

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2000
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

- *1. Director's Minutes for April 17, 2000.
- *2. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting of April 17, 2000.
- *3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Workforce Investment Act Update - April 17, 2000.
- 4. Director's Minutes for April 3, 2000.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

- *1. North 27th Street Implementation Committee (McRoy/Seng)
- *2. Lincoln Action Program (McRoy)
- *3. Animal Control Task Force Meeting (McRoy)
- *4. StarTran Task Force Meeting (Seng)
- *5. Homeless Coalition Meeting (Shoecraft)
- 6. Internal Liquor Committee (Johnson/McRoy/Shoecraft)
- 7. Concert/Entertainment Task Force Meeting (McRoy)
- 8. Star City Holiday Festival Board Meeting (McRoy)
- 9. DLA Board of Directors (Seng)
- 10. StarTran Task Force Meeting (Seng)
- 11. PRT Meeting (Shoecraft)
- 12. Lincoln/Lancaster County Child Care Advisory Committee Schoolage Sub-Committee Meeting (Shoecraft)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- *1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commission Appointments (See Memo).

2. Discussion on letter from Carol Connor regarding the Library Board nomination procedures (See Material).

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance - Water Quality Open 2000 - on Wednesday, June 7, 2000 at 12:30 p.m. at the Quarry Oaks Golf Course - 16600 Quarry Oaks Drive - Ashland, Nebraska (See Invitation for more details).
2. St. Monica's Annual Spring Benefit Luncheon - "Celebrate the community of Women: Courage, Caring and Commitment" - On Thursday, May 18, 2000 at the Cornhusker Hotel - 11:30 a.m., Registration and Social Time, 12:00 (Noon)-Luncheon - \$20.00 per ticket or \$200.00 for a reserved table for 10 - RSVP by May 11, 2000 (See Invitation).
3. A 'Suite' Celebration.. For DLA Members Only! - The Downtown Lincoln Association and the Embassy Suites Hotel invite you to a very special tour and celebration! - On Monday, May 1, 2000 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1040 "P" Street - This preview is only open to Business Improvement District Rate-payers and the DLA Board. The enclosed ticket will be required at the door; one guest per ticket (434-6900) (See Invitation).
4. NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. - You are cordially invited to attend our Partnership Awards Luncheon to honor outstanding contributions to Lincoln's neighborhoods by residents, businesses and government on Friday May 19, 2000 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Galaxy Café-11th floor, NBC Center, 13th & "O" Streets - RSVP by May 15th to 477-7181 (See Invitation).
5. Embassy Suites Lincoln cordially invites you to have Suite Dreams with us at our Grand Opening Celebration on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 - (Please see tickets for Agenda) - Limited Complimentary Overnight Accommodations will be available for guests on the evening of May 23rd - Semi-formal/Business Attire - RSVP to Theresa by May 10, 2000 at 474-1111 (Agenda at 6:30 p.m. Welcome Reception, at 7:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Mr. John Q. Hammons, at 7:15 p.m. Atrium Presentation, Desserts and Coffee, and at 8:30 p.m. Bedtime Story (See Invitation).
6. The Board of Directors of the Cornhusker Better Business Bureau cordially invites you to attend the 2000 BBB Integrity Awards Luncheon on Monday, May 22, 2000 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at The Cornhusker Grand Ballroom - Featuring the presentation of the 2000 BBB Integrity Awards - The keynote speaker will be Dick Cabela, Founder and Chairman of Cabela's-The World's Foremost Outfitter - \$20.00 per person - Corporate tables of eight available for \$160.00 (See Invitation).

7. Embassy Suites Lincoln - Takes great pleasure in inviting you to attend a VIP Luncheon hosted by Mr. John Q. Hammons on Tuesday, May 23, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. - Please RSVP to Theresa by May 10th at 474-1111 (See Invitation).
8. "Ethics In The WorkPlace" - Facilitator: Laurie Smith Camp, Deputy Attorney General State of Nebraska - On Thursday, June 1, 2000 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.) - Cost is \$5.00 for Link Members & \$8.00 for Non-Members - Held at the County Extension Office at 444 Cherrycreek Road - RSVP to Cindy Luga at 441-7474 (See Invitation).

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Discussion on the Highway 77 Improvement Association (See Attached Membership Invoice).

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

***HELD OVER FROM APRIL 24, 2000.**

MINUTES
City Council Members “Noon” Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2000
Conference Room 113

Council Members Present: Coleen Seng, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry; Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy, Jerry Shoecraft; **ABSENT:** None

Others Present: Ann Harrell, Mayor’s Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Don Herz, Finance Director; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Member Camp (arrived mid-way through meeting); Karen Shinn, Aide to Council Member Fortenberry; Joan Ray, City Council Secretary; and Chris Hain, *Lincoln Journal Star* Representative.

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Ms. Seng, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Cindy Johnson moved to approve the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Jon Camp and carried by the following vote: **AYES:** Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Jeff Fortenberry, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng, Jerry Shoecraft; **NAYS:** None.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 1. **NORTH 27TH STREET IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng)** Ms. McRoy reported that there were four proposals made for the Vine Street renovation. These were made by Marc Wullschleger and were presented as confidential material.
- 2. **LINCOLN ACTION PROGRAM (McRoy)** The LAP is working on its budget and some work-force investment related items.
- 3. **ANIMAL CONTROL TASK FORCE (McRoy)** - This meeting was cancelled . The Task Force has completed its mission and has been disbanded.
- 4. **STARTRAN TASK FORCE (Seng)** Ms. Seng reported that this meeting was cancelled.

5. HOMELESS COALITION (Shoecraft) Mr. Shoecraft does not attend these meetings. *Staff will contact the Coalition and inform them that Mr. Shoecraft is no longer to be considered a member of their group.*

6. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (Johnson/McRoy/Shoecraft) Ms. Johnson reported that the main discussion involved the “one big violation”. She noted that they had discussed the status of the site manager training legislation that Council will see coming through soon. This involves having a trained, licensed manager at each site location rather than one manager for several sites of a franchise.

She commented that they had not talked about the Problem Resolution Team guidelines, as Mr. Shoecraft had suggested, but this will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. CONCERT/ENTERTAINMENT TASK FORCE (McRoy) This meeting was cancelled.

8. STAR CITY HOLIDAY FESTIVAL BOARD (McRoy) Ms. McRoy did not attend.

9. DLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Seng) Ms. Seng explained that she had been unable to attend this meeting. Ms. Harrell commented that she and the Mayor had attended that meeting and Ms. Seng asked her if she would like to give a report. Ms. Harrell reported that it had been a pretty straightforward meeting, with a presentation from the National Research Corporation on how things are going with the building. She stated that painting has begun. She noted that it was worth the trip to drive by on “Q” Street to take a look.

Ms. Harrell said that the Board had also discussed the Pershing Auditorium.

10. STARTRAN TASK FORCE (Seng) Ms. Seng did not attend due to a conflict of scheduling. Mr. Fortenberry asked if there was a time-line set for a recommendation or a report from this Task Force. Ms. Seng commented that there will be a recommendation after they’ve had a chance to review all aspects of the issues under discussion. She noted that she did not have the exact time-line, but a recommendation would be forthcoming.

11. PRT (Shoecraft) Mr. Shoecraft reported that the Team is moving toward a decision to meet only every other month because most of the issues and concerns originally brought forward under the case load have been addressed and resolved.

The 20th and “P” Street Salvage Car Lot is still being dealt with. The owner is hoping to do something with that. Mr. Shoecraft commented that he is very pleased with the PRT. Ms. Harrell agreed that PRT “is just kickin’ it”. Mr. Shoecraft noted that former Council Member Curt Donaldson really got it started off well. There were a lot of issues, but they’ve been resolved and PRT is very expediently handling other issues as they come up. Ms. Harrell noted that Kim Koluch was very happy with the cooperation from all the Departments.

Mr. Shoecraft reported that the PRT will be getting some draft language together that will require used car lots that abut residential areas to put up proper fencing and screening which is required right now; but the law will begin to be strictly enforced.

An issue relating to this is if the used car lots are regulated, what about the body shops and salvage yards? There is work yet to be done, and Mr. Shoecraft counseled the Team that, if we're serious about the "quality of life" issues, we'll have to proceed aggressively in dealing with some of these types of businesses.

He noted that once these issues are handled, the Team will begin looking at regulating Commercial areas. Right now there are no statutes or guidelines covering Commercial properties that might be blighted or substandard.

Mr. Shoecraft commented that he would like to have a 15 Minute Pre-Council to show the Council Members the success stories the PRT has achieved. When the issue of confidentiality was mentioned by Council, Ms. Harrell indicated that she would check with the City's Legal Department to see if there might be a way to maintain the confidentiality and still present Council with an informative update on the PRT's successes. Mr. Shoecraft indicated that he would like to have a Pre-Council Meeting on the PRT and it was left to Ms. Harrell to make the arrangements.

12 LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHOOL-AGE SUBCOMMITTEE (Shoecraft) Mr. Shoecraft did not attend due to a conflict in scheduling. He did note that a new membership had been elected and reported that he would be attending this meeting on a more regular basis as this group begins addressing child-care issues and other matters of concern to him.

Ms. Johnson commented that Child-Care is so different in Omaha than what it is in Lincoln and wondered if there was a way to look at those differences, noting that Omaha's plan was much more "child-care friendly". She stated that she had asked for a copy of Omaha's Zoning laws regarding child care. She told Mr. Shoecraft that she could give him a copy of that if he'd like. She thought it would be interesting to pursue an investigation along those lines Mr. Shoecraft stated that he would bring that up at the next meeting. Ms. Johnson noted that the Board of Health will be looking at child-care issues very soon.

OTHER MEETINGS

Ms. Seng reported on the Human Needs Assessment Meeting. She noted that after the presentation at the Common Meeting a week ago, there was a follow-up meeting this past Friday. She stated that they had tried to get down to more specifics. She added that they will continue to meet until they get the information out, but they aren't close to that point yet. Ms. Johnson asked who was at that meeting. Ms. Seng answered that it was United Way and ... Ms. Johnson asked if the JBC members were in attendance and noted that she had not been notified of the meeting. Ms. Seng instructed Ms. Johnson to talk with Ms. Kit Boesch to insure that she receives notifications of those meetings. She reported that the meeting was just a follow-through on where we'll be going from here on. Eventually everyone will receive the same information.

Mr. Camp reported on his first “conference”. He reported on the trip to Wheatland, Wyoming and the LES power plant at the Laramie River Station. One of the turbines was down, so they were able to go inside of the 14 story structure on the tour. Mr. Camp stated that there were a lot things to take in on the tour; and he was very impressed with the way LES does interact with the whole national network of power suppliers. They are always looking for ways to keep the costs economical for Lincoln customers. Ms. Seng added that she felt every Council Member should go on this trip.

III APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS :

1. Park and Rec Advisory Board Recommendations from Jennifer Brinkman: Ms. Seng noted the recommendations adding that a Council Member has also been requested to serve since Mr. Shoecraft has indicated that he no longer wishes to continue representing the Council on this Board. Ms. Seng asked if any other Council Member would like to serve on the Board. The ensuing discussion revealed that the Mayor’s Neighborhood Roundtable schedule posed a conflict for the Member serving on the Parks and Rec Advisory Committee. Mr. Cook indicated that he would be interested in serving on the Parks and Recs Advisory Committee if the Roundtable schedule or the Advisory Committee schedule could be revised to avoid that conflict. Ms. Harrell indicated that she would look into the possibility of rescheduling to allow attendance at both meetings. Ms. Seng informed Mr. Roper that Jonathan Cook was very interested if the scheduling could be worked out and requested Mr. Roper to continue monitoring that situation for Council.

Ms. Seng asked if Ms. Harrell would let Parks and Rec know of this decision and direct them to begin sending the meeting information to Mr. Cook. Ms. Harrell indicated that she would do that for Council.

2. Discussion on letter from Carol Connor regarding the Library Board nomination procedures. Ms. Seng commented that she had heard from two Library Board Members who hoped that Council would allow the Board to continue making their recommendations on Library Board Appointments. She noted that in spite of the Board Recommendation process, Council did not follow their suggestion regarding the last appointment.

After some discussion it was decided to continue the process as it now exists with Council reviewing the résumés and applications and continue considering the Boards recommendations. Ultimately, however, the final decision would be made based on the Council’s evaluation of the applicants.

Ms. Ray prepared a letter to inform Ms. Connor of the Council’s decision for signature by the Chair and mailing on 5-04-00.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Comment

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

JEFF FORTENBERRY - Mr. Fortenberry stated that he had had a conversation with the Mayor regarding a misunderstanding on \$500,000 in extra Street Funds. It is designated as an appropriation of existing balances from a designated fund. He noted that this information should have been relayed to the Council prior to being released in the media. It is a resolution that Council will have to decide upon. He did not see the issue as controversial, but he did think that if it might be a transfer of funds from another general fund, that was disturbing to him.

Ms. Harrell answered that she thought that several times people who have been discussing this, have mis-spoken and have said reappropriation and that is not the case. Mr. Fortenberry summarized then that this is “an appropriation”, not “a re-appropriation”. It is an appropriation per balances within the Street Construction Fund; but it is not from some sort of General balance. Ms. Harrell stated that it is within the Street Construction Fund and is not taking away from some other project. This is adding to the total amount.

Mr. Fortenberry asked if Ms. Harrell could understand his concern. It was announced that the City was going to do this, but it has to be acted upon yet by the Council for approval. Ms. Harrell stated that she was sorry that Council had not received a memo ahead of time. She stated that it had not come to her attention until today. Mr. Camp noted that Council might vote it down.

CINDY JOHNSON - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy made comments regarding the Job Fair and City Funding. She noted that City funding was not available and this was very disappointing. [*Ms. McRoy's comments regarding this issue were largely inaudible since she spoke so quietly and there was construction drilling noise over-riding her comments on the meeting audio tape*]

COLEEN SENG - No Further Comments

JERRY SHOECRAFT - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments.

DANA ROPER - Mr. Roper, who had gone to investigate the City Charter/City Code on Library Board appointments, announced that when the Board was first set up, it was set out with seven people, one of whom would be serving for one year; one serving for two; another serving for three, another for four, another for five; another for six; and another for seven. Everyone agreed that that was a peculiar situation. Mr. Roper noted that there is a State Statute on Libraries on which there has never been complete agreement as to whether our Library was under the City's Home Rule Charter or under State Statute and what or who controls the regulation of the Library system's functions. It was Mr. Roper's belief that Lincoln is operating under it's City Charter on this issue.

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

VII. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Ms. Seng asked Mr. Don Herz, Finance Director, to give the Council some further information on the issue opened at the Directors' Meeting earlier this morning. [EMS RFIs]

Mr. Herz stated that he could give Council a little bit of information. He noted that included in Council's last Thursday's packet were responses to the four requests (RFIs) that the Finance Department had sent to potential applicants on the EMS Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Mr. Herz reviewed the information briefly for Council. He indicated that his office will be reviewing the submitted information to insure that all the criteria is met. He will get these RFIs to the Committee as soon as that review is completed. He noted they would be submitted to the committee sometime next week to begin the application review process so that recommendations can be made. He did not expect that any more applications would be received.

Ms. Johnson asked if there were minutes from the RFI Committee meetings. She thought the committee had probably discussed standards for the RFIs. Mr. Shoecraft answered that in all of the RFP or RFI Committees on which he has served, there never have been minutes taken.

Mr. Herz noted that Agendas had been issued for each of the meetings. Ms. Johnson stated that it might be helpful if the Council were able to review that type of information. It would give Council Members an outline of how and why decisions were implemented from the discussions. Mr. Herz stated that he would make some notes from the RFI Committee meetings to present to Council.

Mr. Shoecraft asked Mr. Herz if he could tell Council the names of the three applicants currently being reviewed. Mr. Herz answered that the Platte County Ambulance Service was one of the applicants. They were interested in the non-emergency portion of the service. The Lincoln Fire Department has submitted an application and they are interested in all EMR, both the non-emergency and emergency aspects of the service; Rural Metro sent in an application to cover all of the services. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Camp mentioned the photo published in the *Lincoln Journal Star* which shows the Fire Department's rescue unit, painted to read "Lincoln Fire and Rescue". Mr. Shoecraft commented that the units were just demo's and had not been purchased by the Fire Department.

Mr. Fortenberry asked if Mr. Herz expected any more applications and Mr. Herz indicated that he did not. Mr. Camp felt that a total of three applications did not lend itself well to a good competitive process. Mr. Herz stated that they were looking for value - in combination with quality and cost. Mr. Camp reiterated that the current small group of applicants didn't afford ample sampling to achieve the value desired.

2. Discussion on the Highway 77 Improvement Association - This was discussed at the Director's Meeting and the Mayor's Office will look into that and discuss the issue with Public Works to see if there is any need for City participation in this Association.

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:55 p.m.