



Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 3, 2025

Council Present: Sändra Washington, Tom Beckius, Justin Carlson, Bennie Shobe, Brodey Weber, Tom Duden

Others Present: Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Chad Blahak, Building & Safety; Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office; David Cary, Planning; Yohance Christie, Law; Carl Stephen, I.S.; Liz Elliott, LTU; Dave Engler, LFR; Joe Dondlinger, Finance; Randy Jones, Aging Partners; Barb McIntyre, HR; Michon Morrow, LPD; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Rec; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Margaret Reist, Lincoln Journal Star

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

Minutes from February 10 meeting were accepted as posted.

City Clerk Advisories

- Items 4.a. & 4.b. will be called together
- Item 6 is a reconsideration item
 - Washington and Christie reviewed process and rules of reconsideration
 - Duden will make Motion to Amend item 6 to move to pending for 2 weeks

Director Advisories

Joe Dondlinger, Finance:

- Introduced Carl Stephen now serving as interim CIO
 - Reviewed background and qualifications
 - Stephen offered thanks and answered questions from Washington, Duden

Randy Jones, Aging Partners

- Provided update on Age-friendly Community project
 - Received feedback from over 700 respondents across Lincoln
 - Identified three primary targets for improving aging resident quality of life:
 - Communications
 - Transportation
 - Housing
 - Now working with identified stakeholders to establish plans for action

Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates

Beckius:

- DTLA will meet this week with Beckius and Weber in attendance

Carlson:

- LPED:
 - will swap host & visit with Topeka representatives

Washington:

- Joint Budget Committee:
 - Revised/simplified grant applications for JBC and Childcare grant forms
 - Granted emergency request to increase capacity shelter at Friendship Home

Shobe:

- Telecommunications subcommittee:
 - Discussed election of officers and funding for next calendar year

Duden:

- New 501c group "Lincoln Youth Athletics" group to support youth sports infrastructure
 - Not currently affiliated with Lincoln Parks Foundation

Weber:

- SSKD met to review and discuss annual report:
 - Community Learning Centers strategic plan focuses on expansion, access, and addressing gaps in service
 - Will follow up with School Board and City Council to provide more information

Public Comment

- None

Council Chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.