people’s health will not be affected. Those at risk are advised to keep windows and doors closed. In the car, set the air conditioner on “re-circulate.” Those who experience coughing, tightness in the chest or angina should contact a doctor.

The LLCHD monitors air quality 24 hours a day. The Air Quality Index for Lincoln is updated daily and can be found at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: air).

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Two new members have joined the board recently -- Andy Beecham and Dr. Art Zygielbaum. Art is a former member and chair. The updated board list follows this note. Please look it over and let me know if anything needs to be corrected.

We are scheduled to have our next meeting in two weeks -- 4 p.m. April 24 here at City Hall. I'd like to determine soon if we will have a quorum for that meeting. Please let me know if you can attend. It would be helpful to know your availability for 4 p.m. on May 1 and May 8 as well, in case we need to reschedule.

Once we get a meeting date set, we'll work to schedule an orientation session for the new members and for anyone else who would like to attend.

Thanks, everyone!

Diane

Diane Gonzolas
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And as two new members come on the Board, one old one will leave. I have confirmed to Diane what I said at our last meeting -- that I would be stepping down from the Board. It has been a pleasure to serve with you for the last year and a half or so, but with the expansion of the Board’s duties to include telecommunications more broadly than cable, I think there are more knowledgeable folks than me to help advise the mayor in this area. In addition, I recently accepted appointment to the Nebraska Broadcasters Association Board of Directors, and while not a direct conflict of interest, I probably don’t need to be serving on two community/state boards in the same genre given my limited time and opportunity for service. I’ve enjoyed getting to know you, and have learned a great deal during my tenure on the Advisory Board. I hope in some small way I have been able to add value to our collective work over the past months. Best wishes, Dara
The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **April 17, 2014**. The meeting will convene at **1:30 p.m.** in Room 214 in Development Services Center, 2nd floor, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

**AGENDA**  
April 17, 2014

1. Approval of meeting record of HPC meeting of March 20, 2014.

2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

**HEARING AND ACTION**

3. Application by Mark Koehler on behalf of Sprint for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at WaterPark, a designated landmark at 2945 A Street.


5. Application by B & J Partnership for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at the Hilton Garden Hotel, 801 R Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.

6. Application by McKinney’s Irish Pub for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 151 North 8th Street, Suite 140, in the Haymarket Landmark District.

7. Application by Dave Erickson on behalf of “Jacob’s Well” for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at the Schaaf House, a designated landmark at 659 South 18th Street.

**DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

8. Staff Report & Misc.

The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/hpc/hpc.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/hpc/hpc.htm)

For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit [http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/hp/hp.htm](http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/hp/hp.htm)

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AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, April 18, 2014 – 9:30 A.M.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.
1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the LES
   Administrative Board
3. Comments from Customers
4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff
   A. 20 Years - Pat Marik, Senior IT Administrator, Network, Technology Services
5. Committee Reports
   A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
   B. Finance & Audit Committee
      *1. Approve 2013 Annual Audit
   C. Communications & Customer Services Committee
6. *Appointment of Assistant Secretary
7. Administrator & CEO Reports
   A. State Legislative Report
   B. 1st Quarter 2014 Financial Review
   C. General Fund Transfers Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) and City
      Dividend for Utility Ownership (CDFUO)
   D. LES Website Update
   E. *Reschedule June 2014 Meeting
8. Chief Operating Officer’s Reports
   A. 1st Quarter 2014 Performance Indicators
   B. 1st Quarter 2014 Power Supply Report
   C. Regulatory Compliance Update
9. Other Business
   A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
   B. Miscellaneous Information
10. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

Next Regular LES Administrative Board meeting Friday, May 16, 2014.
Dear Council members--

There are only four collisions per year between cars and bicycles ridden on the street--ridden on the street--in downtown Lincoln each year. Only four.

Does this justify $4.4 million????? Or even $1.7 million for a project which is built on only ONE street?

Yes, there is a general perception that biking downtown is unsafe--but that is NOT based on reality! So do you spend millions of dollars of taxpayers' money on a myth??

If you doubt my figures, look at the police reports. I have. Over a five year period, the average number of collisions is FOUR per year.

Beyond this fact, I strongly question whether this bikeway will be safer than a sidewalk. Cars don't hit bikes from behind on sidewalks--but they DO hit them at intersections and driveways.

In fact, it is four times more dangerous to ride on the sidewalk than on the street in Lincoln. Again, look at the police reports. 80% of all collisions between bicycles and motor vehicles happen to bicyclists who were riding on the sidewalk!! They are hit at driveways and intersections, where the sidewalk crosses a traffic line.

Exactly the same thing will happen with this proposed bikeway, IF you permit millions of dollars to be spent building it.

I plead with you--rescind this approval. Stop this fiasco. Save the millions of dollars, and promote education on safe cycling, for both motorists and cyclists.

The City built bike lanes, and cyclists will tell you they do NOT feel safe on them. Don't repeat the mistake. Yes, cyclists will feel safe on a bikeway---until they are hit at an intersection.

I speak as a licensed bicycle education instructor of the League of American Bicyclists, and as one who bicycled to work in downtown Lincoln for 36 years. The N Street Bikeway is a waste of money.

Thank you.
Robert Boyce
735 South 37th Street
Lincoln, NE 68510
402-770-6865
Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Doug Emery, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Jonathan Cook; and Trent Fellers

Absent: Roy Christensen

Others: Sandy Dubas, Deputy City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; and Rod Confer, City Attorney

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK
Dubas stated first on the agenda is the Mayor’s Award of Excellence, followed by the awards of City Projects from the Commercial Real Estate Summit and American Planning Association.

Dubas stated Items 1 through 7 will be introduced by Camp. Items 8, 16, 17, and 18 will be introduced by Cook. Would call Items 23 and 24 together, under Public Hearings-Liquor Resolutions, with agreement from the Chair. Also would call Items 25 and 26 together.

There are no Public Hearing - Ordinances, 2nd Reading. Item 33, under Ordinances - 3rd Reading, Bill # 14-30, has an amendment to the substitute. Confer added he noticed it is a Motion to Amend, No. 1, and probably should be No. 2 as the substitute ordinance would be No. 1.

Cook will introduce Ordinances-1st Reading and Related Resolutions. And a reminder, the meeting will have an open microphone session.

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to celebrate Arbor Day April 24, 2014.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Work to begin at Centennial Mall and “P” Street.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Huffington Post editor to speak at 30th Annual Mayor’s Interfaith Prayer Breakfast.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss efforts to promote healthy living and a healthy environment at a news conference, April 10, 2014, 10:00 a.m., at Everett Elementary School, 1123 C Street.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor promotes Healthy Living and Healthy Environment.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
1. Commission on Human Right meeting agenda for Thursday, April 17, 2014.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of March 11, 2014.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department March 2014 Department Report.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 14012 approved by the Planning Director on April 1, 2014.
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. P Street Streetscape. 11th Street - Centennial Mall. City Project No. 2013001/T.C. #701136.
2. ADVISORY. Sidewalk repair advisory. 27th Street; Leighton Avenue - N Street. Project #702692.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Street and alley vacation, No. 14002. Alley between Antelope Valley Parkway, South 20th Street, K and L Streets.

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY
1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement newsletter, April, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

VI. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.