

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MAY 18, 2015**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present 2014 Award of Excellence to Police Officer Robert Norton.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Intersection repair begins at 16<sup>th</sup> and Old Cheney.
3. NEWS RELEASE. City to provide free debris hauling for two areas, North and South Bottoms residents.
  - a) Map of area.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will present awards to the Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest May 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in the City Council Chambers.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Approximately 45 Young Professionals Group members will volunteer to plant annuals at Union Plaza Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Will meet at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 250 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

**III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. Lincoln - Lancaster County Health Department, Board of Health, meeting minutes of April 14, 2015.
2. Lincoln - Lancaster County Health Department, Department Report for April 2015.

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for May 14, 2015.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Action by the Planning Commission on May 13, 2015.
2. Planning Commission Final Action, May 13, 2015.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from May 5, 2015 through May 11, 2015.

**IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP**

1. Correspondence from Jackie Wells commenting on the recent flooding and Antelope Valley.
2. Evelyn Loof writing in regard to the North Bottoms flooding with reply from Councilman Camp.
3. Councilman Camp with question on Stevens Creek Park to Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks and Recreation.
4. John Swanson writing regarding the traffic by Prescott Elementary School with reply from Councilman Camp

**V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Letter from Richard L. Schmeling with suggestions on how to improve StarTran.
2. Media Release. Community Health Endowment establishes new funding priorities, announces 2015-16 funding availability.

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 11, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

**MAYOR TO PRESENT 2014 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Annual Mayor's Award of Excellence for 2014 to Police Officer Robert Norton for his work as a School Resource Officer at Southeast High School. The award will be presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting, which begins at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.

Nate Siefkes, a Southeast High student, wrote a note to former Governor Dave Heineman about the difference Officer Norton had made at the school. The Governor's office forwarded the note to Police Chief Jim Peschong and the Mayor's Office. The note from Siefkes about Norton read, "He realized that the way to make a difference wasn't to solely enforce the law, but to know the people he was to protect. If an intruder were to come into our school, he would have protected us like his family, because he is a big part of the Southeast family."

All monthly award nominees and winners are eligible to receive the annual award. Norton will receive a \$250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque. The Mayor will also present him with the Mayor's Medallion.

The 2014 Honorable Mention Award will be presented to Chad Dalton of the Information Services Division of the Finance Department. Dalton is a Microcomputer Support Specialist and was nominated for this work to implement the new VoIP phone system as well as a video conferencing system.

The categories in which employees can be nominated are customer service, productivity, safety, valor and loss prevention. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the award except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are considered by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Monthly award winners receive a \$50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Engineering Services Division, 949 West Bond St., Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 11, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Gaylen Masek, City of Lincoln, 402-416-7486

Charlie Heng, Project Manager, K2 Construction, 402-416-6748

**INTERSECTION REPAIR BEGINS AT 16TH AND OLD CHENEY**

Work began today on intersection repairs and modifications at 16th Street and Old Cheney Road. The project will require lane closures at various times, but the intersection will remain open to traffic. Pedestrian ramps at the intersection will be reconstructed to meet ADA standards, and the sidewalks will be closed during construction. The project is scheduled to be completed by June 12.

For more information, visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: projects) or contact Gaylon Masek, City Project Manager (402-416-7486 and [gmasek@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:gmasek@lincoln.ne.gov)), or Charlie Heng, K2 Construction (402-416-6748).

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 12, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831  
Donna Garden, Public Works and Utilities, 402-441-8605  
Beatty Brasch, Center for People in Need, 402-730-0029

**CITY TO PROVIDE FREE DEBRIS HAULING FOR TWO AREAS**

*Center for People in Need accepting donations for North and South Bottoms residents*

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that the City has contracted to provide trucks and front-end loaders Saturday, May 16 to pick up and haul away debris from two areas affected by last week's heavy rain. Residents are asked to have their debris at the curb by 8 a.m., and they will not be charged for this service. The two areas are:

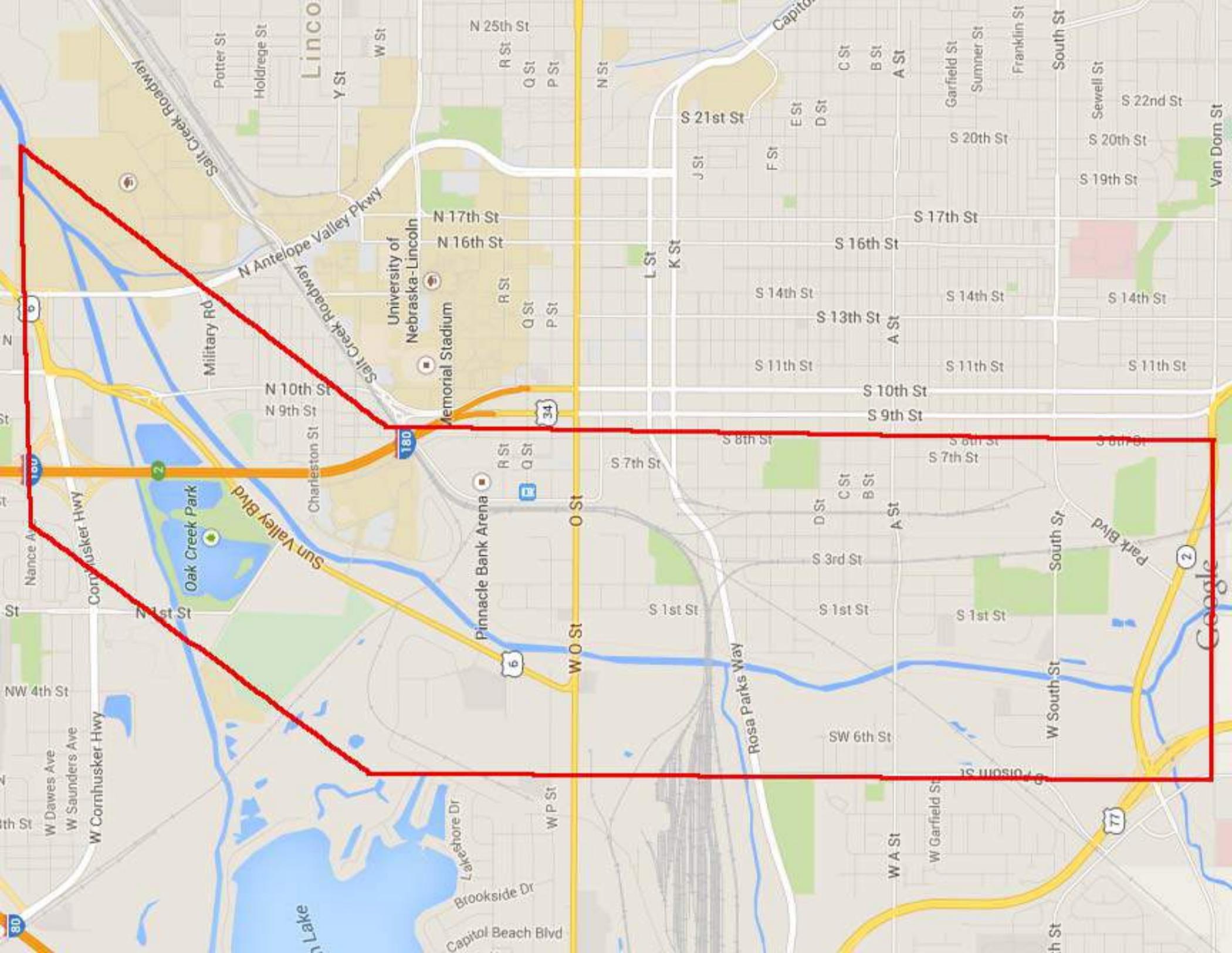
- The voluntary evacuation areas of the North and South Bottoms roughly bordered by 8th, Folsom, Van Dorn and Cornhusker (see attached map).
- An area experiencing sewage backups bordered by 27th, 48th, Holdrege and Cornhusker Highway/Highway 6.

“We know that many of our residents are dealing with time-consuming and costly cleanup efforts following last week's heavy rains,” said Mayor Beutler. “To prevent health issues, we urge them to use this opportunity to throw out damaged furniture and household items that cannot be cleaned thoroughly.” Beutler thanked City staff for arranging for the equipment. He said community resources are limited due to the volume of cleanup under way in the Lincoln area.

Mayor Beutler also encouraged residents to help those impacted by the flooding by donating to the Center for People in Need. The Center at 3901 North 27th Street will be open until 7 p.m. this evening and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday to accept donations of these items: laundry soap, fans, bottled water and soda, personal care items, bleach and other disinfectants and plastic totes. The Center is also accepting financial donations online at [centerforpeopleinneed.org](http://centerforpeopleinneed.org) and by check (write “flood victims” in memo line).

The Center will conduct a special distribution this week **only for those in the voluntary evacuation area in the North and South Bottoms**. The distribution is from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) will offer tetanus shots at the Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday. LLCHD staff will also be available at the center to answer questions about cleanup and mold.

For more information about tetanus shots for those involved in cleanup activities, call LLCHD at 402-441-8065 to speak to a nurse. For information regarding cleanup and mold prevention, call 402-441-8040. More information for those affected by flooding is available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov).



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University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Memorial Stadium

Pinnacle Bank Arena

Oak Creek Park

Antelope Valley Pkwy

Salt Creek Roadway

Military Rd

Sun Valley Blvd

Rosa Parks Way

Brookside Dr

Capitol Beach Blvd

W Lake

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**DATE:** May 13, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler will present awards to the winners of the annual water conservation poster contest at **10 a.m. Thursday, May 14 in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

**DATE:** May 14, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Mark Canney, Park Planner, 402-441-8248

About 45 members of the Young Professionals Group will volunteer to plant annuals at Union Plaza from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m. TODAY, Thursday, May 14** at **Union Plaza**. They will meet at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 250 North 21st St.

# LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

April 14, 2015

## I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Jacquelyn Miller, Molly Burton (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark. Karla Lester arrived at 5:25 PM.

Members Absent: Michelle Petersen, Craig Strong, Michael Tavlin and Brittany Behrens (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Steve Beal, Renae Rief; Adam Rhoads, Nancy Clark and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Dustin Stegen, Ainsley Vatanasombat, Colleen Svoboda, and James Michael Bowers.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by acclamation.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes. Ms. Halstead asked that under Legislation Update – LB332 be deleted.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the March 10, 2015 Minutes be approved as amended. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by acclamation.

## III. PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Burke introduced Mr. Stegen & Ms. Vatanasombat – UNL interns who are completing an internship rotation at the Health Department.

Ms. Halstead introduced Ms. Svoboda, Nebraska Department of Health Public Health Administrator. Ms. Svoboda is also a trained site visitor for the Public Health Accreditation Board. She stated she is happy to provide support to the Department and the Board of Health. Ms. Halstead introduced Mr. Bowers. Mr. Bowers is a social worker and therapist. The Mayor's Office is proposing the appointment of Mr. Bowers to the

Board of Health. His appointment will be reviewed by the City Council and County Board of Commissioners in the next couple of weeks.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

##### A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the Mayor's Office is proposing the reappointment of Dr. Doster and Mr. Strong to the Board of Health for a three year term.

Dr. Stark expressed her thanks and appreciation to Ms. Halstead, Ms. Burke and Ms. Severe for the good work with the Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony. It was very well done. Ms. Halstead expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board members who attended. Channel 10 will begin airing the Awards Ceremony April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Halstead stated she is working the UNMC College of Public Health on workforce development. Twenty-one graduate students will visit the Department on April 21, 2015. She will provide an overview of the Department and the students will also receive a tour of the Department and ride-alongs with staff for inspections, home visits, etc.

The Department will host a MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning & Partnerships) Update Meeting on April 23, 2015. The Department completed the MAPP Process in 2011 and needs to revisit the process as a part of accreditation. Sixty-five individuals from the community will attend the meeting and participate in the survey and the community themes and strengths focus groups.

Ms. Halstead stated staff will begin budget preparations in the fall for the 2016-2017 budget years. She noted the Department will be looking at the number of Health Department employees who are eligible to retire in the coming years. If everyone who is eligible to retire would retire this year, it would cost the Department 1.2 million in payout costs. The Department wants to be fiscally proactive and plan for the upcoming expenses.

#### IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

##### A. Election of Officers

Dr. Stark stated nominations for the Board of Health for 2015 -2016 are: Heidi Stark – President and Jacquelyn Miller – Vice-President. No nominations were received from the floor.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the Board of Health elect Heidi Stark, DDS as President and Jacquelyn Miller, DDS as Vice-President of the Board of Health for 2015-2016. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

B. Proposed Reappointment to the Food Advisory Committee

Mr. Holmes stated staff are requesting the reappointment of Curt Magnus to the Food Advisory Committee. Mr. Magnus is the Managing Partner of Texas Roadhouse and currently serves as an industry representative on the Committee.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Board of Health reappoint Curt Magnus to the Food Advisory Committee for a second term. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried by a 5-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to monitor and follow the 2015 Legislative Session. Bills of interest include: LB472 – the redesign of the Medicaid to increase efficiencies and better serve Nebraskans in the medical assistance program - Bracketed; LB31 – Eliminate motorcycle and moped helmet requirements - General File; LB332 – MEDS Disposal Program – appropriate funds for implantation of a statewide program; LB118 – Licensure of Cigar Shops – passed and signed by the Governor and the Appropriations Committee’s hearing of the public health request for funding for local public health departments in Nebraska.

B. Keep Lincoln-Lancaster County Beautiful Program Update

Mr. Rhoads provided an update on the Keep Lincoln Lancaster County Beautiful Program including the program goals of a clean, healthy and safe community; organizing residents to take action; reducing litter through clean-up projects; and preventing litter through education. He explained the neighborhood grant program, the community improvement grant program, illegal dumping issues, education efforts in the schools including the cleanest high school campus, and the Earth Wellness Festival. He highlighted the Program’s efforts in working with local businesses and other programs and resources.

C. Progress on Updating Goals & Indicators

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Department’s efforts to update the Performance Goals and Indicators. She stated the Goals were established in 2011 and the Department is in the process of updating and revising the goals. She reviewed the 4 Year Goals and the progress made for personal health, environmental health, community’s health and the health (infrastructure) of the Department. Personal health goals included eliminating smoking in City of Lincoln parks, trails, etc; increasing the number of Lincoln residents who walk; assuring medical and dental homes for Lincoln and Lancaster County residents and implementation of a worksite wellness program for City employees with 80% employee participation.

Environmental goals included assuring the stormwater system in Lincoln stays free of illicit discharge, establishment of a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Lincoln/Lancaster County and the reduction in foodborne illness.

Community Health goals included assuring all pets are vaccinated for Rabies and licensed in Lincoln, decreasing the number of individuals injured by dog bites and reducing garbage complaints related to having no service by 50%.

Health of the Department (Infrastructure) goals included assuring staff are satisfied with Information & Management support, staff have hardware and software available for their daily work assignments and management of the Department's spending to assure revenue recovery for the financial health of the Department. She stated the goals and indicators are being reviewed and revised to make them more realistic and staff are now better able to measure results.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – May 12, 2015 - 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President

# **DEPARTMENT REPORT**

## **APRIL, 2015**

### **DIRECTOR'S OFFICE**

The Health Director, Communicable Disease staff, Lincoln Police Department, Lincoln Fire & Rescue, Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, The Bridge, Lincoln Public Schools and local hospital emergency room physicians held a news conference on April 24, 2015 to alert the public regarding a recent increase in incidents of K2 overdoses. Over 100 incidents have been reported to law enforcement, emergency medical personnel and hospitals during the past month. The Health Department also launched a database to help coordinate the reporting of K2 cases in the community. The Health Director will provide an update to the Board of Health at the May 12th meeting.

The Department hosted a community meeting of the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Partnership and Planning) Committee to update the community health status assessment that was last conducted in 2010-2011. Future meetings are scheduled for May 21 and June 25, 2015.

The Board of Health Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was held on April 8, 2015 at the Bryan Health Conference Center. Award winners include:

Community Awards – Boys & Girls Club, St. Monica's Behavioral Health Services for Women, CenterPointe, and The Bridge Behavioral Health Service.

Food Sanitation Excellence Award – Super Taco and Sysco Lincoln.

John J. Hanigan Distinguished Service Award – Christian Kyle Haefele, MD

Public Health Leadership Award – Teresa Harms

Carole Douglas Public Health Achievement Award – Anita King, RN, BSN.

Twenty-one UNMC College of Public Health graduate students visited the Department on April 21, 2015. They were provided an overview of the Department, received a tour of the Department and paired with Health Department staff on ride-alongs for inspections, home visits, and demonstrations. Staff from the UNMC College of Public Health and the students were very pleased with their experiences. The Department will continue to work with the College of Public Health to provide internships and learning experiences for the students.

The Board of Health reappointments of Alan Doster, DVM and Lt. Col. Craig Strong were presented to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

Health Department professional staff provided a potluck luncheon for support staff on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 in honor of Administrative Professionals Day.

Employee of the Month – Heh Wah – Dental Health & Nutrition Services Division.

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

### Animal Control Stats

	<b>Sep 12- Mar 13</b>	<b>Sep 13- Mar 14</b>	<b>Sep 14- Mar 15</b>
<b>Pet Licenses Sold</b>	36892	37320	37457
<b>Cases Dispatched</b>	12900	13064	13512
<b>Investigation</b>	13789	14090	14486
<b>Animals Impounded</b>			
<b>Dogs</b>	707	802	783
<b>Cats</b>	492	692	718
<b>Court Citations Issued</b>	197	229	188
<b>Warnings/Defects Issued</b>	8848	9799	9924
<b>Bite Cases Reported</b>	247	228	249
<b>Attack Cases Reported</b>	26	22	29
<b>Dogs Declared Pot. Dangerous</b>	46	39	32
<b>Dangerous Dogs</b>	11	5	12
<b>Animal Neglect Investigations</b>	341	340	316
<b>Injured Animal Rescue</b>	306	337	376
<b>Wildlife Removal</b>	187	198	220
<b>Dead Animal Pickup</b>	944	848	1025

<b>Lost and Found Reports</b>	1327	1141	1231
<b>Phone Calls</b>	15181	24208	24516
<b>Average Response Time (in mins)</b>	18	17	17

Two Animal Control Officers completed a 16 hour training with Capital Humane Society, Nebraska Humane Society and other Animal Control Officers from across Nebraska. Participants were trained on the handling of large animals/livestock that are injured or hurt during a disaster or other event. The training will be valuable if our officers are called to an incident involving large animals or called out in the event of a tornado or other disaster. The two officers will help train our other officers on the techniques they learned.

Animal Control staff participated in the UNMC student visit and talked to 5 groups of students about the connection between public health and animals. The students were interested and asked several insightful questions.

Phone calls into Animal Control and cases dispatched have increased slightly. In particular we are getting more reports of dead animals (wildlife) that citizens call in or email to Animal Control via the Action Line.

Animal Control officers will receive more training this spring/summer on report writing and preparing for court cases. Over two years ago the Animal Control reports were changed from hand written and some typed reports to all reports being done the same way under the same Word format decreasing inconsistencies in what information was gathered and how it was organized. This process is being further refined to include how reports need to be written when they are part of court trial preparations.

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Animal Control will participate in Tails'nTrails at Pioneers Park, Pinewood Bowl. Staff will have a booth with educational information. There is no cost and program will start at noon.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES**

### **VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASE**

**Goal:** To lower the incidence of vaccine-preventable disease (VPD) by assuring assess to recommended immunizations for those who are the most vulnerable.

#### **Vaccine Efforts:**

- 1) Vaccine Clinic: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with extended hours on Thursday evenings until 6 p.m. Services are available to children who are uninsured, underinsured, Medicaid insured, Native American or Alaskan Native. Adults are eligible for services if they are uninsured or underinsured. No eligible person is denied service due to inability to pay.

- 2) **Titers for Adults:** Many colleges, vocational schools, and employers require immunity to VPD before school entry or employment can begin. It is not uncommon for people to have misplaced their vaccination records or lack documentation of having a VPD (e.g. chickenpox, measles, etc.). Depending upon the patient's specific situation and the particular VPD, drawing a titer (a blood test) is often more cost efficient than providing repeat vaccination.
- 3) **Healthy Families America:** Home visitors emphasize the importance of vaccination for infants and help families successfully navigate through the health care system and their child's immunization schedule. Pregnant women should be immunized against VPDs such as pertussis, seasonal flu (inactivated), and if at high risk; Hepatitis A and B. Because infants cannot be fully vaccinated, families are encouraged to make sure everyone who is around the infant is up-to-date with their vaccines.
- 4) **Information & Referral:** Nurses are available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and after hours on evenings, weekends, and holidays to answer vaccine questions via telephone and email. Typical questions include: getting vaccines on time as recommended, "catching up" if the person is "behind", the overall safety of vaccination, risks of not vaccinating, school/work/travel requirements, tips for a less stressful experience with vaccines, vaccines from other countries, requests for records, and payment for vaccine services. Appointments in our Vaccine Clinic are made after the patient's needs are assessed.
- 5) **Refugee Health Clinic:** Refugees and asylees of all ages who recently settled in Lincoln receive vaccines from this grant-funded program. Infectious disease lab tests are also provided and follow up treatment is coordinated as needed.
- 6) **Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic:** People who obtain services in our STI Clinic can obtain vaccination against HPV (Human Papillomavirus) if they are ages 9-26 years. The FDA approved this particular vaccine for the prevention of cervical, vulvar, vaginal, and anal cancers, pre-cancerous or dysplastic lesions, and genital warts caused by HPV.
- 7) **Homeless Vaccine Outreach:** Nursing staff offer vaccines to adults who utilize services at Project Homeless Connect, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, the Gathering Place, and the Center for People in Need. Seasonal flu vaccine and other recommended vaccines are provided at no cost to the patient. A significant number of the patients in this program are living in emergency or transitional shelters, and some are unsheltered (i.e. street homeless), putting them at very high-risk for obtaining a VPD.
- 8) **Clinic with a Heart:** We offer vaccines to hard-to-reach, low-income children at two back-to-school events at Clinic with a Heart annually in August. Typically, children come from schools with the highest percentages of free and reduced lunch (a poverty measure) in the Lincoln Public School District.

**Vaccine Conference:**

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, CHS clinical & case management staff attended an immunization update sponsored by the LIVE Coalition (Lincoln Immunization Vaccination Effort). Learning objectives included; a) troubleshooting NESIIS (the state's vaccine registry), b) dispelling vaccine myths among parents/caregivers, c) newly licensed and recommended vaccines, and d) recommended vaccines for health care workers. A huge thank you to LLCHD staff who helped organize the conference: Angie Elliott, Jeff Krotz, Marj Determan, and Karla Gregory!

## DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

### WIC

#### Caseload (Participation)

<b>Total</b>	3475
<b>Main</b>	2590
<b>Cornhusker Clinic</b>	885

#### Food: For November 2014 -

<b>Food Monthly Obligations</b>	\$ 235,660.64
<b>Food Pkg Avg.</b>	\$ 69.93
<b>Women</b>	\$ 41.36
<b>Infants</b>	\$ 145.77
<b>Children</b>	\$ 47.62

#### Mentoring:

(Number and school)

<b>Students</b>	4 RN – UNMC, Union College, 1=UNO- MPH
<b>Interns</b>	2 UNL – RD
<b>Volunteers</b>	3 UNL- RD
<b>LMEP Residents</b>	2

#### Dental Health

- Total number of clients served during all clinic hours (unduplicated count): 578
- Total number of patient encounters (duplicated client count): 696

- Total number of patient visits (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 997
- Total number of Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients: 429 (74%)
- Total number of children served: 353 (61%)
- Total number of clients enrolled in Medicaid: 352 (61%)
  
- Clients served during Thursday evening hours (unduplicated count): 69
- Client encounters during Thursday evening hours (duplicated client count): 76
- Patient visits during Thursday evening hours (duplicated provider appointments/visits): 123
- Racial/Ethnic and White Non-English speaking patients during Thursday evening hours: 47 (80%)
- Children served during Thursday evening hours: 65 (94%)
- Patients enrolled in Medicaid during Thursday evening hours: 55 (80%)

Outreach Activities:

Center Pointe Presentation: 45

Children transported from Elliott, Everett and Holmes Elementary Schools in need of urgent dental services:

Total number of children: 15 children/21 patient encounters/38 patient provider visits.  
 Total number of children enrolled in Medicaid: 7 (47%)  
 Total number of children non-Medicaid eligible receiving services at no fee: 8 (53%)  
 Total of racial and ethnic children: 7 (47%).

Fluoride Varnish and Education Program:

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- WIC North WIC Office (27<sup>th</sup> & Cornhusker Highway): 70 children and parents
- LLCHD WIC Office: 80 children and parents
- Educare Center: 195 children

One Dental Student from UNMC College of Dentistry rotated through the Dental Clinic.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

## Water Quality: Public Swimming Pools & Certified Pool Operator Training

### Purpose

Protect human health by preventing waterborne illness.

### Water Quality Indicator

80% of swimming pools and spas meet health and safety regulations at time of inspection (do not have significant health and safety violations).

### Strategies/Methods (What we do)

Train Pool Operators & Water Quality Testers; issue permits; review newly proposed or modified pools/spas; conduct pre-opening inspections for all seasonal pools; conduct inspections; take enforcement actions.

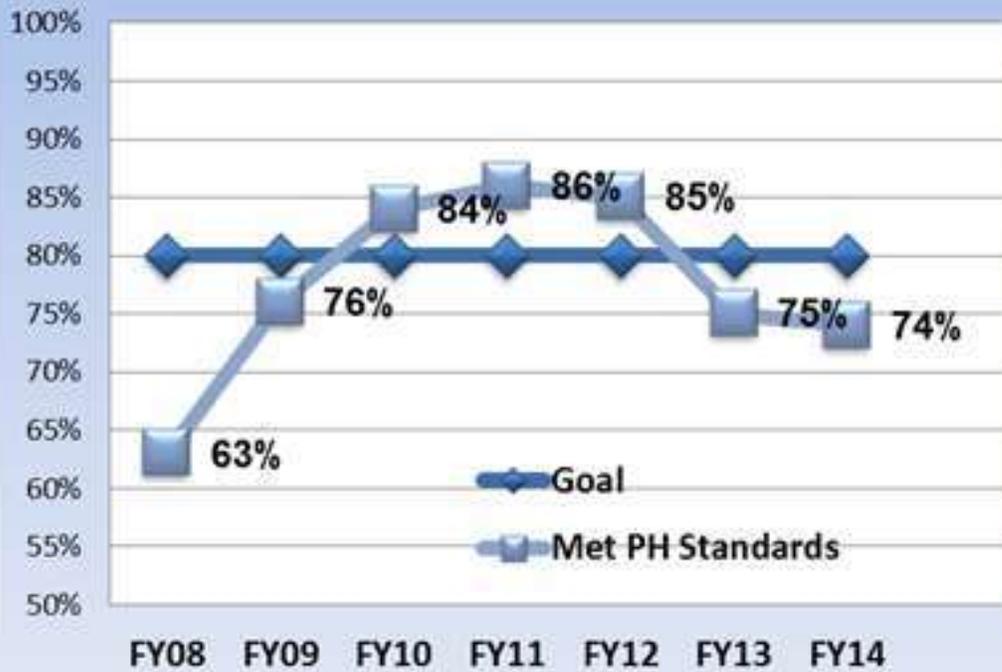
**Funding/Source:** 100% user fee funded

### **Percent of Pools Meeting Health and Safety Standards at time of inspection:**

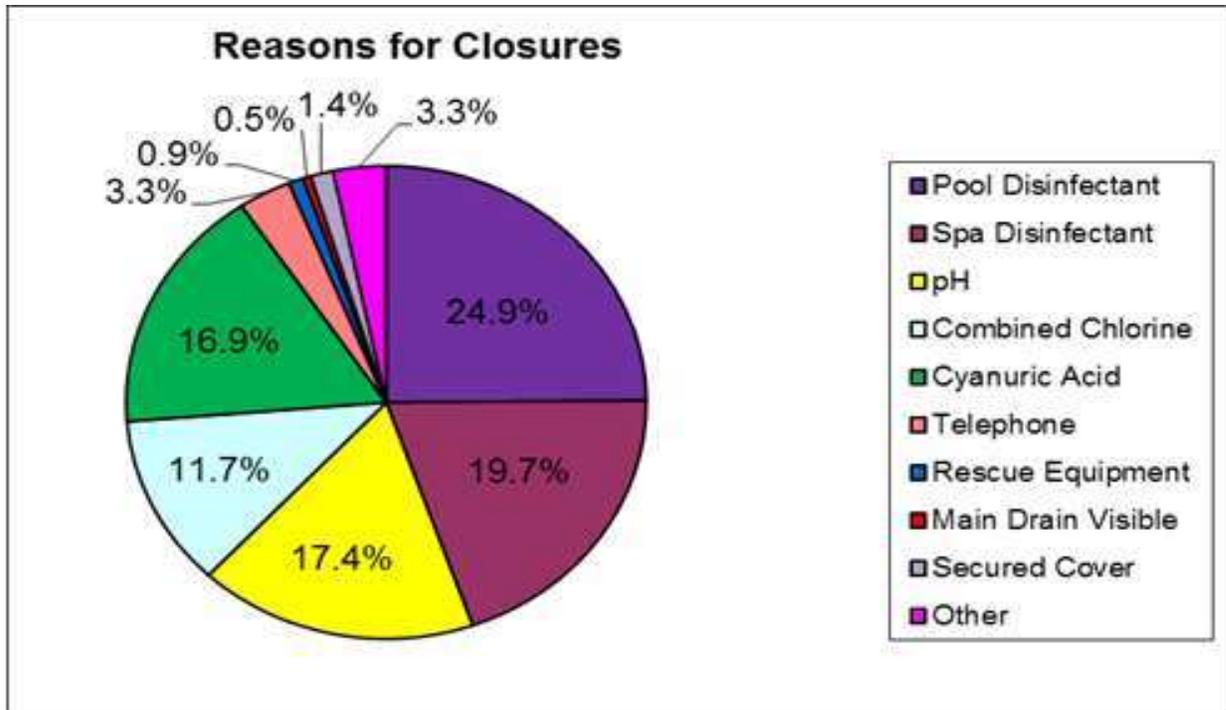
In FY14, 26% of pools did not meet public health standards.



## Public Swimming Pools % Meeting Public Health Standards



The five main reasons for closure were violations of health risk based water quality standards, including inadequate disinfectant levels, pH (too high or low), high combined chlorine levels and high cyanuric acid levels.



### Description

Lincoln ordinance requires all public swimming pools to be: built to regulations; permitted; inspected; operated by a trained Lincoln Pool Operator; and tested regularly for water quality by a certified Lincoln Pool Water Quality Tester (as of January 2015). In FY14, 235 pools/spas were permitted, 596 inspections were performed, and 519 people were trained to be Pool Operators. So far in 2015, 154 people have been trained and received a two year permit (\$20) as a Lincoln Pool Water Quality Tester. The permit fee for a pool was \$365 in FY14 and is \$375 in FY15. Pool operators were charged \$60 for training, which includes their two year permit fee. All program costs for conducting inspections, investigating complaints and training were 100% user fee funded. Seasonal public swimming pools and spas are inspected prior to opening and at least twice each year. Year round pools are inspected at least twice per year.

In FY 14, 74% of pools met health and safety regulations at the time of inspection, thus 26% of regular inspections found violations which resulted in the pool being temporarily closed due to significant health and safety violations. To reduce these health risks, the pool ordinance now requires that any person that tests public swimming pool water must have LLCHD training, pass a test, and hold a permit as a Lincoln Water Quality Tester or Pool Operator. Pool water must be tested before opening and at a minimum every 4 hours to assure compliance with these health risk based water quality standards. Pools which may present a higher risk of recreational waterborne outbreaks of disease are inspected more frequently. All public swimming pools must have a Lincoln Swimming Pool Operator and the Health Department provides this training. Regular inspections

serve as an opportunity to interact with the pool operator and help assure that chemical levels are at optimal levels to reduce the threat of recreational water illnesses (RWIs). Based on CDC data, as the swimming season progresses, the risk of RWIs, such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia, increases. Large outbreaks of swimming pool related Cryptosporidiosis occurred across the U.S. the last several years. Fortunately, Lincoln did not have any outbreaks of pool related diseases in 2014.

### **Partnerships & Efficiencies**

The Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has delegated regulation of public swimming pools and PO training to LLCHD, assuring efficient use of government resources.

## **HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION**

After modifying several earlier versions of the YRBS (Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance Survey) dashboard, the YRBS dashboard was posted online on April 21 with data on some of the risky behaviors teens participate in. See <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/data/yrbss/index.htm> or simply enter the term “data” in the Search box on the City’s homepage and scroll to the bottom of the webpage to find the Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance Survey. The first page explains some of the methodology and if you click on Data, YRBS data are available for every odd-numbered year from 2001 to 2015 for students in grades 9-12 for the public high schools in Lincoln and Lancaster County. For any year that’s opened via the dropdown window there’s a trend line on the left hand side and data by gender and by grade in frames on the right hand side of the dashboard. The YRBS is administered as a hard copy survey and random classes complete the survey in the schools that have also been randomly selected. The LLCHD has paid for “oversampling” the Lincoln and Lancaster County high schools every time the survey is conducted, which is every two years.

Upon learning of a recent cluster of overdose cases of so-called “synthetic marijuana,” which is commonly known locally as K2 or “spice,” the Health Director has asked the Public Health Epidemiologist to develop a survey for staff at the local hospital emergency rooms to fill out whenever they encounter an overdose case of K2 or spice. The hope is that we can gather data that may pinpoint the type of product or chemical that has led to the rash (in excess of a 100 cases either picked up by EMS, dealt with by LPD or admitted to the hospital ERs in less than a week in April) of overdose cases.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we held the first meeting of the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Partnership and Planning) Committee to help us update the community health status assessment that we last conducted in 2010-2011. While we routinely monitor health status indicators, we conduct a broader health status assessment with the input of our community partners every three to five years. The Lincoln hospitals also are required to conduct a community health assessment every three years so they are active participants

in the update. Future meetings of the MAPP Committee are scheduled for the afternoons of May 21 and June 25 and we will soon be launching a website with material of interest to the committee as well as the general public. Over the next three or four months we hope to review the latest data and make any changes to the community profile, conduct surveys and focus groups, evaluate the resources and assets in the community and the strengths of our local public health system, prioritize health issues and identify current progress on the goals in the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan).

Local flu activity has been on the decline for the past month or so, but we continue to see an usually high number of cases of Influenza B locally as well as in Nebraska and the nation. Given that the strains in this year's flu vaccine did not match either the common type A flu viruses (H3N2 and H1N1) and type B viruses that circulated this year, the decision has been made by the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) and CDC to ask pharmaceutical companies to incorporate four different strains (two type A and two type B strains similar to the strains currently circulating) in the flu vaccine for the 2015-16 flu season. That production has been underway for the past month or so in order to the vaccine available in the late summer (August) or early fall.

## **HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH**

### **Chronic Disease Prevention and Minority Health**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National Bike Challenge will officially begin May 1 and end on September 30. Last year, Lincoln placed second behind Madison, Wisconsin in number of miles ridden during the Challenge. From October through April, the National Bike Challenge website is maintained in a pre-challenge mode which means that cyclists who want to continue to log miles throughout the winter may do so. During this period of time, Lincoln has accumulated more bicyclists riding every month and more miles of biking than any other city with a population of more than 250,000 people. A range of 300 to 500 Lincoln bicyclists have continued to log miles throughout the fall and winter months. Staff is anticipating at least 1,500 Lincoln bicyclists to participate in the Challenge.

Staff (LLCHD's League Certified Instructor [LCI] in bicycle education/operation/safety) with another League Certified Instructor led a bicycle education forum for all second graders at Kloefkorn Elementary School. The LCIs used the youth curriculum, "Under 10 Need to Know". This curriculum emphasizes the importance of: recognizing that a bicycle is not a toy but a vehicle; helmet use; checking the bike for safety; riding on the right; how to pass safely; and obeying signs and signals. The instructors use bikes, helmets, lights, and bells as hands-on instruction for the children. This introductory bicycle education curriculum gives staff an important tool to use in schools when the time for education is very limited.

Staff was featured on the Channel 10 Health “Shape of the City” segment that has been airing in April. The topic was on the 2015 Summer Food Service Program that begins on May 27.

### **Injury Prevention**

Staff attended the annual Nebraska Office of Highway Safety Child Passenger Safety Technician Update to receive the latest child care transportation information. Staff continue to provide monthly Child Passenger Safety Seat trainings for licensed child care centers. It is required through NeHHS child care regulations that all licensed child care centers that transport children have their drivers participate in this three hour training. Staff provided a training in April with 20 child care center staff attending.

### **Tobacco Prevention**

Staff presented on a variety of tobacco information to 10 students at a local high school who are parenting or soon will be parenting. Topics include secondhand smoke and effects on babies/children, smoking in cars, Nebraska Quitline and other cessation resources, staying tobacco free throughout high school and beyond, and more. The girls asked many questions on tobacco prevention including how to influence their parents and significant others. Staff also presented to 38 students enrolled in the “Families in Crisis” classes in two local high schools. These students are studying the varied factors that contribute to ‘crisis’ situations in families. Staff presented to 20 Malcolm High School students on tobacco prevention including spit tobacco and discussed the video, “Your Habit or Your Life.”

## **INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

IFM Manager has completed HIPAA training for Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Trainers also included Elizabeth Elliott, Law Department and Steve Henderson, City Information Services.

Information and Fiscal Management Division, Annual report on Performance measures completed and submitted to the Health Director.

IFM Division has started to work on the division strategic direction for the next 3-5 years. This will include the division role in the Department’s Strategic Plan and in Accreditation.

## **NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media**

**FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department**

**MEETING DATE: May 14, 2015**

**LOCATION: 2740 "A" Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)**

**TIME: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

**CHAIR: Peter Levitov**

### **A G E N D A**

1. **Call to Order and Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** \* April 9, 2015
3. **Comments from Public for Items Not Listed on the Agenda**
4. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. **Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131**
    - The Futures Committee is engaged in continuing discussions regarding the proposed Antelope Park Triangle land use plan
  - B. **Fees & Facilities Committee – Susan Deitchler (Chair) 488-4224**
    - \* Further consideration of response to Yarn Bombing Proposal for Temporary Installation in Union Plaza
    - \* Endorsement of End-Use Plan for the North 48<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill Site
  - C. **Golf Committee – Brad Brandt (Chair) – 402-473-9619**
    - Report from Golf Committee meeting on May 7, 2015; April 2015 Golf Report is included in packet for review
  - D. **Executive Committee – Peter Levitov (Chair) 402-488-2742**
    - Recognition of Jonathan Cook's service as a member of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
5. **Staff Report:**
  - A. Report regarding Cornhusker Boy Scout Council 2015 Big Idea volunteer project at Mahoney Park and Mahoney Golf Course.
  - B. Public meetings and public records guidance.
6. **Announcements:**
  - A. First 2015 Party in the Parks event at Union Plaza on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. This event is in conjunction with national "Kids to Parks Day". A copy of all 2015 Party in the Parks events is included in packet.
  - B. Wake up the Beds volunteer planting event at Sunken Gardens on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**\* Denotes Action Items**

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## **\*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, from 11:45 - 12:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the County-City Building, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, for a briefing on the Community Indicators Report.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

### **AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015**

**[Commissioners Corr, Hove, and Beecham absent]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held April 29, 2015. **\*\*APPROVED: 5-0; Harris abstained; (Corr, Beecham, and Hove absent)\*\***

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
**(Public Hearing and Administrative Action):**

**SPECIAL PERMITS:**

Page 01 1.1 Pre-existing Special Permit No. 32B, to allow an expanded licensed premises for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, for an approximate 330 square foot expansion of an outdoor beer garden, on property generally located at 2801 NW 48th Street. **\*\*FINAL ACTION\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set for in the staff report dated April 29, 2015, as revised on May 13, 2015: 6-0 (Corr, Beecham and Hove absent).**  
**Resolution No. PC-01452.**

Page 11 1.2 Special Permit No. 15025, to construct a broadcast tower on property generally located at 3825 Wildbriar Lane. **\*\*FINAL ACTION\*\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Removed from the Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; public hearing and action deferred for 2 weeks (May 27, 2015), as requested by the applicant; 6-0 (Corr, Beecham and Hove absent).**

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: Item 1.2, Special Permit No. 15025, public hearing and action deferred to May 27, 2015.**

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (See Items 1.1 and 1.2 above)**

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

##### TEXT AMENDMENT:

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- 4.1 Text Amendment No. 15006 amending Section 27.51.030 and 27.64.010 (h) of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the I-3 Employment Center District to allow the City Council to waive specific use regulations set forth in Section 27.51.030; and repealing Section 27.51.030 and 27.64.010 (h) of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, [ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 6-0 (Corr, Beecham and Hove absent), as set forth in the staff report dated April 30, 2015, and the draft ordinance as revised on May 13, 2015. Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2015, 3:00 p.m.**

##### USE PERMIT:

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- 4.2 Use Permit No.117E, to remove the maximum floor area limitation and landuse table from the Use Permit Site Plan, on property generally located west of South 14th Street and Garret Lane.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 402-441-7603, [ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 6-0 (Corr, Beecham and Hove absent), as set forth in the staff report dated April 30, 2015. Public hearing before the City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2015, 3:00 p.m.**

#### 5. SPECIAL HEARING AND ACTION:

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- 5.1 The draft of the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).  
**Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Transportation Plan**  
**Staff Planner: Mike Brienzo, 402-441-6369, [mbrienzo@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mbrienzo@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Public hearing held.**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF GENERAL CONFORMANCE WITH THE 2040 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: 6-0, (Corr, Beecham and Hove absent).**

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM  
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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**Adjournment**

**PENDING LIST:**        *None*

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## PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

**TO:** Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM :** Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

**DATE :** May 14, 2015

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: May 13, 2015

Please be advised that on April 15, 2015, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. PC-01452**, approving PRE-EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 32B, to allow an expanded licensed premises for the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, for an approximate 330 square foot expansion of an outdoor beer garden, on property legally described as Lots 1-2 and 35-41, Block 5, Airport Heights Addition, located in the NW 1/4 Sec. 18-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 2801 NW 48th Street, as amended.

The Planning Commission action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. PESP32B). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.



# Memorandum

**Date:** ♦ May 12, 2015  
**To:** ♦ City Clerk  
**From:** ♦ Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.  
**Re:** ♦ Administrative Approvals  
**cc:** ♦ Mayor Chris Beutler  
Planning Commission  
Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Acting Planning Director from May 5, 2015 through May 11, 2015:

**Administrative Amendment No. 15012** to Preliminary Plat #05003, Highland View, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 5, 2015, requested by Civil Design Group, to revise the site plan for Blocks 13 and 24 and to change the cul-de-sac (Lander Court) to a through street (Aster Road), on property generally located at NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 34.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15036** to Special Permit #605B, Tierra West Community Unit Plan, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 5, 2015, requested by Terry J. Stolle, to adjust the rear and side yard setback adjacent to an outlot to 3 feet, for a covered patio/deck on lots 14 through 29, Block 2, on property generally located at S. 30<sup>th</sup> Street And Stephanos Drive.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15021** to Pre-Existing Use Permit #20A, Mini-Warehouse Facility, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 5, 2015, requested by Clark Enersen Partners, to allow a mini-warehouse facility, on property generally located at N. Cotner Boulevard and N. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15037** to Pre-Existing Special Permit #1, Country Club Golf Course, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 6, 2015, requested by Derrick Hensel, to add a shed adjacent to Woodsdale Boulevard, placed at least 50 feet from the property line, on property generally located at S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street and Calvert Street.

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**Administrative Amendment No. 15039** to Special Permit #632A, Abbot Estates Community Unit Plan, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 5, 2015, requested by Kenneth & Lisa Holmstrom, to adjust the rear and side yard setback adjacent to an outlot to 3 feet, for a deck on lots 1 through 4, Block 1, on property generally located at Abbott Road and Old Cheney Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15023** to Special Permit #1992A, Edenton Woods Community Unit Plan, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 8, 2015, requested by Civil Design Group, to adjust the rear setback for Lots 29 through 41, Block 1 from 20 feet to 15 feet, on property generally located at Ashbrook Drive and Highway 2.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15035** to Special Permit #1665C, Van Dorn Meadows Community Unit Plan, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 8, 2015, requested by Civil Design Group, to revise the landscape plan to show two existing trees to be removed and replaced with four spruce trees adjacent to units 17 through 20, and to remove the five trees located near the south lot line in the vicinity of Units 5 and 20 to accommodate the storm water drain being installed along the east and south boundaries, and to revise notes accordingly, on property generally located at S. 70<sup>th</sup> and Holmes Park Road.

**Administrative Amendment No. 15040** to Special Permit #05002, Foreman Ridge Addition Community Unit Plan, approved by the Acting Planning Director on May 8, 2015, requested by Civil Design Group, to transfer the buildable lot designation between Lot 2, Block 3 and Outlot O within Foreman Ridge, on property generally located at SW 12<sup>th</sup> Street and W. Foreman Drive.

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## Mary M. Meyer

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**Subject:** FW: flooding

**From:** jackie [<mailto:beaupetite@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 9:42 PM

**To:** Victoria Ayotte Brown; [gwinters@journalstar.com](mailto:gwinters@journalstar.com); [nhicks@journalstar.com](mailto:nhicks@journalstar.com); Jon Camp; JoAnne Young; [dwalton@journalstar.com](mailto:dwalton@journalstar.com)

**Subject:** flooding

Once upon a time there were people searching for a place to live. They found a nice tree lined stream. Everyone knows water is more important than gas or oil so there they stopped and a town was born. . It was a Star Kingdom. Over the course of the years, as water does, it dried up, flowed with the channel or flowed over the banks. The Star Kingdom watched, learned and built dams and areas where the water could accumulate without damaging property.

The Star Kingdom grew, some of it away from the water, some of it following along it. The water control got bigger, deeper and better as they had better material, knowledge and skill. A highly touted design was for the AValon area. It was supposed to protect the whole Star Kingdom.

Eventually the huge flood came. Many hailed the AValon design as a success. However large areas of the Star Kingdom were still flooded so it begs the question: what is success?

When the AValon design was 1st introduced, a lowly peasant contacted some KInghom office to ask what was going to be done on the south end of the grand design.

It had to be explained several times that the Area the new project was for started out at the south end of the Kingdom and the area the water flows through ( the West A Street bridge) is much narrower and not near as a wide channel. Shaped like a waffle cone. Finally the official told the peasant that area was not going to flood.

The Journal and others praised the Antelope Valley a success and said it worked as designed. Seriously ? Flooding the North and South Bottoms was the way it was supposed to work. ? I wish i had the opportunity to check it out but I was busy with my neighbors watching the water slowly flow up F Street. and D Street and G Street and..... .

We waited all day for news from the city on what was happening. I fully expected a press conference from the Mayor or some Public Works officials. The Mayor's Office answered the phone when I called about 10 am. One of my neighbors said the phone just rang and wasn't answered about noon I still have not heard any real explanations from the Kingdom office and what they plan on doing to PREVENT this from happening again. Or even what really went wrong. Not one word from the Kingdom's offices.

Someone asked me today, if I remembered the water being this high since i moved there..

End of June, 1993. the creek was curb to curb, just like last week. I don't remember the neighborhood flooding though.....

The voluntary evacuation....it was posted on Channel 5 over some meeting. The Public Works guys drove around suggesting it in the afternoon but they never said why we should leave. By then the water was almost up to my front steps. Rumor was the dam was going to be breached. Rumor was they were going to punch a hole in it some where it would not cause so much damage. Rumor was there were sewer drains plugged like has happened on the north side of the BNSF tracks on J Street. I had thought if it happened twice before, some one would be on top on making sure these drains were cleaned out or what ever it takes. Still nothing on TV.

On the upside, I want to give the HIGHEST PRAISE to LES. I don't know how much of the city was under water. The South Bottoms started about sun-up. We never lost power. Good thing so we can keep those sump pumps running.

The police and fire personnel continuing to check on the neighbor hoods should also be given the highest praise. BTW I want to apologize for the 2 drunk guys next door.

Some where in the middle of all this is flood insurance. Several years ago, the lowly peasant had occasion to contact one of the only carriers of Flood Insurance. Their rules: if the water goes OVER the dam, the home owners are covered. If the dam breaks, or i would also guess over flow drains plug up, they said the Kingdom is considered negligent and they won't pay.

There was speculation this was a Hundred year flood. Then it became a 50 year flood. 2015 minus 1993.....  
Jackie Wells

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## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015 10:12 AM  
**To:** ELoof@fmne.com  
**Cc:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** RE: North Bottoms flooding

**Importance:** High

Evelyn:

Thank you for your email. The City is reviewing possible remedies to assist with the flooding situation. I will be attending one such meeting this afternoon.

Your son was fortunate to have your assistance and to save most of his personal belongings. From my own childhood personal experience with my parents' home being flooded, I know how difficult this matter is.

Best regards,

Jon

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**From:** Evelyn Loof [<mailto:ELoof@fmne.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:25 AM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** North Bottoms flooding

Hi Jon,

I am currently in your district and my son was renting a basement apt. in the North Bottoms (1111 Claremont). On May 6th his apt. was flooded with over 8 inches of water. He did have a Renters Insurance policy however, it did not have an endorsement for backup of sewer and drains. I was personally there helping him move out and saw the water coming

up through the toilet and floor drains. We were able to save most of his belongings, however, he did loose about \$2000.00 worth of furniture, books, and clothing.

Is there any city or federal funding available to assist with this loss?

Evelyn Loof  
7801 Red Oak Rd  
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## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Jon Camp <joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 9:56 AM  
**To:** Lynn Johnson  
**Cc:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 15R-94--Miler Seed Lease of Stevens Creek Park

Lynn

Why is the City not getting any rent on this parcel, i.e. Stevens Creek Park?

Seems like the City should received compensation.

**JON A. CAMP**  
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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**Subject:** Traffic by Prescott Elementary School

Mr. Swanson:

Thanks for your inquiry. I am forwarding this to Miki Esposito, Director of our Public Works Department and also including Jonathan Cook, who represents this area. Since Jonathan "retires" from the City Council officially next Monday, I will also ask that this information be supplied to Jane Raybould who will be your new district Council representative.

Best regards,  
Jon

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**From:** John Swanson [<mailto:ac0zq@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Traffic by Prescott Elementary School

Sir, I have 2 children that attend Prescott Elementary School. When picking kids up after school, the school attempts to control the flow of traffic on Harwood street to one direction moving from 22nd street to 20th street. If a car comes around the corner before the crossing guard is posted, traffic comes to a stand still until that vehicle makes a U-turn or pulls into a driveway.

Is there a way that Harwood street can be permanently turned into a one-way street (westbound)? This would allow for better traffic flow and for parking on both sides of the street (without the janitor telling you that you can not park on the other side of the street) where there is a limited amount of parking.

If you would like to get an idea of how the traffic is currently, please come by the school at 3:30 p.m. during the week. My children get out at 3:38. You will see all the parents jockeying for parking.

It would be nice to add some diagonal parking, but there would have to be some trees knocked down first.

Thank you  
John Swanson  
[ac0zq@yahoo.com](mailto:ac0zq@yahoo.com)

4612 Van Dorn Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506  
May 9, 2015

Members of the Lincoln City Council  
c/o Lincoln City Clerk  
County-City Building  
555 So. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506

Dear Council Members:

I have recently had occasion to ride the StarTran system extensively. Since most of my travel had been by my own motor vehicle through the years, my familiarity with the bus system was limited.

Our StarTran leaves much to be desired from a user standpoint. Transit times are slow. The current "hub and spoke" system ignores those who wish to travel crosstown instead of downtown. Non-peak service is infrequent and weekend service is much too abbreviated to be useful.

I do not fault the StarTran management and believe that they have made as good an effort as possible given the constraints imposed by inadequate funding for years.

In order for Lincoln to progress and move forward, priorities need to be rethought and resources need to be reallocated from streets to public transit. Failure to do so now will result in further inadequacies for non-auto owners in the future and will reflect poorly upon those who make decisions for our city.

Specifically I propose:

1. Double the annual budget for StarTran.
2. Revamp the route system from a hub and spoke to a combination of hub and spoke and grid system so that there are crosstown routes and riders are not forced to go from south Lincoln to north Lincoln via downtown which creates an unacceptable time penalty. The schedules should be timed for transfers at **points** where hub and spoke routes intersect with crosstown routes.
3. Diminish funding for widening streets and budget no for parking garages using this money instead for public transportation. Current Federal policies allow for much "flex funding" allowing transportation dollars to be spent on public

public transit rather than roads. This will require statesmanship since there has been and will continue to be heavy pressure to spend money on streets and slight public transit. This pressure comes both from outside government and from other departments within city government that seek to pursue their own projects at the expense of adequate transit funding.

4. Revamp current planning and zoning so that transportation-based zoning is used. This involves (a) identifying major transportation corridors (existing and future) so that occupancy is more dense along the corridors and tapers to single family away from the corridors. This will allow sufficient density to insure high ridership along the corridors and minimize the need for many routes. Current zoning encourages urban sprawl and guarantees that public transit in Lincoln will be minimal, inefficient and underutilized.
5. Change public thinking about public transit from "a crumb thrown to the aging, poor and disabled" to "a viable alternative to using automobiles".
6. Resist pressure to maintain an "auto-centric community" and think "big" and positive.
7. Make use of good public transit as a catalyst for economic development and to attract new businesses and enterprises to Lincoln. Good public transportation is a strong selling point to prospects.

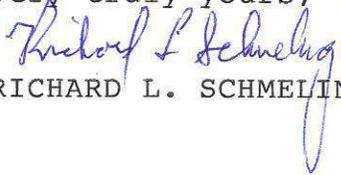
I have experinced public transit in Portland, New York City and elsewhree. There is a boom in public transportation throughout the U.S. Light rail lines are being constructed in cities the size of Lincoln and bus systems are being improved. Lincoln is behind the trend and I hope you as a governing and policy-setting body will act decisivly to do some badly-needed catch up by doubling the StarTran budget and taking steps to imporove the system. For every dollar you don't spend on public transit today, you will be forced

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to spend double or triple that amount in the future when we finally come to the realization that "you can't pave your way out of congestion." As Lincoln continues to grow traffic continues to build in the core area. Good public transit will lessen this and avoid costly street widening in the future.

You have a fantastic opportunity to change the course of Lincoln's future through transportation policy. I urge you to embrace that opportunity and not only catch us up but get us ahead of future problems by wise policy.

Very truly yours, ~

  
RICHARD L. SCHMELING



## Media Release

**May 13, 2015**

***For Immediate Release***

**Contact:** Lori Seibel, President & CEO  
402-436-5516, [lori.seibel@chelincoln.org](mailto:lori.seibel@chelincoln.org)

### **Community Health Endowment Establishes New Funding Priorities, Announces 2015-16 Funding Availability**

To help make the vision of Lincoln as the healthiest community in the nation a reality, the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) will make \$2.25 million available in the 2015-16 fiscal year to improve community health. Nearly \$1.3 million will be available for new projects over the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 grant cycles with the remaining funds allocated to previously approved projects.

Based on the results of a community mapping project which will be released publically at CHE's Annual Meeting in June, the Board of Trustees set the following ***Funding Priorities and Preferences***:

#### **Priorities**

- Innovative practices that result in health care and behavioral health providers taking an active role in helping patients stay healthy outside of a clinical setting, including non-traditional collaborations between health care, behavioral health and social/human services;
- Investments in early childhood that have the greatest potential to reduce health disparities over the lifespan, with a specific focus on:
  - adverse childhood experiences and toxic stress;
  - childhood obesity; and/or
  - improved maternal health, and healthy birth and early childhood outcomes;
- Intentional linkages between housing, health, neighborhood organizations, financial institutions and economic development; and
- Prevention-focused efforts that foster healthy behaviors and lead to improved health outcomes.

#### **Preferences**

Within these priorities, CHE encourages applicants to:

- Consider the relationship of poverty to the issue being addressed and how poverty influences both the cause of, and the solution to, the identified issue.
- Utilize, whenever possible, locally-based geographic data to identify target groups and/or high-risk areas or neighborhoods.
- Utilize, whenever possible, evidence-based data or research to identify target groups, high-risk populations, and/or program delivery models.

The deadline for submission of Stage I applications is June 12, 2015. Additional information about the application process is available at [www.chelincoln.org](http://www.chelincoln.org).

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**DIRECTORS' AGENDA  
ADDENDUM  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE**

**MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. May 16<sup>th</sup> party in the parks canceled.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of May 16, 2015 through May 22, 2015.
3. NEWS RELEASE. The May 16, 2015 "Wake Up The Beds" rescheduled.

**III. DIRECTORS**

**PARKS AND RECREATION**

1. Memo to City Council Members from Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation, regarding Bench Craft.
  - a) Letter to Bench Craft from Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks & Recreation, on the Bench Craft Company contract.
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting agenda for May 19, 2015.
  - a) Map of proposed Antelope Park Triangle land use plan.

**IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 15, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265

## **TOMORROW'S PARTY IN THE PARKS CANCELLED**

The first Party in the Parks of the season scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at Union Plaza has been cancelled due to weather. A second Party in the Parks is scheduled for Saturday August 8 in Union Plaza.

The Party in the Parks initiative also includes other free performing and visual arts events in Lincoln's parks throughout the summer. A calendar of 2015 Party in the Parks events is available at [partyintheparks.com](http://partyintheparks.com). For more information, visit Facebook or call 402-441-7847.

Date: May 15, 2015

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7547

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of May 16 through 22, 2015**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Saturday, May 16

- Steamfitters and Plumbers Local Union 464 100th anniversary celebration dinner - 5:30 p.m., Peter Kiewit Grand Ballroom, Century Link Center, Omaha

Monday, May 18

- Swearing-in ceremony for Mayor and new City Council members - 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, May 19

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 15, 2015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Janet Ball, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7847

## **TOMORROW'S "WAKE UP THE BEDS" RESCHEDULED**

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation is postponing the "Wake up the Beds" event scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the Sunken Gardens, 27th and Capital Parkway, due to poor planting conditions. Those who are still interested in helping can join the public garden staff at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 20 to resume planting the annuals at the Garden.

More information about Lincoln's public gardens is available at [parks.lincoln.ne.gov](http://parks.lincoln.ne.gov).

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Lynn Johnson  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 17, 2015 10:49 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Letter to Bench Craft Company  
**Attachments:** BenchCraftltr5-16-15.pdf

Dear City Council members; Please find attached a letter to Bench Craft Company following up on review of concerns of a local company with advertising through Bench Craft. We plan to contact local companies who advertise on the City golf courses through Bench Craft letting them know that we appreciate their support of our golf courses and providing a contact at the Parks and Recreation Department if they have questions or concerns. We want to assure that our local businesses know that we appreciate their support and also want them to have a positive experience with advertising through Bench Craft. Please let me know if you have questions. Thanks, Lynn

Lynn Johnson  
Parks and Recreation Director  
Lincoln Parks & Recreation  
(402)441-8265  
[ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ljohnson@lincoln.ne.gov)



LINCOLN PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
2740 "A" Street Lincoln, NE 68502  
402-441-7847 fax: 402-441-8706 lincoln.ne.gov

SENT VIA EMAIL AND US MAIL

May 16, 2015

Chuck Heath  
Robert Simich  
Bench Craft Company  
P.O. Box 6343  
Portland, OR 97228

Re: Bench Craft Company contract

Dear Sirs:

On Monday, April 13, 2015, our City Council was contacted by email by a local businessman who had agreed to advertising with your company in March 2014 on City golf course score cards and course guides. He stated that he had a bad experience due to reportedly being overcharged for the services and did not feel that his company had received the advertising services as agreed. The businessman learned of the agreement through a local newspaper article reporting on approval of the two-year agreement with Bench Craft for advertising services in City golf courses (Resolution No. A-88817 on March 26, 2015, commencing June 1, 2015) which led to him contacting the City about his experience.

I appreciated the opportunity to talk with Robert about the situation and background on advertising agreements between Bench Craft Company and the local company. I reported to the City Council that were reportedly numerous approved advertising agreements between the local company and Bench Craft, and that a reimbursement was made to the local company by Bench Craft in order to resolve the concerns.

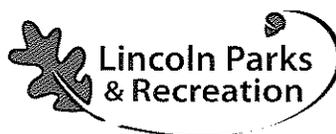
We recognize that Bench Craft Company is contacting local businesses seeking advertising on the City golf courses. We will be sending a message to companies that advertise on the City Golf Courses thanking them for advertising on our golf courses and providing a contact at Lincoln Parks and Recreation if they have questions or concerns about the advertising services they contracted for. We want to assure that our local businesses know that we appreciate their decision to advertise on the City golf courses and also that they have a positive experience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynn Johnson  
Parks & Recreation Director

cc: City Council, Rick Hoppe, Denise Pearce, Jocelyn Golden



## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media**

**FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department**

**MEETING DATE: May 19, 2015**

**LOCATION: 2740 "A" Street – Parks & Recreation Dept. (Large Conference Room)**

**TIME: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**CHAIR: Peter Levitov**

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### **A G E N D A**

- 1. Call to Order and Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'**
- 2. Comments from Public for Items Not Listed on the Agenda**
- 3. Committee Reports:**
  - A. Futures Committee – Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131**
    - Discussion on the Proposed Antelope Park Triangle Land Use Plan

#### **ACCOMMODATION NOTICE**

##### **Lincoln Commission on HUMAN RIGHTS**

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.



# ANTELOPE TRIANGLE PROPOSED LAND USE AND FUTURE PARKING

05-12-15



## LEGEND

- EXISTING ZOO
- GREENSPACE
- POSSIBLE ZOO EXPANSION
- POTENTIAL FUTURE PARKING
- PARK BOUNDARY
- UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

May 11, 2015

The Honorable Mayor Chris Beutler  
555 South 10<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 301  
Lincoln, NE 68508

City Councilman Jon Camp  
2220 South 66<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68506

Dear Mayor Beutler and Councilman Camp,

Congratulations to both of you on your re-election. We appreciate your public service to the City of Lincoln.

We are fortunate to live in such a wonderful city in this country. In order for the City of Lincoln to continue to prosper, the community has made wise decisions to vote for the Pinnacle Bank Arena, various Lincoln Public School bond issues, and sales tax increases for vital safety equipment like police radios. Mary and I supported all these issues because we believe it was good for the Lincoln Community.

With that said, our correspondence is predicated on our continued disappointment in the way the City cares for our parks. For proximal reference, our back yard abuts the Williamsburg Park at Browning and 34th Street, which is mowed very infrequently and is of disrepair most of the time, making use both unenjoyable and almost impossible. In surveying several other City parks, it was unfortunate to find similar conditions. Our hope would be that warranted resources should be prioritized to properly care for our City parks on a weekly and on-going basis. Lincoln's park system should provide a sense of community pride to which it is currently been found wanting. As Lincoln continues to grow, caring for our parks will not only engage and empower our current populace, but also help attract new families. It only seems right that if there is money for schools, arenas, safety equipment and other good causes, there should at least be enough money to have our parks well maintained.

We hope you receive this letter in the spirit in which it was written. We are very appreciative of your service, but hope you will consider giving just and necessary attention to such a visible asset to our City, which is our public parks.

Respectfully,



Jim Fay

Mary Fay

3220 Browning Street  
Lincoln, NE 68516