

**AGENDA FOR  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003  
Immediately Following Director's Meeting  
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

**I. MINUTES**

- \*1. Minutes of Director's Meeting for March 17, 2003.
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- \*3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - Executive Session - RE: Litigation - March 17, 2003.
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- 5. Minutes of Director's Meeting for February 3, 2003.
- 6. Minutes of Director's Meeting for March 24, 2003.

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

- \*1. Floodplain Task Force Meeting (Seng)
- \*2. PRT Meeting (Seng)
- \*3. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board Meeting (Werner)
- \*4. Mayor's Hometown Security Study Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda)
- 5. Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development Investors' Meeting (Camp)
- 6. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
- 7. Affordable Housing Steering Committee Meeting (Friendt)
- 8. Community Development Task Force Meeting (Friendt)
- 9. Internal Liquor Committee Meeting (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner)
- 10. Joint Budget Committee Meeting (McRoy/Seng)
- 11. Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board Retreat (Werner)

**OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE**

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE**

## **V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS**

1. An Open House for the Roundabout Safety Improvement Project Proposed for S. 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Sheridan Boulevard - on Thursday, April 10, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Grace Chapel, 4000 Sheridan Blvd. - (See Invitation)
2. Come Help Us Celebrate Our New Offices! - Aging Services/Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Invites you to an Open House - Lincoln Building, 1001 "O" Street, Suite 101 on Friday, April 11, 2003 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - 441-6157 – (See Invitation)
3. E-Mail Invitation - Cordially invited to attend a very special luncheon - the luncheon honoring Gillian Sorensen, Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations for the United Nations, will take place at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at the Northeast United Church of Christ - Following the luncheon, Mrs. Sorensen will speak to a public gathering at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary - The cost of the luncheon is \$6.00 and you may pay at the door - RSVP to Jo Ritzman at 488-9286 by April 7<sup>th</sup>. (See Invitation)

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Discussion on Non-Binding Resolutions. (Requested by Jon Camp & Ken Svoboda)
2. Discussion on 2003-2004 Holiday Meeting Schedule.

## **VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*HELD OVER FROM MARCH 31, 2003.**

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003**  
*CONFERENCE ROOM 113*

**Council Members Present:** Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Glenn Friendt [Arrived after the Minutes Vote]; Annette McRoy; Coleen Seng; Ken Svoboda; Terry Werner.

**Others Present:** Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, , Corrie Kielty, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda; Nate Jenkins, Lincoln *Journal Star* representative.

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Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Coleen Seng and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of those Council members present.

[Because the tape did not record this meeting, these minutes will be less detailed than is the norm]

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

- \*1. FLOOD PLAIN TASK FORCE (Seng) Ms. Seng reported that this had been the last meeting for the Task Force, unless the State Department of Roads' concerns, (or those of the University of Nebraska) need to be investigated further. The recommendations are on their way.
- \*2. PRT (Seng) Ms. Seng reported the concern and frustration of some of the Problem Resolution Team members when neighborhoods seem to make gains in raising the community environmental standards and then slips back into the same problem areas.

- \*3. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING (Werner) Mr. Werner noted that he would combine this report with Item 11 on this list (Downtown Lincoln BID Association Board Retreat). They had discussed the update to the Strategic Plan and the desired direction, with a major focus on Antelope Valley.

Also included in the discussion was the DLA's outstanding projects and ways the organization can be made to work better. The Convention Center Building and the needs for change or for restoration would have to be considered with the Codes process in mind.

Mr. Werner noted that there had also been discussion on the Internal relationship between DLA and the Chamber and with the Community Development Center.

- \*4. MAYOR'S HOMETOWN SECURITY STUDY COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that some members of the umbrella committee which was formed two weeks ago had expressed interest in hiring somebody to act as a focus group to implement a city-wide survey. The final consensus, however, was that WE were the focus group. We've had good questions asked and we're getting good information. This is a slow process with a lot of education involved with the lay people on the committee. Mr. Svoboda was very impressed with the efforts of the committee members in absorbing the vast amounts of information that has been presented. Everyone has been reading the material and coming to the meetings very well prepared. He noted that there seemed to be a bit of "burn-out" on the part of some of the members. Meeting once each week with the intensity of the material is a difficult schedule, which they were trying to maintain in order to meet the Mayor's June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the committee recommendations.

It was suggested that, perhaps, in order to combat that burn-out problem, the Committee focus on submitting a summary or outline of findings on June 1<sup>st</sup> with a more thorough and detailed report to be submitted at a later time.

Mr. Svoboda and Ms. McRoy each gave a brief update on the sub-committees on which each serves. Mr. Svoboda is with the Fire Group while Ms. McRoy is a member of the Police Group. Mr. Svoboda noted that the Fire group is made up of experienced people, including retired Fire Captains and a retired Fire Chief. He noted that they'd had good, productive discussions.

Ms. McRoy reported that the Police group has experienced the same issues of organization that Mr. Svoboda had mentioned for the Committee as a whole. Ms. McRoy agreed with Mr. Svoboda that the accelerated schedule and level of material which needed to be absorbed was somewhat daunting. The Police Group has recommended utilizing the PSL Officers, and the funding of the 911 Center had been an issue of discussion

It was noted that the next meeting will be next Tuesday, with the possibility of the main group meeting every two weeks thereafter.

5. LINCOLN PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTORS' MEETING (Camp) Mr. Camp reported that the University of Nebraska representative in attendance at the meeting had gone through different research elements which is something UN-L will try to promote more.
6. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that the Sunken Gardens and the Near South Neighborhood's concerns had been discussed. They had been able to create parking areas without taking any houses. Though we will not be able to run busses there (they'll have to wait and idle on 26<sup>th</sup> Street), Mr. Cook thought that perhaps this would actually not be a bad development.
7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE (Friendt) Mr. Friendt reported that this meeting had been re-scheduled to a date in May.
8. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE (Friendt) Mr. Friendt reported that there had not been a quorum so they were unable to vote on or approve any of the agenda items. Mr. Friendt reviewed several of the issues which would have been discussed and noted that a special meeting would have to be held in order to take action and vote on these issue that they had been forced to postpone. He noted that the application/allocation process had been discussed with changes proposed. There will be a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> and then another, 4 hour meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> to work through that process.
9. INTERNAL LIQUOR COMMITTEE (McRoy/Svoboda/Werner) Mr. Werner reported that Joel Pedersen is working on a draft ordinance regarding liquor issues and local control. Such issues as Staff to Customer ratios, HRC training and the redefinition of "restaurant/bar" as a direct correlation between the percentage of business based on food service. The violations by certain clubs were noted, with special attention being given to the problem of exceeding crowd capacity. Mr. Friendt asked if violations were considered when the renewal process was undertaken? Mr. Roper explained the process briefly.
10. JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE (McRoy/Seng) - No Report from Ms. Seng, who had been unable to attend. Ms. Kiely stated that the JBC had recommended that the Indian Center funding be cut for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter funding will be pending - awaiting fulfillment of the actions the Center had agreed to take to set matters right.
11. DOWNTOWN LINCOLN BID ASSOCIATION BOARD RETREAT (Werner)  
[See comments at #3 above]

OTHER MEETINGS - Ms. Seng reported on the CLC Reception held at the Gallop Building on Friday. She had also attended the Advisory Council on SNAC (School/Neighborhood) Group. On Saturday morning.

Mr. Friendt reported on the Health Department's "Festival of Health" program which he had attended on Saturday morning. He informed Council that "Jeff", a wirehaired Jack Russell, had won the "best costume" award for his Monkey from the Wizard of Oz outfit.

**III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None**

**IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen and Ms. Kielty gave a brief Legislative Update for Council by reviewing the "City Legislative List" which was passed out to Council Members. [Copies on file in Council Office/Mayor's Office]**

Mr. Bowen distributed the monthly EMS Financial update to Council Members. Mr. Camp asked Mr. Bowen a question involving the EMS figures noted in the information they'd received today. Mr. Bowen stated that he would have the information for Mr. Camp at next week's meeting.

**V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment**

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS -**

1. Discussion on Non-Binding Resolutions. (Requested by Jon Camp & Ken Svoboda) Mr. Camp and Mr. Svoboda had requested this subject for discussion by Council with a concern that Council might be deluged with requests for Resolutions from the many citizens groups and agencies in the city. They felt it was inappropriate for Council to be offering legislative input on issues that did not directly pertain to the City's business. Council discussed the issue briefly and decided to make determinations on the propriety of a resolution on a case by case basis.
2. Discussion on 2003-2004 Holiday Meeting Schedule. This item was placed on the Agenda to confirm the night meeting date, if any, in December to assist with the RTSD Schedule, which is currently shown as December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:00 a.m. The Holiday Schedule (Christmas/New Year) is being shown for December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> as the break is traditionally on the Monday preceding the Holiday. The possibility of having the "break dates" on the 29<sup>th</sup> and on January 5, 2004 was mentioned. Council decided that the actual Holiday Meeting schedule would be determined at a date closer to the Holidays. Public Works was notified of the decision with a request that the December RTSD meeting time be considered tentative.

## VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

**JON CAMP** - Mr. Camp requested a report on the Parking facility be included on the agenda for the next Common Meeting. This discussion should include the fee structure and to whom that structure would apply.

**JONATHAN COOK** - Mr. Cook brought the "crime bill" legislation amendments forward for a brief discussion which included such points as the reduction of crimes involving fire-arms and the degree of severity of such crimes as resisting arrest. Components of the bill [03-48] amendments were discussed with some being eliminated and others agreed upon prior to the amendments being submitted for Council Action at the formal meeting.

**GLENN FRIENDT** - No Further Comments

**ANNETTE McROY** - No Further Comments

**COLEEN SENG** - Ms. Seng noted that she would like to have Council Staff in attendance at her final Citizens Meeting on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. She requested that arrangements be made to have the office "staffed" during that time.

**KEN SVOBODA** - No Further Comments

**TERRY WERNER** - Mr. Werner stated that he would like to ask for a delay on the 84<sup>th</sup> Street legislation. He explained that he had asked Ray Hill for some additional information and would like to have the information before acting on the matter. It was noted that a determination would be made at Council's formal meeting today.

**MARK BOWEN** - No Further Comments

**ANN HARRELL** - Left Prior to this Segment of Meeting

**CORRIE KIELTY** - No Further Comments

**DANA ROPER** - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 1: 08 p.m.

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