

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, June 14, 2021

Present: Sändra Washington, Tom Beckius, 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; David Cary, Director, Planning Department; Yohance Christie, City Attorney; and other City Staff present.

Chair, Bowers opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act

I. MINUTES

Minutes from June 7, 2021, approved and adopted

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing Ordinances 2nd Reading – Items 6.d. and 6.e. will be called together.

Under Ordinances 3rd Reading – Item 7.d. and 7.f. will have a possible Motion to Amend. Meginnis advised that he will be asking for a two week extension, action only, on item 7.a. to allow time to review the language.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

No report provided

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Lopez reported the total number of cases in Lancaster County to date is 31,434 (7 additional cases this weekend, 06/12-6/13). We are having less than 10 cases a day for 19 days, the longest stretch so far since our first case of COVID19 on 3/20/21.

The total number of cases reported last week ending Jun 12th was 33 which is 25% lower than the week ending June 5th which was 44. We are having this weekly case rate of around 46 cases per week for the past 4 weeks. In May 2021, we had 403 cases compared to 1310 cases in April.

The positivity rate is in a downward trend averaging around 2.3% in the last 4 weeks. Last week ending 06/12, the positivity rate was at 2.2% compared to 2.4% a week earlier.

In Lancaster County, we have 29,955 or 95.3% of all the positive cases are recovered.

We have 238 deaths due to COVID19 in Lancaster County. To date in June, we have 1 death. In March, we had 6 deaths. December had the highest number of deaths with 74 deaths. Since March, we have had 15 deaths to date.

As of yesterday, we administered 318,252 doses of vaccine to Lancaster County residents. Of these doses, 172,589 individuals received 1 dose and 143,663 received 2nd doses of either Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.

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In all, 158,088 or 64.3% of the 16+ age group individuals completed their vaccinations. Since the approval for 12-15 age group, we vaccinated 34.1% of that age group with the first dose, and 15.1% completed their two doses. We are holding multiple neighborhood clinics throughout the week.

In Lancaster County Hospitals as of last night, 9 individuals have been hospitalized due to COVID. 6 of these individuals are Lancaster County residents and 3 are from out of the county.

Community outreach efforts are being continued and weekly meetings with the schools are being had.

Cary advised Council that there is a clarification on item 6.d. Change of Zone 21011, it identifies the applicant as the Urban Development Director. The applicant is actually the developer and builder.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. BOH – Bowers (06.08.21)

Bowers reported that Lopez did a great job providing an update on what the Health Department is doing.

2. MAC – Shobe (06.08.21)

Shobe reported discussions were had regarding personnel. A report was provided on COVID-19. The committee is getting back in to the swing of things and meeting in person. Shobe extended an invitation to all Council members to attend the July MAC meeting.

3. PBC – Meginnis, Raybould (06.08.21)

Meginnis reported the PBS went through bids as normal. Discussion was had on the agreement of the Law Enforcement Memorial, between the Public Building Commission and the Lincoln Police Union; it was decided to hold this project over an additional month, due to no bids being acquired regarding this project. Raybould added that a number of questions were raised on the agreement itself. The PBC wanted clarification and intent regarding the responsibility of maintenance going forward.

Discussion followed.

4. Parks and Recreation – Washington (06.10.21)

Washington reported this was her first meeting with the advisory board. Discussion was had on the Cooper Park Master Plan and what was negotiated between the school district, the parks district, the neighborhood association, a good resolution was made. Discussion was had on flying disc golf course along the Beal Slough Greenway, the discussion ended with the agreement that it should come forward with the recognition that there is a little tweaking left to be done in that Master Plan. One interesting challenge is the associated Greenway and its continuation because it has to cross under the railroad. The RTSD and the railroad are not in favor of underpasses when it involves active rail lines. This could potentially stop the Greenway from proceeding, which is a concern.

Chair, Bowers adjourned the meeting 2:14 p.m.