

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR

1. Response Letter from Lin Quenzer to Wes Furrer - RE: Access to his property west of Old Huskerville - (See Letter)
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents January Award Of Excellence - (See Release)
3. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - February 7, 2005-4:30 p.m.
4. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 8, 2005-5:00 a.m.
5. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 8, 2005-4:00 p.m.
6. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 8, 2005-11:15 p.m.
7. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 9, 2005-5:30 a.m.
8. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Cable Channels 5 & 21 To Airing Kooser Event At Lied Center-(See Release)
9. NEWS ADVISORY -RE: Mayor Seng will release the report of the Group Homes Task Force at a news conference at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 10th - (See Advisory)
10. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Releases Report Of Group Homes Task Force - (See Release)
11. Washington Report - February 4, 2005.

II. DIRECTORS

BUDGET

1. Material from Steve Hubka - RE: 2003-2004 Operating Report - (See Material)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER

1. Material from Don Herz, Finance Director & Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer - RE: Resolution & Finance Department, Treasurer of Lincoln, Nebraska - Investments Purchased January 24 thru February 4, 2005.

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Environmental Awards Nominations Sought-(See Release)
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Safely Transporting Your Children ... A True Act Of Love - (See Release)
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lancaster County 2003 Vital Statistics Report -(See Release)
4. Health Department Report - January, 2005.
5. Response Letter from Bruce Dart to Micheale Kujath - RE: Enforcing the smoking ban in your 3-plex apartment building - (See Letter)

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1. Response Letter from Marvin Krout to Mr. Bus Whitehead - RE: Suggestion about regulating inflatable signs the same as portable signs-(See Letter)
2. Memo from Randy Hoskins - RE: Use Permit No. 04006-Bill #05R-33-Barons Ridge First Addition - (See Memo)
3. Response E-Mail from Jean Walker to Gary Awalt - RE: Wal-Mart SuperCenter: Change of Zone #05005 and Use Permit # 05001-Opposition - (See E-Mail)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Memo from Bruce Sweney - RE: February 14th Board of Equalization Meeting-(See Memo)

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

1. Weed Control Authority Lancaster County - January 2005 Monthly Report.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

1. NEWS RELEASE from Bonnie Coffey - RE: Women's Commission Honors Award Recipients-"Weaving Women's Voices" pays tribute to annual award winners in saluting International Women's Day-(See Release)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JONATHAN COOK

1. OUTSTANDING Request to **Public Works & Utilities Department** - RE: Snow plowed onto sidewalks repeatedly (RFI#122 - 01/11/05)

GLENN FRIENDT

1. Request to ~~Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Director~~ /Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Next steps for the University Place property vacation (RFI#41-02/02/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM MARC WULLSCHLEGER, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#41-02/09/05.**

PATTE NEWMAN

1. E-Mail from Michael Goodrich to Patte Newman - RE: Opposed to the proposed Wal-Mart to be placed at 84th & Adams - (See E-Mail)
2. Request to Ann Harrell, Acting Public Works Director/~~Larry Worth, StarTran~~ - RE: Larry Worth's memo summarizing the StarTran Town Hall Meeting on Jan. 22nd (RFI#29-02/08/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM LARRY WORTH, STARTRAN RECEIVED ON RFI#29-02/10/05.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from 'Ordinary folks who'd like to grab a beer Fridays..' - RE: Isn't it time somebody did something about the double standard hypocrisy of this SMOKING BAN LAW and all this stuff about the strict equal enforcement of the LAW because it applies to everybody-It's supposed to be against the law to smoke in the Hall of Justice-(See Letter)
2. Letter from Justin Jones - RE: In support to place a bond issue on the ballot for open space acquisition and the establishment of a greenbelt around the city-(See Letter)
3. E-Mail from Lisa Silberman - RE: Concerns about the proposed Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams-(See E-Mail)
4. E-Mail from Tami Carlson - RE: Very concerned about the location of the new Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams -(See E-Mail)
5. Letter from Wes Furrer - RE: "Thank you for the courtesy of responding to my request by telephone regarding the option of opening the road from NW 56th St. to NW 55th St. - (See Letter)
6. E-Mail from Gary J. Awalt - RE: Wal-Mart SuperCenter - (See E-Mail)
7. E-Mail from Michael James, President, Woods Park Neighborhood Association - RE: 405 South 26th Street - (See E-Mail)

VI. ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF LINCOLN
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February 2, 2005

Wes Furrer
4130 N 21st Street
Lincoln, NE 68521

Dear Mr. Furrer:

Thank you for taking the time to call me on January 13 about getting a street through to your property located west of the old Huskerville development in Arnold Heights. As Ombudsman (or Citizen Advocate), it is my job to see that you receive responsible, courteous service from all departments of City government.

After visiting with you, I contacted a number of different departments and divisions of municipal government and asked how the concerns you voiced are currently being addressed. I have now received all their responses.

I have been informed by Public Works that current plans for the area do not include any additional expansion into the area where your property lies. The area that you have indicated as West Superior Street is actually only a utility easement from 1979 that gave the city access for maintenance of utilities. Lincoln Water System at one time had a key to the gate but gave it back to Lincoln Housing Authority. The easement in place does not give the public right of access across this property. However, the County does have plans to improve NW 70th Street from Adams to Superior and Superior from 70th east at some point in the future. That will give you an improved road to the west of your property even though direct access from the east would still be impossible.

In our conversation you referred to the "5 year subarea plan." Actually, the Airport West Subarea Plan is a 25 year plan that is part of the larger Comprehensive Plan for the City of Lincoln. The City and Lincoln Housing Authority reached an agreement some time ago not to seek to upgrade West Superior Street to arterial status for a variety of practical reasons. The present housing along West Superior is set close to the street, not configured to allow heavy traffic that would be expected on an arterial street. West Superior curves sharply through the neighborhood and is not wide enough to accommodate the required 120" right of way required by design standards for an arterial street. It also has residential driveways up and down both sides of the street that would make backing in and out a nightmare for existing residents. Present best design practices also highly discourage residential drives abutting an arterial street to protect the public safety.

Should plans to redevelop the old Huskerville property adjacent to your parcel materialize, it would most likely entail the construction of a portion of West Cuming Street west from NW 48th on the Huskerville property. If that does happen you may possibly be able to

extend it west a short distance to gain access to your property. This is a very “iffy” proposition, but may offer a possible solution to your problem if and when the Huskerville development moves forward.

Please feel free to call on me should you have other comments, questions or concerns about city government. You may reach me at 441-7511 or email lquenzer@lincoln.ne.gov. I appreciate the effort you made in bringing your concerns to the attention of the Mayor’s office.

Sincerely,



Lin Quenzer
Ombudsman

cc: Coleen Seng, Mayor
Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
Larry Potratz, Executive Director, Lincoln Housing Authority
Arnold Heights Neighborhood Association
Duncan Ross, Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department
Dennis Bartels, Development Services Manager, Public Works Department
Randy Hoskins, City Traffic Engineer, Public Works Department



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 7, 2005

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

MAYOR PRESENTS JANUARY AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for January to Lincoln Police Investigator Gregory Sims. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Investigator Sims nominated in the category of productivity by Sergeant Ken Koziol on behalf of the Criminal Investigations Unit. Sims was hired as a cadet by LPD in 1975 and was commissioned as an officer in January 1978. Since then, he has served as a uniformed police officer and worked several rotations in the Narcotics Unit. In 2003, he was assigned as an Investigator in the Criminal Investigations Unit.

Sergeant Koziol said Sims' performance is "nothing short of phenomenal" and that Sims solved at least 25 cases last year alone. "Twenty-seven years on the Department, and he is still picking up steam," wrote Koziol in his nomination. "His work ethic is second to none. He is relentless in his mission of clearing crimes."

Sergeant Koziol cited three examples of Sims' work:

- In December 2004, a suspect got out of his car at 23rd and "O" streets and fired at a person seated in another car, hitting the vehicle. The next day, he tracked down the address from which the suspect's girlfriend was making phone calls and arrested the suspect for a weapons violation.
- Another case involved a suspect who shot four rounds at someone with a rifle. When the initial report was taken, the witnesses and victim were uncooperative. Within a matter of weeks, Sims identified the suspect and has more than sufficient probable cause to arrest him once he is found.
- In September 2004, people from a vehicle fired weapons at people at a house, and the return gunfire killed a person in the vehicle. This case was difficult to clear because no one remained at the scene, and no one called 911. The victim was taken to the hospital by his brother's friend. The residents of the house disappeared and others involved were from other cities. In just 45 days, Sims had 12 statements, three supplementary reports and 61 additional reports on the homicide alone. He tracked the suspect to Chicago, where he was arrested.

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Sergeant Koziol said Sims' willingness to volunteer when needed has strengthened the link between the uniformed and plain clothes divisions. Sims, he said, is a "prosecutor's dream," a leader, a high-achiever and a role model for younger investigators. "His knowledge of the criminal element in the city is second to none," said Koziol. "Greg fears no one and embraces the tough case. To the criminal element, Investigator Sims is like a bad storm. You know he's coming, you can see him coming, but you are powerless to stop him."

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, valor, safety and loss prevention. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

Nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.

CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORT

A COMPLETE VOICE REPORT IS AVAILABLE AT 441-7783. THIS NUMBER IS FOR NEWS MEDIA USE ONLY.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644

Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547

Date: Monday, February 7, 2005

Time: 4:30 p.m.

City street crews are concluding a plowing operation that cleared snow emergency routes, major arterials and bus routes. Crews are now making their way into residential districts with an emphasis on hills and stop signs. Beginning at 4 a.m. Tuesday morning, plows will again address major arterials that need to be plowed again, as well as continuing their work in residential districts. About 50 vehicles began plowing work at 8 a.m. today. That followed a salt-spreading operation involving 20 material spreaders that began at 4 a.m. this morning.

Lincoln Police Department reports responding to 50 snow-related accidents since 6 a.m. this morning. StarTran reports that buses are currently running about ten minutes behind schedule.

Residents are reminded that sidewalks are to be cleared by 9 a.m. following an overnight snowfall.

Please stay informed on traffic conditions and the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on pages 40 and 41 in the blue pages of your Alltel phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Time: 5 a.m.

As overnight temperatures plummeted into the mid-teens, city maintenance crews hit the streets at 4 a.m. with 18 material spreading vehicles distributing sand on the snow routes, bus routes and major arterials. City street crews will be canvassing the city checking specifically for slick spots on corners, in turn pockets and at intersections. Crews will also address some residential districts near schools as time allows, with the plan being to have everything given proper attention by 8 a.m. this morning.

Following a good degree of accident-related activity in the aftermath of yesterday's driving conditions, Lincoln Police Department reports no major problems or accidents during the overnight hours. Motorists are urged to drive defensively and allow for some extra time as they prepare for today's morning commute to work.

StarTran reports that all buses should be running on time. As the morning commute commences, delays will be possible.

More snow is expected today. In the event of any significant snow accumulation, residents are reminded that sidewalks are to be cleared by 9 a.m. following an overnight snowfall.

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Time: 4 p.m.

As a light but steady snow continues to accumulate in Lincoln, City street maintenance crews will begin a plowing operation at 7 p.m. tonight. Crews will plow the snow emergency routes, bus routes and major arterials, followed by another material spreading operation later in the evening.

There are NO parking bans in effect at this time.

Lincoln Police Department reports a total of 19 weather-related accidents between 6 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. today.

StarTran reports bus routes are running on time. With the increased traffic during the late afternoon commute and the adverse conditions, delays of five-to-ten minutes could occur.

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Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2005

Time: 11:15 p.m.

City street maintenance crews will soon begin a full-scale plowing operation in residential districts. Some crews will work on residential districts throughout the evening, with the full-scale residential plowing effort beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning, February 9.

THERE ARE NO RESIDENTIAL PARKING BANS IN EFFECT.

THERE ARE NO CITY PARKING BANS OF ANY KIND IN EFFECT AT THIS TIME.

City Street Maintenance Operations is asking for the public's assistance and cooperation by requesting that citizens voluntarily move their vehicles off of residential streets so that street crews can plow them. City Street Maintenance Operations greatly appreciates the public's cooperation in this residential plowing operation.

Again, **THERE ARE NO CITY PARKING BANS OF ANY KIND IN EFFECT AT THIS TIME.**

City ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks by 9 a.m. the day following the end of the snow storm. The entire width of the walk must be cleared, along with any adjoining wheel chair ramps or curb cuts. Those who are unable to meet that deadline can call Harry Kroos in the sidewalk office of Public Works at 441-8405 to request additional time. If a property owner does not clear the walk and the problem remains unresolved, the City may hire a snow removal contractor, and the owner is responsible for the charges.

The Red Cross is in need of volunteers for its **Snow Buddies** program, which matches volunteers with persons who are low-income and have a medical need for help keeping their walks cleared. There is an application process for those needing help. Those wanting to volunteer and those needing assistance can call the Red Cross at 441-7997.

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Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2005

Time: 5:30 a.m.

City street maintenance crews began plowing in some residential districts during the overnight hours, with full-scale plowing efforts commencing on residential streets at 8 a.m. this morning.

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Sanders are also currently working along snow emergency routes, bus routes and major arterials where the plows have recently finished.

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CABLE CHANNELS 5 AND 21 TO AIRING KOOSER EVENT AT LIED

5 CITY-TV and 21 Educational Access are now airing "An Evening with Ted Kooser," recorded live February 8 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. The program includes Kooser, the new U.S. Poet Laureate, reading from his work and a discussion among Kooser, University of Nebraska President J.B. Milliken and UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman. The program was a special Nebraska Lecture event co-sponsored by UNL and the City of Lincoln. It was recorded by Nebraska Educational Television.

The 75-minute show will air at these times:

- Wednesday, February 9 - 7 p.m. on channels 5 and 21
- Thursday, February 10 - 10:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. on channel 5; 3 p.m. on channel 21
- Friday, February 11 - 8 p.m. on channel 5; 10 a.m., on channel 21

More schedule information for 5 CITY-TV and 21 Educational Access is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov. Anyone with programming questions or viewer comments is urged to call the 5 CITY-TV feedback line at 441-6688.



NEWS ADVISORY

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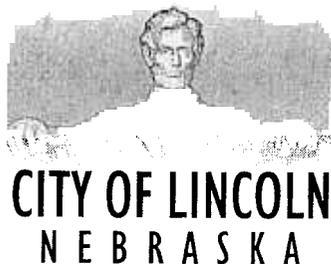
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DATE: February 9, 2005

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

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will release the report of the Group Homes Task Force at a news conference at **9 a.m. Thursday, February 10** in the **City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street.**



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Gregory Czaplewski, Planning Department, 441-7620

MAYOR RELEASES REPORT OF GROUP HOMES TASK FORCE

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today released the Group Homes Task Force report, which examined the City's laws and regulations governing group homes and congregate housing. The Mayor has reviewed the recommendations and directed City staff to draft potential changes to City ordinances.

"I want to thank the task force, which had a very open process with many meetings that included hearing from the public and providers," said Mayor Seng. "There are many types of group homes in our community. The consensus is that our existing local regulations generally work well to provide services to special needs citizens and to protect neighborhoods. One element that is missing is a 'reasonable accommodation' process to give those operating group homes and clients a procedure to request a waiver of certain regulations. These waiver requests would be considered on a case-by-case basis by the City Council."

The task force recommended that the City retain its current system for classifying family dwellings, group homes and health care facilities and its spacing requirements for group homes.

Mayor Seng said the City's role in regulating group homes is limited to land-use controls enacted through the zoning ordinance. The State of Nebraska is the primary authority responsible for enforcing regulations and overseeing the operation of group home providers.

"Our report includes recommendations for improvement at the state level," said task force chair Jon Carlson, a member of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission. "The bottom line is that with adequate service from the provider, special needs clients can be wonderful neighbors. With inadequate services, both the clients and the neighborhoods suffer."

Carlson said recommendations to the State cover issues the City is unable to regulate including:

- The State should develop a process to identify those individuals who are unable to be safely housed in the community and to provide them adequate housing opportunities.
- The State should take a more prominent role in the regulation and oversight of the day-to-day operations of these facilities, including monitoring performance, inspecting for compliance and responding to problems.
- The State should increase training requirements and quality to ensure that staff are trained appropriately for the needs of the clients.

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“The City is committed to working with State officials in their efforts to improve regulation and oversight practices,” said Mayor Seng. “The City needs to continue to collaborate with local providers and the State to monitor emerging issues.”

Also serving on the task force were:

- Jim Blue, Executive Director, Cedars Youth Services
- Kit Boesch, Administrator, Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services Department
- Tom Casady, Lincoln Police Chief
- Jonathan Cook, Lincoln City Council
- Roger Massey, former area director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and former Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commissioner
- Rick Peo, Chief Assistant City Attorney
- Larry Potratz, Executive Director, Lincoln Housing Authority
- Dean Settle, Executive Director, Lancaster County Community Mental Health Center
- Larry Williams, Director, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights
- Chuck Zimmerman, Plan Review Manager, City Building and Safety Department

The final task force report can be found on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

MAYOR'S GROUP HOMES TASK FORCE

Major Recommendations to the City:

Retain existing three-tiered classification:

1. A *family* is defined as one or more persons immediately related by blood, marriage or adoption and living as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling. A family also may include not more than two persons who are unrelated for the purpose of this title.
2. A *group home* is defined as a facility in which more than three (current definition is two) but less than 16 persons who are unrelated by blood, marriage or adoption reside while receiving therapy or counseling, but not nursing care. The facility shall be licensed or approved by the State of Nebraska or other appropriate agency if required. A group home must receive a conditional use permit from the Building and Safety Department. It must be separated from another existing group home by 1,200 feet (3.5 blocks) or 2,640 feet (7.5 blocks), depending on the zoning district.
3. A *health care facility* has 16 or more residents and must receive a special use permit from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission. There is no separation requirement. The facility must maintain a state license.

Implement a reasonable accommodation process.

This process would allow individuals protected by the federal Fair Housing Act to request a waiver from City regulations. Applications for waivers would be reviewed by the City authority with jurisdiction over the regulation at issue. The reviewing authority would make its recommendation to the City Council, which would decide the waivers.

Major Recommendations to the State:

Increase training requirements and improve training quality.

This includes greater oversight of the training curriculum. The required type and length of training should be commensurate with the needs of the population to be served. Continuing education could provide opportunities for additional training to meet specific client needs. Strengthened training requirements can produce more capable staff who may not rely on police assistance as frequently as they do now.

Improve ability to monitor performance, inspect for compliance and respond to problems.

Incident tracking procedures and an early warning protocol can identify potential problem situations prior to their escalation. Continued dialogue with the City of Lincoln, specifically the Lincoln Police Department, can assist with identifying potential problem facilities.

Increase availability of appropriate placements for high-needs clients.

Additional facilities will be needed to provide services for high-needs residents. Additional training should be required for staff persons serving high-needs clients. A system to identify high-needs clients and improve placement decisions made for them should be developed. Facilities serving high-needs clients should be subject to greater oversight.

Continue a dialogue with local officials, providers, advocates, consumers and neighbors.

The dialogue and exchange of information during the task force process was insightful and meaningful. Lines of communication among the community, providers and City and State officials should remain open and accessible.

Washington Report

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City of Lincoln -- Washington Office

CDBG Program Is Under Siege In Bush Budget

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Community Development

Proposal to gut CDBG officially announced. In a one-way conference call with the leadership of the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), the Bush Administration unveiled a proposal to consolidate and drastically cut funding for most federal community and economic development programs. Mayors participating in the conference call were not allowed to ask questions or offer comments.

Under the proposal, 18 community development programs administered by five cabinet departments, including the Community Development Block Grant program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), into a single grant program administered by the Department of Commerce called the Strengthening America's Communities Grant Program (SACGP). SACGP would be funded at \$3.71 billion in FY 2006, 22 percent less than the \$4.7 billion provided for CDBG alone in FY 2005. The proposal, which will be included in the Administration's budget scheduled to be released next Tuesday also calls for the creation of a Economic Development Challenge Fund that would provide performance bonus grants to communities that demonstrate good use of SACGP funds. The proposal would also consolidate programs administered by the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Health and Human Services and Treasury.

In addition to CDBG, programs to be consolidated under the President's Strengthening America's Community's Initiative include:

- Housing and Urban Development
National Community Development Initiative
CDBG Set-Asides
Brownfields Economic Development Initiative
Rural Housing and Economic Development
Urban Empowerment Zones Round II Grants
Community Development Loan Guarantees

Commerce

Economic Development Administration

Agriculture

- Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- Rural Business Opportunity Grants
- Economic Impact Grants
- Rural Empowerment Zones (EZ)/Enterprise Communities (EC)

Treasury

- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Program
- Bank Enterprise Award (BEA) Program
- CDFI Native Initiatives

Health and Human Services

- Community Services Block Grant
- Urban and Rural Community and Economic Development
- Rural Community Facilities

The Administration argues that its proposal will eliminate waste, duplication and inefficiency and target funding to communities most in need of assistance. They also argue that the new program will increase accountability and ensure that federal funds are wisely spent.

Though details of the new programs are not yet available, it is clear that the Administration intends to target the programs much more narrowly than CDBG. Under the Bush Administration, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been a harsh critic of CDBG, arguing that it is difficult to gauge the program's effectiveness and that a lot of the funding goes to affluent communities that do not need assistance. In outlining its SACGP proposal, the Commerce Department reiterated those arguments generally and specifically stated that 38 percent of CDBG funds go to states and cities with less poverty than the national average. According to summary documents released by the Department of Commerce, SACGP would be

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distributed according to a formula based on job loss, unemployment levels and poverty.

Critics of the Administration proposal argue that the effort has nothing to do with increasing efficiency or accountability but is simply an effort to balance the federal budget at the expense of those least able to bear it. They point out that OMB criticisms of CDBG are flawed and do not recognize that what makes the program difficult to evaluate, its flexibility, is also what makes it so successful. They also point out that even though relatively affluent states and cities receive CDBG assistance, the program requires that funds be spent in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods and have a direct impact on low- and moderate-income people. They also argue that even the wealthiest cities have pockets of often severe poverty that need assistance that local funds cannot adequately meet.

Critics of the proposal also point out that eliminating CDBG and replacing it with a smaller program administered by the Department of Commerce will essentially eliminate federal community development assistance. They argue that unlike HUD, which has a mission of assisting low- and moderate-income people and communities, the Department of Commerce has an economic development mission and that SACGP will have an economic development rather than a community development focus.

Committee leaders on Capitol Hill greeted the President's proposal cautiously. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Don Young (R-AK), whose Committee would have jurisdiction over the proposed new program and has jurisdiction over the Economic Development Administration (EDA), which would presumably administer it, said that while consolidation has some appeal, he is wary of eliminating successful programs in favor of an unproven new one. Representative Bill Shuster (R-PA), the Chairman of Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Subcommittee pointed to the

creation of the Department of Homeland Security as an example of a consolidation that increased costs and reduced efficiency.

Local government officials supportive of CDBG and federal economic development programs will need to quickly defend these programs. If the proposal is included in the Congressional Budget Resolution, it could then become part of a large budget reconciliation bill that incorporates a wide array of proposals ranging from tax cuts to Medicaid and Social Security and moves quickly through Congress under expedited rules that would protect it from a filibuster in the Senate. We will have more details on the proposal next week after reviewing the President's budget proposal.

Transportation

House TEA-21 reauthorization bill to be reintroduced Wednesday. House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chairman Don Young (R-AK) and ranking member James L. Oberstar (D-MN) plan to introduce "bigger and better" surface transportation programs reauthorization bill on Wednesday, February 9.

According to House sources, Young will introduce a six year bill, with dollar figures that have been "pre-blessed" by the Bush Administration. According to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, (R-CA), the House proposal could be reached without financing mechanisms that the White House has opposed in the past.

Young wants the transportation bill to be considered in committee toward the end of February and on the House floor the week of March 7, and hopes to begin staff discussions on a House-Senate conference committee during the congressional Easter recess in April.

However, Senate action will depend on the outcome of the President's budget submission on Monday, according to a letter recently sent to the Administration

by 24 Republican Senators. Reports are that Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman James Inhofe (R-OK) is preparing to introduce a surface transportation reauthorization bill within the next two to three weeks, and will hold a markup at the end of this month or early March. Inhofe is believed to favor a five-year reauthorization bill that would be at the same levels for FY 2005-2009, or approximately \$272 billion.

The current extension of the TEA-21 law is set to expire on May 31.

Energy

House looking to move an energy bill this month, while the Senate takes a more cautious approach. Spurred by the President's urging in this week's State of the Union address, House Republican leadership announced their desire to bring comprehensive energy legislation to the floor the week of February 14. And while the House hopes to approve a measure that is similar to the 1,200 page bill from last session (HR 6), some key Senators are contemplating significant changes to the measure.

Energy legislation was derailed in the last Congress mainly by opposition in the Senate to language in the bill that would grant the petrochemical industry immunity from lawsuits related to MTBE, a gasoline additive that has contaminated drinking and ground water throughout the country. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay (R-TX), whose Houston-area district has a strong petrochemical presence, insisted on the immunity language to offset a provision in the bill that would phase out the use of MTBE by 2015.

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton (R-TX) indicated this week that he favored sending a bill that is essentially the same as HR 6 to the floor without any committee consideration. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Pete Domenici (R-NM), however, sent a message this week that he would like to make substantial

changes to the bill because it is clear that HR 6 in its current form will not pass the Senate. In fact, there is likely to be even less Democratic support for the measure now that former Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD), a bill supporter, is no longer around.

Other complaints about the bill included the cost of the production and exploration tax breaks provided to the traditional fossil fuel and nuclear industries (\$28 billion) when compared to those directed towards alternative fuels and energy efficiency (\$1.8 billion), the opening of federal lands and the outer continental shelf to oil and gas exploration and the bill's failure to increase fuel economy standards for cars and trucks or to repeal a \$100,000 tax break for the purchase of sport utility vehicles.

On the electricity side, the HR 6 from the last Congress included both good and bad news for municipally-owned utilities.

Of concern to all local governments, the bill included language that would give the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) eminent domain authority to site interstate electricity transmission lines in areas identified by the Department of Energy as "critical transmission congestion pathways."

On the issue of increased electric reliability standards, the bill would have created mandatory reliability standards that would be promulgated by regional electric reliability organizations and a provision, known in industry circles as "FERC-lite," that would require all unregulated transmitting utilities with annual sales of more than 4 million megawatt hours of electricity to provide open access to their transmission facilities at rates and under terms and conditions comparable to those they impose on themselves.

Utilities with transmission facilities that are not necessary for an interconnected grid would have been exempt and the bill included language clearly stating that this provision is not intended to allow FERC to require membership in a regional transmission organization (RTO). The bill

also included language that would bar FERC from finalizing its proposed rule, dubbed Standard Market Design (SMD), governing transmission reliability before December 31, 2006. Lawmakers from the Pacific Northwest and Southeast, whose regions generally enjoy low retail electricity rates, oppose SMD, fearing that it might lead to increased export of electricity generated in their regions to other parts of the country.

HR 6 would have also repealed the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA). PUHCA imposes limits on the non-utility activities and geographic reach of utility holding companies in an effort to prevent cross subsidization of non-electricity related industries at the expense of consumers. Proponents of repeal argue that PUHCA is outdated and stymies investment in much needed transmission and generation infrastructure. Opponents argue that PUHCA repeal without stringent regulation designed to protect consumers and investors will open the door to new abuses and future scandals.

Grant Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services, February 4: The Office of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is seeking public and private sector entities to cosponsor the President's Challenge Physical Activity and Fitness Program. The President's Challenge is a national program to enhance physical fitness, health fitness, and active lifestyles in adults and children over six years. The program seeks cosponsors to administer a series of financially self-sustaining Challenge awards in a range of program areas. Eligible entities must demonstrate interest in and understanding of physical fitness, participate in the cosponsored activity, have an organizational mission not inconsistent with the public health mission of HHS, and agree to sign a co-sponsorship agreement with HHS. There are no federal funds associated with this program. Requests to participate as a cosponsor are due by April 1, 2005. (*Federal Register* 6007-6009)

FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 OPERATING BUDGET REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Mayor and City Council with a report on operating expenditures, General Fund revenues, and manpower utilization.

Operating expenditures and encumbrances are displayed by fund and department in Exhibit 1 titled "Operating Budget Report of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances." It should be noted that the "Approved Budget" column includes the original FY 2003-04 budget as approved by the City Council, plus any revisions authorized during the year, as well as amounts re-appropriated or encumbered from the prior year (including purchase orders and contracts still open as of August 31, 2003). Exhibit 1 indicates that 96.1% of the General Fund budget was expended or encumbered as of August 31, 2004. This is a slightly lower expenditure rate than last year when 96.5% of the General Fund budget was expended or encumbered. The resolution passed in August 2004 adopting the FY 2004-05 Budget re-appropriated 100% of 2003-04 unspent and unencumbered General Fund appropriations of operating departments, including 100% of any remaining reappropriated funds for years prior to FY 2003-04. Final authority to spend these re-appropriations rests with the Mayor. A breakdown by major type of expense is displayed below. The percent of equipment appropriations expended has been approximately 60% in recent years due to delays in purchasing fire trucks. The funds for fire trucks have been reappropriated for future use.

Percent of General Fund Operating Budget Expended or Encumbered at End of Fiscal Year

	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>
Personnel	98.8%	97.7%
Supplies	91.4%	97.8%
Other Services & Charges	89.0%	90.1%
Equipment	60.5%	59.8%
Transfers ¹	<u>102.2%</u>	<u>100.9%</u>
Total	96.5%	96.1%

The estimated cash position of the General Fund is evaluated during each budget process to provide an estimate of balances available for appropriation in the ensuing fiscal year. For 2004-05, appropriated balances, used as a funding source for the budget, decreased \$1,186,937 to \$5,085,200 and are projected to decrease for the FY 2005-06 budget. General Fund balances as a funding source for the budget, are projected to decrease during the next five-year budget forecast as the City reduces balances, measured at fiscal year end, to a goal of 15% of the coming budget. Additionally, the process of preparing five-year projections and allocating surpluses over a five year period assures that balances are drawn down according to a financial schedule.

TAX FUNDS

At the end of FY2003-04, expenditures of four tax funds exceeded the appropriated amount:

Special Events – exceeded the budgeted amount by \$36,186 or 33%. The July 4th and Lincoln Marathon events were over budget, primarily for personnel costs. The Star City Holiday Parade was over budget due to unanticipated higher liability insurance costs. These budgets were increased in FY2004-05 to cover anticipated costs.

Street Lighting – exceeded the budgeted amount by \$12,760 or 0.4%. General Expense, Contingency, Special Events and Street Lighting make up the City Unassigned Department, which as a whole was not over expended.

¹Excludes CIP Transfers.

Police and Fire Pension - exceeded the budgeted amount by \$5,590,317. However, fiscal year expenditures are not related to the budget. The budget is the City's contribution, used to maintain proper long-term actuarial funding; investment income is used to pay expenses.

Bond Interest and Redemption - exceeded the budgeted amount by \$6,194. Only debt service principal and interest payments are budgeted. The budget overrun is due to service charges and consultant fees. All cash in this fund is appropriated in the Budget Resolution in order to provide for these expenditures.

Following are explanations of significant savings for entities expending less than 95% of their budget and with more than \$5,000 surplus appropriations.

City Council - expended 77.5% or \$63,867 less than their adjusted budget. This savings was applied toward the remaining balance of the City Council members discretionary funds.

Planning - expended 85.2% of their budget resulting in savings of \$253,106. Of this amount \$174,670 was reappropriated primarily for the Downtown Master Plan.

Finance - expended 91.4% of their budget resulting in savings of \$188,480. The City Treasurer's ticket writing system is under development and \$86,170 in equipment was not purchased but will be in FY 2004-05. Other savings were achieved by not using \$20,299 in reappropriated funds carried over from FY 2002-03. City Clerk's Office realized savings in microfilming of \$10,267 and Purchasing's salary savings from vacancies and staff turnover was \$19,950.

Urban Development Department - expended 91.2% of their budget resulting in savings of \$65,782. Of this amount \$30,000 was reappropriated for the Downtown Master Plan and \$20,000 was reappropriated for the 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan (for HUD).

General Expense - expended 89.5% of the approved budget resulting in savings of \$1,719,222. Areas experiencing significant savings were Health Insurance, Consultant Service, Data Processing Services, Legal Services, Shared Services-Corrections, City Share of Impact Fees and City Share of Special Assessments. Legal Services (for the cable franchise negotiations) and Consultant Service were reappropriated.

Contingency - no Contingency Funds were used during FY 2003-04. At year end \$220,407 was transferred in the resolution adopting the new budget to cover budget overruns in FY 2003-04 or fund items not included in the FY 2005-06 budget.

Social Security - expended 94.5% of the approved budget resulting in savings of \$101,417. Actual FICA and Medicare Tax payments were less than anticipated in the budget.

Unemployment Compensation - expended only 22.8% of the approved budget resulting in a total expenditure of \$21,627. This expenditure rate is slightly higher than the previous year. Total benefit payments remain low. These payments have been funded with fund balances for many years.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

KENO - expended 103.8% of the appropriation exceeding the budget by \$75,227. This is because actual revenues received were greater than budgeted so the percent paid to human services, the State, County and General Fund were greater than budgeted. The budget resolution provides appropriations for these mandated payments and the 1% transfer to the General Fund.

Snow Removal Fund - exceeded the budgeted amount by \$779,083 or 35.3%. Due to an unusually harsh winter, salaries including overtime were over budget by \$65,718, contractual support for snow removal exceeded its budget by \$451,569 and rent of machinery and equipment was over budget by \$233,378.

Explanations of savings for Special Revenue Funds entities that experienced significant savings follow.

CDBG – expended 66.3% of the amount appropriated. Unexpended funds will be re-appropriated in FY2004-05. All CDBG funds received are appropriated as they become available. Budget revisions are made throughout the year to appropriate unexpended balances from the prior year, program income and actual grant revenues.

HOME Grant - expended 74.5% of the amount appropriated. Unexpended funds will be re-appropriated in 2004-05. Budget revisions are made throughout the year to appropriate unexpended balances from the prior year, program income and actual grant revenues.

OTHER DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

MIRF Bonds – exceeded the budget by \$4,450 or 1.0%. Only debt service principal and interest payments are budgeted. The budget overrun is due to charges from paying agents and a consultant for arbitrage calculations that are not budgeted. All cash in this fund is appropriated in the Budget Resolution in order to provide for these expenditures.

Tax Allocation – exceeded the budget by \$169,275 or 26.3%. This is due primarily to the payments exceeding the budget for the Q, O, P, R bond issue. These bonds were paid off earlier than anticipated in conjunction with the financing for the Downtown Multi-plex Theatre. In addition the payments were not budgeted for the Lincoln Building. The Lincoln Building payments are budgeted in 2004-05. All cash in these funds is appropriated in the Budget Resolution in order to provide for these expenditures.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Five Enterprise Funds exceeded their listed budget. (However, the Budget Resolution appropriates all the receipts regardless of the amount budgeted.)

Golf - exceeded the budget by \$280,488 or 11%. This was due primarily to a change in accounting procedures. In prior years the golf pro's share of revenue was deducted before deposits were made to the Golf Fund. In order to better track revenue, all revenue is now deposited in the Golf Fund and payments are made to the golf pros for their percentage. These payments were not budgeted in 2003-04, but they are budgeted for the current year. Other line item overruns included fuel, vehicle/equipment rentals and maintenance. All cash in this fund is appropriated in the Budget Resolution in order to provide for these expenditures.

Golf Debt Service – exceeded the budget by \$356 or 0.1%. Only debt service principal and interest payments are budgeted. The budget overrun is due to an administrative fee. All cash in this fund is appropriated in the Budget Resolution in order to provide for these expenditures.

Wastewater - exceeded the budget by \$2,579,203 or 21.4%. Bonds were issued sooner than anticipated due to the low interest rates. This resulted in an additional \$2,969,259 principal payment that had not been budgeted.

Parking Lot Revolving - expended \$875 or 0.4% more than its appropriations. Line items over expended include Rent of Building and Lots, Central Services and Grounds Maintenance offset by savings in other line items. All cash in this fund is appropriated in the Budget Resolution in order to provide for these expenditures.

Parking Revenue - expended 9.1%, \$374,152 more than its appropriations. Costs associated with the Living Wage requirements and overtime for special events and snow emergencies resulted in \$85,656 in additional costs. Also building maintenance was much higher than anticipated, an additional \$40,568 was spent on the DLA marketing contract, and \$118,848 of revenue not collected from the discount parking programs was recorded as an expense.

Explanations of savings for Enterprise Funds entities that experienced significant savings follow.

EMS Enterprise - expended 93.4% of the appropriation resulting in a remaining balance of \$263,505. A major saving in Personnel costs resulted from the privatizing of the non-emergency ambulance transport service on 2/11/04 and overtime, but also resulted reduced revenue associated with the change.

Landfill Revenue - expenditures were 15.4% less than budgeted resulting in a remaining balance of \$767,864. Anticipated revenue bonds were not issued resulting in savings of \$220,000 in interest. A scraper that was to be purchased was instead leased saving substantial funds. A \$90,000 truck tractor for the transfer station, a \$63,000 transfer trailer and a \$12,747 scissors lift were not purchased until after the start of FY 2004-05. Also, \$153,659 in Personnel savings was achieved due to staff vacancies and turnover in staff.

OTHER FUNDS

Community Health Endowment - expended 50.1% of the appropriation resulting in an unexpended amount of \$1,467,172. These dollars have been committed through grant awards and were reappropriated in 2003-04 to be paid out as grant recipients request reimbursement.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Two Internal Service Funds exceeded their estimated expenditures for 2003-04.

Information Services - exceeded expenditures by \$1,284,971 or 24.8% due to the unanticipated equipment purchases in various departments. These purchases are strictly pass-through expenditures that the Data Processing Fund is reimbursed for by various departments' budgets. Also, the remodeling of the Information Services office was thought to be included in the budget received from the Public Building Commission, but was paid for by Information Services resulting in an overage of approximately \$120,000. The fiber contract for Trabert Hall was also slightly over budget.

Citizen Information Center Revolving - expenditures exceeded the budget amount by \$20,198 or 8.0%. This is due to CIC doing \$36,916 more advertising and media work for various City departments, but the billing of those departments offset it. They also achieved a savings of \$21,466 in Personnel due to change in staffing, an employee taking an unpaid three month leave of absence and not hiring as much temporary staff.

An explanation of savings for the Internal Service Fund entities that significantly under utilized the authorized budget follows.

Fleet Services - expended 88.9% of the amount budgeted, resulting in savings of \$532,138. The majority of this savings is due to heavy equipment being leased rather than purchased.

Copy Services - expended 91.0% of the amount budgeted, generating a \$35,799 savings. The new paper contract allowed for delivery to individual locations allowing each department to purchase their own paper rather than Copy Services purchasing all of the paper and then billing each department.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES EXPLANATION OF VARIANCES

The General Fund receipts for 2003-04 were budgeted at \$98,265,008. The actual receipts for the year ending August 31, 2004, were \$98,244,134 or 100% of the budgeted revenues. This is due to the City Charter method used to levy property taxes. This represents an increase of 3.9% over the previous year's receipts of \$94,589,351. Receipts in all categories except property tax were 98.6% of the amount budgeted. Variances in categories that equal at least 5% and \$40,000 are provided below.

Property Tax – actual revenues exceeded projections by 8.0% or \$1,102,803. The majority of this is due to the City Charter requirement that only 90% of property tax revenue be appropriated.

In Lieu of Tax - LES – received was 9.6% or \$119,335 less than budgeted. This was due to the City share of the total property tax levy becoming smaller as the City lowered its property tax rate due to revaluations. The LES-In Lieu of tax is calculated as 5% of gross receipts distributed amongst all taxing entities based on each entity's portion of the total tax rate.

Reimbursement for Services - was 90% of the amount budgeted or \$190,001 less than anticipated. This is due largely to receiving less reimbursement from projects for engineering staff time budgeted in General Fund. Actual billings to City funds for central service charges were also less than budgeted.

Recreation Receipts – 89.8% of the projected amount was collected or \$192,535 less than budgeted. This was mostly due to lower than anticipated swimming pool revenues due to cooler temperatures and more rain days than in recent years.

Earned Interest - collections were \$40,464 or 11.2% more than budgeted. This was the first full-year the City has benefited from the investment pool which allows the City Treasurer to invest larger sums for longer periods of time resulting in higher yields.

Inter-governmental Revenue - was \$147,780 or 10.6% less than budgeted. This is due primarily to receiving less federal reimbursement for police officers than anticipated. Some reimbursement will not be claimed until future years due to a delay in hiring officers added in FY2003-04. Some reimbursement has since been deposited in FY2004-05 for expenses incurred in FY2003-04.

Rent – receipts were \$79,276 or 22.9% more than budgeted. The greater than anticipated revenue came from a variety of sources including: cell phone towers at 84th & South Sts. and Airpark, greater than anticipated revenue from the impound lot, Oak Lake land rental, Parks & Rec. facilities and pools.

Administrative Fees – were \$135,492 or 15.2% less than anticipated due to less revenue from parking administrative fees.

EMPLOYEE UTILIZATION

Exhibit 3, titled "Employee Utilization by Department," presents staff hours authorized in the budget, hours utilized as of the end of the fiscal year, and the percent of budgeted hours actually utilized. At the end of 2003-04, 97.1% of authorized work hours were expended. Only the Building and Safety Department exceeded 100% of authorized work hours.

Building & Safety – exceeded their budgeted work hours by 449 hours or 0.3% of their budget. This is made up of several factors including an intern through the diversity program working on an imaging project, extended illnesses that required hiring temporary help as well as payment of sick leave. In other cases contractual funds are budgeted for temporary help, but when these funds are actually expended the temporary workers are put on the payroll generating personnel expenditures rather than contractual expenditures.

No department used less than 90% of their personnel hours authorization for FY 2003-04.

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EXHIBIT 1
F.Y. 2003-04 OPERATING BUDGET REPORT OF
APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>APPROVED*</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u> <u>AND</u> <u>ENCUMBRANCES</u>	<u>UNENCUMBERED</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u> <u>EXPENDED OR</u> <u>ENCUMBERED</u>
GENERAL FUND				
City Council	284,345	220,478	63,867	77.5 %
Mayor's Department	1,278,152	1,217,825	60,327	95.3 %
Law Department	1,939,879	1,861,404	78,475	96.0 %
Personnel Department	793,194	790,808	2,386	99.7 %
Planning Department	1,709,415	1,456,309	253,106	85.2 %
Finance Department	2,183,320	1,994,840	188,480	91.4 %
Public Works/Utilities Department	4,131,553	3,948,070	183,483	95.6 %
Parks and Recreation Department	10,356,544	10,299,155	57,389	99.4 %
Fire Department	18,005,210	17,342,810	662,400	96.3 %
Police Department	26,610,188	26,057,004	553,184	97.9 %
Urban Development Department	750,516	684,734	65,782	91.2 %
Interfund Transfers	15,510,995	15,507,995	3,000	100.0 %
General Expense	16,359,378	14,640,156	1,719,222	89.5 %
Contingency	229,593		229,593	
Special Events	109,725	145,911	-36,186	133.0 %
Street Lighting	3,482,600	3,495,360	-12,760	100.4 %
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	<u>103,734,607</u>	<u>99,662,859</u>	<u>4,071,748</u>	96.1 %
OTHER TAX FUNDS				
Libraries	7,301,913	7,281,688	20,225	99.7 %
Police and Fire Pension	1,940,867	7,531,184	-5,590,317	388.0 %
Bond Interest and Redemption	5,486,649	5,492,843	-6,194	100.1 %
Social Security	1,830,143	1,728,726	101,417	94.5 %
Unemployment Compensation	95,000	21,627	73,373	22.8 %
TOTAL ALL TAX FUNDS	<u>120,389,179</u>	<u>121,718,927</u>	<u>-1,329,748</u>	101.1 %

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>APPROVED*</u> <u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u> <u>AND</u> <u>ENCUMBRANCES</u>	<u>UNENCUMBERED</u> <u>BALANCE</u>	<u>PERCENT</u> <u>EXPENDED OR</u> <u>ENCUMBERED</u>
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
9-1-1 Communications	2,742,638	2,739,000	3,638	99.9 %
Animal Control	1,286,935	1,273,834	13,101	99.0 %
Building and Safety	4,993,829	4,890,133	103,696	97.9 %
Cable Access Television				
Health	7,678,018	7,514,759	163,259	97.9 %
Heritage Room	31,228	26,855	4,373	86.0 %
KENO	1,975,450	2,050,677	-75,227	103.8 %
Lillian Polley Trust	139,520	136,307	3,213	97.7 %
Aging - City / County	4,552,766	4,368,320	184,446	95.9 %
Aging - Multi-County	565,249	540,051	25,198	95.5 %
Snow Removal Fund	2,204,543	2,983,626	-779,083	135.3 %
StarTran Operating	7,663,877	7,641,028	22,849	99.7 %
Street Construction - Maintenance	6,386,731	6,292,349	94,382	98.5 %
Title V Clean Air	537,432	513,838	23,594	95.6 %
Air Pollution (EPA)	130,091	129,209	882	99.3 %
CDBG	4,996,364	3,314,371	1,681,993	66.3 %
Home Grant	2,323,619	1,730,456	593,163	74.5 %
WIA	953,274	917,132	36,142	96.2 %
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	49,161,564	47,061,945	2,099,619	95.7 %
OTHER DEBT SERVICE FUNDS				
MIRF	425,830	430,280	-4,450	101.0 %
Antelope Valley	990,663	990,551	112	100.0 %
Tax Allocation	644,410	813,685	-169,275	126.3 %
TOTAL OTHER DEBT SERVICES FUNDS	2,060,903	2,234,516	-173,613	108.4 %
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
EMS Enterprise	3,990,723	3,727,218	263,505	93.4 %
Pershing Auditorium	2,287,643	2,246,522	41,121	98.2 %
Golf	2,543,372	2,823,860	-280,488	111.0 %
Golf Debt Service	381,700	382,056	-356	100.1 %
Landfill Revenue	4,980,166	4,212,302	767,864	84.6 %
Wastewater	12,024,279	14,603,482	-2,579,203	121.4 %
Water	21,663,454	20,986,989	676,465	96.9 %

FUND/DEPARTMENT	APPROVED* BUDGET	EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED OR ENCUMBERED
Parking Lot Revolving	230,400	231,275	-875	100.4 %
Parking Revenue	4,126,614	4,500,766	-374,152	109.1 %
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	<u>52,228,351</u>	<u>53,714,470</u>	<u>-1,486,119</u>	102.8 %
OTHER FUNDS				
Community Health Endowment	2,938,360	1,471,188	1,467,172	50.1 %
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	<u>2,938,360</u>	<u>1,471,188</u>	<u>1,467,172</u>	50.1 %
GRAND TOTAL BUDGETED OPERATING FUNDS INCLUDING INTERFUND TRANSFER				
	<u>226,778,357</u>	<u>226,201,046</u>	<u>577,311</u>	99.7 %
LESS INTERFUND TRANSFER				
From General Fund	-15,223,700	-15,135,700	-88,000	99.4 %
From Street Construction	-1,132,223	-1,132,223		100.0 %
From Wastewater	-400,000	-400,000		100.0 %
From Landfill Revenue	-611,290	-611,290		100.0 %
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS- NET OF TRANSFER	<u>209,411,144</u>	<u>208,921,833</u>	<u>489,311</u>	99.8 %
INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS				
Information Services	5,177,399	6,462,370	-1,284,971	124.8 %
Engineering Revolving	6,474,924	6,307,268	167,656	97.4 %
Police Garage	2,833,714	2,750,914	82,800	97.1 %
Fleet Services	4,815,425	4,283,287	532,138	88.9 %
Radio Maintenance	683,008	664,303	18,705	97.3 %
CIC Revolving	252,756	272,954	-20,198	108.0 %
Copy Services	395,668	359,869	35,799	91.0 %
Health Care	5,300	4,863	437	91.8 %
Worker's Compensation Loss Fund	671,791	652,476	19,315	97.1 %
TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS	<u>21,309,985</u>	<u>21,758,304</u>	<u>-448,319</u>	102.1 %

* Includes revisions and amounts reappropriated or encumbered from the prior year.

EXHIBIT 2
F.Y. 2003-04 GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

	<u>BUDGETED RECEIPTS</u>	<u>ACTUAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>PERCENT OF BUDGET REALIZED</u>	<u>PERCENT OVER (UNDER) PRIOR YEAR</u>
Property Tax	\$19,407,035	\$20,509,838	105.7%	8.0 %
Motor Vehicle Tax	3,864,915	4,036,694	104.4%	6.4 %
Sales Tax	51,996,219	51,869,477	99.8%	6.6 %
Occupation Tax	9,651,923	9,257,597	95.9%	2.4 %
In Lieu of Tax (State)	1,492,081	1,489,668	99.8%	(38.0)%
Permits & Fees	2,560,695	2,464,745	96.3%	3.4 %
In Lieu of Tax - LES	1,248,000	1,128,665	90.4%	(4.4)%
Reimbursement for Services	1,896,371	1,706,370	90.0%	0.3 %
Recreation Receipts	1,882,956	1,690,421	89.8%	(0.8)%
Parking Meter Receipts	835,000	835,000	100.0%	
Earned Interest	360,000	400,464	111.2%	(9.9)%
Interest on Property Taxes	113,000	106,537	94.3%	(0.1)%
Inter-governmental Revenue	1,391,930	1,244,150	89.4%	(31.9)%
Rent	346,667	425,943	122.9%	16.9 %
Administrative Fees	888,500	753,008	84.8%	(8.9)%
Sundry Taxes	31,621	25,345	80.2%	(14.9)%
Miscellaneous	298,095	300,212	100.7%	(1.0)%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS	<u>\$98,265,008</u>	<u>\$98,244,134</u>	100.0%	3.9 %
TOTAL WITHOUT PROPERTY TAX	78,857,973	77,734,296	98.6%	2.8 %

EXHIBIT 3
F.Y. 2003-04 EMPLOYEE UTILIZATION BY DEPARTMENT
BUDGET VS ACTUAL

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED WORK HOURS</u>	<u>ACTUAL UTILIZATION</u>	<u>PERCENT OF AUTHORIZATION UTILIZED</u>
City Council	18,880	18,720	99.2%
Mayor Department (excludes Aging Division)	58,448	53,264	91.1%
Aging Division	144,394	143,889	99.7%
Law Department	59,280	58,940	99.4%
Finance Department (excludes Information Services and Emergency Communications)	69,032	67,938	98.4%
Information Services Division	85,997	81,170	94.4%
Emergency Communications Division	99,024	94,061	95.0%
Public Works & Utilities Department (excludes StarTran, Water, and Wastewater Divisions)	468,764	457,216	97.5%
Water and Wastewater Divisions (includes Sanitary Landfill)	508,696	475,057	93.4%
Star Tran Division	240,862	231,191	96.0%
Parks & Recreation Department (excludes Golf)	568,688	568,270	99.9%
Golf Division	67,426	67,419	100.0%
Urban Development Department (excludes JTPA)	53,040	52,877	99.7%
Personnel Department	44,470	43,752	98.4%
Planning Department	43,680	42,824	98.0%
Fire Department	858,555 *	841,669	98.0%
Police Department	899,247	857,831	95.4%
Building & Safety Department	130,460	130,909	100.3%
Lincoln City Libraries	258,253	254,861	98.7%
Health Department	245,304	240,242	97.9%
TOTAL	4,922,500	4,782,100	97.1%

*Based on a 56 hour week for firefighters.

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of
Lincoln, Nebraska:

That the attached list of investments be confirmed and approved, and the City
Treasurer is hereby directed to hold said investments until maturity unless
otherwise directed by the City Council.

INTRODUCED BY:

Approved:

Don Herz, Finance Director

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2005

Mayor

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT
TREASURER OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
INVESTMENTS PURCHASED
JANUARY 24 thru FEBRUARY 4, 2005**

January 24, 2005, we used new funds to invest \$1,160,000 as follows in the Short Term Pool:

\$150,000	Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank
\$1,000,000	First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank

January 25, 2005, we cashed a total of \$3,066,000 out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested \$3,215,000 as follows:

\$3,000,000	FNM, discounted 99.498%, costing \$2,984,940, yielding 2.557701%, maturing April 6, 2005
\$200,000	Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank
\$15,000	Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust at Union Bank

We used new funds January 26, 2005, to invest \$340,000 in the Short Term Pool as follows:

\$50,000	Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank
\$290,000	First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank

A \$3,000,000 investment matured January 27, 2005, and we immediately cashed and invested \$3,318,000 in the Short Term Pool as follows:

\$3,075,000	Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank
\$228,000	First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank
\$15,000	Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust at Union Bank

January 31, 2005, we cashed \$2,775,000 out of the Short Term Pool and then invested \$3,411,000 in a First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank.

February 1, 2005, we cashed \$682,000 out of the Short Term Pool. We then invested in a \$350,000 Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank.

We cashed a \$565,000 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank out of the Short Term Pool February 2, 2005. We then invested \$145,000 in the Short Term Pool as follows:

\$75,000	Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank
\$70,000	Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust at Union Bank

We cashed a \$150,000 Repurchase Agreement at Wells Fargo Bank out of the Short Term Pool February 4, 2005. We then invested in a \$53,560 First American Government Obligation Fund at US Bank.

We respectfully request approval of our actions.

Don Herz, Finance Director


Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SEMG



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000
Fax: 441-8323 or 441-6229

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 8, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Harry Heafer 441-8035; Gene Hanlon 441-7043

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

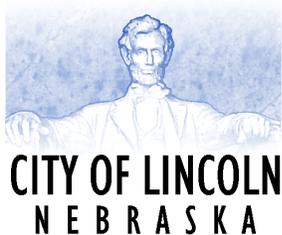
Nominations are being sought for the 2005 Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Awards. Lancaster County residents are encouraged to recognize local efforts to preserve and better the environment by nominating an individual, school, organization or business for an environmental award. The awards recognize local efforts in the following categories:

- Pollution Prevention:** Eliminating or significantly reducing the use of toxic products.
- Waste Reduction and Recycling:** Reduction in the amount of waste sent to the landfill
- Water Conservation:** Reduction in water use by utilizing water conservation equipment or planting drought tolerant plants
- Cleanup/Beautification:** Improvement in an area's visual quality
- Residential/Commercial Development:** Smart growth, sustainable development, and active living by design including reducing waste during construction, utilizing drought tolerant landscaping, and energy efficient and green building techniques
- Environmental Education/Awareness:** New or unique efforts for providing or supporting environmental education programs; increasing awareness about local environmental issues

Nomination forms are available by calling 441-8035 or 441-7043, or may be completed on-line at: www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/envIRON/killcb/awards.htm. Nomination deadline is March 18, 2005. The awards ceremony dinner will be on Friday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bryan Hospital Conference Center, 48th & Cotner.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Awards Program is a collaborative project of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department and the Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department. Many generous donors make this event possible each year.

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SAFELY TRANSPORTING YOUR CHILDREN . . . A TRUE ACT OF LOVE

National Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week is conducted each year in conjunction with Valentine's Day. With motor vehicle crashes being the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children 14 years and younger in Lancaster County, what better way to show your love for them than by participating in a car seat check up event?

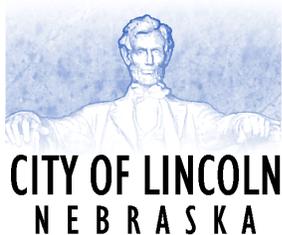
The Lincoln-Lancaster County SAFE KIDS Coalition is sponsoring a car seat check up event on Wednesday, February 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Husker Auto Group on North 27th Street. The public is invited to attend this free event designed to ensure your child passenger is as safe as possible. For an appointment time, please call AAA Insurance at 441-4500.

Lincoln area certified CPS Technicians will be available and talking to parents about questions they have. The car safety seat technicians will also thoroughly check car seats, their installation, and use.

Twenty of those participating in this special car seat check up will be a part of a National study conducted by the National SAFE KIDS Campaign to determine effectiveness of car seat education among parents and care givers.

On the next day, Thursday, February 17th, a CPS Technician Recognition Luncheon will be held to honor the many area CPS Technicians that volunteer their time toward this life saving effort. Lincoln has held over 40 car seat check-up events since the program started in 1997.

For more information on either of these events, please contact Co-Chairs of the Child Passenger Safety Task Force, Kristin Luethke at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 486-8182, or Stacy Blizek at CEDARS Youth Services, 437-8874.



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Division Manager, Health Data & Evaluation

Lancaster County 2003 Vital Statistics Report

The 26th Annual Lancaster County Vital Statistics Report has been published by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) according to Bruce Dart, Health Director. The 2003 Vital Statistics Report is divided into three sections: 1) Birth Statistics, 2) Death Statistics, and 3) Marriage and Divorce Statistics. Information contained in the report is based on the 2003 vital records of the State of Nebraska, which were sent to LLCHD by the Data Management Section, Nebraska Health and Human Services System.

Historical data, Year 2010 Objectives, and data for Nebraska have been used where relevant to show trends and comparisons. Birth and mortality rates are calculated using population estimates from the U.S. Census. The 2003 population estimate of Lancaster County was set at 261,057 by the 2003 U.S. Census Data.

The Birth Statistics section presents year 2003 birth data for Lancaster County, Nebraska, according to a wide variety of characteristics. The data are presented for demographic characteristics, maternal characteristics, prenatal care utilization by pregnant women, and infant characteristics. This section covers descriptive tabulations of data reported on birth certificates of the 4,043 births that occurred in Lancaster County in 2003. The 4,043 births are 222 more than in 2002, and represents the largest number of births in Lancaster County since 1963 (4,125). The 2003 birth rate, 15.5 births per 1000 population, is the highest birth rate since 1984; and the fertility rate, 65.7 births per 1000 women of childbearing age (15 to 44), is also higher than any rate in the last two decades.

Several trends continue to be seen from the 2003 Vital Statistics data. First, the number and percent of births to mothers of Hispanic origin continues to rise, which reflects the growth in the Hispanic population in the County in the last two decades. Secondly, the number (1,061) of births to unmarried mothers continues to increase, up from 969 births in 2002, while the rate (262 per 1000 live births) is the same as in 2001. The third trend is the continuation of motherhood at older ages and the decline in the rate of teen births. Another ongoing trend is an increase in multiple births over the past decade, with 63 multiple births in 2003.

In 2003, 300 infants were born at a low birth weight (LBW, a birth weight under 2500 grams or 5 pounds, 9 ounces). The number of LBW births represented 7.4 percent of all 2003 births. Although the percentage of LBW births was slightly higher in 1997 (7.5 percent), the number and percent of 2003 births were significantly higher than in the previous five years (1998 to 2002), when the number of LBW births were in the range of 205 (2002) to 255 (2000) and the LBW births as a percentage of total births ranged from 5.4 percent (2002) to 6.8 percent (1998 and 2000). Infants born at a low birth weight had a higher chance of having birth defects (8.6%) than infants born at a higher birth weight (3.2%).

The Death Statistics section presents year 2003 death certificate data of Lancaster County, Nebraska, based on the characteristics of the deceased. This section provides descriptive tabulations of age-adjusted rates (for comparison) of data reported on death certificates. There were 1,718 deaths of Lancaster County residents in 2003, which represents a crude death rate of 6.6 deaths per 1000 population. The average age at death continues to rise overall: for men the average age at death was 70.5; for women, 77.9.

There were 23 infant deaths in 2003 and the infant mortality rate (IMR) fell from 7.1 deaths per 1000 live births in 2002 to 5.7 in 2003, the lowest rate ever except for 1997 (5.6). While the overall rate is encouraging, disparities in the rate by race/ethnicity remain, and we still haven't reduced the rate to 5.0, which is the 2010 objective.

Cancer continues to be the number one cause of death followed closely by heart disease. Cancer has been the leading cause of death in the County since 1999. The other three of the top five leading causes of death are cerebrovascular disease (stroke), chronic lung disease and unintentional injuries, although the ranking varies by race and ethnicity.

The Marriage and Divorce section provides a descriptive summary of the 1,947 marriages and 917 divorces that took place in Lancaster County in 2003. Marriage and divorces are described according to age, race and education. A profile of children of the divorcees is also presented.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will have the Vital Statistics Report for 2003 available on the City web site; lincoln.ne.gov for viewing. For further information please contact Steve Frederick, Manager, Health Data & Evaluation at 441-6271.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT
JANUARY, 2005**

HEALTH DIRECTOR S OFFICE

Work has begun on the FY05-06 budget. The Information & Fiscal Manager met with each Division Manager to determine their budget issues and priorities. She also met with the Health Director and Assistant Health Director regarding budget issues for the Department. The Department s budget request will be submitted to the Mayor s Office in March, 2005.

The Health Director attended the following during the month: Public Health Law Team Meeting, Whiteclay Report Task Force Conference Call, County Management Team Meeting, Diabetes Committee Meeting, Access Medicaid Policy Council Meeting, Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees Meeting, Public Health Association of Nebraska Board of Directors Meeting, Police & Fire Pension Disability Hearing, Local Health Directors & BioTerrorism Coordinators Conference Call and meetings with Building & Safety regarding regulations for outdoor smoking areas.

Surgeon General Richard Carmona and NACCHO President, Dr. Michael Caldwell, have been invited as guest speakers for the Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. The event is tentatively scheduled for April 12, 2005 at the UNL East Campus Student Union.

Employee of the Month - Janice Wagner - Community Health Services Division.

ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR

63,500 copies of the Annual Report were distributed in the January 12, 2005 issue of the Lincoln Journal Star. The Annual Report will also be used throughout the year at special presentations and events. We will also distribute copies to guests of the Board of Health Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

The MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships) process continues to make progress. We are just finishing a self assessment of health, social and human service data resources for 10 of the MAPP indicators. There are four assessment phases to MAPP and we are currently working on the community health status assessment. The LLCHD is registered on the NACCHO MAPP website and we are part of a peer review.

The AHD has been asked to serve on the Search Committee to select the next Executive Director for the Indian Center. Thirteen applications have been submitted as of January 25, 2005. The Indian Center Board of Directors will be making the final selection in March. The Search Committee will hold their last meeting on January 31, 2005.

An interview on the AED project was completed on January 25th with KLKN Channel 8. The AED project has grown considerably over the last 18 months. On January 19, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Nebraska Legislature heard public testimony on LB176. LB176 would make it possible for a lay person to use an AED in

the event of an emergency without facing civil liability. The AED Consortium supports LB176 and they support the Heart Association's 4 Step Chain of Survival (early access, early CPR, early defibrillation, and early advanced care).

The Health Department will participate in National Public Health Week April 9-15. Local events and public health resources will be provided to the Public Health Association of Nebraska and the American Public Health Association website.

LLCHD is accepting nominations for the Board of Health Awards through February 18th. There is a new category for nominating an outstanding young person or youth group that has made significant contributions to public health. We will also be presenting the Well Workplace Awards during the April, 2005 Awards Ceremony.

The AHD continues to represent the LLCHD on the Human Services Federation and the Matt Talbot Kitchen Board of Directors. The HSF will be contracting with the JBC and United Way to conduct Lincoln's Human Services Plan for 2005-2006.

The LLCHD had a productive meeting with Mr. Barry Gourley, the new Executive Director of Family Services, and the WIC staff from Family Services and the Health Department. We are exploring new outreach opportunities for both organizations.

RESOURCE & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Building Update

Completed system furniture requests from the divisions and worked with Clark Enersen to complete the design work for the workstations and offices for staff. Each division identified priority needs and work area preferences. Clark Enersen was able to meet the requests in the majority of the staff work areas. Where it was not possible, Clark Enersen offered alternatives for the work areas and division managers, supervisors and staff were involved in the decisions regarding the work areas.

Eight general contractors submitted bids on January 12, 2005 for the construction and renovation of the LLCHD building. The low bid was submitted by Sampson construction. The Notice to Proceed to Contract with Sampson was approved by the Public Building Commission on January 18, 2005.

The first pre-construction meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2005. A general timeline for beginning construction will be determined at that time. Meetings with the steering committee, general contractor and city reps will be held every two weeks throughout construction.

Groundbreaking will occur as soon as possible, weather permitting. Site preparations will begin in February. The total project is still anticipated being completed by December 2006.

Community Diabetes Funding Group

The Community Diabetes Funding Group will be applying to the Community Health Endowment for two community diabetes projects. The first, with Lancaster County Medical Society as the fiscal agency will apply for the \$10,000 microgrant to provide diabetic supplies and/or diabetes education for individuals who do not qualify for the indigent program. The second, with St Elizabeth Foundation as the fiscal agency for the grant, will apply for the \$10,000 microgrant to assist with the community activities of the project.

The Community Diabetes Funding Group is pursuing media support from 10/11 television and the Lincoln JournalStar.

The Community Diabetes Funding Group is pursuing options for collaboration with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation to address childhood obesity.

Legislation

Coordinating the Department's legislative bill review. The Department works with the Mayor's office on legislative activities the staff may wish to be involved in on behalf of the department.

Legislative Bills of particular interest to the Department are compiled and monitored.

ANIMAL CONTROL

In December, Animal Control officers responded to 1,361 requests for services (requiring 1,655 visits or investigations) which included 40 bites and 6 attack investigations, 61 injured animal rescues, 61 cruelty/neglect investigations, 123 dead animal pickups, 27 home deliveries of at large animals, 27 wildlife removals, and 288 license/rabies vaccination follow ups. As of December 31, Animal Control officers have responded to 8,217 calls in FY 2005 as compared to 9,104 for the same period in FY 2004 or a decrease of 9.7% due to primarily a reduction in license follow ups. This was due to vacancies in Animal Control officer positions, which have been filled as of Dec 2.

A total of 354 animals (167 dogs, 179 cats, and 8 other animals) were impounded in November. Year to date, the number of impounded animals is 7.2% lower than the same period last year. The average claim rate of impounded animals at the shelter is 41.3%.

Additionally, 4,210 licenses were sold or issued, 122 lost and found reports were taken, and 3,129 phone calls for service, animal complaints, or information were handled or processed. Legal action taken by officers in December was the issuance of 28 court citation and 165 warning/defect tickets.

On January 19, 2005, a County Court trial was held for Sandy Nahorny of 1509 E Street who had been cited for violation of the rooster prohibited ordinance. The case had been continued twice previously. Ms. Nahorny was requesting another continuance, which the County Judge denied. She was fined \$50.00 plus court cost. The rooster according to Ms. Nahorny, has been moved to Greenwood.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

ACCESS MEDICAID

Population Focused Projects and Activities:

The call abandonment rate this month continued at 12%, which is the same as last month. The call volume was 1,548, which is an increase of 32 calls.

The number of program eligibles as of December 1, 2004, was 17,808, which is a decrease of 55 clients.

Thirty-seven clients accessed Nebraska Health Connection/Kids Connection services in the office, which is an increase of 17 as compared to November 2004.

The Client Resource Specialist (CRS) completed 43 home visits in an effort to reach 61 clients. He was successful in interacting with 24 clients for the month of December.

Community Linkages:

Access Medicaid provided outreach at several locations throughout the month of December. Community activities gave the CRS the opportunity to provide formal presentations or informal opportunities for staff and/or clients to receive managed care education or ask questions. December is the month of the annual Holiday Gift Giving Event. This is sponsored and held at Lincoln Action Program (LAP). Over 5,000 individuals were signed up for gift baskets during the 4-day event. Staff met with over 3,000 of these participants during this time, as well as over 50 staff members from agencies. A fever questionnaire was utilized this month with education being given along with a thermometer by the Public Health Nurses who accompanied the Community Resource Specialist.

Focus continues on People's Health Center as an outreach site. It was visited several times in an effort to determine when the peak times for clients are. This will enable us to set up a site during peak client times to maximize staff time.

New Opportunities:

Some of the management staff of the program presented at several Magellan staff meetings. Magellan is the mental health component of Medicaid.

Several staff members started the quality improvement series sponsored by the Health Department this month.

Data Collection/Outcomes:

17,808 total clients were eligible for Medicaid Managed Care with 17,106 active with a PCP and health plan; this represents an increase of 102 clients as compared to November who are active with a PCP and health plan.

859 new clients were eligible for Medicaid Managed Care in Lancaster County; an increase of 14% as compared with November.

720 clients voluntarily enrolled with a doctor (PCP) and health plan via face to face or telephone contact, representing an increase of 147 clients.

91 clients were auto assigned reflecting an 10% auto assignment rate.

There were 1,548 incoming calls in December reflecting a 2% increase in call volume. Staff answered 1,356 calls.

Program Highlight:

All program staff were able to participate in staff development. Staff was given the opportunity to recommend speakers. Research was done on several of the recommendations and the management team decided on Mary Kay Mueller as the speaker. This was a dynamic performance that combined positive attitude , communication and balance. There were very positive remarks from the staff after attending the all day workshop at Mahoney State Park.

Program Summary:

Systems Specialist II position (.5) remains open. The idea of sharing an employee with Information Systems at the main Health Department continues to be explored.

PHN I position (full-time) was re-opened. Alicen Schulte was hired for that position and she started December 20, 2004.

HOME AND COMMUNITY

In December 2004, the average number of people seen by one Full Time Equivalent PHN has risen from 36.5 per month in FY 2002-03 to 39.7 in FY 2003-04 and to a current average of 45.6 per month for the first four months of FY 2004-05. A total of 628 people were seen in December which is the largest number of individuals seen in one month by PHNs since we have been consistently collecting data. Continuing efforts to streamline activities and improve efficiency are seen in this increase. Public Health Nurses (PHNs) had a Total caseload of 441 families. Of these, no families were followed by student

nurses and 68 families needed interpretation in order to receive PHN services. There were a total of 119 referrals received, of which 100 were new. Thirty-two new records were opened to service and another 60 families were assessed by nurses for possible entry into home visitation. Beginning this Fiscal Year, nurses have seen 868 unduplicated families. Last year at this time, 830 unduplicated families had been seen.

During a routine prenatal home visit to a maternal client at 36 weeks gestation, PHN found her complaining of dizziness, headache, with swollen feet and hands, and blood pressure was elevated. PHN called her physician and the client was told to go to Bryan East and be tested for pre-eclampsia. On follow-up it was found out that a c-section was done that night as they could not get her blood pressure to come down. The client delivered a 4 lb.15 oz girl at 36 weeks gestation and since being sent home from the hospital, has been gaining weight. PHN intervention was crucial for this client as signs of pre-eclampsia were evident and nursing judgement was critical in identifying the symptoms and in making the appropriate judgement call to the physician.

The plans for a group of Iraqi women is becoming more solidified. The information given will be prenatal care, infant growth and development, infant well care and illness care. They have a starting date of Feb 8, 2005. They will meet at the Asian Center and some transportation will be available as well as interpreters. Help will be provided by LAP to translate postcards and other information.

End of the Fiscal Year data about Maternal Child Health home visitation has been analyzed for the end of the year report.

Program Highlight:

Work continues with the Public Health Clinic team on designing data collection systems that will meet the clinic s needs. This is especially important in light of the work load and the high need for reliable data. The Clinic has decided to implement a Care Pathway© designed by staff from the data points identified by the clinic staff as the information about the Primary Care Clinic (PCC) clients that will be essential to collect. Clinic staff provided an orientation about the new tool to their staff, which was well received. An Access data base shell has been prepared for possible data entry based on the PCC Care Pathway©. Staff will be refining the data base before it is implemented.

PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC

Population Focused Projects and Activities:

4,545 individuals were served in the Public Health Clinic this month.
800 individuals called related to Medicaid Access Coordination
99 families were assisted in establishing a medical home
90 pregnant women were served
766 rides were approved for transportation

Four volunteer physicians provided 28 hours of service to clients seen through the Primary Care Clinic.

Total numbers of calls to Information and Referral Services:

Description	Count	%
Transportation	512	14.77 %
CDC/Nuisance Disease	35	1.01 %
Child Health Clinic	10	0.29 %
Every Woman Matters	31	0.89 %
General Assistance	72	2.08 %
General Information	71	2.05 %
Grapevine	26	0.75 %
HIV	67	1.93 %
Immunizations	1447	41.75 %
Information Call	285	8.22 %
Internal Referral	78	2.25 %
Medicaid	158	4.56 %
Patient Assistant Program	23	0.66 %
Primary Care Clinic	424	12.23 %
Primary Care Mission Clinic	10	0.29 %
Repeat Caller	1	0.03 %
Referral to Other Agency	31	0.89 %
Referral to People s Health Center	5	0.14 %
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	135	3.89 %
Transfer Call	40	1.15 %
Using Interpreter	5	0.14 %

Totals For Report	3,466	100.00%
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Community Linkages:

PHNs interacted with expectant mothers via the tracking and assessment component of the MCH program. 31 contacts were made this month.

PHN participated in LPS Lincoln Early Childhood Planning Region Team meeting.

PHN provided Dental Follow up on 55 clients.

PHN continues to developed policy/procedures for General Assistance Program..

PHN continues to meet regularly with staff to work on program accountability.

PHN is involved in a CATCH planning grant that is looking into the resources for home visitation in Lancaster County and the gaps in this service. This month multiple agencies met to develop a plan to develop a community wide plan in regards to the need for increased home visitation and how to fund this endeavor.

PHN processed prescription refill request for 82 clients and patient assistance for prescriptions for 79 clients.

PHN was invited to participated in a focus group conducted by an area hospital looking at gaps in medical services in Lancaster County.

Highlight:

19 year old presumptive reported living in her car and had no food. This client came to the Public Health Clinic with the father of the baby and his mother. Client was provided a temporary medical card, WIC checks, doctor s appointment and the number for Lincoln Housing Authority. The Public Health Nurse assessed the family situation. The nurse determined whether the young woman had access to a place to stay besides her car in the short term. Client was encouraged to keep appointments with her physician and the Housing Authority.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

Direct dental care was provided for 488 patients for 615 client visits during the month of December 2004.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

Screening/Treatment/Referral Services

32 clients were screened and referred after the initial screening for treatment services: 21 clients were screened on the MHC and 11 client were screened through the LLCHD Dental Clinic; 1 clients were referred to the UNMC College of Dentistry for grant funded services; 31 clients were referred to the LLCHD Dental Clinic.

In collaboration with the Lincoln Public Schools and the Lincoln District Dental Association, dental staff coordinated a school-based dental screening program in the 36 elementary schools during the months of October and November targeting those children that have not reported seeing a dentist in the past 12 months. Of the 12,924 children enrolled in the LPS elementary schools, 4,522 children were screened, 3,254 children were identified with no obvious dental problems, 916 children were identified with early dental needs, and 204 children were identified with emergency dental needs.

Mobile Health Clinic Site visits/services:

Total contacts for December - 110 clients/ 11 site visits

Dental Services:

Total Mobile Health Clinic Contacts for December - 22 clients/3 site visits

Screened 8 clients at the People s City Mission (1 site visit).

Screened 6 clients at Lincoln Action Program (1 site visit).

Screened 7 clients at Matt Talbot Kitchen and provided 1 consultation (1 site visit).

Nursing Services:

Total Mobile Health Clinic Contacts for December - 14 clients were screened at the Gathering Place during 1 site visit (8 men, 6 women, 1 African American, 7 Caucasian Hispanic, 1 Native American). Four clients had abnormal screening results and two clients received flu shots and 1 received pneumonia shot. Six clients were referred: 1 to emergency room, 3 to a primary care provider, 1 to VA, and 1 to use OTC medications.

Specialty clinics:

Total MHC Contacts for December: 21 clients/5 site visits.

F Street Community Center: Diabetic Risk Assessments - 10 clients (10 clients had abnormal results or elevated risk factors).

Fresh Start - 11 clients (9 clients with abnormal results or elevated risk factors).

ACE Hardware screening site was canceled due to MHC mechanical problems.

ORAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

Total Audience Reached: 43

One presentation for 22 6th students at Lefler Middle School.

Oral health education and risk assessment contacts during MHC site visits for Women s Health Issues and Adult Health Screenings: 2 site visits/21 clients; Adult Health Screenings - F Street Community Center - 10 clients; Women s Health Issues - Fresh Start - 11 clients.

WIC PROGRAM SERVICES

WIC staff served 3,136 clients for the month of December.

Certified 65 presumptive eligibilities (pregnant women) during December.

91 new clients were enrolled in the WIC program during December.

MISCELLANEOUS

Two dental hygiene students and one dental student from UNMC College of Dentistry rotated through the dental clinic.

One dental assistant student from Southeast Community College rotated through the dental clinic.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

Staff conducted (15) land-use reviews and provided written comments to the Planning Department.

Land-Use Review of Note:

A special permit for a childcare involving the review of an emergency response and evacuation plan. LLCHD requested the development of this plan as a condition of approval due to the location of the childcare within industrial zoning.

Technical assistance was provided to 285 individuals via phone and 15 information packets were mailed. Conducted 9 field visits on 8 cases.

Asbestos compliance checks were completed at nine demolition sites and three remodel sites.

Staff provided assistance to LPS facilities maintenance on complaints at two schools. Several staff reported symptoms of a varied and non-specific nature (general malaise) that they felt was related to an IAQ problem in the school. Neither investigation indicated any unusual problems at either school. Seasonal dryness and URI among staff and students may have contributed to the concerns of the few staff who voiced IAQ concerns (a total of 7 staff at two schools).

A civil penalty calculation was made for excess NO_x emissions violation that occurred at the LES Rokeby 1 turbine. A civil penalty order was issued to LES in the amount of \$2870.

The Statement of Basis for the Quebecor Printing Title V minor permit modification was completed.

Source inspections were conducted at Bluff Road and N.48 landfills, Cargill, General Dynamics, and the Theresa Street Wastewater Treatment Plant.

741 hours of Carbon Monoxide (CO) sampling were conducted. 15 PM_{2.5} samples were taken. All were within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

ER responses included one white powder, 3 indoor air issues (4 parties transported to

hospitals and 1 fatality), and 1 fuel spill.

Staff continued charting of Tier II data in GIS to give geographical and graphical representation as to locations, types and quantities of chemicals stored in Lincoln.

FOOD PROGRAM

Staff received a call about an elementary school having a large amount of flies in the cafeteria area. A broken wastewater pipe had filled a wall cavity with food debris resulting in a breeding ground for the flies. The pipe was repaired and the wall is continuing to be dried out to eliminate areas for egg development. Although not eliminated, the fly numbers have been significantly reduced. Progress is still being monitored.

The plan review coordinator met with an architect who is working on a new Super Walmart at the 84th and Holdrege location.

Management for Westfield Shoppingtown contacted the Health Department to determine what requirements must be met by food vendors uprooted for construction of a new food court.

35 complaints on food establishments were received, with 12 reports of possible foodborne illnesses.

Staff responded to a fire at a Russ's Market at 70th and Van Dorn. The oil in one fryer in the deli area ignited. While extinguishing the fire, Lincoln Fire Department was able to confine the fire and the extinguishing agent to a very small area. The store was allowed to reopen and the deli was inspected later that evening after discarding exposed foods and a thorough cleaning.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Staff presented Safe Use and Disposal information to the PTO at Belmont Elementary and Goodrich Middle School 7th grade Health classes. Provided the Malone Center with the Captain Propellant Says brochure and the How Safe is Your Home checklist for their Kwanza Program.

Staff worked with Public Works Watershed Management staff on issues related to improper runoff of vehicle wash water from a carwash.

The Trash Can Band performed in the Star City Holiday Parade to promote the parade as a litter free event. There were a total of 114 youth involved in the Trash Can Band. Another 40 youth and over 80 adults were sidewalk volunteers further promoting the parade as a litter free event. The Trash Can Band received the Children's Choice Award.

There were 96 solid waste nuisance complaints received for the month of December. The

four year average is 53 complaints.

Staff have been working with other government agencies to develop a coordinated approach to deal with the pigeons in and around the Haymarket area.

28 Special Waste Disposal Permits were issued and 55 Special Waste program-related telephone calls were handled.

Staff began the renewal process for HHW contract service for 2005 including updating compliance history and reviewing performance. The contractor and Health Director have signed the renewal agreement. Law and Purchasing will complete the process.

WATER QUALITY

Staff met with the all three shifts of Lincoln Fire Department Captains at three different meetings. The purpose of these meetings were to provide information to the Captains about the roles and duties of the Environmental Public Health Division.

Staff met with Public Works to discuss a uniform and timely approach to newly annexed homes to connect to city sewer.

Test*Your*Well events sponsored by Raymond Central High School were held in four communities. A total of 50 well samples were submitted for testing. At least one sample tested for over 30 ppm of Nitrates.

Work continues with the Groundwater Foundation to implement the Test*Your*Well concept in surrounding states.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

The HDE Division Manager met with the Assistant Health Director and EPI staff to review data needed for MAPP process and began preparing for getting MAPP completed in 2005.

Division Manager and QI Coordinator met with the Diabetes subcommittees and helped with a new objective for the Treatment and Management Subcommittee by drafting a logic model. Along with Kate Speck, contract facilitator of the Community Diabetes Project, educational materials were reviewed to order such materials from the \$500 contributed by the Nebraska Health and Human Services (NHHS). The Prevention Committee also reviewed several versions of the logo and name, **Action Now**, and made their preferences known to Snitily Carr, the advertising firm contracted to produce the logo.

The Division Manager contacted The Buffalo Beach Company to arrange for the YRBS survey of 9th through 12th grade public school students in Lancaster County. The 2005

survey is the latest of the YRBS surveys that was first completed in 1991. Arrangements were also made to have the 2005 BRFSS survey completed for a sample of 1200 Lancaster County residents. The BRFSS survey is the latest in annual surveys conducted since 1995.

The Division Manager met with the IFM Division Manager and staff to discuss joint actions necessary to complete the IFM strategic plan. One of the activities is the creation of on-line query systems to allow staff, and the public, to obtain LLCHD data directly from the LLCHD Intranet or City's Internet site. One outcome is that the CODES (Crash Outcomes Data Evaluation System) data for Lancaster County are being tested on the web server by the HDE staff working on the database. The CODES data will be among the first to be available via an on-line query tool.

The 2003 Vital Statistics Report was edited by the HDE Division Manager and will be finalized and available online soon. The 2002 Cancer Registry data and 2004 BRFSS reports will be the next to be reviewed. Cancer continues to be the number one cause of death in Lancaster County, followed very closely by heart disease.

Several moves of HDE staff were coordinated; Lynn Beatty, in addition to her move, has become a member of the HDE staff. Lynn will be assisting with a number of the Division's activities including contract management, correspondence and filing, and other administrative operations. Lynn will continue to perform some Department functions such as keeping the policies and procedures and mail lists up to date.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

The Communicable Disease Program continues weekly flu surveillance within the community. Flu activity has to date been mild.

Program Supervisor participated in a panel discussion on setting up mass clinics for smallpox vaccinations. This was part of a workshop held in Grand Island for nurses by the Public Health Association of Nebraska.

The Communicable Disease Program staff have been investigating and doing follow-up on a number of pertussis cases. Nationally and statewide there has been an increase in cases of pertussis reported. In 2004, Lancaster County had 13 cases of pertussis reported.

GRANTS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Immunization Action Program (IAP)

A new immunization recall system has been purchased and will be implemented in the next few months.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Program (PHBP)

Two cases were opened in December; current caseload is 23.

Three babies were born during December and received HBIG and HBV#1 during the first 12 hours after birth.

TB Program

Staff continues to make daily DOT visits to 8 clients; another client is visited two times a week for DOT. The program uses temporary employees for weekend DOT visits.

Follow up was done on a referral received from the hospital on a 37 year old female suspected of having TB who had an initial positive lab test. Further follow up and testing found that the individual did not have TB

An investigation was initiated on a possible case of TB this month. Follow-up with the provider, patient and the state is currently under way. Lab confirmation is pending.

A total of 18 consultations on TB were provided in December to staff, local health care providers and the public.

MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response System)

The Lincoln MMRS Mental Health Committee has been folded into a regional group working with the State. This will offer more integration with State planning and preparedness.

A new Emergency Response Plan is in development. Utilizing CDC and HHSS templates and capabilities as guides. This will be finished in the near future.

Attended the Hospital Emergency Response Team Training for Mass Casualty Incidents and Weapons of Mass Destruction, Train-the-Trainer, [Pilot Program] January 10-14 at the Dept. Homeland Security, Noble Training Center in Anniston, AL. Also attending the course from Lincoln was Kim Thompson from UNL. The course will help us better train our MMRS hospitals in Emergency Response and to integrate our training courses in a more seamless curriculum.

The Department's Emergency Response Coordinator will be attending the Project Public Health Ready (PPHR) workshop in Houston this month.

The results from our departmental assessment completed in December were received. A training/education program will be created based on the results. This training, combined with our Emergency Response Plan and the Flu Clinic of November should be sufficient to meet the requirements for PPHR.

EPIDEMIOLOGY/GIS

Staff continue working on the 1996 - 2002 data for the CODES project.

HDE staff are developing and testing the Online Query Tool for CODES data.

Staff added requested changes to the Access Database for "Neighborhood Healthcare Survey".

Staff developed a website design for the "Be Active for Life" Program.

Staff are working on ArcGIS for bus routes & plans in downtown and other areas of the City of Lincoln.

Staff have analyzed the Cancer Registry 2002 data and updated incidence trend charts of the Cancer Registry.

Staff are preparing lists of available data sources for MAAP.

Staff are editing the Vital Statistics 2003 death data and report.

HDE staff analyzed and provided data on Hispanic births to Planned Parenthood.

Staff are tracking progress toward the goals for Healthy People 2010.

Staff are analyzing Datasets and rating them according to their validity.

HDE staff have worked along with HPO staff in analyzing 'Smoking' Database and 'FOTB' Colorectal Cancer Database.

Attended minor data requests on Injury Surveillance and Census Data for Brian Baker and other Divisions.

GIS Analyst created maps for WIC Program showing households with children under 5 years old and income below 185% of Federal Poverty Level.

Staff geocoded WIC clinic sites for LLCHD and Family Service. Also geocoded sites for Community Learning Centers.

Customization of web based Landuse Planning tool to include county data rather than city limits only.

Staff assisted in collection of GPS points to identify mosquito breeding sites.

GIS Analyst geocoded veterinary clinics, pet shops, groom shops, and additional animal control data.

Staff printed maps for average nitrate levels for all counties in Nebraska.

GIS Analyst used GIS tools to calculate Saline Wetland number of acres and continues to work on calculating freshwater wetland acres for West Nile Virus Program.

GIS Analyst is developing a presentation for Nebraska Health User Group meeting to take place on Feb 11, 2005 in Kearney, NE.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

New Quality Improvement Council met for the first time on January 12, 2005. Luis Gutierrez, the Safety Director at Pfizer, Inc, is the Council Chair and is providing excellent leadership. He began by reviewing the revised Charter with the Council. Plans are to work toward the Department Strategic Goals and the Healthy People 2010 Objectives by being proactive: "Speak Up and Take Action!"

Continue involvement with Community Diabetes Prevention Project, including all 3 of the subcommittees: Prevention, Screening & Referral, and Treatment & Management.

This month we have been working toward obtaining a logo, a prescription pad slanted toward prevention activities, and Logic Model(s) for all of the groups to help with program measurement and evaluation.

Worked with SnitilyCarr on website development for the Community Diabetes Prevention Project.

Expedited the advertisement with Union College and UNL for a Graphic Arts Intern.

Serving as consultant with Jane Linsenmeyer in the production of the Translation/Interpretation video. Projected completion is February 2005.

Continue to work with Services Coordination on getting the respite materials translated into Spanish.

Have begun the project with Environmental Public Health Division regarding Water Quality Standards.

Held a QI Workshop about having a quality "Customer Focus," included Gwendy Meginnis as a guest speaker. She gave an informational presentation about quality translation and interpretation services here at the Health Department.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY HEALTH

Staff continue to coordinate the smoking cessation project. The Health Department is collaborating with Saint Elizabeth and BryanLGH to provide the community free cessation programs through May of 2005. There were a total of 23 people who participated in the free classes in December.

Staff continue to participate in the State Incentive Cooperative Agreement process for Lancaster County. The Health Department is providing technical assistance with the Saving Lives Program and Alcohol Counter-Advertising Campaign implementation. Ads

have been placed in Douglas Theater movie previews and plans are being developed to send a mailing to all parents of high school seniors through LPD.

Staff participated in an Asset Coalition meeting with discussions focused on how to incorporate 40 Developmental Asset information into the Mayor's Summit on Early Care/Education and Youth Development One Vision - One Voice to be held this coming June.

CHRONIC DISEASE & EVERY WOMAN MATTERS

Lifestyle Intervention Activities: 67 women were successfully contacted during December. 36 women currently participate in the program, 15 of whom are committed to participate in upcoming ABC's for Good Health classes. 29 women have completed the six-month intervention program.

The three part ABC's for Good Health class is currently being held at the Malone Center, Inc. with 15 women participating.

Healthy Lifestyle Support Project: The monthly educational presentation on Healthy Eating for the Holidays...and Beyond by Alice Henneman from the Lancaster County Extension was held at the Salvation Army with 12 women attending. This presentation is part of a year-long program to help limited income women develop healthy lifestyle behaviors.

Coalition for Older Adult Health Promotion (COAHP): Staff met regarding goals for COAHP. Although many current members represent care facilities, an enhanced COAHP role in health promotion for healthy elders was discussed. It was proposed that members be given a questionnaire to determine interests, needs and strategic goals and that the results be used to examine the need to expand the role of COAHP in the community.

Mobile Health Clinic: 20 of the 21 persons screened at 2 health clinics had at least one health risk factor identified. 10 persons were seen at an Adult Health Clinic at F St. Rec. 9 were prehypertensive, 1 had Stage 1 hypertension, 3 had elevated cholesterols, and 1 had an elevated blood sugar. Most of these people were seen previously and wanted re-screening done; some were regulars to see the nurse. 11 persons were screened at a Women's Health Clinic at Fresh Start. 5 were prehypertensive, 2 had elevated cholesterols, 4 had BMI's in the Obese range, and 1 in the Extreme Obesity range.

Community Diabetes Project: A sub-group of the Screening/Early Detection Committee obtained input from nutrition and physical activity experts on proposed related sections of the Education Manual. A dietetic intern will assist with editing the Manual during the next several months.

The Prevention Committee of the Community Diabetes Project has identified a logo and tagline for use by the three groups of the project. The advertising firm, Snitily Carr has been selected to lead the community-wide promotional campaign.

Staff met with Dr. Ian Newman and a health education graduate student about continuation of a project focused on diabetic risk assessment of Middle East men who attend Lincoln mosques. The graduate student will then provide culturally sensitive education about diabetes, nutrition and lifestyle changes which can decrease health risk.

Lincoln Lancaster County Crusade Against Colorectal Cancer: As funding for the Crusade will cease as of September 2005, planning regarding continuation of this project is being done in conjunction with coalition members, the State Cancer Control Program, and local businesses.

Targeting In On Cancer Project: A second cancer awareness event will be held during Black History Month on February 15 at the Malone Center. This will be one of four weekly health topics presented under the theme Celebrate Culture-Celebrate Health . It is planned that physicians will give 15-minute talks on cancer issues. Healthy lifestyle information, including a cooking demonstration, various cardiovascular activities and health screening and education will also be provided. A recipe book with tips on healthy nutrition and recipes submitted by persons through the Malone Center is being developed.

Women Tobacco and Cancer: 136 tobacco Quit Kits have been distributed through the Clinic, Mobile Health Clinic, Healthy Lifestyle Support Project, and Tobacco programs. Drawings for incentive prizes will be done. Staff will follow up with recipients of these kits to determine effectiveness.

Skin Cancer: A skin cancer screening clinic was held on the MHC at Pfizer. 37 persons were screened. The number of referrals was not obtained.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COORDINATION

During the month of December 2004, there were 35 referrals made to the Early Development Services Coordination Program. Of the 35 referrals, 15 were younger than 2 years of age (program target population). In comparison, the average number of referrals for the month of December for the past nine years (Sept. 1995- August 2004 time period) is 18. These referrals were received from: parents - 15; physicians - 7; other health - 6; other agency - 7 (5 CPS/Foster Care); and E.D. transfer - 0. Reasons for referral include the following concerns: speech/language/hearing - 22; hearing only - 0; overall development - 6; motor - 0; diagnosed condition - 5; behavior - 1; and substantiated abuse/neglect - 1. Ages at referral: less than 1 year - 5; 1-2 years - 10; 2-3 years - 12; and 3 years (eligible to 8/31) - 8.

During December 2004, the Early Development Services Coordination Program billed HHSS for services to 177 children (\$32,922). 121 of the children were Medicaid eligible (68.36 %). Expenditures for the month of December 2004 for salaries and benefits totaled \$29,892.94. This does not include any other program costs.

Services Coordination Program Activities and Community Linkages: The Early Development Services Coordination (EDSC) Program participated in the following public awareness and community activities: 1) A Program presentation and distribution of

program information for a parent group at the Hispanic Center on 12-20-04; 2) Program presentation/discussion by EDSC staff members and distribution of program materials for new HHSS Protection and Safety Workers on 12-20-04; and 3) Co-presentation with Lincoln Public Schools representatives and distribution of program materials for Merry Manor Child Care Staff on 12-21-04.

HEALTHY HOMES

Healthy Homes began in August 1993. Since then we have had 2,289 families referred to Healthy Homes. 132 families are actively participating, 142 families are in process of being contacted. We received 14 new referrals this month. The number of contacts to our participating families made by Healthy Homes staff in the month included: 97 home visits, 228 telephone contacts, and 96 accompany clients to physician visits/other community services and agencies.

INJURY PREVENTION

Staff coordinated and participated in the December 14, 2004 car seat check-up event at Husker Auto Group. One hundred percent of the 12 installed seats were found to be improperly installed and/or used, compromising the safety of the child. CEDARS Youth Services and the SAFE KIDS Coalition sponsored the event.

Staff provided 10 low-cost Bell bike helmets to employees of Duncan Aviation in conjunction with the EPA grant Mobile Source Outreach - Communities in Motion. The goal of this grant's workplan is to improve air quality through fewer vehicle miles driven and more people using alternative forms of transportation.

Staff and SAFE KIDS Co-Chair met with the new chair of the SAFE KIDS Coalition's Water Safety Task Force to outline expectations and a workplan for 2005. Missy Pavlish, of the YWCA, is the new Water Safety Task Force Chair taking over for Mary Matthiessen, who is now with the Red Cross in Las Vegas.

Staff continue to work on the Public Health Awareness Committee's PowerPoint presentation on population-based public health. The PowerPoint is in its final stages of development. It will be used to increase staff awareness of how we currently practice population-based public health and how we can do it more effectively in the future.

Staff met with Steve Van Hoosen, of Lincoln Fire & Rescue, and Ruth Albrecht, of St. Elizabeth Burn Center, to discuss how to proceed with a \$25,000 grant application to National SAFE KIDS/NFPA. The purpose of the grant is to reduce injuries and fatalities due to residential fires among at-risk populations.

Staff participated in the January SAFE KIDS Child Passenger Safety Task Force meeting. The majority of the meeting was used to plan efforts for National Child Passenger Safety Week, February 13-19. Possible activities include a CPS Technician Recognition Luncheon and a press conference in conjunction with a check-up event at Husker Auto Group.

Staff co-chaired the January meeting of the SAFE KIDS Coalition. 2005 Coalition expectations and Task Force workplans were determined.

Staff participated with a dentist and dietitian in a joint Journal Star interview with Mark Andersen addressing the ABC s of child health and safety. The full page article ran the week of December 27th.

LINCOLN ON THE MOVE

A three-part series on women s risk for cardiovascular disease using the theme of Heart Truth has been developed by Tina Makadenz, our UNL Intern, and offered several times in December at Everett School courtesy of their CLC program and at the F Street Recreation Center. It will be offered again in 2005 at various sites across the City.

Staff participates in the new advocacy group for daily physical education in schools convened by the Lincoln chapter of the American Heart Association. The group has yet to name itself, but the goal is to advocate with local school boards, and ultimately the NE Department of Education, for mandatory daily physical education in schools.

Plans are underway for the annual community Trail Trek event in June, sponsored primarily by the Lincoln Journal Star. Staff is working with members of the community to organize a bicycle jamboree as a segment of the day long event set for Father s Day and promoting the use of Lincoln s trail network.

Staff is working with the health and physical education consultant and the director of health services from LPS to draft an application to the Community Health Endowment for a \$10,000 mini-grant related to healthy eating in school environments. The effort will work with existing student councils at 5 Middle Schools in Lincoln to educate students about the healthy choices available through school breakfast/lunch programs and to create an environment where healthy food choices are available in vending machines and school policy limits the impact that vending machines have on food choices for students.

Work continues on the physical activity coalition with sub-committees on marketing, children and adults. A logo and slogan are being created to promote the vision and mission of the coalition and the potential of a web page is being explored.

TOBACCO

Letters with sample policies were mailed out to the seven schools in Lancaster County who do not have a policy.

Tobacco staff set up the tobacco display and information at the Salvation Army for three days during the holiday give away reaching an estimated 700 people. Quit kits were provided to 63 smokers. Follow up will be accomplished with these individuals to determine effectiveness.

Staff developed a business packet to provide businesses to help them implement the Lincoln Smokefree Regulation Act. It includes the letter sent to businesses in November, the ordinance, Frequently Asked Questions, brochure about the ordinance, ideas for implementation, sample business policy, help in how to handle patrons who are violating the law, current cessation resources and websites,, and samples of wall signs, door decals, table tents and a coaster.

As of January 12th, 11 complaints on smoking in businesses have been received. Staff are visiting businesses and providing packets of information to assist them with compliance with the smokefree ordinance.

WORKWELL

Six well workplace applications were submitted to the Wellness Council of America.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC PLANNING

IFM and HDE Division Managers and Information Management Section Supervisor conducted two small group strategy sessions with staff from Health Data and Evaluation regarding shared work goals. The meetings were very productive. After completion of a third session, both divisions will meet together to review shared strategic objectives and set priorities.

DATA MANAGEMENT

Data Management

City-wide Enterprise Accela group is meeting to identify shared standards. A preliminary list of data elements that need to be standard across the city has been identified. The group includes representatives from Health, Planning, Building & Safety, Public Works and City Information Services.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Internal website

Online Query Tool

Health Data and Evaluation Staff have successfully tested the Crash Outcome Data set using the test system for the on-line query tool.

Environmental Health Information System

Division Manager and Section Supervisor continue to meet with staff from three other city departments and Information Services to create an Enterprise wide description of the use of Permits Plus (Accela). This description will include the identification of shared policy, standards and costs as well as benefits. It will provide a basis for all departments to assure that as each develops its own applications, each application will work with the whole system.

Client Information System

Final negotiations are being completed to resolve the contract dispute with CMHC Systems.

General Assistance

Staff met with City Information Services and County staff to discuss the next steps for developing information support for the General Assistance Program. The County Staff requested that a proposal for Requirements Gathering be presented at the February Meeting of the General Assistance Monitoring

Public Health Data Standards Consortium

The Public Health Data Standards Consortium prepared a reply to the National Office of Health Information Technology (ONCHIT) regarding the impact of Electronic Health Record requirements for Public Health. The Division Manager provided input on the first draft of the response.

NACCHO Information Technology Committee

The Division Manager participated in a conference call and provided written feedback regarding information technology questions to be included in the next NACCHO survey to create a profile of local health departments.

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Division Manager co-presented with the Health Data and Evaluation Manager to the Department Management Team: Public Health Informatics Competencies . The presentation included a brief overview of Public Health Core Competencies, Informatics Competencies and a strategy for prioritizing and setting training goals for all staff.

FISCAL OPERATIONS

Monthly summary report

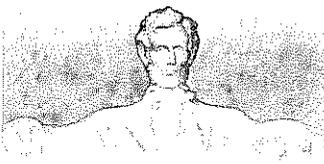
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Budget

Division Manager met with Managers from all divisions to review initial budget requests. A summary was prepared for the Health Director to review. Health Director and Assistant Health Director reviewed the requests with the Division Manager and identified his priorities for the budget.

General Assistance

Staff are in process of documenting daily work processes. The first year-end report is being compiled for the County.



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Dear Micheale:

I am responding to your February 4th email to the City Council regarding enforcing the smoking ban in your 3-plex apartment building. Much thought and debate went into this legislation before it was passed regarding how restrictive or permissive it should be before the citizens of Lincoln voted on the measure last November. During those debates it was recommended and accepted that while public places should be targeted for inclusion in this ordinance due to the high probability of exposure to second-hand smoke for a greater number of people; that same criteria could not be applied to smoking in the privacy of one's home. For this, and other reasons associated with safety, and exposure to second-hand smoke, the smoking ban does not apply to individuals in their private residences.

While the common areas in your building should be smoke-free, the smoking ban as written cannot be enforced within individual apartments. The owner or manager of your 3-plex can institute a non-smoking policy in this building if they wish, but the City does not have the ability to prevent anyone from using tobacco products within the privacy of their homes. I realize that is probably not the answer you would have liked to receive but, if you would like to discuss this issue with me in greater detail, please feel free to call me at 441-8001.

Sincerely,

Bruce D. Dart, MS
Health Director

CC: City Council
Mayor's Office



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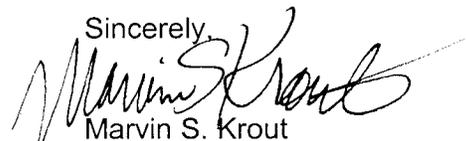
Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Thank you for your suggestion about regulating inflatable signs the same as portable signs. I did visit with Mike DeKalb on whether he believes there is confusion on the use of inflatable signs as you indicated he did. Mike believes that you must have misinterpreted his remarks on this subject. He, as well as the staff at Building and Safety, do not believe the regulations are confusing.

As it has been explained to me, we have two different types of temporary signs in commercial areas: smaller (up to 60 square feet) signs that are permitted for 60 days per year, and larger (more than 60 square feet) signs, which would include inflatables, are permitted for 10 days per year. It seems reasonable to me that the sign ordinance has a greater allowance for smaller temporary signs than the larger ones, because they have a bigger visual impact, and I have seen this distinction made in other communities besides Lincoln.

I also understand that there is a third set of rules for temporary signs that are non-commercial in nature, e.g. political signs, public event signs, etc. But these are different in purpose and I don't think having separate rules for these signs has been confusing to anyone.

Planning Commissioners and City Council Members have asked us to look at development standards for outdoor lighting and signs in the future. We are hoping to review the lighting standards in the next several months, and then take on signs later in the year. We will be looking for community input in both of these efforts. I expect Mike DeKalb will be heading up both of these efforts, and I'm sure he will be informing you when the sign review begins. In the meantime, please contact me and give me more specifics if you think that we are so confused that we can't even see how the current regulations are confusing.

Sincerely,

Marvin S. Krout
Director of Planning

- cc. Mike DeKalb, Planning
- Mike Merwick, Building & Safety
- Mike Petersen, Building & Safety
- Ken Svoboda, Lincoln City Council
- Ann Harrell, Mayor's Office
- Ray Hill, Planning

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Memorandum

To: Marvin Krout, Planning Director

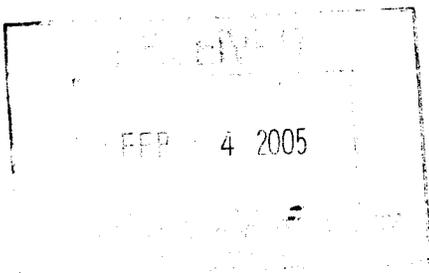
From: Randy Hoskins, City Traffic Engineer *RH*

Date: February 3, 2005 *cc: City Council*
Brian Carstens

Subject: Barons Ridge First Addition

Public Works is not in favor of the break in control of access for the proposed development at the intersection of NW 1st and Highlands Boulevard. Highlands Boulevard is currently a four lane collector street that has no other driveways onto it.

However, due to the circumstances of this situation, we would not oppose the access onto Highlands Boulevard, provided that a right turn lane into the site is constructed. It is recognized that commercial/office traffic generated by this development would be routed into the neighborhood if access to the site were created off of NW 2nd Street. Another mitigating factor in this circumstance is that while Highlands Boulevard is a very high functioning collector street, it is not projected to carry heavy arterial level traffic volumes in the foreseeable future. Since the trail along Highlands Boulevard is on the south side of the road, this driveway will also not impact the trail.





JWalker@ci.lincoln.ne.us

02/09/2005 04:37 PM

To: "Gary Awalt" <garyjawalt@msn.com>
cc: CampJon@aol.com, council@ci.lincoln.ne.us, MKrout@ci.lincoln.ne.us,
RHill@ci.lincoln.ne.us, RHorner@ci.lincoln.ne.us,
AHarrell@ci.lincoln.ne.us, thuston@clinewilliams.com,
DBartels@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Subject: Re: Wal-Mart SuperCenter: Change of Zone No. 05005 and Use Permit
No. 05001: Opposition

Dear Mr. Awalt:

Thank you for submitting your comments on the Wal-Mart proposal at the southeast corner 84th & Adams, which have now become part of the record on these applications. Your comments will be submitted to the Planning Commission members for their consideration prior to the public hearing, which is tentatively scheduled on Wednesday, March 2nd, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

--Jean Walker, Administrative Officer
City-County Planning Department
441-6365

"Gary Awalt"
<garyjawalt@msn.com>
council@ci.lincoln.ne.us,
om>
02/09/2005 04:29
PM
To: CampJon@aol.com,
Plan@lincoln.ne.gov
cc:
Subject: Wal-Mart SuperCenter

To Whom it may concern,

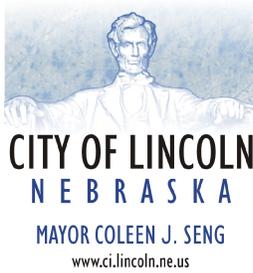
I am writing you this letter to express my concerns over the possibility of a Wal-Mart being built so close to an elementary school and child care facility. My biggest concern is for the safety of the children due to high traffic in the area.

I would like to see a Wal-Mart in this part of town. I just believe that this specific location is a bad idea. There are plenty of areas that would be a better choice and Wal-Mart should rethink their decision of placement of the new super center. There seems to be a lot of area north of this location for building.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns and I hope that everyone involved in making the final decision will seriously consider the safety of the children attending the school and day care center.

Respectfully,
Gary J. Awalt

Gary J. Awalt
7321 Candletree Ln # 99
Lincoln, NE 68506
voice 402 304 8221



**PUBLIC WORKS AND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 9, 2005
To: Board of Equalization
From: Bruce Sweney
Subject: February 14th Board of Equalization Meeting
cc: Mayor Seng, A. Harrell, R. Figard, T. Shafer, Karl Fredrickson, J. Rupp, E. Cole

The summary below shows the proposed assessment for the assessment district that will be before the Board of Equalization at the February 14, 2005 meeting.

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>City Subsidy</u>	<u>Assessed Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Assessment Rate</u>	<u>Original Estimated Rate</u>
OLD #286	\$154,401.33	None.	\$126,401.33*	\$675.94/Unit	\$1,164/Unit

* Lincoln Electric System returned a credit to this district in the amount of \$28,000 for the value of the existing facilities replaced within the district limits.

All owners of record within these Districts have been notified of their proposed assessment and the time and location of the Board of Equalization meeting.

Ornamental Lighting District # 286 was created October 6, 2003 by a petition representing over fifty percent of the abutting property owners. Original project costs were estimated to be \$234,000. The low bidder, ABC Electric Co, was awarded a contract for \$142,346.00 and the work has been completed October 22, 2004.

We will review this District at our 9:45 meeting on Monday, February 14, 2005.

A map depicting this District will be available at our Monday meeting.

Weed Control Authority Lancaster County



January 2005 Monthly Report

2005 Weed Control Plan

Following is a summary of our 2005 Weed Control Plan.

Prevent New Weed Problems

Efforts are planned

1. to detect new occurrences of noxious weeds or plant species with noxious weed potential,
2. respond to new occurrences found, and
3. prevention of existing noxious weed infestations to new sites.

New Threats

Four invasive weeds have been selected for early detection, monitoring and response. They are:

- Sericea lespedeza,
- Johnsongrass, and
- Spotted and Diffuse Knapweeds.

Preventing Spread

The basic principle of prevention of new sites becoming infected is not to spread seeds and viable plant parts to new sites.

Landowner Awareness

Efforts will be made to make landowners aware of the importance of making prevention the first step in noxious weed control.

Inspection Service Available

The authority will make inspection services available to those who request the inspection of articles capable of disseminating noxious weeds and provide noxious weed free certification.

Quarantines

Infested forages and articles will be Quarantined if necessary to prevent its movement and/or require treatment.

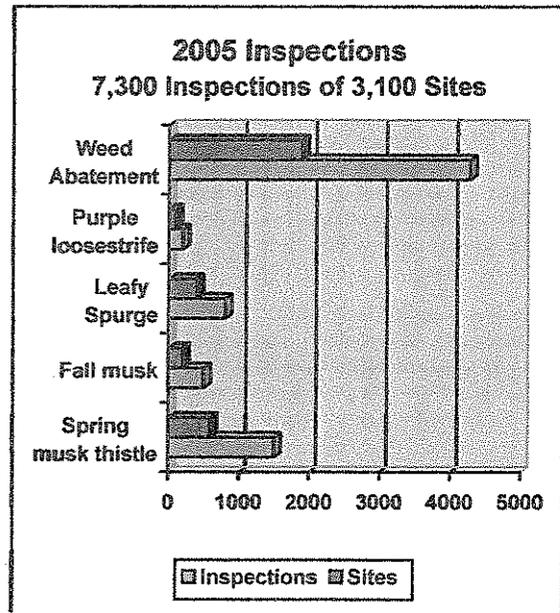
Awareness

Education of the public concerning noxious weeds will continue to use Weed Awareness Special insert to the March Lancaster County Cooperative

Extension Service Nebline, Web page at www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/cnty/weeds, special mailings and exhibits

Management of Weeds

The authority plans on by making 7,300 inspections of 3,100 sites to encourage landowners to manage their noxious weeds and provide for weed abatement.



January Activities

- 13 Mgt Team Mtg
- 20 Lower Platte Purple Loosestrife Mtng
- 25 Commissioners approval of annual reports & plan
- 25 NEBlne insert deadline
- 27 2:00 PM Central Platte NRD
- 31 Submit required state reports
- 31 Monthly activity report

February Planned Activities

- 8 8:30 Commons Mtg Annual Report & Plan
- 10 7:30 Mgt Team Mtg
- 17 LPWMA Steering Committee
- 22-24 NWCA Conference North Platte
- 28 Monthly activity report

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Diane Mullins

02/08/2005 03:29 PM

To: dmullins@lincoln.ne.gov

cc: (bcc: Joan V Ray/Notes)

Subject: WOMENS COMMISSION NEWS RELEASE - 29th awards luncheon



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

February 8, 2005

Bonnie Coffey, 441-8695

Diane Mullins, 441-7717

*Current winners' pictures available upon

request

WOMEN'S COMMISSION HONORS AWARD RECIPIENTS

"Weaving Women's Voices" pays tribute to annual award winners in saluting International Women's Day

The Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, along with Friends of the Commission, will host an awards luncheon in recognition of International Women's Day to celebrate its 29th anniversary, "***Weaving Women's Voices***." Scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2005, the event will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street., Lincoln, NE. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the program starts promptly at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$23 per plate and reservations are requested by Friday, March 4, 2005.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, 441-7716. These recipients will be honored for their professional and/or personal efforts in promoting opportunities for women, improving the quality of life and making an impact on women's issues in the community.

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will present an International Women's Day proclamation and the keynote speaker is Ms. Rose Kemp, Region VII Administrator with the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau in Kansas City, MO.

The Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission is pleased to announce the following award recipients:

- The ***Alice Paul Award*** is presented to a woman whose life's work reflects her dedication to the struggle for women's equality. **Ms. Leola Bullock**, retired clerical assistant for the Great Plains National Instructional Television, has served as a role model and strong leader for women over the past five decades. Her courage, perseverance, energy and determination blazed a trail of equality and justice for all women living and working in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Her goals were simple: To strive for an inclusive society where color and gender didn't lower the quality of life for Nebraskans. Bullock began her civil rights advocacy as a young woman in 1955 when she volunteered at the YWCA as vice president

of the World Fellowship Committee and the American Red Cross. She was instrumental as a charter member of the National Council of Negro Women and worked diligently on women's issues. Since then, she has actively involved herself in nearly two dozen boards, commissions and task forces aimed at changing society's view on racism and gender equality. In the 50's, she helped desegregate lunch counters in local eating establishments. During the 60's, she advocated the hiring of black people in retail sales. In the 70's, she worked on systemic changes for promoting equality. She provided the initiative for beginning the yearly celebration of "Juneteenth," founded by the Concerned Citizens for Truth in Education. That effort paved the way for Lincoln Public School's Multi-Cultural Education Department, and assisted in creating the Association of Black Citizens to protest unfair police action, which led to the creation of the Police Review Board. On a personal note, she is a kind and nurturing caregiver for those in need, helping the homeless, the elderly, and the sick. (*Contact info, call her home, 464-2476, no email access*).

- The **Erasmus Correll Award** is presented to a man who has exhibited outstanding commitment through his individual leadership and community involvement to the issues that affect women, who has encouraged and supported women in their pursuit of equal status, and who has enhanced women's quality of life. **Senator David Landis** has served in the Nebraska Unicameral for nearly three decades. He has researched, advocated and promoted the advancement of women on and off the legislative floor. Sen. Landis consistently demonstrates his commitment to women's issues [and the advancement for equality under the law and societal norms.] He worked to create uniformity in Nebraska's child support, child custody and domestic violence laws. As a result, Nebraska now recognizes and enforces court orders from other states and vice-versa. He has a special concern for working parents, especially the two-thirds of Nebraskan women employed in the work force. Dave started working on legislation in 1988 that allows tax credits to businesses that provide child care to their employees. The bill successfully passed three years ago. In 1993, Dave was successful in amending the Fair Employment Practice Act to recognize sexual harassment as an unfair employment practice. He is also working on bills to prevent discrimination in employment and housing based on sexual orientation. During the late 1970's, Senator Landis worked with the banking community to eliminate the practice known as "redlining," a method used to segregate minorities unfairly through high interest rates, loan denials or arbitrary terms. Dave was instrumental in the creation of Mediation Centers located throughout the state, which help resolve the grievances of individuals who cannot afford the costs of the legal system. Landis is known as a champion of those who do not feel that they have a voice in government. He exercises an open-door policy before making a decision and believes government exists to balance competing interests. His work is inclusive of women and children, and the advancement of equal rights, and he has supported many women in their bids for elected office.

(*Sen. Landis requests media personnel contact his aide, Laurel Marsh, 471-2720, directly to schedule interviews during this busy legislative season*)

- The **Woman Artist - Written Word** is presented to a local woman artist who excels in her work as deemed by peers and colleagues, and to support the arts in the community. **Dr. Joy Ritchie** was selected for her remarkable contributions to the art of combining feminism and writing. She is employed with the University of Nebraska as an English professor, teaching, writing and rhetoric and director of Women's Studies. Through her research and writing, Ritchie has helped establish the field of women's rhetoric. Before she and other women scholars asked the question: "Where are the Women in the History of Rhetoric?" Scholars took for granted that the traditional "canon" of rhetoric was the last word and that women's ways of writing and speaking were not important, were not relevant to the field, were not, in short, the "real stuff." Through her articles in scholarly journals and especially through her books, Ritchie has made a coherent "herstory" of women's speeches, essays, manifestoes, petitions, letters, and public arguments available to all. Ritchie's book, *Available Means*, is being used in college classrooms across the country for study on the voice of women across a thousand years. Reflected in her book is a new understanding of resistance and power. It illuminates the ways in which women used the "available means" at hand to express themselves persuasively. As director of the Women's Studies program, she has

brought more women of color faculty into the program, increased the multicultural programming, earned a seed grant to establish a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered (LGBT) Studies minor on campus, and made significant outreach gains to the community at large. Within the last ten years, Ritchie has written 31 “Selected Refereed and Invitation” papers, two books, and served on more than two dozen boards, commissions and task forces aimed at gender equity and women in education.

(Contact Dr. Ritchie at UNL, 472-1858, jritchie@unl.edu)

MEMORANDUM

To: Glenn Friendt
From: Marc Wullschleger
Date: February 8, 2005
Subject: RFI UNL Street Vacation 2/1/05

Question:

Please provide information regarding what the process will be for the property vacated in Ordinance 05-5 passed by the City Council at the January 31, 2005 meeting.

Response:

The property in question appears to be about 7 acres of street and alley City-owned right of way north of UNL East Campus and south of Huntington/Leighton AV. The majority (approximately 90%) appears to be in the floodway of Dead Man's Run and would not be buildable.

Urban Development's Real Estate department will determine a value for the land and will sell it to UNL or work with them to trade it for a 30 ft trail easement from 33rd & Huntington to 48th & Leighton. This proposed trail would border Huntington/Leighton Street on the south and continue south on 48th Street for two block on UNL land to eventually cross under 48th Street Dead Man's Run new bridge.

DATE: February 1, 2005

FROM: Glenn Friendt

TO: Marc Wullschleger, Director
Urban Development

Lynn Johnson, Director
Parks Department

RE: RFI / Next steps for the University Place property vacation

Please provide information regarding what the process will be for the property vacated in Ordinance 05-5 passed by the city council at the January 31, 2005 meeting.

Thank you.



"Patte Newman"
<newman2003@neb.rr.com>

To: <JRay@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: Fw: WAL-MART

02/09/2005 11:04 AM

Joan

I'm just going to feed all of these to you to make sure they're sent to the whole council for public record. (Just in case.)

Thanks.

Patte

----- Original Message -----

From: "Michael Goodrich" <mgoodri@lps.org>
To: <pnewman@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 09, 2005 10:19 AM
Subject: WAL-MART

> DEAR MS. NEWMAN,

>

> MY NAME IS MICHAEL GOODRICH, I LIVE AT 2844 N 78TH ST. IN REGENT HEIGHTS.

> I AM WRITING TO VOICE MY OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED WAL-MART TO BE PLACED

> AT 84TH AND ADAMS. I AM OPPOSED TO THE PLACEMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING

> REASONS:

> A) Putting a Wal-Mart that close to an elementary school is a recipe for
> disaster. The traffic alone will put kids at risk.

> B) Super Wal-Mart, as proposed sells alcohol. Putting a business that
> sells alcohol next to an elementary school is something that has not been
> allowed by previous councils, for obvious reasons.

> C) The majority of people I speak with say we already have two Wal-Mart
> stores, we don't need a third.

> D) The families that have businesses in the Havelock Community and the
> Meadow Lane Shopping Center will probably face losing their livelihoods.

> E) If there has to be a third Wal-Mart then put it where the
> infrastructure already exists to support the construction. If the
> location needs to be in East Lincoln then closer to Hwy 6/Cornhusker Hwy
> is the logical location. There are 4 lane streets and stoplights already
> in place. Adams Street cannot support the traffic that will be generated.

> F) With two golf courses, a miniture golf course and a pond all used by
> children regularly within 6 blocks of the site, someone's child or
> children are going to killed by the increased volume of traffic. Kids
> walk across Adams all the time carrying golf clubs, fishing poles, ice
> skates etc...

> PLEASE CONSIDER THESE REASONS AS YOU DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOUR
> COLLEAGUES. PLEASE VOTE NO TO A 3RD SUPER WAL-MART IN EAST LINCOLN.

>

> RESPECTFULLY,
> MICHAEL GOODRICH
> (402)466-0548

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interoffice MEMORANDUM

To: Patte Newman - City Council
From: Larry Worth - StarTran
Date: February 10, 2005
Subject: PNewman RFI #29
cc: Ann Harrell, Karen Sieckmeyer

The following, per your request, details the assumptions and estimated costs of the two additional StarTran transit services indicted in RFI #29...

#4 - Extend Weekday Service

- StarTran fixed-route and HandiVan services extended from 7:00 - 11:00 p.m, weekdays (Multi Modal Transportation Study recommended that such service be extended to 12:00 midnight)
- Fixed-route service reduced to 13 combined routes comparable to currently operated on Saturdays
- Estimated costs include:
 - 9 additional FTE drivers (\$420,000)
 - 2 supervisors - one on-street supervisor per Federal Substance Abuse requirements and one combined HandiVan/fixed-route dispatcher, as now assigned on Saturdays (\$115,000)
 - Fuel, Maintenance, Parts (\$125,000)Estimated Total = \$700,000/year

#5 - Add Sunday Service

- StarTran fixed-route and HandiVan services operated on Sundays, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight (as recommended by the Multi Modal Transportation Study)
- Fixed-route service operated on 12 combined routes, as currently operated on Saturdays
- Estimated costs include:
 - 8 additional FTE drivers (\$320,000)
 - 2 supervisors - one on-street supervisor per Federal Substance Abuse requirements and one combined HandiVan/fixed-route dispatcher, as now assigned on Saturdays (\$115,000)
 - Fuel, Maintenance, Parts (\$125,000)Estimated Total = \$500,000/year



"Patte Newman"
<newman2003@neb.rr.
com>

To: <tgrammer@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: RFI

02/08/05 01:14 PM

Tammy

Please send the following RFI to Larry Worth (Startran) and Ann Harrell (acting P.W. director).

I refer to Larry Worth's memo of 1/28/05 summarizing the Startran Town Hall Meeting held on January 22.

Points 4 and 5 mention insufficient funding available for two often mentioned ideas to improve current services:

#4 extending weekday service until 10 p.m. at a cost of \$700,000/year

#5 extending service to include Sundays at a cost of \$500,000/year

Can we get a break down how these estimates were made, i.e. would drivers and buses be available without overtime, would it necessitate more supervisors, etc.

Thank you.

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MAYOR COLEEN SENG

MR TERRY WERNER

MR RAY SVOBODA

CHIEF TOM CASSIDY

SHERIFF WAGNER

MR MIKE MERWICK

SCOTT HOLMES

Isn't it time somebody did something about the double standard hypocrisy of this SMOKING BAN LAW and all this stuff about the strict equal enforcement of the LAW because it applies to everybody.

It's supposed to be against the law to smoke in the HALL OF JUSTICE but everyone here has seen JUDGE JACK LINDNER SMOKING IN HIS OFFICE FOR YEARS ALONG WITH HIS STENO LINDA. THERE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SMOKING BAN IN THIS BUILDING FOR YEARS but all the police officers who come and go through his office and down the hall past his office DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

And this is the man who is supposed to sit in judgement over the other "criminals" like Miles Johnston and the Walkers.

You dont believe it? GO INTO HIS OFFICE AND SMELL !!!
BETTER YET, given all the blind noses of all the police men and sheriff deputies coming and going through his office, how about another one of those "citizen committees" with Mr Johnston and the Walker brothers as Chairmen and a dozen other bar owners to provide important expertise and interview county court employees PRIVATELY !

Ordinay folks who'd like
to grab a beer Fridays
after work BUT ARE JUST
SICK OF THE HASSLE

MR MILES JONSTON

WALKER BROTHERS, BREWSKYS

LAURIE ANDERSON, BIG JOHNS

LINCOLN JOURNAL

CHANNEL 10/11

February 5, 2005

Terry Werner
Lincoln City Council
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

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Dear Mr. Werner,

I am a resident of the Southwest area of Lincoln. I understand that the Council is deciding whether or not to place a bond issue on the ballot for open space acquisition and the establishment of a greenbelt around the city. I would like to express my strongest support for such an acquisition.

The Wilderness Park area, in addition to its intrinsic value to the City for flood mitigation, is an invaluable resource for Lincolmites and area wildlife and deserves to be protected and expanded. A greenbelt would be an important counterbalance to the rapid residential developments now occurring on the city's edges. I find Wilderness Park and other open space areas to be absolutely essential to the quality of life we enjoy in Lincoln.

Please give Lincoln residents the opportunity to support greenbelt acquisition by putting the bond measure on the ballot, and in any other way possible. Thank you.

Justin G. Jones
1321 B St.
Lincoln
435-4611

cc: Jonathan-Cook
Ken Svoboda
Glenn Friendt
Mayor Coleen Seng



Joan V Ray
02/09/2005 08:55 AM

To: Lisa Silberman <lsilberman1@unl.edu>
cc: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Subject: Re: wal-mart

Dear Ms. Silberman: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE - 68508
Phone: 402-441-6866
Fax: 402-441-6533
e-mail: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us

Lisa Silberman <lsilberman1@unl.edu>



Lisa Silberman
<lsilberman1@unl.edu
>
02/09/2005 08:48 AM

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc:
Subject: wal-mart

Dear City Council,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed wal-mart store at the corner of 84th and Adams Street. While I have doubts that Lincoln needs three wal-marts, I am very concerned about the proposed site.

It seems to me that placing a wal-mart next to a school is not a good idea. This leaves the school with extra concerns about traffic, noise, trash, and security that they would not otherwise have to deal with.

There are commercial sites to the north at 84th and Havelock (wal-mart should blend right in with that abominable sign at the events center), and to the south at 84th and Holdrege. Why not site it close to either? Is there a plan to make all of north 84th an ugly commercial zone?

Please vote against approval of this idea.

Thank you,

Lisa Silberman

Lisa Silberman

Research Technologist
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Joan V Ray

02/09/2005 01:07 PM

To: Tami Carlson <tmcarlson66@yahoo.com>

cc:

Subject: Re: walmart 📧

Dear Ms. Carlson: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

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Tami Carlson <tmcarlson66@yahoo.com>



Tami Carlson
<tmcarlson66@yahoo.com>

02/09/2005 01:09 PM

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

cc:

Subject: walmart

Dear city council members,

I'm very concerned about the location of the new walmart. I feel you should not build a walmart so close to an elementary school. It would bring unwanted traffic and people near our children at play. Since we are not a public school we have to fund everything ourselves I would hate to use some of our funding to built fences instead of education items. I 'm not against Walmart just the location. I feel this is a security issue for the school. Please reconsider!

sincerely

Tami carlson

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Weston W. Furrer, ~~Vice Chairman~~ XX

4130 North 21st St.
Lincoln, Ne. 68521

~~XXXXX Nicholas Street
XXXXX Omaha, Nebraska 68154-4427X
XXXXX (402) 496-FARM (3276)
XXXXX~~

2/7/05

Mr. Lin Quenzer
Office of the Mayors
555 South 10th St, Suite 208
Lincoln, Nebr. 68508.

Dear Mr. Quenzer:

Thank you for the courtesy of responding to my request by telephone regarding the option of opening the road from NW 56th st to NW 55th.

actually there is nothing new in your letter that I did not already know about. --First of all, I was not asking for this to be an Arterial St., but merely "Access". -It could be a 25 MPH St., and if Necessary you could put a "ROUND-ABOUT" at NW 56th St & West Superior, which would slow the traffic to 25 MPH.

The County has it in their budget to improve NW 70th St., and West Superior for 2005;---However the NRD is planning to build a road-structure dam on NW 70th in 2006 (According to their budget, which is going to severely restrict access on NW 70th until they get the Dam built. --That is going to make access by that route very difficult for a couple of years. The road that the county is planning is NOT an arterial, but will be a "Class 1" gravel road.

As it is now, --the City water Dep't, and the Cell phone tower companies have to go 3 miles around from NW 48th & Adams to get to their facilities. Also, Mr. Rich Welese, and the University of Nebr. Physical Traing Facility, will have difficulty getting access to their prop-erties during the Dam construction.

I had asked you to go out to 34th and Havelock Ave. and drive into 70th and Havelock Ave. --You will find a pave street with 55 MPH speed limit--to avout 75th * Havelock, and then immediately come to 4 1/2 blocks of housing, with 25 MPH speed limit,--with a narrower St. the on West Superior in Arnold Heights, 00 with just as many driveways and houses per block as as on West Superior in Arnold Heights. I ask--(HAS THIS BEEN A PROBLEM???) I think you will find, much more Traffic in East Havelock, than you would on West Superior--even if you make it a street (Not an Arterial)

It seems to me that a little logic here should be given consideration. (I know --am aware--that the main objector to opening NW 56th at Superior is the Director of the Arnold Heights Housing aith Authority, and I can understand his wanting to (PROTECT HIS TURF) but perhaps consideration should be given to the rights of others too.

Kindest regard--Wes Furrer.

cc - City Council
cc - County Board

Wes Furrer

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(Please forgive my crude typing, but with one missing finger and 60 pluss years of age--I don't type as well as I used to.



Joan V Ray

02/09/2005 04:35 PM

To: "Gary Awalt" <garyjawalt@msn.com>
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I am writing you this letter to express my concerns over the possibility of a Wal-Mart being built so close to an elementary school and child care facility. My biggest concern is for the safety of the children due to high traffic in the area.

I would like to see a Wal-Mart in this part of town. I just believe that this specific location is a bad idea. There are plenty of areas that would be a better choice and Wal-Mart should rethink their decision of placement of the new super center. There seems to be a lot of area north of this location for building.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my concerns and I hope that everyone involved in making the final decision will seriously consider the safety of the children attending the school and day care center.

Respectfully,
Gary J. Awalt

Gary J. Awalt
7321 Candletree Ln # 99
Lincoln, NE 68506
voice 402 304 8221



Joan V Ray

02/10/2005 12:04 PM

To: MDJ14528@aol.com

cc:

Subject: Re: 405 South 26th Street 📄

Dear Mr. James: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray

City Council Office

555 South 10th Street

Lincoln, NE - 68508

Phone: 402-441-6866

Fax: 402-441-6533

e-mail: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us

MDJ14528@aol.com



MDJ14528@aol.com

02/10/2005 07:49 AM

To: council@ci.lincoln.ne.us

cc: FPages3@aol.com

Subject: 405 South 26th Street

Dear City Council Members,

The Woods Park Neighborhood Association met for it's monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2005.

Mr. Fernando Pages Ruiz, of Brighton Construction, talked about his four plex project on 26th Street. There was a lengthy discussion.

Many board members are dismayed that this project is so large. There are four units that contain four bedrooms. It is our understanding that he is able to do this under the previous rules and under the new design standards. Is this correct? He mentioned that he would consider reducing this from your units with four bedrooms each to two, three bedroom units and two four bedroom units. He was also willing to make some design changes and landscape. One of our major concerns is that there are garages on the front of this building. Most of the front yard would be covered in paving. He said that he must retain the four garages. We thanked Mr. Ruiz for his willingness to meet with us.

After an unanimous vote, the Woods Park Neighborhood Association Board asks that this project be built following the new design standards. They were developed to keep new projects in harmony with the developed neighborhood. Thank You.

Michael James, President, Woods Park Neighborhood Association

Office

**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of February 12-18, 2005-Schedule subject to change - (See Advisory)
2. Letter to Mayor Seng from Nick Krol RE: Smoking ban enforcement should be equal throughout City. (See Letter)
3. NEWS RELEASE - Judges Named for Mayor's Arts Awards (See News Release)

II. CITY CLERK

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

PATTE NEWMAN

1. E-Mail from Kathy Nuttelman to Patte Newman - RE: Proposed Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams Street - (See E-Mail)
2. E-mail from Terry Uland to Patte Newman - RE: Fernando Pages-Ruiz project at 406 South 27th Street eventually will create a strong negative influence on the neighborhood.

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

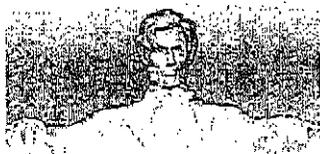
PUBLIC WORKS

1. NEWS RELEASE re: Water Main Construction to Begin Tuesday on South 56th Street (See Release)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-mail from Martin & Carrie Volquardsen - RE: Proposed Building site for Wal Mart - Opposed
2. Letter to Mayor Seng RE: Proposed Wal Mart at 84th & Adams - Opposed for several reasons as noted. (See Letter)
3. Letter from Janice Wienhold RE: Townhome development at NW 12th Street - Opposed.

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NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: February 11, 2005

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of February 12 - 18, 2005 *Schedule subject to change*

Sunday, February 13

- Great Plains Trails Network annual meeting - 1 p.m., Bryan LGH East Plaza Conference Room, 1600 S. 48th Street
- University Place Community Organization annual meeting - 2 p.m., Northeast Family Center, Whitehall Mansion, 5903 Walker
- "An Act of Faith Through Gospel Music" - 4 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 50th and St. Paul streets
- UNL Chinese Student Association Banquet, remarks - 6 p.m., City Campus Union, second floor

Monday, February 14

- League of Nebraska Municipalities conference - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., remarks at 11:45 a.m., Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street
- One Stop Career Center employee appreciation breakfast, remarks, - 8:30 a.m., 1010 "N" Street

Tuesday, February 15

- League of Nebraska Municipalities Senator appreciation lunch - noon, Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street
- Capital City Kiwanis annual soup supper - 4 to 7 p.m., Cotner Center, Cotner Boulevard and Fairfax Street

Thursday, February 17

- Kick-off of food court renovation at Westfield Shoppingtown, remarks - 10 a.m., in front of Steve and Barry's, 6100 "O" Street

Friday, February 18

- KFOR Radio live call-in show - 11 a.m., 3800 Cornhusker
- Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Mardi Gras Gala fund-raiser - 6 to 10 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street

Nick Krol
1024 Liberty Sq. Rd.
Boxborough, Ma. 01719
(978) 371-6561

13, Feb, 2005

Honorable Coleen J. Seng
Mayor
City of Lincoln
555 S. 10th Street, Suite 208
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: We are all created equal

Dear Mayor Seng:

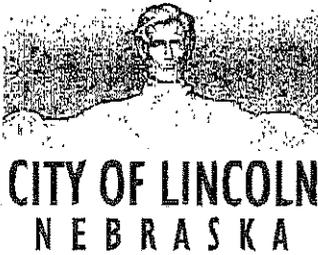
ALL workers (including office, restaurant, bar, bingo, bowling, casino, tavern, pub, and nightclub workers) deserve a safe, healthy, smokefree work environment.

Laws should treat the health of all workers EQUALLY. No one should have to breathe tobacco smoke pollution to hold a job, because it causes cancer, heart disease, and respiratory disease.

Very Truly Yours,

nick krol

cc: Members, Board of Health
Honorable Ken R. Svoboda, member at large
Honorable Glenn A. Friendt, Councilmember at large
Joan Ray, Council Staff ✓
Honorable Jon Camp, Councilmember, District 2
Honorable Annette McRoy, Councilmember, District 4
Honorable Terry Werner, Vice-Chair
Honorable Patte Newman, Councilmember, District 1
Honorable Jonathan Cook, Councilmember, District 3
Tammy Grammer, Council Staff



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 11, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 434-2787

JUDGES NAMED FOR MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS ***KOOSER POEM TO BE USED FOR 2005 AWARD*** ***NOMINATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 18***

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced that judges have been selected for the 2005 Mayor's Arts Awards. The 27th annual awards will be presented by the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) the evening of Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts.

The judges are:

- James Gustafson, local businessman, former president and interim director of the University Place Art Center and member of the First Plymouth Church Choir and Abendmusik Chorus.
- Deah Harriott, pianist, singer, composer and founding member of the Lincoln Community Gospel Choir. She received a Mayor's Arts Award in 2001.
- Judy Hart, actress, director, educator and founder of The Angels Company. She received a Mayor's Arts Award in 2004.
- Karen Janovy, Curator of Education for the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery. She received a Mayor's Arts Award in 1999.
- Elizabeth Nesi, a former ballerina and current Assistant Professor of Ballet at UNL.
- Jane Rohman, major contributor to area opera organizations, the Sheldon and the Meadowlark Music Festival. She and her husband, Carl "Ky," were the first winners of the Halcyon Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award in 2001.
- Bill Smith, a musician and retired businessman who serves on the board of the Meadowlark Music Festival. He received a Mayor's Arts Award in 2004.

U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser has selected one of his poems to be incorporated into the actual award. Kooser was a Mayor's Arts Award recipient in 1989.

The Mayor's Arts Awards program formally recognizes artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. Those wishing to nominate a project, organization or person may request a nomination form by calling the LAC at 434-2787 or print a form from the LAC web site: www.artscene.org. The nomination deadline is February 18, 2005.

- more -

Mayor's Arts Awards
February 11, 2005
Page Two

Nominations are being accepted for the following awards:

- The Halcyon Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award honors an individual or family who has made significant financial contributions to the arts in Lincoln.
- The Arts Organization Award recognizes an arts group which has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years.
- The Leadership Award recognizes an individual or organization for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln.
- The Support of the Arts Award recognizes an organization or business for significant financial support for the arts.
- The Cultural Celebration Award recognizes artistic work that has fostered an appreciation of a specific culture or cultures through the arts.
- The Literary Heritage Award recognizes a writer or individual who promotes excellence in writing and literature in Nebraska.
- The Larry Enersen Award recognizes outstanding urban design in Lincoln.
- The Sam Davidson Award recognizes excellence in theatre arts.
- The Artistic Achievement Award recognizes professional accomplishments in any arts discipline.
- The Heart of the Arts Award recognizes outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of the arts.
- The Event of the Year Award recognizes a performance, exhibition, event or project in 2003 that will be notable in the community memory for years to come
- The Gladys Lux Education Award recognizes special initiatives or dedication to arts education.

The public is also encouraged to submit names of members of the Lincoln arts community who died during the past year for memorial recognition at the event.



"Patte Newman"
<newman2003@neb.rr.com>

To: <JRay@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: Fw: Wal-Mart

02/10/2005 03:20 PM

Here's another one for the council....

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kathy Nuttelman" <knuttelman@dor.state.ne.us>
To: <pnewman@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Cc: <mayor@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2005 1:29 PM
Subject: Wal-Mart

> Wal-Mart is planning to build a store off of 84th and Adams Street. I am
> writing this to you because I don't know what else to do. The Wal-Mart
> issue is causing me many sleepless nights. I have never felt so helpless.
> Everyone keeps telling me Wal-Mart is coming and there is nothing you can
> do about it....GET USE TO IT! I am not giving up without a fight.
>
> I have sent all 3 of my girls to Faith Lutheran School. When they moved
> to
> their new location on Adams we moved to N 75th Street. Our 2 youngest
> daughters still attend. I thought we were moving near a nice new housing
> development with our church/school and nice golf courses. There is even a
> cemetery down the street. Now all of a sudden my girls are going to be
> going to school right next door to this huge, high volume, mega super
> center. This just really worries me. The traffic, the trash and the
> volume of people just mulling in that area is just too much for a safe
> school environment. If this was a public school would that make any
> difference? Doesn't the City of Lincoln have any say how close to a
> school
> they can be? I know that there is commercial land there, but the
> difference between a Gas-N-Shop and Wal-Mart is huge.
>
> Some of my concerns:
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> 1. The traffic at 84th & Adams is too fast and at high volume now.
> Don't need to increase it.
> 2. The number of Semi-trucks.
> 3. Uncontained blue bags everywhere along with whatever stuff is left.
> 4. The fact that they sell liquor and firearms isn't good.
> 5. I hear they allow RV's to park in their lots up to 3 days.
>
> I don't even want to see it go across on the N side of Adams. The same
> problems will still be there. Is there any law that says they can't be
> that close to a school? Maybe there should be.
>
> I am not anti-Wal-Mart; I just don't want it or any other Super Center
> near
> our school or church. They say there is a time and place for everything.
> This is not the place and as long as there is a school there, the time
> will
> never be right either. Lincoln is an expanding city. Let Wal-Mart expand
> farther North and keep them away from the kids.
>
> Please help me keep my girls safe!

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> Thanks for listening.
> Kathy Nuttelman
> 3224 N. 75th
> Lincoln, NE 68507

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"Patte Newman"
<pattnewman@neb.rr.
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To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc:
Subject: Fw: Pages-Ruiz, S.26th

02/14/2005 08:17 AM

Joan: Can you please copy this for each council member. Thanks.

----- Original Message -----

From: Terry Uland

To: Patte Newman

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2005 8:06 AM

Subject: Pages-Ruiz, S.26th

I have been asked my opinion concerning the project that Fernando Pages-Ruiz will bring before Council on Monday the 13th of February. This is the multifamily proposal that would be located at 406 South 27th Street, on the west side of Woods Park Neighborhood. Specifically, I have been asked how it compares to Liberty Village, whether Neighborhoods Inc is involved, and what I think of the proposed density.

Neighborhoods Inc. is partnering with Fernando on the Liberty Village project in the Malone Neighborhood. Liberty Village a well thought out project. I give Fernando high marks for originality, as well as being responsive to ideas from Planning, the neighborhood organizations and Neighborhoods Inc. This is a homeownership project that accomplishes higher density with good design that will result in a good quality, sustainable project.

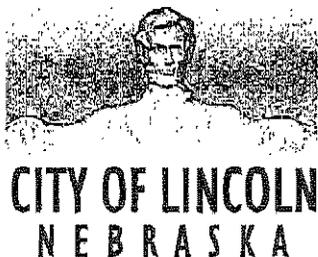
The building that Fernando has designed for 405 South 26th is in no way equivalent to Liberty Village and Neighborhoods Inc is not involved. This design, calling for four, four bedrooms unit creates a density that is harmful to a section of the neighborhood that is already quite dense and that I consider fragile. Fernando and I have not discussed the project and, had he asked my opinion, I would have strongly discouraged him from proceeding.

I am sure the Fernando's intentions are good. However, a building configured like this one, will, in my opinion and experience, eventually create a strong negative influence on the neighborhood. I would support the Council voting to review the project under neighborhood guidelines currently in force.

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PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68528, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 11, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Larry Duensing, Public Works and Utilities, 441-7711

WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN TUESDAY ON SOUTH 56TH STREET

Beginning Tuesday, February 15, water main construction will begin on South 56th Street from Union Hill Road to Yankee Hill Road. Restricted, two-way vehicular traffic will be maintained. During non-peak hours, some one lane flagging operations (one direction at a time) are possible. No detours will be needed, and access will be maintained to all residential streets off South 56th Street.

A 24-inch water main will be built along the west property line of South 56th Street as part of the 40th and Yankee Hill Road Project. The water main construction is expected to be finished in four weeks, weather permitting.

Motorists are urged to drive with caution and allow extra time when driving in the construction area.



Joan V Ray

02/14/2005 09:14 AM

To: "Volquardsen" <mv60729@alltel.net>
cc: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Re: Wal Mart 84th and Adams

Dear Mr. & Ms. Volquardsen: Your message has been received in the Council Office and will be forwarded to the Council Members for their consideration. Thank you for your input on this issue.

Joan V. Ray
City Council Office
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE - 68508
Phone: 402-441-6866
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e-mail: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us

"Volquardsen" <mv60729@alltel.net>



"Volquardsen"
<mv60729@alltel.net>

02/13/2005 08:36 PM

To: <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc: <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Wal Mart 84th and Adams

Hello,

My name is Martin Volquardsen and I live at 1800 East Manor Drive in Lincoln, my letter is in regards to the proposed building site for a super Wal Mart at 84th and Adams. I currently have a daughter and a preschool son whom are attending Faith Lutheran Church and School which is directly adjacent to the proposed building site. I would like to express my wife and my concern to a major shopping center being built in such close proximity to a school and daycare facility. Not only would traffic in and out of that location be greatly strained but the congestion that would be caused when kids are dropped off and picked up from school would be horrific. The other aspects of increased traffic and volume of traffic would also create exceptional safety concerns for kids walking or playing around the facility, not to mention the sale of alcohol, tobacco and firearms in such close proximity. Neither my wife nor myself have anything against the Wal Mart corporation as they have proven to be great supporters of non traditional schools, however we feel that allowing them to build so close to a school and daycare is not in their nor our best interest. There are several other sites on that same side of town that would seem to be suitable for a store of this magnitude. Thank you for your time and help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Martin&Carrie Volquardsen
1800 East Manor Drive
Lincoln, NE 68506
HM 486-4516
WK 477-8988

February 10, 2005

Mayor Colleen Seng
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Dear Mayor Seng,

As a registered voter and tax-payer in the Northeast part of Lincoln, I am writing to you to address several concerns.

The proposed Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams is not needed at this time. To place it there will destroy the small businesses in the Bethany, Meadowlane and Havelock area. Take a look at the downtown areas of Columbus, Seward, Beatrice and Fremont to see the adverse toll that Wal-Mart has placed on those cities. Once thriving downtowns are now empty buildings, wasted space and eyesores. We already have many empty buildings, empty lots, wasted spaces and eyesores in this city and do not need more. (i.e. 48th & O, and a lot of the downtown area)

Faith Lutheran Church and School would be involved as well. The safety of their congregation including school children would be tested if Wal-Mart is their neighbor.

The traffic mess that this would cause is also a concern. How are you going to go thru the Fairview cemetery to develop 4 lane roads with turn lanes? Would there be any left turn lane traffic signals? The ones we have in this area now are still not working properly causing traffic congestion at peak times. I have addressed this problem to you before. 70th & Vine, 70th & Holdrege and many others have turn signals not activated at peak times. (8:15, 12:15, 5:15 etc.) Speaking of mess, please look at the existing Wal-Marts that we have to see the lack of custodial management on the outside of their properties. They do not pick up their trash. Cardboard, plastic and those lovely blue sacks are all in every direction of the building. Do we want that in the Northern Lights Residential section where home prices start at \$200,000? The trash that I pick up on my daily walk in this area is already bad. Let's not add to it.

I urge you and the city council to give this proposal much thought. Two Wal-Marts in this city are more than sufficient. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Karen Adden

c.c. City Council, Public Works & Utilities

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Saturday
Feb 12, 2005

Dear City council members,

I'm concerned about the townhomes that are supposed to go behind NW 12th St. They will be going right behind my house. I'm not very happy about that.

1) Think twice about what you are doing about animal habitats. Believe it or not but, there are coyotes and wild turkeys back in those huge fields and I feel really bad about that because they don't deserve to have their homes destroyed Again. They do enough to stay away from all the equipment that you used to build the round about. So I believe we can work for there benefit this time.

2) The wonderful view we have now will no longer be there if the town houses are built. Now we can see trees from a far. If the town houses are built then that beautiful view will be wiped away.

So if you will, please think about all the wild animals you've seen in your backyard and in other places, Then think about what it would be like if all of those animals one day just disappeared slowly. ~~The~~ The world →

Would be very quiet. With animals gone,
then there would not be very much nature
left. Think twice before you decide to build
the townhouses.

Sincerely,
Janice Wienhold
(age 12 Highlands)
(6th grade Resident.)

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2005
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

Council Members Present: Terry Werner, Chair; Ken Svoboda, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Patte Newman, Glenn Friendt, Annette McRoy.

Others Present: Mayor Coleen Seng, Ann Harrell, Corrie Kielty, Darl Naumann, Lin Quenzer, Mayor's Office; Deputy City Clerk, Teresa Meier-Brock; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Directors and Department Heads; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt, & Svoboda; Joan Ray, City Council Staff and Deena, Winter, Lincoln Journal Star Representative.

I. MAYOR

Mayor Coleen Seng stated to Council that there was a lot of annual meetings this weekend and a lot of them attended different ones.

The Group Home Task Force report was presented last week and Jonathan (Cook) was there.

Roger Figard (Public Works) reported on the pothole situation in the City and giving out the numbers for citizens who have complaints. (441-7646 or 441-7701) They are getting a lot of potholes, they'll get to them as quickly as they can, but it is going to be a rough spring if this continues. Mr. Friendt asked if Highway 2 is the City's responsibility? Mr. Figard replied yes.

Mr. Figard stated regarding Item 12 on their Agenda today, he has additional information for Council. (Mr. Figard handed out information to Council.) *[Item 12, 05R-34, Authorizing the Mayor to execute a multi-year contract when funding appropriations come from more than one fiscal year C.I.P. for Yankee Hill Road from South 27th Street to 40th Street, (City Project No. 701596) and the intersection of South 27th Street and Yankee Hill Road. (City Project No. 701662).]*

Also, the State this afternoon has a public hearing on the Beltway Corridor Bill which will help give local authorities authority to do corridor protection. He will be testifying so he was hoping this information was all they needed and went over the material with Council. It shows the current approved CIP project #33 had money this year and had a little over a \$1 millions dollars in proposed highway bonds. A construction contract was approved by the Mayor and they will be accepting bids on the project. Mr. Cook inquired about the design for the intersection improvement on Yankee Hill Road at the 27th Street intersection & Yankee Hill Road from 27th to 40th

Street. Mr. Figard replied that portion of land, adjacent to the [inaudible] Development who is contributing money to the project, will be a foot to the mile south on 27th. To the north and west it will be the existing roadways and then 27th to 40th Street. Mr. Figard added the four lanes, a turn lane and water mains are being built along with it, so all will be constructed and completed ahead of time. Mr. Friendt asked where this project falls in terms of priority with 48th & “O” Street. Mr. Figard replied it was currently budgeted in the current CIP, approved by the Council last fall, and they feel this was a high priority. The design is completed and they had an annexation agreement on the corridor with the developer, so this does not take away or change some other discussions or priorities. Mr. Friendt commented with these facts, it wouldn’t be a project they could defer. Mr. Figard said it had been planned in the multi-year contract this year and there are other project priorities to discuss but this project would not be one for discussion. Mr. Werner asked what would the cost be in addition and what they are gaining by the multi-year contracts. Mr. Figard stated first, the contract is one of legality. This year’s appropriation is in the \$2.5 million range. They would either have to reduce the contract, not bid it and start over in September, delay a year, as the Mayor can’t sign without the appropriation. The City Council is the only one that can authorize the Mayor to use next year’s appropriation. Mr. Cook asked how this item compares to the 56th & Pine Lake project as it may be discussed as to whether or not they can build this in the plan and is it a higher or lower priority at this point? Mr. Figard stated this project was further along, they had the design done, had an annexation agreement, already bid the project, the planning and the dollars were in this year’s and next year’s CIP. The project at 56th & Pine Lake still requires more discussions on it and [inaudible]. Council thought may be Mr. Figard should have somebody at the Council Meeting this afternoon. Mr. Figard stated he will have Karl (Fredrickson) attend the meeting.

Marc Wullschleger (Urban Development Director) stated that Purchasing will be sending out proposals this week for the 48th & “O” Street project which include the area north and south of “O” Street. If they get any questions they need to go to Vince (Mejer) in Purchasing and after the RFP is sent out information will not be given out. Ms. McRoy asked if they are continuing to purchase the right-of-way on the south side of 48th & “O” Street. Mr. Figard answered they are, but the plan is to transition back to the existing sections quickly. Mr. Cook stated he believes the purchase is complete on the south east side of 48th Street. Mr. Cook asked about the purchase on the west side of 48th Street, to which the reply was nothing at this time. Ms. McRoy asked for clarity on how far the plans go. Mr. Figard replied to 42nd Street. The plan is to study and do engineering to know how much right-of-way is needed and they haven’t got that far at this time. Ms. McRoy commented to the south it would be close to Barnes & Noble. Mr. Figard replied it’s to the east. Mr. Cook stated regardless of the street design they may need to make some changes, possibly scale

back and operate for 10 years and look at developments. Supposed we didn't go west of 48th Street, hypothetically would we still want to buy that right-of-way between 42nd & 48th Streets? Do we want to own, or not pursue until we actually have a plan? Mr. Figard stated ideally he would design clear to the downtown area. Mr. Cook stated as of now they're only buying to 46th Street. Mr. Figard answered this is the intent, but they're not far enough into the design to know all the details. Mr. Cook commented maybe that's why no purchases has been made west of 48th Street because they're still looking at expenses. Mr. Figard agreed.

Don Herz (Finance Director) stated regarding the two bond issues that's on the Agenda today, there's a Resolution to authorize an ordinance that's on 1st Reading for refunds from existing Storm Sewer Bonds. Every year they analysis all their bonds and this one can be refunded, approximately a \$450,000 savings over the next 3 years if they authorize while the interest rates are low. Mr. Camp stated he had read \$7 million but they're talking \$9.5 million now. Mr. Herz responded the \$7 million is the refinance and the \$9.9 million is the Resolution for the new money. They have about \$6.6 million dollars outstanding from 1997 and this would put those into refund at a lower interest rate. Mr. Camp asked for a break down of the \$9.9 million and Nicole Fleck-Tooze replied she thought it would be in the Council packets.

Mr. Werner commented on the green space bond and inquired as to the deadline. Lynn Johnson (Parks & Recreation Director) stated they've had some conversations in the community and what they're hearing from people is that they don't see this as being a priority right now. The community sees this as being a two tier priority that schools and perhaps streets the major priority and they are not recommending to go ahead with the open space bond issue. The other thing they thought had recently been done was the link between floodplain management and open space conservation, but they're finding that the general public does not see the link yet. Nicole Fleck-Tooze has done an excellent job of raising the issue of floodplain management and they need to make a link of open space. Mr. Werner commented to Mr. Johnson so he speaking on Wilderness Park tomorrow night doesn't make any difference and asked if he has communicated to the public that it was too late to put on the ballot. Mr. Johnson stated he has spoken to citizens, but really need to have some conversations in the community to get a sense of whether this would be the right time. What they're going to talk about primarily tomorrow night that they really have to do a better job of marketing the connection between floodplain management, stormwater management and open space conservation.

Marvin Krout (Planning Director) stated there's been a lot written and talked about over the last year regarding impact fees and building permits. He felt a response was necessary and it will be published in the newspaper tomorrow. If anyone would request additional information or have any questions after reading the article let him know.

1. Response Letter from Lin Quenzer to Wes Furrer - RE: Access to his property west of Old Huskerville. — NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents January Award Of Excellence. — NO COMMENTS
3. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report - February 7, 2005-4:30 p.m. — NO COMMENTS
4. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 8, 2005-5:00 a.m.— NO COMMENTS
5. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 8, 2005-4:00 p.m. — NO COMMENTS
6. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 8, 2005-11:15 p.m. — NO COMMENTS
7. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report-February 9, 2005-5:30 a.m. — NO COMMENTS
8. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Cable Channels 5 & 21 To Airing Kooser Event At Lied Center. — NO COMMENTS
9. NEWS ADVISORY -RE: Mayor Seng will release the report of the Group Homes Task Force at a news conference at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 10th - NO COMMENTS
10. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Releases Report Of Group Homes Task Force. — NO COMMENTS
11. Washington Report - February 4, 2005. — NO COMMENTS

II. DIRECTORS

BUDGET

1. Material from Steve Hubka - RE: 2003-2004 Operating Report - (See Material). — NO COMMENTS

CITIZEN INFORMATION CENTER

Diane Gonzolas reminded everybody the City's Abraham Lincoln celebration is next Sunday. On thing they will be doing is having an Abe Lincoln impersonator contest. Mr. Camp commented he did it a couple of years ago and came in third. Ms. Gonzolas indicated there's a lot of information on the website and hopes they can all attend.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT/CITY TREASURER

1. Material from Don Herz, Finance Director & Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer - RE: Resolution & Finance Department, Treasurer of Lincoln, Nebraska - Investments Purchased January 24 thru February 4, 2005. — NO COMMENTS

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Environmental Awards Nominations Sought. — NO COMMENTS
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Safely Transporting Your Children ... A True Act Of Love. — NO COMMENTS
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Lancaster County 2003 Vital Statistics Report. — NO COMMENTS
4. Health Department Report - January, 2005. — NO COMMENTS
5. Response Letter from Bruce Dart to Micheale Kujath - RE: Enforcing the smoking ban in your 3-plex apartment building. — NO COMMENTS

PLANNING

1. Response Letter from Marvin Krout to Mr. Bus Whitehead - RE: Suggestion about regulating inflatable signs the same as portable signs. — NO COMMENTS
2. Memo from Randy Hoskins - RE: Use Permit No. 04006-Bill #05R-33-Barons Ridge First Addition. — NO COMMENTS
3. Response E-Mail from Jean Walker to Gary Awalt - RE: Wal-Mart SuperCenter: Change of Zone #05005 and Use Permit # 05001-Opposition. — NO COMMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

Steve Masters stated Danny Walker had delivered a letter regarding the City Council and he has been working with Ernie Castille in Urban Development to respond. Mr. Masters commented they've taken the Union Pacific alignment at 4th Street and attempted to create a section which would ultimately provide a good street and trail. For the final pavement of the roadway, Urban Development is looking for grants to eventually have the funding to make that happen and Parks & Recreation is working on providing a trail. One difficulty they're experiencing is when they put rock in the roadway, attempted see the corridor, people were not driving on the road which resulted in a lot of damage and distraction to the sides of the right-of-way. So, they will continue to work through these challenges and find a solution.

Ms. McRoy asked about some material that Mr. Walker had presented regarding a driveway access for a wheelchair being difficult because of gravel. Mr. Masters stated he did recall the questions and believes efforts have been made on all driveways to restore them to conditions to what existed before the project. They will look at it again to make certain what has been requested is reasonable and if it does require reconstruction they would do it.

1. Memo from Bruce Sweney - RE: February 14th Board of Equalization Meeting. — NO COMMENTS

WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY

1. Weed Control Authority Lancaster County - January 2005 Monthly Report. — NO COMMENTS

WOMEN'S COMMISSION

1. NEWS RELEASE from Bonnie Coffey - RE: Women's Commission Honors Award Recipients-“Weaving Women's Voices” pays tribute to annual award winners in saluting International Women's Day. — NO COMMENTS

III. CITY CLERK

Deputy City Clerk Teresa Meier-Brock stated on the Agenda today for Item 1 they have a request to continue the public hearing and action to March 7th. *[Application of KKR Enterprises, Inc. dba Lancaster's to expand its Class C liquor license by the addition of a beer garden area measuring 28' by 18' to the north on property generally located at 3800 Old Cheney Road, Suite 105.]*

If the Council would allow, she would like to call Items 3 through 6 together. *[Item 3-05-16, Annexation 04002-Amending the Lincoln Corporate Limits Map by annexing approximately 20 acres of property generally located south of Leighton Avenue and east of N. 84th Street.; Item 4-05R-30, Approving an Annexation Agreement between the City and Scott C. Anderson outlining certain conditions and understandings with regards to the annexation of approximately 19.41 acres on property generally located at N. 84th Street and Leighton Avenue.; Item 5-05-17, Change of Zone 04011-Application of Scott Anderson for a change of zone from AG Agricultural District to R-3 Residential District and H-4 General Commercial District on property generally located south of Leighton Avenue and east of N. 84th Street.; and Item 6-05R-31, Special Permit 04009-Application of Scott Anderson to develop Anderson's Place Planned Service Commercial Center for approximately 86,120 sq. ft. of floor area, with requested waivers of the required front yard setback along N. 84th Street, to eliminate internal setbacks, and to reduce the side yard setback, on property generally located south of Leighton Avenue and east of N. 84th Street.]*

Items 7 & 8 will be called together. For these items they do have a request to combine the 2nd & 3rd Readings today. *[05-18, Change of Zone 04067-Application of Hartland Homes for a change of zone from AGR Agricultural Residential District and H-4 General Commercial District to R-3 Residential District on property generally located southwest of the intersection of West A Street and S.W. 27th Street.; and 05R-32, Special Permit 04054-Application of Hartland Homes to develop Hartland Homes Southwest 1st Addition Community Unit Plan for 382 single family dwelling units, with requested waivers of the required lot area, average lot width, block length, and the preliminary plat process, on property generally located southwest of the intersection of West A Street and S.W. 27th Street.]*

For Item 25, just a reminder they do have three Motions-To-Amend. [05-13, Misc. No. 04014-Amending Title 26 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to update and streamline the Land Subdivision Ordinance by amending Sections....(See Formal Council Agenda of February 14th for further description of this item.)]

For Item 27, she passed out a Motion-To-Amend and Item 46 she passed out their copy of the legislation. [Item 27-05R-25, Approving an Annexation Agreement between the City and Campbell Farm and Land Co. and Northwoods, L.L.C. outlining certain conditions and understandings with regards to the annexation of approximately 75 acres of property generally locates southeast of S. 56th Street and Pine Lake Road.; and Item 46-05R-40, Approving an amendment to the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan for the East Downtown Hotel Redevelopment Area including the acquisition, demolition and redevelopment of property bounded on the west by N. 17th Street, on the north by Q Street, on the east by N. 18th Street, and on the south by P Street.]

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

ANNETTE McROY - NO COMMENTS

JON CAMP -

Mr. Camp stated he had requested from Allan Abbott (Public Works & Utilities Director) a breakdown of the \$3.8 million dollars being dispensed to acquire the 48th & “O” Street public right-of-way and hasn’t received anything at this point. Ann Harrell (Public Works & Utilities Interim Director) stated Allan (Abbott) didn’t say anything to her about it, she will have Karl (Fredrickson) talk to him after the meeting. Mr. Fredrickson stated he will get that information to him.

JONATHAN COOK -

Mr. Cook stated he would like to talk with Lynn Johnson after the Directors’ Meeting today.

1. **OUTSTANDING Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Snow plowed onto sidewalks repeatedly (RFI#122 - 01/11/05). — NO COMMENTS**

GLENN FRIENDT - NO COMMENTS

1. Request to ~~Marc Wullschleger, Urban Development Director~~ /Lynn Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director - RE: Next steps for the University Place property vacation (RFI#41-02/02/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM MARC WULLSCHLEGER, URBAN DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#41-02/09/05. — NO COMMENTS**

KEN SVOBODA - NO COMMENTS

PATTE NEWMAN -

Ms. Newman commented to Marvin Krout that they noticed the West “O” Business Association were quoted as saying they have the largest zoning ordinance in the world and wondered if that was documented.

They received a letter from Diane Henninger which was sent to Mike Weston (StarTran) and copied to the Mayor regarding buses that keep jumping the curb and running into her trees and shrubs on North 40th Street. A suggestion was to have her put boulders out in the front yard. Mr. Werner stated he thinks Lin Quenzer is working on it. Lin Quenzer stated Mike Weston has already written a response letter to her, but she doesn't know if he addressed the boulders in the right-of-way. If he did not, she will make sure Ms. Henninger understands that she cannot put boulders in the right-of-way. Ms. Newman noted the latest a bus hit a pole in the front yard so she assumes there are accident reports on the stuff that is going on. Ms. Quenzer stated StarTran is working on it and she thinks they've got it addressed. Ms. Newman stated another complaint was about speeding vehicles in the same area which she reported to Police Captain Srb and he's going to have somebody patrol the area.

1. E-Mail from Michael Goodrich to Patte Newman - RE: Opposed to the proposed Wal-Mart to be placed at 84th & Adams. — NO COMMENTS
2. Request to Ann Harrell, Acting Public Works Director/~~Larry Worth, StarTran~~ - RE: Larry Worth's memo summarizing the StarTran Town Hall Meeting on Jan. 22nd (RFI#29-02/08/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM LARRY WORTH, STARTRAN RECEIVED ON RFI#29-02/10/05. — NO COMMENTS**

TERRY WERNER - NO COMMENTS

Mr. Werner adjourned the meeting at this time.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from 'Ordinary folks who'd like to grab a beer Fridays..' - RE: Isn't it time somebody did something about the double standard hypocrisy of this SMOKING BAN LAW and all this stuff about the strict equal enforcement of the LAW because it applies to everybody-It's supposed to be against the law to smoke in the Hall of Justice. — NO COMMENTS
2. Letter from Justin Jones - RE: In support to place a bond issue on the ballot for open space acquisition and the establishment of a greenbelt around the city. — NO COMMENTS
3. E-Mail from Lisa Silberman - RE: Concerns about the proposed Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams. — NO COMMENTS
4. E-Mail from Tami Carlson - RE: Very concerned about the location of the new Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams. — NO COMMENTS
5. Letter from Wes Furrer - RE: "Thank you for the courtesy of responding to my request by telephone regarding the option of opening the road from NW 56th St. to NW 55th Street. — NO COMMENTS
6. E-Mail from Gary J. Awalt - RE: Wal-Mart SuperCenter. — NO COMMENTS
7. E-Mail from Michael James, President, Woods Park Neighborhood Association - RE: 405 South 26th Street. — NO COMMENTS

ADDENDUM -(For February 14th)

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of February 12-18, 2005-Schedule subject to change (See Advisory)- NO COMMENTS
2. Letter to Mayor Seng from Nick Krol RE: Smoking ban enforcement should be equal throughout City. — NO COMMENTS
3. NEWS RELEASE - Judges Named for Mayor's Arts Awards. — NO COMMENTS

II. CITY CLERK - NO FURTHER COMMENTS

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

PATTE NEWMAN

1. E-Mail from Kathy Nuttelman to Patte Newman - RE: Proposed Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams Street. — NO COMMENTS
2. E-mail from Terry Uland to Patte Newman - RE: Fernando Pages-Ruiz project at 406 South 27th Street eventually will create a strong negative influence on the neighborhood. — NO COMMENTS

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PUBLIC WORKS

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Water Main Construction to Begin Tuesday on South 56th Street. — NO COMMENTS

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-mail from Martin & Carrie Volquardsen - RE: Proposed Building site for Wal Mart - Opposed. — NO COMMENTS
2. Letter to Mayor Seng RE: Proposed Wal Mart at 84th & Adams - Opposed for several reasons as noted. — NO COMMENTS
3. Letter from Janice Wienhold RE: Townhome development at NW 12th Street - Opposed. — NO COMMENTS

VI. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately at 11:33 a.m.