

DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Online registration begins for swim lessons.
2. NEWS RELEASE. City proposed changes for watering violations and water rates clarification.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Temporary no parking areas in effect for marathon.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Humphrey to discuss financial protection for senior.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission, May 1, 2013.
2. Planning Commission final action, May 1, 2013.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from April 23, 2013 through April 29, 2013.
2. Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department - Planning documents online. The 2013 Community Indicators Report now available on the Planning Department web page.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Storm Water Project Advisory. North 28th Street; P Street - Q Street. Project No. 705323B.

WEED AUTHORITY

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, April 2013 issue.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Media release from the Community Health Endowment announcing new funding availability.
2. Letter from Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, in support of paving the roads around the People's City Mission. (Distributed to Council Members before meeting on April 29, 2013)
3. Testament for the Entertainment District from Ashlie Hadden. (Distributed to Council Members before April 29, 2013 meeting)
4. Correspondence from Scott Hatfield pointing out the amendment to Section 5.04 regarding the Entertainment District is flawed. (Distributed to Council Members before the April 29, 2013 Meeting)
5. Peter W. Katt email with thoughts on the water rate changes.
6. Email from CYCLA LLC, Patricia McCully, President, regarding City ordinance on donation boxes.
7. InterLinc correspondence from Darren Roach inquiring about street maintenance on a street adjacent to SW 40th and West Coddington. (Sent to Public Works, street maintenance)

LINCOLN PARKS AND RECREATION
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 1, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lewis, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-4902

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR SWIM LESSONS

Online registration is now available for swim lessons at parks.lincoln.ne.gov. (Select the "register online" button.) This is the first year the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program will be offered through the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with Lincoln Parks and Recreation to help further prevent drowning through the Learn to Swim Program," said Sarah Szymanski, American Red Cross Divisional Program Manager for Aquatics in Chicago. "Our program to promote safety in, on and around the water will continue to serve the Lincoln community."

The City's nine public pools will offer a variety of swim lessons from June 3 through August 2. Classes are offered for all ages, including children as young as six months. Four two-week sessions are available Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays are reserved as a makeup day in case of weather cancellations. Morning and evening classes are offered. More information, including class descriptions, is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov (search: pools).

A new feature this year is the ability for participants to sign up for text notifications of weather cancellations through Rainedout.net.

Those who need assistance with online registration can visit the Aquatics Office at the "F" Street Recreation Center, 1225 "F" from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7548

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 29, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System (LWS), 402-441-7571

CITY PROPOSES CHANGES FOR
WATERING VIOLATIONS AND WATER RATES

Council to discuss recommendations today

The City Public Works and Utilities Department is proposing to decriminalize watering violations issued during periods when the City is under mandatory water restrictions. The Department also is proposing to establish water shortage rates to encourage conservation during drought conditions. **The Lincoln City Council is scheduled to hold a pre-council meeting on the Department's recommendations at 4:30 p.m. today in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.** The regular City Council meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

“After our experience last summer, Mayor Beutler directed us to review all our water plans and procedures to see where we could make improvements,” said Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities Director. “The changes we are announcing this spring are the result of months of work. The goal is to reduce public confusion and inconvenience while still encouraging conservation and maintaining our water supply during periods of drought. We look forward to hearing from the public on these proposed changes.”

The proposal to decriminalize watering violations will be introduced at today's Council meeting. A public hearing will be held Monday, May 6, and the Council will vote on Monday May 13. The resolution on drought rates will be introduced at the Council meeting May 6, with a public hearing and vote on May 13.

Watering violations are currently a misdemeanor offense. The proposal decriminalizes violations by handling them administratively. Egregious or multiple violations may be filed criminally by the City Attorney's Office. If the changes are adopted, the penalty is \$150 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense and \$350 for third and subsequent offenses. The Police Department will continue to enforce watering restrictions, but officers would not be required to present the citation to the tenant or property owner in person and could leave it on the door of the property.

Water rates are already set to encourage conservation. City water is billed by the unit, equal to 100 cubic feet (748 gallons), and the residential structure has three price blocks. Under the proposal, the residential rates would change when the Mayor declares voluntary or mandatory water restrictions:

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- The rate for block one (first eight units per month) would remain at \$1.344 per unit for voluntary restrictions and increase to \$1.559 per unit for mandatory restrictions.
- The rate for block two (nine to 23 units) would increase from \$1.911 to \$2.624 per unit for voluntary restrictions and to \$2.771 per unit for mandatory restrictions.
- The rate for block three (all additional units) would increase from \$2.961 to \$4.587 per unit for voluntary restrictions and to \$5.635 per unit for mandatory restrictions.

The rates increase again if the water shortage is deemed to be “critical” or “catastrophic.” Customers’ actual bills are determined by how much water they use in each block.

“The goal of the water shortage rates is to create a price signal to customers that encourages water conservation and efficient use, while keeping the system revenue neutral,” Esposito said. “Customers who conserve should see little or no impact on their bills. But those who engage in wasteful or inefficient use during drought will pay more.”

Under the new proposal, water rates for non-residential and industrial customers also would increase slightly under voluntary or mandatory watering restrictions. Esposito said the rate increase would be smaller because these customers provide jobs for the community, and the water use for large customers is more stable throughout the year.

Last week, the Department announced revisions to the Water Management Plan. These changes were approved by Mayor Beutler and do not require ordinance changes. Under the revised plan, if mandatory restrictions are implemented, apartment complexes and commercial properties will be required to limit outdoor watering to Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays regardless of address.

If mandatory restrictions are implemented, the designated day watering schedule will remain the same for single-family and duplex properties:

- **Properties with street addresses ending in even numbers, including zero, will be required to limit outdoor water use (watering lawns and washing vehicles) to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.**
- **Properties with addresses ending in odd numbers will be required to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**

The revised plan also includes changes for private well owners:

- Owners of private wells are encouraged but not required to follow the designated day watering schedule and other restrictions imposed on LWS customers.
- If the Mayor implements mandatory water use restrictions, private well owners will be required to post a sign on each property that is served by the well. The City will supply the signs at no charge. For homes and businesses, owners must post the signs so they are visible from the street. For areas not directly associated with a structure, yard signs will be available to pick up at the LWS Operations Center, 2021 N. 27th Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

More information is available by visiting water.lincoln.ne.gov or calling the Water Management Hotline at 402-441-1212.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 901 W. Bond, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 1, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Greg Topil, Engineering Services, 402-441-7711

TEMPORARY NO PARKING AREAS IN EFFECT FOR MARATHON

The City Public Works and Utilities Department will implement additional parking restrictions Sunday, May 5 along the route of the Lincoln Marathon. On-street parking will be prohibited in all areas where temporary no parking signs are posted. The temporary parking restrictions will be in effect at 5 a.m. Sunday and will be removed when the last runner has cleared the area.

The additional temporary no parking signs will be posted along the following roadways:

- Vine Street from 14th to 16th streets
- 16th Street from Vine to South streets
- Sheridan Boulevard from South to Calvert streets
- 48th Street from Calvert Street to Highway 2.
- 20th Street from Highway 2 to Calvert Street
- Harrison Street from 10th to 20th streets
- 10th Street from Harrison to “Q” streets

More information on the 36th annual Lincoln Marathon can be found at lincolnmarathon.org.

AGING PARTNERS – Area Agency on Aging
1005 “O” Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7070

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 2, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Zoe Olson, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

HUMPHREY TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL PROTECTION FOR SENIORS

Aging Partners is hosting a free public presentation Wednesday, May 8 by Hubert “Skip” Humphrey III of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The program on the financial protection of older Americans begins at 2 p.m. in the lower level conference room of Aging Partners, 1005 “O” Street. A question and answer session will follow the program.

Humphrey is the head of the CFPB’s Office for Older Americans. He will present information to help seniors make informed choices about their money, hold onto assets, avoid financial abuse and learn more about long-term retirement planning.

The CFPB is a federal agency enacted in July 2010 under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. The Office for Older Americans is dedicated to helping those 62 and older make sound financial decisions. The office provides financial tools and information to seniors and to those who are providing care for seniors. It also partners with other financial experts to research, write and enforce consumer financial regulations to address the financial challenges facing seniors.

Humphrey has spent much of his professional life working to protect consumers, serving first as a Minnesota State Senator and later as the state’s Attorney General. While in Lincoln, he will make other presentations to professionals in the aging industry and to those who work to prevent financial crimes against seniors.

Humphrey’s presentations are part of Aging Partners’ celebration of Older Americans Month. More information on Aging Partners and Older Americans Month events can be found at aging.lincoln.ne.gov.

**** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ****
May 1, 2013

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, from 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a briefing on the "Comprehensive Plan Progress Report, Community Indicators Report and the MPO Transportation Improvement Program" by Planning staff.

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

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

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 17, 2013. ****APPROVED, 8-0****

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

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- 1.1a Change of Zone No. 13005, to designate the Lincoln Air Force Base (LAFB) Remote Facility as a Historic Landmark, on property generally located at NW 84th Street and W. Adams Street (6901 W. Adams St.).
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Page 15 1.1b Special Permit No. 13013, for historic preservation, for use of a landmark property as a commercial business, on property generally located at NW 84th Street and W. Adams Street. ***** FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated April 19, 2013, 8-0.
Resolution No. PC-01329.

Page 29 1.2a Change of Zone No. 13007, to designate the Conrad A. Schaaf House as a Historic Landmark, on property generally located at S.18th Street and H Street (659 S. 18th Street).
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

Page 45 1.2b Special Permit No. 13015, for historic preservation, for use of a landmark property as a neighborhood meeting facility, on property generally located at S. 18th Street and H Street (659 S. 18th Street). ***** FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated April 19, 2013, 8-0.
Resolution No. PC-01330.

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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Presentation on “Omaha Design Standards” by Jed Moulton, Urban Design Manager for the City of Omaha Planning Department

PENDING LIST:

1. *County Change of Zone No. 12038, from AG Agricultural District to AGR Agricultural Residential District, on property generally located at NW 126th Street and W. Bluff Road.*
(4/17/2013: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on May 29, 2013.)

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

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**The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm>**

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : May 1, 2013

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: May 1, 2013

Please be advised that on May 1, 2013, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01329, approving Special Permit No. 13013, with conditions, requested by OSI Brothers, LLC, to allow the property which is designated as a landmark to be used as a dwelling and an enclosed disassembly recycling facility, on property located at 6901 West Adams Street. (**Note:** The associated Change of Zone No. 13005 designating the property as a Historic Landmark, which is a condition of approval of this special permit, is tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on Monday, May 20, 2013).

Resolution No. PC-01330, approving Special Permit No. 13015, with conditions, requested by William H. and Marcia M. Thornton, to allow the existing garage on the property which is designated as a landmark to be used as a place of assembly for neighborhood youth services, on property located at 659 South 18th Street. (**Note:** The associated Change of Zone No. 13007 designating the property as a Historic Landmark, which is a condition of approval of this special permit, is tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on Monday, June 3, 2013).

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. SP13013, SP13015). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.



Memorandum

Date: ♦ April 30, 2013
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Jean Preister, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Teresa McKinstry

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from April 23, 2013 through April 29, 2013:

Administrative Amendment No. 13001 to Use Permit No. 90, Lenox Village, approved by the Planning Director on April 25, 2013, requested by Hy-Vee, Inc., to revise the site plan to show a new driveway onto Pioneers Blvd. for Lot 2, Block 1, with an access easement provided to the lot adjacent to the west (Shelter Insurance) granting shared access to Pioneers Blvd.; showing the driveway onto Pioneers Blvd. for the lot adjacent to the west being removed and a reduction in the front setback to 20 feet along Pioneers Blvd., on property located near S. 70th St. and Pioneers Blvd.

Administrative Amendment No. 13022 to Special Permit No. 05002, Foreman Ridge Addition Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on April 25, 2013, requested by ESP, Inc., to transfer the buildable lot designation between Lot 1, Block 3 and Outlot N within Foreman Ridge Addition, on property generally located at SW. 12th St. and W. Foreman Dr.

Administrative Amendment No. 13018 to Use Permit No. 57D, Lincoln Crossing, approved by the Planning Director on April 26, 2013, requested by Olsson Associates to increase the expansion area by 5,000 square feet for a total of 21,540 square feet for Building G (Hy-Vee grocery store), and update the Building and Parking Stall Summary table, on property generally located on the northeast corner of N. 27th St. and Superior St.

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Administrative Amendment No. 13021 to Change of Zone No. 05068A, Fallbrook Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on April 29, 2013, requested by Olsson Associates to update various notes clarifying which lots are required to pay impact fees; add a waiver to light trespass for Town Center and Market Place; revise the setback for drive aisles, drop-off lanes and drive-thru for Lot 1, Block 33; allow eaves to project into side yards up to 3 feet in Residential Type 6 and waive the building setback to pedestrian easements in Residential Type 6 when the pedestrian easement is along the front property line, on property generally located at Fallbrook Blvd. and Highway 34.

Administrative Amendment No. 13023 to Special Permit No. 06014, South Lake Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on April 29, 2013, requested by Olsson Associates to revise the site plan to delete the note referencing an alternate pedestrian sidewalk connection locations to S. 98th St., and to show the permanent pedestrian connection to S. 98th St. located in Outlot G between Lots 51 and 52, on property generally located near S. 98th St. and Eiger Dr.

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Jean Preister

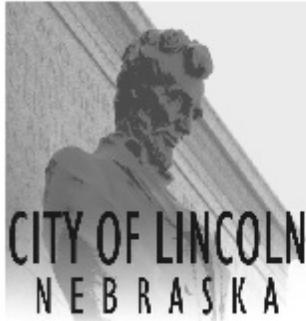
From: Michele M. Abendroth
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2013 11:45 AM
Subject: New Planning Documents Online - Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

The [2013 Community Indicators Report](#) is now available on the Planning Department web page. The Community Indicators Report has been published almost every year at this time since 2004. This report provides measurable data on how the community is doing on goals stated in the Comprehensive Plan for population growth, economic activity, environmental quality, affordability and accessibility. Also available on the web page is a memo from Marvin Krout, Planning Director, to the Planning Commission on "[Implementing the Comprehensive Plan](#)". This memo provides summaries of specific achievements and work in progress efforts of the past year that relate to important goals and recommendations adopted into the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

Michele Abendroth

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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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April 30, 2013

Storm Water Project Advisory North 28th Street; P Street - Q Street Project No. 705323B

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract for storm water improvements in North 28th Street from P Street to Q Street. Skoda Construction of Lincoln, Nebraska has been awarded the contract for completion of this work.

The contractor has indicated work will begin May 6, 2013. The completion date for the project is June 1, 2013. This project will replace the existing storm sewer pipe which is under the center of North 28th Street. The construction will require the closure of North 28th Street and vehicles will be prohibited from parking on North 28th Street while the contractor is completing the work. Access to driveways will also be restricted and closed as the work progresses. The construction will be within the paved limits of North 28th Street and should not impact the adjoining driveways or yards.

The construction work will be focused on North 28th Street, but the contractor will need to store equipment and materials on the adjoining blocks of Q Street and P Street. The intersections of 28th and P Street and 28th and Q Street will also be restricted while the contractor completes the storm sewer pipe construction.

We request the patience and cooperation of residents and drivers in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract.

Contacts for this project are:

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Contractor
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Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

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“It is an extremely aggressive invader of open areas”

Sericea lespedeza, Nebraska’s newest noxious weed

By: Mitch Coffin, NE Dept of Ag, Karie Decker, NE Game & Parks and Brent Meyer, Lancaster County Weed Control

For those unfamiliar with this invasive plant, the name itself can be difficult. [Sericea lespedeza](#) is a perennial that grows well in grasslands and pastures as well as along roadsides and drainage areas. It is mainly found in southeast and south-central Nebraska, though it has the potential to invade range and grasslands statewide. The herbarium record shows that sericea lespedeza was first collected in Richardson County in 1974 but has spread to 3,000 acres in Nebraska. The reason for introduction is unknown, but has been promoted in other states for wildlife habitat, used as a hay crop in southern United States or from contaminated seed or hay



As with many invasive species, learning to identify it is half the battle. The plant generally grows 3 - 4 feet tall, but will grow anywhere between 2 – 7 feet tall and can be identified by its alternate leaves. Lower leaf surfaces tend to have short hairs. Stems are straight, slender, and grooved and can have short hairs. Flowers, which bloom in late summer, range in color from white to cream to light yellow.

Sericea lespedeza can

be not only challenging to pronounce, but to get rid of as well. It is an extremely aggressive invader of open areas. Dense monocultures of thickets are formed due to its ability to sprout from root crowns. Established sericea lespedeza plants will reduce or eliminate competing native vegetation, thus impacting native ecosystems and reducing carrying capacity for livestock (it is not palatable to most livestock).

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Lincoln Tree Service to volunteer at cemeteries

Lancaster County Board of Commissioners recently approved a contract with Jim Haas & Lincoln Tree Service to provide tree trimming and tree removal, as needed, at the six abandoned cemeteries

the county is responsible for maintaining. Jim has very generously volunteered his company to do the work at **no charge** to the county as a way of giving back to the community and county.

Volunteers for mowing include: Terry Briley at Evangelical, Steve Wedige at Jordan and Boy Scout Troop 64 at Dietz. We want to thank all our volunteers for helping maintain these historic sites.

“Jim has very generously volunteered his company to do the work at NO CHARGE to the County as a way of giving back”

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Sericea lespedeza

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A combination of two or more control methods (mechanical, chemical, etc.) is the best approach when controlling sericea lespedeza. By utilizing several control options, your odds become greater that more plants will be controlled. Existing infestations spread rapidly through seed dispersal, which can be carried by wildlife, livestock, contaminated hay, vehicles and equipment. Continued monitoring and follow-up are essential for maintaining and reducing infestations.

Everyone's cooperation is needed in spotting and preventing new infestations. Early vigilance and action will prevent the huge cost of controlling large stands of sericea lespedeza. Making sericea lespedeza a noxious weed statewide allows County Weed Authorities to educate landowners on how to identify sericea lespedeza, make them better prepared to spot new infestations and eliminate small infestations before they become widespread.

In addition to sericea lespedeza, Nebraska has 11 additional noxious weeds: Canada thistle, leafy spurge, musk thistle, plumeless thistle, purple loosestrife, spotted knapweed, diffuse knapweed, saltcedar, phragmites, Japanese knotweed, and giant knotweed. The addition of sericea lespedeza to the noxious weed list will aid in efforts preventing its spread beyond southeastern Nebraska.

"This article will also appear in the July 2013 edition of NEBRASKAland Magazine."

UNL - Herbarium Tour

Lancaster County Weed Control hosted the April meeting of the Nebraska Weed Control Associations Region 1 superintendents.

Robert Kaul, Curator & Research Professor of the Charles E. Bessey Herbarium located on UNL Campus, lead the group on a very interesting tour of how plants are processed and stored.

During my career I have been part of making collections in the field. We put the plant in a press and sent it off to the herbarium, but never really understood what happened to a plant once they received it.



Professor Robert Kaul, Bessey Herbarium

It was interesting to see plants that were collected and stored from the late 1800's. I was amazed that they are still in very good condition.

With technology today we are able to share, very easily, information from around the world. Recently I saw a map that showed [yellow starthistle](#) reported in Lancaster County.

This was a concern; since I was aware that California, Oregon and other western states were having a very difficult time trying to manage this plant. Mr. Kaul was able to show us the actual yellow starthistle plant specimen that was collected in Lincoln in 1908. No reports have been received since that time, so I hope this is a case of what we refer to today as Early Detection – Rapid Response.

The species are kept forever, for future generations to learn from. Lancaster County has 895 plant species recorded at the herbarium.

Community Health Endowment of Lincoln



Media Release

To: Media
CC: Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council
From: Lori Seibel, President & CEO, 402-436-5516
Date: April 29, 2013
Re: New Funding Opportunity

Community Health Endowment Announces New Funding Availability

The Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) will make \$2.1 million available in the 2013-14 fiscal year to improve community health with the goal of "making Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation." Approximately \$1.5 million will be available for new projects with the remaining funds allocated to support previously approved projects. This is the largest annual amount of funding made available in the 14 year history of CHE.

Michael J. Tavlin, Chair of the CHE Board of Trustees, says of this funding announcement, "*The Community Health Endowment is pleased to continue to support community initiatives that address many of our most significant health needs, as well as provide new opportunities to strengthen our health care safety net. At this time of rapid change in health care services and delivery, we think it is important that CHE increase its commitment to health care for Lincoln's most vulnerable population and thereby lead the way to Lincoln becoming a healthier community.*"

Using the theme of **Rethinking, Revitalizing, and Reforming**, CHE will support the following funding priorities:

INCREASE ACCESS TO PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL AND DENTAL HOMES

- *Increase the availability of primary care, behavioral health, dental and related safety net services through innovation, collaboration, and effective business planning.*

IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SAFETY NET SERVICES

- *Integrate primary care, behavioral health and dental services to achieve evidence-based improvements in patient care.*
- *Build the cultural competency of organizations and providers to effectively meet the healthcare needs of people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.*
- *Use technology to improve quality of health services and patient engagement in care.*
- *Focus on the prevention and/or management of chronic conditions using innovative practices.*

PREPARE FOR CHANGE

- *Assure that Lincoln is well-positioned to respond to new models of care on the local, state, and federal level by developing an adequate healthcare workforce and implementing creative opportunities for meaningful education and outreach to diverse populations.*

SUPPORT HEALTHY LIVING

- Increase physical activity and prevent obesity through focused programmatic and marketing efforts, community education, development of public policy and partnerships with traditional and non-traditional partners.

Stage I applications are now being accepted as part of an open, competitive funding process. Additional information and application materials can be found at www.chelincoln.org. The deadline for submission is June 21, 2013.

For further information, contact CHE at 402-436-5516.



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April 29, 2013

Kit Boesch Human Services Administrator
kboesch@lancaster.ne.gov

Mayor Chris Beutler
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Beutler:

First, this is an unsolicited request regarding People's City Mission (PCM). People's City Mission is a valuable agency in this community. It provides emergency short term shelter for hundreds of families each year. It also provides meals and a medical clinic; a day center for the homeless; and soon, a long-term living facility for pregnant and parenting young mothers, ages 16-24. In short, they are a vital part of our city and a great "community partner".

Having been to the Mission on many occasions during or after a rainfall, I can personally attest to how bad, mucky and muddy the roads are. By the time you walk from your car to the Mission your shoes are covered with mud, as are your pants, socks, and yes – your car. PCM is not asking too much when they ask the City to please pave their roads. It isn't just for the benefit of their clients; but also for the community at large with whom they interact, i.e.: business leaders, human service agencies, faith leaders, etc. I would urge the Mayor (and City Council) to vote YES on paving the roads around PCM. Perhaps the City and local businesses could split the cost. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kit Boesch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator
Lincoln, Lancaster County

CC: Lincoln City Council
Pastor Tom Barber, PCM

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Testament for Entertainment District

From: ashlie hadden [<mailto:ashlie.hadden@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 3:43 PM

To: Teresa Meier

Cc: Brett West

Subject: Fwd: Testament for Entertainment District

As a young downtown business owner and resident I'd like to take a moment to express my support for the entertainment district ordinance. There has been much discussion in Lincoln over the past several years about the attraction and retention of young professionals in our community. The best way to do that is offer amenities that appeal to my age group.

As a 2009 UNL grad I can attest to the fact that Lincoln is a great city to live, but is getting even better with the addition of the arena and the surrounding development. People in my age group often avoid the "O Street scene" and need a place to socialize that offers a mix of restaurants, bars, and other events that appeal to 20-30 somethings. I get the opportunity to travel fairly frequently for my job and I always make a point to explore other city's downtown areas. What I often find are great restaurants and bars that I'd love to see in our city. The appealing thing about an entertainment district is the ability to patronize many different businesses and enjoy an outdoor/common courtyard with friends. A similar concept in Kansas City is a destination for my friends and I whenever we visit. The ability to host events like 5Ks that end in the courtyard or other special events create an even more exciting atmosphere for people to enjoy.

I appreciate your consideration for ordinance and hope you agree that the addition of an entertainment district will be valuable for the Haymarket, all of downtown, the city of Lincoln, and makes our community a more attractive place for the best and brightest young professionals!

Thanks!

Ashlie

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: 5.04

From: Scott Hatfield [<mailto:scottsalemhatfield@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 4:27 PM
To: Council Packet; Eskridge, Carl; Terry Uland
Cc: cmatteson@journalstar.com; Rick D. Hoppe
Subject: 5.04

Members of the City Council,

I am sorry that I am unable to attend your meeting this evening, but I want to bring to your attention a very important issue to downtown business owners, and specifically, business owners in and around Lincoln's existing entertainment district at 14th and O.

The amendment to Section 5.04 of the Lincoln Municipal Code that sits before you tonight is flawed. First, the process to create this document included only developers from the Haymarket with no representation from any business owners in the 14th and O Street area. As such, the document was crafted purely for the benefit of developers selected by Urban Development, and clearly to the detriment to those businesses at 14th and O.

The goal of the Amendment is to bring entertainment opportunities to areas near entertainment venues, but in reality, this amendment will have a chilling effect on investment in other parts of downtown outside of the haymarket.

The idea that an entertainment district needs to be tied to a particular venue is totally unfair to the businesses at 14th and O. Currently, if that venue were to cease to exist, the entertainment district would have to close when its license expired - within two years. While this may work for the Arena – a publicly funded venue that will be in place for a very long time, it will not work in an area where the attached venue is privately owned, and where potential developers and investors have no direct or indirect control over that venue.

In many municipalities, when creating entertainment districts, the existing entertainment districts are carved out and allowed to operate just like the other entertainment districts throughout the municipality. In Lincoln's case, what has been created in this revision of 5.04 is a competitive barrier for anyone outside the shadow of the arena. Surely this is not what the council intended to do to Lincoln's locally owned businesses downtown.

While I am in favor of Senator Coash's original bill that created entertainment districts, and while I do believe that creating and allowing entertainment districts will be good for Lincoln and its residents – I do not believe that we should be creating opportunities for one class of people or one group of developers, while stifling investment and creativity amongst the creative class in our city. If we are going to create entertainment districts, then we should do it with the idea of including Lincoln's historic Entertainment District at 14th and O. It is my hope that you will consider revisions to 5.04 over the next week, and take no action this evening.

Thank you.

Scott Hatfield www.duffyslincoln.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: Peter W. Katt [PKatt@baylorevnen.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 8:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Thoughts on the Water Rate Changes

Dear Council Members:

I like decriminalizing violations and using pricing to control water consumption when there is a need to do so.

As the penalties, the first offense should not be \$150. Much too high. It should be \$25-50 at most. It should be more of a courtesy reminder/warning rather than a huge cost. Do the plan on any warnings before issuing the first offense? The first offense should also provide notice as to the cost of subsequent violations. Take them up as high as they want after that. What do they do with this money? Is it a penalty that is paid into the school fund?

As to Mayoral declarations for either voluntary or mandatory restriction requirements, that should not be how the rate increase happens. At present, there is a financial penalty (lost revenue) for the City to order mandatory water restrictions and hence a check on declaring one. The stated goal of the revised rate structure: "The goal of the water shortage rates is to create a price signal to customers that encourages water conservation and efficient use, **while keeping the system revenue neutral**," Esposito said.

Several thoughts: The revised rate structure should not apply to "voluntary" watering restrictions. This will balance the loss revenue to the City with the interest of water conservation. The mayor or Water Department can continue making that determination.

The determination of when to impose the mandatory restrictions and accompanying revised structure should not be up to the Mayor alone. There should be objective standards as to when it will be implemented. My preference is that the Mayor makes a water emergency recommendation to the Council, and the Council, after public hearing, votes to impose it or not. This would restore some check and balance to implement the revised rate structure.

As to the structure proposed below, what prevents a Mayor from wanting to make the City "Greener" and imposing voluntary restrictions to be "sustainable"? There is no cost to the City in doing so. I don't want that.

I have no way to know if the revised rate schedule is fair or not. If we have a water emergency, the rates should increase to the level to get water consumption down to a sustainable level.

My thoughts for now. Hopefully you have found my thoughts to be helpful.

Peter W. Katt

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The City Public Works and Utilities Department is proposing to decriminalize watering violations issued during periods when the City is under mandatory water restrictions. The Department also is proposing to establish water shortage rates to encourage conservation during drought conditions.

The proposal to decriminalize watering violations will **have a** public hearing Monday, May 6, and the Council will vote on Monday May 13. The resolution on drought rates will be introduced at the Council meeting May 6, with a public hearing and vote on May 13.

Watering violations are currently a misdemeanor offense. The proposal decriminalizes violations by handling them administratively. Egregious or multiple violations may be filed criminally by the City Attorney's Office. If the changes are adopted, the penalty is \$150 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense and \$350 for third and subsequent offenses. The Police Department will continue to enforce watering restrictions, but officers would not be required to present the citation to the tenant or property owner in person and could leave it on the door of the property.

Water rates are already set to encourage conservation. City water is billed by the unit, equal to 100 cubic feet (748 gallons), and the residential structure has three price blocks. Under the proposal, the residential rates would change when the Mayor declares voluntary or mandatory water restrictions. The rate for block one (first eight units per month) would remain the same at \$1.344 per unit. The rate for block two (nine to 23 units) would increase from \$1.911 to \$2.624 per unit. The rate for block three (all additional units) would increase from \$2.961 to \$4.587 per unit.

“The goal of the water shortage rates is to create a price signal to customers that encourages water conservation and efficient use, while keeping the system revenue neutral,” Esposito said. “Customers who conserve should see little or no impact on their bills. But those who engage in wasteful or inefficient use during drought will pay more.”

Under the new proposal, water rates for non-residential and industrial customers also would increase slightly under voluntary or mandatory watering restrictions. Esposito said the rate increase would be smaller because these customers provide jobs for the community, and the water use for large customers is more stable throughout the year.

Last week, the Department announced revisions to the Water Management Plan. These changes were approved by Mayor Beutler and do not require ordinance changes.

Under the revised plan, if mandatory restrictions are implemented, apartment complexes and commercial properties will be required to limit outdoor watering to Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays regardless of address.

If mandatory restrictions are implemented, the designated day watering schedule will remain the same for single-family and duplex properties:

- **Properties with street addresses ending in even numbers, including zero, will be required to limit outdoor water use (watering lawns and washing vehicles) to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.**
- **Properties with addresses ending in odd numbers will be required to limit outdoor watering to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**

The revised plan also includes changes for private well owners:

- Owners of private wells are encouraged but not required to follow the designated day watering schedule and other restrictions imposed on LWS customers.
- If the Mayor implements mandatory water use restrictions, private well owners will be required to post a sign on each property that is served by the well. The City will supply the signs at no charge. For homes and businesses, owners must post the signs so they are visible from the street. For areas not directly associated with a structure, yard signs will be available to pick up at the LWS Operations Center, 2021 N. 27th Street, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

More information is available by visiting water.lincoln.ne.gov or calling the Water Management Hotline at 402-441-1212.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Patricia McCully [patricia.mccully@cyclallc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Cc: Jackie King
Subject: Regarding City Ordinance on Donation Boxes, please distribute to City Council

I would like to direct you to the Secondary Material and Recycled Textile website that assists municipalities in writing consumer and business friendly ordinances surrounding Donation Boxes and Textile Recycling. This is a much larger issue for your city than just Donation Boxes, as it is also environmental that needs both non-profits and for-profits working together to eliminate textiles and clothing going into the landfill by utilizing multiple forms of collection processes.

[Www.smartasn.org](http://www.smartasn.org). Please visit <http://www.theeducationcenter.com/Images/projects/2012/SO/SMART-Infographic.pdf>

I do not run a business in your state, but thought this may help to educate you on the Textile Recycling industry and the many programs surrounding Textile Recycling. Please feel free to call me if you need additional resources.

Patricia McCully, President

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<http://www.theeducationcenter.com/Images/projects/2012/SO/SMART-Infographic.pdf>

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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2013 1:45 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Darren Roach
Address: 1843 sw 31st
City: Lincoln, NE 68522

Phone: 402-435-0349
Fax:
Email: ls7r@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

I would like to know when something is going to be done about west a street from sw 40th and west coddington. the road is poorly maintained and sinking blacktop that just seems to get patched over and over and never gets repaired correctly and now there are barricades up to warn motorist of ground caving in next to the shoulders, also there are no sidewalks connecting neighbor hoods for safety of children and a safe means to get to and from school since bus service is not provided to Roper Elementary

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency member will make an announcement on the timeline for the Pinnacle Bank Area completion on Friday, May 3rd, 10:30 a.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of May 4, 2013 through May 10, 2013.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Arena to be finished month ahead of schedule.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Part of South 17th Street to close for six week.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Volunteers needed for the 11th Annual "Wake Up the Beds" at Sunken Gardens.
6. NEWS RELEASE. City encourages residents to "Bike to Work, Lincoln!"
7. NEWS RELEASE. Park in Haymarket rededicated to recognize former Mayor Harris.
8. NEWS RELEASE. Heritage Room featured in 2013 Nebraska Passport.

III. DIRECTORS

CITIZENS INFORMATION CENTER

1. Revised cable rules as approved, link provided.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE. Board of Health presents awards.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting agenda for May 9, 2013.
2. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board action item fact sheet.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Urban Design Committee Meeting agenda for May 8, 2013.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

DATE: May 2, 2013

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

The members of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) will make an announcement on the timeline for the completion of the Pinnacle Bank Arena at a news conference at **10:30 a.m. Friday, May 3** in **Room 303 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

All three JPA members – Mayor Chris Beutler, Councilman Gene Carroll and NU Regent Tim Clare – will speak. The JPA has a regular meeting at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow in the City Council Chambers.

Date: May 3, 2013

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of May 4 through May 10, 2013
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, May 4

- Mayor's Run, remarks - 7:45 a.m., State Capitol (south side)
- Rededication of Bill Harris Iron Horse Park, remarks and presentation - 11:15 a.m., Iron Horse Park (east entrance), 7th and "Q" streets

Sunday, May 5

- Honorary starter for Lincoln Marathon, remarks - 7 a.m., 14th and Vine streets

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 3, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

ARENA TO BE FINISHED MONTH AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The members of the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) today announced that the JPA will take possession of the Pinnacle Bank Arena August 14, one month ahead of schedule. Mayor Chris Beutler, Councilman Gene Carroll and NU Regent Tim Clare credited the people involved for completing the project on budget and sooner than originally planned.

“This was a monumental project being done under an incredibly tight time frame,” said Mayor Beutler, JPA Chair. “There were probably a thousand things that could have gone wrong, and we did have a couple of challenges along the way, but at the end of the day we did it right. We hired the best, and the visible result of those good decisions is now gleaming on the City of Lincoln’s horizon to the west.”

The Mayor recognized the JPA’s project team and the Mortenson-Hampton construction team.

“It was very important to those of us in Lincoln to make sure this historically large project was not only a catalyst for new development, but that it also provided much needed jobs for our community,” Beutler said. “Hampton and Mortenson took the lead, reaching out to all our local craft workers, getting them engaged in the project as well as engaging our local businesses by helping them team with larger firms so they could get their employees on the job site and working. Mortenson, taking their vast experience in sports construction of projects this size, stepped up to help us construct a state of the art civic arena under the stresses of an aggressive timeline and construction within and next to active railroad lines.”

Beutler also thanked BNSF Railway for its cooperation in moving railroad tracks and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality for its assistance with the successful environmental cleanup in the West Haymarket area.

SMG announced yesterday that the first concert at the Pinnacle Bank Arena will be Canadian singer Michael Bublé on Friday, September 13. The latest CD from the Grammy Award winner debuted at number one on Billboard Magazine’s Top 200 pop charts, and the artist has sold more than 30 million records worldwide. The concert is one of several grand opening events being planned. Two other concerts were announced previously – Jason Aldean on September 19 and Pink on November 9.

More information is available at PinnacleBankArena.com.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 901 West Bond, Suite 100, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 3, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Holly Lionberger, Engineering Services, 402-326-0593

PART OF S. 17TH TO CLOSE FOR SIX WEEKS

Beginning Monday, May 6, S. 17th Street from South to "A" streets will be closed for six weeks for street rehabilitation. The project will include a new concrete base with asphalt overlay and new curb and gutters. The pedestrian curb ramps will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards. The project is part of the citywide arterial street rehabilitation project, which includes work on 13 street segments throughout Lincoln.

The City will work with businesses and residences along S. 17th Street on access issues, and access to side streets and driveways will be restricted at times. Drivers are encouraged to use 13th Street as a detour route.

For more information on this and other City street projects, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects).

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 3, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Janet Ball, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7847

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 11TH ANNUAL
"WAKE UP THE BEDS" AT SUNKEN GARDENS

Residents are invited to volunteer for the 11th annual "Wake Up the Beds" event beginning at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11 at the Sunken Gardens, 26th and "D" streets. The event will end at noon unless the work is finished earlier. Volunteers will help to plant annuals in pre-assigned spaces.

"Wake Up the Beds" volunteers should bring a trowel and dress in appropriate work clothes. Those interested in volunteering should contact Janet Ball in Parks and Recreation by Tuesday, May 7. She can be reached at 402-441-7847 and forestry@lincoln.ne.gov.

If it rains, staff will plant the garden the week of May 13, and volunteers are welcome to help.

This year's theme for the Sunken Gardens is "Directions, Only Up." The main garden colors will be variations of cranberry, coral pink, fuchsia, magenta, lime green, blue and white. The design patterns incorporate arrows pointing in many directions, but always up.

Garden Gab, a volunteer group that helps Parks and Recreation maintain Sunken Gardens, Hamann Rose Garden and the Rotary Strolling Garden, will begin meeting May 14. The group meets from 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday and Thursday at the Sunken Gardens.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 3, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Heyl, Health Department, 402-441-3889

CITY ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO “BIKE TO WORK, LINCOLN!”

The City of Lincoln is partnering with the local bicycling community to encourage residents to participate in Bike to Work Week, May 10 through 17. Participants who commit to riding to work at least one day that week can receive a free reusable bag full of information and coupons (while supplies last) and will be entered in a drawing for prizes. Registration sites are:

- Bike Rack, 3321 Pioneers Blvd.
- Cycle Works, 27th and Vine
- Cleaner Greener Lincoln, 2143 “O” St.
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, 3140 “N” St.
- Lincoln Parks and Recreation, 2740 “A” St.

Pledge forms also are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: bike to work) and can be dropped off at one of the sites listed above.

Two events are planned for the week:

- A **free Kickoff Rally** is set for 8 a.m. Friday, May 10 at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center in Union Plaza. Bikers will meet at 7:30 a.m. at either the Bike Rack or Cycle Works locations listed above and bike as a group to Union Plaza for refreshments. Riders also are encouraged to ride to the Trails Center from their homes or workplaces.
- A **free Ice Cream Social** is set for 4:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 17th at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center featuring refreshments from the UNL Dairy Store and prize drawings.

Bikers are strongly encouraged to wear helmets. The City also reminds residents that it is illegal to ride a bike on sidewalks in downtown and other congested districts. For more information, contact Mike Heyl, Public Health Educator, Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department, at mhey@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-3889.

Other related events coming up this summer including the following:

- “Trail Trek” is at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 23 at Haymarket Park. This celebration of Lincoln’s trail system is led by the Great Plains Trails Network (GPTN) and the *Lincoln Journal Star*. More information is available at journalstar.com/trailtrek. (Contact is Jim Carveth, 488-2101.)
- The Lincoln Bicycle Commuter Challenge and the National Get Up and Ride Challenge started May 1 and run through September 30. (Contacts are Mike Heyl at mhey@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-3889 and Damon Hershey, BicycLincoln, at damon@cycleworksusa.com or 402-475-2453.)

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Bike to Work Week

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City agencies involved in Bike to Work, Lincoln! are the Mayor's Cleaner Greener Lincoln Initiative; the City-County Health, Planning and Personnel departments; the Parks and Recreation Department; and StarTran. Participating organizations include the Great Plains Bicycling Club, GPTN, Lincoln Safe Kids Coalition, the Mayor's Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee, the UNL Wellness Office and Workwell. Also participating are local retailers including the Bike Rack, Cycle Works, Natural Grocers and Super Saver.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 4, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, 402-430-8539

**PARK IN HAYMARKET REDEDICATED
TO RECOGNIZE FORMER MAYOR HARRIS**

Mayor Chris Beutler and members of the Harris family today participated in a rededication ceremony for the Bill Harris Iron Horse Park in Lincoln's Haymarket area. Harris, who passed away in January 2011, was Mayor of Lincoln from 1987 through 1991 and was a State Senator from 1983 through 1987. Harris's wife MarySue and children Ben Hormel Harris and Elizabeth "Buff" Harris-Colarossi unveiled a new bronze tribute plaque to Mayor Harris placed on a brick column at the park's east entrance archway.

The Mayor thanked the Harris family for establishing an endowment fund with the Lincoln Parks Foundation for the future care of the park. He said Harris provided the "visionary leadership" that transformed a former warehouse district into the thriving Historic Haymarket, setting the stage for the Pinnacle Bank Arena and other development in the West Haymarket.

"Now, we are literally building on the foundation of the early vision that Mayor Harris had for the Haymarket," Beutler said. "We are building on his commitment to, and belief in, the enormous potential of this area. We are building an economic engine that all of us—as well as the next generation of Lincolnites—will enjoy for many years to come.

Beutler said Harris also knew that importance of public spaces for festivals and events could take Lincoln to the next level in economic and cultural vitality. "During the Harris Administration, Farm Aid brought thousands of people to Lincoln," he said. "And street festivals that started during the Harris years have inspired the development of new community festival and event spaces throughout the greater downtown area."

More information on Lincoln Parks and Recreation is available at parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 6, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Meredith McGowan, Heritage Room Curator, 402-441-8516

HERITAGE ROOM FEATURED IN 2013 NEBRASKA PASSPORT

The Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors is one of 80 attractions included in the 2013 Nebraska Passport. The program, created by the Nebraska Tourism Commission, encourages travelers to explore the state. Participants collect stamps from participating attractions and then redeem them for prizes. The Heritage Room is on the third floor of the Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street. Attractions selected for the 2013 program are organized into 10 special interest tours, and the Heritage Room is one of eight stops on the “Turn the Page” tour.

Nebraska Passports are available at the Heritage Room or the first floor service desk of Bennett Martin Public Library. Travelers have until Sept. 30 to visit attractions and redeem their stamps for prizes. For each completed tour, participants receive a Nebraska Passport t-shirt. Participants also will be entered into an October grand-prize drawing for an Apple® iPad® mini.

More information on Lincoln City Libraries is available at lincolnlibraries.org. More information on the Nebraska Passport is available at nebraskapassport.com.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Revised cable rules as approved

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Let me know if you cannot open this link.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/cic/cable/cablerules.zip>

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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 "N" St., Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 3, 2013

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Elaine Severe, Health Department, 402-441-8093

BOARD OF HEALTH PRESENTS AWARDS

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) recognized a local physician, a public school district, a local restaurant, the Capital Humane Society, and five individuals with Board of Health Awards May 2. The awards were presented at the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at the Bryan Health Conference Center. The keynote speaker at the event was Ayman El-Mohandes, M.D., Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

A **Community Health Award** was presented the **Capital Humane Society** for its collaboration on several projects that support the goals of the Animal Control Program. A Community Health Award also was presented to **David Brown Ph.D., Roger Fisher D.D.S. and Charles Genrich D.D.S.** for their role in developing a maintaining a safety net for dental patients in the community. They volunteer their services at Clinic With A Heart and serve low income and uninsured children and adults.

The **Public Health Leadership Award** was presented to **State Senator Kathy Campbell** for her commitment to health care for the poor and safety for abused and neglected children.

The **John J. Hanigan Award** was presented to **Michelle Petersen M.D.** for her leadership in the medical field, her advocacy for public health and her work to teach and promote healthy lifestyles.

Food Sanitation Excellence Awards were presented to the **Knolls Restaurant** and the **Waverly Public Schools**.

The **Carole Douglas Public Health Achievement Award** was presented to **Gina Egenberger**, who has worked for LLCHD for eight years. She was recognized for her work as LLCHD's Child Care Health Consultant and for her promotion of health, safety and environmental initiatives in the child care community.

More information on LLCHD is available at health.lincoln.ne.gov.

NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: **May 9, 2013**
LOCATION: **Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)**
TIME: **4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**
CHAIR: Anne Pagel

A G E N D A

1. **Call to Order and Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** * April 11, 2013 meeting
3. **Comments from Public for Items Not Listed on the Agenda**
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224**
 - No report.
 - B. **Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131**
 - No Report. Continuing review of development of proposed 10-year facilities and programs plan.
 - C. **Golf Report**
 - Rounds and Revenue Report
 - * Proposed amendments to the By-Laws for the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee regarding membership and officers
 - D. **Executive Committee – Anne Pagel (Chair) 402-540-9194**
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6. **Staff Report**
 - Review of Budget Indicators for FY 2011-12
7. **Announcements:**
 - “Wake Up The Beds” volunteer planting project at Sunken Gardens, 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 11th

*** Denotes Action Items**

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: May 9, 2013

Request: Proposed amendments to the By-Laws for the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee regarding membership and officers

Discussion: The proposed amendments to the By-Laws for the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee reduces the required number of representatives from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) serving on the Golf Committee from three to at least one. The number of at-large members is proposed to be increase from three to up to five, depending on the number of PRAB members serving on the committee. The proposed amendments also state that the chair and vice-chair will be elected from the members of the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee, with a restriction that the chair be a representative of the PRAB.

Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines: The By-Laws for the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee were adopted in November 2012. Article V.D. of the by-laws states that they may be amended by a majority vote of the Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee, with the approval of the PRAB.

Staff Recommendation: Approval.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation: The Lincoln Municipal Golf Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approved the proposed amendments to the by-laws during their regular monthly meeting on May 2, 2013

Committee: Golf

Chair: Todd Fitzgerald, 402-327-3659

Date: _____

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:

Article III. Membership, Term, Vacancy and Termination.

A. The Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee will consist of nine (9) members. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson shall appoint ~~three (3) members~~ **at least one (1) member** of the Board to the LMGC, and the Mayor shall appoint six (6) **to eight (8)** additional members to the LMGC by Executive Order.

1. ~~Three (3) representatives~~ **At least one representative** of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board;
2. Representative of the Lincoln Municipal Golfers Association (LMGA);
3. Representative of the Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association (LWMGA);
4. Representative of the Lincoln Seniors Men's Golf League; and
5. Three (3) **to five (5)** at-large members from the Lincoln golf community.

B. Representatives for the three golf organizations and at-large members will be appointed annually. Appointments will typically occur in April. Each member of the LMGC will continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed.

C. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be as in the case of other appointments for the unexpired term of the member whose term became vacant.

D. Upon the failure of any member to attend three consecutive meetings, the LMGC may recommend termination of that member's appointment to the Director, and the Director will solicit nominations for the Mayor to appoint a new member as defined above to be filled in the manner of a regular appointment.

Article IV. Officers and Staffing

A. Officers. The officers of the LMGC will consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. ~~The Chair shall be one of the representatives of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.~~ The Chair and the Vice-Chair will be elected by the LMGC membership at the August meeting of the committee. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation or designee will serve as secretary to the LMGC and will distribute meeting agendas and prepare meeting summaries of committee meetings.

B. Chairperson. The chairperson shall have general supervisory and directional powers over the LMGC. The chairperson shall preside at all LMGC meetings and, in consultation with support staff (i.e., Golf Manager in consultation with the contracted PGA Golf Professionals and Golf Superintendents), set the agendas. The chairperson may appoint temporary subcommittees to review and make recommendations regarding special topics or projects

C. Vice Chairperson. The vice chairperson will execute all powers of the chair in the absence of the chair.

D. Secretary. The secretary will distribute agendas seven (7) days in advance of LMGC meeting and will prepare and keep meeting summaries of said meetings. Following approval by the LMGC, meeting summaries will be posted on the City of Lincoln, Department of Parks and Recreation official golf website

E. Staff. The City of Lincoln will provide necessary staff support to the LMGC to the extent that the Golf Division's budget permits and/or is allowed by law. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Golf Manager, Golf Course Superintendents, and contracted PGA Golf Professionals will be invited to attend and participate in monthly LMGC meetings.



URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE** will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 3:00 p.m., in **Room 214, Second Floor**, County/City Building.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 441-7491.

AGENDA May 8, 2013

1. Adoption of meeting records from the UDC meetings of April 10, 2013 and April 18, 2013 (latter with Historic Preservation Commission).
2. Pedestrian wayfinding signs for Downtown area (The Clark Enersen Partners/West Haymarket Infrastructure design team)
3. Sidewalk vending applications:
 - a) Jason Leuck, Leucky's Dawg
 - b) Tyler Larson, Hawaiian Ice
 - c) Tyler Watson, Pro Dog cart
 - d) Richard Boucher, vendor cart
4. Staff report/miscellaneous.

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

Present: Carl Eskridge, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Gene Carroll; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; Lloyd Hinkley; and DiAnna Schimek

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director

Chair Eskridge opened the meeting at 2:04 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Meier stated immediately proceeding the regular Council meeting will have the Board of Equalization. The first order of business is electing a Chair. After the Board of Equalization will go to our regular Council meeting.

Meier distributed Motions to Amend, No.1, 2, and 3 for Bill 13-55, agenda Item 13. Also handed out Motion to Amend, No. 2, for Bill 13-56, Item 14. Motion to Amend, No. 1 received by Council last week.

No items on the consent agenda to vote on. If Council agrees will call Items 5 & 6 together, and 8 & 9 together. On Item 13 have three Motions to Amend, and on Item 14 there two Motions to Amend. There is one Motion to Amend on Item 15, not requiring action for a couple of months.

Cook stated noticed amendments, with an example of the Drop Box Ordinance, were not on line, were they in our packets? Meier replied they should have been in the packet plus it was to be linked today.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Online registration begins for swim lessons.
 2. NEWS RELEASE. City proposed changes for watering violations and water rates clarification.
 3. NEWS RELEASE. Temporary no parking areas in effect for marathon.
 4. NEWS RELEASE. Humphrey to discuss financial protection for senior.
- No comments

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission, May 1, 2013.
 2. Planning Commission final action, May 1, 2013.
- No comments

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from April 23, 2013 through April 29, 2013.
 2. Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department - Planning documents online. The 2013 Community Indicators Report now available on the Planning Department web page.
- No comments

PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Director Casady stated over the weekend Lincoln held their marathon. When the Boston bombing occurred within minutes Fire Chief Fehringer reviewed what we needed to make sure our marathon was safe. This plan came together quickly with extra resources and planning. Very proud of the

work accomplished by Lincoln Fire and Rescue and the Lincoln Police Department. An example of procedure included the State Patrol helicopter in the air with a live downlink to our mobile command post. The instant dispatch team activated plus technical work from the U. S. Army's support team, the National Guard, State Patrol. Conducted bomb sweeps at the start and finish, like on game days, and extra personnel on the streets. Seven of our front line fire engine companies were stationed on the outer perimeters of the course.

Casady stated he received an email from a 23 year veteran Fire Captain who stated his experiences during the marathon were a highlight, and proud of what was accomplished. Casady commented when he went out Sunday it was almost impossible to navigate through town. Hope everyone realizes what a boom the marathon is for the City of Lincoln. A huge driver of economic activity.

Casady added we cannot have such an event without lots of safety and special events planning. Congratulations to Lincoln Fire and Rescue for everything accomplished.

Camp asked what larger aspects did the Fire Chief mention when stating this was a highlight? Casady replied one item decided the first 15 minutes after the Boston bombing, is realizing we have a resource in the Fire Companies, and we used to create official visibility. The Fire Chief experienced numerous thank you's, high fives, spectators bringing coffee or snacks. Lots of goodwill.

Schimek extended congratulations to all involved. Camp thought this marathon was the best he's seen. Regarding being able to get somewhere Antelope Valley helps, and able to get to his destination relatively quickly with police officers directing traffic at certain locations. Casady added the secret of driving during the marathon is staying on the perimeters. Eskridge stated the Mayor's Fun Run is the day before, and not only is the weekend an economic push for Lincoln, but also for healthier lifestyles.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Storm Water Project Advisory. North 28th Street; P Street - Q Street. Project No. 705323B.

No comments

WEED AUTHORITY

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, April 2013 issue.

No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Camp stated he received a letter from Philip Johnson regarding his difficulties on Cavvy Road, including pictures, asking of other Members received same.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Media release from the Community Health Endowment announcing new funding availability.
2. Letter from Kit Boesch, Human Services Administrator, in support of paving the roads around the People's City Mission. (Distributed to Council Members before meeting on April 29, 2013)
3. Testament for the Entertainment District from Ashlie Hadden. (Distributed to Council Members before April 29, 2013 meeting)
4. Correspondence from Scott Hatfield pointing out the amendment to Section 5.04 regarding the Entertainment District is flawed. (Distributed to Council Members before April 29, 2013 Meeting)
5. Peter W. Katt email with thoughts on the water rate changes.

6. Email from CYCLA LLC, Patricia McCully, President, regarding City ordinance on donation boxes.
7. InterLinc correspondence from Darren Roach inquiring about street maintenance on a street adjacent to SW 40th and West Coddington. (Sent to Public Works, street maintenance)

No comments

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