

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

August 13, 2018

Tracy Corr opened the meeting on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City/County/Building, Lincoln, NE.

Attendance

Seventeen residents and four City staff attended:

Tracy Corr – 40 th & A NA	Jeff Schwebke – Arnold Heights
Anna Eickholt – Country Club NA	Paul Johnson – East Campus CO
Karen Dienstbier – Eastridge NA	Pat Anderson-Sifuentez – Everett NA & NWL
Pat Stear – Hartley NA	Billie Mertz – Hartley NA
Myrna Coleman – Highlands NA	Diane Walkowiak – Indian Village NA
Grant Daily – South Salt Creek CO	Mike DeKalb – University Place CO
Keith Roland – University Place CO	Bill Vocasek – West A NA
Russell Miller – Witherbee NA	Connie Duncan – LPS Board
Mike Renken – NeighborWorks-Lincoln	Lin Quenzer – Mayor's Office
Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office	Wynn Hjermstad – Urban Development
Chris Beutler -- Mayor	

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees were welcomed and introduction made. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor's proposed budget will be approved by City Council on August 20th. There will be no property tax rate increase. Available funds will increase due to increased property values. There will be increased funding for public safety, parks capital improvements, and bus shelters. There were no comments or questions about the budget from attendees.

LED Street lights Conversion – *Jon Carlson, Aide to Mayor Beutler: 402-441-7224; carlson@lincoln.ne.gov.*

The advantages of converting street lighting to LED's are many:

- LED street lights use less energy – they use almost 2/3 less energy per unit, saving \$395,000 in energy costs.
- LED's don't need to be replaced as often. They have an expected 25 year life span, which will reduce maintenance costs by \$495,000.
- LED's provide higher visibility & color accuracy. In addition, they can be focused on road, reducing glare.
- The payback for installing LED's in all street lights is about 11 years.

In 2016, the City adopted the policy of installing LED's when old the fixtures failed. The policy resulted in about 1,350 street lights being converted per year. In 2018, the City Council approved a "Rapid & Comprehensive Streetlight Plan" to convert 27,000 remaining fixtures. Schneider Electric was hired to complete the system-wide conversion.

Comments & Questions:

Q. *What will new lights look like?*

A. Generally, the new lights will look similar to the current fixtures. Historic or decorative street lighting may need to be retro-fitted or possibly have a LED light bulb installed in the existing fixture.

Q. *How will new light quality compare with existing lights?*

A. LED lighting is extremely directional, so it can be more focused & have less spillover. The color temperature will range between 3000-4000K. Arterials will have 4000K lights and residential streets may have the same or lower temperature fixtures. To see what the lower temperature fixtures are like, check out the demonstration street lights between Franklin & Harwood on 24th Street. A point was made that wattage is dimmable, but temperature is not.

Q. *What is timetable for replacement?*

A. Street lighting on arterials will be replaced first. There will be neighborhood meetings to discuss concerns before residential street lights are replaced.

Q. *What is recyclable?*

A. The current contract says that current lights must be recycled. While the City will continue to recycle as needed, the LED's have fewer problem components and will last longer, so there will be less need for recycling.

General Questions:

- Are their health concerns with the lighting?
- Will the LED lighting be too bright / too high a wattage?
- Is technology changing quickly? Will these lighting fixtures become outdated before payback is achieved?

Comments:

- Directional focus is better than older technology – less light pollution.
- Do these lights get through the tree canopy better than existing lights?
- Country Club would like to meet with City staff to see if their neighborhood association can partner with the city and coordinate their current plans to change the lighting in their neighborhood.

Jon would like to receive any comments or feedback by next weekend (8/18-8/19).

Announcements

- **2018 Scrap Tire Collection** will be on Saturday August 25, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, at 6601 West Fletcher Avenue (adjacent to Nine Mile Prairie at the old bunker site). Hosted by Emerald Sanitation Improvement District and funded by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. **See Attachment 1.**
- The Lower Platte South Natural Resource District (NRD) is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to study **Dead Man's Run from 48th Street to just past 33rd Street**. The Army Corps of Engineers has approved funding the project. The NRD & City will have to provide additional funding. The bond issue for the project will be on the ballot this November.
- Traffic studies have shown that 3+1 streets carry the same amount of traffic as four lane streets depending on volume of traffic, but are safer. This is in reference to the proposed improvements on S. 13th Street. The City Council will have a public hearing August 27th on the project. Although already approved and grant funded, there is some opposition to reducing lanes.

Next Meeting/Agenda

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable will be September 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The topic is TBD.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at about 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Johnson.

2018 Scrap Tire Collection

Saturday August 25, 2018 Only
7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

West of the Lincoln Airport at 6601 W Fletcher Avenue
(adjacent to Nine Mile Prairie at the old Bunker Site)

Questions? Call 402-803-4625 or 402-430-8724

