



No Directors' Meeting this week due to evening Council meeting
This report is in lieu of an agenda for September 30, 2024

Next Directors' Meeting – October 7, 2 p.m.

City Correspondence

Jon P. Taylor	Parks and Recreation Announces Fall Volunteer Opportunities
Jennifer T. McDonald	BP240920-1 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission
Jon P. Taylor	Mayor Gaylor Baird's Public Schedule
Kimberly N. Behrens	City Council Action 9/23/24
City Communications	Photo Exhibit Set For September 25 at County-City Building
Jon P. Taylor	One Book One Lincoln Author Event Set For October 14
Jennifer T. McDonald	BP240924 - 1 Administrative Approval
Kellie Cave	LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 9-20-24
Jon P. Taylor	Mayor Nominates Kernan as next Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director
Jon P. Taylor	Temporary Billy Wolff Trail Closure Begins September 30
Jon P. Taylor	Portions of Three Streets to Temporarily Close September 27
Kerin L. Peterson	Construction in the Luxford Room
Jon P. Taylor	Advisory: Media invited to Wild Fall Festival and Tree Giveaway September 28
Jon P. Taylor	Wilderness Park Controlled Burn Scheduled for September 27
Jon P. Taylor	Older Adults Invited to Aging Partners Events September 30 through October 6
Jon P. Taylor	Read to a Dog Fall Sessions Begin September 30

Constituent Correspondence

- None

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From: [Jon P. Taylor](#)
Subject: Advisory: Media invited to Wild Fall Festival and Tree Giveaway September 28
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 2:41:09 PM

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

3131 "O" Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-7847

DATE: September 26, 2024

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Jamie Kelley, Nature Center Coordinator, 402-441-7895

Mike Comstock, Parks and Recreation Operations, 402-441-8226

Link to parking map:

<https://lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/communications/download/2024-fall-tree-giveaway-map.png>

The Parks and Recreation Department invites the media to the Wild Fall Festival and Tree Giveaway Saturday, September 28. The free event will be from 1 to 4 p.m. at the west end of Pioneers Park, 3201 S. Coddington Ave.

Visitors are asked to park in the main Nature Center parking lot or the overflow parking lot located east of the Nature Center gates. A portion of the road past the Nature Center gates and the Bison Loop will be closed during the event to accommodate pedestrians.

Activities include:

- **Tree Giveaway:** 250 trees will be distributed starting at 1 p.m. Participants must visit the Parks and Recreation booth near the Pioneers Park Nature Center Prairie Building to obtain a ticket. Trees can then be picked up near the Cunningham School building.
- **Wild Fall Festival:** Free family event including guided tours of historic buildings and prairies. Educational nature presentations given by a variety of organizations near the Chet Ager and Prairie buildings.

Jonathan Taylor
Public Information Specialist III | City Communications



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From: [Jennifer T. McDonald](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [David R. Cary](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Jennifer T. McDonald](#)
Subject: BP240920-1 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission
Date: Friday, September 20, 2024 3:00:11 PM
Attachments: [BP240920 - 1 Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission.pdf](#)

For your information.

Thank you,



Jennifer McDonald

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NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a meeting on **Friday, September 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in **City Council Chambers** on the 1st Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

AGENDA

September 27, 2024

1. Approval of meeting record from July 26, 2024

Discuss & Advise

2. 1445 E Street – proposed zoning action
3. Staff report & miscellaneous

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From: [Jennifer T. McDonald](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [David R. Cary](#)
Subject: BP240924 - 1 Administrative Approval
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 2:23:14 PM
Attachments: [BP240924 - 1 Administrative Approval.pdf](#)

For your review.

Thank you,



Jennifer McDonald

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MEMO

Date: September 24, 2024
To: City Clerk
From: Clara McCully
Subject: Administrative Approvals

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from September 17, 2024, through September 23, 2024:

Administrative Amendment 24061 to Change of Zone 23021, West View Planned Unit Development (PUD), was approved by the Planning Director on September 18, 2024, to configure lots in Block 4 and updating Note 22 to limit access to the roundabout, generally located at SW 40th and West A Streets.

Administrative Amendment 24066 to Special Permit 1995B, Hub Hall Heights Community Unit Plan (CUP), was approved by the Planning Director on September 23rd, 2024, to include an exhibit showing the Height Permit Requirements for Hub Hall Heights 15th Addition, generally located at 4534 W Chitwood Lane.

From: [Kimberly N. Behrens](#)
To: [KOLN/KGIN](#); [Abby M. Eccher](#); [Aishah S. Witte](#); [Angela Quinn](#); [Barb D. McIntyre](#); [City Clerk All](#); [Brenda J. Thomas](#); [Chad E. Blahak](#); [Cheri L. Howard](#); [Chris J. Connolly](#); [Chris S. Jones](#); [Claire Y. Oglesby](#); [Cynthia J. Roth](#); [Daley C. ElDorado](#); [David R. Cary](#); [David T. Engler](#); [Donna K. Garden](#); [Elizabeth D. Elliott](#); [Geri K. Rorabaugh](#); [Hallie E. Salem](#); [Holly L. Lewis](#); [Jamie Phillips](#); [Jenni R. Ryan](#); [Jennifer L. Mommens](#); [Jennifer T. McDonald](#); [Jessica Loos](#); [Jocelyn W. Golden](#); [Jon D. Carlson](#); [Karen Eurich](#); [Kasey L. Simonson](#); [Kerry L. Kernan](#); [Kristi K. Nydahl](#); [Kristi L. Merfeld](#); [Lin Quenzer](#); [Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross](#); [Marcia L. Huenink](#); [Mary E. Lowe](#); [Mayor](#); [Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml](#); [Michele M. Abendroth](#); [Michon Morrow](#); [Nicole K. Gross](#); [Pat D. Lopez](#); [Peter A. Kroll](#); [Peter D. Hind](#); [Philip L. Dush](#); [Randall S. Jones](#); [Rhonda M. Haas](#); [Ron L. Cane](#); [Ryan S. Wieber](#); [Sara J. Hoyle](#); [Sara Slama](#); [Scott Parker](#); [Sharon R. Mulder](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Sherry Wolf](#); [ssahling@les.com](#); [Shana Sprackling](#); [T.J. McDowell, Jr.](#); [Tammy B. Wissing](#); [Thomas A Schaffer](#); [Tim L. Byrne](#); [Justin P. Carlson](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Steve D. Hubka](#); [Liza A. Alderman](#); [Chad D. Mohr](#)
Subject: City Council Action 9/23/24
Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 10:07:08 AM
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[Action092324.docx](#)

Hi All,

Please see the attached for the action from the City Council meeting of 9/23/24.

Thank you,



Kimberly Behrens

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**ACTION FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 AT 3:00 PM**

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

PUBLIC HEARING - CONSENT AGENDA

Anyone wishing to address an item on the Consent Agenda may do so at this time.

1. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 1.a.** Clerk's Letter & Mayor's Approval of Resolutions and Ordinances passed by City Council on September 9, 2024. **(PLACED ON FILE)**

2. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.a.** 24R-415
Setting the hearing date of Monday, October 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. on the Application of Warhorse Gaming Lincoln, LLC dba Warhorse Casino Lincoln for an addition of an indoor area to the North measuring approximately 172 feet by 158 feet and an addition of an indoor area to the South measuring approximately 79 feet by 57 feet at 7055 South 1st Street. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94793)**
- 2.b.** 24R-416
Setting the hearing date of Monday, October 7, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. on the Application of 1033 Brandeis, LLC dba Hampton Inn for a Class C Liquor License located at 1033 O Street. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94794)**
- 2.c. PLACED ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:**
Administrative Amendment #24020 to Special Permit #05002 for Foreman Ridge Addition Community Unit Plan (CUP), was approved by the Planning Director on September 4, 2024, to amend the build thru layout for Lot 1, Block 4 and Outlots AD & AE, generally located at 7777 SW 13th Street.
Administrative Amendment #24057 to Special Permit #18021 for Hillcrest Community Unit Plan (CUP), was approved by the Planning Director on September 5, 2024, to modify the internal front yard setbacks to 15 feet for Lots 36-37 Block 9, generally located at the northwest intersection of Triana Way and White House Way.
Administrative Amendment #24048 to Use Permit #142A and Special Permit #1370 for Eagle Crest Use Permit, was approved by the Planning Director on September 6, 2024, to increase the square footage of the development by 15%, generally located at the southeast corner of S. 84th Street and Holdrege Street.
Administrative Amendment #24058 to PP03004 for Northbank Junction, was approved by the Planning Director on September 9, 2024, to change 9 single-family lots to 14 single-family attached lots, generally located at N 51st Street and Donnette Drive.

3. MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS – NONE.

- VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS -

4. PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS

- 4.a.** 24R-417
Application of Salt Mine City, LLC dba Salt Mine Brewing Co. for a Class CG Liquor License located at 801 R Street, Suite 100.
(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94795)
- 4.b.** 24R-418
Manager Application of Clifford Roper for Salt Mine City, LLC dba Salt Mine Brewing Co. located at 801 R Street, Suite 100.
(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94796)
- 4.c.** 24R-424
Application of Yin Family, LLC dba Hiro 88 for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 308 feet by 74 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 4, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94797)
- 4.d.** 24R-425
Application of Yard Investments, LLC dba Gate 25 for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 308 feet by 74 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 4, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94798)
- 4.e.** 24R-426
Application of Bar at the Yard, LLC dba Longwells for a special designated license to cover an outdoor area measuring approximately 308 feet by 74 feet at Canopy Street from R to Q Street on October 4, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-94799)

- VOTE ON LIQUORS -

5. PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTIONS

- 5.a.** 24R-405
Approving a Health Insurance Agreement between the City and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska. **(Related Items: 24R-405, 24R-414)(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94800)**

- 5.b. 24R-414
Approving a Pharmacy Insurance Agreement between the City of Lincoln and Employers Health Purchasing Corporation. **(Related Items: 24R-405, 24R-414) (MTA#1 ADOPTED, 7-0; ADOPTED AS AMENDED, 7-0; A-94801)**
- 5.c. 24R-406
Special Permit 24026 - Application of Unitarian Church of Lincoln to allow for an Early Childhood Care Facility for up to 35 children with associated waivers on the property generally located at 6300 A Street. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94802)**
- 5.d. 24R-407
Approving the natural gas supply contract with Heartland Natural Gas.
(VERBAL MOTION TO DELAY WITH CONT'D PUBLIC HEARING & ACTION ONE WEEK TO 9/30/24, 7-0)
- 5.e. 24R-408
Approving the Constellation Studios Expansion Redevelopment Project Redevelopment Agreement between the City and Constellation Studios, LLC, relating to the redevelopment of the property generally located at 2055 O Street and adjacent rights of way. **(Related Items: 24R-408, 24R-409) (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94803)**
- 5.f. 24R-409
Amending the FY 2024-2025 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$230,000. in TIF funds for the Constellation Studios Expansion Redevelopment Project. **(Related Items: 24R-408, 24R-409) (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-94804)**
- 5.g. 24R-410
Establishing the property tax levy to fund the adopted budget for the City's 2024-25 fiscal year. **(MTA#1 ADOPTED, 7-0; ADOPTED AS AMENDED, 7-0; A-94805)**

- VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS -

6. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES 2ND READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEMS 6.a. THROUGH 6.f. HAD 2ND READING)

- 6.a. 24-115
Annexation 24008 - Application of Medallion Custom Homes to annex 4.6 acres of property generally located at S. 56th Street and Cavvy Road.
- 6.b. 24-116
Approving an Agreement for Tower Space and Appurtenances between the City and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, to occupy and use certain city-owned parcel of real property and Tower generally located at 7401 S. 56th Street.

- 6.c. 24R-411
Approving the Center Terrace Redevelopment Agreement between the City and CT Redevelopment, LP., relating to the redevelopment of the property generally located at D Street on the south, S. 13th Street on the west, and E street on the north. **(Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117) (Action Date: 9/30/24)**
- 6.d. 24R-412
Amending the FY 24/25 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$2,476,000. in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for the Center Terrace Redevelopment Project. **(Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117) (Action Date: 9/30/24)**
- 6.e. 24R-413
A resolution authorizing the issuance of multifamily housing revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$24,000,000 to finance a portion of the construction and acquisition of a multifamily housing facility generally located at 1000 S. 13th St. **(Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117) (Action Date: 9/30/24)**
- 6.f. 24-117
Authorizing the issuance of Tax Allocation Bonds for the Center Terrace Redevelopment Project in the amount not to exceed \$2,476,000. **(Related Items: 24R-411, 24R-412, 24R-413, 24-117)**

- END PUBLIC HEARING -

7. ORDINANCES - 3RD READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS

- 7.a. 24-108
Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Larry Wulf for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Personal and Family Services at 137 North 8th Street, Geneva, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21658)**
- 7.b. 24-109
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and the County of Polk, Nebraska for the lease of space by the Aging Partners for its Personal and Family Services program at 400 Hawkeye Street, Osceola, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21659)**
- 7.c. 24-110
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and City of Hickman for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Program, at 115 Locust Street, Hickman, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21660)**

- 7.d.** 24-111
Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Americans Legion Post # 280 for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 970 Monroe, Bennet, NE from September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2026. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21661)**
- 7.e.** 24-112
Approving the lease agreement between City of Lincoln and Village of Firth-Firth Community Center for lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center Program located at 311 Nemaha Street, Firth, NE from September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2026. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21662)**
- 7.f.** 24-113
Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Rex and Jane Rehmer for lease of space by Aging Partners for its Personal and Family Services located at 370 N. 5th St., David City, NE from September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2026. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21663)**
- 7.g.** 24-114
Approving the lease agreement between the City of Lincoln and Village of Malcolm, for the lease of space by Aging Partners for its Senior Center program at 137 East 2nd Street, Malcolm, NE from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21664)**

8. RESOLUTIONS - 1ST READING (ITEMS 8.a. THROUGH 8.e. HAD 1ST READING)

- 8.a.** 24R-419
Appointing Amanda Krivda to the Commission on Women and Gender to fill a partial term expiring November 23, 2026.
- 8.b.** 24R-420
Approving Big 10 Sports Bar LLC dba Big 10 Sports Bar & Grill located at 130 N 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508, as a keno satellite.
- 8.c.** 24R-421
Approving Welcome Back LLC dba Salty's Lodge located at 1339 West O St., Lincoln, Nebraska, 68528, as a keno satellite.
- 8.d.** 24R-422
Approving the interlocal agreement between the State of Nebraska - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Medicaid and Long-Term Care, and the City of Lincoln on behalf of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department to provide Medicaid Eligibility outreach and enrollment to the incarcerated individuals of the Lancaster County Department of Corrections for a term from August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2029.

- 8.e. 24R-423
Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for September 1 through September 15, 2024.

9. **PENDING LIST (EXTENDED ONE WEEK)**

- 9.a. 24R-18
Comprehensive Plan Conformance 23019 - Application of the Urban Development Department to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, and to adopt the "NW 48th & W Vine Redevelopment Plan", including the "Falcon Corner Redevelopment Project," for the construction of a large retail building and associated commercial uses, on property generally located at NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. **(1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**
- 9.b. 24R-35
Approving the Falcon Corner Project Redevelopment Agreement between the City and FFF, LLC., relating to the redevelopment of the property generally located in the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. **(Related Items: 24R-35, 24R-36, 24-10) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**
- 9.c. 24R-36
Amending the FY 2023-2024 CIP to authorize and appropriate \$4,290,090.00 in TIF funds for the Falcon Corner Redevelopment Project. **(Related Items: 24R-35, 24R-36, 24-10) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**
- 9.d. 24-10
Authorizing the issuance of Tax Allocation Bonds for the Falcon Corner Redevelopment Project in an amount not to exceed \$4,290,090.00. **(Related Items: 24R-35, 24R-36, 24-10) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**
- 9.e. 23R-638
Comprehensive Plan Amendment 23005- Application of FFF, LLC to amend the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan to revise the Future Land Use Map by changing the designation from Industrial Use to Commercial Use, on property generally located at the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. **(Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (Action date: 1/22/24) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**

- 9.f. 23-158
Annexation 23005- Application of FFF, LLC., to annex approximately 52 acres, more or less, on the property generally located at the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. **(Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**
- 9.g. 23R-639
Approving the Conditional Annexation and Change of Zone Agreement between the City, FFF, LLC., and Helen Belle Kitzel Farms, LLC., for property generally located near NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. **(Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (Action date: 1/22/24) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**
- 9.h. 23-159
Change of Zone 23019 - Application of FFF, LLC., to change the zoning designation of 15 acres more or less, from AG Agricultural District to H-4 Highway Commercial District, on property generally located at the northeast corner of NW 48th Street and Interstate 80. **(Related Items: 23R-638, 23-158, 23R-639, 23-159) (1/8/24 – Public hearing continued to 1/22/24) (1/22/24 – Action delayed to 1/29/24) (1/29/24 - Verbal Motion to move item to Pending List - No Date Certain)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the council on a matter not on this agenda, and not planned to appear on a future agenda, may do so at the open microphone session. Individuals are allowed a total of 5 minutes to speak regardless of the number of topics. For the month of September, open microphone sessions will be held on September 16 & 30, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT 4:21P.M.

The Lincoln City Council meets every Monday at 3 p.m. except for the last Monday of the month which begins at 5:30 p.m. All City Council meetings are aired live on LNKTV City and re-aired later. For a schedule, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTV). LNKTV City can be found on all three cable television systems: ALLOChannel 2; Spectrum Channel 1300; Kinetic Channel 1005. Meetings are also streamed live at lincoln.ne.gov(keyword: LNKTV) and available later at youtube.com/LNKTVcity.

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From: [Kerin L. Peterson](#)
To: [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)
Cc: [Margaret L. Bohy](#)
Subject: Construction in the Luxford Room
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024 11:21:37 AM

Hi Ben,

We are finishing out a construction project in the Luxford Room next week. It will be intermittently noisy, especially on Monday. We picked this week to finish the work in part because the Council meets at 5:30pm, which is after our contractors finish for the day. I apologize ahead of time for any disruption! Feel free to contact me with questions.

Thank you,
Kerin

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From: [Kellie Cave](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 9-20-24
Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024 12:48:39 PM
Attachments: [ZLES092524.pdf](#)

Please see the attached meeting minutes from the September 20th meeting.

Thank you!

Kellie Cave | Senior Executive Assistant



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MINUTES OF LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Minutes of the regular meeting held at 9:30 a.m., Friday, September 20, 2024, at the Kevin Wailes Operations Center, 9445 Rokeby Road, Lincoln, Nebraska. Public notice of today's meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on September 13, 2024.

Board Members Present: Kate Bolz, Carl Eskridge, Lucas Sabalka, Chelsea Johnson, Andy Hunzeker, Karen Griffin, David Spinar, Eric Schafer

Board Members Absent: Alyssa Martin

LES Staff Present: Emeka Anyanwu, Shelley Sahling-Zart, Emily Koenig, Paul Crist, Trish Owen, Lisa Hale, David Malcom, Wade Leibbrandt, Paul Ladd, Joe Cocklin, Kelley Porter, Marc Shkolnik, Jim Rigg, Amber Maas, Scott Benson, Mike Murphy, Denise Parrott, Keith Snyder, Kellie Cave

Others Present: Kevin Wailes, Ken Winston, Nathan Svatora, Bud Synhorst, and numerous virtual participants via Microsoft Teams

News Media Present: None

Board Chair Andy Hunzeker declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. A safety briefing was provided. Chair Hunzeker noted that LES conducts its meetings in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and noted that a copy of the Act is located on the wall in the back of the room and with the Assistant Secretary. **Call to Order & Safety Briefing**

Board Chair Andy Hunzeker asked for approval of the minutes of the August 16, 2024, board meeting. David Spinar moved approval of the minutes. Lucas Sabalka seconded the motion. The vote for approval of the minutes was: **Approval of Minutes**

Aye: Kate Bolz, Andy Hunzeker, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar, Karen Griffin, Chelsea Johnson, Carl Eskridge.

Nay: None

Absent: Alyssa Martin

Ken Winston representing Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light and Sierra Club, mentioned the Nebraska Youth Climate Summit October 4th, and again expressed gratitude for Emeka's involvement as the keynote speaker. He commented on his **Customer Comments**

appreciation of LES's consistent low rates ahead of the budget discussion. He spoke on the concern about potential disincentive to electrify homes and requested LES provide further funding for SEP as well as consideration of increased need for energy assistance programs due to inflation and other economic factors. Winston expressed his interest in LES's upcoming strategic plan as it pertains to 2040 decarbonization goal. He spoke on the Environmental Justice policy being considered by OPPD and encouraged LES to adopt a similar policy.

Carl Eskridge, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on Committee discussions held on August 29, 2024, including: 1) 2025 Power Cost Review, 2) 2024 Mid-Year Capital Review, 3) 2025 Preliminary Budget & Rates Review. **Finance Committee Report**

Eskridge also reported on Committee discussions held on September 10, 2024, including: 1) 2025 Proposed Budget & Rates Follow-Up, 2) 2025 Cost of Services and Rate Impacts. (Exhibit I)

Emily Koenig, Vice President, and CFO provided an overview of the 2025 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget and Rates. (Exhibit II) Koenig reviewed how the proposed 2025 budget and rates align with LES values while positioning it to meet financial obligations and strategic objectives in a changing environment. **2025 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget and Rates Overview**

She reviewed operating cost changes and financial metrics and targets. Additionally, she reviewed the capital authorization which for the first time includes total project cost for capital projects that will be undertaken in the succeeding two years.

Koenig reviewed the proposed 2025 rate adjustments which would include a system-wide average rate increase of 3.3%, individual rate class changes and other minor clarifying rate changes.

The total operating and capital authorization is \$474.8 million. A public hearing on the budget and rates is scheduled for October 3 at 6:00 pm, and the board is scheduled to take action on the proposal at the October 18 board meeting.

Emeka Anyanwu, CEO, provided an overview of the goals and expected timeline of LES's Strategic Planning process. He expressed the importance of allowing for public comment as well as the board's involvement and input. He commented on the Executive Team as well as current employees' industry knowledge and understanding of LES culture being a driver of the success of the process. Anyanwu spoke on the traditional Request for Qualification and Request For Proposal practice and decision to utilize the process for consultant selection although it wasn't required. Brief discussion on time requirements as it pertains to meetings with board members and LES Subject Matter Experts. (Exhibit III)

Strategic Planning Update

The Revenue and Expense Statements and Financial and Operating Statements for August 2024 are available. The Power Supply Division Monthly Reports for August 2024 are also available. (Exhibit IV)

Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports

The next regular meeting of the LES Administrative Board will be Friday, October 18, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Next Meeting

Without further business before the Board, Chair Hunzeker declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:51 a.m.

Adjournment

Lucas Sabalka, Secretary

BY: Kellie Cave
Kellie Cave
Assistant Secretary

Exhibit I



Finance Committee – August 29, 2024, and September 10, 2024

August 29 Meeting (In-Person)

Attendees: C. Eskridge (Chair), K. Bolz, D. Spinar, E. Anyanwu, E. Koenig, J. Fortik, S. Benson, W. Leibbrandt, A. Hunzeker (absent)

1. 2025 Power Cost Budget Review (Scott)

Note: This information was provided in the Operations & Power Supply Committee Update at the August Board Meeting but has been updated slightly.

- a. The proposed 2025 Net Power Cost budget is \$116.2 million which is \$3.9 million higher than the 2024 budget.
- b. A combination of varying fixed expenses at the generating resources, increased fuel expense, and the purchase of additional energy in the SPP market due to local customer load additions are the primary drivers of the Net Power Cost increase.

2. 2024 Mid-Year Capital Review (Wade)

- a. An overview of the year to date and forecasted year-end capital spending was provide to the committee.
- b. While capital spending is currently about \$8 million, or 15%, under budget, it is forecasted that year-end capital spend will be approximately \$4.1 million, or 5.3% over budget due primarily to acceleration of the Service Center Upgrades project, increased cost for Terry Bundy Generating Station Upgrades, and timing of substation expenditures.

3. 2025 Preliminary Budget Review (Emily & Wade)

Note: This information will be presented in detail by Emily during the presentation of the proposed budget at today's board meeting.

- a. The committee reviewed the proposed 2025 budget which includes an authorization request of \$474.8 million.
- b. Additionally, the committee reviewed the proposed system-wide rate adjustment of 3.3%.
- c. The rate adjustment is required to meet minimum financial targets and position LES to meet the financial obligations related to the changing industry environment.

September 10 Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)

Attendees: C. Eskridge (Chair), K. Bolz, D. Spinar, A. Hunzeker, E. Koenig, S. Sahling-Zart, L. Hale, J. Cocklin, W. Leibbrandt

1. 2025 Cost of Service & Proposed Rates (Emily & Joe)

Note: This information will be presented in detail by Emily during the presentation of the proposed budget at today's board meeting.

- a. The 2025 cost of service analysis and individual rate class adjustments were provided to the committee for their review.
- b. In addition to the rate increase, other rate schedule changes were briefly discussed with the committee including: addition of the new Multi-tenant Shared Solar Rate, the Renewable Generation Standby Rider, an increase to the Pole Attachment rate and other minor changes.

From: [Jon P. Taylor](#)
Subject: Mayor Gaylor Baird's Public Schedule
Date: Friday, September 20, 2024 4:31:26 PM

Date: September 20, 2024
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Mayor Gaylor Baird's Public Schedule
Week of September 21 through 27
(Schedule subject to change)

No scheduled events.



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Subject: Mayor Nominates Kernen as next Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director
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Mayor Nominates Kernen as next Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Director

Lopez announces retirement after decades of service

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird today announced her nomination and intent to appoint Kerry Kernen as the next Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD). Kernen would replace Pat Lopez, whose retirement takes effect October 31. Kernen, currently the Assistant Health Director, would start November 1, following approval by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health, Lincoln City Council, and the Lancaster County Board.

“Kerry Kernen’s expertise and experienced leadership in public health make her the right choice to lead our Health Department into the future, ensuring that the health and safety of our residents remain the top priority,” Mayor Gaylor Baird said.

Kernen joined the Health Department in 2021 as Manager of Community Health Services for LLCHD and was made Assistant Health Director in May 2023. Prior to working in Lincoln, Kernen was Chief of Community Health and Nutrition Services for the Douglas County Health Department, and CEO of Health 360 Integrated Care/Regional Administration of BH Services for the Southeast Region for Lutheran Family Services. She also served in the Summit County Public Health Department in Ohio for more than 15 years.

Kernen has an MPA-MSN in Public Administration-Nursing from Kent State University, and a BSN-RN, Nursing from Midland University.

“It’s truly an honor to be nominated to serve our Lincoln and Lancaster County communities,” Kernen said. “Public health has been my career and passion for more than 25 years. It’s been a privilege to work under Director Lopez’s leadership and with the amazing team at the Health Department. Their wisdom, experience and dedication are an inspiration to me. I look forward to leading the Department and working with partners, community leaders and elected officials as we continue to protect and promote the public’s health.”

Lopez has served as Health Director since August 2020. During her tenure she led the community through the COVID-19 pandemic, spearheaded the implementation of the Family Connects Program that provides Lancaster County families with infants home visits by a public health nurse and established the Lead Safe Lincoln program in collaboration with the Urban Development and Transportation and Utilities departments.

“Pat Lopez has given so much of herself to protect the health and safety of our community members, especially during the most challenging times. Her unwavering commitment saved lives, and her leadership strengthened the bonds that hold us together,” said Mayor Gaylor Baird. “Pat, thank you for showing us what it means to lead with both strength and compassion – your legacy of selfless service will continue to inspire us all.”

Lopez previously worked for the Department in several roles from 1975 until her retirement in 2004, including Public Health Nurse, Division Manager, and Consultant. She rejoined the Health Department as Interim Director in May 2019, following the death of Shavonna Lausterer, who had been Health Director since September 2017.

Lopez played a pivotal role in national accreditation efforts for local health departments including LLCHD. She was also instrumental in the passage of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act (LB 692) by the Nebraska Legislature in 2001. The Act created a statewide local public health system covering all 93 Nebraska counties and provides an ongoing funding source for the local health departments.

“The greatest honor of my career has been serving our wonderful community. I want to thank the community, all our partners, local leaders and elected officials for their involvement and support of public health, during even the most challenging times. I also want to recognize the professional and highly trained staff at the Health Department. This team is well positioned to continue to move the health of our community forward,” Lopez said.

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AGING PARTNERS

600 S. 70th St., Building Two, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-7070

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MEDIA CONTACT: David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

Older Adults Invited to Aging Partners Events September 30 through October 6

Aging Partners invites older adults and the public to a variety of activities and classes in Lincoln and Lancaster County from September 30 through October 6:

Monday, September 30

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card club (card games), Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Cards and games, Washington Street Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Art books, games and cards, Firth Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Computer lab, Victory Park Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop, Victory Park Fitness Center – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Sit and Be Fit exercise class (video), Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Bingocize®, Victory Park Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Hidden picture game, Washington Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi Level II for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, American Lutheran Church – 10 a.m.
- Stretching and toning exercises with Kelle, Washington Street Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Nutrition BINGO with Aging Partners Nutrition, Firth Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Mental health presentation by Advanced Chiropractic Solutions, Firth Senior Center – 12:15 p.m.
- Dance for Life, American Lutheran Church – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center – 9 a.m.

- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card club, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Games and cards, Bennet Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Qigong Refresh and Recharge, American Lutheran Church – 9:30 a.m.
- Open enrollment BINGO with Nebraska SHIP office, Belmont Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Writers club, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- October trivia, Victory Park Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Washington Street Senior Center – 10:15 a.m.
- “Brain Health” presentation by Tabitha Health, Northeast Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Lincoln Fresh produce truck, Northeast Senior Center – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Rummikub, Bennet Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Simply Fit exercise class (video), Belmont Senior Center – 11 a.m.
- International Day of Older Persons celebration with Holy Savior Lutheran Church students, Belmont Senior Center – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Entertainment by pianist Jim Bauer, Northeast Senior Center – 11:15 a.m.
- October trivia quiz, Washington Street Senior Center – 11:15 a.m.
- Trivia, Bennet Senior Center – 12:15 p.m.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention (Level I), Eastridge Presbyterian Church – 1 p.m.
- Pitch, Mahjong and Pinochle, Victory Park Senior Center – 2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Art books, games and puzzles, Hickman Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Senior Walking Warriors, Hickman Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Chair yoga, Eastridge Presbyterian Church – 9:30 a.m.
- Trivia, Northeast Senior Center – 9:45 a.m.
- BINGO, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Tai Chi Level II for Arthritis and Fall Prevention, American Lutheran Church – 10 a.m.
- Dance for Life class, Auld Pavilion – 10 a.m.
- BINGO, Belmont Senior Center – 10:15 a.m.

“Reducing Food Waste” nutrition presentation by Aging Partners Nutrition, Washington Street Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.

- Blood pressure clinic by Connected Care Services, Hickman Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- BINGO with Southlake Rehabilitation, Hickman Senior Center – 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 3

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card club, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Games and cards, Bennet Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Senior Health Promotion Clinic, Victory Park Fitness Center (appointments required by calling 402-441-7506) – 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Beginners line dance class, Northeast Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Presentation by ECHO Collective and the Grateful Growers, Washington Street Senior Center – 10 a.m.
- Blood pressure checks and health presentation by Bryan nursing students, Belmont Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- “Reducing Food Waste” nutrition presentation by Aging Partners Nutrition, Washington Street Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Musical performance by Dos Markos, Bennet Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.
- Lincoln City Libraries Bookmobile, Washington Street Senior Center – noon
- BINGO with Southlake Rehabilitation, Bennet Senior Center – 12:15 p.m.
- Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention (Level I), Eastridge Presbyterian Church – 1 p.m.
- Qigong Refresh and Recharge, Auld Pavilion – 1:30 p.m.
- Bridge and Canasta, Victory Park Senior Center – 2 to 4 p.m.

Friday, October 4

- Games, cards, exercise room and walking track, Belmont Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Computer lab, Victory Park Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Computer and exercise rooms, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Card Club, Northeast Senior Center – 9 a.m.
- Chair Yoga, Eastridge Presbyterian Church – 9:30 a.m.
- Popcorn and a movie, Northeast Senior Center – 9:30 a.m.
- Popcorn and a movie, Victory Park Senior Center – 10 a.m.

- Blood pressure checks and medication management presentation by Bryan nursing students, Belmont Senior Center – 10:30 a.m.

Senior Center Meal Schedule (reservations required two working days in advance by noon):

Belmont Senior Center (402-441-7990): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m.
 Bennet Senior Center (402-416-7693): Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
 Firth Senior Center (402-416-7693): Mondays at 11:30 a.m.
 Hickman Senior Center (402-416-7693): Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.
 Northeast Senior Center (402-441-7151): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m.
 Victory Park Senior Center (402-441-7154): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m.
 Washington Street Senior Center (402-441-7157): Monday – Friday at 11:30 a.m.

Location addresses:

American Lutheran Church, 4200 Vine St.
 Auld Pavilion, 1650 Memorial Dr.
 Belmont Senior Center, 1234 Judson St.
 Bennet Senior Center, 970 Monroe St., in Bennet
 Eastridge Presbyterian Church, 1135 Eastridge Dr.
 Firth Senior Center, 311 Nemaha St., in Firth
 Hickman Senior Center, 115 Locust St., in Hickman
 Northeast Senior Center, 6310 Platte Ave.
 Victory Park Fitness Center, 600 S. 70th St.
 Victory Park Senior Center, 600 S. 70th St.
 Washington Street Senior Center, 2225 Washington St.

For information on classes or to register, call 402-441-7575. Roundtrip transportation is available for senior center meals and activities in Lincoln only by calling the centers directly (phone numbers listed in meal schedule). For more information on senior center events and activities, visit lincoln.ne.gov/MyCenterNews or call 402-441-7158.

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Aging Partners programs are made possible by funding from Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These agencies provide 42 percent of annual program costs, or \$3,564,260. In addition, nongovernmental sources provide 8 percent of annual program costs, or \$647,112.



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136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

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MEDIA CONTACT: Ryan Wieber, Library Director, 402-441-8510

One Book One Lincoln Author Event Set For October 14

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) invites residents to a program Monday, October 14, featuring Amanda Peters, the author of “The Berry Pickers,” the 2024 One Book One Lincoln winning selection. The free event will be at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln High School Auditorium, 2229 “J” St. Registration for the event is encouraged. To sign up, visit the events calendar at lincolnlibraries.org or contact your local library at 402-441-8500 for assistance.

“We are thrilled to welcome Amanda Peters to Lincoln and offer our community the chance to engage with this extraordinary novel and its author,” said Ryan Wieber, LCL Director. “Events like these bring readers together and celebrate the power of literature to connect us all.”

Peters will discuss her debut novel during an in-person interview, followed by a question and answer session. A book signing will take place afterward, with copies of “The Berry Pickers” available for purchase courtesy of Francie & Finch Bookshop. Guests may bring their personal copies for signing.

“The Berry Pickers” tells the story of a four-year-old Mi’kmaq girl who vanishes from a blueberry field in Maine, sparking a decades-long mystery that deeply impacts her family. The novel has earned awards including the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and the Barnes & Noble Discover Prize.

For more information about One Book One Lincoln events, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

3131 "O" Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-7847

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 20, 2024

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Kat Scholl, Parks and Recreation Communications, 402-560-8109

Mike Comstock, (Tree Plantings), 402-441-8226

Doug Kasperek, Belmont Director, 402-441-6789

Jerry Taylor, "F" Street Assistant Director, 402-441-7951

Darcia Cole, Easterday Director (Special Olympics), 402-441-7877

Ryan Mohling or Monica Manning, Team Sports, 402-441-7892

Parks and Recreation Announces Fall Volunteer Opportunities

The Parks and Recreation Department today announced fall volunteer opportunities for activities such as community tree plantings, coaching, and assisting with special events.

"Our volunteers are amazing! Every day, their dedication and support enhances the quality of life for Lincoln," said Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Parks and Recreation Director. "Whether you want to volunteer in tree planting and maintenance, or participate in other programs and events, any time our volunteers give is important and meaningful to our department and our community."

- **Community Park and Dog Run Tree Plantings:**

The Department seeks host groups and 15 to 25 individual volunteers for this work. Host groups will help organize volunteers, coordinate event schedules, and facilitate activities. These two-hour events are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Locations include Piedmont Park, Roper Dog Run, Oak Lake, Veterans Memorial Garden, Tierra Park, Tranquility Park, Peterson Park, and Stransky Dog Run.

Trainings are included at each event, and participants must sign the City of Lincoln waiver. Closed-toes shoes are required and gloves are encouraged. Minors under 19 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Mike Comstock, 402-441-7847.

- **Youth Sports:**

Volunteers will help coaches with Special Olympics flag football and basketball teams. Contact the Easterday Recreation Center, 402-441-7877.

Volunteers are also needed for the Jr. NBA basketball league to teach basketball basics to children ages kindergarten through eighth grade.

Volunteers must be 16 years old to volunteer. Contact the Team Sports section, 402-441-7892.

- **Special Events:**

Volunteers are needed for single day event activities including setup and cleanup, distribution of giveaway items, and providing support as needed.

Free Tree Distribution at Pioneers Park Nature Center, 1 to 4 p.m., September 28 – This event is part of the Pioneer Park Nature Center's Wild Fall Festival and includes the distribution of 250 free trees. Sign up at lincoln.ne.gov/treegiveaway or contact parksvolunteers@lincoln.ne.gov, 402-441-7847.

Belmont Halloween Event, Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson St. 1 to 3 p.m. October 27 – Contact Doug Kasperek, 402-441-6789.

“F” street Halloween Events, “F” Street Community Center, 1225 F St. – Up to 15 volunteers are needed 1 to 4 p.m. October 27. Up to 40 volunteers are needed 2 to 8:30 p.m. October 31. Contact Jerry Taylor, 402-441-7951.

For more information on volunteering or serving as a host group, contact parksvolunteers@lincoln.ne.gov.



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CITY EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Photo Exhibit Set For September 25 at County-City Building

The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) invites employees to a photo exhibition, Wednesday, September 25, by Michelle Carr Hassler, Emeritus Associate Professor, UNL College of Journalism. The free event will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the County-City Building 555 S. 10th St. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Francisca Beltran, LCHR, at fbeltran@lincoln.ne.gov.

This event is part of LCHR's Community Outreach Restoring Art to Lincoln on the Third Project, a community art program designed to connect the City with the community through art and conversation. The exhibition theme is "Welcoming," which aligns with Lincoln-Lancaster County Welcoming Week activities taking place citywide. This exhibit highlights photos of area immigrants and refugees, whose stories will be shared by Professor Carr Hassler.

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Subject: Portions of Three Streets to Temporarily Close September 27
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LINCOLN TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

949 West Bond Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 26, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT:

Nicole Ramirez, LTU Communications and Public Affairs, 402-441-8469

Portions of Three Streets to Temporarily Close September 27

Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) today announced that portions of three streets will temporarily close beginning September 27. The closures are as follows:

- **56th Street between Colby Street and Leighton Avenue** will be closed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, September 27, for crane work. The recommended detour is Holdrege Street to 48th Street to Adams Street.
- **“P” Street between Seventh and Ninth streets and Eighth Street between “Q” and “O” streets** will be closed from 11 a.m. Friday, September 27, to 11 p.m. Saturday, September 28, for an Oktoberfest event.

Travelers are encouraged to seek an alternate route and exercise caution around these closures. LTU appreciates the public’s patience during these closures and reminds residents that project dates are subject to change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.

For more information on street closures, contact Shane Dostal, LTU, at 402-525-7852 or sdostal@lincoln.ne.gov. Current information on street closures is available at lincoln.ne.gov/closures or through the Waze mobile app.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 27, 2024

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Ali Bousquet, LCL Youth Services and Outreach Coordinator, 402-441-8565

Marla Wademan, President, Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, 402-450-1081

Read to a Dog Fall Sessions Begin September 30

Lincoln City Libraries (LCL) today announced that sessions begin September 30 for a program that encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat.

The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) to a Dog program is offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The fall sessions run from September 30 through November 7. Registration is required. To register, contact the person listed for each branch.

The schedule is as follows:

- **Eiseley Branch Library**, 1530 Superior Street, 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, September 30 to November 4. Email Tami at manybookstworead@gmail.com to register to read to **Snickers**.
- **Walt Branch Library**, 6701 S 14th Street. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, September 30 to November 4. Email Deb at dlambrecht59@gmail.com to register to read **Xena**.
- **Gere Branch Library**, 2400 S 56th Street, 6 to 7:30 p.m.:
 - Mondays, September 30 to November 4. Email or call Dr. Mimi at huskerdvm@gmail.com or 402-217-9019 to register to read to **Wrench**.
 - Wednesdays, October 2 to November 6. Email Allison at allisontalkspets@gmail.com to register to read to **Rainy the cat**.
- **Bennett Martin Public Library**, 136 S 14th Street, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, October 2 to November 6. Call or text Cindy at 402-432-8289 to register to read to **Arlo**.
- **Anderson Branch Library**, 3635 Touzalin Avenue, 6 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, October 3 to November 7. Email Shannon at slk0715@hotmail.com to register to read to **Lola**.

For information about Lincoln City Libraries and its services, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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MEDIA CONTACT: Allison Speicher, Trails and Natural Resources Coordinator, 402-441-1652

Temporary Billy Wolff Trail Closure Begins September 30

Beginning Monday, September 30, the Billy Wolff Trail between Randolph and "J" streets will close for LES utility work. The trail is expected to reopen by Monday, October 7.

Trail users are advised to avoid the work area and to use the sidewalks on the north side of "J" Street, the east side of Capitol Parkway, and the north side of Randolph Street during this time.

For more information about Lincoln trails, visit lincoln.ne.gov/trails.

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Wilderness Park Controlled Burn Scheduled for September 27

Parks and Recreation staff will conduct a controlled burn from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, September 27, in Wilderness Park. A partial burn of the 20-acre area will be located in the Otoe Prairie portion of the park, southeast of the Pioneers Boulevard trailhead parking lot, 400 Pioneers Boulevard.

The yellow trail will be closed at markers 19, 23, and 26 from early Friday until noon on Saturday, September 28. Closures may be extended if needed. Park users are advised to avoid the area during this time.

"Controlled burns effectively manage land with native plants by preventing invasive species like cedar trees from overcrowding, reducing wildfire risk, and enhancing wildlife habitat," said Aaron Druery, Greenways District Supervisor, Lincoln Parks and Recreation. "We closely monitor air quality and weather to ensure safety during the burns."

For more information on the prairie and ongoing management efforts, call Aaron Druery, Lincoln Parks and Recreation, 402-499-1044. Druery will not be available during the burn Wednesday.

More information on Parks and Recreation is available at lincoln.ne.gov/parks.

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