

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Via Zoom Monday, March 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Attendance

Fourteen residents and five City staff attended.

Tracy Corr – 40th & A NA	Gloria Eddins – Clinton CO
Richard Piersol -- Country Club NA	Karen Dienstbier – Eastridge NA
Greg Baker -- Everett NA	Andy Gueck – Indian Village NA
Paula Baker – Everett NA	Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane RA
Geri Cotter – Irvingdale NA	Keith Roland – University Place CO
Paula Jonson – East Campus	Mike Esposito – Mayor's Office
Pat Bracken - Irvingdale	Dan Marvin – Urban Develop.
Jon Carlson -- Mayor's Office	Sandra Washington – City Council
Randy Smith – Woods Park	Jodi-Renee Giron - CLCs
Wynn Hjermstad – Urban Development Dept	Mayor Gaylor Baird

Welcome and Introductions

Tracy Corr, Chair, began the meeting with introductions. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

Mayor Gaylor Baird's Opening Remarks:

1. COVID-19 Updates:

- Approximately 8,000 vaccinations are being administered at Pinnacle Bank today.
- We received Johnson & Johnson Covid-19 vaccination last week.
- Allocation will be by state.
- About 10% of the local population has been vaccinated.
- Data Dashboard enables tracking of the number vaccinated.
- It has been approximately one year since the virus appeared.
- We still need to maintain social distancing, masking, etc., to keep variants from taking over.

2. Potholes:

- Crews are working on potholes.
- Approximately 7,000 potholes have been filled so far.
- UPLNK app has been helpful in reporting potholes.

3. Thank you for supporting street repairs and maintenance.

4. Climate Action: Mike Esposito is on call and working with a climate action plan.

Announcements

Police Chief Search – Mayor Gaylor Baird

1. Community engagement process to help choose new Police Chief.
2. Mayor wants to hear what is important to the community when selecting.
3. Survey on the website that allows input on the important criterion.
4. Comments from neighborhood representatives:
 - Maintain proactive community interaction.
 - Expansion of mental health assistance to work with the police.
 - Focus on de-escalation as a first response.
 - More complete preparation plan in the case of riots.
 - Chief that gets out into the community and interacts with the minority population.
 - Should have an understanding of mental health problems and willingness to collaborate with

members of the community.

- Look at other communities and see what is working for them. Implement the actions that work for the local community.
- Some on the advisory committee are distrustful of the selection process. Candidates need to bridge that gap.
- An innovative individual that is continually looking to improve the department.

5. City Council has approved additional funds for the incorporation of mental health support.

- Building groundwork for mental health.
- The position will be posted end of March.
- Neighborhood forum on March 22nd for further input.
- Planning on finishing selection by the end of June.

Climate Action Plan – Miki Esposito

1. Bringing the plan to City Council on March 22nd at 3:00 PM.
2. Send comments to City Council at councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov. Comments will go on record.
3. Came up with 120 initiatives to look at in conjunction with the 2050 Comprehensive Plan update.
4. Some top priorities:
 - Alternate water supply source.
 - Salt Creek Watershed interaction.
 - LES carbon reduction.
 - Low carbon energy in the city.
 - Different uses for City land & area lands that will reduce carbon footprint.
5. Council not taking a vote on providing funds for any projects but is the start of future processes.
6. Comment – 2 new electric fast-charging stations at Russ/Super Saver stores.

Next Meeting / Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 12th at 5:30 p.m. via zoom.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Johnson