

**MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY**  
**July 9, 2012**

Tracy Corr started the meeting at 5:35 P.M. Monday, July 9, 2012, in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Fifteen citizens and nine staff attended:

Mayor Beutler	Mayor	Tracy Corr	40 <sup>th</sup> & A St NA
Sue VanHorn	Country Club NA	Ann Bleed	East Campus CO
Carolyn Brandle	Eastridge NA	Ruth Johnson	Hartley NA
Myrna Coleman	Highlands NA	Scott Richert	Indian Village NA
Larry Evermann	Irvingdale NA	Dennis Hecht	Meadowlane RA
William Carver	Near South NA	Kent Prier	Taylor Park NA
Luci Prier	Taylor Park NA	Bill Vocasek	West A NA
Wynn Hjermstad	Urban Development	Meghan Sullivan	Stronger, Safer
Chris Connolly	City Law Dept.	Ken Smith	Urban Development
Shane Winterbauer	LPD	Scott Opfer	Public Works and Utilities
David Landis	Urban Development	Denise Pearce	Mayor's Office
Kurt Elder	Haymarket Assoc.	Tim Francis	Hawley N.A.
Justin Lowndes	reEnergize Program		

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Tracy Corr opened the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves. Attendees checked in on the sign-in sheet.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jason Lowndes provided an update on the reEnergize program (See Attachment 1). The program pays up to \$3,000 in energy upgrades with property owners contributing \$100. The property owner contribution has been reduced from \$500 to \$100.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Beutler asked Roundtable participants their opinion regarding the City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and if the fireworks were too much, too little, or about right. The consensus was that it was about right.

**PARKING TOPICS**

A panel of City staff was present to field questions from the Roundtable members regarding parking:

David Landis - Director, Urban Development Department  
Scott Opfer - Street & Traffic Operations Manager, Public Works and Utilities  
Ken Smith - Parking Manager, Urban Development Department  
Officer Shane Winterbauer - LPD  
Chris Connolly - Assistant City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

Near South representatives brought up a concern pertaining to snow emergencies in densely populated areas with little or no off-street parking. Residents have no place to park other than the street which is problematic during snow emergencies. He distributed pictures (Attachment 2) to illustrate a situation last winter when the snow had already melted and the street was virtually clear but because of the snow emergency, tickets were issued by LPD. Panel members discussed the issues involved with snow removal and declaring a snow emergency. Ticketing is left to the judgement of police officers, but they have to be consistent: if one vehicle is ticketed then all must be, they cannot show favoritism. Because this is also a public safety issue, determining what tickets to dismiss is problematic as it is difficult to draw the line. For example, it cannot always be determined if a plow will come through again or at what point a ticket should be dismissed, is it two inches of snow, four inches? Star Tran and emergency vehicles have to be able to get through which is difficult if streets have not been plowed and cars are parked on both sides of the street. Options for parking during a snow emergency were discussed including talking to neighborhood churches and businesses to see if they will allow residents to use their parking lots during snow emergencies. City parking garages are available for use free of charge during snow emergencies, although it was acknowledged that getting home can be difficult. Effective times and conditions for declaring a snow emergency were also discussed. Communication was identified as a problem for non-English speaking residents and getting the word out to them.

A question was raised regarding back-in angle parking and why the City is not supportive. Scott Opfer responded that it was tested in downtown Lincoln with volunteer drivers. Results were that vehicle drivers had a difficult time doing it correctly, curbs and parking meters were hit, and site distances were worse. Studies have shown it is not safer for bicyclists as drivers must turn completely around to see on-coming bike riders. Country-wide it has not yet been fully evaluated and the City of Lincoln does not want to be a testing ground.

Parking in neighborhoods surrounding institutions was discussed. The issue is particularly a concern to neighborhoods adjacent to UNL downtown and at East Campus, where students and staff park in the neighborhood rather than pay for on-campus parking. Solutions discussed included residential parking permits for on-street parking, removing parking on one side of the street, or limiting parking to certain hours. Staff pointed out that parking on both sides of the street is a traffic calming strategy. Roundtable participants discussed getting a group of neighborhood representatives together to explore options, but no action was taken.

### **SET AUGUST AGENDA**

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable is Monday, August 13, 2012, 5:30 P.M., in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, **3<sup>rd</sup> floor**. Next month's agenda will include a discussion about problem properties. Street art was discussed as a possibility for a future meeting.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6.31 P.M.

# See What the Program Offers

- You pay \$100 and receive up to \$3,000 in energy upgrades
- An abbreviated whole home Energy Evaluation
- The Evaluator and Contractor work together to create a work order that includes the most cost effective upgrades in your home
- Our evaluators and contractors are screened and qualified
- Quality assurance at the end of the job



## What can this mean for you?

- **Save energy and money** every day, month, and year after the upgrades are in
- Increased **comfort**
- Lower utility usage
- Improved **air quality & home health**
- A chance to build an energy-smart community



### Verification:

In order to verify your household income status we will need one of the following

- A copy of your 1040 tax return
- Or a completed and signed Low and Moderate Income Qualification Worksheet, which is available on our website or upon request

**We will accept your verification by mail or email.**

# Qualifying

- The party responsible for utility payment must be 80% or less the area median income per household (see table below)
- Property must be within the city limits of Omaha or Lincoln
- Cannot be a City of Omaha Employee
- Participant must be a US Citizen or a Lawful US Resident
- Must be a single family home
- The owner of the property must be the participating party, while the renter/utility payer could qualify the property for the Low and Moderate Income Path

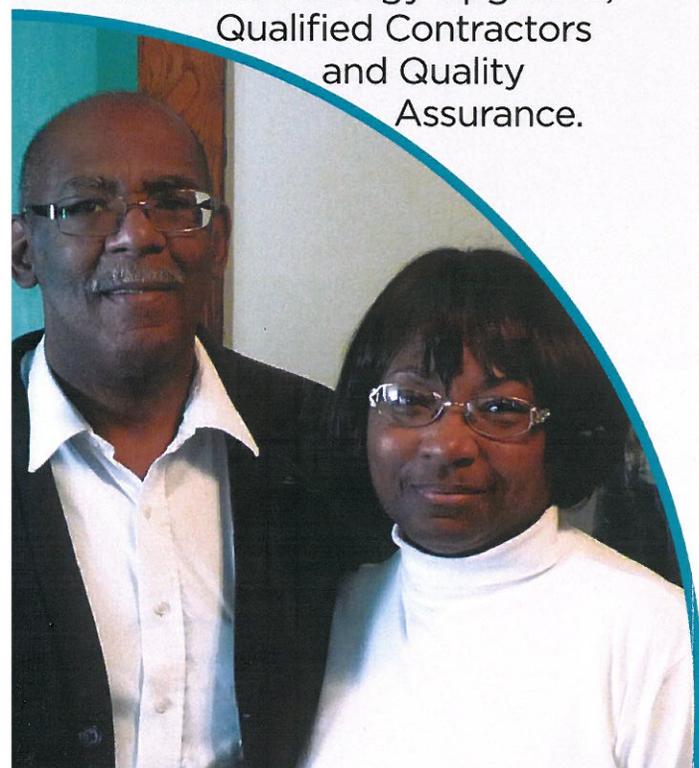


Area Median Income Guidelines		
Household Size	Lincoln 80% AMI	Omaha 80% AMI
1	\$39,500	\$40,050
2	45,150	45,800
3	50,800	51,500
4	56,400	57,200
5	60,950	61,800
6	65,450	66,400
7	69,950	70,950
8	74,450	75,550

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reEnergize will pay for up to \$3,000 in energy upgrades when you commit \$100. Our whole-home approach includes an Energy Evaluation, customized Energy Upgrades, Qualified Contractors and Quality Assurance.



To verify your status please see left

# About reEnergize

The reEnergize Program is a partnership between the Cities of **Omaha** and **Lincoln** to build energy smart communities. reEnergize provides grant money, screens evaluators and contractors for qualifications and provides bidding assistance and assurance of a job well done.



The program is designed to jumpstart the market for energy evaluations and energy upgrades by boosting consumer demand. Our goal is to reduce energy usage locally, while creating a healthy environment and more comfortable places to live, work, and play.

Learn more and sign up today at [www.reEnergizeProgram.org](http://www.reEnergizeProgram.org)

## Contractors

**Find a qualified contractor at:**  
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**or ask your contractor** if they know how to use reEnergize to save you money



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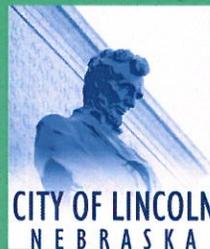
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NOTE: Not all participants will receive the same incentives or incur the same costs. Incentives go toward energy upgrade work and are not awarded in cash.

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# Save Energy



# Save Money



# reEnergize!

## Residential: Low and Moderate Income



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## Attachment 2



