

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2003
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 9, 2003.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
2. Affordable Housing Steering Committee Meeting (Friendt)
3. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)
4. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)
5. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Friendt) - **HELD OVER FROM THE JUNE 9TH "NOON" AGENDA.**

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cutting & Ground Breaking events: - Please RSVP to Tera Pugh at 436-2355 or E-Mail:
 - A.) Tabitha Health Care Services (Groundbreaking) on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at 4720 Randolph (east of Tabitha Nursing & Rehab. Center)
 - B.) Stacy's Shop on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. at 824 "P" Street, Suite 102 (Haymarket Square)
 - C.) Child Guidance Center, 2444 "O" Street on Friday, June 27, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.
 - D.) SouthPointe Chiropractic, 3200 Pine Lake Road, Suite B on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at 11:30 a.m.
 - E.) CrableAutomotive Inc., 1842 West "O" Street on Thursday, July 17, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.

2. Announcing the 4th Annual Governor's Summit on Workforce Development on October 7th & 8th at Embassy Suites Hotel, 1040 "P" Street - Partners United For A Competitive Workforce. (See Brochure)
3. Please join us for a "Dedication/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" to celebrate the Grand Opening of Keech Park on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. - The new park is located immediately Northeast of the intersection of 14th & Superior Street (Next to Walgreens) - (See Invitation)
4. Safety Improvement Project - 27th & "O" Streets Intersection Public Open House on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School Cafeteria, 225 S. 25th Street . (See Invitation)
5. Meeting Notice For North 27th Street Business and Civic Association - on Thursday, June 26, 2003 - Imperial Palace at 27th & Vine Streets - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Snacks and Beverages will be provided by the Association - (See E-Mail of Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the Registration For the Formal Agenda to speak and open 'mic' Procedures. (Requested by Jon Camp)
2. Discussion on County and City Elected Officials Photos - See Terry Werner's comments) (See Attachments)
3. Discussion with Diane Gonzolas on line Formal Agenda link ups.
4. Discussion on Intern Program.

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
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Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman, Ken Svoboda; ABSENT: Terry Werner, Vice-Chair

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office; Diane Gonzolas, CIC Director; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for June 9, 2003.

Chair Jon Camp requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda quietly moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was tacitly seconded by Annette McRoy and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of the Council members present.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Cook (being the about to be newly appointed member on the Commission) reported that there had been a great deal of time spent talking about the security and operations of the parking garage. He stated that they had decided to send back to those planning the garage, three options:

1) One would simply be a gate at the garage underneath this building. 2) Gate this building and the garage under the Jail and the Police Departments. 3) Move all the gates to the perimeter entrances and exits and there would be about six of them. Nobody could get in without going through a gate.

His personal feeling was that that was excessive, but the PBC will talk with the Police and Sheriff's Offices (who seem to be the most obsessed with this kind of thing and controlling everyone's behavior)...so we'll see how that goes at the next meeting, when the issue will be discussed further. Mr. Cook felt this was an expenditure that, in these tight fiscal times, should be weighed carefully.

He reported that they had discussed changing the entrance code. Right now the only coded entry is at the west lower-level door. Mr. Larry Hudkins was very insistent that there be one installed at the east lower-level door. After much discussion, it was decided to go ahead with that installation as long the new key pad would be compatible with the new security system being considered.

There were also brief discussions on roof repair at the Senior Center. There was also discussion on more art work in [public buildings]. Linda Wilson is head of the Art Work Committee which will be deciding what will be appropriate there. They must also consider liability as well as aesthetics in those decisions.

Ms. McRoy indicated that she had requested Council Staff to call the Public Building Commission to request a check of the vehicles without tags parked beneath the County-City Building last Monday. She noted that there had been a lot of vehicles without tags and there had been no room available for elected officials last week. She requested more enforcement while there is construction going on so those who need to be here can be.

Mr. Camp reported that Ms. Linda Wilson will replace Coleen Seng as the Vice-Chair. The Public Building Commission also approved Unit Price Contracts for maintenance on the public buildings. This had gone through the Purchasing Department's proposal process. Mr. Camp explained, upon questions from Council Members, that these contracts are let to two or three firms, through the bidding process, for routine maintenance. The contract terms are for a one-year time period. Ms. McRoy noted that she was concerned for small businesses in Lincoln being limited in their opportunity to get involved with City contracts under such a process.

Mr. Camp reported that Ms. Welsch, Affirmative Action Officer, had appeared at the PBC meeting and raised questions regarding handicapped parking spaces. Mr. Killeen had explained that, in the architects configurations, there were more than the Federally required number of handicapped spaces. They had been divided in a way that placed more very close to the County/City Building with fewer at the greater distances in the south lot.

He added that the expansion space for the Joint City/County Space had been discussed. It is underway now and should be done fairly quickly. Mr. Camp stated that the perennial concern for the air conditioning for CIC's tech equipment had been discussed, and noted that that was about the extent of the meeting.

2. AFFORDABLE HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE (Friendt) Mr. Friendt had been unable to attend the meeting, but had asked Mr. Podany to set in for him. Mr. Friendt indicated that they had reached a final definition of 'affordable housing'. There were a couple of key issues that had been dealt with. One was that the attendance at these work-group meetings (and even the Steering Committee meetings) is diminishing. That is a concern. The Committee is put together with a very broad base of people participating. Mr. Friendt stated that from his participation on the Steering Committee, he questioned whether that attendance drop could be related to the fact that there doesn't seem to be much progress being made at some of these meetings. He noted that that can sometimes deter attendance.

Another key discussion had been about a survey that the Steering Committee was intending to do. They had passed around a draft survey instrument. Mr. Friendt stated that he had asked Mr. Podany to officially make a request of the Task Force as to whether or not we ought to be doing this as a "do it yourself" survey, or if we shouldn't be using some professional, outside, objective help. He noted that this process is taking longer than was originally intended.

3. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy stated that they had met and would be taking the rest of the Summer off. The next meeting will be in September. Policy issues are being set in the direction we want to go. Mayor Seng was there for the entire meeting.

Ms. McRoy reported that the only other thing that came up was that the Vice-Chair, who is Iranian, had been to the Bennett Martin Library a few weeks ago to do research on Iraq, for a presentation to MAC. He stated that he had been very disappointed in the material he found available in the children's section. He felt the material on Iraq had been a very stereotypical of that country's culture. Mayor Seng had stated that she would have Corri look into it by talking with Carol [Connor - Library Director]. Apparently the only material there had shown two women carrying baskets on their heads, and pictures of two donkeys. Ms. McRoy felt it wasn't a good representation of a culture that has a very rich history of civilization's intellectual and cultural diversity. She stated that the portrayal presented was disappointing, and she would also be contacting the Library Director regarding the material.

4. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda stated that they had primarily gone through the agenda as quickly as possible so they could focus on the key issue before the Board of Health and that was the bringing forward of a No Smoking Ordinance in the City of Lincoln. We heard from the Department division chiefs on the surveys that they've conducted so far. These surveys were quite enlightening. We unanimously passed a motion to direct the department to proceed with focus groups to bring all the different players to the table and get as much feed-back as possible from them, through public forums. At that point, they would draft an ordinance based on the out-come of those study groups and try to have something to the Council by the end of this year, possibly. The Health Department will be doing this in the same manner that they did the Animal Control issues and the tattoo issues....that is involving everybody and bringing all of the different issues to the table, then working with the Law Department to come up with something that is acceptable to everybody...or as close as possible.

Mr. Cook asked if Mr. Svoboda expected to have as much agreement as had been reached on those other issues? Mr. Svoboda stated that he did. Ms. Newman asked if it would be "all-or-nothing" or would there be options? Mr. Svoboda stated that 'we don't know yet', but the Health Department is putting together a recommendation that it be "all" - a complete smoking ban in all public buildings. Some are even going so far as to say that if a company or agency has a fleet vehicle and if there is more than a one person occupancy of that vehicle, what are we accomplishing if we allow smoking in the vehicle but not in the building if the reason for bringing this forward in the first place is for workers' safety? So, it's going to be an in-depth draft. There may be some type of compromise to the ordinance that would allow bars to continue to have smoking areas. At this point in time, the recommendation from the Health Department would be to have an out-and-out ban, as other cities have done. This would be done under the premise of worker safety.

Discussion on the proposed ordinance continued with the such issues as company policies (which might continue to allow a greater freedom of choice for everyone) vs. legislated mandates. Mr. Svoboda noted that the ordinance was being brought forward on a "pro worker protection" standpoint. Dr. Schneider is very adamant about that issue - Smoking Kills. Mr. Friendt noted that the Medical Society also endorses that strong stance. The only compromise they had brought forward was to bring the enforcement of the ordinance in through phases.

Mr. Svoboda stated that this is something businesses will, eventually, have to view as a matter of liability. It's just a matter of time before an employee goes to the court system with the claim that they had not been provided a safe place to work. Employers should be looking at it as a work protection policy as with OSHA.

Other discussion continued briefly on this issue which included the question as to where the State legislation is on the issue. Mr. Svoboda stated that it was decided that somebody has to "open the can of worms" and Lincoln is going to be the one to do it, noting that the State legislation had never even gotten out of committee. Mr. Svoboda thought the draft ordinance would be coming before Council by sometime this fall or early winter.

5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Friendt) - *Held over from the June 9th "Noon" Agenda.* Mr. Friendt stated that the Action Plan, which they had been briefed on very thoroughly this morning, had been the thrust of this meeting. He noted that the Affordable Housing Committee had also looked at the new map. We still have the flexibility to take our resources and focus on the most needed areas if we want to. It seemed to him that that would make sense. His concern had been that with the new map, they would be forced to take limited resources and expand them to the point of being less effective.

Ms. McRoy stated that she was concerned about only 41% of the monies being spent in the NRSA [Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area]. She commented that she understands that they're building housing, but she thought that "on paper" it doesn't look good. Mr. Friendt stated that what Ms. McRoy was suggesting was almost going back to red-lining, requiring people to either buy or stay in a certain area. Ms. McRoy explained that she wanted the area expanded, so that people who need the help with the higher incentives have more of an option area. She stated that she believes the area in the light grey needs the attention as does the NRSA. She was not endorsing red-lining, but that the area be expanded so the people would have more opportunities. Mr. Friendt suggested then, that she was looking more at redefining the NRSA. Ms. McRoy agreed and added that the de-conversion policy should be looked at as well.

Mr. Friendt noted that the final piece that had been approved at the meeting had been the Emergency Shelter Grants. He had been on a sub-committee that had gone through a process very similar to the JBC or United Way allocations. They took proposals and the one thing that was done was to be sure that those folks who submitted grant [applications] also were involved in the C-SIP process. All of the ones who received funding met that criteria. It's not a lot of money, unfortunately, but he thought they ended up applying it well. It had been a very good committee.

Ms. McRoy asked if the City Mission had received funding? Mr. Friendt noted that he believed not. The Cedars amount was reduced as well. He explained that they had looked at organizations that had historically been able to raise strong funds all by themselves. He noted that they had gotten into a subtle discussion about the City Mission's "mission", but he did not think that should be a factor, at all. Mostly it was who could raise funds on their own. We determined that they had shown that they had spent less money last year than they had raised, so we felt they didn't need our help at this time.

Ms. Harrell made a brief clarifying comment on the Action Plan, noting that one thing to bear in mind, looking at the new map, is that there is frustration,

because it seems we are facing a much larger area that needs assistance with the same or a lesser amount of money. But, beyond that, the City has some expectations, legally, to work with organizations that represent an area. Some of those areas are not well organized. We'll need some organization in some of these areas to make it possible for them to begin accessing things that might help them.

Mr. Friendt agreed that there were some conceptual issues that needed to have some time taken for public debate. One is the term "low-to-moderate income". An area is shown that has 51% of the households in that particular area at 80% or less, [of the low-to-moderate income figure]...we don't know...it conjures up what "low-to-moderate" income housing neighborhoods are. But, the fact is when you're saying \$50,000.00 and that 49% of the households in that area are above 80% or above the median...is that a "low-to-moderate income" area? He thought that the vision of what those neighborhoods may be like should be challenged. There are some wonderful neighborhoods located in that designated "grey area". Ms. Harrell noted that she had suggested to Urban Development that the map be a point of discussion at the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meeting.

OTHER MEETINGS - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen asked Ms. Gonzolas to come forward to discuss the Proposed Budget Insert for the *Journal Star*. She offered a brief history of the budget insert and the current information required and a schedule for the publication of that information. Discussion ensued with Mr. Camp stating that he felt the cost of the insert was prohibitive and felt it should be eliminated. Ways for feed-back on the need for this insert continued, at length, along with suggestions on ways to pay for the publishing of the information.

The final observation made was that this is done at the discretion of the Mayor, who has decided to publish the insert for distribution this year.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the Registration For the Formal Agenda to speak and open 'mike' Procedures. (Requested by Jon Camp) *After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that Council would announce changes to the procedure at today's Formal Meeting. The open 'mike' would be allowed with registration (with topic specified) thru the City Clerk's Office by 10:00 a.m. the Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting. Time allowed through this venue would be the current 5-minute limit. If a person chose not to register, but to come forward at the meeting, the time allotted would be 1 minute with extension by Council approval. Dana Roper, City Attorney is looking into the issue of any possible policy changes this might require. The Rules now posted in the Council Chamber will also be updated.*

2. Discussion on County and City Elected Officials Photos - After an in-depth discussion of the proposal, Council determined to continue with the current procedure with CIC taking the Council's "photos for posterity". Ms. Gonzolas indicated that since a group picture could not be taken until July, she would substitute individual photos of the Council Members for the "Budget Insert" in the *Journal Star*.

3. Discussion with Diane Gonzolas RE: on-line Formal Agenda link-ups. Ms. Gonzolas reported that David Jané posted the Agenda on Thursday, connected the links on Friday and checked all link-ups on Monday morning. Mr. Cook noted that there had been an un-linked item on today's agenda. Ms. Gonzolas noted that the link document had been sent two weeks ago and Mr. Jané was not aware that it was supposed to be linked with that particular Agenda Item.

It was also noted that the City system had been off-line for a great portion of the week-end. Ms. Gonzolas responded by noting that that would be the Information Services Department's area of expertise. A brief discussion ensued about the feasibility of "paperless agendas" with the network problems currently being experienced.

4. Discussion on Intern Program - Not Addressed

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1: 26 p.m.

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