**DIRECTORS' MEETING**
**MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.**
**CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

## I. MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Antelope Valley Bus Tour Rescheduled- (See Advisory)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Section Of Vine Street Closed Mid-Day Wednesday and Thursday For Paving-New Vine Street bridge now open - (See Release)

3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor To Present Awards For "Clean Your Files Week" - (See Release)

4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Building Commission Refinancing Efforts To Save More Than $3.35 Million -(See Release)

5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Open House Planned On Salt Creek Trunk Sewer Project -(See Release)

6. Washington Report - June 10, 2005.

## II. DIRECTORS

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

1. Letter from Larry Hudkins, Chair - RE: The Rural to Urban Transition for Streets (RUTS) proposal -(See Letter)

### FINANCE

1. Material from Don Herz - RE: EMS Reports for May 2005 -(See Material)

### HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Household Hazardous Waste Collections Scheduled For June 25 And 26 -(See Release)

2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Public Health Response To INS Incident -(See Release)

**PLANNING**

1. Memo from Tom Cajka - RE: Misc. #05006, Build-Through amendment to 26.15.070 -(See Memo)

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION .....**

1. Waiver No. 05005 (Depth to width ratio - Lincoln Crossing 5th Addition - N. 27th & Kensington Drive) Resolution No. PC-00928.

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

1. Response Letter from Harry Kroos to Gladys Herstein - RE: Your concerns with the overhanging hedge - (See Letter)

2. Response Letter from Elmer Cole to Ross D. Wunderlich - RE: Letter for withdrawal of Mandarin Circle and Pagoda Lane Paving -(See Letters)

## III. CITY CLERK

## IV. COUNCIL

### A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

**JONATHAN COOK**

1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: Driveway cracking - (RFI#124 - 6/10/05)

## V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Letter from Roger Hickey, Co-Director, Campaign for America's Future, Founder, Americans United to Protect Social Security - RE: The future of Social Security -(See Letter)

2. Letter from Wallace C. Peterson - RE: Council should not support the plan for a mega-theatre complex near 84th Street & Hwy 2 -(See Letter)

3. 2 -E-Mail's from Jane Kinsey - RE: Vote on Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams-(Council received copies of these E-Mail's on 6/13/05 before Formal Council Meeting) (See E-Mail's)

4. E-Mail from Robert R. Otte, Morrow, Poppe, Otte, Watermeier & Phillips, P.C. - RE: County Meadows Home Owner Association-Apples Way Planned Unit Development-Comprehensive Plan Amendment #04010-Change of Zone #05026 -(Council received copies of this E-Mail on 6/13/05 before Formal Council Meeting)(See E-Mail)

5. E-Mail from Sue & Jim Beitel - RE: Comprehensive Plan Amendment #04010 & Change of Zone #05026-S. 66th Street & Highway 2: Opposition - (Council received copies of this E-Mail on 6/13/05 before Formal Council Meeting)(See E-Mail)

6. E-Mail from Roger & Judy Groetzinger - RE: Waiver of Zoning requirements for lot sizes -(Council received copies of this E-Mail on 6/13/05 before Formal Council Meeting)(See E-Mail)

7. E-Mail from Jerry Roberts - RE: Please reconsider the theater project for a larger complex-84th & Hwy 2 -(Council received copies of this E-Mail on 6/13/05)(See E-Mail)

8. E-Mail from Lori Yaeger - RE: Today's hearing 6/13/05 -(Council received copies of this E-Mail on 6/13/05)(See E-Mail)

9. Letter from Bob Lewis, Vice President Development Operations, Hampton Development Services, Inc. - RE: Special Permit 3900 Industrial Avenue - (See Letter)

10. E-Mail & pictures from Carol B. - RE: Pictures of parking problems in Regalton -(See Material)

11. Letter from Lawrence & Nancy Hans - RE: Opposed to Paving District #2638-North 36th Street, Vine to "W" Street -(See Letter)

12. E-Mail from Michael Ellis - RE: Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams - (See E-Mail)

13. E-Mail & Letter from J.R. Brown - RE: Technology and the Downtown Master Plan -(See Material)

14. Letter from Curtis Weller - RE: Wish to share with you the tale about the tree in front of his house on the City's right-of-way -(See Letter)

15. Letter from Esther Busboom - RE: Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams -(See Letter)

16. Letter from BryanLGH College of Health Services - RE: Highly recommend that the Lake Senior Center and other Senior Centers continue to be funded -(See Letter)

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF LINCOLN
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# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

**DATE:** June 13, 2005
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

## ANTELOPE VALLEY BUS TOUR RESCHEDULED

The Antelope Valley bus tour, originally planned for 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, June 14, has been rescheduled to **9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 16**. We will meet in the **Mayor's Conference Room, second floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.** Mayor Seng will attend this tour, which is for members of the media, including editors. Photographers are welcome. The tour is expected to end by 11:30 a.m.

The Antelope Valley Project partners - the City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District - are anxious for the public to see how far the construction has progressed. The media tour is part of a series of bus tours planned over the next month for all segments of the community. Tours for the general public will be offered on July 9.

The tour is designed to help show the public how flood control improvements, traffic improvements and neighborhood revitalization will come together to open 50 acres of land for development.

To make sure we have enough space on the bus, please contact Diane Gonzolas to make a reservation at 441-7831 or dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov. For more information on the Antelope Valley Project, see the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

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# NEWS RELEASE

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**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**
555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7548, fax 441-8609

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 14, 2005
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Wayne Teten, Antelope Valley Manager, 441-4939

## SECTION OF VINE STREET CLOSED MID-DAY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY FOR PAVING

***New Vine Street bridge now open***

Pavement work on Vine Street will close the street to traffic from 22nd to 27th streets from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. June 15 and 16 (weather permitting). Vine Street will remain open during the morning and afternoon rush hours both days. The intersection of 27th and Vine will remain open. Eastbound Vine Street traffic will be detoured to Holdrege Street, and westbound traffic will be detoured to "Q" Street.

Also, the new Vine Street bridge over the Antelope Creek channel is now open. The new bridge is just north of the previous Vine Street at about 19th Street.

Remaining work on Vine Street includes pavement, sidewalks, retaining walls, landscaping, utilities and lighting. That work will require some lane closures throughout the summer. The speed limit will remain at 25 miles per hour. Vine Street is scheduled to have two lanes open in each direction by August 15.

The Antelope Valley Project includes transportation improvements, stormwater management and community revitalization. Partners in the Antelope Valley Project are the City of Lincoln, the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A map and other information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov. Information also can be obtained by leaving a message at the Antelope Valley Hotline at 402-458-5999.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 15, 2005
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043
Kurt Elder, Recycling Specialist, 441-8215

## MAYOR TO PRESENT AWARDS FOR "CLEAN YOUR FILES WEEK"

Mayor Coleen J. Seng will present awards for "Clean Your Files Week" at **2 p.m. TODAY in the Mayor's Conference Room, second floor of the County-City Building 555 South 10th Street.** City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon said 45 offices and schools participated in the nationwide event April 18 through 22.

"I recycle at work and at home, and I encourage everyone to do so," said Mayor Seng. "We hope that those office workers who participate in 'Clean Your Files Week' will develop the recycling habit and will continue to recycle year-round. Recycling office paper is good for the environment and saves valuable landfill space."

Hanlon said this year's participants recycled more than 53,000 pounds of paper during the week. That represents an environmental savings of 454 trees, 80 cubic yards of landfill space, two Olympic-size pool's worth of water or the energy needed to power the County-City Government Center for a week. The recycling effort also conserved more than 10,000 gallons of oil, enough to circumnavigate the Earth about 1.5 times.

For the second year in a row, the Mayor's Office received the top honor in office paper recycling for City offices by recycling 234 pounds of paper per employee. Three other awards were presented:

- The Lincoln Public Schools Behavior Skills Program won in the schools category. Students there collected more than 205 pounds of paper, about three pounds per student.
- Cornhusker Bank won in the private business category by collecting 242 pounds of paper per employee.
- For the second year, Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation collected the largest amount of paper of any organization participating in the event, about 16,100 pounds.

Over the six years of "Clean Your Files Week,"a total of 245,000 pounds of office paper has been collected. The event is organized by Recycling at Work, a campaign of the National Office Paper Recycling Project, a public-private partnership managed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, with the help of "Clean Your Files" national sponsors. Local sponsors include the City of Lincoln, Midland Recycling, the Lincoln Public Schools and WasteCap of Nebraska.

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# NEWS RELEASE

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**PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION**
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 15, 2005
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Don Killeen, Building Administrator, 430-4613
Don Herz, City Finance Director, 441-7411
David Kroeker, County Budget Director, 441-7447

## PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION REFINANCING EFFORTS TO SAVE MORE THAN $3.35 MILLION

Local taxpayers will see savings of more than $3.35 million because of recent refinancing efforts by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission. The Commission sold about $26.4 million of refunding bonds to refinance a series of 1996 bonds at significantly lower interest rates. Those bonds were issued to finance the construction of the County-City Building and the remodeling of the Justice and Law Enforcement Center.

The 1996 bonds had an average interest rate of 5.85 percent with annual debt service payments of approximately $1.95 million. The refunded bonds have an average interest rate of 4.33 percent with annual debt-service payments of about $1.82 million. The $3.35 million in savings will accrue over the 20-year life of the bond. This transaction was approved by the County Board March 22 and by the City Council March 28.

"The Public Building Commission is thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the taxpayers of Lincoln and Lancaster County in the best way possible – by saving them money," said County Commissioner Larry Hudkins, Chair of the Public Building Commission. "This is a great joint project that makes for a win-win scenario for everyone involved, most notably, the taxpayers. When the opportunity presented itself, we jumped at the chance to reduce all of our costs as we move forward on the bond. It's a significant savings and we're pleased to be able to take advantage of this opportunity."

The 1996 bond matures in 2026. The current market's favorable interest rates made the refinancing possible. City Finance Director Don Herz said the City has been able to take advantage of these interest rates to refinance a number of its bond issues during the past year.

The Public Building Commission is charged with acquiring and constructing facilities for City and County government. The five-member Commission includes two County Commissioners, two City Council members and one community member. The other current members of the Commission are County Commissioners Hudkins and Bob Workman, City Council members Jon Camp and Jonathan Cook and former City Council member Linda Wilson.

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**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**
Wastewater and Solid Waste, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7961, fax 441-8735

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 15, 2005
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Gary Brandt, Utilities Coordinator, 441-7968

## OPEN HOUSE PLANNED ON SALT CREEK TRUNK SEWER PROJECT

A public open house is planned for 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22 on the Upper Southeast Salt Creek sanitary trunk sewer project. The meeting will be at the Walt Branch Library, 6701 South 14th Street.

The project will extend the Salt Creek sewer system and provide additional capacity for the future growth of Lincoln. A preliminary route runs from 14th Street and Yankee Hill Road south along the railroad tracks and ends about 500 feet south of Rokeby Road. Under the proposed plan, the trunk sewer would pass through a section of Wilderness Park that is now overgrown with brome grass and scrub trees. After construction, the area will be restored to prairie grass.

Participants in the open house will have the opportunity to meet with members of the project team and view displays on the proposed alignment, proposed construction methods to be used, park restoration and the Jamaica North Trail.

Those wanting more information on the open house or on the project can contact Lisa Behrns with Olsson Associates at 458-5992.

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# NO AGREEMENT YET ON HIGHWAY FUNDING

## TRANSPORTATION

Highway conference off to slow start. The first meeting yesterday of the House-Senate conference committee on legislation (HR 3) to reauthorize federal highway and transit programs proved to be more of a formality than anything else. After opening statements of varying lengths from all the 93 Members, leaders adjourned the session without any formal discussion of the overall funding level, or other discrepancies between the two sides for that matter.

At the session, neither side was willing to yield to the other chamber's funding number. The Senate passed a $295 billion bill last month while the House has backed the White House-endorsed $284 billion level.

More than a few lawmakers agreed that the conference should bring debate over funding levels to an end by adopting a bill that falls somewhere in between the two chambers. Such compromise might go unrewarded, however, as White House officials reiterated to conference leaders this week that President Bush would veto any bill larger than $284 billion. That pronouncement severely dimmed the hopes of getting a bill passed this year, as there had been some hope that discussions between the Chairmen of the House and Senate tax writing committees this week over funding mechanisms in the Senate bill would lead to a compromise that exceeded $284 billion but was acceptable to the White House.

The reason that the $284 billion level is unacceptable to the Senate (and to many in the House for that matter) is that the figure would not allow for a guaranteed 95 percent return for each state on its contributions to the Highway Trust Fund. A number of Members from the so-called "donor states" continue to hold out for such a guarantee and some would likely oppose (and possibly hold up) the bill if it is not achieved.

A second meeting of the conferees has not been scheduled and in fact they may not meet again formally to approve the package, since legally, they only need to meet once. The current TEA-21 extension expires on June 30 and conference leaders have vowed that there will be no more extensions.

## ENERGY

Senate to begin consideration of the Energy Bill. The full Senate is expected to begin debate on the comprehensive energy bill on Tuesday, June 14, despite some outstanding items and the current lack of an energy tax title.

The Senate Finance Committee could mark up a draft energy tax title as early as Wednesday, June 15, at which point it will then be added to the energy bill as an amendment on the Senate floor. The Senate tax package is expected to be at least $11 billion worth of incentives for producers of oil, gas, and renewable energies, while the House's $8 billion package and the $6.8 billion the White House has proposed focus solely on oil and gas production.

The competing sizes of the bill's tax titles, the Senate ethanol mandate, the House MTBE manufacturer liability language, House language allowing drilling in the Alaska wilderness, and competing language to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act (PUHCA) look to be the major sticking points in conference if the Senate is ultimately able to approve its bill.

The Senate could wrap up a bill well before the start of the Fourth of July recess, according to Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Pete Domenici

(R-NM), who hopes to have a completed bill on the President's desk by the August recess.

## JOB TRAINING

House panel would cut FY 2006 ETA programs by $215 million. The House Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Department of Labor considered the agency's FY 2006 budget this week and some key programs at the Employment and Training Administration suffered setbacks.

Adult job training programs would be reduced to $865.7 million, a $30.8 million decrease from FY 2005 levels. In addition, the youth training program would be funded at $950 million, a $36.3 million drop from previous levels. On the other hand, dislocated worker assistance programs would be boosted by $118.4 million in FY 2006, for a total of $1.193 billion, and the Job Corps program would receive $1.55 billion, an increase of $25 million.

Other job training program funding recommendations included: the elimination of a $50 million program for reintegration of youth offenders; $125 million for job training grants for community colleges (+$1 million from FY 2005), and $19.8 million for a prisoner re-entry program (same as FY 2005).

The House Appropriations Committee is expected to take up the FY 2006 Department of Labor funding measure next week.

## HUMAN SERVICES

FY 2006 HHS spending considered by House subcommittee. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education Departments considered its FY 2006 spending bill this week, with discretionary programs at HHS receiving an overall increase of $94 million from FY 2005 levels.

However, some programs fared better than others. For instance, the subcommittee proposed to eliminate the $84 million Healthy Community Access Program (HCAP), which assists communities with services to the uninsured. The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) would be reduced to $320 million, a $317 million cut from FY 2005. The CSBG was one of the 18 federal community and economic development programs (along with CDBG at HUD) that the President had proposed by combined into an economic development block grant at the Commerce Department.

However, the Community Health Centers programs would receive an increase of $100 million in FY 2006 ($1.83 billion), and children's vaccination programs would receive $1.5 billion, an increase of $33 million fro FY 2005. Refugee assistance programs would also get a boost in FY 2006, up $76.5 million to $552 million. Other HHS recommended funding levels include (with change from FY 2005 in parentheses):

- $2.06 billion for Ryan White AIDS programs (+$10 million)
- $285 million for environmental health programs (same)
- $100 million for the Preventative Health Block Grant (-$18.5 million)
- $410 million for the Mental Health Block Grant (same)
- $700 million for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (-$30 million)
- $97.7 million for Healthy Start (-$4.7 million)
- $1.7 billion for the Substance Abuse Block Grant (same)
- $1.98 billion for low-income home energy assistance (-$197 million)
- $2.08 billion for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (-$11 million)
- $1.7 billion for the Social Services Block Grant (same)
- $6.9 billion for Head Start (+$56 million)
- $88.7 million for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (+$4 million)
- $1.37 billion for Aging Administration programs (-$17 million)

The House Appropriations Committee is expected to consider the FY 2006 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill on June 16.

## ENVIRONMENT & ARTS

Senate subcommittee would restore clean water revolving loan fund to FY 2005 level. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Interior Department and Environment considered its FY 2006 spending bill this week, and although Senators were working with $500 million less than they had for the same programs in FY 2005, they managed to find funds for programs ignored by their House counterparts.

Most significantly, the Senate panel recommended that the clean water state revolving loan fund (SRF) at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) be funded at its FY 2005 level of $1.1 billion. The House has suggested slashing the program by $250 million. The drinking water SRF would also be funded at its FY 2005 level of $850 million, the same as the House level as well. The Senate also took the same levels as the House for the $1.25 billion Superfund program (an $8.7 million increase). The EPA Brownfields program would receive $165 million from the Senate, a $2 million increase form FY 2005 and $7 million less than the House.

At the Interior Department, the Senate chose to provide funds for both the federal acquisitions ($162 million) and stateside grant ($30 million) portions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The House chose to fund neither of those initiatives in their bill, which were funded at $166 million and $90 million, respectively in FY 2005. The Historic Preservation Fund would receive $72.5 million in the Senate bill, compared to $71.7 million in FY 2005 and $72.7 million in the House bill. Of that amount, the Save America's Treasures program would receive $30 million, the same level as the House and

FY 2005.

Finally, the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities would each receive a $5 million increase from FY 2005 levels in both the House and Senate. The FY 2006 totals would be $126 million for NEA and $143 million for NEH.

Bill sponsors hope to have the measure to the Senate floor as early as next week.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

House Appropriations committee provides $2.6 billion in grants to local and state law enforcement. The House Appropriations Committee marked up the FY 2006 Science, State, Justice and Commerce Department Appropriations bill this week, and the measure would provide those agencies with $57.5 billion in discretionary spending, a 2.2 percent increase over FY 2005.

The Department of Justice would receive $21.4 billion, the largest portion of the discretionary budget authority in the bill. Acting as it has in past years, committee members did not follow the President's proposal to drastically cut grant money for local and state law enforcement programs but those initiatives still suffered reductions nonetheless. The bill allows for $2.6 billion in grants to local and state law enforcement, a 62.5 percent increase from President Bush's request, but also 13.3 percent less than FY 2005 levels.

Rep. David Obey (D-WI), the committee's ranking Democrat, stated at the markup that Congress' tendency to fund the agencies at a level higher than the President's request but still lower than the previous fiscal year is detrimental to local governments. His efforts to increase funding for state and local law enforcement were rebuffed by committee Republicans.

Other highlights of the bill include (with changes from FY 2005 in parentheses):

- $348 million for Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (-$286 million)
- $520 million for COPS, none available for hiring (-$80 million)
- $334 million for Juvenile Justice (-$47 million)
- $60 million for methamphetamine "hot spots" (+$7 million)
- $60 million to reduce gang violence (+$35 million)
- $120 million for law enforcement technologies and interoperability (+$20 million)
- $387 million for Violence Against Women programs (+$3 million)
- $355 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (+$54 million)
- $30 million for Bulletproof Vets Program (+$5 million)
- $50 million for Weed and Seed (-$11 million)

The legislation is now expected to be considered by the full House next week.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

House panel would not shift economic development programs to EDA. The House Appropriations Committee completed action this week on the FY 2006 spending bill for the Commerce Department. Overall, the committee recommended a reduction of $56 million for programs at the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Most notably, the committee rejected the proposal by the President to shift 18 community and economic development programs (most notably the Community Development Block Grant program) totaling $5.7 billion in FY 2005 to a $3.7 billion block grant at EDA.

EDA programs would be funded as follows (with comparison to FY 2005 in parentheses):

- $108 million for Public Works and Economic Development (-$58 million)
- $45 million for Economic Adjustment (same)
- $27 million for Planning (+$2.5 million)
- $12 million for Trade Adjustment (same)
- $8.4 million for Technical Assistance (same)
- $495,000 for Research (same)

The full House is expected to consider the measure on the floor next week.

## HOUSING

House GSE reform bill includes proposal for affordable housing fund. Legislation (HR 1461) approved by the House Financial Services Committee last month designed to provide increased oversight of government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs) Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac also includes the creation of a fund that would be used to increase the nation's supply of affordable permanent and rental housing.

Congressional Republicans have long sought to increase regulation of these mortgage providers and in an attempt to secure bipartisan support for the measure, committee leaders included the affordable housing proposal that was crafted by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), the panel's top Democrat. Under the plan, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae would each be required to direct five percent of their after-tax earnings each year to an Affordable Housing Fund that would be used for the production, preservation, and rehabilitation of rental and permanent housing for the benefit of extremely low- and very low-income families. The funds would also be available for items such as downpayment assistance, closing cost assistance, and interest rate buy-downs and at least 10 percent of the fund would have to be used for homeownership activities. Bill sponsors estimate the fund could produce between $400 million and $1 billion per year.

There was an attempt during the committee markup of HR 1461 to eliminate the Affordable Housing Fund,

but the amendment was defeated 53-17. Opponents of the plan, who are likely to try to remove it once again during floor consideration of the measure, claim that the funds would be better spent lowering the costs of the mortgages underwritten by the GSEs, rather than supplying them with a "slush fund."

The legislation has not been scheduled for a floor vote, and there is no companion bill in the Senate. However, Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) successfully included a similar housing production program in legislation that died during last year's session, and he is expected to push for the program once again.

## WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Witnesses before a House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee urge establishment of a trust fund to address water treatment and wastewater infrastructure. The Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment met June 8 to hear recommendations on how to narrow the gap between growing local needs and declining federal funding.

Chairman John Duncan (R-TN) characterized water quality as a serious public health concern - as important as providing for the nation's highways, airports, and transit systems. While it is estimated that $400 billion will be required over the next twenty years to address water infrastructure needs, only half that amount across all levels of government is being invested today. Moreover, state and local governments contribute ten times what the federal government contributes to water quality.

Julius Ciaccia, Director of the Cleveland, Ohio Division of Water representing the American Water Works Association Water Utility Council testified that water utilities are forced to focus on complying with expensive federal mandates and standards at the expense of investing in aging infrastructure and security concerns. Ciaccia urged the subcommittee to substantially fund federal grants and low or no interest loans, and establish a trust fund to balance the investments that local utilities can make across the spectrum of needs.

If the federal government does not develop an alternative funding source, according to Kenneth Rubin of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, rate payers would bear the brunt of maintaining clean water, paying more than two percent of a household's income in one-third of households nationwide. Instead, he suggests dedicated taxes from those who pollute the water, such as the beverage industry, water based recreation, industrial discharge, flushable products, clean water restoration, agricultural chemicals, and chemical or hygiene product manufacturers.

Subcommittee members expressed particular concern over establishing new user fees on rate payers or taxing farmers and agricultural products. Such a trust fund would raise only approximately $7 billion a year, a small fraction of required investment money.

The second concern focused on how trust fund money would be spent: exclusively for aging infrastructure or security as well. Moreover, some subcommittee members worried that spending formulas for a trust fund would probably favor older communities that continue to operate aging infrastructure as opposed to communities that have already invested in upgrades.

Considering that the House has recommended a significant reduction in the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund for FY 2006, the subcommittee members were skeptical that increasing funding for existing federal programs would be a viable alternative.

## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**Publication**: The Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness has published the materials from the National Preparedness Goal rollout conference in Los Angeles. These materials are designed to assist local governments in understanding the purpose and requirements of the Goal – a directive that local governments are required to incorporate in local security planning. In the future, local governments will have to demonstrate compliance with the Goal in order to qualify for federal preparedness grants and assistance. The Goal and the conference materials can be found at: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/assessments/hspd8.htm.

# LANCASTER COUNTY
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June 16, 2005

Ken Svoboda, Chair
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Dear Ken:

The Rural to Urban Transition for Streets (RUTS) proposal is a unique and exciting opportunity for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County to address the future transportation needs of our community. Through the creation of a joint public agency (JPA), this program will provide the necessary organization, planning and funding to facilitate an efficient and economical transition of rural to urban streets. In addition, the JPA will allow the City and County to acquire the necessary land to preserve and protect the East Beltway corridor.

However, time is critical. Development pressures are increasing along the designated corridor of the East Beltway and the window of opportunity may close quickly. If this corridor is lost we may not get another chance on this important project.

Thus the County Board of Commissioners is ready to move forward as expeditiously as possible to create the JPA. To this end the County is willing to agree to extension of the wheel tax beyond the Lincoln City limits and contribute the proceeds to the JPA. Estimates indicate nearly $1.7 million can be raised by the wheel tax. In return, the County is requesting the City to decide quickly on a funding mechanism which will provide a financial contribution of approximately the same amount.

It is the County Board's hope the JPA will be in place soon so that funding can be included in the upcoming budget years for the City and County. Since the County budget year begins July 1, 2005, the Board respectfully requests a proposal from the City by that date as to how you will provide your share of the funding.

Sincerely,

Larry Hudkins

Larry Hudkins, Chair
Lancaster County Board

cc: County Board
City Council
Mayor Coleen Seng

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**City of Lincoln**
**EMS Call Volume Data**
**FY 2000-05**

**Note: Activity is through May 31, 2005**

**Emergency:**

| Month | Total Bills | Amount Billed | Contractual Reductions | Collectable Amount | Amount Collected | Collection % of Gross | Collection % of Net | Write Offs | Remaining Accounts Rec | Percent Remaining | Collection Agency Write-off's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FY2000-01 Total** | 6,570 | 3,475,230 | 590,113 | 2,885,117 | 2,337,731 | 67.27% | 81.03% | 547,386 | - | 0.00% | |
| **FY2001-02 Total** | 9,858 | 5,179,834 | 967,560 | 4,212,274 | 3,410,835 | 65.85% | 80.97% | 801,439 | - | 0.00% | |
| **FY 2002-03** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 838 | 424,805 | 83,276 | 341,529 | 276,798 | 65.16% | 81.05% | 64,731 | - | 0.00% | |
| October | 844 | 425,929 | 79,976 | 345,953 | 278,059 | 65.28% | 80.37% | 67,894 | - | 0.00% | |
| November | 822 | 428,926 | 86,826 | 342,100 | 276,829 | 64.54% | 80.92% | 65,271 | - | 0.00% | |
| December | 830 | 428,831 | 85,385 | 343,446 | 289,455 | 67.50% | 84.28% | 53,991 | - | 0.00% | |
| January | 789 | 407,270 | 92,113 | 315,157 | 264,263 | 64.89% | 83.85% | 50,894 | - | 0.00% | |
| February | 797 | 414,155 | 88,432 | 325,723 | 272,570 | 65.81% | 83.68% | 53,153 | - | 0.00% | |
| March | 848 | 430,166 | 92,573 | 337,593 | 275,663 | 64.08% | 81.66% | 61,930 | - | 0.00% | |
| April | 851 | 431,818 | 85,796 | 346,022 | 273,675 | 63.38% | 79.09% | 72,347 | - | 0.00% | |
| May | 882 | 443,385 | 87,365 | 356,020 | 276,554 | 62.37% | 77.68% | 79,466 | - | 0.00% | |
| June | 781 | 385,596 | 78,895 | 306,701 | 241,711 | 62.69% | 78.81% | 59,563 | 5,427 | 1.41% | 55,648 |
| July | 822 | 417,088 | 89,190 | 327,898 | 247,839 | 59.42% | 75.58% | 75,429 | 4,630 | 1.11% | 69,585 |
| August | 910 | 468,964 | 99,553 | 369,411 | 299,508 | 63.87% | 81.08% | 63,990 | 5,913 | 1.26% | 59,923 |
| **FY2002-03 Total** | 10,014 | 5,106,933 | 1,049,380 | 4,057,553 | 3,272,924 | 64.09% | 80.66% | 768,659 | 15,970 | 0.31% | 185,156 |
| **FY 2003-04** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 792 | 399,190 | 83,391 | 315,799 | 257,239 | 64.44% | 81.46% | 53,268 | 5,292 | 1.33% | 47,932 |
| October | 898 | 453,040 | 94,269 | 358,771 | 293,329 | 64.75% | 81.76% | 59,887 | 5,555 | 1.23% | 56,196 |
| November | 860 | 436,197 | 92,860 | 343,337 | 274,192 | 62.86% | 79.86% | 58,495 | 10,650 | 2.44% | 53,202 |
| December | 936 | 474,101 | 107,320 | 366,781 | 296,455 | 62.53% | 80.83% | 60,931 | 9,395 | 1.98% | 54,001 |
| January | 873 | 455,362 | 109,298 | 346,064 | 273,338 | 60.03% | 78.98% | 57,623 | 15,103 | 3.32% | 49,691 |
| February | 832 | 439,676 | 112,761 | 326,915 | 262,753 | 59.76% | 80.37% | 48,299 | 15,863 | 3.61% | 41,971 |
| March | 716 | 386,466 | 94,517 | 291,949 | 234,096 | 60.57% | 80.18% | 44,276 | 13,577 | 3.51% | 39,605 |
| April | 756 | 398,475 | 95,349 | 303,126 | 239,407 | 60.08% | 78.98% | 48,584 | 15,135 | 3.80% | 46,127 |
| May | 847 | 442,566 | 100,102 | 342,464 | 260,837 | 58.94% | 76.16% | 60,558 | 21,069 | 4.76% | 57,938 |
| June | 857 | 455,539 | 106,185 | 349,354 | 264,736 | 58.11% | 75.78% | 54,372 | 30,246 | 6.64% | 51,110 |
| July | 899 | 477,386 | 101,490 | 375,896 | 277,407 | 58.11% | 73.80% | 63,244 | 35,245 | 7.38% | 53,856 |
| August | 870 | 466,677 | 102,791 | 363,886 | 257,789 | 55.24% | 70.84% | 64,180 | 41,917 | 8.98% | 58,245 |
| **FY2003-04 Total** | 10,136 | 5,284,675 | 1,200,333 | 4,084,342 | 3,191,578 | 60.39% | 78.14% | 673,717 | 219,047 | 4.14% | 609,874 |
| **FY 2004-05** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 897 | 496,617 | 115,604 | 381,013 | 268,453 | 54.06% | 70.46% | 59,429 | 53,131 | 10.70% | 53,828 |
| October | 843 | 457,583 | 105,744 | 351,839 | 250,664 | 54.78% | 71.24% | 37,714 | 63,461 | 13.87% | 35,009 |
| November | 774 | 427,452 | 92,123 | 335,329 | 229,603 | 53.71% | 68.47% | 22,695 | 83,031 | 19.42% | 18,957 |
| December | 806 | 445,706 | 103,586 | 342,120 | 234,228 | 52.55% | 68.46% | 12,596 | 95,296 | 21.38% | 10,007 |
| January | 930 | 522,483 | 131,509 | 390,974 | 264,166 | 50.56% | 67.57% | 14,790 | 112,018 | 21.44% | 9,981 |
| February | 832 | 467,613 | 101,151 | 366,462 | 210,787 | 45.08% | 57.52% | 5,862 | 149,813 | 32.04% | 5,574 |
| March | 884 | 498,260 | 107,200 | 391,060 | 205,662 | 41.28% | 52.59% | 9,420 | 175,978 | 35.32% | 7,921 |
| April | 832 | 465,785 | 89,846 | 375,939 | 64,795 | 13.91% | 17.24% | 3,407 | 307,737 | 66.07% | - |
| May | 229 | 126,017 | 23,157 | 102,860 | - | 0.00% | 0.00% | - | 102,860 | 81.62% | - |
| June | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | | | | | | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **FY2004-05 Total** | 7,027 | 3,907,516 | 869,920 | 3,037,596 | 1,728,358 | 44.23% | 56.90% | 165,913 | 1,143,325 | 29.26% | 141,277 |

**Non-Emergency:**

| Month | Total Bills | Amount Billed | Contractual Reductions | Collectable Amount | Amount Collected | Collection % of Gross | Collection % of Net | Write Offs | Remaining Accounts Rec | Percent Remaining | Collection Agency Write-off's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FY2000-01 Total** | 1,633 | 750,531 | 279,174 | 471,357 | 383,802 | 51.14% | 81.42% | 87,555 | - | 0.00% | |
| **FY2001-02 Total** | 2,189 | 1,065,522 | 402,525 | 662,997 | 565,995 | 53.12% | 85.37% | 97,002 | - | 0.00% | |
| **FY 2002-03** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 140 | 56,319 | 16,747 | 39,572 | 36,110 | 64.12% | 91.25% | 3,462 | - | 0.00% | |
| October | 199 | 85,725 | 28,758 | 56,967 | 47,540 | 55.46% | 83.45% | 9,427 | - | 0.00% | |
| November | 171 | 77,898 | 22,824 | 55,074 | 46,290 | 59.42% | 84.05% | 8,784 | - | 0.00% | |
| December | 200 | 81,937 | 24,932 | 57,005 | 51,231 | 62.52% | 89.87% | 5,774 | - | 0.00% | |
| January | 209 | 86,852 | 28,485 | 58,367 | 50,140 | 57.73% | 85.90% | 8,227 | - | 0.00% | |
| February | 167 | 63,981 | 20,286 | 43,695 | 37,396 | 58.45% | 85.58% | 6,299 | - | 0.00% | |
| March | 198 | 79,128 | 26,134 | 52,994 | 46,164 | 58.34% | 87.11% | 6,830 | - | 0.00% | |
| April | 145 | 59,819 | 13,373 | 46,446 | 35,782 | 59.82% | 77.04% | 10,664 | - | 0.00% | |
| May | 129 | 54,812 | 14,360 | 40,452 | 31,999 | 58.38% | 79.10% | 8,453 | - | 0.00% | |
| June | 131 | 57,300 | 17,297 | 40,003 | 36,847 | 64.31% | 92.11% | 1,657 | 1,499 | 2.62% | 1,657 |
| July | 145 | 60,831 | 17,415 | 43,416 | 40,367 | 66.36% | 92.98% | 3,016 | 33 | 0.05% | 1,997 |
| August | 126 | 50,964 | 16,541 | 34,423 | 30,002 | 58.87% | 87.16% | 3,575 | 846 | 1.66% | 2,943 |
| **FY2002-03 Total** | 1,960 | 815,566 | 247,152 | 568,414 | 489,868 | 60.06% | 86.18% | 76,168 | 2,378 | 0.29% | 6,597 |
| **FY 2003-04** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 139 | 58,362 | 19,777 | 38,585 | 36,282 | 62.17% | 94.03% | 1,706 | 597 | 1.02% | 1,706 |
| October | 126 | 51,694 | 15,824 | 35,870 | 30,795 | 59.57% | 85.85% | 3,836 | 1,239 | 2.40% | 2,619 |
| November | 99 | 42,922 | 10,866 | 32,056 | 28,473 | 66.34% | 88.82% | 1,189 | 2,394 | 5.58% | 343 |
| December | 118 | 49,024 | 12,771 | 36,253 | 31,710 | 64.68% | 87.47% | 4,298 | 245 | 0.50% | 2,348 |
| January | 101 | 41,919 | 14,390 | 27,529 | 21,229 | 50.64% | 77.12% | 2,627 | 3,673 | 8.76% | 2,219 |
| February | 7 | 3,774 | 1,069 | 2,705 | 2,704 | 71.65% | 99.96% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| March | 6 | 2,126 | 162 | 1,964 | 1,615 | 75.96% | 82.23% | 349 | - | 0.00% | 349 |
| April | 5 | 1,761 | 445 | 1,316 | 1,316 | 74.73% | 100.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| May | 5 | 1,315 | 108 | 1,207 | 1,207 | 91.79% | 100.00% | - | - | 0.00% | - |
| June | - | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | | - |
| July | - | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | | - |
| August | - | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | | - |
| **FY2003-04 Total** | 606 | 252,897 | 75,412 | 177,485 | 155,331 | 61.42% | 87.52% | 14,005 | 8,148 | 3.22% | 9,584 |

**Total**

| Month | Total Bills | Amount Billed | Contractual Reductions | Collectable Amount | Amount Collected | Collection % of Gross | Collection % of Net | Write Offs | Remaining Accounts Rec | Percent Remaining | Collection Agency Write-off's |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FY2000-01 Total** | 8,203 | 4,225,761 | 869,287 | 3,356,474 | 2,721,533 | 64.40% | 81.08% | 634,941 | - | 0.00% | |
| **FY2001-02 Total** | 12,047 | 6,245,356 | 1,370,085 | 4,875,271 | 3,976,830 | 63.68% | 81.57% | 898,441 | - | 0.00% | |
| **FY 2002-03** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 978 | 481,124 | 100,023 | 381,101 | 312,908 | 65.04% | 82.11% | 68,193 | - | 0.00% | |
| October | 1,043 | 511,654 | 108,734 | 402,920 | 325,599 | 63.64% | 80.81% | 77,321 | - | 0.00% | |
| November | 993 | 506,824 | 109,650 | 397,174 | 323,119 | 63.75% | 81.35% | 74,055 | - | 0.00% | |
| December | 1,030 | 510,768 | 110,317 | 400,451 | 340,686 | 66.70% | 85.08% | 59,765 | - | 0.00% | |
| January | 998 | 494,122 | 120,598 | 373,524 | 314,403 | 63.63% | 84.17% | 59,121 | - | 0.00% | |
| February | 964 | 478,136 | 108,718 | 369,418 | 309,966 | 64.83% | 83.91% | 59,452 | - | 0.00% | |
| March | 1,046 | 509,294 | 118,707 | 390,587 | 321,827 | 63.19% | 82.40% | 68,760 | - | 0.00% | |
| April | 996 | 491,637 | 99,169 | 392,468 | 309,457 | 62.94% | 78.85% | 83,011 | - | 0.00% | |
| May | 1,011 | 498,197 | 101,725 | 396,472 | 308,553 | 61.93% | 77.82% | 87,919 | - | 0.00% | |
| June | 912 | 442,896 | 96,192 | 346,704 | 278,558 | 62.89% | 80.34% | 61,220 | 6,926 | 1.56% | 57,305 |
| July | 967 | 477,919 | 106,605 | 371,314 | 288,206 | 60.30% | 77.62% | 78,445 | 4,663 | 0.98% | 71,582 |
| August | 1,036 | 519,928 | 116,094 | 403,834 | 329,510 | 63.38% | 81.60% | 67,565 | 6,759 | 1.30% | 62,866 |
| **FY2002-03 Total** | 11,974 | 5,922,499 | 1,296,532 | 4,625,967 | 3,762,792 | 63.53% | 81.34% | 844,827 | 18,348 | 0.31% | 191,753 |
| **FY 2003-04** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 931 | 457,552 | 103,168 | 354,384 | 293,521 | 64.15% | 82.83% | 54,974 | 5,889 | 1.29% | 49,638 |
| October | 1,024 | 504,734 | 110,093 | 394,641 | 324,124 | 64.22% | 82.13% | 63,723 | 6,794 | 1.35% | 58,815 |
| November | 959 | 479,119 | 103,726 | 375,393 | 302,665 | 63.17% | 80.63% | 59,684 | 13,044 | 2.72% | 53,545 |
| December | 1,054 | 523,125 | 120,091 | 403,034 | 328,165 | 62.73% | 81.42% | 65,229 | 9,640 | 1.84% | 56,349 |
| January | 974 | 497,281 | 123,688 | 373,593 | 294,567 | 59.24% | 78.85% | 60,250 | 18,776 | 3.78% | 51,910 |
| February | 839 | 443,450 | 113,830 | 329,620 | 265,457 | 59.86% | 80.53% | 48,299 | 15,864 | 3.58% | 41,971 |
| March | 722 | 388,592 | 94,679 | 293,913 | 235,711 | 60.66% | 80.20% | 44,625 | 13,577 | 3.49% | 39,954 |
| April | 761 | 400,236 | 95,794 | 304,442 | 240,723 | 60.15% | 79.07% | 48,584 | 15,135 | 3.78% | 46,127 |
| May | 852 | 443,881 | 100,210 | 343,671 | 262,044 | 59.03% | 76.25% | 60,558 | 21,069 | 4.75% | 57,938 |
| June | 857 | 455,539 | 106,185 | 349,354 | 264,736 | 58.11% | 75.78% | 54,372 | 30,246 | 6.64% | 51,110 |
| July | 899 | 477,386 | 101,490 | 375,896 | 277,407 | 58.11% | 73.80% | 63,244 | 35,245 | 7.38% | 53,856 |
| August | 870 | 466,677 | 102,791 | 363,886 | 257,789 | 55.24% | 70.84% | 64,180 | 41,917 | 8.98% | 58,245 |
| **FY2003-04 Total** | 10,742 | 5,537,572 | 1,275,745 | 4,261,827 | 3,346,909 | 60.44% | 78.53% | 687,722 | 227,196 | 4.10% | 619,458 |
| **FY 2004-05** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 897 | 496,617 | 115,604 | 381,013 | 268,453 | 54.06% | 70.46% | 59,429 | 53,131 | 10.70% | 53,828 |
| October | 843 | 457,583 | 105,744 | 351,839 | 250,664 | 54.78% | 71.24% | 37,714 | 63,461 | 13.87% | 35,009 |
| November | 774 | 427,452 | 92,123 | 335,329 | 229,603 | 53.71% | 68.47% | 22,695 | 83,031 | 19.42% | 18,957 |
| December | 806 | 445,706 | 103,586 | 342,120 | 234,228 | 52.55% | 68.46% | 12,596 | 95,296 | 21.38% | 10,007 |
| January | 930 | 522,483 | 131,509 | 390,974 | 264,166 | 50.56% | 67.57% | 14,790 | 112,018 | 21.44% | 9,981 |
| February | 832 | 467,613 | 101,151 | 366,462 | 210,787 | 45.08% | 57.52% | 5,862 | 149,813 | 32.04% | 5,574 |
| March | 884 | 498,260 | 107,200 | 391,060 | 205,662 | 41.28% | 52.59% | 9,420 | 175,978 | 35.32% | 7,921 |
| April | 832 | 465,785 | 89,846 | 375,939 | 64,795 | 13.91% | 17.24% | 3,407 | 307,737 | 66.07% | - |
| May | 229 | 126,017 | 23,157 | 102,860 | - | 0.00% | 0.00% | - | 102,860 | 81.62% | - |
| June | - | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | | - |
| July | - | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | | - |
| August | - | - | - | - | - | | | - | - | | - |
| **FY2004-05 Total** | 7,027 | 3,907,516 | 869,920 | 3,037,596 | 1,728,358 | 44.23% | 56.90% | 165,913 | 1,143,325 | 29.26% | 141,277 |

Note: The Amount collected for the first twenty months (1-1-2001 to 8-31-2002) does not reflect a reduction of the $100,000 refunded to Medicare as result of the compliance audit. If that amount were included, the net collections will approximate 63.5% for the first twenty months.

**City of Lincoln**
**EMS Cash Receipts/Expenditure Data** **05/31/05**
**FY 2004-05**

**Emergency:**

| Month | Total Month Receipts | Total Month Expenditures | Net Receipts (Expenditures) | Cumulative Receipts | Cumulative Expenditures | Cumulative Net |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY 2003-04 Balance Forward | | | | 11,333,698 | 11,862,645 | (528,947) |
| September | 257,880 | 334,429 | (76,549) | 11,591,578 | 12,197,074 | (605,496) |
| October | 340,384 | 236,532 | 103,852 | 11,931,962 | 12,433,606 | (501,644) |
| November | 285,137 | 243,108 | 42,029 | 12,217,099 | 12,676,714 | (459,615) |
| December | 271,751 | 333,645 | (61,894) | 12,488,850 | 13,010,359 | (521,509) |
| January | 306,445 | 427,617 | (121,172) | 12,795,295 | 13,437,976 | (642,681) |
| February | 272,071 | 295,210 | (23,139) | 13,067,366 | 13,733,186 | (665,820) |
| March | 313,639 | 520,788 | (207,149) | 13,381,005 | 14,253,974 | (872,969) |
| April | 350,865 | 250,632 | 100,233 | 13,731,870 | 14,504,606 | (772,736) |
| May | 297,530 | 241,456 | 56,074 | 14,029,400 | 14,746,062 | (716,662) |
| June | | | - | | | |
| July | | | - | | | |
| August | | | - | | | |

**Non-Emergency:**

| Month | Total Receipts | Total Expenditures | Net Receipts (Expenditures) | Cumulative Receipts | Cumulative Expenditures | Cumulative Net |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY 2003-04 Balance Forward | | | | 1,490,522 | 1,991,639 | (501,117) |
| September | 2,366 | 408 | 1,958 | 1,492,888 | 1,992,047 | (499,159) |
| October | 1,059 | 184 | 875 | 1,493,947 | 1,992,231 | (498,284) |
| November | 1,555 | 114 | 1,441 | 1,495,502 | 1,992,345 | (496,843) |
| December | 1,883 | 137 | 1,746 | 1,497,385 | 1,992,482 | (495,097) |
| January | 328 | 154 | 174 | 1,497,713 | 1,992,636 | (494,923) |
| February | 766 | 11 | 755 | 1,498,479 | 1,992,647 | (494,168) |
| March | 105 | 55 | 50 | 1,498,584 | 1,992,702 | (494,118) |
| April | 260 | 15 | 245 | 1,498,844 | 1,992,717 | (493,873) |
| May | 439 | 8 | 431 | 1,499,283 | 1,992,725 | (493,442) |
| June | | | - | | | |
| July | | | - | | | |
| August | | | - | | | |

**Total**

| Month | Total Receipts | Total Expenditures | Net Receipts (Expenditures) | Cumulative Receipts | Cumulative Expenditures | Cumulative Net |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FY 2003-04 Balance Forward | | | | 12,824,220 | 13,854,284 | (1,030,064) |
| September | 260,246 | 334,837 | (74,591) | 13,084,466 | 14,189,121 | (1,104,655) |
| October | 341,443 | 236,716 | 104,727 | 13,425,909 | 14,425,837 | (999,928) |
| November | 286,692 | 243,222 | 43,470 | 13,712,601 | 14,669,059 | (956,458) |
| December | 273,634 | 333,782 | (60,148) | 13,986,235 | 15,002,841 | (1,016,606) |
| January | 306,773 | 427,771 | (120,998) | 14,293,008 | 15,430,612 | (1,137,604) |
| February | 272,837 | 295,221 | (22,384) | 14,565,845 | 15,725,833 | (1,159,988) |
| March | 313,744 | 520,843 | (207,099) | 14,879,589 | 16,246,676 | (1,367,087) |
| April | 351,125 | 250,647 | 100,478 | 15,230,714 | 16,497,323 | (1,266,609) |
| May | 297,969 | 241,464 | 56,505 | 15,528,683 | 16,738,787 | (1,210,104) |
| June | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| July | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| August | - | - | - | - | - | - |

**SOURCE:** Finance Department General Ledger
**NOTE:** Amount Pending in JDE: $0
**NOTE:** Amount Received in Lock Box not posted: $0

CITY OF LINCOLN
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# NEWS RELEASE

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## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25 AND 26

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has scheduled two Household Hazardous Waste Collections for June 25 and 26. The Friday, June 25 collection will be located at Union College, 52nd and Cooper from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. On Saturday, June 26 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM a collection will be held at Nebraska Wesleyan University in the parking lot at 56th and Huntington. The collections are for residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County. They are for households only; not for businesses.

"These will be the last Household Hazardous Waste Collections until September. Now is a good time to get rid of old outdated chemicals that have been stored in garages and basements,"said Beth Mann, Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator. " Take an inventory of the items that you have and read the product labels to help determine the proper way to use, store and dispose of chemicals. If the label contains the words caution, warning, danger, flammable, or poison it has hazardous properties and needs to be brought to the collection for disposal."

Latex paint ***should not*** be brought to these collections. Partially full cans of latex paint can be dried and put in the trash. Items that can be recycled locally and will not be accepted include motor oil, antifreeze, propane cylinders, mercury thermostats, and batteries including lead acid, button, mercury and lithium. For recycling lists and for advice on how to dispose of

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other items that are not accepted such as medicines, fertilizers, explosives, or ammunition contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021.

Banned chemicals such as Diazinon for indoor use, Dursban, DDT, and Chlordane should be brought to the collection. Citizens are also encouraged to bring old pesticides; solvents such as mineral spirits, turpentine, and paint thinners; oil-based paints; old gasoline; mercury- containing items; and items containing PCBs such as ballasts from old fluorescent lamps and small capacitors from old appliances. For further information concerning disposal of household hazardous waste contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department 441-8021 or visit our website at http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/environ/poll/.

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# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: 441-8000
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www.ci.lincoln.ne.us

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 10, 2005
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bruce Dart, 441-8000

## PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO INS INCIDENT

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department analyzed a sample of a white powder substance that was removed from the Lincoln INS building Thursday, June 9th. Preliminary results of the analysis on site indicated the presence of a chemical mixture. The combination of these chemicals' is consistent with a household product such as underarm deodorant. The Health Department sent the data from the sample analysis to our contracted laboratory service, Smiths Detection Reachback Service in Danbury, CT for confirmation. Smiths Detection Reachback Service chemists confirmed that the chemicals identified in the sample were common to underarm deodorant.

The Health Department uses a portable chemical spectrometer that aids in the identification of unknown substances. This equipment greatly improved our ability to test unknown substances.

Nothing at this point in the analysis of the substance and our follow-up investigation with the City-wide emergency response officials has provided conclusive evidence to explain why some of the INS employees experienced adverse health reactions. The public health investigation will continue and we are waiting for lab results from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Public Health lab. The UNMC Public Health lab is testing to confirm that there were no biological agents as part of the sample. As of 11:00 a.m. June 10th, the UNMC Public Health lab preliminary result of the sample was negative for anthrax. Further confirmation will not be available until Monday, June 13th. Any new findings from those tests will be made available when we have more information.

The Health Director said, "I was pleased with the cooperation by City and County departments and appreciated the participation from the UN-L Police and the staff working in the INS building." While some questions remain around the fact that a few of the INS employees were symptomatic, we do not believe that there are any public health threats to those that were in the building. The INS building was cleared for occupancy at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9th.

"After our initial sigh of relief following yesterday's situation at INS, I was very proud how well the Police, Fire and Health departments responded," said Mayor Coleen J. Seng. "Personnel from the Police, Fire and Rescue and Health departments and the local Red Cross are to be commended for their prompt, professional actions. Their response reinforced that our first responders are ready at all times to protect the residents from potentially dangerous situations."

# Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department

**Memorandum**

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Tom Cajka, Planning

**DATE:** June 15, 2005

**SUBJECT**: **Misc # 05006,** Build-Through amendment to 26.15.070

cc: Mayor Seng
City Clerk
Marvin Krout, Planning Director

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At the June 13th public hearing on this item, Council member Patte Newman had a question of why we would want to limit development to a maximum of 3 dwelling units per acre in reference to "26.15.070(a) Final lot lines that may be implemented with the extension of urban infrastructure and annexation to the City not to exceed a maximum residential density of 1.0 dwelling unit per acre when using on-site wastewater system or 3.0 dwelling units per acre when using a community wastewater system."

This text change (26.15.070) only applies to preliminary plats with AGR zoning. The above language is similar to the BTA overlay district requirements for Community Unit Plans (CUP). However, the CUP allows gross density which was not included in the above language. Staff agrees that it should be the developer's choice as to how the 3-acre parcel should be subdivided on the transitional plat. Please note regardless of what is shown on the transitional plat, the developer will need to ask for a change of zone and a new preliminary plat when city services are available for the parcel to be subdivided.

Staff would agree that if Council wishes to provide more flexibility in the approval of BTA plats the remainder of the sentence after "City" could be deleted. Since this speaks to future lots after provision of City services, no apparent harm would occur.

If you have any questions on this information, please contact me at 441-5662.

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# PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

**TO** : Mayor Coleen Seng
Lincoln City Council

**FROM** : Jean Walker, Planning

**DATE** : June 9, 2005

**RE** : **Waiver No. 05005**
(Depth to width ratio - Lincoln Crossing 5th Addition - N. 27th & Kensington Drive)
**Resolution No. PC-00928**

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2005:

Motion made by Larson, seconded by Taylor, to approve **Waiver No. 05005,** requested by Olsson Associates on behalf of Lincoln Crossing Partnership, to waive the maximum depth-to-width ratio requirement of the Land Subdivision Ordinance for the Lincoln Crossing 5th Addition final plat, on property generally located at North 27th Street and Kensington Drive. Motion for approval carried 7-0: Taylor, Pearson, Larson, Sunderman, Carroll, Krieser and Carlson voting 'yes'; Bills-Strand and Esseks absent.

The Planning Commission's action is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a Letter of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the date of the action by the Planning Commission.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Don Day, Olsson Associates, 1111 Lincoln Mall, 68508
Salvador Carta, Lincoln Crossing Partnership, Two Old Mill, Suite 70, 10855 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE 68154
Bicentennial Estates N.A., P.O. Box 4735, 68504-4735
Dave Lewis, Bicentennial Estates H.O. Assn., 2333 Philadelphia, 68521
Ken Kendler, Bicentennial Estates H.O. Assn., 5009 Bunker Hill, 68521

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Waiver 05005

RESOLUTION NO. PC-00928

WHEREAS, the final plat of Lincoln Crossing 5th Addition was previously submitted for approval by the City of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lincoln Municipal Code § 26.23.140(a) a lot in the B-5 district is allowed a maximum depth of five times its width; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, Lincoln Crossing Partnership, has requested a modification to waive said requirement pursuant to § 26.31.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Director has recommended approval of the requested modification to § 26.23.140(a) of the Lincoln Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that the strict application of the depth to width ratio requirement would result in actual difficulties or substantial hardship or injustice to the property owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission of Lincoln, Nebraska:

1. That the provisions of Section 26.23.140(a) of the Lincoln Municipal Code which requires that a lot in the B-5 district have a maximum depth of five times its width is hereby waived for Lincoln Crossing 5th Addition.

2. That all other conditions for approval of the final plat of Lincoln Crossing 5th Addition shall remain in full force and effect.

The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission on this 8th day of June, 2005.

ATTEST:

Chair

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Chief Assistant City Attorney

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Lincoln, Nebraska 68528
402-441-7711
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June 9, 2005

Gladys Herstein
520 Teakwood Drive
Lincoln, NE 68510

Dear Mrs. Herstein:

Your letter expressing concerns with the overhanging hedge has been forwarded to this office. We have inspected the sidewalk adjacent to 510 Leavitt Lane and sent the property owner a letter notifying them of their responsibility to cut and remove the overhanging vegetation. The notification allowed the property owners until June 17th to perform this work. If the work is not completed, please contact my office at 441-7541, and we will initiate additional follow-up to have the bushes trimmed.

Your efforts in bringing this situation to our attention is appreciated. We do not have the resources to inspect the sidewalks without neighbors contacting us about problem locations. Our records indicate that we have notified the owners at this location and they have trimmed the bushes back in previous years.

Sincerely,

Harry Kroos
Engineering Services

cc: Karl Fredrickson
Roger Figard
Randy Hoskins
Scott Opfer
Lin Quenzer
Karen Sieckmeyer

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Herstein overhanging vegetation hk mk.wpd

Karen K Sieckmeyer/Notes
06/02/2005 11:14 AM

To Harry B Kroos/Notes@Notes
cc Karl A Fredrickson/Notes@Notes, Roger A Figard/Notes@Notes, Randy W Hoskins/Notes@Notes, Scott A Opfer/Notes@Notes, Maggie Kellner/Notes@Notes
bcc
Subject High Brush Covering Sidewalk

Harry,

Please prepare a response by 6-9-05. Thanks

Herstein_510 Leavitt Lane.pdf

Karen Sieckmeyer
Executive Secretary
Public Works/Utilities
555 South 10th
402-441-7566

K1005

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May 31, 2005

Dear Sir:

I live in the Hedgewood area with many people that take daily walks. We have a clean neighborhood except for one house and this happens every summer.

The address is 510 Leavitt Lane. The north sidewalk is overgrown by high bushes covering the walking area. It would be nice to be able to walk on the sidewalk rather than walking in the street.

Thank you for taking care of this!

Sincerely,
Gladys Hertzin
520 Teakwood Dr.

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Mr. Ross D. Wunderlich
4825 Mandarin Circle
Lincoln, NE 68516

RE: Letter for withdrawal of Mandarin Circle and Pagoda Lane Paving

Dear Mr. Wunderlich:

Public Works & Engineering Services Department has received your letter along with an email sent from Mr. Jim Titus asking for Public Works to withdraw the informal letters requesting a Special Assessment Paving District along Mandarin Circle and along Pagoda Lane.

As addressed in both letters, property owners met and discussed the possible special assessment paving district and the majority of direct frontage needed. Your letter and email mention the necessary direct frontage may not be obtained at this time by those benefitting from this proposed district.

Public Works will ask the City Clerk to place your letter and Mr. Titus' email on file and record. Public Works will look into the other areas mentioned in your letter and Mr. Titus' email regarding the damage and maintenance of the existing road on Mandarin Circle and on Pagoda Lane along with the drainage concerns from the widening of South 84th Street once the widening project has been completed.

If I can be of further assistance regarding special assessment districts, please call me at 441-7581 or email at ecole@lincoln.ne.gov

Sincerely,

Elmer Cole
Engineering Services / City of Lincoln Public Works Department

cc: J.Titus
G.Danek
M.Bowen
Lincoln City Council
J.Ross
K.Fredrickson
R.Figard
T.Shafer
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**4825 Mandarin Circle**
**Lincoln, NE 68516**
**Phone (402) 484-6967**
**Fax (402) 484-8619**

**June 8, 2005**

**Dennis Bartels, Development Services Manager**
**City of Lincoln Engineering Services**
**531 Westgate Blvd**
**Lincoln, NE 68528-1563**

Dennis,

After the informational meeting you and your colleagues held at Gere Library on May 25th, the neighborhood held a meeting to further discuss the paving requests for Mandarin Circle and Pagoda Lane. The insistence on the part of Public Works for the full curb and gutter specification has changed enough votes in the neighborhood to not warrant any further action on my paving request for Mandarin Circle sent to you dated April 5, 2005. Unless some sort of cost sharing approach can be made to offset the damage done to our road as a result of the 84th Street Projects, we cannot proceed any further. The costs are too prohibitive to the neighborhood.

We appreciate your efforts.

**Ross D. Wunderlich**

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Roger A Figard/Notes
06/09/05 01:19 PM

To Jim Titus <jtitus@morristituslaw.com>, Elmer Cole/Notes@Notes, Dennis D Bartels/Notes@Notes
cc Mark D Bowen/Notes@Notes, Karl A Fredrickson/Notes@Notes, Randy W Hoskins/Notes@Notes, Thomas S Shafer/Notes@Notes, Ann Harrell/Notes@Notes
bcc
Subject Re: Pagoda/Mandarin

Jim, Thank you for the update. I will have staff withdraw the request. With this info in hand we will contact Wunderlich and Fandrich to see if they want to move ahead or rethink their request. After hearing from them we will contact you as to the street restoration and storm sewer questions as the 84 Th street project continues and gets done. Roger
Jim Titus <jtitus@morristituslaw.com>

Jim Titus
<jtitus@morristituslaw.com>
06/09/2005 01:09 PM

To rfigard@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
Subject Pagoda/Mandarin

Roger, I withdraw my request for a paving district for Mandarin Circle and Pagoda Lane. While I am now the acting president of the neighborhood association, I do not have authority to withdraw the application of Wunderlich and Fandrich. You will need to contact them for their intentions. When you are ready to talk about the work to fix the problems caused by the 84th street project, please contact me. Thanks. Jim

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Jim R. Titus
Morris & Titus Law Firm, P.C., L.L.O.
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Patte Newman
Council Member
Room 111
City-County Bldg 555 S 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Council Member Newman,

As you know, Congress is currently debating the future of Social Security. Among the measures being discussed is privatizing Social Security - a risky plan that will threaten the retirement security of retirees today and for generations to follow.

Americans United to Protect Social Security is a recently formed bipartisan non-profit organization opposing privatization attempts in Congress. With the support of more than 200 organizations, we are running a national campaign to defeat efforts to privatize Social Security.

## And we need your help.

The Congressional Budget Office reports that privatization of Social Security would require cuts in guaranteed benefits and trillions of dollars in additional national debt. Privatization would result in slashing guaranteed benefits for retirees and have a direct and harmful impact on families and on your community as a whole.

As Congress continues to cut state aid for Medicaid as well as other critical federal programs, deep cuts to Social Security's guaranteed benefits and massive new government spending will result in additional unfunded mandates on localities like yours.

Today, we are asking you to join with hundreds of other federal, state and local leaders in opposition to privatizing Social Security.

By signing and returning the reply card included in this letter, you will send a message to Congress as well as aid in our efforts to strengthen Social Security.

In the coming weeks, Americans United to Protect Social Security will be releasing the names of elected officials who sign and do not sign this letter. It is critical that leaders at all levels of government take a position on this issue.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Adams at (402) 202-5800 or patrick@nebraskansforsocialsecurity.com, or visit our website at www.americansforsocialsecurity.com.

## Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Roger Hickey
Co-Director, Campaign for America's Future
Founder, Americans United to Protect Social Security

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May 8, 2005

Chair
Lincoln City Council
City-Council Building
Lincoln, NE

Dear Chair:

The Council should not support the plan for a mega-theatre complex near 84th street and Nebraska Highway 2. The policy of protecting Lincoln's downypownm area is sound and should be protected.

Sincerely,

Wallace C. Peterson
3500 Faulkner Drive
Lincoln, NE 68516

Jane H Kinsey
<jakin3@juno.com>
06/13/2005 10:18 AM

To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
bcc
Subject Vote on WalMart at 84th and Adams

To Jon Camp, Ken Svoboda, Robin Eschliman,
I am very disappointed that you voted for this development. We do not need another WalMart at this time especially in a new area. Please tell them in future
votes that they should build in empty commercial space.
I hope you will vote against Loew's in a new development. I agree with the man who spoke to the Council who said they should go to the former K-Mart building at Edgewood. We have too much empty commercial space in our town to allow new development.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Jane Kinsey

Jane H Kinsey
<jakin3@juno.com>
06/13/2005 10:24 AM

To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
bcc
Subject Vote on WalMart development at 84th and Adams

To Johnathan Cook, Patte Newman, Annette McRoy,
I want to thank you for the no vote and defeat of this project. We do not need another WalMart at this time in new development since there is so much empty
commercial space in our city. Please tell them in the future to look at existing empty commercial space.
I hope you will vote no on the Loew's development. There is a pledge to be upheld in the designated space as well as the fact that we have too much empty commercial space at this time. I agree with the man who addressed the council who said Loew's should go to the old K-Mart building in Edgewood.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Jane Kinsey

"Robert R. Otte"
<robot@morrowpoppelaw.com>

06/13/2005 10:45 AM

To <ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc <roycemueller@aol.com>, <rchristensen@secmut.com>, <Jolleen.Clymer@YMCA.NET>, <mgenrich@neb.rr.com>, <StephenMLovell@neb.rr.com>,

bcc

Subject

Chair Ken Svoboda
Lincoln City Council
ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov

RE: Country Meadows Home Owner Association
Apples Way Planned Unit Development
Comprehensive Plan Amendment 04010
Change of Zone 05026
Meeting of May 11, 2005

Dear Mr. Svoboda:

As you know I was recently retained to represent the Country Meadows Home Owner Association and was authorized by the Board of the Association to testify before you last Monday on Comprehensive Plan Amendment 04010 and Change of Zone 05026 for development of the property described in the above referenced application. The Association wants to express its sincere appreciation to the City and the owners in making every effort and accommodation to the residents to help in the understanding the difficult and varied issues that are part of these applications. They understand that the public hearing is closed but felt there had been some direction given to the Home Owners Association and the developers to comment on progress prior to your vote. Thank you for allowing me to do so by providing these remarks.

The Association held an informational meeting on Thursday night (6/9/05) and I have had additional discussions with the developer's representative. It is still fair to say there is not a clear consensus by the home owners in the Association although a vote was not taken at that meeting. However, it ***is*** very clear that any support of the project by the Association residents is absolutely dependant upon the developer's promises to the Association. Those promises are generally embodied in the Apple's Way Commitment that was presented to the City Council Monday. That Commitment has been refined a bit since that time. Those Commitments are also intended to evolve if the project proceeds. Further, the owners have executed a memorandum of that Commitment to be filed with the Register of Deeds if the project is passed. To the extent that the Council approves of this project that approval must encompass those Commitments including the one way access between the commercial and residential component and the traffic light onto Old Cheney proposed. Again – this is not an endorsement of any kind of the project but merely to let you know that any support from the Country Meadow residents is driven by the commitments that have been made.

On behalf of the Board and the Association I want you to know they appreciate your consideration of the matter.

Sincerely,
MORROW, POPPE, OTTE,
WATERMEIER & PHILLIPS, P.C.

By:
Robert R. Otte
Box 83439, Lincoln, NE 68501
Tel-402.474.1731 Fax - 402.474.5020
Email - robot@morrowpoppelaw.com

c Marvin S. Krout, Director, via email
c Thomas Huston, via email
c Country Meadows Board of Directors via email
c City Council c/o Joan Ray via email

Sue Beitel
<sbeitel@neb.rr.com>
06/13/2005 10:46 AM

To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
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Subject COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 04010 and CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 05026, S. 66th Street & Highway 2: Opposition

Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

Please Do Not Vote in Favor of a Lowe's or a Big Box at 60th & Highway 2.

There are so many issues that make this not a sensible place for this type of Commercial Development. The developers bought this land with full knowledge of the sub area plan and history of decisions against commercial on this land.

Nothing has changed to warrant approving this request, other than the developer has threatened and beat down some of the neighbors to thinking that this plan is the least worst of what he will do there.

Most of the neighbors are not for this even though letters have represented that our neighborhood is not opposed. The neighbors I have talked to see the city as not listening to our concerns.

>>> It is completely incomprehensible how people deciding this seem not
>>> to
>>> even read the planner's recommendations and concerns - such as
>>> TRAFFIC,
>>> among others. In addition, there is such a lack of regard for
>>> statements and reassurances made during past requests for change.
>>> When
>>> the comprehensive plan was reviewed and changes made 10 years ago to
>>> allow two major commercial areas, (27th & Pine Lake, and 84th &
>>> Highway
>>> 2), it was stated, and the assurance was given that the land between
>>> the Trade Center and 84th would never have commercial designation or
>>> development. Subsequently, when the Home Depot (70th & Highway 2)
>>> plan
>>> was approved, by some shaky agreements unbeknown to us, it was again
>>> reiterated and definitely stated that no further commercial
>>> development
>>> would be allowed after the Home Depot. (which was an exception that
>>> shouldn't have been allowed)

Country Meadows can not handle the additional traffic strain this would place on 66th Street. But, there are so many other reasons this is not a good place for this development.

> All the information in staff's comments supports DENIAL of the request
> for change, including but not limited to the reasons of traffic
> issues, maintaining an attractive entrance to the city, and repeated
> decisions to maintain the property as residential, i.e. - this is not
> property suitable for commercial development.
>
> This request has been denied on several attempts with sound
> justification. Nothing has changed to justify any different

> conclusion.

> The sole fact that a developer purchased the property with the hope
> that his repeated request is enough to justify the change for his
> financial benefit should not be reason to approve the changes to amend
> and rezone. During discussions for past requests, the developer
> stated that it would not be possible to sell lots for residential, as
> no one would want to build a home there. Now, he presents a plan
> with upscale home next to Lowe's - it's only a ploy to gain
> approval.
>

We strongly believe that is entirely inappropriate and unethical for Annette McRoy to vote on these requests, when her boss is one behind it and the one who stands to benefit from approval. Even with an attorney's opinion, she should not be voting when the requester is the person who pays her salary.
With this unethical issue and the fact that we have been told that this land would not be commercial, how can we ever have trust in elected city officials or know that they will conduct business with integrity if you would pass these change requests?

> Please do what all the staff's report and supporting information
> concludes and VOTE NO for the change request.

We would certainly appreciate your NO Vote.

Thank you,

Sue and Jim Beitel
6631 Marcus Rd.
Lincoln, NE 68516

<rg82148@alltel.net>
06/13/2005 11:15 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Waiver of Zoning requirements for lot sizes

Members of City Council,

First of all, I apologize for this being so late. I didn't find out until today the meeting was in the afternoon. My husband and I had planned on attending the meeting tonight.

We would like to have it go on record that we object to the waiver of zoning requirements dealing with lot sizes. The request to waive this makes no sense to us. In the first place, why to we even have zoning requirements when we are not to go by this. Most of these houses around here are acreages and it seems that this should remain to be that, or at least have large lots for houses that will be built close by. We realize houses will be build and that it is progress, but these houses are not even in the city limits.

Please stop and reason with the land owner and explain to him that he should go by the zoning requirements.

We would really like to see the City Council show the developers that they can require that lots be used as required in the present zoning requirements and do not have to do everything the developer wants.

You probably think that since we live on North 14th, this would not affect us. It most certainly will. It will begin for the 90 acres between 7th and 14th and Fletcher and Humphrey and keep moving east, eventually in our area. We hope you understand our concern.

Sincerely,

Roger and Judy Groetzinger
6321 N 14
Lincoln NE 68521

**Joan V Ray/Notes**
06/13/2005 12:34 PM

To <Jerry.A.Roberts@alltel.com>
cc
bcc
Subject Re: 84TH AND HWY 2

Dear Mr. Roberts: 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@lincoln.ne.gov
<Jerry.A.Roberts@alltel.com>

**<Jerry.A.Roberts@alltel.com>**
06/13/2005 12:12 PM

To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc
Subject 84TH AND HWY 2

Please reconsider the theater project for a larger complex. It's time to move out and not hang on to 21 year old agreements. I would also benefit the industry as a whole, to have some competition.

Just think of all of the surrounding communities, Eagle, Bennet, Adams that would bring sales tax revenue to Lincoln. And think about how many Nebraska City folks that would stop traveling to Omaha...

It's time to do the right thing!!!

Jerry Roberts
6010 S. 91 Street
Lincoln NE 68526
402-489-2729
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"Lori Yaeger"
<lyaeger@neb.rr.com>
06/13/2005 04:11 PM

To <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc
bcc
Subject Today's hearing 6-13-05

I'm sorry I don't have all of the information before writing this email, but I just got in on the tail end of an appeal for a new development in NW Lincoln, off of Fletcher Ave. One gentleman had mentioned how narrow the lots were and another said they were 42' wide lots.

Do you know there is a city parking ordinance to where you must park a vehicle 5' from the curb cut out? There is also a law with the US Postal Service that you can't park within 5 feet of a mail box. By the time you take a 50 foot lot, subtract 10 feet for the curb cut outs (for you and your neighbors driveways), subtract 5-10 feet for your mailbox depending on it's location, not to mention the width of your driveway another 10 feet, we struggle in our neighborhood with parking. With a 42' lot, either people will be constantly blocking the US Postal Service or blocking a neighbor's driveway, both of which they can be ticketed or towed. Our home is a mere 890 square feet, a starter home. I can understand the need for starter homes and the contractor wanting to making a buck and squish the lots as close as he can, but do the math and there is no possible way for these people to park on the street.

As a 9 year home owner in NE and an owner of a 50 foot wide lot, I challenge each of you to visit some properties with 50 foot or smaller lots. Please feel free to come see our neighborhood and how we all struggle to park. I don't know who or why anyone would approve such narrow lots given the existing laws on parking. It just doesn't add up.

Thank you for your time.
Lori Yaeger

6710 Lexington (Bethany area)

Lincoln, NE

June 9, 2005

JUN 13 2005
CITY COUNCIL OFFICE

City of Lincoln
City Council Office
555 S. 10th Street
Room 111
Lincoln NE 68508

Re: Special Permit 3900 Industrial Ave.

Dear Members of the City Council,

Sanford & Son L.L.C. is writing this letter to you in response to our denial for a special permit at 3900 Industrial Ave. to operate a concrete crusher to recycle concrete and asphalt. We are asking for the opportunity to prove that we can make this operation work on this site.

To give some history of the property this site operated as a salvage yard until 1999/2000. We purchased the property with the hope of redevelopment into an industrial park. Due to the preexisting condition of the site we have had to work with the Department of Environmental Quality to cleanup the contamination from the previous use. We are still in the process of working out the details of this issue. It is our hope that in the near future we can develop this property into a clean and attractive site for both us and the City. The recycling of concrete allows us to generate some income to help in our effort to redevelop this property. The inability to recycle the existing concrete would have a negative effect on the development of the property.

The need to use this site in the short term for recycling concrete arose from the number of university and antelope valley projects taking place at this time. This location is both a convenient and cost effective location close to those projects and has allowed these projects to benefit in a cost saving for disposal of concrete and asphalt. And in some instances this material is recycled and returned to the site to use as a base material for parking lots, roadways and building pads allowing even more cost savings.

*Hampton Development Services, Inc.*
*3801 Union Drive, Suite 102 ❖ Lincoln, Nebraska 68516*
*Office: (402) 434-5650 ❖ FAX: (402) 434-5654*
*Email: hds@hamptonlots.com ❖ Web Site: www.hamptonlots.com*

In talking with the surrounding property owners and users of the bike path it has become clear that there concern is the dust that migrates off the site.

We have met with the health department to discuss this issue. They have indicated that they are willing to work with us to ensure that we meet all of the requirements of the clean air ordinances and to help us maintain a clean and useable site by working with us to monitor and control the dust issue. This includes not only the dust created by the crushing operation but also the any dust created by traffic in and out of the site. And as long as we meet the ordinance of dust control they are in support of the project.

It is important to note that your approval of the special permit does not guarantee us the right to operate the crusher. The health department will be involved in the process of monitoring the site. They have the ability to shut the site down and assess fines if we do not comply with the ordinance.

Again we ask that you give us the opportunity to show the community that we can be a good neighbor and asset to the city. Thank you for your consideration of this Special Permit.

Sincerely,

Bob Lewis

Bob Lewis
Vice President Development Operations

Cc: Mayor, Coleen Seng
Planning Director, Marvin Krout
Health Director, Bruce Dart

"Carol B"
<carolserv@hotmail.com>
06/13/2005 05:15 PM

To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
bcc
Subject pictures of parking problems in Regalton

I forgot to show you today a couple of pics I had taken of the parking problems in Regalton because of the close proximity of lots.
Carol

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JUN 15 2005
CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

3537 W Street
Lincoln NE 68503
June 13, 2005

Lincoln City Council
c/o City Clerk
555 S 10th Street
Lincoln NE 68508

Re: Paving District No. 2638
North 36th Street, Vine to "W" Street

Our home is at 3537 W Street. We are opposed to this Paving District and, therefore, support the City Council repealing the District.

Sincerely,

Lawrence & Nancy Hans

Lawrence & Nancy Hans

**DO NOT REPLY to this - InterLinc <none@lincoln.ne.gov>**
06/15/2005 03:36 PM

To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Michael Ellis
Address: 7310 Knox Ct
City: Lincoln, NE 68507

Phone: 402-325-8386
Fax:
Email: mellis8@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:
I don't fully understand the logic behind not approving the rezoning of the area around 84th and Adams for the purpose of building a Walmart when the city will approve rezoning for a Lowes off of Highway 2 where there are already 2 other home improvement stores within about 4 miles (Home Depot & Menards). Grocery stores in this corner of the city are pretty spread out. The closest is a Russ' off of 63rd and Havelock and then your choices go to HyVee off of 70th and O or SuperSaver on 48th and O. The selection is not a good one when you consider price and variety at any of these stores. When you consider that Grocery is a necessity and home improvement is really a luxery item I don't see why you wouldn't welcome Walmart to this area of town.
I assume that there is something that I just don't get in this process other than the people that live a little closer to the location than I do that think that it will ruin their lives. Please help me to understand your thought processes and also how you can justify the addition of another home improvement store in that area of town and how it compares to this situation.

"J.R. Brown"
<jrbrown3@hotmail.com>
06/15/2005 04:33 PM

To kmorgan@lincoln.ne.gov
cc Council@lincoln.ne.gov, Mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
bcc
Subject Technology and the Downtown Master Plan

Dear Mr. Morgan,

I was told by City Planning staff that you were ultimately responsible for the work that is being done on the Downtown Master Plan. I'd appreciate it if you would read my attached letter and pass it on to the rest of the Downtown Master Plan committee. If you have any problems viewing it, please let me know and I can provide you a hard copy.

Thank You.

J.R. Brown
5501 Rockford Drive
Lincoln, NE 68521
(402) 617-0493
jrbrown3@hotmail.com

NOTE: The attached file is saved in Adobe Acrobat PDF format, if you have any problems viewing the document please visit http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html to download a free viewer.

DMP-Technology-Letter.pdf

To: Downtown Master Plan Committee

On June 8, 2005, I attended the downtown master plan meeting which I must say is a very impressive long term development strategy for Lincoln's most important business center, and I'm anxious to see it move forward.

After reviewing the plan in its entirety and attending the meeting, I feel it's necessary to share my thoughts on a couple specific areas that the plan could better address which would provide an economic enhancement opportunity to the downtown area.

Information Technology is an essential component in today's business, in every industry. It's no doubt that large companies are already entrenched in a technology infrastructure which typically grows from year to year, but more important small businesses are investing in technology at a higher rate. This not only helps small business stay competitive in the market, but also allows them to grow more rapidly by employing cost saving and streamlining technology solutions. Information Technology is a key component to successfully doing and attracting businesses into our downtown, in the present and to the future.

The City, DLA, and its partners should focus on creating a three tier technology infrastructure for downtown Lincoln consisting of the following technologies:

1. Public wireless hotspots blanketing the downtown area, which in effect encourages people to visit the downtown commons areas, for work and recreation, encourages technology growth in business and general anywhere data access abilities. This also serves as a huge opportunity for Lincoln's economic development marketing strategy.

2. Public accessible kiosks should be strategically placed in high foot traffic areas. Street level kiosks can provide quick and easy Internet access, a portal to government services, and an interactive directory of downtown businesses. This becomes increasingly important in driving retail back into the downtown.

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3. Expanded and integrated service provider grade wireless infrastructure, which ensures strong signals for wireless devices and city wide mobile communications. Wireless facilities such as these are typically not very attractive therefore measures should be taken to ensure they fit into buildings architecture or other structural facility. In result, businesses in downtown Lincoln to the future will have a wide variety of telecommunication options which is important for redundancy and sustaining businesses in the core of the City.

Integrating technology into downtown Lincoln is crucial for businesses and economic vitality. I ask for your consideration in promoting and integrating Information Technology into a future downtown Lincoln.

Sincerely,

J.R. Brown
Founder/CEO
iAdmin Mobile, Inc.

CC: City of Lincoln, Council
City of Lincoln, Mayor's Office
Downtown Lincoln Association
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Journal Star Editors
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June 15, 2005

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Mayor Coleen J. Seng
555 South 10th Street
2nd Floor Room 208
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Seng:

I wish to share with you the tale about the tree in front of my house on the city's right-of-way. The tale may have a happy ending for the budget of the city but it has diminished my trust and good will towards some city employees.

The tale begins with the purchase of a house on Orchard Street in the East Campus Community by my wife and me last fall. Early this past spring I called the Forestry Section of the Parks and Recreation Department to find out the type of tree I could plant in the city right of way. My wife and I wished to plant a tree or two out front of the house to blend in with the shade trees on the rest of the block.

I found out I could either have a tree (one type of six possible types on the city's approved list of trees) planted by the city since my area of Lincoln was eligible for replanting or I could plant my own tree (again one of six possible types) at my expense. I chose for the city to go ahead and plant a tree. My choice was an Accolade Elm. The attached copy of the letter I received from the City Arborist verifies this agreement.

Near the first of June I received another letter indicating that someone would soon be out to mark water lines, electrical lines, etc. in the right-of-way. Shortly thereafter, little flags and red and blue markings showed up in front of my house. Anticipation was building in my household as it appeared that a tree might soon appear out front.

On June 13, a tree did indeed appear. It is a nice, healthy looking tree. However, it is ***not*** an Accolade Elm but rather a Marshall Seedless Green Ash.

From a call to the Forestry Section of the Parks and Recreation Department on the morning of June 14, I learned that supposedly the nursery (Lanoha Nursery in Omaha) contracted by the city to plant the trees was unable to get Accolade Elms. Sometime in the prior week a decision was made to plant ash trees in place of elms.

I had no forewarning that an ash tree was to be planted in front of my house. My first knowledge of this came upon my return home after the planting. An ash tree was originally the last type of

tree I cared to have planted in front of my house. If I had known that an ash was going to be planted, I would have volunteered to buy and plant an elm myself.

Another disconcerting element in this tale is that a second phone call on June 14, this one to Lanoha Nursery in Omaha, determined that Accolade Elms were indeed in stock at the nursery and it had several available for planting.

All I can assume is that ash trees are cheaper than elms and that the city *got more trees for its buck* by planting ash trees. City funds were likely stretched further and this is good. But why was I not told of this from the beginning or at some other time before the tree was in the ground? I would have liked to have had the chance to make other arrangements.

I hope my tree ordeal is an isolated incident but I have no way of knowing. Do you know?

Sincerely,

Curtis L. Weller

cc: Lynn Johnson
Jon Camp
Jonathan Cook
Robin Eschliman
Dan Marvin
Annette McRoy
Patte Newman
Ken Svoboda

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Parks and Recreation Department
Lynn Johnson, Director
2740 "A" Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

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May 31, 2005

Property Owner
3800 ORCHARD
Lincoln, NE. 68503

Dear Citizen of Lincoln, Nebraska:

Your address has been selected for a new street tree to be planted. If this is a rental property, please contact the property owner with this information immediately. There is no cost to the property owner for this service, but we do ask that you help take care of the new tree(s) by keeping it watered. Young trees need 1" of water per week, more during prolonged dry periods.

The planting will be on the City right-of-way adjacent to your property. In some cases the City right-of-way can extend behind the sidewalk. The curb has been marked to indicate the area that the tree will be planted in. The type of tree we will be planting is:

ACCOLADE ELM it will be planted in the center of the parking area behind the red mark on the curb.

Please call the Parks and Recreation office if you have questions regarding the characteristics of this Species.

With proper care this tree will make a definite contribution to your neighborhood and be an asset to your property. Instructions on how to properly care for this tree will be provided at the time it is planted. Please follow them to insure that the tree will grow and be healthy.

If for any reason you do not want a tree planted in front of your property, please contact the Forestry Section of the Parks and Recreation Department (441-7035), 2740 "A" Street, within 24 hours after receiving this notice. Your tree will then be assigned to another property. If we do not hear from you within 24 hours, we will assume you wish to have the tree planted.

Sincerely,

Steve Schwab
City Arborist

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OFFICE

June 12, 2005

Councilman Dan Marvin,

I am writing this letter to you, with copies going to the other council members, because you have been the most vocal against Wal-Mart going in at 84th and Adams. You state in the paper June 7th that 31,000 cars would pass that way each and every day if Wal-Mart were to go in. Yet, you think it is alright to build 100's of apts. With each occupant owning at least 2 cars that would travel that area not only once a day but 3 or 4 times a day. I don't understand your rationale.

Perhaps if you would talk to people who live in the surrounding areas instead of letting a non tax paying church influence your thinking, we might get a grocery store and shopping in our area. We have enough short order drive ins to last a lifetime already. Why isn't anyone complaining about the traffic they create.

The city keeps saying they need more business, but yet, they won't let anything come in in the northeast part of town and everything goes south on Hi-way 2. talk about traffic congestion!! Wow, Hi-way2 has it all. Wal-Mart would provide employment plus bring in tax dollars. I for one will take my money and shop in Waverly if that is where Wal-Mart decides to go. I think it is time for our city council to vote what the public wants and not along party lines. That is disgusting. It seems like the council is talking out both sides of their mouths. Let's start thinking about growth in northeast Lincoln and please reconsider Wal-Mart. The council member who wanted Wal-Mart to go to Air Park must have been asleep when the people in N.E. Lincoln are the ones that needed it.

Thank you in advance for reading this letter.

Esther Busboom

Esther Busboom
8420 Peregrine Court
Lincoln, Ne. 68505

cc: Patte Newmna, Annette McRoy, Jonathan Cook
Robin Eschliman, Ken Svoboda, John Camp
Mayor Seng

BryanLGH
COLLEGE of HEALTH SCIENCES
5035 Everett Street • Lincoln, NE 68506-1398

June 14, 2005

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Mayor Colleen Seng
Mayor's Office
555 S. 10th St., Ste. 208
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mayor Colleen Seng:

As instructors at BryanLGH College of Health Sciences, we would like to take this opportunity to highly recommend that the Lake Senior Center and other Senior Centers continue to be funded. The Senior Centers are valuable community resources for the elderly. We personally can relate to this as baby boomers. We need to plan for our retirement at an early age, and we feel the Senior Centers are an opportunity to continue to socialize and enhance the aging years.

The Senior Centers have also provided valuable learning experiences for nursing students at the College of Health Sciences. The College has been sending nursing students to the Senior Centers for many years. Listed below are some of the comments received from student evaluations. Student comments are as follows:

> "I didn't realize the importance for such a service. I hope it is still available when I enter my elder years."
>
> "The staff has special qualities needed in order to meet their clients' needs. They are like family."
>
> "I never realized so many elders have limited support other than the staff from the Senior Centers who really care – what a comforting concept."
>
> "The staff does so much, they know where to obtain resources for their clients and take time to provide a listening ear."
>
> "The Seniors have so much fun. They do more than I do even on a limited budget. It makes me feel better about growing older. The elders have taught me a lot."
>
> "The Senior Centers provide a service for elders who have fallen between the cracks. The elders help each other. I think young people (students) should have something like they (seniors) have."

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Comments from students indicated that they had eye-opening, learning experiences. They have a better understanding of how community resources, such as the Lake Senior Center and other Senior Centers, impact so many elders' lives.

We highly recommend the Senior Centers (i.e., Lake Street) continue to be funded, as we personally want to participate in the Centers' activities when we retire. If you have further questions, please contact Patty Bollinger at work (481-3831) or home (489-1011).

Sincerely,

Patty Bollinger MSN, RN-C
Faculty, BryanLGH
College of Health Sciences

Karen Westover MSN, RN
Faculty, BryanLGH
College of Health Sciences

MB/pb

cc Lincoln City Council

# ADDENDUM
# TO
# DIRECTORS' AGENDA
## MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2005

## I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Section Of 27th Street To Close Monday For Construction -(See Release)

2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of June 18 through 24, 2005-Schedule subject to change -(See Advisory)

## II. CITY CLERK - NONE

## III. CORRESPONDENCE

### A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

### B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES**

1. Letter from Karl Fredrickson to Everett & Virginia Owens with a response from The Owens - RE: Item #11, 05-77 - Paving District #2628: North 36th Street lying between the South curb line of "W" Street and the North curb line of Vine Street - (See Letter)

### C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Eric Larson - RE: Fletcher 14th-27th - (See E-Mail)

2. Letter from Donald & Rebecca Adams - RE: The paving of 36th from Vine to "W" Streets -(See Letter)

3. Letter from Beth A. Whitaker - RE: Ordinance #18374 repealing Paving District # 2628: North 36th Street lying between the South curb line of "W" Street and the North curb line of Vine Street -(See Letter)

4. Letter from Darrell Best - RE: Special Permit #05027 -(See Letter)

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# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG lincoln.ne.gov

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**
Engineering Services, 531 Westgate Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7711, fax 441-6576

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 16, 2005
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Larry Duensing, Public Works and Utilities, 441-8401

## SECTION OF 27TH STREET TO CLOSE MONDAY FOR CONSTRUCTION

Beginning Monday, June 20, 27th Street from Rokeby Road to Grainger Parkway, including the intersection of 27th and Yankee Hill Road, will be closed to through traffic for water main, storm sewer and pavement construction. It is expected to reopen by November 1.

Vehicular traffic will continue to have access to businesses and residential areas on 27th Street from Pine Lake Road to Grainger Parkway. A detour for 27th Street will be established from Pine Lake Road to 14th Street to Saltillo Road.

Yankee Hill Road between 27th and 40th streets, currently closed for water main, storm sewer and pavement construction, will remain closed until August of 2006.

For more information on City road construction projects, check the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov.

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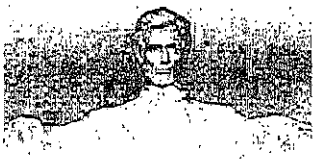

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# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG lincoln.ne.gov

Date: June 17, 2005
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

## Mayor Seng's Public Schedule
## Week of June 18 through 24, 2005
***Schedule subject to change***

Saturday, June 18
- David's Bridal grand opening, remarks - 10:30 a.m., southwest corner of Westfield Shoppingtown-Gateway
- Juneteenth Celebration, remarks and proclamation - noon, Trago Park and Malone Community Center, 22nd and "U" streets

Monday, June 20
- Mayor's Award of Excellence, present award - 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

Tuesday, June 21
- City economic report card update - 7:30 a.m., Cornhusker Hotel, Grand Ballroom, 333 South 13th Street
- Nebraska Tennis Center groundbreaking, remarks - 10 a.m., Abbott Sports Complex, 7600 North 70th Street
- KFOR call-in show - 12:30 p.m., 3800 Cornhusker Highway
- KLIN call-in show - 5:15 p.m., 4343 "O" Street

Thursday, June 23
- Annual Campaign Against Hunger breakfast - 8 am., Food Bank, 4840 Doris Bair Circle
- News conference on Park Middle School Teen Center opening and 4th of July activities - 9:45 a.m., Park Middle School, 855 South 8th Street
- St. Monica's annual luncheon, remarks - noon, Embassy Suites, rooms C through F, 1040 "P" Street
- McAdams Park dedication, remarks - 5:30 p.m., 44th and "Y" streets

Friday, June 24
- Media briefing on Mayor's recommended budget - 9:30 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 South 10th Street
- Nebraska Wesleyan barbeque for incoming students and parents, remarks - 7 p.m., Field House, north of Huntington Avenue between 53rd and 54th streets

05-77
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CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG
www.ci.lincoln.ne.us

Engineering Services
Public Works and Utilities Department
[redacted]
531 Westgate Blvd.
Suite 100
Lincoln, Nebraska 68528
402-441-7711
fax: 402-441-6576

June 3, 2005

Everett & Virginia Owens
3625 'W' Street
Lincoln, NE 68503

RE: Paving District No. 2628:
North 36th Street lying between the South curb line of 'W' Street and the North curb line of Vine Street.

Dear Property Owner:

The Public Works & Utilities Department has submitted to the City Council an ordinance repealing Paving District No. 2628, being Ordinance No. 18374, created by the City Council on June 7, 2004. If the ordinance repealing the district is passed by the City Council, it means that the street will not be paved at this time.

City records indicate that you own the following property in the assessment area:

PECKS GROVE PARK BLOCK 7 LOT 1

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance will be held during the City Council meeting on Monday, June 20, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers in the County-City Building. At this time, the City Council will discuss repealing this District based on the lack of majority petition. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but wish to voice your opinion on this District, you may do so in writing to the City Council in care of the City Clerk, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln NE 68508.

If you should have questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Elmer Cole of this Department at 441-7581.

Sincerely,

Karl Fredrickson
Director of Public Works & Utilities

cc: City Clerk
Elmer Cole

WE WILL UNABLE TO ATTEND AS WILL BE IN SO. MISSOURI

DEAR SIRS. I ~~WANT~~ WANT TO GO ON-RECORD AS STILL OPPOSING THE PAVING DISTRICT # 2628 BEING ORDINANCE CREATED BY CITY COUNCIL JUNE 7TH 2004, MEANING THE STREET WILL NOT NO BE PAVED AT THIS TIME. Everett Owens Virginia Owens

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Joan V Ray/Notes
06/17/05 09:16 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes
cc
bcc
Subject Fw: Fletcher 14th - 27th

----- Forwarded by Joan V Ray/Notes on 06/17/2005 09:18 AM -----

"Eric Larson" <eric@4w.com>

06/17/2005 07:40 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject Fletcher 14th - 27th

I understand that Lincoln needs to improve its roads and create more through streets, so I'm not opposed to a 4-lane Fletcher. My concern is the traffic increase of the North Hills neighborhood by people in the neighborhood and as far out as Bicentennial driving towards a single point to access this new development. That point, though I'm not certain of the street names off the top of my head, is the corner of 16th and Kennedy Dr. If that's the wrong intersection, I apologize. I'd like you to consider not making the new development and the residential neighborhood connected at this intersection.

If they don't connect, it will cut down on traffic through the neighborhoods. Plus it will allow for a wall or trees to be planted in between the development and the existing housing. The way I see it, the only reason for that road would be for emergency access (e.g. ambulances and fire trucks). Emergency vehicles going to the new development will likely take major roads (i.e. 14th or 27th to Fletcher) and won't go through residential areas so it's unnecessary for the new development. Secondly, the existing residential areas are currently being served via the roads in the neighborhood and emergency vehicles should already have sufficient access to the neighborhood otherwise there were issues that should have been addressed during the development of North Hills.

This is my idea. I'm not a civil engineer, so I don't know all the issues associated with my plan, but I have talked to civil engineers and they agree that it's not critical to join the residential area to the new development. I appreciate you reading my email and considering my ideas.

Thank you,
Eric

June 16th, 2005
RE: Paving District
North 36th Street
Vine to W St.

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City Clerk,

After receiving the letter containing the information for the paving of 36th from Vine to "W," I have concluded that my current status as a self-employed husband of a disabled wife, with stressful financial means, I am against the paving of 36th street The adjacent properties to the paving are the only people benefiting from the 36th street paving and should than carry the financial responsibility. If the city deems this necessary, than the city and the adjacent properties should bear the cost, not unaffected local residents. I am also concerned of additional traffic problems at the intersection, which in result could affect safety and my own property value. I am sure I am not the only concerned resident with this issue, assessing our properties with additional taxes and cost is unfair when we don't have the final decision. In the democratic state we live in, the vote of the many should outweigh the few. I strongly vote **NO** to the paving based on financial, safety, and future. Again I do not understand why I am responsible for their benefit at my cost.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Adams
Rebecca M. Adams (Kolb)
Pecks Grove Park
Block 7 Lot 6 W1.6'
3620 Vine St.

Beth Whitaker
532 Oregon Trail
Lincoln, NE 68521-3247
June 16, 2005

RECEIVED
JUN 20 2005
CITY COUNCIL
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Lincoln City Council
555 S 10 Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Ordinance No. 18374 repealing Paving District No. 2628:
North 36th Street lying between the South curb line of "W" Street and the North curb line of Vine Street.

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to you, in lieu of my son, Jake Whitaker, concerning the issue of Ordinance No. 18374 repealing Paving District No. 2628. My son, Jake Whitaker, owns the property in the assessment area: PECKS GROVE PARK BLOCK 7 LOT 4. Jake is currently in Basic Training for the Nebraska Army National Guard in Fort Knox, KY. At this time, his access to communication with parties outside of the military facility is limited. He will be unable to respond to you himself by and/or attend the City Council Meeting on the date of June 20, 2005. Thus, I am responding in his stead.

Jake Whitaker still believes the paving of Paving District No. 2628 is important and should be done for any and all the reasons he has presented in the past. I do not have specific information to what his past petition(s) have stated, but I believe it would decrease the amount of dust and increase the safety of the road in all types of weather. Please consider not repealing the Paving District No. 2628 on its merits of public safety if nothing else.

Sincerely,

Beth A. Whitaker
(in behalf of Jake Whitaker, property owner, 3600 Vine Street, Lincoln, NE 68503)

June 16,2005

City of Lincoln: Planning Commission
Mayor Coleen Seng
City Council
County Board

555 south 10th St
Lincoln,NE 68508

Dear Department Heads;

This letter is due to special permit #05027 requesting input from the public.

The request is for a large second residence to be built at 10400 south 56 street.

When I built the garage on our lot at 10000 south 56 street the City advised that it could not be used as a residence as only one is allowed per lot.

When my neighbor on the lot north of ours built his shop the City advised that it could never be used as a residence as only one is allowed per lot.

Allowing a property owner that has only one lot between us to build a building to be used as a second residence on the same lot would be discrimination.

A large building could be subdivided for multiple family use.

A few years back a property owner in Nealrene Acres just east of the property in question at 10400 south 56 street was denied a second building on the same property to be used for a residence also for employees.

If the permit is granted for a second residence at 10400 south 56 street it should also be granted for all properties along 56th street between Saltillo and Rokeby, and in Nealrene Acres.

It also should specify the total maximum number of people that are allowed to live in the building and on the property.

I believe that old saying about openin up a can of worms may apply here.

Best regards,

Darrell Best

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