

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Via Zoom Monday, May 8, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions; Volunteer to Take Notes

Chair Tracy Corr opened the meeting at 5:30 with introductions. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

Attendance

Neighborhood Associations:

- Tracy Corr – Chair and 40th & A
- Richard Piersol – Country Club
- Paul Johnson – East Campus
- Karen Dienstbier - Eastridge
- Pat Steer – Hartley
- Megan Grimes – Indian Village
- Pat Bracken - Irvingdale
- Geri Cotter – Irvingdale
- Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane
- Carmen Maurer – Near South
- Theresa Thompson – UPCO
- Julie Flodman - Witherbee
- Mary Schwab – Witherbee
- Randy Smith – Woods Park

Staff:

- Wynn Hjermstad – Urban Development
- Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office

Additional Attendee:

- Bennie Shobe – City Council
- Tut Kailech – NeighborWorks

Presenters:

- Dylan Wren – American Job Center Administrator

Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments

Mayor Gaylor Baird was unable to attend. Jon Carlson, Deputy Chief of Staff to Mayor Gaylor Baird, reported:

- The Mayor and new City Council members will be sworn in next Monday at the City Council Meeting.
- Question: Will Planning Commission change members after the election? No, the

Planning Commission is appointed for staggered 6-year terms.

American Jobs Center – Dylan Wren, Workforce Administrator, Office of Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird, Dwren@lincoln.ne.gov 402-441-7117

- This is a federal program serving Lancaster and Saunders counties.
- This program was formerly Workforce Development. Dylan is the City of Lincoln's link.
- Job search services offered include:
 - Training – classroom, apprenticeships, entrepreneurial, and try-out jobs
 - Individualized career services
 - Supportive services
 - Follow-up Service – counseling for the first 12 months of employment
- Employer Services
 - Job postings, tax credits, job fairs, layoff assistance, training matching
- The office just moved across the street from the Bennett Martin Public Library at 1330 N Street, Suite A.
- The website has an online program matcher – applicants complete a questionnaire to help the determine eligibility for American Jobs Center Programs.
 - Appointments can also be scheduled on the website.
- Extended Center hours are 7:00am – 6:00pm
- Questions:
 - How do they help individuals that have a disability? There are many disability features at the center and they help disabled people get jobs and employers to be able to accommodate people with disabilities.
 - Do they work with immigrants? Yes, there are several programs that work with immigrants.
 - Is the funding federal? Mainly yes – some city funding also.
 - Why do you serve Saunders County and not Seward County? This has been the service area for 20 plus years, determined at the federal level.

Announcements:

- The 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan and FY 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan for HUD Entitlement Programs is available for public review and comment at www.lincoln.ne.gov/urban from May 2 – May 31, 2023. The plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) because the City receives funding through HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.
 - Plans are now in the public comment phase and available on the City of Lincoln website for review and comment.
 - Question: Will the executive summary be distributed to the Roundtable group? It usually has not been, but they should be able to do so. The funds are required to benefit at low-and moderate-income people and neighborhoods.
- Question about the large meeting about the Collaborative Living Facilities.
 - NeighborWorks was supposed to be setting up a meeting time, but many neighborhoods have not heard anything about the meeting.
 - Witherbee and Near South have proposals for changes to the proposed ordinance.

- Proposals for changes need to be organized by neighborhoods and sent to the Planning Department who will provide the proposed changes to the Planning Commission.
 - The neighborhoods need to collaborate and organize their ideas.
 - If the neighborhood wants information about the proposed changes they can request the information from Mary Schwab – maryschwab3510@gmail.com
 - Planning Commission is Wednesday, May 31st at 1:00 P.M.
 - City Council will be Monday, June 26th at 5:30PM
- Wynn – Neighborhoods need to notify Urban Development when contact people change for neighborhoods (new President, etc.) to update the City’s website.
- Near South Neighborhood Home Tour – May 13th from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. Purchase tickets at www.nearsouth.org
- NeighborWorks Week
 - June 3rd – Family movie night at Trago Park (at sunset)
 - June 8th – Bike tour – 5:30PM – 7:00PM – need to register
 - June 10th – Belmont Park – 3 stations: resources, language justice, crafts and activities

Next Meeting / Agenda: (Monday, June 12, 2023 @ 5:30PM)

- Presentation on the Historic Preservation regulatory scheme?

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Paul Johnson*