

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005 - 11:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents Award Of Excellence For August
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2. NEWS ADVISORY- RE: Lincoln-Lancaster County Emergency Management Director Doug Ahlberg, in conjunction with the regularly scheduled monthly City-County Common Meeting, will display materials and equipment purchased with Homeland Security and Metropolitan Medical Response System funds at a news conference at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, September 13th -(See Advisory)
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: County Emergency Management Displays Purchases From Federal Funds - (See Release)
4. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Seng, Red Cross Say Lincoln No Longer A Potential Destination For Gulf Coast Evacuees-FEMA, State of Nebraska issue "stand down" request - (See Release)
5. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Coleen Seng will kick off a new diabetes education and prevention program at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 15 at the Auld Recreation Center in Antelope Park -(See Advisory)
6. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Kicks Off Program To Help Prevent Diabetes -(See Release)
7. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Public Building Commission Chair Larry Hudkins, Mayor Seng and other City and County Officials will discuss last night's water main break near the Justice & Law Enforcement Center at a News Conf. At 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15th - (See Advisory)
8. Washington Report - September 9, 2005.

II. DIRECTORS

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Two Household Hazardous Waste Collections scheduled for September 2005 -(See Release)
2. Health Department Report - August 2005 -(Copy of this Report on file in the City Council Office) (See Report)
3. Physician Advisory from Bruce Dart - RE: Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) - (See Advisory)

PLANNING

1. Letter from Tom Cajka to Terry Rothanzl, Engineering Design Consultants - RE: Stone Bridge Creek 8th Addition Final Plat #04071-Generally located southeast of N. 14th St. & Humphrey Ave. -(See Letter)
2. Letter from Jean Walker to Brandon Garrett, Engineering Design Consultants - RE: Annexation #05013 & Change of Zone #05054, Prairie Village North Planned Unit Development-N. 84th Street & Adams Street - (See Letter)
3. Letter from Brian Will to Mike Johnson, Olsson Associates - RE: Pioneer Woods 6th Addition -FPPL#05072 - Generally located at South 70th Street and Pioneers Blvd. -(See Letter)
4. E-Mail Response from Jean Walker to Linda Lieb - RE: 84th & Adams: Support (Annex. #05013 & Change of Zone #05054, Prairie Village North PUD) - (See E-Mail)
5. E-Mail Response from Jean Walker to Ken & Melinda Nolan - RE: Wal-Mart Support (Annex. #05013 & Change of Zone #05054, Prairie Village North PUD) -(See E-Mail)
6. E-Mail Response from Jean Walker to Mark Kimball - RE: Wal-Mart (Annex. #05013 & Change of Zone #05054) - Opposition - (See E-Mail)

7. E-Mail Response from Jean Walker to Cindy Manulak - RE: Wal-Mart: Support (Annex. #05013 & Change of Zone #05054, Prairie Village North Planned Unit Development- (See E-Mail)
8. Letter from Brian Will to Terry Rothanzl - RE: Wilderness Hills Keystone Addition -Final Plat #04141-Generally located at South 27th Street and Yankee Hill Road - (See Letter)
9. E-Mail Response from Jean Walker to Jennifer Sheaff - RE: Opposition to Wal-Mart - Annex. #05013 & Change of Zone #5054-Prairie Village North PUD - (See E-Mail)
10. Memo from Karl Fredrickson, Public Works Director & Marvin Krout, Planning Director - RE: Recommendation on Draft 2030 Future Service Limit - (See Memo)
11. Letter from Jean Walker - RE: Change of Zone #05065 & Miscellaneous #05021 (Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Ordinance relating to City Council action on appeals from Planning Commission action) (See Letter)
12. Response E-Mail from Jean Walker to Mary Wolfe - RE: Development near 84th & Adams-Opposition to Wal-Mart - (See E-Mail)
13. Response E-Mail from Jean Walker to Terri Bierbower - RE: New Wal-Mart at 84th & Adams - (See E-Mail)

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Memo from Nicole Fleck-Tooze - RE: Storm Bond Issue Facts-Correction to Letter from Bruce Wright - (See Memo)

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP

1. E-Mail from Sheri L. Smith, Urology Surgical Center sent to Jon Camp - RE: Shadow Pines Extension -(See E-Mail)
2. E-Mail from Mike Wiesen - RE: Pioneers Street Project -(See E-Mail)

JONATHAN COOK

1. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department/~~Weed Control Authority~~ - RE: Overgrown weeds SW 25th & W Plum - (RFI#126 - 8/12/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM RUSS SHULTZ, WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY RECEIVED ON RFI#126 - 8/15/05.**
2. Request to Public Works & Utilities Department - RE: The speed limit on West "A" Street - (RFI#127 - 8/30/05)

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

1. Request to ~~Mark Bowen, Mayor's Office~~ - RE: Weekly updates to the City Council on the status of ITI - (RFI#1 - 7/07/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM MARK BOWEN, MAYOR'S OFFICE RECEIVED ON RFI#1 - 8/04/05.**
2. E-Mail sent to Robin Eschliman - RE: Highland View Exhibit - (See E-Mail)

DAN MARVIN

1. Request to Finance Department OR ~~Personnel Department~~ - RE: All Tax Funds-Expenditures By Category-1998-99 Through 2005-06 Mayor Recommended Budget - (RFI#1 - 8/15/05). — **1.) SEE RESPONSE FROM DON TAUTE, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR RECEIVED ON RFI#1 - 8/30/05.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. E-Mail from Richard Esquivel - RE: Football costs -(See E-Mail)
2. E-Mail from Bob & Sue Semerena - RE: Supports removal of Cumberland Dr. Barricade -(See E-Mail)
3. Letter & Material from Frank Landis, Commissioner, State of Nebraska Public Service Commission - RE: Application # PSAP-36.2: In the Matter of Lancaster County PSAP, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs of Wireless E911 Implementation -(See Material)
4. Letter from Charles Swingle - RE: Please fix the sidewalks on Stockwell St. from S. 20th St. to S. 27th St. - (See Letter)
5. Faxed Letter from Ron & Sheila Scheinost - RE: Public Hearing to Modify Ordinance for Shadow Pines Dr. Extension and to Modify Resolution of Cumberland Dr. Barricade North of Happy Hollow Lane -(Council received copies of this Letter on 9/12/05 before formal Council Meeting) (See Letter)
6. E-Mail from Melanie & Todd Miller - RE: Sept. 12th meeting postponed- Vacation of W. Madison Avenue -(See E-Mail)
7. E-Mail from Paul Haith - RE: LIBA Presentation -(See E-Mail)
8. E-Mail from Dave Oenbring - RE: Planning Is Socialism -(See E-Mail)
9. E-Mail from Ray Hurd - RE: Proposed 56th Street & Pine Lake and Madalyn Road intersection -(See E-Mail)
10. Letter from Leola Bullock, Florine Joseph, Lela Shanks, Community Members; Annie Stokes, Lincoln Branch NAACP; Lucy Nevels, Lincoln Chapter National Council of Negro Women - RE: Thank-you for finding the funds and for restoring the position of Community Outreach Worker to the City budget -(See Letter)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 12, 2005

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MAYOR PRESENTS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR AUGUST

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

Bell was nominated in the category of productivity by Fire Captain Bill Moser. Bell has been a Lincoln Firefighter since December 2000. He has worked at 12 of the 14 Lincoln Fire and Rescue stations with a perfect attendance record.

In 2002, Bell asked to be assigned to Fire Station One, the busiest station in the City, and he was selected to serve there because of his skills and abilities. Moser said, "Greg safely drives and operates fire apparatus and ambulances and has expertise at assisting paramedics on medical calls where life and death situations are common place."

In June 2004, Fire Chief Mike Spadt awarded Engine One a Unit Citation Award for effectively extinguishing an apartment fire. This fire occurred early in the morning and several residents were at home and in danger. Bell was the driver and pump operator at the fire. He navigated the engine to a strategic position, quickly and effectively pumped water, and maneuvered hose lines to assist attack teams.

Another example of his work occurred during a blizzard this past January when a critical care infant and neonatal nursing team needed transport from York to a Lincoln hospital. Air transport was not possible and the State Patrol had advised against traveling on Interstate 80. Assistant Chief Richard Furasek called on Bell to drive the ambulance. Furasek later told Bell, "Even though the conditions were hazardous, with snow and ice on roadways, your actions to help those in time of need, show your dedication and professionalism to your job. People like you make this community a caring and more pleasant place in which to live and work."

On his days off, Bell works for Lincoln Electric System reading electrical meters. This helps him as a Firefighter by making him familiar with streets, addresses and hydrant placement. Bell also was one of several Firefighters to receive Lincoln Fire and Rescue's most prestigious life-saving award, the Phoenix Award, this past May.

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“Greg is an exceptional employee, highly reliable, conscientious and responsible,” said Moser. “He excels with hands-on training and use of common sense, working at making himself indispensable.”

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected officials and some managers. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public.

Nomination forms are available from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.



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COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT **DISPLAYS PURCHASES FROM FEDERAL FUNDS**

Lancaster County Emergency Management Director Doug Ahlberg today displayed more than \$2 million in equipment and materials, which were purchased with federal funds from the Department of Homeland Security and the Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS). The display at the Emergency Management storage facility was part of the regular monthly meeting of the City-County Common.

Elected officials from local, state and federal governments were invited to view the display, which included communications and decontamination equipment (see attached sheets for specific descriptions and costs). Ahlberg said the display gives him an opportunity to demonstrate accountability in how Lancaster County Emergency Management has spent the homeland security grant funds it has received.

“This event was prompted by some reports of ‘wasteful spending’ of some who have received homeland security grant funds,” Ahlberg said. “It is extremely important that the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County truly understand that wasteful spending did not occur at the local level.”

Members of the local Homeland Security Committee – whose agencies, departments and divisions were awarded the grant funds – were on hand to answer questions about the need for the equipment and materials and how they would be used.

For more information on Lancaster County Emergency Management, visit the County-City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: Emergency Management).

2002 Homeland Security Grant Purchases

Two portable vehicular radio repeaters

Total cost \$31,200

Personal Protective Equipment kits (402 kits total)

Total cost \$100,845

2003 Part I Homeland Security Grant Purchases

One robot

Total Cost \$75,000

One Aluma Tower trailer

Total cost \$171,000

14 CO Detectors

Total cost \$5,600

Two Multirae Plus air monitors

Total cost \$9,000

Five SCBA Units plus Personal Protective Equipment

Total cost \$30,500

One Drager CMS kit

Total cost \$2,778

One Scrintillation probe

Total cost \$1,000

One GPS (at one meter)

Total cost \$5,000

One laptop computer

Total cost \$2,800

2003 Part II Homeland Security Grant Purchases

One Mistral containment trailer

Total cost \$32,349

One FTIR Sensir Hazmat ID Monitor

Total cost \$62,500

188 Macom p7150 radios

Total cost \$692,818

17 Complete Mobile Data Equipment

Total cost \$133,433

Radio Repeaters in 911 Center

Total cost \$44,007

180 Kenwood hand-held radios

Total cost \$129,600

180 pagers

Total cost \$70,560

81 mobile radios

Total cost \$58.320

Lincoln Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) Purchases

Decontamination Tent	\$31,500 each (includes equipment and trailer - six tents total)
Total Cost:	\$189,000
Permanent Decontamination Equipment	\$18,000 (for BryanLGH and Saint Elizabeth Medical Center)
Alaska Shelter	\$22,000 (one tent - capable of being heated and air-conditioned)
Monitoring equipment (PID)	\$4,000 each
Incident Command Simulator	\$15,000 (for Lincoln Fire & Rescue to train their crews in incident command. Can also be used by other agencies)
Mass Clinic Supplies	\$10,000 (equipment for establishing nine mass dispensing/vaccination clinics throughout the city)
Antibiotic Cache	\$19,000 (40,000 doses of three different antibiotics)
Chemical antidotes	\$56,000 (1700 kits - can treat over 500 seriously exposed people)
Radiation treatments	\$5,000 (Internal contamination medications)
Communications/ handheld radios	\$60,000+ (new and replacement handheld 800 MHz radios for BryanLGH and St. Elizabeth. Also places new radios with Red Cross, Blood Bank and Madonna Hospital)
	\$4,000 (radio for Incident Dispatch Team and other communications gear)
Control Stations	\$15,000+ (replacement control stations for BryanLGH and St. Elizabeth)
HAM radio	\$1,500 (to enable Health Dept. to be on county system in mobile vehicle)
Bi-directional amplifiers	\$24,000 (one each at BryanLGH and St. Elizabeth - allows for portable radio communication within building)

Computers	\$14,000 (two mobile computers for LF&R "hazmat" - one replacement and one new) (two mobile computers for Health Department) (one mobile computer for Lincoln MMRS) \$2,000 (digital projector for Lincoln MMRS training) \$10,000+ (Hazmat software for LF&R and Health Dept.)
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	\$5,000 (new respirators for SWAT) \$3,000 (replacement respirators for LPD/LSO Clan Team) \$4,000 (respirators for Animal Control) \$5,000 (respirators for Lincoln Airport Police) \$100,000+ (respirators and other PPE for BryanLGH, St. Elizabeth, Fremont, Saunders County, David City, York, Seward, Crete, Beatrice, Syracuse and UNL) \$8,000 (protective equipment for Volunteer Fire) \$10,000 (respirators for Volunteer Rescue Squads)
Incident Disptach Team	\$5,000 (supplies and associated fees for team startup and continuing training)
Patient Isolation and Negative Pressure Equipment	\$125,000 (HEPA air filtration and negative pressure equipment for BryanLGH, St. Elizabeth, UNL Health Dept., Madonna and Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Health Dept.)
Volunteers	\$20,000 (establishment of Emergency Volunteer Centers used during Hallam with great success)
Cargo trailers	\$10,000 (created two triage trailers for EMA - one trailer each to Public Health Solutions and Four Corners Health Departments; one trailer to Red Cross; one trailer to LLCHD for remote monitoring equipment)
Nebraska Behavioral Health Conference	\$7,500 (sponsored conference for last two years)
Shelter equipment	\$33,000 (supplies for Red Cross shelters - used recently for Hurricane Katrina - cots, blankets, pillows, first aid, AEDs, etc. for up to 500 people) \$4,500 (Red Cross shelter tent, generators, etc.)
Identification equipment	\$12,000 (I.D. card printers, software and cameras - three units for EMA, Red Cross and LLCHD)
Bomb disposal trailer	\$15,000
Cargo trailer	\$3,500
Portable Corral and accessories	\$600



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MAYOR SENG, RED CROSS SAY LINCOLN NO LONGER A POTENTIAL DESTINATION FOR GULF COAST EVACUEES

FEMA, State of Nebraska issue "stand down" request

Mayor Coleen J. Seng and Lancaster County Red Cross Executive Director Randy Jones said today that flights with groups of evacuees from the Gulf Coast area have been suspended following a request from FEMA and the State of Nebraska to "stand down." Lincoln had been on "standby" mode as a potential destination for Gulf Coast evacuees since Wednesday, September 7.

Lancaster County Emergency Management phone numbers have been established to assist those who have arrived in Lincoln through their own resources to stay with family or friends following the evacuation of the Gulf Coast area. Those numbers are 402-441-7400, 7401 and 7402. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has dedicated a phone line to those evacuees in need of health services. That phone number is 402-441-0358.

"I'm proud of the way our City and County worked together in preparation to help displaced individuals and families," said Mayor Seng. "With leadership from Lancaster County Emergency Management, we have been poised to assist since last week, should we have been called to lend a hand. We also want to thank the Red Cross and Salvation Army for all that they've done to help in the recovery effort."

Lancaster County Red Cross Executive Director Randy Jones said that this morning's "stand down" request means that there is no longer a need for a Red Cross shelter in Lincoln.

"We are prepared to assist the evacuees in this community with meeting their basic needs and helping them develop a plan for recovery," Jones said. "We also want to publicly acknowledge and thank the volunteers and staff from St. Mark's United Methodist Church and other agencies for their diligence and compassion in organizing the shelter."

To date, the Lancaster County Chapter of the Red Cross has interviewed and provided immediate assistance to about 60 families with the number increasing by the day. Jones said his organization will continue to focus on individual families who've come to Lincoln on their own.



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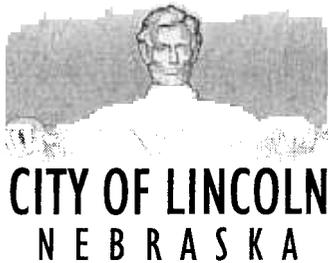
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MAYOR KICKS OFF PROGRAM TO HELP PREVENT DIABETES

Mayor Coleen J. Seng today announced a new local program to prevent diabetes by promoting healthy lifestyle choices. The goals of *ActionNOW!* are to educate people about the risk of developing diabetes and to help people take action now to help prevent, delay or control diabetes and its serious consequences.

Program funders include Bryan/LGH Medical Center; the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln; the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System; Four Star Drug; the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD); St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center; and Union Bank and Trust.

“Diabetes rates are increasing, and statistics show that one in three Lancaster County residents is at risk of developing diabetes in his or her lifetime,” said Mayor Seng. “It is important to remember that there is a face, a person and a family behind each statistic. *ActionNOW!* encourages everyone in our community to eat right, to be physically active and to work toward a healthy weight, appropriate blood sugar levels and lower blood pressure.”

The program was developed by the *ActionNOW!* Community Diabetes Prevention and Control Coalition, which was formed two years ago. About 30 organizations participate in the Coalition, and LLCHD is one of the lead agencies.

“More than 18 million Americans have diabetes, but more than five million of those do not know they have the disease,” said Bruce Dart, LLCHD Health Director. “Through this program, we hope to screen more people for diabetes so they can get the needed education and treatment for the best possible control of their disease.”

Dart said complications from diabetes can lead to blindness, stroke, heart disease, kidney disease, amputation and many other health and dental problems. He shared these statistics:

- Area hospitals report that patients with diabetes have an average hospital stay of 5.5 days, compared an average stay for four days for those without diabetes.
- From 1997 through 2002, the average cost per hospital stay for a person with diabetes was \$15,000, compared to \$9,966 for a patient without diabetes.

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Diabetes is more common as individuals grow older and among African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanic Americans. However, for those who are overweight or obese, the chances of developing diabetes increase regardless of age, race or ethnicity.

“Our message is simple – eat healthy, move more and know your numbers,” said Andrea Mason, a Registered Nurse who represents LLCHD on the Coalition. “These are the critical actions people can take to lower their personal risk.

The Action*NOW!* resources include:

- A local phone line (434-7170) answered by a Registered Nurse, who will answer questions and refer callers to local resources;
- An interactive Web site at www.123ActionNow.org, which includes a personalized diabetes risk quiz and links to the latest information and resources;
- A free lending library of educational material;
- An Action*NOW!* Diabetes Prevention Resource Manual for those wanting to help themselves and others take action to decrease the burden of diabetes in our community; and
- Messages in movie theaters, on billboards and in the media.



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CONGRESS RETURNS TO ADDRESS DISASTER RESPONSE

CONGRESS

Katrina response is expected to slow the pace of major congressional activity. Members of Congress returned to Washington this week after a month-long summer recess and quickly began the process of providing funds for hurricane relief efforts in the Gulf Coast. Two separate bills totaling over \$60 billion in aid have been approved thus far, and more are expected over time as the needs of that region are determined.

In addition to considering financial assistance in the wake of the disaster, Congress is also expected to spend considerable amounts of time examining the federal government's response to the disaster. The likely result of this activity is the postponement of action on some legislation that was expected to be addressed. For example, this week the Senate was expected to take up legislation to repeal the federal estate tax, but Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) has postponed that debate indefinitely.

The other major legislation that has been postponed is a comprehensive budget reconciliation bill. The FY 2006 budget resolution approved by Congress earlier this year mandated that congressional committees consider proposals to reduce spending in a variety of mandatory programs by September 16. Those proposals, largely focused on entitlement spending, would then be rolled into one large "reconciliation" bill and considered on the floor under rules that prevent a filibuster. Reconciliation was last used in 1997 and it was expected to be contentious. House and Senate leaders are now indicating that reconciliation will be delayed for at least two weeks, possibly a month, and have received assurances from the Senate parliamentarian that the delay would not jeopardize the filibuster-proof nature of the bill.

Consideration of legislation to cut entitlement programs such as Medicaid was going to be a politically difficult task for Congress before the Hurricane. Now the task is that much more difficult, as there is some uncertainty over what effect the billions in emergency spending will have on efforts to reduce spending.

Congress is expected to continue its march to complete the FY 2006 appropriations bills, although beating the October 1 start of the fiscal year is certainly out of reach. While the House has completed action on all of its bills, the Senate still must consider six more FY 2006 measures, many of them controversial, and then House-Senate conference committees to reconcile competing versions must meet. Senate Appropriators are also hoping to quickly gain approval of their remaining bills before floor debate over the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee John Roberts begins.

Republican leadership has been adamant about avoiding the recent practice of rolling difficult spending bills into a large "omnibus" appropriations bill, but given the time that the Appropriations Committees must spend on disaster relief and the lack of significant floor time, it may be a distinct possibility.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Senate panel votes to reauthorize VAWA; approves anti-gang bill. With hearings looming for the replacements of Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court, the Senate Judiciary Committee cleared it plate this week.

By voice vote, the Committee approved legislation (S 1197) to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Sponsored by Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE),

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the bill enjoys bipartisan support. In general, it retains all of the core programs authorized by the original law. It authorizes a total of \$3.9 billion for VAWA programs over five years, including \$225 million a year for STOP Grants, \$75 million a year for Grants to Encourage Arrest and Enforce Protection Orders, \$60 million a year for transitional housing assistance for victims of domestic violence and \$80 million a year for rape prevention and education.

The bill would authorize a new \$50 million a year formula grant program designed to help states and sexual assault coalitions establish rape crisis centers and provide services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, including culturally specific programs to address sexual assault in minority and immigrant communities.

The bill would also authorize a number of smaller programs that deal with social services, education, training and other technical assistance for victims and potential victims of domestic violence.

The bill now heads to the Senate floor. Given the crowded schedule, it is not clear when the full Senate will consider it. A similar bill has been introduced in the House.

The Committee also approved legislation (S 155) designed to combat gangs. Sponsored by Senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) the legislation would combine increased federal penalties for gang activity, including recruitment, with grants for improved law enforcement and gang prevention. In addition, the bill would authorize the use of federal law enforcement tactics against gangs that are similar to those used under the Racketeering and Corrupt Influences Act (RICO) to combat organized crime.

The bill would authorize \$100 million a year for assistance to local governments and increased federal law enforcement in locations designated as "High-Intensity Gang Areas." It would also authorize \$20 million a year for grants to prosecutors and local law enforcement agencies to protect witnesses in gang trials.

Given the crowded schedule, the Senate may wait until next year to consider the bill. The House passed similar legislation (HR 1279) earlier this year, but it drew the opposition of some Democrats because it also includes mandatory minimum sentences and would allow many juveniles accused of gang activity to be tried as adults. Neither provision enjoys widespread support in the Senate.

EMINENT DOMAIN

House Agriculture Committee hears testimony on eminent domain legislation. The hearing on Wednesday focused on the impact of the Supreme Court's June decision in the case of *Kelo v. City of New London* and on the merits of HR 3405, the "Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005" (STOPP Act).

HR 3405 would render any state or local government that exercises eminent domain for economic development purposes ineligible for federal funding, regardless of whether federal funds were to be expended on the project in question or not.

All critics of the Court's decision, witnesses also raised concerns over the proposed legislation. Since the Supreme Court has ruled in the past that blighted areas could be condemned for redevelopment, the definitions of "blight" and "economic development" were raised as major concerns, some offering "private commercial development" in lieu of "economic development." Moreover, there was concern that quasi-private corporations, such as redevelopment agencies, often are conferred the power of eminent domain by municipalities, and would not be covered under the legislation as written. The legislation would also have an ambiguous impact on private contractors, who often carry out work on behalf of state and local governments. Many concerns were expressed regarding the potential impact that this legislation would have on the rebuilding effort in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, some suggesting a waiver would be appropriate.

While the Agriculture Committee was the first to hold hearings, the bill has also been referred to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Financial Services, Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure. Meanwhile, in a sign of things to come, House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI) announced that his panel would take the lead on the issue and would soon hold hearings.

Finally, the House version of the FY 2006 appropriations bill governing the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development includes language preventing the use of funds in the measure to enforce the Supreme Court decision. More specific language prohibiting use of federal funds for economic development projects in which eminent domain is used is expected to be added to the Senate version of this bill as well.

WELFARE

Welfare reauthorization bill may be included in the budget reconciliation process. Frustrated by an impasse in child care spending that has slowed legislation to renew the 1996 Welfare Reform Act, Republican congressional leaders are considering including a version of the measure in a legislative package known as reconciliation that is designed to lower spending for mandatory federal programs.

The House approved welfare reauthorization on the floor in March, and the Senate Finance Committee approved a competing version that same month. While both sides are in general agreement on an increase in the number of hours welfare recipients must spend every month working (form 30 to 34 in the Senate, 30 to 40 in the House), Democrats and moderate Republicans in the Senate insist that such workload increases be coupled with significant increases in child care spending. The Senate bill increases child care spending by \$6 billion over five years, the House \$1 billion over that same span.

There have been reports that Republican leadership in both chambers would like to include welfare reform in the budget

reconciliation bill with \$1.8 billion in additional child care spending – equal to the amount allowed in the FY 2006 budget resolution approved earlier this year by Congress. Since the reconciliation measure cannot be subject to filibuster, advocates of increased child care spending such as Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME) would have few options to secure additional funds.

Hurricane Katrina has slowed the pace of reconciliation in Congress (see related story above), so Snowe and others will use that time to persuade GOP leaders to allow additional temporary extensions of the welfare law while the child care funding issue is further negotiated.

TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation has published information on the transportation reauthorization bill on its website. President Bush signed the “Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users” (SAFETEA-LU) into law on August 12, 2005.

As we have reported, the \$286 billion measure funds federal highway, transit, and transportation safety programs through FY 2009, at a 32 percent increase over its TEA-21 predecessor.

The Federal Highway Administration has created a page on its website dedicated to SAFETEA-LU that includes fact sheets, a legislative summary, and other useful information about the law at:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/index.htm>

The Federal Transit Administration has also posted SAFETEA-LU information at:

http://www.fta.dot.gov/17003_ENG_HTML.htm



NEWS RELEASE

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Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Two Household Hazardous Waste Collections scheduled for September 2005

Some common items that are used in and around your home during the summer months may now need to be disposed of properly. To help the public dispose of potential household hazardous wastes the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has scheduled two Household Hazardous Waste Collections in September. On Friday, September 23rd, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM, a collection will be held, at the Shephard of the Hills Church, located at 6901 Panama Road, Hickman. The following day, Saturday, September 24th, a collection will be held, at Goodyear Tire and Rubber, 4021 N 56th Street in Lincoln, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The collections are for residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County only; not for businesses.

“At the end of the summer many of us are thinking about getting ready for the fall and winter. Many of the products that are used in swimming pool/spa operations to maintain the pH levels and for cleaning contain hazardous chemical,” said Beth Mann, Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator. “Also, now is a good time to think about properly disposing of any left over lawn care products containing herbicides or pesticides,” said Mann. Any EPA banned chemicals and pesticides that contain DDT, chlordane, silvex, Pentachlorophenol (PCP), Dursban, and Diazinon should be brought to one of these collections.

Citizens are encouraged to bring other household hazardous waste including solvents

such as mineral spirits, turpentine, paint thinners, varnishes, stains, polishes, and waxes; oil-based paints; roach powder; pet flea and tick powders; rat poisons; old gasoline; charcoal starter fluids; automotive products such as Freon, brake fluids, carburetor cleaners and transmission fluids; mercury containing items including thermometers; and items containing PCB's such as ballasts from old fluorescent lamps and small capacitors from old appliances.

Latex paint ***should not*** be brought to these collections. Small amounts 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 information and for advice on how to dispose of other items that are not accepted such as medicines, fertilizers, explosives, or ammunition contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021.

For further information concerning disposal of household hazardous waste or for recycling lists contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department at 441-8021 or visit our website at <http://www.ci.lincoln.ne.us/city/health/environ/poll/>.

**DEPARTMENT REPORT
AUGUST, 2005**

HEALTH DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

- The Department's FY05-06 budget was approved as part of the City Council's adopted budget on August 22, 2005. The Council restored funding for the Healthy Homes Program outreach worker that they previously recommended be eliminated from the budget.
- The Health Director attended the following during the past month: Immunization conference call, Public Health Association of Nebraska Board of Directors meeting, meeting with the NAACP regarding the Healthy Homes Outreach worker position that was slated for elimination in the budget, meeting with the Nebraska Grocers Association regarding increased fees in Environmental Public Health, "Face the Chamber" Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Peoples' Health Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, County Management Team Meeting, American Cancer Society Luncheon, Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees Meeting, Health Partners Initiative Community Health Forum, meeting with US Health & Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, and a briefing at the US Postal Service on the Biohazard Detection System.
- The Department received the Living Bell Award - Outstanding Governmental Volunteer Site - from the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging's RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) at a ceremony at the Embassy Suites on August 20.
- Department employees participated in the City/County Employees Community Campaign for the United Way and Community Service Fund
- Employee of the Month - Jeri Swagger - Health Promotion & Outreach Division.

ASSISTANT HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The LLCHD along with Health Partners Initiative and Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center hosted a conference on Health Care Access. Approximately 80 individuals attended the conference. Mark Redding, MD, was the guest speaker. He is the Director of the Community Health Access Project, Inc. in Richland, OH and provided valuable direction to all participants on how they can be more focused on program outcomes. The Health Partners Initiative Board of Directors will follow-up with the leadership team of the Community Services Initiative to determine future action around the Outcomes Pathway Model.
- Work continues on the development of strategic action plans for the Health Promotion and Outreach, Dental Health & Nutrition and Information & Fiscal Management Divisions. The first will be presented to the Board of Health on September 13.
- Health Department staff serve on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Service Area Membership Entity (SESAME). SESAME is currently the contract entity for the Respite contract for 16 counties in Southeast Nebraska. A meeting is being scheduled with NHHSS to determine a possible change in that contract.
- Work continues on the MAPP Project. Data analysis is being done to determine where gaps exist in the local public health system. Several MAPP participants have indicated that they are

fulfilling many of the 10 public health essential services. Through better examination of this data we will be able to more accurately determine where capacity to perform public health core functions exists.

- The AED Consortium met this past month and voted to place an additional 5 AEDs in LPD cruisers. The total number of AEDs registered through the Consortium now exceeds 120. The goal is to increase survival rates from the current 11% to around 30%. A press conference is being planned for September to announce the AED placement in the police cruisers.
- Community work for August included attending the Matt Talbot and Outreach Board of Directors Meeting, Human Services Federation membership meeting and the Health Partners Initiative Board of Directors meeting.
- Health Department staff attended the press conference on the Anthrax exercise that was conducted with the US Postal Service at the main downtown post office. On August 5th the Health Department was involved in a major exercise that was conducted at the State Fair Park. The Health Action Center was assembled at the Department and approximately 13 staff members were involved in the exercise. The exercise was a good learning activity, although it was very time consuming for staff.

RESOURCE & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Building Expansion Update

- The east portion of the south parking lot will be demolished beginning September 6, 2005. It is anticipated being completed by mid-October. An additional eight (8) parking spaces will also be built on “N” Street for employee use.
- The north and new northeast parking lots will be completed by December 2005. It is anticipated they will be able to be used when we take occupancy of the new building the end of March 2006.
- Divisions are being asked to inventory their furniture to be moved to the new locations to establish a bid for the general moving of furniture to the new and renovated spaces. The inventory needs to be completed by September 1, 2005.
- LLCHD staff and City Information Services staff have been meeting to establish the technology needs for the building. Bid documents will be prepared by City IS for pulling cables for the building.
- The record filing system has been determined by staff and will be provided by Midwest Storage as a GSA contractor. The system will allow the maximum number of records for the consolidated record room for medical, dental and WIC records used by clinic staff.
- The final decisions for the furniture have been made and a bid sheet for furniture and fixtures is being prepared.
- The northeast corner of the existing building is being prepared to be joined with the new building within the next month. Floors on the basement and first floor have been poured. It is anticipated the new building floors will all be poured by the end of September.

- Mechanical and electrical connections are being made to the existing systems. The existing mechanical room has been opened up to the new space to be able to join systems.

Kenneling and Cat Pilot Project

- The Resource and Program Development Coordinator has been assisting the Health Director with meetings and contacts with potential kennels. Currently there are potentially three providers who may be interested in the kenneling contract.
- In addition, the RPDC has been working with Beth Boal of the Cat House and Scott Lowry of Animal Control to develop a pilot project for a Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Return program for feral cats in Lincoln. The contract for the pilot project has been agreed to by both parties and it is estimated will go into effect September 1, 2005. The policies and procedures will be developed in September with the input and final approval of Animal Control, and the trapping is estimated to begin approximately October 1, 2005.
- The RPDC has been coordinating with Law Department regarding other possible programs to reduce the number of animals that are picked up or are picked up and returned to their owners. The Assistant City Attorney is checking on options for an Amnesty period for multi-cat households, contract options, options for written follow up to complaints vs. sending an officer in low priority cases, and prioritizing pickups within administrative policies vs. ordinances.
- The RPDC has been researching costs for kenneling animals if the City owned and operated the service.

Diabetes Funding Committee

- The Diabetes Funding Committee met to discuss the approach to use to recognize the sponsors for their assistance with the project.
- The Committee will review the pilot project recommendations for the participants and begin the project in September 2005.
- Four Star Drug has pledged a cash donation to the project and continues to have staff represented with the project.
- The pharmaceutical companies are being approached for funding of the media and training components of the project.

Other

- The RPDC will be participating in the American Cancer Society federal advocacy training and visit in September representing LLCHD. Charlotte Burke is the usual representative and is unable to attend this year.
- The RPDC continues to coordinate state legislative efforts for LLCHD, meets biweekly with the other city agency legislative liaisons, and is monitoring the Medicaid Reform Council and other interim study activities and sharing that information with relevant divisions.

ANIMAL CONTROL

- In July, Animal Control Officers responded to 2,141 requests for services (requiring 2,413 visits or investigations) which included 56 bites and 16 attack investigations, 135 injured animal rescues, 136 cruelty/neglect investigations, 260 dead animal pickups, 24 home deliveries of at large animals, 57 wildlife removals, and 626 license/rabies vaccination follow ups. As of July 31, Animal Control Officers have responded to 18,823 calls in FY 2005 as compared to 21,342 for the same period in FY 2004 or a decrease of 11.8% due primarily to a reduction in license follow ups and an unfilled Animal Control Officer vacancy.
- A total of 381 animals (207 dogs, 160 cats, and 14 other animals) were impounded in June. Year to date, the number of impounded animals is 8.5% lower than the same period last year. The average claim rate of impounded animals at the shelter is 41.6%.
- Additionally, 4,046 licenses were sold or issued, 184 lost and found reports were taken, and 4,405 phone calls for service, animal complaints, or information were handled or processed in July. Legal action taken by officers in June was the issuance of 55 court citation and 602 warning/defect tickets.
- On July 31, a call was received from a citizen who was walking on West O, near SW 44th and noticed a injured domestic pig in the ditch. Animal Control officers Wachal, Sipp, and Brown responded. Local residences were contacted and no one in the area owned pigs. The pig had a broken back as it could not move its rear legs. It was unknown how long the pig had been there. It was speculated that the pig escaped from a truck and fell into the ravine, injuring itself. Because injuries to the pig were so severe, LPD was called and the pig was euthanized.
- On August 15, Animal Control Officer Brown responded to an abandon dog call in the 3400 block of C street. The complainant had observed an old beat up grey colored American made car with a rattling/noisy muffler stop in front of his house. The citizen observed a black male getting out of the car with a German Shorthair Pointer and remove a carrier. He put the dog in the carrier on curb and then left the location. The citizen removed the dog from the carrier, provided water, and called Animal Control. The dog was impounded at the shelter along with the carrier.
- Animal Control Officer Sipp impounded 3 adult pitbull dogs running at large in the area of 29th and 30th along F street. The dogs had no identification or collars and were transported to the shelter. Officer Sipp proceeded to unload the dogs and took one dog into the shelter. When he returned, Officer Sipp was told by a shelter employee that he saw an individual leaving the parking area waving at him. He then noticed the other two pitbulls were gone. The shelter employee and two LPS Bus shop employees who observed the incident indicated the individual did remove the dogs from the Animal Control vehicle. LPD was contacted and took information from the witnesses. Officer Sipp recalled he had received a complaint on dogs running loose, he did not find the dogs, but an individual had stopped him and asked if he found any pitbulls running at large as she was looking for them. She had indicated the owner lived at 2918 E. The LPD Officer and Officer Sipp went to the address and heard two dogs barking. The female party at a neighboring residence indicated the male had found his dogs, dropped them off, and left. Within a few minutes the owner returned and jokingly admitted he had removed the dogs from the city vehicle. He was cited by LPD for theft and officer Sipp cited the individual for one

count of interference with capture, 3 counts of running at large, 3 counts of no license and 3 counts of no rabies.

- Officer Dunn and Field Supervisor Lowry responded to a call of a dog being kicked down steps at 1545 Washington. When they responded they found several individuals coming and going at the address. They made contact with the female owner of the dog and decided to verify if any outstanding warrants existed due to the meth type behavior of the owner. The other individuals suddenly left. When LPD arrived to arrest the owner, a male friend saw the LPD officers, gave the keys to the female owner and took off running. One officer arrested the female owner and the other chased the male, but was unable to apprehend the male party. As there were no injuries to the dog, the female was cited for no license and rabies, and then taken to corrections for the outstanding warrant.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

ACCESS MEDICAID

Population Focused Projects and Activities

- The call abandonment rate this month was 6%, which is very good. Call volume was 1,437, a decrease of 144 calls.
- 29 clients accessed Nebraska Health Connection/Kids Connection services in the office.
- The Client Resource Specialist (CRS) completed 16 home visits in an effort to reach 28 clients. The CRS was successful in interacting with 18 clients who ended up enrolling and receiving Managed Care education for the month of July.
- The CRS also tries to reach Medicaid Managed Care clients on the telephone to encourage enrollment. Out of 43 possible participants called, 56% (24 total) were reached successfully, and enrolled by a PHN.
- Public Health staff members attended meetings and contributed expertise to the following this month: Community Early Childhood Coalition, LLCHD Domestic Violence Committee, Lincoln Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition, Headstart Excite Policy Committee meeting, LLCHD Breastfeeding Committee, and the Bryan LGH Medical Center Emergency Department Case Management Committee.

Community Linkages

- Access Medicaid provided outreach at several locations throughout the month of July. Community activities gave the CRS the opportunity to provide formal presentations or informal opportunities for staff and/or clients to receive managed care education or ask questions. The CRS interacted with 69 clients at outreach activities. Visits were made to African Community Center, Clinic With A Heart, Lincoln Interfaith Council, Christian Heritage Center, NUIMC, and Peoples Health Center.
- The CRS and the Assistant Supervisor with LMEDP have started dialogue for a possible outstation this fall.
- Access Medicaid Public Health Nurses have provided staffing for 2 hours each week at People's Health Center and 3 hours weekly at Nebraska Urban Indian Medical Center. Nurses assisted 51 clients this month, which is an increase from last month. They performed enrollment/transfer activities, updated health questions, provided managed care education and answered questions about how to obtain transportation services, eligibility for Medicaid coverage, mental health services, and how to get referrals to see other providers. Arabic interpreters were utilized on two occasions to

- assist with the interview process. Informational materials were available to all clients at each clinic.
- There was one funding request that was funded in July.
7/8/05 Lincoln Action Program for the 16th Annual Back to School Fair—\$5,000.
- The Assistant Supervisor completed a Managed Care Education presentation at local HHS staff meeting for one team of caseworkers.

New Opportunities

- The Program Manager continues to serve as the Chair of the PHAN (Public Health Association of Nebraska) Conference Planning Committee. That conference is a statewide conference that will be held in Grand Island on September 22 and 23. The Program Manager also serves on PHAN's Board and is the Secretary.
- Staff attended an immunization telecast, conference call related to the pertussis vaccine, and the annual in-service on Domestic Violence.
- Assistant Supervisor attended "Data 101: The Basics of Incorporating Data into Public Health Practice" and a Forensic Epidemiology class.
- One PHN completed her recertification training as a CPR instructor to assist with Department recertification classes.
- The Program Manager has been representing the CHS Division at Medicare, Part D meetings and trainings.

Data Collection/Outcomes

- 18,278 total clients eligible for Medicaid Managed Care with 17,507 who are active with a PCP and health plan. This represents an increase of 37 clients as compared to June who are active with a PCP and health plan.
- 800 new clients are eligible for Medicaid Managed Care in Lancaster County.
- 691 clients voluntarily enrolled with a doctor (PCP) and health plan via face to face or telephone contact, representing a decrease of 18 clients.
- 80 clients were auto assigned reflecting an 8% auto assignment rate, which is down from the 12% that it was in June.
- There were 1,437 incoming calls in July. Staff answered 1,355 calls. This reflects a 6% call abandonment rate.

Program Highlight

- A training meeting was held this month with Provider Resources Staff at both locations.
- Work is being done to bring the program into compliance with CMS regulations—the guidebook was updated and the matrix is currently being evaluated.
- The quarterly QA meeting was held in July and the program manager met with the UNMC-College of Nursing staff afterward to evaluate pieces of the program.

Program Summary

- Systems Specialist II position (.5) remains open. A contract with a computer service company has been drafted and is at the City Attorney's office.

CHS PROGRAM EVALUATION

Community Activities

- The PHAN Fall Conference finalized the workshops and sessions chosen for presentation. The application for approved contact hours from the Nebraska Nurses Association was completed by the deadline of July 22, 2005. The conference is to be held September 22 and 23, 2005 in Grand Island.

Department Activities

- This month in QI Council, Program Evaluator (PE) was on the subcommittee to identify themes about values of the department from the interviews done in June. The first draft of these themes were presented to the council on July 13. Reading through the interviews and to see the values that were described and experienced by the people who work here every day, expressed in such a positive fashion, was both a humbling and also exhilarating experience.

Division Activities

- Regarding the Public Health Clinic's Primary Care Clinic, data entry has begun. Ultimately, six months worth of data from March through August will be collected as a base line. PE participated in reviewing records to speed up progress. Data clean up was done initially in order to achieve accurate results. Also, PE visited with Ann Fetrick, QI Coordinator and Justin Jedlacek, Information Services, regarding the database for the Clinic and how to best capture the information needed. The idea was to do queries based on physician diagnoses codes to track diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. It was apparent that information could be lost unless the Nursing Care Pathway was also used to gather information on these conditions. The discussion led to an improved method of collecting the data.
- CHS Staff Development in July was a Divisional staff meeting and a presentation by the Young Families Program at LMEP.
- Creation of Monthly Reports spread sheets for Fiscal Year 05-06 for Home and Community has begun. Home and Community Supervisor is requesting changes that will reflect acuity. These are needed by September.
- Data collection regarding Casework in Home and Community has been delayed. The report on annual activities will therefore also be delayed.
- The Home and Community team requested assistance to reach consensus on definitions for data base information collection. Staff are beginning to take owner-ship of this process. The committee reviewed the definitions in July.
- The Evidenced Based Practice Committee for Home and Community met on July 14, 2005 to review the design of the Fussy Baby Survey, relating to issues of allergy and protein intolerance in infants. It was discussed that this survey could have wider application than only Home and Community. The committee plans to extend data collection from other sections on this issue.

HOME AND COMMUNITY

Healthy Pregnancies/Healthy Children

- The HCB Team works to assure that all women have healthy pregnancies and that all children have healthy birth outcomes in Lancaster County, via a two-pronged approach; (1) home visitation of high-risk families, and (2) population-based interventions to improve the overall wellness of men and women of childbearing age (ages 14-44).

Home Visitation

- This month 591 high-risk mothers/infants were visited (54% pregnant women, 44% infants, and 2% children > 1 year of age). An additional 78 families were assessed by telephone. A total of 136 referrals for services were received.

Home visitation example

- PHN received an impromptu referral from the Director of the Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center on an infant born 6 weeks prematurely. The PHN visited the young mother the next day. The mother reported trouble with breastfeeding and stated that her baby wasn't gaining weight. The family's insurance would not cover breastpumps. Upon assessment of the infant, the PHN noted poor weight gain and symptoms of lactose intolerance and severe reflux. The PHN arranged for the family to borrow an infant scale and a breastpump from MilkWorks and to begin care with a new physician. The physician completed a barium swallow and prescribed medication for reflux. The mother's milk supply increased and the infant, who had gained only 1 pound in her first 2 months of life, nearly doubled that gain within the first month after nursing intervention.

Wellness in Childbearing Years

- Two specialized population education/support groups for mothers and children met this month. Madres Saludables, a health promotion program for Hispanic mothers, served 87 women and children, another record high attendance number. The Iraqi Mother's Support Group experienced an increase in attendance as well. Both programs provide baseline health screening for women, health education topics/activities, and an opportunity for social support among women trying to navigate complex community systems (e.g. medical, transportation, etc.).
- The HCB Program applied for funds from the March of Dimes to study preconception care among health care providers in Lancaster County. Little is known about this service. The most vulnerable period of fetal development is within the first 17 days after conception. This, unfortunately, is the same time most women become aware of their pregnancy. Efforts to address risks after a woman is aware of her pregnancy are in essence, "too little, too late". The time to reduce most modifiable risks is before the pregnancy occurs.

Vulnerable Populations

Ethnic/Racial Minorities

- The first Minority Health Grant/Mobile Health Clinic was held this month at Shamrock Mobile Home Court (27th and Cornhusker Hwy. area). Seventeen (17) clients were screened for cardiovascular disease, 14 of whom were Hispanic. The majority of clients did not have a medical

home and were referred to the People's Health Center case manager. The clinic ran 45 minutes over the allotted time frame, because of the high utilization.

Children:

- Reviewed and made recommendations on 16 criminal histories for LLCHD's Small Family Child Care and Child Care Connection programs.

Health Stations:

- A total of 118 people were assessed and referred to needed services at community health stations this month.

Homelessness:

- Thirty seven (37) people utilized LLCHD specialized health stations serving the homeless this month for health assessments and/or health education. Sites include; the City Mission (8), Matt Talbot Kitchen (10), and the Gathering Place (19).

Assessment examples of homeless served

- 30 yr. old homeless male was assessed at the Matt Talbot Kitchen Health Station and referred to LLCHD's Primary Care Clinic for signs of confusion/heat-related illness and fungal dermatitis.
- PHN is working with a young homeless couple who accessed care through LLCHD's Presumptive Eligibility Program for pregnancy. Because they were homeless, the couple walked miles every day. The first time that the PHN met the couple, the young woman asked for a pair of shoes because the shoes she had on were borrowed from a friend. The father of the baby was a heavy smoker. Both had severe upper respiratory infections, were very thin, and did not have enough to eat. They slowly began to make some positive changes. The boyfriend quit smoking inside. The PHN referred the couple to community resources (Lincoln Housing Authority, ADC, Medicaid and Food Stamps). The family now has a place to live and adequate food to eat. They continue to become more self sufficient. The mother has a part time job with the potential for full time work. The baby is in process of evaluation/diagnosis for asthma and young couple is realizing that the prenatal smoking exposure might be contributory factor to her current problems. The young couple had a cat, which they got rid of when the baby started having airway problems. The baby's growth and development is within normal limits.

PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC

Population Focused Projects and Activities:

- 2,000 individuals were served in the Public Health Clinic
- 169 individuals seen in the Primary Care Clinic
- 12 PCC chronic disease clients referred to Peoples' Health Center
- 13 children seen in the Child Health Clinic
- 4 Women seen in the Every Woman Matters Breast and Cervical Screening Clinic
- 18 Individuals received prescriptions through the Grapevine Program
- 19 Prescriptions filled through the Grapevine Project
- 2,552 Call received through Information and referral Services

- 884 individuals called related to Medicaid Access to Care
- 99 families were assisted in establishing a medical home
- 82 pregnant women were served
- 876 rides were approved for transportation
- 7 volunteer physicians provided 36 hours of service to clients seen through the Primary Care Clinic

Total numbers of calls to Information and Referral Services:

Description	Count	%
Transportation	544	21.32 %
CDC/Nuisance Disease	51	2.00 %
Child Health Clinic	24	0.94 %
Every Woman Matters	25	0.98 %
General Assistance	40	1.57 %
General Information	48	1.88 %
Grapevine	39	1.53 %
HIV	59	2.31 %
Immunizations	410	16.07 %
Information Call	241	9.44 %
Internal Referral	117	4.58 %
Medicaid	171	6.70 %
Patient Assistant Program	65	2.55 %
Primary Care Clinic	440	17.24 %
Primary Care Mission Clinic	20	0.78 %
Repeat Caller	8	0.31 %
Referral to Other Agency	40	1.57 %
Referral to People’s Health Center	5	0.20 %
Referral to Urban Indian Center	1	0.04 %
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	177	6.94 %
Using Interpreter	8	0.31 %
Totals For Report	2,552	100.00%

Activities

- PHN is involved in a CATCH planning grant that is addressing the resources for home visitation in Lancaster County and the gaps in this service.
- PHN provided case management assistance to clients requesting prescription refills. There was a total of 53 refill requests made to staff through local pharmacies.
- 161 prescriptions were received from drug manufacturers and processed through the Patient Assistance Program.
- Staff participated in the community wide diabetes coalition meeting and attended two Treatment and Management meetings and one Steering Committee meeting.
- PHNs are orienting newly hired nurse at the Youth Service’s Center and assisting with the workload until the second nurse is hired and oriented.
- Staff participated in the Early Development Planning Region Team meeting which collaborates with area agencies to support the ongoing development and maintenance of services coordination and early development services provided for young children below age five, particularly those with disabilities and their families.

- Staff participated in HIV testing and education at a local bar.
- Staff participated in the Juneteenth celebration to provide STD/HIV education to 138 individuals ages 12 - 44.
- A presentation was provided to 14 inmates at the State Penitentiary on TB and STD/HIV.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION SERVICES

- Direct dental care was provided for 449 patients for 548 client visits during the month of July 2005.

COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

Screening/Treatment/Referral Services

- 33 clients were screened and referred after the initial screening for treatment services: 17 clients were screened on the MHC and 16 clients were screened through the LLCHD Dental Clinic; 4 clients were referred to the UNMC College of Dentistry for grant funded services; 11 clients were referred to the UNMC College of Dentistry on standard fee ; 1 client was referred to the UNMC College of Dentistry for reduced fee; 11 clients were referred to the LLCHD Dental Clinic; 13 clients were referred to speciality dentists; 1 client were referred to a private dentist; and 6 clients were referred to other.

Mobile Health Clinic Site visits/services

- Total contacts for July 2005 - 60 clients/ 8 site visits

Dental Services

- Total Mobile Health Clinic Contacts for July 2005 - 21 clients/4 site visits
- Screened 3 clients at the People's City Mission (1 site visit).
- Screened 5 clients and provided 2 consultations at the Lincoln Action Program (1 site visit)
- Screened 9 clients and provided 2 consultations at the Matt Talbot Kitchen (2 site visits).

Speciality clinics

- Total MHC Contacts for July 2005: 39 clients/4 site visits.
- Ace Hardware: Adult Risk Assessment/Health Screenings - 5 clients (5 clients had abnormal results or elevated risk factors; 1 client was referred to private dentist. Race/ethnicity: 5 Caucasian.
- WalMart North; Adult Risk Assessment/Health Screenings - 6 clients (6 clients with abnormal results or elevated risk factors; 3 clients referred to private providers. Race/ethnicity: 4 Caucasian, 1 African American, 1 Hispanic.

- Shamrock Court; Adult Risk Assessment/ Health Screenings - Minority Health Grant Clinic: 17 clients (12 clients with abnormal results or elevated risk factors; 15 clients referred - 1 referral to Primary Care Provider, 14 to People's Health Center for medical home. Race/ethnicity: 3 Caucasian, 14 Hispanic.
- Fresh Start Home; Adult Risk Assessment/Health Screenings - 10 clients (10 clients with abnormal results or elevated risk factors; 8 clients referred - 5 to LLCHD Dental Clinic, 3 to People's Health Center, 1 to LLCHD Primary Care Clinic. Race/ethnicity: 6 Caucasian, 5 not identified for race or ethnicity.

ORAL HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

- Total Audience Reached: 50
- One presentation to 24 clients at Lincoln Action Program for Basic Skills Class.
- Oral health education and risk assessment contacts during MHC site visits for Chronic Disease Prevention: 3 site visits/26 clients; Ace Hardware - 7 clients; WalMart - 8 clients; Fresh Start Home - 11 clients.

WIC PROGRAM SERVICES

- WIC Caseload for the Month of July: 3,253
 - Main Clinic - 2,488
 - LMEP - 2,488
 - People's Health Center - 90
 - Access Medicaid Office - 259
- Over 70% of the participants are considered at the highest risk, which includes major health conditions, abnormal pregnancies, and abnormal lab values. 30% of the caseload are women and 25% are infants. Over 85% of the participants enrolled received vouchers. The average food package cost for women was \$35.14, and for children the average food package cost was \$34.62. Infant food package costs range from \$43.20 to \$121.15 depending on the exclusivity of breastfeeding. Approximately \$164,000 is expended each month for food vouchers issued through WIC at LLCHD.

MISCELLANEOUS

- One dental student and one dental hygiene student from the UNMC College of Dentistry rotated through the Dental Clinic.
- One dental assisting student from Southeast Community College rotated through the Dental Clinic.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

- Technical assistance on indoor air quality was provided to 189 individuals via phone and 20 information packets were mailed. 14 cases were investigated and required 20 field visits.
- Staff gave a presentation at ESRI's International GIS Users Conference in San Diego regarding how LLCHD uses GIS to facilitate the review of various land-use applications relative to any potential negative public health impacts. Approximately 30 people attended the session.
- Staff met with the People's City Mission to provide technical assistance relative to the development of an emergency response plan for their childcare facility.
- Staff investigated (3) dust complaints.
- Staff conducted noise readings at the Library Lounge in response to a request from the Lounge to construct a beer garden at the south side of the building. The Planning Commission denied the request because of the close proximity of this proposed facility to nearby residences. The owner's have appealed to the City Council.
- Further revision of the draft amended Theresa Street WWTP construction permit was made to provide some flexibility in dealing with emission testing requirements. The stack test of the two engines at the Theresa Street WWTP was observed. Tests for NOx and CO were conducted. The emissions information will be used to complete development of the draft Class II operating permit for this facility.
- Review of the Title V permit renewal application submitted by Kawasaki continued. Several MACT rules that are applicable to this source are being reviewed to identify the specific portions of the rules that Kawasaki is required to comply with. These rules will be incorporated into the new permit.
- Source inspections were conducted at Telex, Snyder Industries, Pfizer, Jacob North, Speedway Motors, and Mapes Industries.
- 742 hours of Carbon Monoxide (CO) sampling and 742 Ozone sampling were conducted. 15 PM2.5 samples were taken. All were within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

- 8 applications and/or renewals were received for the city permit.
- "Navigate Your Way to Safe & Healthy Child Care" or Providers Exploring Policies (PEP) program visits were made to the following child care facilities: Highlands, Superior, Westminster, University Child Care and SCC. All child care centers are working on policy development with the exception of Westminster who is waiting on State Accreditation and will close their PEP file in August 2005. The director, Jo Ellen Beil, stated this program is like a gold mine for center directors and without the assistance of LLCHD she would not have been able to get as far as she did in the accreditation process.
- An outbreak of Salmonella was investigated after a lab confirmed case in a childcare center, and two others in the area were reported to the department. While the investigation is ongoing, it appears all 3 cases can be traced to a meal at a family gathering prior to the onset of the illnesses.

This case has piqued the interest of other health agencies, due to the extreme rarity of reports of this particular strain of Salmonella.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

- Staff responded to one suspicious powder call, one illegal oil dumping, one fish kill/bad wwtp call, one bomb squad call out of county, and one gasoline spill. The fish kill was caused by the disposal of large amounts of glycols from a geothermal system that was being repaired. The contractor released the glycol into a treatment plant. The plant was overwhelmed and the glycol and solids passed through the plant. Over 200 fish were killed over a 3 mile stretch of the stream.
- Staff provided 4 presentations on biological and white powder response to over 100 INS supervisors this month. These presentations were designed to assist the INS in determining when they should be calling for support from local health and fire departments.
- Staff participated in one major exercise involving the US Postal Service, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, Lancaster County Emergency Management and the Lincoln Police Department. This exercise was done prior to the installation of the new BDS anthrax detection system in the Lincoln Post Office.
- Staff attended a mutual aid meeting, a number of meetings with the post office in advance of the exercise, 2 MMRS meetings, one meeting with university staff in regard to chemical testing and the use of university equipment.

FOOD PROGRAM

- Staff provided an on-site Level II foodhandler class at the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital. 32 persons were in attendance.
- The Spanish Level II Foodhandler Class has been rewritten to better present the information. Environmental Health Specialist, Maritza Leon has translated the entire PowerPoint presentation.
- 32 complaints on food establishments were received, with 8 reports of possible foodborne illnesses.
- A Food Enforcement Notice was given to Gas N Shop at 4003 West Highway 34 for numerous repeat critical violations and repeat sanitation violations.
- The Body Art Practitioner Permit issued to Karli Haller (employed at Exotica.) was revoked as a result of conviction in Lancaster County Court for 3 counts of piercing a minor without parental consent.
- The Body Art Practitioner Permit issued to Jeff Sayers (employed at Tattoo Asylum) was revoked as a result of conviction in Lancaster County Court for applying a tattoo to a minor without parental consent or presence.
- There were 998 foodhandlers trained in good hygiene and sanitary practice.
- The plan review coordinator reviewed nine (9) restaurant plans.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Staff answered calls from 16 individuals with requests for assistance in recycling or disposal options for computers and photocopiers, medical waste disposal, mercury thermostats, latex paint, used oil, lead acid batteries, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs, and pesticides.
- Staff provided technical assistance to the Federal Aviation Administration on waste management and disposal, the Nebraska National Guard Civil Support Team, a pharmacy concerning medical waste management issues, the Nebraska Task Force One Urban Search and Rescue Team on pesticides, Waverly Fire and Rescue on procedures for petroleum spills, the Lincoln Radio Shop and the North 40th Meth lab clean-up.
- There were 112 solid waste nuisance complaints received and 9 referrals were made for illegal dumping clean-ups along County roadside right-of-ways.
- Staff reviewed 340 inventories this month. 68 special waste permits were issued. 53 permit renewals were sent to Group 2B. 55 phone calls concerning waste disposal or special waste permitting were answered.

WATER QUALITY

- As result of a subdivision review and resulting inspection, a water well was discovered in a pit. Staff worked with the owners of the property to get the well constructed to meet standards.
- Interviews were provided to several television stations about the possible first human possible case of West Nile in Lancaster County.
- Staff consulted with new owners of The View/ Stadium Apartments and a local pest control operator on mosquito breeding sites on the property. The apartments are located next to existing wetlands near Salt Creek requiring ongoing surveillance and treatment to keep mosquito activity to a minimum.
- Staff met with the Yardmaster for Burlington Northern and Sante Fe Railroad regarding mosquito breeding sites long the railroad right-of-way.
- Numerous complaints regarding unfenced inflatable pools are being fielded by staff. The calls are a result of the attention to the drowning hazard of these pools from the "Keep Us Safe" educational campaign by LLCHD. Staff met with upset homeowners who learned that a four foot high fence would be needed for their inflatable pool. In most cases the homeowners cooled down after a few days and realized the importance of fencing to prevent near-drowning and drowning.
- Staff investigated a possible illicit connection to the storm sewer in the 69th and Huntington area.
- Staff assisted in the investigation in a fish kill problem at Highlands Golf Course. It appears the fish kill is related to the heat or other natural conditions.
- Staff began contacting members of Financial Institutions, Real Estate Profession, Nebraska On-site Wastewater Association and the County Board to explain and gain input on the proposed

Property Transfer Code.

- Staff inspected five municipal facilities and four industrial facilities as part of the City of Lincoln's NPDES permit.
- Standing water was drained from several areas along a storm water drainage system near Capitol Beach. Elimination of the mosquito breeding site was a result of a meeting between LLCHD and board members of the homeowners association in the area.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND LAND USE PLANNING

- Staff conducted (23) land-use reviews and provided written comments to the planning department.
- Land-use Reviews of note:
 - * A special permit for a beer garden. LLCHD had concerns relative to the close proximity of residential zoning and noise.
 - * An application for a rural subdivision. An on-site inspection revealed that the septic tank serving the system was covered with a plywood lid and that only one treatment lateral exists. LLCHD required that the system be inspected.
 - * A use permit application for a commercial development. Review of the site plan revealed that according to LLCHD's Geographic Information System (GIS) records, a twelve inch high pressure underground natural gas pipeline is located to the north of this proposed development. LLCHD calculated a hazard area of approximately 220 feet on each side for this pipeline. However, LLCHD recommended that future owners and/or lessees of buildings located within the projected hazard area, depicted in the attached map, be advised of the natural gas pipeline's presence and location.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The CODES online query system has been completed in nearly final form, allowing for a user-defined, two-by-two analysis with graphs and tables. The query tool development was a joint project between HDE and Information and Financial Management; Bhanu Mudhunuri, Raju Kakarlapudi and Zhong Xu are the staff members who did the programming and design work. The project was financed under a grant with the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety. The CODES online tool will be shown at the next Management Team meeting as the first of several databases that will be available to be queried online. The next database will be the YRBS survey data, followed by BRFSS data and Vital Statistics.
- The Division, along with EPH and the Director's Office, utilizing our Department's internal command structure has been involved in the US Postal Service's installation of the Biohazard Detection System (BDS), a unit that detects anthrax spores; and the related emergency response drill and planning activities. The Department will maintain the USPS's cache of drugs used for prophylaxis in the event that the BDS goes off and it appears that the postal employees have been exposed to anthrax. BDS equipment has been installed in Omaha, and will soon be installed in the Lincoln, Grand Island and Norfolk postal offices. Coordination with the Nebraska

Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure has also been part of the process.

- The Department's recent experience with the "white powder" incident at the Customs and Immigration Service, the BDS drill and another drill with the Civilian Support Team (CST) have helped sharpen our skills and better define our emergency roles in the event of a biological or chemical bioterrorism event, or any natural disaster. Dan Huse, BT Emergency Response and MMRS Coordinator, has been charged with assigning roles for all LLCHD staff to finalize the latest version of the Department's Emergency Response Plan. Last year's response to the Hallam tornado has also helped to give us valuable lessons in learning how best to respond to natural disasters.
- The HDE Manager and QI/QA Coordinator have been assisting with information needed for the development of the Action Now diabetes website, 123ActionNow.org, which will be operational in September. The goal is to provide local information on community resources and the Action Now coalition, as well as provide easy links to the best material from outside sources such as the American Diabetes Association, the CDC and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

- Communicable Disease staff investigated a case of *E.coli* in a child care facility. Staff carried out interviews, participated in epidemiology meetings and made a joint visit to the child care with Environmental Public Health staff.
- Staff investigated case of pertussis (whooping cough) in a two-year old child who attended a child care facility. All the parents of children in the infant room were contacted to recommend prophylaxis for pertussis. The Department also recommended staff members who had cared for the child, or who became symptomatic, should seek prophylaxis. One staff member who cared for the child had been ill with pertussis symptoms prior to the child's illness but had never been diagnosed. No further symptomatic children or staff members were identified.
- Staff investigated a case of pertussis case in a 6-year old child who attended the school aged children's program. A letter was sent to the parents informing them of the positive case and giving recommendations if their child became symptomatic. No other cases were identified.
- Staff investigated a child care where a child who had *Salmonella* attended. This case was found to be connected to a number of other cases in individuals who had attended a wedding reception. No additional cases were found in the child care facility.
- Staff did follow-ups on three possible cases of West Nile virus (WNV) infection. One case was confirmed by CDC and the other two were clinically determined.

GRANTS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Immunization Action Program (IAP)

- LLCHD hosted the CDC Immunization Update 2005 Public Health Training Network Satellite Broadcast on July 28, 2005. Two sessions were attended by a total of 24 individuals from the

local and state health departments, from various providers' offices and from Lincoln Public Schools.

- An informational article for National Immunization Awareness Month was prepared and sent to the editor of the local monthly free publication, "Star City Health," for publication in August. The article encouraged families to be sure that all members were up-to-date on their immunizations, explained how immunizations work to protect us from disease, and discussed the upcoming "booster pertussis vaccine" which will soon be available.
- A LIVE (Lincoln Information and Vaccination Effort) Coalition member staffed a booth at the Family Services Health Fair at the Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center in Airpark on July 30, 2005.
- A LIVE Coalition meeting was held July 12, 2005. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Mary Merritt for her extensive voluntary participation in support of the LIVE Coalition and its work, and to Lamar Outdoor Advertising for their continued support of our immunization efforts.

Perinatal Hepatitis B Program (PHBP)

- Three cases were opened and no cases were closed in August. The current caseload is 20.

TB Program

- The TB Program currently has 5 individuals on Direct Observation Treatment (DOT) for TB.
- A total of 5 consultations on TB were provided in July to staff, local health care providers and the public.

MMRS (Metropolitan Medical Response System)

- MMRS partners transferred decontamination equipment to the new trailers. MMRS had the old lettering removed from the previous trailers and began transferring them to their new owners. One trailer ended up with LLCHD in the air quality program.
- The MMRS Coordinator participated in a readiness exercise with the Lincoln Bomb Squad. This exercise led to the recognition that the bomb team needs a new way to transport their latest equipment, including their robot. The MMRS is purchasing a lightly modified cargo trailer that will have all of the equipment and resources for the team in a single unit. The current vehicle of the bomb team is unreliable and prone to frequent mechanical breakdowns.
- NE HHSS held a behavioral health tabletop exercise as part of the 2005 Nebraska Disaster Behavioral Health Conference. MMRS was once again a sponsor of the conference. The 2005 Conference was held on July 14/15 in Omaha. The event has grown and continues to attract renowned speakers. The MMRS will probably sponsor the 2006 conference as well.
- The MMRS Advisory Committee voted to sponsor research activities with the UNL Public Policy Center. There will be two research projects looking into the May 2004 tornados. One will examine the long term effects of Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) for responders and the other will examine the spontaneous volunteers who helped with the cleanup efforts. The

research proposal to assess the impact on volunteers, which is still conceptual, has already attracted some noteworthy national attention.

- The MMRS Coordinator traveled to Washington, D.C. with a dozen other coordinators to help educate Congressional leaders about the MMRS program prior to critical conference committee deliberation concerning the fate of appropriations for Homeland Security, of which MMRS is one piece. None of the coordinators actually asked for funds as our mission was to educate about the program and indicate our impact on communities across the US.
- The MMRS Coordinator conducted a debriefing meeting for LLCHD staff from activities surrounding the US Postal Service BDS exercise.

EPIDEMIOLOGY/GIS

- Staff cleaned and weighted BRFSS 2004 data, along with analyzing the data and preparing a table by question variable.
- A questionnaire was prepared and utilized for a *Salmonella* outbreak.
- Staff calculated population estimate for the year 2004 by race and ethnicity.
- The staff cleaned and categorized YRBSS 2005 data and analyzed smoking trends among youth.
- The life expectancy for Lancaster County's black female population was calculated by staff.
- Staff assisted HPO in proving data for race specific demographics.
- The CODES database was recoded and staff are working with IFM in completing the CODES Online Query Tool.
- A staff member worked on the Action Now website to provide samples web pages and the Diabetes Risk Tool was completed for the site.
- Staff analyzed the MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership) database for a management report.
- Staff compiled a report for the Health Director regarding the trend in race specific infant mortality rates for 1993-2003.
- The GIS Analyst attended the 2005 ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, CA.
- Maps for WNV program to determine owner responsibility for mosquito breeding sites were created by staff.
- The GIS Analyst attended a Lidar workshop in Sioux Falls, SD to learn how to use Lincoln Lidar (US Geological Service topographic information) data in ArcGIS9.
- Staff located areas of town for continuing noise monitoring and provided historical data dating back to 1982.
- The ArcPad application to monitor signal strength for wireless internet access with the Department's laptops was developed.

- Staff demonstrated ArcIMS application for the Department's Childrens Environmental Public Health and is currently customizing and correcting some issues.
- Maps for walking routes in the Woods Park Neighborhood were created and printed.
- Maps were created for FY 2004-2005 for unclaimed cats picked up by Animal Control.
- Staff created block group demographic maps including renter/owner occupied housing and single parent households.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- The diabetes website has been a top priority and the Quality Improvement Coordinator has been meeting and communicating with SnitilyCarr.
- The QI Coordinator helped get the Risk Assessment tool into a print ready format. The Department should be receiving 1,000 two-page, double-sided, color copies soon, courtesy of the State Diabetes Program.
- Staff coordinated video purchasing for the Action NOW! Community Diabetes Prevention & Control project which also included previewing, decision-making, and dealing with community partners.
- Clinic quality improvement/assurance projects continue. Preliminary reports from the Primary Care Clinic corroborate with the recent audit done by the State Diabetes Program in that our patients appear to be "sicker" than they were last year and sicker than the average, probably in part because we are making every effort to be the provider of last resort (before the Emergency Room), NOT the medical home of our clients. We are developing reports concerning 3 main streams of information: (1) demographics (with more detail and utility than reports we have generated in the past, (2) measures of client outcomes (such as Hgb A1c's, blood pressures, BMI's, etc), and (3) measures of our quality of care (A1c's taken at appropriate intervals, smoking, domestic violence, and ER use screens done or not, etc).
- Mobile Health Clinic program evaluation involvement continues. We are seeking to develop easier ways of gathering and inputting data, and making reports. Also, we would like to develop an easier search capacity for "regular" clients who visit the MHC.
- The Core Values project with the Quality Improvement Council has been approved by the Health Director and Assistant Health Director. Implementation is being planned.
- The Quality Improvement Council is looking at ways to promote knowledge and skills development learned from the book, *Good to Great*, by Jim Collins.
- Strategic planning regarding Core Competencies Learning Objectives continues on the work plan.
- The QI Coordinator served as a Quality Coach for a new project with WIC this month, Open Access Scheduling, a WIC customer improvement program.
- Services Coordination Respite translation into Spanish project is nearing completion.
- Work continues with Computer Resources staff on improving the electronic storage and retrieval process for translated materials.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

ADOLESCENT AND FAMILY HEALTH

- Staff continue to coordinate the smoking cessation project. Extensive promotion of the free cessation programs will be done in the medically underserved area (MUA) to encourage more minority populations to take advantage of the free services. Cessation classes and support groups will rotate on a monthly basis among People's Health Center, Salvation Army and Malone Center.
- Staff is participating on the event planning committee (a group of agencies involved with Community Learning Center programs) for the Lights On Afterschool Program to be held at Haymarket Park in October. This is a celebration to thank all the families who participate in afterschool programs and to raise awareness to the importance of these valuable programs.
- Staff continue to create new printed resource material for the Lincoln Fatherhood Coalition. A resource guide and three other brochures have been developed to distribute through Health Department programs and coalition member/agencies. The coalition collaborated with Lincoln Parks and Rec's City pools and created FIN SWIM (father-involvement night) every Friday after 6:00 pm. Dads get in free with a paid child at participating pools. This is a great effort to support fathers getting out and being involved with their kids and doing something together.
- Funding and community support are being sought to better promote the radio program "The Parent's Journal." The parenting resource has been airing on KZUM for over a year and has received positive feedback. It is the goal of KZUM and the Health Department to continue the show for at least one more year and get more parents, grandparents, caregivers, etc. exposed to the resource. Ivanna Cone has signed on as a sponsor and we will be working out some promotional partnerships.
- Staff are working on a sub-committee of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Coalition to create a public awareness campaign during October to raise awareness to National Family Sexuality Education Month. Information table tents will be made available for restaurants, worksite cafeterias, community centers, schools, etc. In addition a youth panel presentation as part of a Lunch-n-Learn program will be offered to businesses, civic organizations, schools, etc.
- Staff attended the BryanLGH Kids Health Fair this month. Information about parenting and the Lincoln Fatherhood Coalition was given out to over 1,000 people who visited the display table.

CHRONIC DISEASE & EVERY WOMAN MATTERS

- The July Recall Management Report indicated that in May, 15 women were enrolled but not screened, 124 women needed rescreening, and 13 needed mammograms done. 12 of these women were Spanish-speaking and 6 were Vietnamese-speaking.
- Community Outreach Activities: Staff provided EWM information to 5 women at Clinic With A Heart and gave out 2 application packets. EWM program information was also discussed with 6 women at Lancaster County Corrections and 8 women at the Indian Center Food Net.
- A presentation on Health and Wellness was provided to 18 people at the LAP Basic Skills Class.
- Staff did follow-up contact and provided additional EWM program materials to Plaza Pharmacy,

Matt Talbot, City Mex, Oriental Market, Wagey, Super Saver (27th and Cornhusker) and Walgreen's (27th & Vine).

- Staff attended the FIRST Project, Inc. presentation on New Nebraskans from the Middle East which was considered very informative. FIRST Project has been an important resource in promoting the EWM program to refugees and immigrants in our community.
- Contractual Outreach Staff: Spanish-speaking clients were contacted by the contractual outreach staff. This person is now also employed part time at Peoples Health Center which has been particularly helpful in promotion of the EWM program to women in need. Brochure holders with Spanish EWM brochures have been placed at the US Bank (13&M) since there are many Hispanic women who use this location. Brochures were also placed at US Bank branch location near WalMart on Superior Street and at Indian Village.
- Other: The 4th Quarter Report was submitted to NHSS. During the 4th quarter, 65.2% of English-speaking clients responded to LLCHD contacts for rescreening and a mammogram. Barriers identified included transportation, work/school conflicts, unresolved billing issues and refusal to get an exam for fear of receiving another bill. During the 4th quarter, 24 Spanish-speaking and 17 Vietnamese-speaking clients were provided assistance by contractual outreach workers. Information and referral were provided for 133 clients and potential clients, representing a 41.5% increase over the 3rd quarter. 78 women enrolled in the EWM program during the last report period. The total number of women enrolled during FY 2005 has increased 51.6% compared to FY 2004.
- Healthy Lifestyle Support Project: As funding for this grant ended June 30, 2005, a final report of activities and budget was submitted to DHSS. Women who are currently receiving service under this project were informed that follow-up will be provided by the State EWM program.
- Coalition for Older Adult Promotion (COAHP): Congressman Tom Osborne has agreed to be the keynote speaker for the COAHP Annual Meeting in October. He will focus on issues affecting the older population. A backup speaker is arranged in case the Congressional session runs over the scheduled time.
- Mobile Health Clinic: 4 adult health screening clinics were held in July, one of which was designated as a Minority Health grant clinic. 22 persons received screening at the 3 basic clinics; of 5 persons screened at Ace Hardware, all had abnormal clinical results or risk factors; of 6 persons screened at WalMart North, all had abnormal clinical results or risk factors; and of the 11 clients screened at Fresh Start Home all had abnormal clinical results or risk factors (1 had hypoglycemia).
- 17 persons were screened at Shamrock Court (Minority Health Grant Clinic). 12 persons had abnormal clinical results or risk factors. 14 persons were Hispanic and 3 were White. 14 persons were referred to Peoples' Health Center as they had no medical home.
- The total number of persons receiving screening in adult health clinics during July was 41.
- Community Diabetes Project: Staff continued to meet with the Dietetic Intern who is revising the Diabetic Education Manual for Action Now. The Manual has been reviewed by a variety of community persons and will now be finalized with assistance by Mary Jo Gillespie. It is

anticipated that this will be completed by mid-August. The Community Diabetes Program, 123 Action Now, will be officially introduced to the public in September with a media conference, introduction of the website, and launch of a media campaign.

- Lincoln Lancaster County Crusade Against Colorectal Cancer: A request has been sent to all Crusade community partners to identify resource commitments for FY 2006. These will be evaluated in August to determine program priorities for the coming year.
- Targeting In On Cancer, Year 2: A \$7,000 award was received from NHHS Comprehensive Cancer Program for continuation funding of this community based cancer awareness initiative. A proposal summary, work plan and budget are being developed. It is intended that grant effort be expanded from the current focus on the African American population to include all minority persons with emphasis on those living in the medically under served area (MUA).
- Skin Cancer Screening: Although no screening occurred during the current month, staff is working with physician offices to schedule Mobile Health Clinic screening events in August.
- Minority Health Grant: This grant, which includes partnerships with Peoples Health Center, Lancaster County Medical Society, Clinic with a Heart, Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, UNL Public Policy Center and LLCHD was funded to start on July 1, 2005. Multiple partner meetings were held to determine consensus on data elements for grant reporting. All partners will have some service activities to report during the month of July. Budget report forms were finalized and will also be obtained on a monthly basis. The first monthly report is due on August 15, 2005. Several joint partnership meetings were held to assure that processes were developing in a coordinated and workable manner. Partnership collaboration and enthusiasm in the development of this project and in delivery of services has been outstanding.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COORDINATION

- During the month of July 2005, there were 55 referrals made to the Early Development Services Coordination Program. Of the 55 referrals, 25 were younger than 2 years of age (program target population). In comparison, the average number of referrals for the month of June for the past nine years (Sept. 1995- August 2004 time period) is 27. These referrals were received from: parents - 22; physicians - 11; other health - 4; other agency - 17 (12 CAPTA); and E.D. transfer - 1. Reasons for referral include the following concerns: speech/language/hearing - 23; hearing only - 1; overall development - 9; motor - 2; diagnosed condition - 12; behavior - 0; and substantiated abuse/neglect - 8. Ages at referral: less than 1 year - 11; 1-2 years - 14; 2-3 years - 22; and 3 years (eligible to 8/31) - 8.
- The Early Development Services Coordination (EDSC) Program participated in the following public awareness and community activities: 1) A staffed public awareness display table was provided at the Welcome Baby event held at the Carol M. Yoakum Family Resource Center on 7-30-05. 2) Development Wheels/Early Childhood Development Posters were provided to: Suzanne Vandenhau M.D.'s office on 7-18-05, Robert Rhodes M.D.'s office on 7-18-05, Michelle Manning M.D.'s office on 7-19-05, and Holmes Lake Family Health Centre on 7-25-05 for distribution to families and to staff. 3) A SpecialCare Training(sponsored by the Lincoln Early Childhood Planning Region Team) coordinated by our Program was held on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at BryanLGH Medical Plaza and had approximately 42 participants attend. Program public awareness materials were provided for the training. 4) Program brochures (3 languages)

were provided to Lincoln Public Schools, Early Childhood Special Education Department and to BryanLGH East Medical Center, Child Birth Unit.

HEALTHY HOMES

- Healthy Homes began in August 1993. Since then we have had 2,425 families referred to Healthy Homes. 142 families are actively participating, 165 families are in process of being contacted. We received 14 new referrals this month. The number of contacts to our participating families made by Healthy Homes staff in the month included: 120 home visits, 318 telephone contacts, and 103 accompany clients to physician visits/other community services and agencies.

INJURY PREVENTION

- Staff assisted with coordination of a car seat check event for the Hispanic community. Arturo Coto promoted the event through his Spanish speaking church congregation and recruited interpreters and volunteers to help at the event. Thirty-eight car seats were checked. Twenty-one seats were provided free of charge. This event revealed that a significant percentage of recent Hispanic immigrants do not have car seats but are willing to use them if provided. The event sponsors were NHHSS and Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster County. The event was covered in the Spanish newspaper.
- Staff and fire prevention intern continue preparations for the in-home visits to Healthy Homes clients and home-based childcare providers. Community-based Fire Safety Festivals are also scheduled for this fall. Fire Safety Festival sites include Pershing Center in conjunction with the LAP Back to School Fair, Fire Station #2 at 33rd & Holdrege, the YWCA, and F Street Recreation Center.
- Staff arranged an interview between Lindsey Rodriguez with Hispanos Unidos, the local Spanish newspaper, and Department staff working on the swimming pool safety project. Renae Rief, Leon Marquart and Brian Baker provided details on how to keep kids safe while in and around swimming pools, emphasizing the benefits of the Municipal Code requiring fences.
- Staff coordinated car seat check events at Carol Yoakum Family Resource Center and Duteau Chevrolet. Twenty-four seats were checked at Carol Yoakum and 50 at Duteau. The event at Duteau was held in conjunction with the 4-day Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification Training held at St. Elizabeth's. Twelve people received their technician certification through this training. The DuTeau event was sponsored by Safe Kids, Lincoln Benefit Life and Broadcast House Communications.
- Staff and Department interns provided a bike rodeo to 43 children in the Kids Kamp at F Street Recreation Center. Cycle Works donated the bicycles for use for the event.
- Staff facilitated a meeting of the Public Health Awareness Committee. The population-based PowerPoint presentation was reviewed and modified. The presentation will now be provided to the PHAC members to present to their Division co-workers.
- Staff provided low-cost Bell bike helmets to those attending the BryanLGH Kids Fair. Sixty-eight helmets were sold. The Egghobile was also presented to many of the over 2,000 participants attending.

LINCOLN ON THE MOVE

- There were 14,630 meals served through the Summer Food Program in July. An average of 732 meals were served at 20 sites each day.
- Information about Lincoln in Motion, the physical activity coalition, and ARF (All Recreate on Fridays), an HHSS physical activity promotion directed at K-8 graders, was provided to over 200 children and their parents at a health fair hosted by Russ' IGA and the East Parl Plaza merchants on July 30. Over 1,000 children and their parents also received this information at the BryanLGH Kid's Health Fair on August 13.
- Staff provided information and counseling on physical activity and nutrition at a health fair for over 200 ConAgra employees and their families on August 2 and 3.
- Staff are working with LPS staff from the District Office on efforts to increase middle-school aged students physical activity and nutritional habits through a \$5,000 CHE mini-grant. Efforts will focus on training "school health advisory councils" or SHAC's within student councils from 5 middle schools to promote efforts to increase daily physical activity and better nutritional choices through the school lunch program. Meetings with middle-school principals are occurring the week of August 15 so the student councils can begin collecting data the first two weeks of school prior to starting their promotional efforts.

TOBACCO

- Staff contacted representatives from Norris Schools, Raymond Central and St. Joseph's to invite them to the Tobacco Free Lincoln meeting; is developing packets for school PTO's; and is developing information for school newsletters.
- Staff presented to 25 people at an LAP presentation (7 Myths... and SHS Poisoning Our Children video) and discussion; 24 people at P.O. Pears for Explorer Scouts on Tobacco Compliance checks; 17 students and 2 teachers at Children's Place Preschool; 40 teachers, nurses and school administrators at a SCIP Presentation; and, Fresh Start, Pathways, Friendship Home and Touchstone were contacted about setting up a tobacco presentation. Staff attended the BryanLGH Kids Health & Safety Fair with 1,000 contacted.
- An LPD compliance check was held on July 22nd with 4 out of 46 businesses selling tobacco to minors (8.7% non-compliant), and also on August 7th with 8 out of 38 businesses selling tobacco to minors (21% non-compliant).
- Project LEAP Tobacco Control Dissemination Workshop - Information was presented about the contact, money, importance, and integration networks within the Nebraska tobacco control movement; framework for thinking about sustainability and determining the level of sustainability for a program was introduced along with information about how sustainable the Nebraska movement was; and the results, concepts, and ideas from the first two sessions were used to facilitate a planning session for partners.
- Staff developed a draft smoke-free housing for tenant brochure and a draft smoke-free housing for landlord brochure; met with Sgt. Ziemer to review and develop listing of tobacco vendors for

next check to ensure fairness in amount of stops, develop a business card thanking to give the clerk for not selling to a minor, and a letter promoting the Tobacco ID training to be sent to vendors; and staff are researching tobacco cessation information in other languages.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT DATA MANAGEMENT

Information & Referral Resource Database

- Staff met with the coordinator of the Diabetes Project and demonstrated how the statewide database can be utilized for the program.
- Worked with the Department's Bioterrorism Coordinator to evaluate the statewide 211 resource database and identify areas of improvement for support during an emergency.
- Provided an update to the 211 Call Center for Lancaster County referrals.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Permits Plus

- Accela staff installed the Wireless component of their product. Health is reviewing the use of the Wireless component for Complaint inspections in the field.
- IFM and EPH staff developed a Comprehensive Project Plan to follow for continued development of the ED application. Proposed roll-out date for Food Establishment and Food Handler Permits is tentatively set for 9/30/05.
- Staff developed Visual Basic code to enhance functionality of the Food Inspection application developed in Access.

Partnership with HDE staff

- IFM and HDE staff demonstrated the on-line query tool for Crash data. The web-based application was distributed to the Management staff for their review and feedback.
- The Section supervisor worked with HDE staff to purchase a digital wall board to be used in department conference and training rooms. This unit will be used with the department's video conferencing equipment.
- IFM and HDE staff worked with the Video Conferencing vendor and the State Telehealth network to establish our first video conference. The success of this video conference secured grant funds to be used for the purchase of this equipment.

CHS Division

- The Division Manager and Section supervisor met with CHS Supervisor's for our first monthly meeting to discuss Divisional data needs.
- Immunization recall project. Staff sent two files to the Teletask Company: a) list of client's to recall; and, b) the recall script. We are waiting for the Company to complete this work.

General Assistance

- Worked with IS staff to finalize the Requirements Gathering process.

- Division Manager and Project staff met with City IS (Information Services) System Analyst to review their proposed data needs/requirements for the GA rewrite.
- City IS System Analyst drafted a proposal and cost estimate to Dave Kroeger, County Fiscal office.

Help Desk Activities

- 405 Help Desk calls were received 7/20/05–8/26/05. This number includes, approximately 130 XP upgrades of MS Office Pro.
- An Alltel wireless card was ordered to compare testing results with the Sierra wireless card. Currently, we are working to get this card setup.
- Staff have been preparing for a Lotus Notes 6.5 training class to assist department staff with the install and provide an update on new features.
- IM Help Desk staff have assisted in the setup of the Food Inspection tablets for field work.
- Additional section staff are being trained to provide Help Desk support and assistance, since our intern has returned to school.

Web Work

- Updated the Air Quality Index page.
- The Geographical Information System, Health Data and Evaluation new webpage was added to Interlinc.

Emergency Preparedness

- Section staff were involved in our first Emergency Response exercise on Friday, August 5 providing technical assistance, as needed.
- Section staff were involved in testing the Emergency Response equipment in the field prior to the exercise.

New Building

- New building, staff participated in an initial “cable” design meeting with City IS network supervisor, Health staff and Architectural firm to define the bid specifications.

Staff Development

- Staff participated in a web training on Match/Merge dilemmas and de-duplication challenges offered through Public Health Informatics Institute.

FISCAL OPERATIONS

Budget

- Staff have been engaged in all of the end of fiscal year activities to meet all the deadlines. This includes processing revenue and payment vouchers more frequently to avoid a big rush at the end of the month.

General Assistance

- Costs for medications continues to decline as Clinic staff and the Lancaster County Medical Society work to get recipients enrolled in medication assistance programs.

Reports

- Each month staff generate reports for program staff including: Environmental Health Permits/Applications, Dental revenue detail, Revenue and expenditure detail by division and sections, School and Conference weekly report, and others as requested.

September 15, 2005

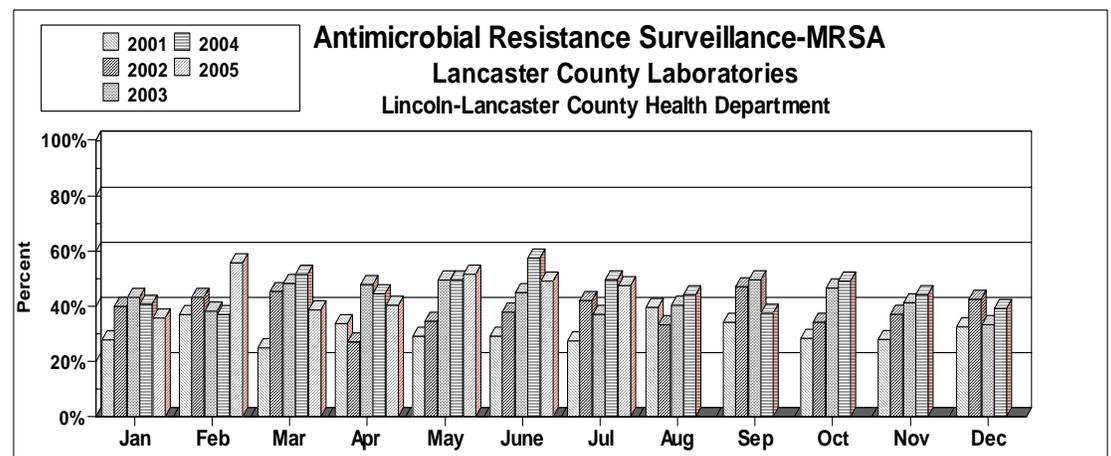
To: All Physicians, Administrators and Laboratory Personnel

From: Bruce Dart, MS, Health Director

Subject: Physician Advisory

METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA)

In 2001, Nebraska Rules and Regulations were changed to add the monthly reporting of specific antimicrobial organism by tabular summary to the list of reportable conditions. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department has been tracking these aggregate reports from our local laboratories. Over the past 4 ½ years, the average percent each month of positive Staphylococcus aureus (SA) cultures found to be MRSA has increased 15 percent from an average of 31 percent each month in 2001 to a monthly average of 46 percent during the first 7 months of 2005.



The monthly tabular summary report does not provide us the capability to separate out healthcare associated MRSA (HA-MRSA) from community acquired MRSA (CA-MRSA) or the ability to identify local risk factors for CA-MRSA. Recent reports suggest that CA-MRSA is increasing nationally. Our local hospitals are documenting a continuing increase in the percent of CA-MRSA being seen in their facilities.

CA-MRSA infections are acquired by persons who **have not** been recently (within the past year) hospitalized or had a medical procedure (such as dialysis, surgery, catheters). CA-MRSA most often presents as skin or soft issue infection such as a boil or abscess. The involved site is red, swollen, and painful and may have pus or other drainage. Skin and soft tissue infections (SSTI) tend to be more severe with CA-MRSA. Severe invasive disease (e.g.,

bacteremia/sepsis syndrome, pneumonia, pyomyositis, bone and joint infections) due to CA-MRSA has been reported less frequently than SSTI. CA-MRSA is genetically distinct from HA-MRSA and has a different antibiotic susceptibility patterns.

The increasing percentage of MRSA being reported by Lincoln labs and the documented increase in CA-MRSA infections being seen by local healthcare facilities is a public health concern. With that in mind the Department is asking that local healthcare providers consider the following interim guidelines entitled “Interim Guidelines For Evaluation & Management of Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus Skin and Soft Tissue Infections in Outpatient Settings” published by the Infectious Diseases Society of Washington, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, Seattle & King County Public Health and the Washington State Department of Health. The guidelines were presented at the Public Health Grand Rounds in collaboration between the CDC and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on April 18, 2005. This document is intended to provide interim clinical guidance for management of *Staphylococcus aureus* skin and soft tissue infections (SSTI) in outpatients in the setting of increasing levels of community-associated methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (CA-MRSA) until more definitive guidelines are available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and/or medical professional organizations.

Included with this advisory is a diagrammatic representation of the guidelines and a table covering the guidelines for empiric oral antimicrobial treatment. The references and more detail can be found in the text of the guidelines available online at:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/providers/epidemiology/MRSA-guidelines.pdf> If you are unable to access the interim guidelines online and would like a copy, contact the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department’s Communicable Disease Program at 441-8053 or e-mail the program at ttimmons@ci.lincoln.ne.us .

Adult Tetanus-Diphtheria Vaccine

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department participates in the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program administered by Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHSS). At this time, HHSS does not have any Td to supply to the Public Health Clinic. The Health Department is depleted of its Td supply at this time. We are asking clients to call 441-8065 to check if there is Td on hand before coming to the Health Department to receive the vaccine. We are hoping that this situation will be resolved soon.

Physician Advisory Available By E-Mail

Physicians, Advance Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Health-Care and Laboratory Administrators can receive periodic physician advisories by e-mail. Send an e-mail to ttimmons@ci.lincoln.ne.us with your name, type of practitioner (MD, ARNP, PA-C, Administrator, etc.) and location of practice.

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Steven Rademacher, MD, Medical Consultant
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Joan Anderson, Executive Director, Lancaster County Medical Society

Figure 1. Management of Suspected *S. aureus* Skin and Soft Tissue Infection (see text)

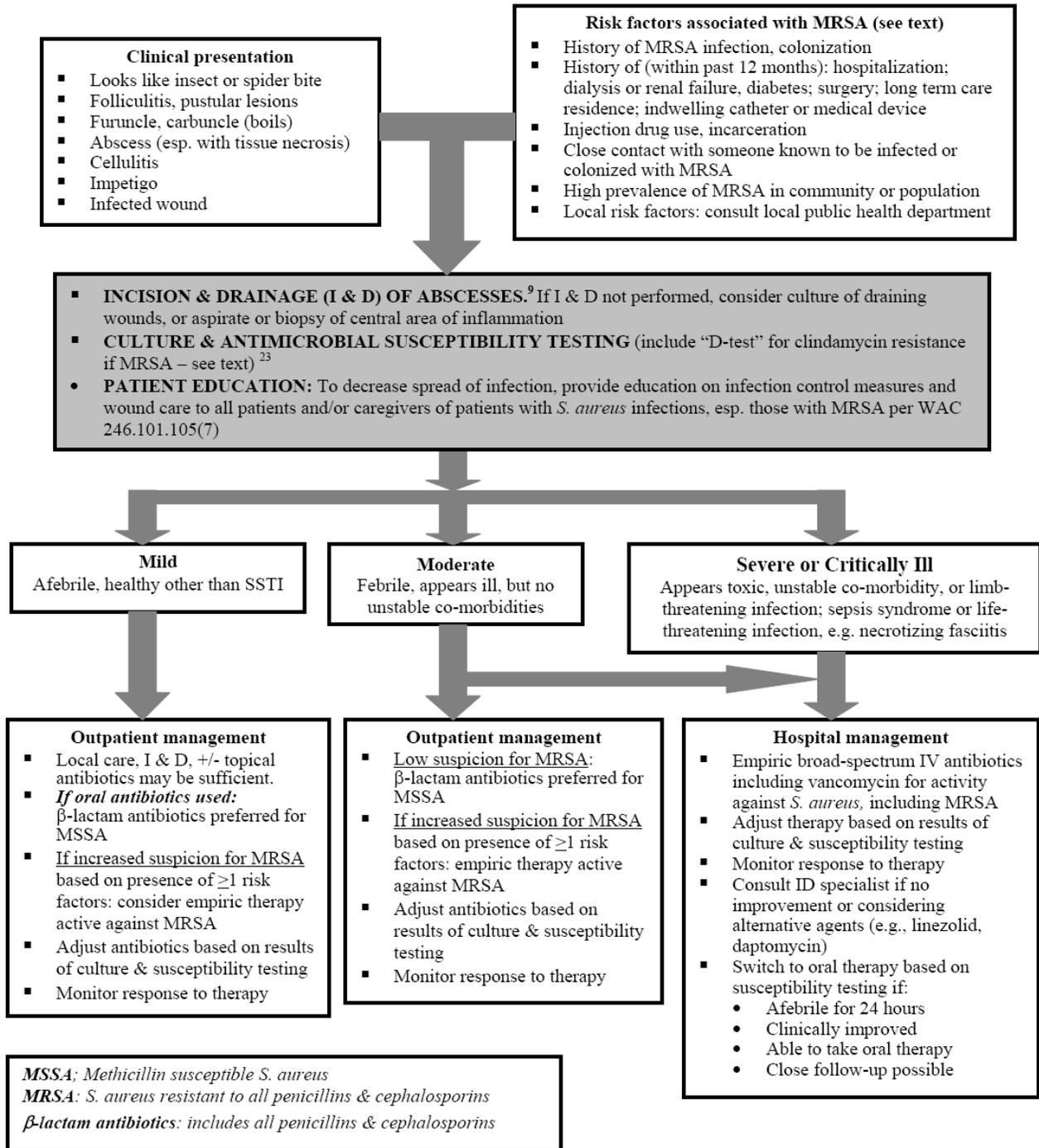


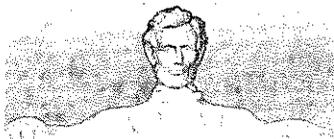
Table 1. Interim Guidelines for Empiric Oral Antimicrobial Treatment of Outpatients with Suspected MRSA Skin and Soft Tissue Infections (SSTI)

Selection of empiric therapy should be guided by local <i>S. aureus</i> susceptibility and modified based on results of culture and susceptibility testing. The duration of therapy for most SSTI is 7-10 days, but may vary depending on severity of infection and clinical response. NOTE: Before treating, clinicians should consult complete drug prescribing information in the manufacturer’s package insert or the PDR.		
Antimicrobial	Adult Dose	Pediatric Dose
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX) DS ^{10,11,12}	1 tablet (160 mg TMP/800 mg SMX) PO bid	Base dose on TMP: 8-12 mg TMP (& 40-60 mg SMX) per kg/day in 2 doses; not to exceed adult dose
Minocycline ^{12,13,14} or doxycycline ¹²	100 mg PO bid	<i>Not recommended for pediatric use – suggest consultation with infectious disease specialist before use</i>
Clindamycin ^{a,12,15,16,20}	300-450 mg PO qid	10-20 mg/kg/day in 3-4 doses; not to exceed adult dose
<p>NOTE: If Group A streptococcal infection is suspected, oral therapy should include an agent active against this organism (β-lactam, macrolide, clindamycin). Tetracyclines and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, although active against many MRSA, are not recommended treatments for suspected GAS infections.</p> <p>NOTE: Outpatient use of quinolones or macrolides. Fluoroquinolones^{12,18,19,20} (e.g., ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, moxifloxacin, gatifloxacin) and macrolides (e.g., erythromycin, clarithromycin, azithromycin) are NOT recommended for treatment of MRSA because of high resistance rates. If fluoroquinolones are being considered, consult with infectious disease specialist before use.</p> <p>NOTE: Outpatient use of Linezolid in SSTI^{21,22}. Linezolid is costly and has great potential for inappropriate use, inducing antimicrobial resistance, and toxicity. Although it is 100% bioavailable and effective in SSTI, it is not recommended for empiric treatment or routine use because of these concerns. It is strongly recommended that linezolid only be used after consultation with an infectious disease specialist to determine if alternative antimicrobials would be more appropriate.</p> <p>^aIf considering clindamycin, isolates resistant to erythromycin and sensitive to clindamycin should be evaluated for inducible clindamycin resistance (MLS_B phenotype) using the “D test.” Consult with your reference laboratory to determine if “D testing” is routine or must be specifically requested. If inducible resistance is present, an alternative agent to clindamycin should be considered.¹⁷</p>		

Table 2: Eradication of MRSA Colonization

Efficacy of decolonization in preventing re-infection or transmission in the outpatient setting is not documented, and is NOT routinely recommended. Consultation with an infectious disease specialist is recommended before eradication of colonization is initiated. Possible regimens include:

Rifampin (Adult dose: 300mg PO bid x 5 days; pediatric dose: 10-20 mg/kg/day in 2 doses not to exceed 600 mg/d x 5 days) may be used in combination with TMP-SMX. OR rifampin with doxycycline. OR rifampin with minocycline, for recurrent MRSA infection despite appropriate therapy. <i>Never use rifampin monotherapy, due to the rapid emergence of resistance. Rifampin interacts with methadone, oral hypoglycemics, hormonal contraceptives, anticoagulants, protease inhibitors, phenytoin, theophylline, cardiac glycosides and other drugs.</i>
Topical intranasal mupirocin may be used bid for 5 days with or without systemic antimicrobial therapy.
Skin antiseptics with chlorhexidine or other agents may be used in addition to one or both of the above regimens.



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September 9, 2005

Terry Rothanzl
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RE: Stone Bridge Creek 8th Addition Final Plat #04071 Generally
located southeast of N. 14th St. & Humphrey Ave.

Dear Terry:

Stone Bridge Creek 8th Addition generally located southeast of N. 14th St. & Humphrey Ave. was approved by the Planning Director on September 7, 2005. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at \$.50 per **existing** lot and per **new** lot and \$20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and \$.50 per **new** lot and \$5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

Sincerely,

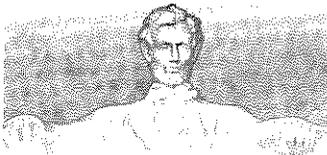
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RE: Annexation No. 05013 and Change of Zone No. 05054,
Prairie Village North Planned Unit Development
(N. 84th Street and Adams Street)

Dear Brandon:

On August 31, 2005, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission held public hearing on the above referenced applications and voted 7-2 to recommend approval of Annexation No. 05013, subject to an annexation agreement (Pearson and Larson dissenting), and voted 6-3 to recommend conditional approval of the Planned Unit Development, as set forth in the staff report dated August 22, 2005, as revised on August 31, 2005 (Larson, Pearson and Carlson dissenting).

The public hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the Annexation Agreement has been completed and when the Site Specific conditions of approval on the PUD have been satisfied.

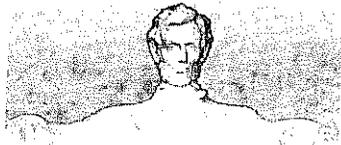
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information (402-441-6365) or plan@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Jean Walker
Administrative Officer

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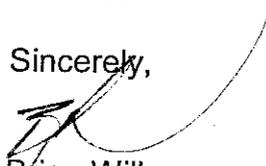
RE: Pioneer Woods 6th Addn - FPPL#05072
Generally located at South 70th Street and Pioneers Blvd

Dear Mike,

Pioneer Woods 6th Addn - FPPL#05072, generally located at South 70th Street and Pioneers Blvd was approved by the Planning Director today. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at \$.50 per **existing** lot and per **new** lot and \$20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and \$.50 per **new** lot and \$5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

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Sincerely,



Brian Will
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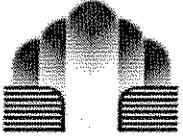
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ANNEXATION NO. 05013
CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 05054
PRAIRIE VILLAGE NORTH PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT



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Subject Re: 84th and Adams: Support (Annex.05013 and CZ.05054,
Prairie Village North PUD) 

Dear Ms. Lieb:

Thank you for submitting your comments, which have now become part of the record. A copy is also being distributed to the City Council members for their consideration. The public hearing before the City Council has not yet been scheduled; however, you will receive notice of the hearing date.

--Jean Walker, Administrative Officer
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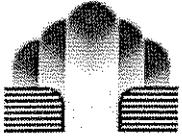
would like to lend my support to the proposed WalMart at 84th and Adams in Lincoln, NE.
Linda F. Lieb

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ANNEXATION NO. 05013

CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 05054

PRAIRIE VILLAGE NORTH PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT



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Subject Re: WalMart Support (Annex.05013 and CZ.05054, Prairie
Village North PUD) 

Dear Ms. Nolan:

Thank you for submitting your comments, which have now become part of the record. A copy is also being distributed to the City Council members for their consideration. The public hearing before the City Council has not yet been scheduled; however, you will receive notice of the hearing date.

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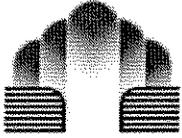
Please consider this our note of support of a new WalMart at 84th and Adams. We believe it is just what our area needs. I know many people who are in support of it but not enough people are speaking up. I will forward this contact email address on to others.

Thank you very much!

Ken and Melinda Nolan
Lincoln, NE

OPPOSITION

ANNEXATION NO. 05013
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PRAIRIE VILLAGE NORTH PUD



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Subject Re: WalMart (Annex.05013 and CZ.05054) - Opposition

Dear Mr. Kimball:

Thank you for submitting your comments, which have now become part of the record. A copy is also being distributed to the City Council members for their consideration. The public hearing before the City Council has not yet been scheduled; however, you will receive notice of the hearing date.

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Subject WalMart

Hello

I have been watching this WalMart debate. And now with this information about a deep pocket corporation, running a phone campaign, to drum up support for their northeast location. This has got to raise some questions. But there are other issues.

1. Adams street, west bound from 84th street is not, and can not be made into a high traffic street. So how can the 84th and Adams crossing be deemed capable of carrying the predicted traffic.
2. How can anyone, who cares at all for the local business climate, including established business, support a THIRD WalMart in the Lincoln market.
3. To give any stock in a signature campaign, that gets signatures from inside a WalMart store is just plain dumb. Of course they are going to sign. They are their customers.
4. WalMart is a LARGE very powerful company, with money. And the way Lincoln government has just folded up in front of this corporate giant, smacks of payoffs, of some sort. The Lincoln grocery climate is so fragile now, that even established home town companies are scared to expand, just what do you think is going to happen with a third WalMart.

Your job is to support Lincoln people, which includes those who

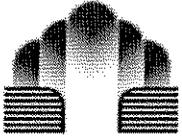
own and work in Lincoln stores not WalMart

Show some honesty and integrity.

Mark Kimball
8948 Prairie Village Drive
Lincoln NE

SUPPORT

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Subject Re: Walmart: Support (Annex.05013 and CZ.05054, Prairie
Village North Planned Unit Development 

Dear Ms. Manulak:

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Subject Walmart

I just wanted to show my support for the Walmart trying to be built in Northeast Lincoln. It would be great to not have to drive across town to do my shopping, especially with the cost of gas now. I also prefer to spend my money to promote my own neighborhood.

Thanks, Cindy Manulak

September 13, 2005



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RE: Wilderness Hills Keystone Addition - Final Plat #04141
Generally located at South 27th Street and Yankee Hill Road

Dear Terry,

Wilderness Hills Keystone Addition - Final Plat #04141, generally located at South 27th Street and Yankee Hill Road was approved by the Planning Director on September 12, 2005. The plat and the subdivision agreement must be recorded in the Register of Deeds. The fee is determined at \$.50 per **existing** lot and per **new** lot and \$20.00 per plat sheet for the plat, and \$.50 per **new** lot and \$5.00 per page for associated documents such as the subdivision agreement. If you have a question about the fees, please contact the Register of Deeds. Please make check payable to the Lancaster County Register of Deeds. The Register of Deeds requests a list of all new lots and blocks created by the plat be attached to the subdivision agreement so the agreement can be recorded on each new lot.

Pursuant to § 26.11.060(d) of the Lincoln Municipal Code, this approval may be appealed to the Planning Commission and any decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a letter of appeal within 14 days of the action being appealed. The plat will be recorded with the Register of Deeds after the appeal period has lapsed (date + 14 days), and the recording fee and signed subdivision agreement have been received.

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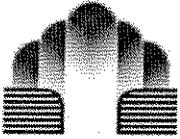


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Subject Re: Enough! Opposition to Wal-Mart (Annex.05013 and
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Subject Enough!

I am voting against one more Wal-Mart in this city. We have 2, are expecting a 3rd and now you want a 4th one on W Denton Road. We have strip malls all over town, some units of which are not even occupied. Everytime I go into the retail stores in Lincoln I wonder who is buying all this merchandise? The stores are full to the brim.

I was driving through Grand Island last weekend. There was a Wal-Mart building, vacant so they could build a bigger one right next to it. Now the city landscape is stuck with an empty building that will continue to deteriorate. Is that going to start happening in Lincoln?

I don't want W Denton Road developed so we can pass empty retail every day and wonder what were they thinking? The all mighty dollar of course. Why don't we work on the vacant retail space we have.

Jennifer Sheaff

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Karl Fredrickson, Director of Public Works & Utilities
Marvin Krout, Planning Director  

SUBJECT: *Recommendation on Draft 2030 Future Service Limit*

DATE: September 14, 2005

COPIES: City Council, County Board
Mayor Seng
Development Community list

BACKGROUND

For the past months we have discussed potential expansion of the 2025 Future Service Limit, as we begin a minor update of the Comprehensive Plan and look toward the year 2030. While there are some merits to adding land to the capacity of the 2025 service area (Tier I), there are still very relevant concerns about funding the cost of constructing the additional infrastructure needed to serve the potential growth areas. Equally important are concerns about maintaining existing and new infrastructure and providing a satisfactory level of service to the existing city limits as well as the new growth areas.

The Comprehensive Plan isn't a static document. There will be several major and minor updates of the Plan prior to 2030, each offering the opportunity to review the community's growth and need for additional area. Since the city is developing less than a square mile a year, the 41 additional square miles in the 2025 Future Service Limit provides adequate space for the next 20 to 25 years. Even subtracting all floodplain or flood prone land, there is still 32 square miles of undeveloped land.

The Planning Commission has determined that the Plan's Vision is sound. The Community for decades has focused on contiguous, planned growth in multiple directions around the City, while maintaining the viability of existing neighborhoods and businesses. The following are some important aspects of the Vision of the Comprehensive Plan as it relates to this minor update and the decision on the Future Service Limit:

Community – The Plan is more than a document for public officials. The goal is to maintain the sense of community within Lancaster County and within each of the cities, towns, villages and neighborhoods within the county. The “One Community Vision” states “the fundamental challenge for our Comprehensive Plan: to retain the characteristics of our individual parts while accommodating change within an increasingly interdependent world.”

Stability – The Comprehensive Plan is more than a vision of the future. It is a document that is used daily by public and private individuals and companies to guide decisions and investments. It is used to develop the 6 Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for City improvements. Often these construction

plans take years to develop and many more to construct. There needs to be some continuity in direction and priorities from year to year in order for improvements to be implemented. Constant dramatic changes in direction and priorities wastes time and ultimately reduces what a community can accomplish. The emphasis is on maintaining the Community's Vision for the future, while assessing if there are potential improvements in the overall Plan. The location of growth areas needs to be, as best possible, predictable in the short and long term to develop a "business plan" for providing and maintaining infrastructure, providing service and developing capital improvement plans. Steady guaranteed revenue streams are needed to afford any of the scenarios.

Opportunity – While the overall direction for the Plan has remained stable over the years there does need to be flexibility to react to changes in market conditions and significant unexpected opportunities. Lincoln is in constant competition with other communities to retain and attract businesses. In a few occasions this may mean being flexible to capture an opportunity, while still being true to the values of the community and maintaining services to the existing community. This minor update of the Plan has searched to see if there are a few areas that could be added to the Future Service Limit – opportunities for development, while still falling within the goals of the plan and without stretching already limited resources.

Affordability – The Plan strives to be visionary, but also fiscally prudent. When the Plan was approved in 2002 it was with the understanding that the past means of financing improvements would not be able to keep up with maintenance and all the improvements needed to realize the Plan for 2025. The past three years has been spent trying to reach community consensus on a plan to pay for infrastructure and services. Some progress has been made, but the full financing picture is not yet complete, and the statutory authorization for one aspect – impact fees – should be decided by the end of this year. Until the whole picture is determined and implemented, major new priorities and costs should be avoided, unless other improvements are eliminated.

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Public Works and Utilities Departments are in consensus that our first choice is Scenario 1 which retains the 2025 future service limit. This scenario does not increase infrastructure costs while providing adequate land for growth. This scenario also encourages more efficient use of the land while minimizing the need for additional new infrastructure.

However, there are a few additional areas that will provide opportunities for Lincoln, while implementing the vision of the Plan, and in many cases benefit from already planned infrastructure improvements. No area comes without some cost, but infrastructure improvements to serve these areas are relatively minor. In addition, these areas continue to reinforce the multiple direction growth; a goal that continues to be realized as construction takes places all over Lincoln.

Focusing all the future growth in one direction as in Scenario 3 would be a radical shift in that Vision. Providing infrastructure for development in multiple directions provides the opportunity to the meet many and varying needs of citizens. Some persons prefer to live closer to their job, a certain school or other locations throughout the city. While there are some financial benefits and ease of operation to growth in only one area, that type of growth does not provide flexibility in meeting the needs nor the interests of all residents.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Add about 3 ½ square miles (2 ½ vacant and out of floodplain) in several areas including:

- ✓ Northwest, subarea A and part of C, south of Highway 34 from N. W 48th to the west
- ✓ Northeast, subarea A from 84th to 112th, Cornhusker Highway to Fletcher Ave
- ✓ West, including three subareas: 1) West Haines, subarea A and B, along West Old Cheney from Folsom to past Coddington, 2) West Middle, part of subarea A, about N. W. 70th, from I-80 to West O Street and, 3) S. W. 40th and West A Street

Northwest: About 770 acres of land contiguous to Arnold Heights/ Airpark West area. Would only include land that is below 1,280 elevation due to costs for water booster district to serve small area above that elevation. This proposal would only use about ½ of the 1,500 acres capacity once Oak Creek sanitary sewer line is upgraded. Some minor water and sewer pipe extensions will be necessary here. The area is split by N. W. 48th Street, which the City already plans to upgrade to 4 lanes. Mostly provides area for residential and small portion of potential commercial/ industrial development. Outside of all airport noise zones. Some of the land is the n Inner Approach zone of Airport, but this only limits height of buildings, which should not interfere with development. Some land is next to the former Ammunition Depot, now owned by the Airport Authority, and Nine Mile Prairie. New development may need to provide a buffer next to both of these existing uses.

Northeast: Includes existing industrial uses such as Novartis as part of the total area of 750 acres. The new Stevens Creek trunk line to be done by end of 2006 will make service to this area viable. Would require minor sanitary sewer line to serve this subarea by gravity. Water service relatively easy, though no water mains in place at time. There is road capacity in four lane Cornhusker Highway, but Fletcher and N. 98th St. are gravel at this time. The 98th St. corridor from Fletcher to Cornhusker could provide a good light industrial employment location. Primary uses in this subarea could be light industrial, corporate offices and commercial. Area is separated from city by nearly one mile wide floodplain, though a few existing businesses are already located in the floodplain. Potential for near term annexation of industrially zoned land along Cornhusker Highway corridor.

West: A total of 840 acres which Includes 3 separate smaller areas in Haines Branch and Middle Creek basins. 1) Adds about 485 acres since the adjacent land north of West Old Cheney and east of S. W. 12th Street was already in Tier I. This additional land could be served by planned infrastructure improvements for water, sanitary sewer and road to serve adjacent lands, with minor extensions. 2) Adds about 125 potential acres of industrial land along the north and east side of Middle Creek between West O Street and Interstate 80. 3) Includes about 230 acres at S. W. 40th and West A Street that could be served depending on the design in process on a sanitary sewer relief line. If it is cost effective to build and size the sewer to serve this additional acreage, then this area would be added to the Plan. This would add primarily land suitable for urban residential development. Some additional acres of floodplain and Burlington Northern rail lines would also be added, but without any development potential.

The addition of any land outside of the land currently in Tier I, in the Haines Branch, Cardwell Branch, or Upper Salt Creek basins will require the construction of a new Southwest Treatment Plant or Storage Facility sometime before 2030. This facility would provide long term flexibility for growth in Tier II and III and could be sited in the next year. By having a southwest facility, it opens up treatment capacity at Theresa Street Plant to serve other drainage basins to the west and northwest.

Large Employer Opportunity Areas

In addition to the land being proposed for expansion of the 2025 Future Service Limit, there are a few more areas that might have potential in the future. This is in keeping with the Vision of the Plan “to maintain a healthy climate for locally owned and operated commerce and trade, to promote the recruitment of new companies, and to provide a variety of training and employment opportunities.” In general, these locations may hold interest for some large “primary” employers even though they may have limited access, noise impacts or limited infrastructure. Employers may find them desirable due to having large tracts of available land, highway visibility and low land costs, while still being relatively close to Lincoln, utilities and highway/ interstate interchanges.

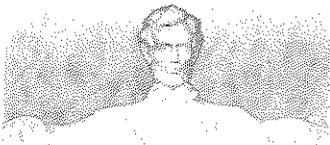
These areas would remain on the horizon, perhaps not developing at all during the 2030 planning period. Improvements to serve this land would not be included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). However, if a large employer selected one of these sites, the City may need to amend the CIP to provide infrastructure within one year.

These three areas of 100 to 400 acres that are contiguous to the city limits could be added to the Future Service Limit relatively quickly and at a relatively low cost if a major employer selected one of these locations.

- ✱ Highway 34 on the north side from N. W. 40th to 56th (Highway 79): Has highway visibility and access to four lane highway. LES is reviewing possible routes for transmission line across property or along southern edge.
- ✱ N. W. 31st and Highway 34: Also has highway visibility and access to four lane highway, plus access to a rail line. Since land is less than a mile from the end of a general aviation runway and is in 65 to greater than 70 DNL noise zone, it is unsuitable for residential development. Unless this site is selected by a major employer, presumably an industrial or warehouse/distribution use, it should remain undeveloped.
- ✱ N. 40th and I-80: Questions remain as to how this area could be served by gravity sewer. There is a significant amount of land over 1,190 elevation which will require a water booster district. Also questions about permitting development on land that naturally drains into to Little Salt Creek, where the Salt Creek Tiger Beetle and rare saline wetlands are located. Primary focus should be on area closer N. 56th Street and I-80 interchange that is not in Little Salt Creek basin. City is meeting with developer of site to resolve issues.

These two areas could not be served in the near term, but once infrastructure is extended to adjacent land in the longer term, they could provide potential sites:

- ✱ N. 98th from Fletcher, area south of Fletcher may be of interest and have needed infrastructure, once land to the north of Fletcher is developed.
- ✱ S. 38th to S. 54th Street, from Bennet Road to the South Beltway: small area that is close to South Beltway interchange. City should reserve some land next to the Beltway for potential major employers rather than having all the land used for highway commercial.



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September 16, 2005

RE: **CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 05065 and MISCELLANEOUS NO. 05021**
(Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Land Subdivision Ordinance relating to *City Council action on appeals from Planning Commission action*)

Please be advised that the City Law Department, at the request of City Council Member, Jonathan Cook, has proposed the following:

CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 05065 to amend Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the Zoning Ordinance by amending Sections 27.27.080, 27.28.090, 27.31.100, 27.37.070, 27.51.100, 27.57.180, 27.63.025, and 27.82.110, to modify the City Council's action on a matter appealed to the City Council (such that, "....In exercising its appellate jurisdiction, the action appealed from shall be deemed advisory and the City Council may....make such decision as ought to be made").

MISCELLANEOUS NO. 05021 to amend Title 26 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to the Land Subdivision Ordinance by amending Sections 26.11.037, 26.11.060, and 26.31.010 to modify the City Council's action on a matter appealed to the City Council (such that, "....In exercising its appellate jurisdiction, the action appealed from shall be deemed advisory and the City Council may....make such decision as ought to be made").

The public hearing on these applications will be held before the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Commission on **Wednesday, September 28, 2005**. The public hearing is your opportunity to appear and speak upon the merits of these applications. The Planning Commission meeting commences at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Hearing Room on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

If you would like additional information, you are encouraged to contact the project planner, Joe Rexwinkle, in the Planning Department, 402-441-6373. You may also wish to appear at the public hearing or submit your comments prior to the public hearing in writing to the Planning Commission at the Planning Department address, by e-mail to plan@lincoln.ne.gov, or by fax to 402-441-6377. The Planning Department staff report and recommendation will be available in the Planning Department office on Thursday, September 22, 2005, after 3:00 p.m. The "Planning Commission Agenda", including the staff report on these applications, will also be available on Internet at that time: lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = pcagenda).

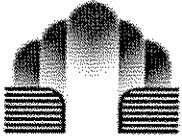
This notice is being provided as a courtesy to the Planning Department neighborhood and homeowner association contact list and development community contact list.

Sincerely,

Jean Walker
Administrative Officer

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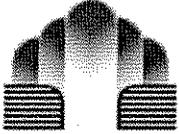
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Subject Re: New Wal-Mart - 84th & Adams (Annex.05013 and
CZ.05054, Prairie Village North PUD: Support

Dear Ms. Bierbower:

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Subject New Wal-Mart - 84th & Adams

To whom it may concern:

Please move forward with the plans to build a new Wal-Mart Supercenter in the 84th and Adams area. This area of town desperately needs a retail store of this nature.

As I'm sure you're aware, there isn't much retail development in this part of Lincoln yet, but the city is definitely growing in that direction. This is shown by the burst of housing, fast food restaurants, banks and Walgreens along 84th Street in the past 2 years.

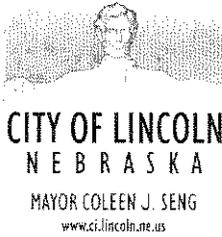
The closest stores of similar nature are the other 2 Wal-Marts, Target on 48th & R, or Shopko at 66th and O -- and none of these are exactly close.

Finally, there is the unmistakable benefit to Lincoln. Increased tax revenue and additional jobs for Lincoln. More likely than not, Wal-Mart would be an anchor store, drawing in other businesses that piggyback, thereby generating even more tax revenue and additional jobs. And a Wal-Mart located near 84th and Adams will draw customers from Waverly, Greenwood, Ashland, etc. -- customers who would otherwise travel to Omaha.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this e-mail.

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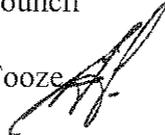


**PUBLIC WORKS AND
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 14, 2005

To: Lincoln City Council

From: Nicole Fleck-Tooze 

Subject: *Storm Bond Issue Facts - Correction to Letter from Bruce Wright*

cc: Mayor Seng, Karl Fredrickson
Glenn Johnson - LPSNRD
L. Bruce Wright

This memo is to correct some misstatements regarding the storm bond issue that were contained in a letter to the City Council dated August 19, 2005 from L. Bruce Wright, which was written in opposition to the creation of a task force to address funding for parks and trails.

The letter included the following statements:

"...the Department of Public Works is now apparently attempting to spend bond proceeds in order to land bank property adjacent to the existing flood plain..."

"...the vast majority of the electorate would be appalled to know that money which was supposed to be used for infrastructure in the form of sewers is in fact being used to buy vacant ground and effectively prevent development."

In addition to traditional urban storm drain projects to correct deficiencies in the urban area, the storm bond issue included funding for the conservation of floodplain land - not land adjacent to the floodplain - through land purchase or easements to protect the natural functions of the floodplain.

The purpose of conserving targeted floodplain areas is not to 'land bank' - it is to protect the natural functions provided by the floodplain for flood storage and conveyance, water quality, stream stability, and riparian habitat, all of which provide benefits to the overall drainage system and help reduce flooding and pollution downstream. This strategy is carried out in partnership with the Lower Platte South NRD, and is consistent with the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan and watershed plans adopted by this community.

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August 19, 2005

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Via Hand Delivery

Dear Robin:

Thanks for a copy of the Mayor's memo regarding Councilman Cook's resolution supporting parks and trails.

In my view, governmental priorities should not be set by appointing committees composed of advocates for a particular amenity, having them study the need for the amenity in a vacuum and then make funding recommendations without considering other needs in the community or the source of the funding in question.

Lincoln's parks and trails are wonderful amenities and they are clearly important to the quality of life in this community. As an avid outdoorsman and former Board Member of both the Nature Conservancy and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, I fully recognize the need for conservation and good parks. Frankly, absent other needs or given unlimited funding, expenditures on parks and trails should definitely be one of my top priorities. The fundamental problem, of course, is that Lincoln has a number of other very significant needs and as a community we are clearly not blessed with an unlimited budget.

As you know, the Chamber commissioned a poll to determine why the street bond issue failed. Although the first and foremost reason was the fact that the voters did not want higher property taxes, there was also a strong undercurrent indicating that the voters did not trust the City to appropriately spend the proceeds in a way that truly met the needs of the community. The poll also indicated that this theme was exacerbated by the fact that the bond issue included a significant amount of dollars for trails which many of the voters viewed as inappropriate luxuries, given the fact that the City was already facing a

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\$135 million shortfall just to fund essential street and road improvements over the next 6 years.

This type of *ad hoc* decision making is exactly why the voters don't trust the City to appropriately prioritize the expenditure of its finite budget. In my view, the use of citizen committees in this fashion simply raises expectations and leaves the participants unrewarded for their efforts. In passing, I would add that our recent conversation regarding the fact that the Department of Public Works is now apparently attempting to spend bond proceeds in order to land bank property adjacent to the existing flood plain only serves to support this view. Given the fact that the community strongly supports economic development and the creation of quality employment opportunities for all our citizens, I think I can guarantee you that the vast majority of the electorate would be appalled to know that money which was supposed to be used for infrastructure in the form of sewers is in fact being used to buy vacant ground and effectively prevent development.

This is not a factual statement

Parks and trails are great, but can they really be a top funding priority when the community is faced with \$135 million shortfall just to meet the needs for street and road construction over the next 6 years? Are they really more important than the development of the infrastructure necessary to accommodate expected growth and maintain arterial streets in established neighborhoods? Should they really take precedence over a new convention center, the development of downtown Lincoln or the redevelopment of 48th and O Street or West Cornhusker? In the bigger scheme of things, I think the answer clearly has to be "no."

If you spend money to develop infrastructure and promote economic development, it will, as was clearly demonstrated by the recent study performed by the University of Nebraska Lincoln Bureau of Business Research, enhance sales tax revenues and increase the property tax base, all of which contributes to increased revenue that can be used to support amenities such as parks, trails and libraries. If you use those funds to create jobs and promote economic development, you generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in private sector support for amenities such as parks, the Zoo, the arts, and a wide variety of social services. If, on the other hand, you spend the money on amenities that is necessary to build the needed infrastructure, you essentially kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

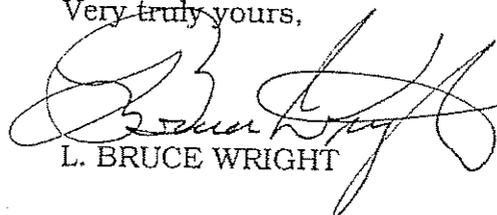
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In the final analysis, adopting resolutions which purport to establish funding priorities on a piecemeal basis, particularly when they are put forth by self-interested committees which have made no effort to prioritize their importance in light of other community needs, is short-sighted at best.

Once the task force which is currently studying the need for a convention center and arena complex completes its work, and once the Downtown Lincoln plan is adopted, I think there is definitely a need for this community to attempt to prioritize its needs for the next 10 to 15 years, and ascertain how those needs will be funded. Clearly, parks, trails, police, fire, libraries, etc. all need to be part of that equation. Until that effort is completed, however, and clear priorities are established which address the long-term vision of the community as a whole, I would strongly urge the Council to resist efforts to establish funding priorities on a piecemeal basis.

I hope the foregoing adequately conveys my feelings regarding the current initiative by Councilman Cook. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,



L. BRUCE WRIGHT

cc: Wendy Birdsall



campjon@aol.com
09/11/2005 05:35 PM

To: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
bcc
Subject: Fwd: Shadow Pines Extension

Joan:

Please copy this to all council members.

Jon

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

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

From: Sheri Smith <ssmith@lincolnurologypc.com>
To: campjon@aol.com
Sent: Thu, 8 Sep 2005 14:57:29 -0500
Subject: Shadow Pines Extension

Dear Mr. Camp,

Thank you for hearing our testimony at the last Council meeting. I would like to reiterate our belief that a signal at 56th Street and Madalyn Road is the best solution for our business and the neighborhood. However, I do understand the obstacles a light at this intersection presents. If the Madalyn Road exit is closed to northbound traffic, we strongly believe the Shadow Pines extension must be constructed, rather than utilizing the Cumberland Drive option. The latter option, would essentially force drivers into using the U-turn at 56th Street and Pine Lake Road. We have concerns as a medical facility sitting on the corner of this busy intersection that we will become a trauma center.

Sheri L. Smith
Administrator
Urology, P.C.
Urology Surgical Center
5500 Pine Lake Road
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-489-8888



campjon@aol.com
09/13/2005 11:17 AM

To: jray@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
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Subject: Fwd: Pioneers Street Project

Fyi

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-8793
Constituent representative: Darrell Podany

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From: Mike.Wiesen@nsea.org
To: pn Newman@lincoln.ne.gov; jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov; jcook@lincoln.ne.gov;
amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov; reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov; ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov;
dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov
Cc: cwiesen@lps.org
Sent: Tue, 13 Sep 2005 10:54:38 -0500
Subject: Pioneers Street Project

City Council Members

Thank you for allowing me to testify before the council at the 9/12/05 meeting. The project on Pioneers has been a concern of mine since I moved into the area two years ago. I cannot stress again the importance of getting some sort of traffic control device put up at the intersection of Lucille and Pioneers in the near future. I know that the widening project is important to our area, yet you have decisions to make about projects all over the city and you have limited funding to complete these.

In the past I have been told that the intersection does not have enough volume to warrant a signal at this time. I respectfully disagree with that and would invite any of you to observe the intersection with me during peak traffic times so you can see first hand what the residents of Edenton North and the families of Maxey Elementary School and Lux Middle School deal with in terms of using Pioneers Boulevard. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I urge you to help this situation now.

Mike Wiesen
7220 Thomasbrook Circle
Lincoln, NE 68516
(402) 489-8138
(402) 432-9528

Tammy J Grammer/Notes

09/15/05 08:00 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes@Notes

cc

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Subject Fw: Highland View Exhibit for Eschliman

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 09/15/05 08:02 AM -----

Tammy J Grammer/Notes

09/15/05 07:59 AM

To "Robin Eschliman" <robine@neb.rr.com>

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Highland View Exhibit for Eschliman 

Robin,

Okay, Thanks.

Tammy Grammer
City Council Office

"Robin Eschliman" <robine@neb.rr.com>



"Robin Eschliman"
<robine@neb.rr.com>

09/14/05 07:27 PM

To <TBogenreif@ci.lincoln.ne.us>

cc

Subject Fw: Highland View Exhibit for Eschliman

Tammy, please pass on to rest of council on the Highlands and Hwy 34 project
Robin Eschliman

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

From: [Robin Eschliman](mailto:robine@neb.rr.com)

To: robine@neb.rr.com

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 12:30 PM

Subject: FW: Highland View Exhibit for Eschliman

Robin Eschliman

[IMAGE]

From: Peter Katt [mailto:LawKatt@Pierson-Law.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 11:21 AM
To: Robin Eschliman
Subject: FW: HighlandView Exhibit for Eschliman

Robin:

You should be receiving a hard copy of this drawing yet today. The actual distances are 2/3 of a mile to the other existing intersections. If you want to talk about this further or have any questions give me a call.

Peter

From: Jason Thiellen [mailto:jthiellen@edc-civil.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2005 9:33 AM
To: Brandon Garrett
Cc: Peter Katt
Subject: HighlandView Exhibit for Eschliman

Brandon,

Can you please print this exhibit out in color and have it expressed messenger over to Councilwomen Robin Eschliman at the WellsFargoCenter, 1248 O Street, Suite 1031. I have a letter to go with it, I will have Mary standardize it and send it to Kathy to have printed off and you can sign my name and have it delivered. Thanks.

Jason Thiellen

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From:Lynette Ryals
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To: Jason Thiellen
Subject: revised HV Site Distances

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<none@lincoln.ne.gov>**
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To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Richard Esquivel
Address: 733 W Cuming St
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 402-477-4734
Fax:
Email: resquivel@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:
City Council
Lincoln, NE

September 9, 2005

Subject: Football costs

I read the paper about the revenue the Nebraska football games bring into the City; \$114,000,000. This is a great revenue generator for our local businesses.

I request the following information from the City:

1. What is the City sales tax revenue generated by the \$114,000,000?
2. What is the additional cost to the City for law enforcement for three days; the day before, the day of, and the day after?
3. What is the cost to the City for additional street cleanup?
4. Is the City reimbursed by anyone for the additional cost?
5. Does the City receive any of the state sales tax generated from the football games?
6. What additional costs does the City incur for hosting the Nebraska football game?
7. What additional revenue does the City receive from other sources to reimburse the expenses for hosting the Nebraska football games.

The City sales tax on the \$114,000,000 should be \$1,710,000. I believe this was for a seven (7) home game season. Therefore, my request for additional expenses should cover twenty-one (21) days. I hope to receive the information

by the end of September, 2005.

Richard Esquivel
733 W Cuming St
Lincoln, NE 68521-4334
477-4734



"Bob Semerena"
<rsemserena@neb.rr.com>

09/11/2005 05:48 PM

Please respond to
"Bob Semerena"
<rsemserena@neb.rr.com>

To <Council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc <campjon@aolCom>

bcc

Subject Cumberland Dr. Barricade-09/12/05 meeting

My wife and I reside on S 53rd. Ct. We strongly support the removal of the barricade. It is the logical, most cost effective, resolution to our newly created problem of future access to 56th. St. N. And, it will enhance public protection i.e. fire, police and ambulance for our families and properties.

Most of us who reside in the area travel north daily (since we live on the south reaches of the city), and most of us, I believe, frequent the growing number of merchants in the Edgewood and S 56 and Old Cheney areas. We need a safe and efficient means to access these areas.

Sadly, a year or more ago, someone from the City supposedly said that a resident living on Cumberland who had "juice" caused the barrier to be put up to stop the street from going through when the area was platted. If this is true, the objection of a single selfish influential person is the worst possible reason to maintain this barricade.

Thank you for your fair consideration. No reply is necessary,

/s/ Bob and Sue Semerena, 6922 South 53rd. Court.

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Public Service Commission

300 THE ATRIUM, 1200 N STREET
LINCOLN 68508

FRANK E. LANDIS
COMMISSIONER

PHONE
(402) 471-3101

September 7, 2005

Councilman Ken Svoboda
City-Council Building
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Application No. PSAP-36.2: In the Matter of Lancaster County PSAP, seeking funding approval for recurring and non-recurring costs of Wireless E911 Implementation.

Dear Councilman Svoboda:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ken", written over the name "Councilman Svoboda".

The Lincoln Emergency Communications Center filed an application with the Public Service Commission on November 24, 2004, seeking funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

I'm pleased to inform you that at our last meeting, the Commission approved your E911 application for an increase in initial non-recurring costs of \$78,750 to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Wireless E911 Director, Kara Thielen, at 402-471-0220 or myself at 402-471-3130.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Landis", written over the name "Frank Landis".

Frank Landis
Commissioner

FEL:ab

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September 6, 2005

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

CERTIFICATION

I, Andy S. Pollock, Executive Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed is a true and correct copy of the original order made and entered in Docket NO. PSAP-036.2 on the 30th day of August, 2005, as the same is filed and recorded in the official records of said Commission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 30th day of August, 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.S. Pollock".

Andy S. Pollock
Executive Director

ASP:ab

Enclosure

pc: Julie Righter, Lincoln Emergency Communications Center, 575
South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
Mary Reager, Alltel, 401 South 21st, Lincoln, NE 68508
Pam Kemper, Alltel, 401 South 21st, Lincoln, NE 68508
Chris Fish, Alltel, 401 South 21st, Lincoln, NE 68508
Steve Meradith, Alltel, 1440 M Street, Lincoln, NE 68508
Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Commissioners

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Lancaster) Application No. PSAP-036.2
 County PSAP, Lincoln, seeking)
 funding approval for recurring)
 and non-recurring costs of) GRANTED
 wireless E911 implementation.)
)
) Entered: August 30, 2005

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BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding received November 24, 2004, Lancaster County PSAP, Lincoln, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses of implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service. Lincoln/Lancaster County's PSAP is served by the following wireless carriers: Alltel Wireless, AT&T, Cricket, Sprint, T-Mobile, US Cellular and Western Wireless. Lincoln/Lancaster County's request for funding was approved in an order entered February 23, 2005.

Lincoln/Lancaster County sought initial non-recurring costs of \$429,192.00 and recurring costs of \$14,105.00 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers. However, when the initial contract for Phase I implementation was negotiated, Alltel, Lincoln/Lancaster County's local exchange carrier was provided tower counts rather than sector counts for US Cellular and Cricket. As a result, costs estimated by Alltel based upon the tower counts were insufficient.

Lincoln/Lancaster now requests that their funding be increased from \$29,250 to \$74,250 for US Cellular and from \$18,000 to \$51,750 for Cricket for non-recurring costs. The monthly recurring costs for these carriers will remain the same.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for increased funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-2201 to 86-2214. (2001 Supp.), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket 911-001, entered July 16, 2002.

The additional costs requested are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-2210 (2001 Supp.). All costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance and operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission finds that the increased costs should be approved. Lincoln/Lancaster County is therefore approved for initial non-recurring costs of \$507,942.00 and recurring costs of \$14,105.00 per month to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for each of the above-listed wireless carriers.

Because Lincoln/Lancaster County authorized Alltel to receive all payments on its behalf for wireless enhanced 911, the Commission finds that payment should be made to Alltel upon invoice. Only invoices that comport with the approved costs in this order will be paid. Recurring costs requested for partial months must be pro rated.

Based upon the request for funding and supporting documentation, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the request for funding should be granted. All costs of Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) surcharges and any legitimate government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges should also be paid. The Commission further finds that the Commission should true-up its subscriber counts and provide wireless cell site information on a quarterly basis and that the Commission should adjust payments for non-recurring and recurring charges accordingly.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Lincoln/Lancaster County's request for increased funding shall be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon invoice from Alltel, the Commission shall remit to Alltel amounts that comport with this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any government-imposed taxes or surcharges assessed on enhanced wireless 911 charges shall be paid.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission should true-up its subscriber counts and provide wireless cell site information on a quarterly basis and that the Commission should adjust payments for non-recurring and recurring charges accordingly.

Application No. PSAP-036.2

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 30th day of August, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Lowell Johnson

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Paul Johnson

ATTEST *And S. Pollock*
Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis
//s// Gerald L. Vap

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CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
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GENTLEMEN:

WOULD YOU PLEASE FIX
THE SIDEWALKS ON STORHUELL
ST. FROM SO 20TH ST TO
SO 27TH ST. THEY ARE
IN VERY BAD CONDITION
AND A SAFETY HAZARD.

THE LAST TIME I REQUESTED
A SIDEWALK BE FIXED IT
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Sincerely
Charles W Swingle Jr
CHARLES W SWINGLE JR
2802 WOODS BLVD
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P.S. I expect a reply to this
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To: <i>City Council</i>	From: <i>Sheila Schenest</i>
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*Please distribute to
City Council members
before today's meeting
Thank you*

To: Lincoln City Council
City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities
Karl Fredrickson, Roger Figard

From: Ron and Sheila Scheinost
Lot 7, Colonial Acres
5301 Cornell Road
Lincoln, NE 68516

Date: September 12, 2005

Re: Public Hearing to Modify Ordinance for Shadow Pines Dr. Extension and to
Modify Resolution of Cumberland Dr. Barricade North of Happy Hollow Lane

We respectfully request that you strongly consider NOT opening the Cumberland Road barricade for the ease of only a handful of commuters to get to work.

We would like to express our opinion regarding the barricade at Cumberland Drive north of Happy Hollow Lane. There is discussion to open this barricade to allow Jerrold Heights residents to travel through Colonial Acres.

Colonial Acres subdivision consists of 10 acreage homes in a peaceful, park-like setting within the city. It wasn't too many years ago that we were in the country. We have many families and individuals walk through the neighborhood with children and animals. I spoke with many people and they love the area with all of the big trees and green spaces and being able to walk down the middle of the street with minimal traffic. They have been very respectful in having their dogs on leashes and cleaning up after their pets. We are also concerned from a safety standpoint that someone could be injured should there be more traffic.

We don't believe there would be any gain to open the barricade to have access to 56th street, especially if medians are constructed, thus not allowing traffic to turn north on 56th St. What would be the purpose to open Cumberland? If anything were to be done, we feel that connection between Stephanie Lane and 56th Street at Shadow Pines would be the best alternative. If a u-turn is allowed at 56th & Pine Lake this would alleviate even needing to spend funds to construct the extension mentioned above.

Please leave what little serene park-like setting there is left in the city and leave the Colonial Acres area intact. We realize this is a privilege to live in an area like this and would like to keep it that way.

With the improvements on Pine Lake road there is easy access for all citizens to get where they are going without destroying a neighborhood with more unnecessary traffic. As far as police, fire and ambulance protection, we feel that all streets are readily accessible with no delay in protection to any of the above mentioned areas.

We respectfully request that you strongly consider NOT opening the Cumberland Road barricade for the ease of only a handful of commuters to get to work.

Thank you,

Ron & Sheila Scheinost



"Todd Miller"
<miller2720@alltel.net>
09/12/2005 04:44 PM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc <melaniesuem@hotmail.com>,
<walleyebound@yahoo.com>
bcc
Subject Sept 12 meeting postponed

City Council Members,

Subject: vacation of W Madison Avenue

I am writing in regard to the council meeting that was supposed to be today at 1:30 p.m. Fortunately, we called Joan Ross before we were going to head to the meeting to make sure where we were supposed to go and she had informed us that it had once again been postponed. I have to tell you, this is getting to be very old and extremely frustrating. Not only has this been going on for 3 and 1/2 years, but my husband and I both lost wages today. Who has the time or money to keep doing this only to find out it is for yet another postponed meeting. We feel Hartman is playing games to try to wear down the council and the public. Our check has been cashed, and we want this voted on next Monday and to be final due to the years we have spent dealing with this. We want the meeting to be at 5:30 p.m. so that we can attend. After all this time we deserve to be heard also, but we cannot continue to miss income and such, just so yet there can be another postponed meeting. I'm not going to list all the dates of canceled or postponed meetings because I'm sure you have them too. Let's please get this over with. Please call or email us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Melanie and Todd Miller
melaniesuem@hotmail.com
H: 402-470-0227
C: 402-525-7919



Joan V Ray/Notes
09/13/2005 11:45 AM

To Paul Haith <phaith@alltel.net>
cc
bcc
Subject Re: LIBA Presentation

Dear Mr. Haith: 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

Paul Haith <phaith@alltel.net>



Paul Haith <phaith@alltel.net>
09/13/2005 10:37 AM

To council@ci.lincoln.ne.us
cc
Subject LIBA Presentation

I listened to Coby Mach's (LIBA) presentation to the City Council last night. There is continued mistrust in City Government these days due to improper bid letting for fire trucks, fiscal misrepresentation in the operation of the EMS services, use of street funds for other projects, and, I am sure, more things that I have no knowledge.. The City Council, in order to establish credibility, must use their investigative power to look into what appears to be a gross misrepresentation of information regarding M-Class salaries.

Paul Haith
2010 S. 80th St.
Lincoln, NE 68506
489-0093



Dave O <daoco@yahoo.com>

09/14/2005 11:40 AM

To council <council@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, Jon Carlson
<joncarlson@alltel.net>

cc

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Subject Fwd: Planning Is Socialism

Please consider this during the next planning commission meeting

Dave Oenbring

Lincoln, NE

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Planning Is Socialism

by Ray Haynes

[\[Posted on Wednesday, September 14, 2005\]](#)

In the first line of his book, [Planning for Freedom](#), Ludwig von Mises, the famed Austrian economist, observed "Planning is socialism." I will admit that my first acquaintance with government planners was a planning class in my Master's program, where I was given the party line about how important it was to plan for growth. I read dozens of books, by some very brilliant writers, bemoaning the fact that our society doesn't plan growth, and I was treated to descriptions of the planning utopia that would exist if we just "planned" our growth.



I then sat on a City Planning Commission.

Anyone who thinks that planning for "growth" is anything other than a exercise in futility is still experiencing the mind-altering visions that their college chemicals visited upon him or her so many years ago. Today's planners meet in little rooms, draw pretty pictures on paper maps, use the prettiest crayons they can find, and — whamo — the city has a plan. Wonder and utopia are supposed to follow, and never again will the city experience traffic congestion or cosmic disharmony.

We also don't have enough houses, apartments, or commercial buildings. More important, these necessary commodities all end up in the wrong place, and their placement seems to increase traffic and school congestion. The great plans, drawn by the learned planners, in search of community utopia, have all failed.

The fact is, people build stuff where they want to build it, when they want to build it, and how they want to build it, no matter what the government says. The only reason they don't build it is that the government will throw them in jail if they don't comply with the plan. The only people that don't build the right stuff in

the right place at the right time are those that work for the government. In other words, we don't have traffic congestion because of developers; we have traffic congestion because planners don't build roads, and the government has more planners than they have road builders.

When the government draws up a plan, the plan works if the people who own the land agree with the plan (that is, if they think they will make money if they follow the plan). If they don't think they will make money, the land stays vacant. Interestingly enough, even developers don't decide what will get built, as they are also subject to market forces. Homebuyers and retail customers decide by choosing to visit the business or buy the homes that are built. Nobody builds a home that no one will buy, or starts a business that no one will visit. Customers and home buyers decide; not business, not developers, and particularly not government planners.

That is why I chuckle whenever I hear my colleagues in Sacramento talk about "ten year plans." This week, the Legislature had a bill for a "ten year" road plan. Of course, in California, it takes 23 years to build a freeway, because we plan and plan, and never build. The Legislature's solution? Another plan. We have planned so well in this state that today our roads are extremely congested, our houses cost entirely too much, our schools are horrendously overcrowded, our budget is out of balance, and we are running short on water, electricity and gasoline.



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And we continue to extol the virtue of government plans. We know that socialism is a failed experiment, as demonstrated by the failure of the Soviet Union, socialism's most devoted practitioner. My socialist colleagues in the Legislature, however, think that they are smarter than the Russians and that socialism will work here in California if we just have the right plan. The most recent polls tell us that the public is not satisfied with how we are doing our job. Maybe we should try something different, like freedom and free enterprise, the principles that made this country great.

Assemblyman Ray Haynes [raysahay@aol.com] represents the 66th Assembly District, which includes portions of Western Riverside County and Northern San Diego County. [Comment on the Blog.](#)

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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Ray Hurd
Address: 5430 Happy Hollow Lane
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 328-3408
Fax:
Email: rhurd@dor.state.ne.us

Comment or Question:

I have some additional comments on the proposed 56th Street and Pine Lake and Madalyn Road intersection. I have recieved a copy of the plans from the Engineering department and my conclusion are as follows.

- 1.)With the proposed vertical and horizontal alignment a median break at Madalyn will have the required intersection sight distance.
- 2.)A traffic signal will never be warranted at Madayln. This area is already fully developed with single family homes. Consequently, if a signal is not warranted today and there is no further lots to develop, then meeting future warrants for a signal seems impossible. Also, Shadow Pines will not warrant a signal unless there is a major development that would drastically increase traffic. So, without a signal at Madalyn, the city's rather vague contention of confusion for signals and possible driver confusion is really a mute point.
- 3.)A median break at Madalyn can be incorporated in to the current plans without a major delay in this project.
- 4.)Storage for at least 4-5 vehicles (100'-125')could be provided for a turn lane at Madalyn.
- 5.)It may be possible to do all this without acquiring any additional right of way. I do not have any plans to confirm this. However, it appears that any change to the plans to provide a turn lane at Madalyn would only affect the design of the median pavement.

Please carefully consider this. I feel the City engineering has been very uncooperative with the Jerold Heights neighborhood. They made a decision to not provide an access at Madalyn and do not really have a good reason to deny it. As stated previously, they've done exactly the same thing in many different locations in this city. Why are we different?

Would you consider a resolution to provide an access at Madalyn?

Also, design by threats and intimidation from the city engineer is a really poor example of how the city operates.
I think a solution is possible that will be acceptable to all parties if we work together.

Please respond to me before a final vote is taken on this issue.

Thank you

4210 North 73rd Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68507
September 14, 2005

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TO: Mayor Coleen J. Seng
and
The Lincoln City Council: Ken R. Svoboda, Chair,
Patte Newman, Vice-Chair, Jon Camp, Robin Eschliman,
Dan Marvin, Jonathan Cook, and Annette McRoy

Thank you, for finding the funds and for restoring the position of Community Outreach Worker to the City budget.

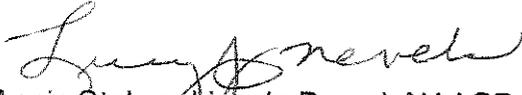
We believe this position, along with other outreach efforts and new initiatives by the Department of Health, are all essential in order for Lincoln and Lancaster County to close the gap between the longevity of African American women (59.5 years) and White women (77.5 years). Table 2. in **Healthy People 2010** published by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department 2000.

We were happy to see that even though Councilman Jon Camp voted against the Mayor's proposal, that he did support the final adoption of the budget.

Sincerely,



Leola J. Bullock, Community Member



Annie Stokes, Lincoln Branch NAACP



Lucy Nevels, Lincoln Chapter National Council of Negro Women



Florine Joseph, Community Member



Lela Shanks, Community Member

[Handwritten Signature]

**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005**

I. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Water Main Break Causes Temporary Closure Of Justice And Law Enforcement Center -(Council received copies of this Release in their Thursday packets on 9/15/05)(See Release)
2. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: An update on the situation at the Justice and Law Enforcement Center will be provided at a news conference at 3:15 p.m. Friday, September 16th -(See Advisory)
3. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Justice And Law Enforcement Center Still Closed -(See Release)
4. NEWS ADVISORY - RE: Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of September 17 through 23, 2005-Schedule subject to change - (See Advisory)
5. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Upper Floors Of Justice And Law Enforcement Center To Reopen Monday -(See Release)

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

PATTE NEWMAN

1. E-Mail from Kathy Stern sent to Patte Newman - RE: Wal-Mart -(See E-Mail)

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

PLANNING

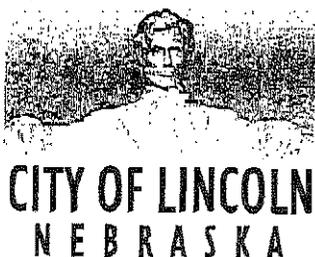
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PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

1. Memo from Roger Figard to Jonathan Cook - RE: Bryan LGH, West and East Area Improvements - (See Memo)

C. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Faxed Letter from Mike Marsh - RE: Change in Uses for Pine Gardens PUD 84th Street & Old Cheney Road - (Council received copies of this Letter in their Thursday packets on 9/15/05)(See Letter)
2. E-Mail from Eric Clyne - RE: Ordinance #17381 & the construction of 56th & Pine Lake Road -(See E-Mail)
3. E-Mail from Mel Bargas & Victoria Schwab - RE: Shadow Pines Extension & Madalyn Road Construction -(See E-Mail)



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 15, 2005

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

Larry Hudkins, Public Building Commission, 441-7447

WATER MAIN BREAK CAUSES TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

The Justice and Law Enforcement Center at 575 South 10th Street is closed today due to a water main break just east of the building. The break occurred about 7 p.m. last night, causing flooding in the lower level of the building. The building was evacuated, and there were no injuries. The Public Building Commission says the building will be closed until further notice.

Public Building Commission Chair Larry Hudkins and Mayor Coleen J. Seng thanked all those who responded to the incident and those who are working on the clean-up.

The Justice and Law Enforcement Center houses the 911 Emergency Communications Center, Lancaster County Emergency Management, the Lincoln Police Department, the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, the City Law Department, the County Attorney's Office, County and District Courts, courtrooms and judges.

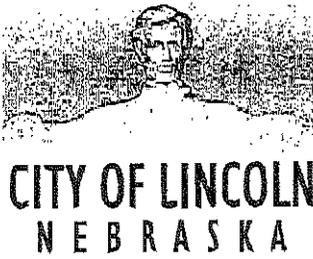
The Jail Complex at 605 South 10th and the County-City Building at 555 South 10th were unaffected by the water main break and are open as usual.

The 911 Center is operating out of its back-up facility (location not disclosed for security reasons), and service has not been interrupted.

The Lincoln Police Department is operating from its substation at 27th and Holdrege. The non-emergency phone number for LPD is 441-7204. The non-emergency number to reach the Sheriff's Office is 441-6500. Those who need to reach the City Law Department, County Attorney's Office and the court system can call the regular numbers for information.

The break occurred in a four-inch service main just east of the building, and one lane of 10th Street remains closed. The exact cause of the break is not known. City Engineer Roger Figard said the concrete base for the flagpole may have put pressure on the pipe over time.

Repair crews worked through the night, but it is not known how long repairs will take. Electricians are working to restore power to the building, and two moisture extraction companies are on the scene. There are no cost estimates of the damage at this time.



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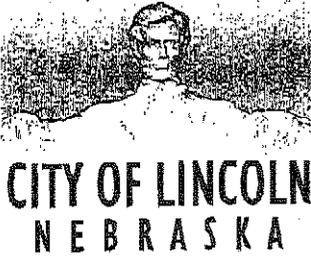
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555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7511, fax 441-7120

DATE: September 16, 2005

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

An update on the situation at the Justice and Law Enforcement Center will be provided at a news conference at **3:15 p.m. TODAY, Friday, September 16** on the east side of the **County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.**



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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831
Mike Lee, Public Building Commission, 432-6026

JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER STILL CLOSED

The Justice and Law Enforcement Center at 575 South 10th Street will remain closed until further notice due to a break in the water line east of the building.

"The safety of those who work and do business in the Hall of Justice is our number one priority," said Mayor Coleen J. Seng. "As clean-up continues, contractors also have been working to resolve electrical, water and structural issues caused by the flooding before the building can reopen."

The break in a four-inch water service line Wednesday night flooded the lower level of the building. A second leak in the same line was discovered when crews attempted to restore water service to the building today. Both leaks have been repaired temporarily, but the entire line may eventually be replaced. Electricity remains off in the entire building. Officials say clean up on the lower level is going well. No damage estimates are available at this time. The building and its contents are covered by insurance.

The east lane of 10th Street between "H" and "K" will be closed to traffic, and motorists are advised to avoid the intersection of 10th and "J" streets.

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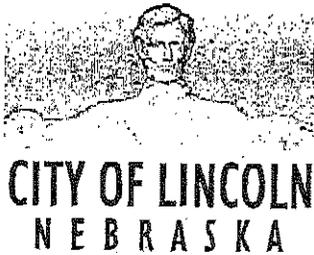
Employees of the 911 Center, Police Department and Sheriff's Office are to continue to report for duty at the back-up facilities or at their designated locations. Non-public safety personnel who work in the building will be notified by their departments when it is safe for them to return.

- more -

Building Remains Closed
September 16, 2005
Page Two

Those needing to reach the Lancaster County Court are instructed to call 441-7291 or their attorneys. The number for the Jury Commissioner is 441-6553. District Court has re-scheduled some proceedings to alternate locations. For information, call the Judges' offices listed below.

Judge Steven Burns - 441-7675
Judge Jeffre Chevront - 441-7065
Judge John Colborn - 441-7303
Judge Karen Flowers - 441-7509
Judge Bernard McGinn - 441-7302
Judge Paul Merritt Jr. - 441-7301
Judge Earl Witthoff - 441-7304



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR COLEEN J. SENG

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Date: September 16, 2005

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

Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

Mayor Seng's Public Schedule Week of September 17 through 23, 2005 *Schedule subject to change*

Monday, September 19

- Smoke Free Lincoln news conference, remarks - 10 a.m., Red Fox Steakhouse and Lounge, 1339 West "O" Street

Tuesday, September 20

- Sunrise Kiwanis, remarks - 6:30 a.m., Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital meeting room, 5401 South Street
- International visitor from Indonesia - 8:45 a.m., Mayor's Office, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street
- Neighbor Works Lincoln annual meeting, remarks - 6 p.m., Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane
- Planned Parenthood annual awards dinner - 6 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street

Wednesday, September 21

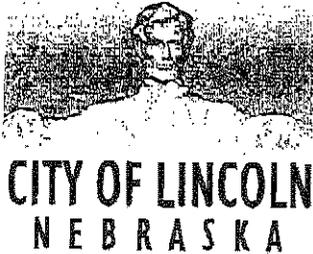
- United Way Women in Philanthropy, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Lincoln Country Club, 3200 South 24th Street

Thursday, September 22

- Nebraska Land Title Association Convention, remarks and Key to the City presentation - 8:30 a.m., Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 North 9th Street
- HUD Community Consultation, remarks - 9 a.m., NAIFA Board Room, Wells Fargo Building, 13th and "O" streets
- Cedars 35th Annual Recognition - 5:30 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street

Friday, September 23

- Junior Achievement Annual Dinner/35th Anniversary kickoff, proclamation and remarks - 6:45 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" Street



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 18, 2005

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, home 421-1247
Don Killeen, Building Administrator, 441-7356

UPPER FLOORS OF JUSTICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER TO REOPEN MONDAY

The main and upper floors of the Justice and Law Enforcement Center at 575 South 10th Street will reopen to employees with limited access to the public tomorrow, Monday, September 19. Work continues on the lower level, which was flooded when a water service line broke the evening of Wednesday, September 14.

Electricity and water service have been restored to the building, but those using the building are advised to drink bottled water until further notice. Only one of the four elevators may be operating. The elevator equipment was damaged by the flood. In the lower level, all damaged materials have been removed. Contractors will continue making repairs to the lower level Monday. No damage estimates are available at this time. The building and its contents are covered by insurance.

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The 911 Center, Lincoln Police Department and Sheriff's Office will continue to operate from back up locations. The non-emergency phone number for LPD is 441-7204, and the non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Office is 441-6500.

Lancaster County Court proceedings will resume in the Justice and Law Enforcement Center. District Court also will reopen. Those contacted by the Jury Commissioner's Office about proceedings under Judges Flowers and Burns are to follow the instructions given.

Tammy J Grammer/Notes
09/16/05 03:49 PM

To "Patte Newman" <newman2003@neb.rr.com>
cc tgrammer@ci.lincoln.ne.us
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Patte,

Okay, I will put it on the addendum for Monday! Thanks.

Tammy

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Tammy

For the rest of the Council to see. Thanks.

Patte

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

From: b&k

To: pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2005 11:48 AM

Subject: Walmart

My name is Kathleen Stern and I have lived on Eastborough Lane for 31 years. I was excited when Walmart wanted to build at 84th and Vine Street. But no luck. I have lived in Lincoln for 56 years. Raised my family. Now when my husband and I are about to retire, and we do most of our shopping at Walmart, it would be wonderful to have one closer to my home. Right now I have to travel from 70th and "O" either clear North on 27th or clear South on 84th, which has been closed for years it seems. With gas prices as they are it would help if there was a store for the middle of Lincoln. People would come from towns East of Lincoln to use the store.

Do you wonder why I spend most of our hard earned money at Walmart? The prices and I can get most of what I need at one stop. And In regards to the churches on 84th street not wanting a Walmart there, I don't think God would mind. And I'm sure the people in the cemetery don't mind either. 84th can handle the traffic. It would be convenient for the people who come for the County Fair too. Many people work in Omaha and on the way home from work they could stop and pick up what they need at the store. I realize the small stores in Lincoln don't want another Walmart. But companies go under all the time

for one reason or another. That's life. My son-in-law had a company and it went under. That's the way things go. He found another job. And if a small store with high prices can't make a go of it, it closes. But how many people used that store. Not as many as would use a Walmart. I don't think people that don't live in this area should have a say in this matter. I realize that many on the City Council want us to use the Hay Market and use Downtown Lincoln. But we don't. Is there anyone else I should write to? Please help make this happen. Thank you for your time. Kathy

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Accompanying this memorandum, please find a hard copy version of the Final Edition of the City of Lincoln's FY 2005/06-2010/11 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

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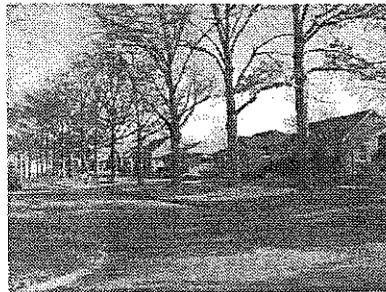
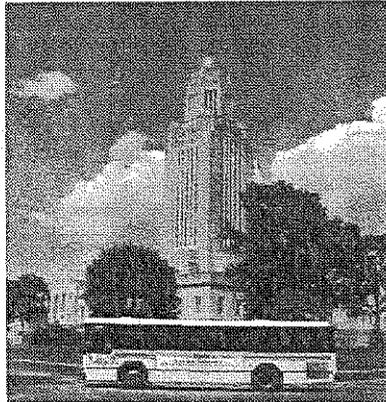
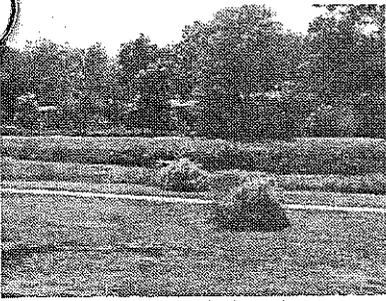
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If you have any questions concerning how to view and print the document, please call Michele Abendroth of the Planning Department at 441-6164. If you have questions concerning the content of the CIP, please feel free to call Steve Henrichsen at 441-6374 or email him your questions at shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov. Thank you.

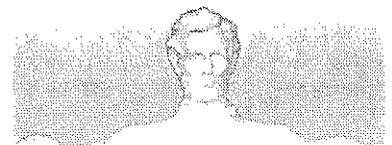
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M e m o r a n d u m

To: Jonathan Cook, City Council

From: Roger A. Figard, Engineering Services **RAF**

Subject: Bryan LGH, West and East Area Improvements

Date: September 15, 2005

cc: Mayor Seng, K. Fredrickson, N. Fleck-Tooze, M. Krout, R. Hoskins, D. Bartels,
T. Shafer, A. Harrell

In the Summer of 2001, the Planning Commission removed conditions placed by City staff on both Bryan LGH Health System applications for the applicant to install right turn lanes westbound and northbound at 48th & Sumner Streets as well as eastbound and southbound at 17th & South Street. These requested conditions were an approach in continuing to try to preserve capacity that had slowly been used up by the applicants in their expansions and growth over time. Again, those conditions were removed by the Planning Commission.

Public Works and Utilities sent several communications to Council requesting that those conditions be reinserted into the language of those resolutions and the special permits. Motions were made to have the City complete those improvements and be reimbursed by Bryan LGH, but those motions either failed or never got a vote. In both cases, substitute motions were proposed. Bryan LGH East was approved with the condition that the permittee would deposit in escrow to the City \$80,000 for street improvements *to be approved by the City Council*. This was to be constructed on or before December 31, 2003 and within 300 feet of the permittee's property perimeter. In the case of Bryan LGH West, the motion to amend said that the permittee deposit in escrow to the City \$125,000 for street improvements *to be approved by the City Council*. This was to be constructed on or before December 31, 2003 and within 450 feet of the permittee's property perimeter.

Public Works and Utilities interpreted those revised approved conditions to mean that the City Council would not approve the installation of right turn lanes at 48th & Sumner and 17th & South Streets. The CIP did not have any other public funded projects programmed for improvements in those areas during the time frame specified by the conditions of approval. We investigated and looked at project priorities and needs within the community as we continued to work on rehabilitation projects for 2001-2003, however there were not sufficient priority needs for rehabilitation directly in front of these facilities ahead of improvements already in the pipe-line. With insufficient funding for additional projects, nothing was brought forward to the Council. In this case, we may have lost an opportunity, but we had other projects with a higher priority in that time frame.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

MOTIONS TO AMEND
CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 05004
PINE GARDEN- P.U.D

Revise general note #18 as follows:

Lot 21 shall have permitted uses of office, medical office, commercial/retail and less than 1,500 square feet of restaurant. Drive thru restaurants shall be prohibited.

The following uses are not permitted : convenience stores and gasoline stations, automobile car wash facilities, warehousing, self storage and industrial uses.

Athletic Council Member		Date	9/15	# of pages	2
Post-it® Fax Note	7671	From	Mike Marsh	Co.	
To	City Council	Phone #	484-8484	Fax #	441-6533
Co./Dept.					

Ordinance form- legal

Revise general note #18 as follows:

~~The owner of Lot 21, the commercial designated portion, shall come forth with a specific use to be approved by the City Council at such time, and use not be unreasonably prohibited.~~

Lot 21 shall have permitted uses of office, medical office, commercial/retail and less than 1,500 square feet of restaurant. ~~(no drive thru)~~
Drive thru restaurants shall be prohibited.

The following uses are not permitted : ~~banks and savings and loan,~~ convenience stores and gasoline stations, automobile car wash facilities, warehousing, self storage and industrial uses.



CITY OF LINCOLN NEBRASKA

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February 25, 2005

Mike Marsh
Realty Trust Group
Faxed to 484 - 8485

RE: Change in Uses for Pine Gardens PUD 84th Street & Old Cheney Rd.

Dear Mike:

This letter is a follow up to recent discussions with Don Wesely and Brian Carstens about the Pine Gardens PUD at 84th and Old Cheney Road. In order to make sure there is no misunderstandings, we wanted to restate what we had previously discussed about potential commercial uses.

The Pine Garden PUD recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, and awaiting revisions prior to scheduling with City Council, is for 28 dwelling units and 22,000 square feet of commercial space. This space could be used for any commercial use, however, due to traffic and turning movement demands, a few uses are prohibited or conditioned as follows:

- a. Restaurant are allowed, provided no drive-thru & less than 1,500 sq. ft.
- b. Banks and savings and loan are not permitted,
- c. Convenience stores and gasoline stations are not permitted,
- d. Automobile car wash facilities are not be permitted, and
- e. Warehousing, self storage and industrial uses are not permitted.

If after the initial approval by the City Council, Realty Trust came in with a client wanting a use not allowed above, such as a bank, on the commercial third of the site, that application will be reviewed by staff. If the general principles of the concept plan are being followed and the user is satisfied with the site plan and right-in only access on S. 84th Street, and does not impact the residential uses, staff will consider recommending approval of the change to permit the bank or other use. The application to amend the PUD would then be forwarded to the Planning Commission and City Council for action.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 441-6374.

Sincerely,

Stephen Hennrichsen
Planning Department

cc: Marvin Krout, Ray Hill, Greg Czaplewski, Planning
Randy Hoskins, Dennis Bartels, Public Works and Utilities
Don Wesely
Brian Carstens, Carstens & Associates

LSHORTSTEVE\Realty Trust 84th Old Cheney letter February 25 2005.ash.wpd



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Subject Ordinance No. 17381

To the Lincoln City Council Members,

Attached is a letter addressing information regarding the amending of Ordinance No. 17381 and the construction of 56th and Pine Lake Road that I would hope you would review prior to making your decision regarding this issue on 19 September 2005.

Thank you,

Eric

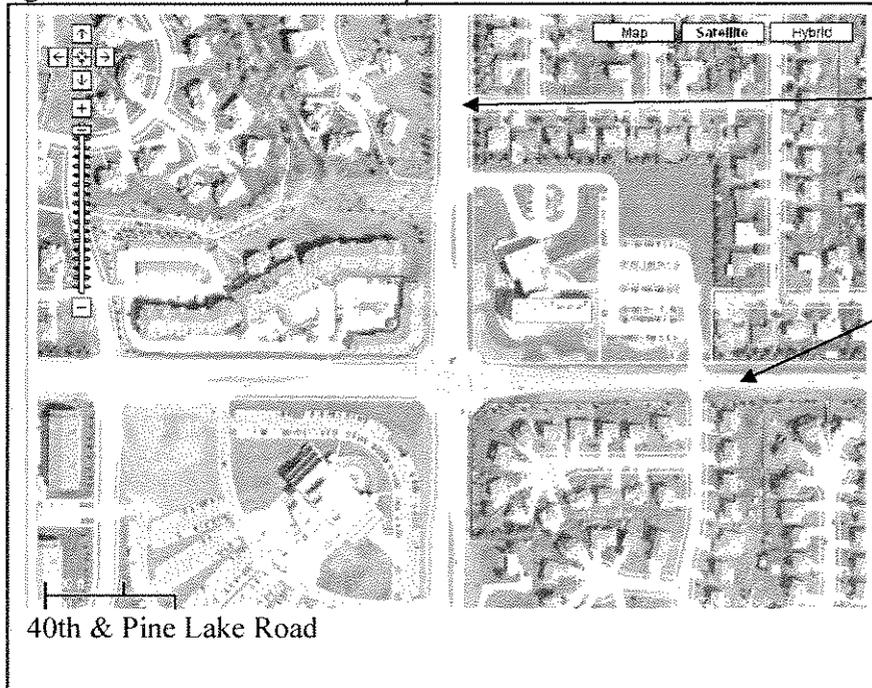
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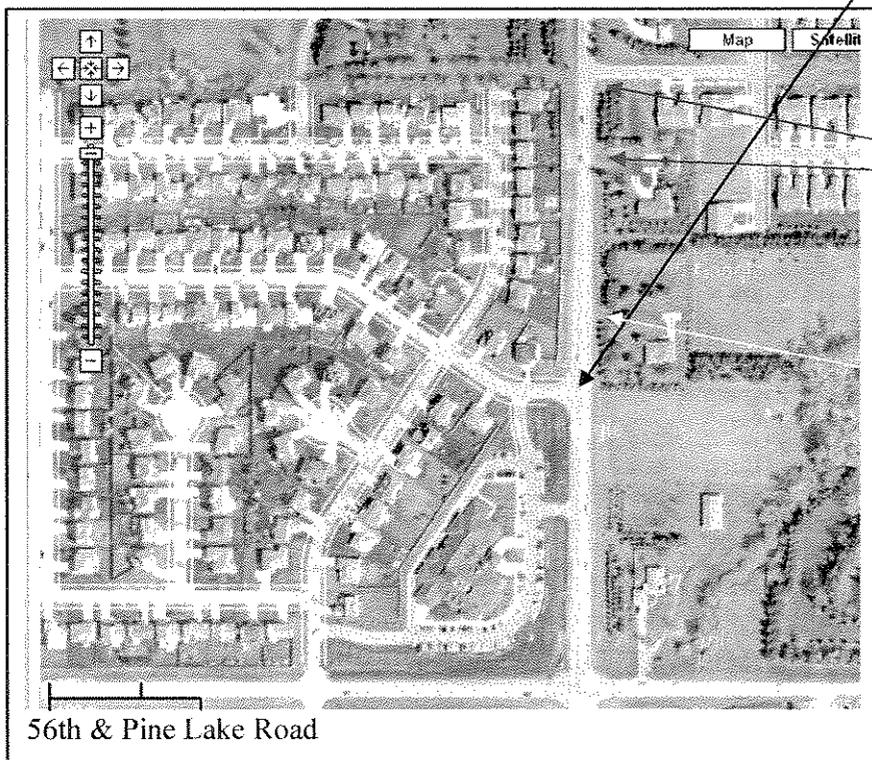
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one of my primary concerns. I am constantly looking at issues that could endanger the safety of my troops, equipment, elements and vehicles. Before each mission we conduct what we call a "Risk Factor Assessment" to ensure the safety of our Soldiers. I would only tell you that if your City Engineer will not sign the change order, I am completely confident that North bound turnout is safe that I would have no safety concerns, regarding this intersection, for the safety of my 8 or 17 year old or any family member living in our neighborhood.

We already know the flow of traffic during the peak hours (North A.M. South P.M). The current traffic light at 56th and Pine Lake will provide the needed time to cross the additional lanes.



About 600 feet from intersection



Distance is so close grading should not be an issue. Under 200'

The current resident on the east side is about 7 feet lower than the current elevation of 56th. Grading should not be an issue. By lowering 56th street you would be providing them an advantage.



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Subject Shadow Pines Extension and Madalyn Road Construction

Chairman Svoboda and Lincoln City Council Members,

I have attended several City Council meetings recently regarding the extension of Shadow Pines Drive and the raised median at Madalyn Road and have appreciated the opportunity to provide input and feedback.

I just wanted to thank you for taking time to study and understand the ramifications of the City's proposals for these areas and for raising some valid questions and concerns with the City Engineer's office. I understand that you will be deciding the course of action regarding these proposals at the next City Council meeting on 9/19/05, and so I felt the need to respond to Roger Figard's responses at the last City Council meeting, as well as provide some additional information for your consideration.

I was concerned by Mr. Figard's comment that he would refuse to sign off on any proposal that would remove the median at 56th Street and Madalyn Road., even though he could not give you a satisfactory response to your questions about the accident rate at that intersection, or why he would not want to put a traffic light at that intersection, even though there are many other examples around the city where traffic lights are at a shorter distance. My neighbors and I have turned left from Madalyn Road to go north on 56th Street thousands of times during the past 12 plus years that I have lived at 6730 Stephanie Lane, and none of us has ever witnessed an accident at that intersection! In light of that, I don't understand Mr. Figard's comment that drivers would be "playing roulette" trying to cross that intersection. He mentioned that drivers turning left would have difficulty seeing cars coming "over the hill", however, he neglected to say that they were lowering the level of 56th Street north of Madalyn Road specifically to improve the visibility and increase the safety at that intersection. At least, that is what we were told by his staff at one of our public meetings. His comments seemed contradictory. Also, his comments about refusing to sign off on a plan to remove the median at Madalyn Road appeared to be challenging your authority to disagree with his plan. If he does have that authority, why have public hearings?

I also learned from the City Engineer's office today that if the Shadow Pines extension is approved, there will be no on-street parking for us within a block of our house, as they are not allowing parking either on Stephanie Lane north of Happy Hollow, on Shadow Pines, or on 56th Street. As an alternative, I suggested the possibility of making the Shadow Pines extension a one-way street in order to give us some on-street parking but was told that was not feasible due to the expectation that drivers would take a short cut by going the wrong direction on that street and thus create a safety issue. How about the additional hundreds of drivers each week that would be directed to Stephanie Lane and Shadow Pines through a neighborhood with many children? (As you recall at a recent public hearing, the Lincoln Urology Center representative indicated that they serve 800-1,000 patients per week, and many of them travel from north of 56th and Pine Lake.) I see the City's proposal as more of a safety issue!

In addition, they will be adding sidewalks on Shadow Pines and 56th Street which I will now become responsible for maintaining. I was also informed that they will be adding space between the sidewalk and the street on Shadow Pines for grass to be planted. I have a sprinkler system for my yard now, and was told the city would not reimburse for sprinklers to water that space, even though I will be responsible for maintaining it. And of course, there's the additional 180+ feet of new sidewalk that I will be responsible for maintaining each winter. If I had wanted these additional expenses and responsibilities, I would have moved to a house with a corner lot!

My hope is that reconsideration is given to having Madalyn Road remain open to allow traffic to travel north on 56th Street. The safest way to prevent the "roulette" that Mr. Figard mentioned would be to add a traffic light at that intersection. This would avoid the necessity of adding an extension to Shadow Pines and would satisfy the Jerrold Heights residents (including the Lincoln Urology Center staff) need for an access to travel north on 56th Street. Another proposal presented by Mr. Camp to delay the construction of the Shadow Pines extension until the traffic flow warrants it is acceptable to me and seems to be a sensible and reasonable alternative.

Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns. I hope that you will be successful in finding a solution that is satisfactory to the residents of Jerrold Heights affected by your decision.

Respectfully submitted,
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