

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, April 12, 2021

Present: Sändra Washington, Roy Christensen, Tammy Ward, Bennie Shobe, Richard Meginnis, Jane Raybould, and James Michael Bowers

Others Present: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department; Jon Carlson, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor; Lynn Johnson, Parks and Rec; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Meginnis opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES

Minutes from April 5, 2021, approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Ordinances 3rd Reading – Item 5.c. has a Motion to Amend No. 1.

Discussion followed.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Carlson advised Council members the Mayor's Award of Excellence has been temporarily suspended for the past several months in an effort to streamline the Agenda. In the coming weeks Council will see the Mayor's Award of Excellence returning to the Agenda, with the possibility of having awards issued weekly in order to recognize the great efforts of City staff.

Johnson reported that the summer program guide will be made available to the public this weekend; Last summer, due to the pandemic, shelter rental was suspended. Last Wednesday shelter rentals reservations resumed and to date, 60 shelters have already been reserved.

Discussion followed.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Public Health Update provided by Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD).

The Total Number of cases in Lancaster County to date is 30,176 (26 additional cases yesterday, 04/11).

The positivity rate remained relatively flat in the previous 4 weeks averaging 7%. Last week it was slightly higher at 7.4% compared to 7.3% a week earlier.

119 deaths or 57% of all deaths in Lancaster County are reported in December and January. In January, we had 45 deaths. In February, we had 23 deaths. To date in April, we have 3 deaths.

As of yesterday, we administered 211,566 doses of vaccine to Lancaster County residents. Of these doses, 134,013 individuals received 1 dose and 77,553 received 2nd doses of either Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.

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In all, 84,838 or 34.5% of the 16+ age group individuals completed their vaccinations. Last week we vaccinated close to 29,500 doses, first and second doses of Pfizer and single dose J&J.

This week, we are having a special clinic for our Hispanic Community associated with ElCentro at Center for People In Need today. There are two, 1000 dose drive-thru clinics available through TestNebraska Site at Gateway Mall on Wednesday and Saturday

Two 8,600 dose clinics will be held at PBA for both first and second doses on Thursday and Friday of this week.

In Lancaster County Hospitals as of last night, 29 individuals are hospitalized due to COVID. 20 of these individuals are Lancaster County Residents and 9 are from out of the county.

Discussion followed.

Chair, Meginnis adjourned the meeting 2:21 p.m.