



## **Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 16, 2024**

**Council Present:** Sändra Washington, Tom Beckius, Justin Carlson, Bennie Shobe, Brodey Weber, Tom Duden, James Michael Bowers

**Others Present:** Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Chad Blahak, Building & Safety; Michon Morrow, LPD; Liz Elliott, LTU; Yohance Christie, Law; Randy Jones, Aging Partners; Jon Carlson, Mayor's Office; Peter Hind, Urban Development; David Cary, Planning; Barb McIntyre, HR; Pat Lopez, Health; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Recreation; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Dave Engler, LFR; Steve Hubka, Finance; Margaret Reist, LJS

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

Minutes from the September 9 meeting were accepted as posted.

### **City Clerk Advisories**

- Items 6.a. through 6.g. will be called together
- Duden will move to amend items 7.b. and 7.c. to update clerical numbering

### **Director Advisories**

- Randy Jones, Aging Partners:
  - New senior 1-on-1 tech support/education sessions available (flyer attached)
    - Funding received by AARP community challenge grant
    - Partnering with UNL Students to provide support
    - 5 classes across Lincoln to start, will offer additional classes in the future
- Ryan Wieber, Libraries:
  - Gere Branch will celebrate Willa Cather with dedication of a Littleton Alston statue donated by Gere family, a replica of the statue recently added to the U.S. Capitol statuary; Alston to be present for Q & A
    - Saturday 9/21 at 11 a.m.
  - South Branch will host a community "Help the Artist Paint" day to lay the base layer for a new Chloe Burgett mural
    - Sunday 9/22 1 p.m. in the Westminster Church parking lot
  - Walt Branch will host Amy Tan for an exploration of her works
    - Saturday 9/21 at 2 p.m.
- Stuckey Ross, Parks & Recreation:
  - Provided update sheet for tree cleanup from July 31 storm (attached)

## **Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates**

- Beckius reported on the following:
  - Public Building Commission:
    - HR has moved into newly remodeled suite
    - Planning Department will have new meeting room soon
    - HVAC Building Controls are being updated to better monitor usage
  - MPO Officials Committee:
    - Updates to transportations plans for S. 56th St and Adams St projects
    - Pedestrian, Bike & Trails plan now includes Downtown Corridors project
  
- Carlson reported on the following:
  - RTSD budget passed after discussion of budget surplus buildup
    - Surplus invested in short-term CDs
    - RTSD tax levy will be lowered to compensate for Ag Society levy increase pending approval by County Board
  - 33rd & Cornhusker meeting:
    - Most constituent concerns related to Deadman's Run
    - Others noted concern about access points
    - One constituent concerned about need to relocate business
      - Liz Elliott noted LTU's application for federal Railroad Crossing Elimination grant, funds may be used for relocation assistance
      - Deadman's Run shifting to be a local project, should not result in a significant overlap in timelines between projects
  
- Shobe reported on the Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting:
  - Welcomed two new members
  - Guest Marty Ramirez expressed concerns about presidential elections and potential policies that may affect minorities
  
- Bowers and Duden discussed upcoming Town Halls
  - SE District 2 on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Gere Branch Library
  - NE District 1 on Thursday at 6 p.m., Olin B Lecture Hall @ Wesleyan University
  
- Washington discussed Parks & Rec advisory board meeting
  - Sheridan School found to be using Parks & Rec property east of school
    - Land will be surplussed and purchased by LPS
  - Discussed Land & Water Conservation Fund needed for Antelope Park
    - NE Game & Parks supporting application for Land and Water funds
  - NW Community Park named for Cornhusker Bank to be renamed "Alice Dittman Park" upon dissolution of Cornhusker Bank pending Council approval

## **Public Comment**

- None

Council Chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

# Tech Support for Seniors - Free



Funded with support by  
**AARP**

*Aging Partners is hosting digital learning events.*

## Free Events for One-on-One Tech Support

- **Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m.**  
Community Action Partnership  
210 "O" St., Suite 100
- **Oct. 10, 10 a.m.**  
Center for People  
3901 N. 27 St.
- **Oct. 16, 3:30 p.m.**  
Eiseley Branch Library  
1530 Superior St.
- **Oct. 30, 1 p.m.**  
El Centro de las Americas  
210 "O" St.
- **Nov. 13, 3:30 p.m.**  
Aging Partners  
Victory Park  
600 S. 70th St.

### Do you know how to operate your tech device?

- Students from UNL will help seniors better understand how to use their technology (phones and iPads)
- Learn in a relaxed hands-on, one-on-one environment
- Increase your independence!
- **Gift cards** and **door prizes** will be offered. Drawing for iPads.
- Interpreters available upon request

**Call 402-441-7158 to register.**



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## 31 July 2024 Storm Response - Day 47

Call-ins - 2123 events: 31 July – 15 September 2024

Completed events: 1498 events completed, 74.4%

Limbs down – 458 events

Block – 592 events

Hangers - 448 events

Planned events:

Trims - 144 events

Tree Vouchers – 54 requests

Trees marked for removal: 403

Completed events: 206 trees removed, 51.1%

Crash removal – 138

Top removal – 68

Planned events: 197

Crash removal – 105

Top removal – 92