

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007
11:00 A.M.
COUNTY/CITY BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MAYOR -

1. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Conditions Report for 12/10/07 - 8:00 p.m.
2. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Presents October Award of Excellence to Sergeant Luke Wilke.
3. Fiscal Impact Statement from Urban Development.
4. Fiscal Impact Statement from Urban Development.
5. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report for 12/11/07 - 9:30 a.m.
6. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Condition Report for 12/11/07 - 4:00 p.m.
7. Washington Report - December 10, 2007.

II. DIRECTORS

PLANNING -

1. Response E-Mail from Marvin Krout - RE: Change of Zone #07057 (Bill #07-177) - Map of Zoning Districts Involved in Proposed Amendments Increasing Maximum Height in Certain Districts.
2. Additional Information on Savannah Pines Ordinance - Items 1, 2, and 11 on Pages 2 and 3 - Change of Zone #07057, Bill #07-177.

III. CITY CLERK -

1. E-Mail to City Clerk from Dan Lesoing - RE: Bill #07R-240, Special Permit 07049.

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

V. MISCELLANEOUS -

1. Letter from Kee & Virdalia Yazzie - RE: Keep Opportunities of Lifetime Health for the Elderly.
2. E-Mail from Carrie Campbell Grimes - RE: Thanks to Council on Discussing the Village Gardens PUD Amendment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT



Diane K Gonzolas/Notes

12/10/2007 08:06 PM

To CIC Snow Notification

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Subject Monday night

CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

No voice report is available.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644

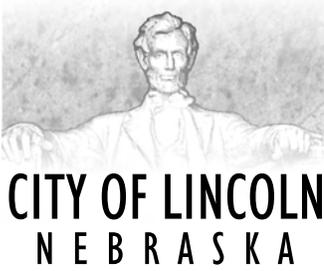
Diane Gonzolas ? 421-1247, 525-1520

Date: Monday, December 10, 2007

Time: 8 p.m.

With ice and snow in the forecast, street crews spent the day making sure equipment and materials were ready for use. Streets are too cold to apply anti-icing materials, but crews are on standby, ready to apply salt on arterials, bus routes and emergency routes as soon as ice begins to fall.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and in the Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public works Snow Center at 441-7644.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 10, 2007

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

MAYOR PRESENTS OCTOBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for November to Sergeant Luke Wilke with the Lincoln Police Department (LPD). 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.

Wilke, a City employee since 1992, was nominated by LPD Captain Jon Sundermeier in the category of productivity. He was nominated for his role in solving the case of 15-year-old Melissa Schmidt, who disappeared in 1995. In 2004, nine years later, information about the disappearance surfaced during an interview on a separate case. Sheriff's Investigator Steve Eppens was interviewing Angela Hecox, the former wife of murder suspect Todd Baker. Hecox said she was present during the murder of Anne True and saw bones and clothing from a second victim in a ditch west of Lincoln. The second victim was suspected to be Melissa Schmidt.

Although Baker was convicted of Anne True's murder and sentenced to life, an extensive search of the area for the second victim yielded nothing.

The next break came in January 2007 when Baker began talking to family members about a second murder victim. Baker was interviewed in prison and described how he had murdered a young girl in the Near South Neighborhood in 1995. He tried to help locate the site where he left her body, but was unsuccessful. The search was renewed, and Angela Hecox again helped look for the remains.

Finally, on January 26th of this year Captain Todd Duncan spotted what looked like a bone in a mound of earth on Southwest 112th Street. The bone was determined to be human, and a crime scene search began. Members of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Crime Scene Technician Unit worked in bitterly cold weather to recover a partial human skeleton. DNA testing confirmed that it was Melissa Schmidt.

On September 17th, Baker pled guilty to her murder and was sentenced to a second life term.

This case is a great example of interagency cooperation between LPD and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department. Sergeant Luke Wilke was in charge of the investigation into Melissa's disappearance. He worked closely with members of her family, and they expressed gratitude for his hard work, dedication and sensitivity to their needs.

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Award of Excellence

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Sergeant Wilke organized and conducted many of the early searches for Melissa's remains. He was the interviewer when Todd Baker admitted to the murder. He helped with logistics at the crime scene and coordinated the lab testing of the remains. He interviewed the suspect's family members in Florida. Although many people were involved in the case over the years, Captain Sundermeier said Sergeant Wilke deserves a great deal of credit. He was the driving force that led to the clearance of this terrible crime and brought some closure to a grieving family.

Todd Baker admitted in court that the two victims were strangers to him. Because of the hard work of Sergeant Wilke and the law enforcement team, he is no longer a threat to this community.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description.

All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or 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.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION Urban Development

DATE 11/27/07

NEED Authorization to appropriate prior year program income received in excess of the budgeted amount and to reappropriate prior year carryover funds into the various programs as needed.

(Please see attached detailed transfer information)

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing
 Limited

REVENUES GENERATED

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

City Yes No
 County Yes No
 State Yes No
 Federal Yes No

IMPACT

Current
Fiscal Year

Next
Fiscal Year
Annualized

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)

PERSONNEL (cost) business unit:
object acct. description

SUPPLIES business unit:
object acct. description

OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit
object acct. description

EQUIPMENT business unit:
object acct. description

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

SOURCES OF REVENUES

Community Development Block Grant & HOME Investment Partnership Program

DIRECTOR *David Sanders*

DATE 11/27/07

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Availability of Appropriations: Yes No

BUDGET OFFICER Steve Walsh

PURCHASING AGENT _____

FINANCE DIRECTOR [Signature]

DATE 12/7/08

APPROVED: Yes No

MAYOR [Signature]

DATE 12-11-07

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional FTE authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Project Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of FTEs the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the index code, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

2007/08 CDBG TRANSFERS

<u>Business Unit/ Object Code</u>	<u>HOUSING</u>	11/27/07 Fiscal Impact Statement <u>IN/(OUT)</u>
270004.6025	Temporary/Permanent Relocation	(9,349.00)
270005.5639	Housing Development Loan Program	166,723.55
270012.5638	PRIDE Program	2,788.69
270013.5656	Barrier Removal	(7,388.74)
270026.5639	Affordable Housing Partners II	(3.33)
270200.5989	Housing Rehab Administration	(47,771.85)
270202.5639	Home Improvement Loan Program	(96,063.68)
270206.5639	Emergency Repair Loan Program	40,000.00
270211.6023	Lead-Based Paint Abatement Grant	(42,039.62)
		<hr/> 6,896.02
	<u>NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATON</u>	
270006.6143	Focus Area Public Improvements	53,014.20
270021.5638	Secondary Structures/Tree Removal	7,279.00
270022.5656	Heart of Lincoln Program	(2,949.00)
270032.5639	Antelope Valley Community Revitalization	(6,355.57)
		<hr/> 50,988.63
	<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>	
270102.5639.30	Commercial Façade Loan Program	73,119.11
270102.5639.31	Job Creation/Retention Loan Program	44,902.22
270102.5656	CDR Operations	(7,166.63)
270102.5639.31	CDR CDFI Loan Fund	(30,000.00)
270102	Economic Dev. Administration	(2,603.28)
		<hr/> 78,251.42
	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
270000	Administration	(13,348.55)
270400	Community Development Staffing	(30,718.45)
		<hr/> (44,067.00)
		<hr/> <hr/> 92,069.07
FY 06/07 Program Income Received In Excess of Budget Amount		

2007/08 HOME TRANSFERS

11/27/07
Fiscal Impact
Statement
IN/(OUT)

HOUSING

265010.5639.15 First Time Homebuyer Loan Program 148,114.81

265010.5638 CHDO Operating Funds 50,000.00

198,114.81

CONTINUUM OF CARE

265010.5656 Security Deposits for Homeless Families (7,180.43)

0.00

FY 06/07 Program Income Received in Excess of Budget Amount 190,934.38

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION Urban Development

DATE 4-02-07

<p>NEED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To transfer funds between object accounts for projects that will begin this spring</p>		
<p>FUTURE IMPACT: <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited</p>		
<p>REVENUES GENERATED</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE CHANGES</p> <p>City Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>County Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>State Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Federal Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)		
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: object acct. description		
SUPPLIES business unit: object acct. description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit object acct. description		
270102 5639.30 Facade Loans	(30,066.35)	
270102 5639.32 Neighborhood Retail Loans	(50,000.00)	
270102 5639.31 Job Creation/Retention Loans	80,066.35	
265010 6023 Lead Paint Abatement	(605.00)	
270021 5638 Grants	5,000.00	
270211 6023 Lead Paint Abatement	(5,000.00)	
EQUIPMENT business unit: object acct. description		
265010 6072 Furniture	605.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00	
<p>SOURCES OF REVENUES <u>CDBG and HOME</u></p>		

DIRECTOR *[Signature]*

DATE 11/28/07

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Availability of Appropriations: Yes No

BUDGET OFFICER Steve Huber

PURCHASING AGENT _____

FINANCE DIRECTOR [Signature]

DATE 12/7/07

APPROVED: Yes No

MAYOR [Signature]

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CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITION REPORT

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

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644

Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Time: 9:30 a.m.

City street crews began a full-plowing operation at 8 a.m. this morning. Seventy-six plows are tackling the city's snow emergency routes and major arterials in an effort to remove the accumulation that is a combination of freezing rain and the slushy build-up of previously spread materials. A simultaneous material-spreading operation is also occurring on major routes. Parking bans are not in effect.

Lincoln Police Department (LPD) reports that they have not seen a significant increase in weather-related accidents. All motorists are advised to go slow, allow plenty of following distance and be especially careful at intersections, bridges and turn lanes. StarTran reports that buses are generally running about 10 minutes late.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and on pages 49 and 50 in the blue pages of your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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Time: 4 p.m.

City street crews continue with a full-scale material (salt) spreading operation on all emergency snow routes, major arterials and bus routes. Plans are for the material spreading operation to continue through the night with a full complement of staff on duty at 4 a.m.

Earlier today, 76 plows tackled the city's snow emergency routes and major arterials in an effort to remove the accumulation of the combined freezing rain and the slushy build-up of previously spread materials. Parking bans are not in effect.

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Washington Report

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HOUSE APPROVES ENERGY BLOCK GRANT

ENERGY

House clears bill that includes energy block grant. By a vote of 235-181, the House cleared comprehensive energy conservation legislation (HR 6) that includes authorization of a new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), one of this year's top priorities for local government organizations.

As cleared by the House, HR 6 is the result of a compromise between House and Senate negotiators on competing energy conservation bills. Both the House and Senate bills included a version of EECBG and the block grant portion of the bill was not controversial. However, the bill addresses a number of contentious issues such as vehicle fuel efficiency standards, a renewable energy mandate on electric utilities, and the repeal of tax breaks for the oil and gas industry. Following the House vote, the Senate was unable to secure enough votes to bring the bill up for consideration in that chamber, and the President has suggested he would veto the measure in its current form.

HR 6 would authorize \$2 billion a year for EECBG from FY 2008 through FY 2012. 68 percent of the funds would be allocated directly to eligible cities and counties. The remaining funds would be allocated to states, Indian tribes and a small competitive grant program. Under the bill, the funds reserved for cities and counties would be distributed according to a two-tier formula:

- Half of the local government funds would be distributed by formula to cities over 35,000 in population and the 10-highest population cities in each state and to counties over 200,000 population and the 10-highest population counties in each state.

- The other half of the local government funds would be distributed by formula to cities over 50,000 in population and counties over 200,000 in population.

The formula would be based on population and factors such as square footage of commercial and industrial space.

Eligible uses of EECBG funds would include:

- Development and implementation of an energy efficiency strategy;
- Conducting residential and commercial energy audits;
- Establishment of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements;
- Grants to nonprofits and governmental organizations for energy efficiency retrofits;
- Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings in the grantee's jurisdiction;
- Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy in the transportation sector, including use of flex time by employers, development of zoning guidelines that promote energy efficient development, development of bike lanes and sidewalks and traffic signal synchronization;
- Development and implementation of building codes that promote energy efficiency and conservation;

- Application and implementation of energy distribution technologies that increase energy efficiency;
- Activities to increase participation and efficiency rates for material conservation programs;
- Purchase and implementation of technologies to reduce, capture and use methane gas and other greenhouse gases produced by landfills;
- Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient lighting technologies, and
- Development, implementation and installation on or in any government building of the grantee of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources.

Other provisions of HR 6 of interest to local governments include establishment of a grant program to encourage the use of plug-in hybrid vehicles by local governments, tax incentives for the development of plug-in hybrid vehicles, and expansion of the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB) Program.

According to congressional staff and recent reports, the congressional leadership now plans to strip the bill's renewable electricity mandate and some or all of the tax title of the bill in an effort to produce a measure that can clear the Senate. Even if that effort is successful, President Bush will likely veto the bill. At this point it remains unclear whether a stripped down bill could garner enough votes for Congress to override the veto.

BUDGET

Democrats set to pursue omnibus strategy. Stymied by the President's rejection of their offer to negotiate discretionary spending levels for FY 2008, the House Democratic leadership has decided to pursue a strategy of combining all of the outstanding FY 2008 appropriations bills into a single omnibus appropriations bill.

Although FY 2008 is now nine weeks old, only one (Defense Department) of the 12

FY 2008 appropriations bills has been signed into law. President Bush has held firm on his vow to veto any appropriations measure that exceeds his requested level of funding, including rejecting this week's offer from the Democratic leadership to split the difference with the President regarding proposed funding levels. Congressional Democrats want to spend \$22 billion more than the President proposed for FY 2008 in order to boost funding for veteran's programs, social services, local law enforcement and other domestic programs.

With FY 2008 spending likely to total \$1 trillion, the \$22 billion difference between the White House and the congressional leadership amounts to less than one percent of total FY 2008 discretionary spending and is largely a symbolic battle between Democrats who want to boost funding for programs they view as priorities and Republicans eager to reclaim the mantle of fiscal responsibility.

The omnibus bill, which the House is scheduled to consider early next week, will split the difference between the congressional and White House levels in overall FY 2008 spending and will also include funds to continue operations in Afghanistan. However, the bill will not include funds for operations in Iraq, another issue on which Congress and the President have not been able to reach agreement. The House Democratic leadership hopes that after House passage of the bill, the Senate will negotiate Iraq funding language, add the language to the bill and then send it back to the House to be cleared for the President's signature. If the omnibus bill makes it to the President and he vetoes it, congressional Democrats may then send the President an omnibus bill at his proposed funding level and then use the cuts in funding for popular programs as a campaign issue next year.

At this point, it remains unclear how congressional Democrats will achieve the reductions necessary to meet the President halfway on overall FY 2008 discretionary spending. There are many rumors circulating and speculation includes a reduction or elimination of

earmarks or cutting funding for Republican-favored programs, but reports change virtually every day.

TAXES

AMT, extenders situation remains unsettled. With the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) running out of time to print 2007 tax forms, Congress and the Administration remain at loggerheads over passage of a one-year patch to prevent the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) and the extension of a basket of popular tax breaks that are set to expire.

Created over 30 years ago in an effort to prevent the wealthy from using tax credits and deductions to avoid paying any taxes, the AMT is not indexed to inflation and now threatens to ensnare an additional 21 million taxpayers next year if Congress does not act. In addition, a variety of groups are pressing for the extension of expiring tax breaks ranging from sales tax deduction for residents of states without an income tax to the research and development tax credit.

Both the House and Senate have cleared legislation (HR 3996) that would both provide a one-year AMT patch and extend expiring breaks. However, in an effort to abide by pay-as-you-go rules, the House bill would offset the AMT patch, largely by increasing taxes on hedge fund managers, an approach that failed to garner 60 votes in the Senate. As a result, the Senate version of HR 3996 does not include an offset for the one-year AMT patch. Opponents of the offset, including the White House, argue that since a patch for the AMT was widely expected, the federal government is not really foregoing any revenue and that an offset therefore amounts to a tax increase.

In an effort to break the logjam, the Senate Finance Committee cleared a bill this week that would simply provide a one-year patch for the AMT without an offset and without the extension of the expiring tax breaks. However, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel (D-NY) remains under pressure to offset the AMT patch and is reportedly working on his own AMT-only bill that will include offsets.

Although the Democratic leadership is facing intense political pressure to address the AMT, at this point it remains unclear how this issue will be resolved. In addition, the apparent decision to forego extending popular tax breaks has already upset a number of constituencies and it may prove tough for tax writers to stick to their AMT only formula.

AVIATION

Congress set to clear another short-term extension. According to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee staff, Congress will soon pass yet another temporary authorization for federal aviation programs.

The authorization for those programs and the taxes that fund them expired on September 30 but has been kept going by two temporary extensions pending passage of a long-term authorization bill. The current temporary extension expires on December 14. At this point, it is unclear how long the next temporary extension will last, though Committee staff said the end of next March is most likely. The most likely scenario for passage of a temporary extension of aviation programs will be to attach it to a Continuing Resolution or omnibus appropriations bill.

The House approved a full, four-year aviation reauthorization bill (HR 2881) on September 20, but the Senate has yet to consider its version of the bill (S 1300). The Senate's failure to move on this legislation stems from disagreement over a proposal by the White House to replace the current system of taxes on fuel and tickets with fees collected on usage, such as charges per flight based on distance traveled. The Bush Administration has stated the shift in the fee structure is necessary to upgrade the current, outdated air traffic control system.

As approved by Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, S 1300 would require a new \$25-per-flight surcharge on general aviation, aimed primarily at luxury business jets. However, the finance title of the bill drafted by the Senate Finance Committee would increase some general aviation taxes, but would not change the current system.

MORTGAGES

White House sub-prime mortgage plan receives mixed reception on Capitol Hill. As widely reported in the press, the White House this week announced a plan designed to assist some homeowners facing foreclosure in the face of higher payments on adjustable rate mortgages.

Under the White House plan, which was worked out with the mortgage lending industry, homeowners with an adjustable rate mortgage obtained between January 1, 2005 and July 30, 2007 and facing a reset between January 1, 2008 and July 31, 2010 would be eligible to have their rate frozen and will become eligible for refinancing of their loan into a sustainable mortgage. Approximately 1.8 million owner-occupied sub-prime, adjustable rate mortgages will face higher monthly payments in 2008 and 2009. According to initial analysis, the plan announced by the White House will help an estimated 1.2 million and that the remaining 600,000 will not be able to afford the newer rates without additional assistance and will therefore likely lose their homes.

As an additional part of the plan, President Bush is calling on the Senate to clear House-passed legislation (HR 3648) that would exempt from income debt forgiven as part of a refinanced mortgage. In addition, the White House plan calls for an expanding tax-exempt bond authority so that housing authorities can temporarily issue tax-exempt bonds to refinance mortgages facing foreclosure. Such an expansion would require congressional action.

The Bush plan received a mixed reaction on Capitol Hill. House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) praised the plan but voiced concerns over the method for choosing which homeowners to bail out. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Christopher Dodd (D-CT) blasted the plan, saying it was too little, too late and that it would do nothing to help homeowners who had already been foreclosed on or who face foreclosure as the result of mortgage rate adjustments occurring this year.

According to industry and independent analysis, most foreclosures in 2008 will occur in California, Florida, Ohio and Michigan. The wealth of electoral votes owned by those states ensures that the mortgage issue will remain at the forefront in the coming year.

ENVIRONMENT

Senate panel clears climate change measure. After more than hours of debate and considering dozens of amendments, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved legislation (S 2191) Wednesday that would mandate reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and implement a cap-and-trade regime to help meet that mandate. The bill passed largely along party lines with Senator John Warner (R-VA) joining all panel Democrats to send the bill to the Senate floor.

As cleared by the Committee, S 2191 would require the electricity, manufacturing and transportation sectors to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 19 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and 63 percent below 2005 levels by 2050. Entities unable to meet those mandates could purchase "emissions allowances" from those that do or from government auctions. All available allowances would be sold by 2036, with the proceeds dedicated to the development of energy efficiency technology.

During debate on the bill, the Committee rejected an amendment that would have preempted state and local climate change laws, and also rejected a proposal that would have mandated even steeper emissions reductions.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) has promised to clear floor time for consideration of S 2191 early next year. The bill still faces several obstacles and its chances for passage by the full Senate remain uncertain. The House has yet to consider a similar bill, though the leadership there says a similar bill will be a priority next year.

HOUSING

House passes legislation to preserve housing for the elderly. The House unanimously passed legislation (HR 2930) this week designed to improve the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 202 Elderly Housing Program. The measure would streamline the development of new housing for very low-income elderly persons and assist the owners of existing Section 202 projects in rehabilitating and preserving low-income elderly housing.

Specifically, HR 2930 would address complaints that the HUD review process makes it difficult to combine Section 202 funds with other financing. To address that complaint, the bill would delegate the review of mixed financing projects to a state or local housing agency. HUD would continue to review projects financed solely with Section 202 funds. HR 2930 would also expand the number of properties that can prepay loans provided under the Section 202 Program. The bill would also allow the owners of Section 202 properties to refinance their loans to obtain capital for rehabilitation and improvements, even if the new financing is at a higher interest rate, provided that doing so does not increase rents or Section 8 costs.

The bill now heads to the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, which has yet to schedule consideration of the bill.

TRANSPORTATION

Commission calls for major investment in passenger rail. According to the report "Vision for the Future: U.S. Intercity Passenger Rail Network Through 2050" released on December 6, 2007 by a congressionally-created commission, the federal government should invest \$357.2 billion over the next 43 years to expand and improve the nation's passenger rail network. The report totals 80 pages and was written by the Passenger Rail Working Group of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission.

The report states that the current national system should be expanded to include already-planned state corridors, routes that connect medium-sized cities, and high-

speed corridors in urbanized and congested areas. Such a system would lead to "the delivery of reliable, on-time passenger service that is travel-time competitive with auto travel." The success or failure of the system would be determined by certain performance measures, such as congestion mitigation, and safety and environmental benefits.

According to the report, the future of the national passenger rail system should be a partnership among federal, state, and local governments. Funding for the expanded program at the federal level could be provided by:

- Passenger facility charge and/or passenger ticket charge;
- Highway trust fund funding, assuming "a significant increase in the gas tax;"
- Federal general fund financing; and
- Tax credit bonds issued by the federal government.

The complete report may be viewed and downloaded on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's website at:

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/state/rail-vision-2050.htm>.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Department of Homeland Security: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will be accepting applications for the National Explosive Detection Canine Team Program (NEDCTP) for FY 2007. The program is used to deter and detect the introduction of explosive devices within transportation systems. A canine team will consist of a TSA owned canine and a handler from a participating agency. There is a three team minimum. TSA expects to award 70 grants between \$1.25 million and \$150,000. The deadline for applications is January 14, 2008. For more information see:

<http://www.federalgrantswire.com/national-explosives-detection-canine-team-program.html>



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Subject BP: Response to Council RFI on Change of Zone No. 07057
(Bill #07-177)

Attached as requested by the Council is a map of the zoning districts involved in the proposed amendments increasing the maximum height in certain districts from 40-45 feet to 55 feet. The low density residential districts R1-R4, adjacent to which the proposed amendments call for additional setbacks for taller buildings, are shown in yellow. The B2 and B5 districts are shown in blue, and the H1-H4 districts in red.

We are still working on information on height and setback that was discussed over the Savannah Pines application. Chief Ford has been contacted to review the potential impact of the proposed amendments on fire and rescue operations.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
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City-County Planning Department
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Subject Re: Council RFIs re-height amendments 

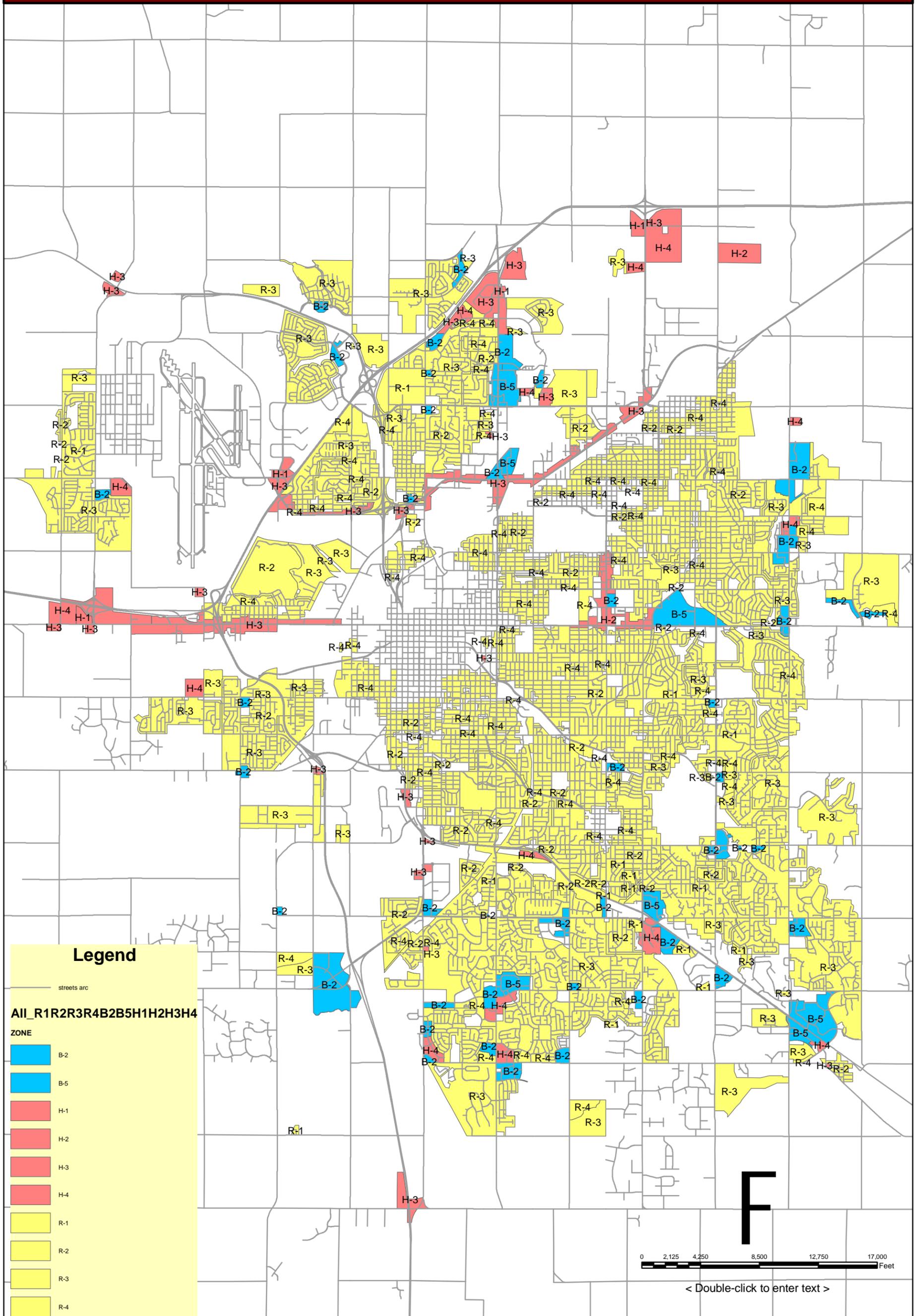


zones for height text amendment.pdf

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B-2, B-5, H-1, H-2, H-3, and H-4 Districts and R-1 to R-4 Districts [CZ#07057]





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Subject BP: Additional response to Council Request for Information
on Change of Zone No. 07057 (Bill #07-177)

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Savannah Pines ordinance. Items 1, 2, and 11 on pages 2 and 3 of the pdf involve what the Council was referring to.

Thanks,
Brandon



Ordinance 17517.pdf

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17517

99-49

Introduce: 4-26-99

Change of Zone 2531AA

ORDINANCE NO. 17517

1 AN ORDINANCE amending the approved Development Plan for
 2 Williamsburg Village Planned Unit Development as appended to Change of Zone
 3 2531Z to replace 26 townhome units with 125 dwelling units for elderly people, 60
 4 dwelling units for assisted living, on property generally located between South 38th and
 5 South 40th Street north of Pine Lake Road.

6 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:

7 Section 1. That the approved Development Plan for Williamsburg
 8 Village Planned Unit Development as appended to Change of Zone 2531Z be and the
 9 same is hereby revised by increasing the authorized density from 26 townhome units to
 10 125 dwelling units for elderly people and 60 dwelling units for assisted living on Lots 1
 11 through 26 inclusive, Williamsburg Village 17th Addition, as shown on the plans which
 12 are attached hereto, marked as Attachment "A" and made a part hereof by reference.
 13 Construction and operation of said development within the Planned Unit Development
 14 must be in strict compliance with said Development Plan and the Development Plan
 15 Agreement, marked as Attachment "B" and made a part hereof by reference.

16 Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and
 17 after its passage and publication according to law.

Introduced by:

AYES: Camp, Cook, Fortenberry,
 Johnson, McRoy, Seng, Shoecraft;
 NAYS: None.

Approved as to Form & Legality:

Dana W. Royer
City Attorney

APPROVED

PASSED

Staff Review Completed:

Jim Dunning
Administrative Assistant

JUN 30 1999
Don Wasely
MAYOR

JUN 21 1999

BY CITY COUNCIL

4/26/99 Council Proceedings:

WILSON Moved to delay Public Hearing on Bill 99-49 to 6/1/99.
Seconded by Seng & carried by the following vote: AYES: Donaldson, Fortenberry, Hecht, Johnson, Seng, Shoecraft, Wilson;
NAYS: None.

5/24/99 Council Proceedings:

FORTENBERRY Moved to remove Bill 99-49 from Pending to have Public Hearing & 2nd Reading on 6/1/99.
Seconded by Johnson & carried by the following vote:
AYES: Camp, Cook, Fortenberry, Johnson, McPoy, Seng, Shoecraft;
NAYS: None.

6/1/99 Council Proceedings:

JOHNSON Moved to delay action without public hearing on Bill 99-49 for two weeks to 6/14/99.
Seconded by Shoecraft & carried by the following vote:
AYES: Camp, Cook, Fortenberry, Johnson, McRoy, Seng, Shoecraft;
NAYS: None.

6/14/99 Council Proceedings:

SHOECRAFT Moved to delay action for one week to 6/21/99 on Bill 99-49.
Seconded by Johnson & carried by the following vote:
AYES: Camp, Cook, Fortenberry, Johnson, McRoy, Seng, Shoecraft;
NAYS: None.

6/21/99 Council Proceedings:

CAMP Moved to amend Attachment "A" to Bill No. 99-49 in the following manner:
1. Add a new condition numbered 1.1.21 to read as follows: "Show a 50-foot minimum building setback for the main building (including dining area and theater) and a 30-foot minimum setback for garages along the north boundary of the subject property, and eliminate access to Pine Lake Road."
2. Amend condition 1.1.1 to add the following language: "Reduce the finished floor elevation of the main building by six feet to 185 feet elevation."

(cont'd on next page)

3. Amend condition 1.1.11(e) to read as follows: "Show 6-foot high berm(s) in at least 75% of the setback along the north boundary, with a double row of trees; or.

The Permittee shall request an administrative amendment of the permit to install alternative landscaping based upon the plan prepared by Campbell's Nursery; provided that permission to place fill and landscaping in the common area is obtained from the Williamsburg Residential Owners Association and approved by the Director of Planning."

4. Add a new condition numbered 1.1.22 to read as follows: "Add a note to the plan stating that storage of recreational vehicles, boats, and trailers on the property is prohibited."

5. Add a new condition numbered 1.1.23 to read as follows: "Add a note to the Plan indicating that no occupancy permit shall be issued until the landscaping is installed or the owner shall post a bond to guarantee the installation of the landscaping if building occupancy is at a time when weather will not permit landscaping prior to occupancy."

6. Add a new condition numbered 1.1.11(f) to read as follows: "Additional landscaping shall be added along both sides of South 38th Street abutting the property to enhance the entrance to Williamsburg from Pine Lake Road similar to other entrances."

7. Add a new condition numbered 2.1 to read as follows: "Exterior design of the building shall meet the design covenants for the Williamsburg P.U.D. Storage of bicycles, barbecue grills, etc., shall not be permitted on decks, nor shall laundry or other material be hung or draped."

8. Add a new condition numbered 2.2 to read as follows: "A connection to the bike path in the Williamsburg common area shall be made to the internal walkway of the project; provided permission of the Williamsburg Residential Owners Association is obtained."

9. Add a new condition numbered 2.3 to read as follows: "Signs shall be in accordance with the design standards for the Williamsburg P.U.D."

10. Add a new condition numbered 2.4 to read as follows: "Lighting of parking areas shall be minimized and shall conform with City design standards; provided that standards for light levels at residential property lines shall be met at a point not less than 40 feet inside the north property line. Parking lot light fixtures on the north side of the unassisted living building shall not be mounted more than 10 feet above grade. Lighting on the building shall be directed to minimize glare to the north."

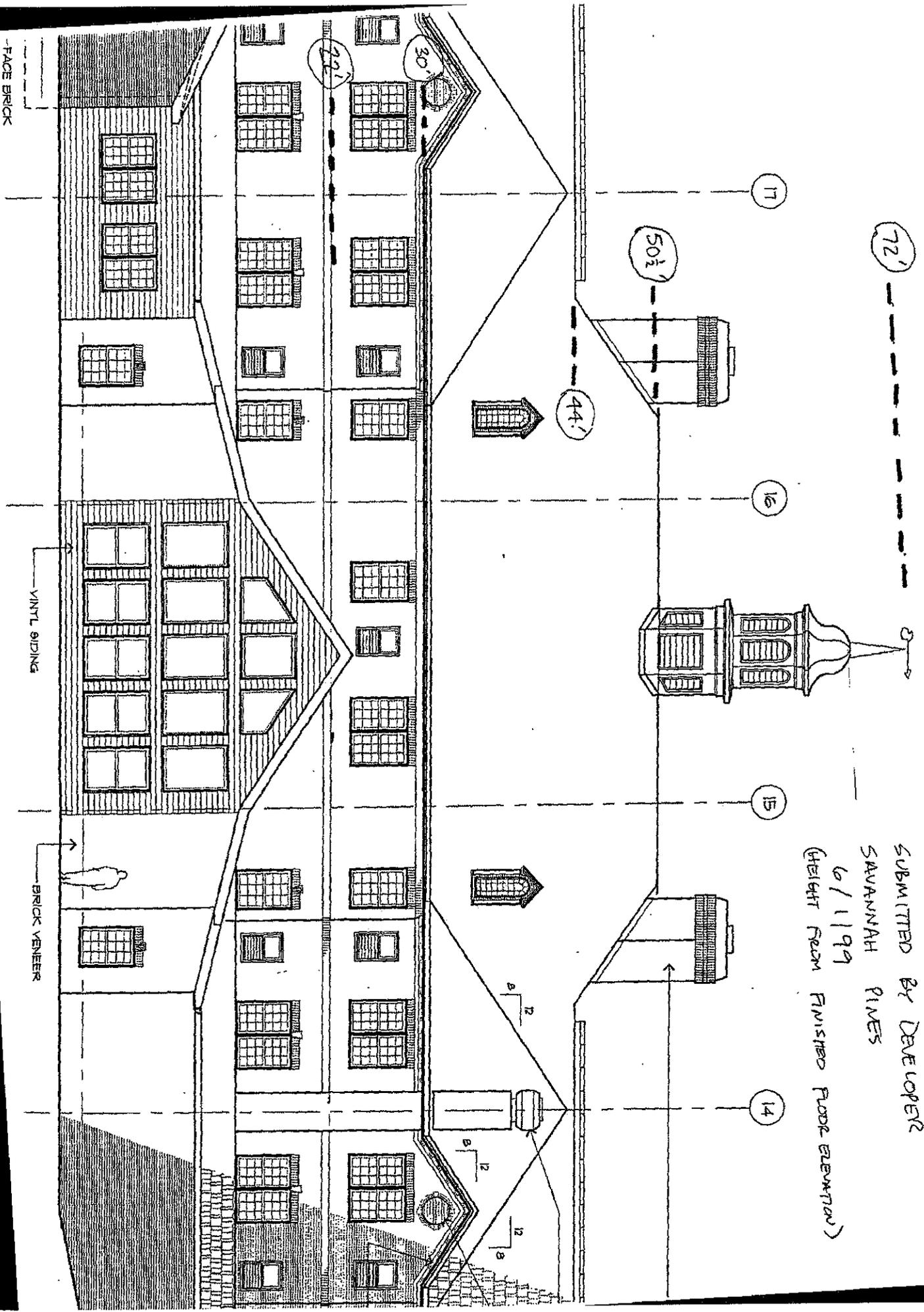
11. Amend condition 1.1.6 to read as follows: "Change Note 15 to state "The height of the building will not exceed 35 feet except that a waiver of the 35-foot maximum height limit is granted for an area not to exceed 45 feet in width in the center section of the unassisted living building to allow a maximum height of 42 feet for that section of the building only. Cupolas are not included in building height, as per prior City Council approval."

12. Add a new condition numbered 2.5 to read as follows: "A waiver of the 35-foot maximum height limit is granted for an area not to exceed 45 feet in width in the center section of the unassisted living building to allow a maximum height of 42 feet for that section of the building only."

Seconded by Johnson & carried by the following vote: AYES: Camp, Cook, Fortenberry, Johnson, McRoy, Seng, Shoecraft; NAYS: None.

DRW. 17517

APPROXIMATE HEIGHT (NOT BLDG CODE HT)
ACCORDING TO BUILDING PERMIT
SUBMITTED BY DEVELOPER
SAVANNAH RIVERS
6/1/99
(HEIGHT FROM FINISHED FLOOR ELEVATION)





Joan E Ross/Notes
12/11/2007 10:19 AM

To CouncilPacket/Notes,
cc
bcc
Subject Fw: E-mail to City Council about Bison

The following is an email sent to me by Dan Lesoing asking that the email be forwarded to Council. Mr Lesoing is asking for one of two actions be taken by Council as follows:

Approve the special permit as set forth in Resolution Bill No. 07R-240 as approved by the Planning Commission and Planning Department.

or

Deny the special permit thereby allowing Mr. Lesoing to have unlimited Special Designated Licenses at his business, Bison Youth Sports 710 Hill Street.

Joan Ross, CMC
City Clerk
402/441-7438
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----- Forwarded by Joan E Ross/Notes on 12/11/2007 10:16 AM -----



lesoingsinc
<lesoingsinc@windstream.net>
12/11/2007 12:44 AM

To J Ross <JRoss@ci.lincoln.ne.us>
cc BWill@ci.lincoln.ne.us
Subject Re: FW: E-mail to City Council about Bison

Joan-

Below is one of three complaints I have had in the last 2 year of operation besides Danelle about parking. The second one was the gentleman who opposed at the Planning Commission hearing and the third was the gentleman today. I think besides Danelle, the other three have been happy with my response and understand that I am working with them.

The issue of Brandt Ex and the dump trucks is mute as if it were a concern of theirs I am sure they would have notified me or the police by this time. I don't think speculation of what we think people are thinking should have any merit.

Concerns of mine:

1. I went into business at this location because of the way it was zoned. I researched the parking restrictions and I am compliance with all laws and policies.
2. I know for a fact that parking isn't a problem during the Courtside events and during sporting events we have only three complaints besides Danelle in two years. I believe you have more complaints from the area High Schools during sporting events each year than you do my facility.
3. This is a similar, if not exact type of business doing business

with no restrictions on it. Spikes has the same zoning as my facility does. It has youth sporting events as mine does and has a full time bar 7 days a week.

4. I was asked to apply for this license by the police department. They support this license, the planning department supports this license, the fire inspector signed off on this license and the planning commission supports this license 8-0. I have complied with every law and ordinance the city of Lincoln has for me to comply with. The Lincoln Police Department suggest no limitation on the license. I think that would be highly recommended as they are the ones that will have to monitor the law and answer all calls and complaints about violations including the parking complaints.

5. My liquor request turned into a parking issue. I have no problem with Danelle and her opposition to this license as that is her right, but it is noted her unhappiness with her parking situation and the hoops she had to jump through for her building and that has turned my right to do business into a parking issue.

6. I have more control over events and the liquor if I have a license and not let people bring it in on a rental basis.

Bottom line, in my opinion I believe the City Council thinks they have a parking problem. Not just my facility, but in some other places in the city of Lincoln. I am not sure it's fair to me though to use my liquor license request as a means to address parking restrictions. I would think that should be done through the planning commission and zoning.

After thinking it through and watching it over again tonight before I came back to work, I would like to make this request:

My liquor license be accepted with no amendments attached to it, or denied so I can get SDL's and continue to do business they way I have the last two years with no complaints with alcohol and three parking complaints overall.

Thanks for your time.

Dan L. Lesoing

From: deschine yazzie
Date: 12/06/07 08:04:10
Subject: Fw: Keep Senior Center Programs Ongoing!

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DEC 07 2007

CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

12-5-07

555 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508

To City Council

Please make sure you keep these wonderful opportunities of Lifetime Health for the elderly! It keeps them healthier, meeting people in the training classes which cuts down isolation and its great making new friends. Also the importance of Nebraska Senior Center and all its programs keeps them away from skilled care or in the hospital less too.

They've paid their taxes all these years plus they're backbone of our country!

My husband and I moved here in 1987 from Mo. Wow, very impressive how good in Nebraska seeing all that's done for the elderly! I've always expressed this to family and friends wherever we go. Now the rug yanked out from under our feet. No more good life in Nebraska. I must add none of us are getting any younger and we won't have Lifetime Health and other helpful programs for us.

We've been fortunate from these caring employees giving to us their HELPFUL EDUCATIONAL KNOWLEDGE that we are doing our exercises right. These programs puts less STRESS in our lives for information under one roof. They've made it fun for us too with understanding. Its rare to see a group like them from the heart and being sincerely treated like people away from modern world fast pace of life!!

Because of the above mentioned programs for the elderly it gave me a second thought to stay here instead of retiring in another state.

With deep concern, *Kee Yazzie*
Virdalia Yazzie

Kee & Virdalia Yazzie
9200 South 66th Street
Lincoln, NE 68516

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler



Carrie Campbell Grimes
<cec@vglincoln.com>

12/12/2007 10:07 AM

To "council@lincoln.ne.gov" <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc "Brian Will (BWill@ci.lincoln.ne.us)"
<BWill@ci.lincoln.ne.us>, "Dick Campbell
(rbc@campbellsnursery.com)"

bcc

Subject Village Gardens PUD Amendment & Thank You

Dear City Council Members –

On behalf of the VillageGardensteam and the Campbellfamily, Dick Campbell and I wanted to thank you for your time to discuss the Amendment to our PUD last Monday at the City Council meeting. We are very passionate about the VillageGardensproject and providing Lincoln neighborhood offering different options for homeowners, business owners and the community.

We unfortunately have a meeting on Monday, Dec.17th that our team must attend and will therefore not be able to attend the final reading and voting on the Amendment to our PUD. We apologize for missing this portion of the process. If you have any additional questions about the VillageGardensproject or the amendment to our PUD, please do not hesitate to contact myself (information below) or Dick Campbell (rbc@campbellsnursery.com and 402-423-4556ext. 220).

We appreciate your dedication and civic service to our community and would also like to recognize the assistance and superior service we received from Brian Will and Planning Department as a whole. We look forward to demonstrating a great project with VillageGardens and continuing to work with all of you in the future.

Best Regards,

Carrie Campbell

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**ADDENDUM
TO
DIRECTORS' AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007**

I. MAYOR -

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule Week of December 15 through 21, 2007 - Schedule subject to change.
2. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Conditions Report - 12/15/07 - 6:00 a.m.
3. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Conditions Report - 12/15/07 - 2:00 p.m.
4. City of Lincoln Snow/Traffic Conditions Report - 12/16/07 - 12:00 p.m.

II. CITY CLERK - NONE

III. CORRESPONDENCE -

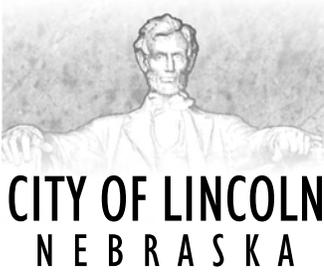
A. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

B. DIRECTORS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS -

HEALTH

1. NEWS RELEASE - RE: Three Lincoln High Schools Win Awards In Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup 'Students For Recycling' Program.

C. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE



NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov

Date: December 14, 2007

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of December 15 through 21, 2007
Schedule subject to change

Monday, December 17

- Nebraska State Historical Society holiday reception - 5 p.m., 1500 "R" St.

Tuesday, December 18

- Mayor's Commission on Women - 5:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, 555 S. 10th St.

Wednesday, December 19

- Center for People in Need toy distribution - stop by after 5 p.m., 3901 N. 27th St.
- NeighborWorks holiday party - stop by after 5 p.m., Hawley Bed and Breakfast, 545 N. 25th St.

Friday, December 21

- Downtown Athletic Club luncheon, remarks - noon, Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13th St., 20th floor

CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW/TRAFFIC CONDITIONS REPORT

A complete voice report is available at 441-7783. This number is for news media use only.

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center - 441-7644

Rick Koepping - 304-3799

Date: December 15, 2007

Time: 6:00 a.m.

Snow combined with ice is creating very hazardous driving conditions on Lincoln streets. An accumulation of 3 to 4 inches began falling at 8 p.m. last night.

Public Works crews began plowing emergency routes at 3 a.m this morning. There are 76 material spreaders and plows being used on these emergency routes. Cleaning of the arterials and bus routes will follow.

The Lincoln Police Department reports 10 accidents since midnight. With windy conditions and low visibility, officers urge extreme caution especially at slick intersections. (Please drive slowly.)

StarTran buses will be running about ten to fifteen minutes behind schedule.

Parking bans are not in effect at this time, but residents are asked to move their cars off streets so crews can more effectively plow residential areas.

Remember, it is illegal to push or blow snow into any street alley or sidewalk.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City Web site at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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Date: December 15, 2007

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Lincoln has received an accumulation of between 5 to 6 inches of snow.

Public Works crews have completed plowing all emergency routes and arterials. Bus routes should be completed within the next hour followed by plans to begin clearing residential areas.

The Lincoln Police Department reports a total of 31 accidents since midnight. Some streets and intersections are still slick and officers encourage drivers to continue to use caution. (Please drive slowly.)

Most StarTran buses are running on time. However, Route 12 Arnold Heights and Route 18 48th Street Shuttle are fifteen minutes behind schedule.

Parking bans are not in effect at this time, but residents are asked to move their cars off streets so crews can begin to effectively plow residential areas.

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Rick Koepping - 304-3799

Date: December 16, 2007

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Public Works crews have completed plowing emergency routes, bus routes, downtown, Haymarket, and most arterials. They are currently plowing residential areas. A reminder that parking bans are not in effect at this time, but residents are asked to move their cars off streets so crews can complete snow removal in their residential areas.

The Lincoln Police Department reports a total of 94 accidents on Saturday and 25 since midnight on Sunday. Some residential streets near intersections are still slick. Material spreaders have been called in to drop material at these intersections. Officers encourage drivers to continue to use caution as they approach intersections.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 13, 2007
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Harry Heafer, 441-8035

**THREE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOLS WIN AWARDS IN KEEP AMERICA
BEAUTIFUL'S GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP 'STUDENTS FOR
RECYCLING' PROGRAM**

*Lincoln High \$1,000 winner & local Recyclers donate \$2,505 to the Lincoln Food Bank
Press event Friday, October 14, 4:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School*

Three of Lincoln's public high schools were recently notified that they were winners in last spring's national Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup 'Students for Recycling' program. This program encourages students and the public to recycle their #1 PET plastic bottles. Winning schools were chosen based on the amount of PET plastic they recycled per student population at their school. Nearly 70,000 pounds of #1 PET plastic was recycled by the six high schools and three local recyclers. This is almost 17,000 pounds more than last year!

Lincoln High School was one of the top 50 schools in the nation for the amount of PET recycled per capita of students and will receive a \$1,000 Sam's Club gift card and 250 backpacks made from recycled PET plastic. Lincoln Southeast and Lincoln Northeast were in the next 50 schools for the highest amount of PET recycled and will each receive 250 backpacks. Lincoln High will donate their \$1,000 Sam's Club Gift card to the Lincoln Food Bank at a press event this Friday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School, 2229 'J' Street. Students involved at these three high schools are discussing different programs to donate the clear plastic backpacks to.

Local partners of the 'Students for Recycling' program include Midwest Recycling, Recycling Enterprises and Star City Recycling. These recyclers are donating an additional \$2,505 to the Lincoln Food Bank as a result of the #1 PET plastic bottles recycled.

Local Keep America Beautiful affiliate Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful, worked with the Lincoln Public School's recycling coordinator to promote this program to the six public high schools. Sam's Club and Aquafina are national sponsors of Keep America Beautiful's Great America Cleanup 'Students for Recycling' program.