

# **DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

**555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

## **I. MINUTES**

1. Pending Director's Minutes from June 14,2021.

## **II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

## **III. CITY CLERK**

## **IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE**

## **V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. No Administrative Approvals from June 8, 2021 through June 15, 2021.

## **VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

1. CVB – Ward (06.16.21)
2. NAT – (06.18.21)

## **VII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE**

1. From Patty Doering correspondence regarding creating a diversity, equity & inclusion administrator.
2. From Darrel Podany - Lincoln & Parks Recreation - correspondence regarding Ash Tree.

## Debra A. Gall

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**From:** Patty Doering <ptdoering@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 3:59 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Mayor's proposed city budget for Lincoln

According to Lincoln Journal Star on June 13, one of the proposals is the following:

Creating a diversity, equity and inclusion administrator (\$125,192) to recruit a more diverse staff, plus adding two additional positions for training and other efforts to make the city a more inclusive place to work.

I question the need. Isn't the goal in hiring staff to hire the most qualified applicant for the job? How is the supervisor, who is interviewing the applicants, going to respond to the unsuccessful applicant for the job? "You did not get the job because you were not diverse enough?"

And then there is more work for the supervisor to try to explain actions for hiring to the new administrator for diversity.

Patricia Lynn Doering

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**From:** darrell podany <dpodany@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 18, 2021 10:21 AM  
**To:** Lynn Johnson  
**Cc:** Council Packet; Mayor  
**Subject:** Thanks

Hello Mr. Johnson -

Earlier this week a Lincoln Parks and Recreation crew was removing two large ash trees on the block near my residence. I approached a member of the crew to discuss the condition of a mature ash in the ROW adjacent to my property. He indicated that it appeared to be in good condition and advised me of a city program to treat ash trees for Emerald Ash Borer.

I followed up with your department and within a few days my ash tree was examined and treated.

I want to commend the Parks and Rec staff for being so responsive to my inquiry and following up in an expeditious manner.

Thanks for your leadership in managing a city department that has still maintained a high level of quality service while facing many budgetary challenges.

Please extend my thanks and appreciation to everyone who responded to my inquiry. They were all very personable and professional.

Darrell Podany  
1600 Urbana Lane  
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