

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2003
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes from Director's Meeting of December 8, 2003.
2. Minutes from Council Members' "Noon" Meeting of December 8, 2003.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Antelope Valley Right-of-Way Acquisition - December 1, 2003.
4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Pfizer - Global Manufacturing - "Reporting On The Facility's Performances & Commitments" - December 8, 2003.

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

1. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook) - **HELD OVER FROM THE DECEMBER 8TH "NOON" AGENDA**
2. Public Building Commission Meeting (Camp/Cook)
3. ISPC Meeting (Camp)
4. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)
5. Board of Health Meeting (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. E-Mail Invitation - Sunken Gardens Wine Tasting and Silent Art Auction! - On Sunday, December 14, 2003 the Sunken Gardens Community Committee will be hosting a Wine Tasting and Silent Art Auction at the Rogers House Inn, 22nd & "B" Streets, to benefit the Sunken Gardens - Open House celebration will occur between 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Admittance is \$25.00 for one person or \$20.00 per person for two or more - Advance reservations are not required, tickets may be purchased at the door - All proceeds from party admission and artwork will benefit the Sunken Gardens Renovation effort - (Council copies of this Invitation placed in their file folders on 12/5/03-Placed on Attend Sheet for December 8th) (See E-Mail Invitation)

2. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce invites you to attend the following Ribbon Cuttings: - Please RSVP to Tera Pugh at 436-2355 or E-Mail:
 - A.) Tan World, 6900 "O" Street (Meridian Park) on Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.
 - B.) Anytime Fitness, 4131 Pioneer Woods Drive, Suite 106 (70th & Pioneers Blvd.) - on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.
3. Updowntowners Membership Luncheon - on Thursday, December 18, 2003 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - At the Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 North 9th Street - Cost is \$11.75 - RSVP to Heather Stewart at 434-6507 - No shows will be charged \$11.75 - RSVP's/cancellations must be made by December 16th. (See Invitation)
4. Join DLA & Updowntowners For A Holiday Open House - Honoring Tad Fraizer - on Friday, December 19, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the DLA Office, 1200 "N" Street - (See Invitation)
5. Home Builders Association of Lincoln 2004 Installation and Awards Ceremonies - on Monday, January 26, 2004 - 6:00 p.m., Social - 7:00 p.m., Dinner - at UNL Champions Club - (to have you as their guest) - RSVP to 423-4225 - (See Invitation)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Discussion on the Up-Coming Pre-Council's schedule. (See Attachment)

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
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CONFERENCE ROOM 113

Council Members Present: Jon Camp, Chair; Terry Werner, Vice-Chair; Jonathan Cook, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy, Patte Newman, Ken Svoboda; *ABSENT:* None

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Ann Harrell, Cori Kielty, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Allan Abbott, Public Works Director; Mark Walsch, G.A.S.P representative; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda, Unidentified Citizen

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Chair Camp requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Ken Svoboda moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Glenn Friendt and the minutes were approved, as presented, by general consensus of the Council Members.

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

1. **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook)** - *Held over from the December 8th "Noon" Agenda* Mr. Cook reported that the Normal University Capstones that are in Roberts Park are apparently not displayed prominently enough. Madonna is now on the site of the old Normal University and wanted to have those Capstones given back to them to set up on their site. Ms. Newman asked where they were located at Roberts Park? Mr. Cook did not know for sure. But, they were a gift to the City and the P&RB felt the City shouldn't be giving back gifts that are for something now in the public domain. What we should do is make better use of them - show them off more and get some history for them. They're going to be re-located and have some information provided so people will know the history of Normal University. So, we did not agree to provide them to Madonna.

Children's Museum fees were increased. We endorsed the recommendation of the Museum which was a dollar increase in fees; that would be \$5.00 for most people, \$3.00 for little kids and \$.50 less for those 62 and over. Although, there was a recommendation that we should at least look at making those fees the same, regardless of the fifty cent savings, (which seemed like it might be more trouble than it was worth), but it was finally determined that it was up to the Children's Museum to make that determination.

Mr. Cook reported that there had been some discussion of policy change on Communications Towers, but in fact there has been no policy change. The Planning Department provided the process that we go through for placing cell towers on City property. It is the policy that we've been using for a number of years now and Mr. Cook thought it was working.

There had also been the resolution on the Health Department expansion, which you've seen. The Sunken Gardens renovation plans were also presented. Mr. Cook thought they were very impressive.

2. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Cook) Mr. Camp reported that there had been discussion on the Health Department Expansion. Right now they're proceeding with the plan that would do the 3rd Floor 11,000 square foot shell. That will be forwarded to both the City Council and the County Board to have public hearings. The Public Building Commission can't really enforce it. Mr. Cook asked if the Health Department Expansion Resolution from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board had been considered in the discussion. Mr. Camp stated that they had discussed it, but they went ahead with the 11,000 square foot plan.

Mr. Cook stated that he was talking about the Parks & Recreation Board's recommendation that the park land not be taken, but instead take the Commercial property - or other private property to provide for the expansion. That may not be what the choice is, but the request was that we at least open the option, at the Public Building Commission level, to go either to the Park or to buy the Commercial properties - based upon and listening to the recommendations of both the County Board and City Council after the public hearings.

Mr. Camp answered that they wanted to have something definite. He noted that he appreciated Mr. Cook bringing this up. It was decided, for purposes of discussion, that the plan that is being moved forward is the one that would include a little bit of the park and the shell also. That's why we're going to have the public hearing. They were concerned that we just get a start on this and keep the dialogue going. There was no formal vote, *per se*, other than just to go ahead and have something concrete on the table. Mr. Cook asked then, if the City Council would recommend otherwise, would Public Building Commission still have the flexibility [of accepting another plan] at that point? Mr. Bowen commented that it is just a proposal for a point of reference at the public hearings.

Mr. Camp commented that it wasn't that the Public Building Commission members weren't understanding of the taking of the park land. Mr. Cook stated that he knew it was some degree of cost issue versus this issue of maintaining the park's base. You have to know that the Parks Board does not give up park land easily. That's what this resolution shows.

Mr. Camp continued his report, noting the parking garage status. The public parking would be on the second deck and will probably start January 1st. They want to give it some time to cure. As far as liquidated damages status, they want all the construction done, then there will be a discussion on liquidated damages. As you've seen, there are fleet and City vehicles on the lower level at this time. But there will be public parking on January 1st.

Mr. Cook made a request of Mr. Bowen, asking that they be provided with the dates for all of next years Public Building Commission meetings. It was noted that the meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but Mr. Bowen would get a copy of the schedule for Mr. Cook.

Mr. Camp reported that PBC had received a request about a potential jogging or walking area on the 3rd Floor of this building. The Building Commission declined that. Not that it doesn't promote health and safety, but there are a lot of security issues. There is a lot of storage up there now. Mr. Cook suggested making that our smoking area.

Mr. Camp noted that he had made a request on chair replacements. They initially were asking only about staff, but Mr. Camp had said that the Council also wanted to be included. So, they will be receiving proposals. If any Council Member has input, send an e-mail to Trish Owen. Mr. Camp had done so with the notation that comfort is the main issue for the Council Members. Mr. Cook also mentioned the type of fabric to be used, noting that the current fabric is not a good choice for television. He thought a solid color would be better for the cameras.

Mr. Camp commented that the termination notice from Sue Eckley was not for her termination of employment, but was a consideration of the fact the City does not have terrorism insurance.

Mr. Camp reported that after the PBC meeting, there had been a parking committee meeting. There is going to be implementation of a tax sheltered parking plan to allow the employees, on the portion of parking that they would pay if they choose those lots at which they would pay, to be able to have the amount deducted from their salaries. That way it is tax deductible for them. We had a number of requests for some lot changes. Essentially, other than one for a deputy, we went ahead and decided to wait 'til things settle down & we get the new lot opened. We can see how much space we have. Long term, what we want to do is have each Department head allocate the parking spaces internally. The Parking Committee didn't feel they should be asked every month to determine who gets what parking slots.

Mr. Camp passed around a picture of some pieces out of the old Lancaster County Courthouse, which stood on this site years ago. He noted that an offer has been made to have the pieces donated, so we're trying to decide what to do with them.

Mr. Camp commented, finally, that if Council was interested in the cost on the Health Department [expansion], under 2003 current cost, the architects gave an estimate of 8.3 million median, with a range of 8.1 - 8.6 million dollars. Going ahead two years in inflated dollars, it would be about 8.8 million dollars. So, that would be about a half million more for a range of about 8.6 - 9.1 million.

3. ISPC (Camp) Mr. Camp reported that he had attended the meeting. This is the Information Services Policy Committee. They are remodeling - and spending our money. They had explained that they will just pass the cost on through higher fees. They're working on their budget preparation for next year. They're putting in an item in the budget for a "mug shot" system. I.S. sells some of their services to the County Sheriff and the Police Department at the University, and they're budgeting \$150,000 for a "mug shot" system....to buy hardware that will take mug shots. Mr. Camp thought that was interesting. Mr. Werner asked if that would be mug shots of criminals or of employees? Mr. Camp said that they had just said "mug shots" and he had assumed that it was for the lesser element of our society. [He did not indicate which category he thought was which, but one guess on the "lesser element" was City Council members -*Laughter*]. Mr. Camp thought \$150,000 was a lot of money, noting that I.S. had such a system that they had just purchased five years ago.

Mr. Camp continued the report, noting that they had also discussed the fiber networking that is being done at the various facilities. They're talking about water in the conduit at the "K" Street complex which was fouling up the fiber right now....hopefully they can get that fixed. Firewall filtering was discussed. They're going through some software that would prevent both spam and viruses. That would be a \$14,000 cost with a \$4200 per year for maintenance. They're giving that a 30-day trial. Mr. Camp reported that there had been a few other minor issues discussed including their different project reports.

4. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) - Cancelled due to Storm.
5. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Cancelled due to Storm.

OTHER MEETINGS - Mr. Werner pointed out that the Homebuilders' Annual Meeting is the same night as the Council's Night Meeting in January. He wondered if Council was interested in changing the date of the night meeting. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Council was not.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Ms. Kielty handed out a list of the upcoming appointments. (On File in Council Office).

Mr. Camp commented that Council should determine who would want to be the liaison to the Stevens Creek Committee that Nicole had mentioned. Ms. Newman stated that she would like to be on that Committee. Mr. Friendt stated that he would serve as an alternate. Mr. Camp noted that that would not prevent both from attending, but to insure that we have a representative there, we'll do this with the member/alternate format.

Ms. Kielty stated that on the hand-out, it shows that Jane Watson did not want to be reappointed to the LES Board. Terry Bundy did give the Mayor a few names and we've asked the first person on his list to consider it and that person is considering it right now. Mr. Camp asked if there was any chance that they could have an opportunity for early input on the nominees. Ms. Kielty noted that if Council Members had names they wished to put into nomination, if they could get the names to the Mayor's Office before Christmas, they would be considered.

Council Members thanked Ms. Kielty for the list and noted that they approved of the format she had used.

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - Mr. Bowen noted that he needed a decision on the location for the Budget Retreat. It was decided to go ahead and have the meeting at the Highlands Golf Course Clubhouse. It was agreed to have the meeting scheduled for January 8th from 1:00 - 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. at the Highlands Clubhouse.

Mr. Bowen commented that the snow number is 441-7644 or 7646. There was a brief discussion regarding 441-SNOW as an option for the snow number, with Mr. Bowen commenting that SNOW was a five letter word. His error was quickly and gleefully pointed out by everyone. Mr. Cook stated that he, actually, thought that making "441-SNOW" the snow number would be a good idea for next year.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Discussion on the Up-Coming Pre-Council's schedule. Noted without significant comment.

ADDENDUM - Miscellaneous

1. E-mail from Joan Ross -Re: Chairs for Chamber. (Staff and Dias) - Discussed under Public Building Commission report by Jon Camp.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - Ms. McRoy stated that as a courtesy, she would like to let Council know that she will be gone December 24th through the 29th.

PATTE NEWMAN - No Further Comments

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

CORI KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:00 p.m.

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