

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008**

I. MAYOR

- *1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Presents May Award of Excellence to Mark McCaugherty of the Lincoln Water System.
- *2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra and Lincoln Jaycees Announce Plans for the City's "Uncle Sam Jam" on July 4th at a News Conference, Thursday, June 19, 2008, 10:00 a.m., at 555 So. 10th Street.
- *3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler Invited Public to "Uncle Sam Jam 2008", a Free Event at Oak Lake Park.
- *4. Washington Report, June 13, 2008.

Received Week of June 30, 2008

- 1. Fiscal Impact Statement from Urban Development.
- 2. NEWS RELEASE. Higher Penalties Proposed for Substandard Housing. Emery and Spatz Introduce Change for the Lincoln Policy Network.
- 3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's news conference on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 1:00 pm at 555 South 10th Street, Regarding City's Involvement in Community Learning Centers (CLC).
- 4. NEWS RELEASE. Changes Announced for Community Learning Centers.
- 5. NEWS ADVISORY. News Conference, Thursday, June 26, 2008 at 10:00 am at 555 South 10th Street, in the Reception Area Outside the Mayor's Office. Mayor Beutler will Discuss Creation of a Development Services Center and Addition of an Economic Stimulus Package in the City Budget.
- 6. Washington Report, June 20, 2008.

II. DIRECTORS

PLANNING COMMISSION

- *1. Planning Commission Action, June 18, 2008.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION

- *1. Special Permit No. 1748A. Nebraska Nursery and Color Gardens, W. Burnham and S. Coddington. Resolution No PC-01122.
- *2. Special Permit No. 08024. Expansion of Nonstandard Use, 3121 Cedar Avenue. Resolution No. PC-01123.

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- 1. Special Permit No. 08025. Planned Service Commercial: Lancaster County Agricultural Society - Lancaster Event Center - North 84th Street and Havelock Avenue. Resolution No. PC-01124.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- *1. PRESS RELEASE. Lincoln Police Department is the First Agency in the United States to Subscribe to a New National Information Service.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

- *1. Memo from Nicole Tooze with Great Example of Success of Flood Storage through Easements and Purchases with Photo.
- *2. Reply to Sandra Mathews Regarding StarTran Bus Layover With Mathews' Questions and Comments.
- *3. ADVISORY. Water Main Replacement Project #700309, 56th Street; Seward - Logan Avenue
- *4. ADVISORY. Harris Overpass Project #701781.

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- 1. StarTran Advisory Board Actions.

III. CITY CLERK

IV. COUNCIL REQUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE

JON CAMP (Received Week of June 30, 2008)

- 1. Correspondence from Gary and Faye Gutgesell. Continue to Fight to Reduce Taxes and Have the Board of Education and LPS Look to See Where They Can Make Cuts.

ROBIN ESCHLIMAN

- *1. Reply from Wayne Teten, Public Works Antelope Valley Project Manager, to Questions Submitted by Rich Esquivel.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- *1. Correspondence from Bruce and Pam Bartlett. Need Path to Mahoney Park and 84th Street Murdock Trail from Neighborhood.
- *2. Email from Jerry Wolf. Suggestion of Using Speeding and Traffic Fines to Help with Police Budget.
- *3. InterLinc Correspondence from Andy Ringsmuth on "Fuel Surcharge" for Speeding.
 - a. Article. Speeders to Pay Extra for Police Fuel.
- *4. Memo from Katie Halperin Regarding Washington Square Development.
 - a. Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Staff Report with Pictures.
- *5. Letter from Tanna Skoyo Encouraging Council to Reconsider Cutting the Bus Service.
- *6. Email from Molly Oglesby. Time to Raise Taxes.

Received Week of June 30, 2008

- 1. Letter from Lincoln Chamber of Commerce President, Wendy Birdsall. Their 2008 Local Opportunities Agenda.
 - a. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce's 2008 Local Opportunities Agenda with Key Local Objectives.
- 2. Email from Michael L. Topil Regarding West Denton Road Construction Not Being Complete.
 - a. Letter from Steve Masters, Public Utilities Administrator, with Summary on Status of Completing the Paving Connection at West Denton Road.

3. Email from Jayne Sebby. Supports Code Violation Fine Increase, Plus Another Category for Refusing to Maintain Property. (City Council Members Received on 06/23/08 Before Formal Meeting)
4. Email from Hans Gilde with Observations and Suggestions Concerning the New Bus Routes.
5. Correspondence Received through InterLinc from Dave Bopp on Fuel Fee Added to Speeding Tickets.
6. Letter from Peggy Theobald Regarding StarTran Hours and Routes.
7. Correspondence from the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. Urge Congressman Fortenberry to Support H.R. 6327 to Fix the Highway Trust Fund.
8. InterLinc Correspondence from Dianne Osler. Opposed to Raising Property Taxes. Have Reduction in Non-Essential Services.
9. InterLinc Correspondence from Jay Carnes. Against Any Tax Increases, Need to Rein in the School Board Budget and No City Income Tax.
10. Email from Dave Polson. Do Not Raise Taxes.
11. Email Stating to Not Increase Our Property Taxes. We Have One of the Highest in the Nation.
12. Letter to Council from Teresa Thompson. Reconsider Discontinuing the Adult Day Program at Easterday Recreation Center in Northeast Lincoln. (Each Council Person Received Letter on 06/25/08)
13. Email from Judd Smith. Do Not Increase Property Taxes, and Look at the LPS Budget.
14. Email from Faith A. White. Please - No New Taxes.
15. Email from Arlene Hughes. Please Do Not Consider Raising Property Taxes, Too High Now.
16. Email from Sid Havekost. Vehemently Opposed to Any Thought on Raising Property Taxes.
17. Email from cpetsch, City Budget Impact on Community Learning Centers.
18. Email from David Fikar, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) chair. Explanation of LCHR's Community Role and Reasons Why Services Should Not be Cut or Eliminated Due to Funding.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*** Held Over From June 23, 2008**

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION Urban Development DATE 6/10/08

NEED Authorization to transfer funds between programs as needed.
 Housing Development Loan Program uncommitted funds into the Emergency Repair Loan and Deferred Payment Loan fund; uncommitted Facade and Neighborhood Business Retail loan funds into subrecipient contracts and Job Creation funds; uncommitted Focus Area Public Improvements into South Street Streetscape project; and uncommitted Housing Development Loan Program funds into HOME Administration.
 (Please see attached detailed information)

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing
 Limited

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES
	City Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	County Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	State Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Federal Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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  DATE 6/10/08

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Availability of Appropriations: Yes No

BUDGET OFFICER Steve [Signature]

PURCHASING AGENT _____

FINANCE DIRECTOR _____

DATE 6/14/08

APPROVED: Yes No

MAYOR _____

DATE _____

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>	6/11/08 Fiscal Impact Statement <u>IN/(OUT)</u>
270005.5639	Housing Development Loan Program	(100,000.00)
270203.5639	Direct & Deferred Loan Program	30,000.00
270206.5639	Emergency Repair Loan Program	70,000.00
		<u>0.00</u>

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

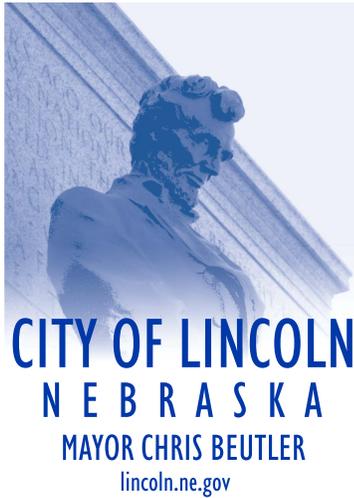
270102.5639.30	Commercial Façade Loan Program	(1,520.45)
270102.5639.31	Job Creation/Retention Loan Program	17,353.78
270102.5639.32	Neighborhood Retail Business Assistance	(50,000.00)
270102.5656	CDR Operations	4,166.67
270102.5639.31	CDR CDFI Loan Fund	30,000.00
		<u>0.00</u>

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATON

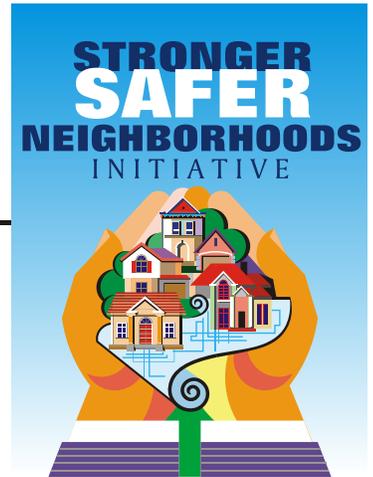
270006.6143	Focus Area Public Improvements	(105,000.00)
270034.6143	South Street Streetscape	105,000.00
		<u>0.00</u>

2007/08 HOME TRANSFERS

<u>Business Unit/ Object Code</u>	<u>HOUSING</u>	6/11/08 Fiscal Impact Statement <u>IN/(OUT)</u>
265010.5639.26	Housing Development Loan Program	(17,369.40)
265010.5020	Administration	17,369.40
		<u>0.00</u>



NEWS RELEASE



OR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

June 23, 2008

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HIGHER PENALTIES PROPOSED FOR SUBSTANDARD HOUSING

Emery and Spatz introduce change for the Lincoln Policy Network

Cracking down on landlords who ignore housing code directives and the disorder and blight they cause is the goal of proposed legislation offered by City Council members Doug Emery and John Spatz. The City Council will hold a public hearing on their proposal to increase housing code violation fines at its meeting, which begins today at 5:30 pm.

Housing code violation fines are penalties imposed by judges on property owners who refuse to fix substandard housing issues. The new proposal would raise current minimum fines:

- First offense - \$25 to \$200
- Second offense - \$50 to \$250
- Third and subsequent offenses - \$100 to \$300

The City's Building and Safety Department routinely sends out thousands of letters every year as a part of the licensing and inspection process according to Jon Carlson, Mayoral Aide for Stronger Safer Neighborhoods. Carlson, a rental property owner in the Near South area, said that the majority of property owners respond promptly.

Carlson gave examples from his own experiences as a landlord. Over the last eight years, Carlson received 43 letters on his 93 units in ten buildings from the Building and Safety Department. Each pointed out issues such as reattaching a gutter down spout or rebuilding a fire escape. Some concerned tenants removing window screens or storing boxes in the hallways.

"In every case, the item was fixed or the tenant notified and the issue was resolved. That's how we expect property owners to respond," Carlson said.

Lynn Fisher, President of the Real Estate Owners and Managers Association (REOMA) agreed. "Receiving letters from Building and Safety saying repairs need to be made is part of being a landlord. The good landlords fix the problems."

"Unfortunately, not all owners respond as promptly as Jon or Lynn," said Tracy Corr, Chair of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable. "And when they don't, the penalties are very soft."

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Corr also is a member of the Lincoln Policy Network (LPN), which request the increased fines. The LPN is a group of neighborhood residents, business and residential property owners, REALTORS and non-profits. The LPN was formed to identify community issues, formulate solutions, and implement plans to change City, County or State policies through new legislation or the modification of existing laws or ordinances.

“Improving Lincoln is in everyone’s interest,” Corr said. “When we come together and speak with a common voice, City leaders and policy makers will listen. The proposal to increase fines is a perfect example.”

Spatz and Emery agreed to co-sponsor the change after meeting with the LPN.

“These fines are way overdue for updating,” Spatz said, noting that they had been in place since 1990. “Neighborhoods need safe and decent housing and strong penalties for those who will not comply.”

Emery agreed and said that the old fines didn’t put enough pressure on people to improve dangerous properties. “It just becomes the cost of doing business for a bad property owner,” he said.

Fisher said landlords support penalties that target bad property owners. “Most owners fix problems promptly when they are notified by Building and Safety,” said Fisher. “The small minority who won’t make repairs give a black eye to the whole rental business.”

Michael Snodgrass Executive Director of NeighborWorks® Lincoln said his organization was pleased to be a part of the LPN. “We are in the business of building a better community,” Snodgrass said. “This change will help that by creating uniformity among fines for building code violations. Currently if someone builds a substandard porch, or repairs it improperly the minimum fine is \$200. But if you just let a porch sit, rot and become substandard, you only get a \$25 fine. Raising the housing violation fines is fair, focused, and will make housing conditions better for Lincoln.”

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the ordinance change July 7.



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DATE: June 25, 2008

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Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss changes in the City's involvement in Community Learning Centers (CLC) at a news conference at **1 p.m. TODAY, Wednesday, June 25 in room 113 at the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.** The Mayor will be joined by the representatives of the Lincoln Public Schools and other CLC partners.



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CHANGES ANNOUNCED FOR COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that all current Community Learning Centers (CLCs) will continue to serve children and families for the upcoming school year. But the Mayor said City budget issues are forcing a change in the role of the City Parks and Recreation Department from being a provider of CLC services to being a funder. The proposed changes are expected to save the City more than \$200,000.

Beutler notified the CLC leadership and Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent Susan Gourley last month of the City's intent. "It was my belief that our community's non-profits could assume these duties and continue services more efficiently than the City," he said. "This was in line with one of the key findings of our PRIORITY LINCOLN budget process: people wanted us to find ways to continue services at a lower cost to the City."

The Mayor thanked the partners who worked with the City on the new CLC service model: Superintendent Gourley; Barry Gourley and the board of Family Service; CLC coordinators Cathie Petsch and Lea Ann Johnson; and Kit Boesch, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Human Services Administrator.

The first five Community Learning Centers in Lincoln opened during the 2000-2001 school year. CLCs are now at 23 school sites, providing a wide variety of programs to meet neighborhood needs. Parks and Recreation has been involved in two ways: as a core provider of services and as a lead agency, coordinating the staff and programs at the site.

After the transition, Parks and Recreation will be the lead agency only at Belmont, Everett and McPhee. The department will continue to provide services at those sites as well as Arnold. Parks and Recreation also will continue before- and after-school programs at three recreation centers – Calvert, Irving and "F" Street. *(A list of proposed changes is attached.)*

Beutler said the changes were prompted by several factors:

- New interpretations of State child care rules increased staffing ratios and snack costs.
- CLC grants will begin to expire in the 2009-2010 budget year.
- City personnel costs are considerably higher than those of other non-profit providers.
- The Parks and Recreation budget has been cuts over the last five years.

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Beutler said the changes represent both a success and a failure for the community. “The CLC initiative and the partnerships we have forged are strong,” he said. “Our partners are stepping forward to help us meet Lincoln’s budget shortfall and maintain service for the future of our children. By working together we helped save programs that children, parents and neighborhoods desperately need.”

But Beutler said past City governments have been unwilling to deal with the problems of declining revenues and increased costs. “The continuing structural imbalance in the budget has created a situation in which some decisions can no longer be based on what is best for the future of this community,” he said. “Our choice was the a slow decay of an important City service or a re-organization to stabilize the future of CLCs. I chose to find a way to salvage all that we possibly could for the parents and children of this community.”

Beutler said CLCs will not be able to provide the same level of service under the new model. But he said the partners have done all they could to mitigate the changes so families will notice few changes.

Proposed Changes to Community Learning Center and Before and After School Programs

School	2007-08	2008-09
Arnold CLC	Lead Agency: Lincoln Housing Authority Core Services: Cedars, Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Lincoln Housing Authority Core Services: Cedars, Parks and Recreation
Belmont CLC	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation
Everett CLC	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation
Lakeview CLC	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Willard Community Center	Lead Agency: Family Service Core Services: Willard Community Center
Pershing CLC (a)	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Selection in process, to be announced Core Services: Selection in process, to be announced
McPhee CLC	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation
Mickle CLC (a)	Lead Agency: Parks and Recreation Core Services: Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Selection in process, to be announced Core Services: Selection in process, to be announced
Norwood Park CLC	Lead Agency: Big Brothers Big Sisters Core Services: Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Big Brothers Big Sisters Core Services: Selection in process, to be announced
Huntington CLC	Lead Agency: Family Service Core Services: Parks and Recreation	Lead Agency: Family Service Core Services: Family Service
Beattie (b)	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation	Before and After School: Family Service
Fredstrom (b)	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation	Before and After School: Family Service
Hill (b)	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation	Before and After School: Family Service
Park (c)	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation	Before and After School: Selection in process to be announced
Calvert	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation
Irving	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation
F Street Rec Center	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation	Before and After School: Parks and Recreation

Definitions

Lead Agency - Provides Community Learning Center Site Supervisor to facilitate and coordinate programs and activities for children, families, and neighborhood residents.

Core Services - Provides before and after school programs at Community Learning Center

(a) The City will be providing \$40,000 per year to sustain the Pershing/Mickle CLC's.

(b) The City will be providing \$37,500 during the first year, and \$30,000 for two subsequent years to Family Service to assist in the transition between program providers.

(c) It is anticipated that the



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Washington Report

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FY 2009 BUDGET PROCESS PICKS UP SPEED

BUDGET

Congressional leaders, White House forge compromise on war funding measure. The White House and congressional leaders reached a compromise on a FY 2008 supplemental spending bill (HR 2642). The compromise bill will provide \$162 billion for military activities in Iraq and Afghanistan through June of next year. In a bow to the White House, the bill does not include any restrictions on troop levels.

On the domestic side, the bill includes \$5.8 billion to strengthen New Orleans levees, \$2.7 billion for disaster assistance related to Midwest floods and tornadoes, and \$210 million to cover 2010 Census cost overruns. The bill also includes an expansion of veteran's education programs, a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits, and a moratorium on proposed Medicaid regulations that would have cut federal payments to the states.

The compromise now heads to the Senate. The Senate will likely clear the bill for the President's signature despite bipartisan unhappiness that it does not include domestic spending sought by senators and included in earlier versions of the bill, most notably \$490 million for Byrne Justice Assistance Grants and \$1 billion for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

HOUSING

Senate poised to pass housing measure. Despite a late-hour White House veto threat, the Senate appears poised to pass a comprehensive housing and foreclosure assistance package (HR 3221).

The White House veto threat came as the Senate began debate on the bill on Thursday. In his veto message, President Bush singled out the bill's \$4 billion Community

Development Block Grant (CDBG) supplemental appropriation to assist state and local government purchase and rehabilitate vacant and foreclosed housing. His veto message also took aim at the bill's \$3 billion expansion of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) loan program targeted at homes facing foreclosure and the bill's creation of a funding source for an Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

There may be sufficient support for the bill in the Senate to override a vote, however, judging by the sound defeat of amendments that would have deleted the FHA loan expansion and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund funding source from the bill.

On the House side, bill sponsors indicated that they might be open to dropping the \$4 billion supplemental appropriation and voicing confidence that other provisions of the package enjoy broad enough bipartisan support to overcome White House veto threats. The House has approved a separate bill (HR 5818) that would authorize \$15 billion in grants and loans, separate from CDBG, for much the same purpose.

The Senate is expected to pass HR 3221 next week, sending it to a formal Conference Committee with the House. While sponsors will likely fall short of their goal of sending a final bill to the President's desk before July 4, it appears increasingly likely that President Bush will have a chance to follow through on his veto threat before August.

ENVIRONMENT

Energy block grant would receive funding in Energy Department budget recommendations. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development approved its version of a FY 2009 spending bill this week. The \$33.256 billion measure represents a

\$2.377 billion increase over FY 2008 levels.

One highlight of the bill is the recommendation of \$295 million for the new Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. The program was first authorized last year in omnibus energy legislation at \$2 billion annually and provides formula funds to states and local governments for the development and implementation of energy efficiency programs. While the amount is far below the authorized level, the recommendation represents progress, as funding for new programs is extremely difficult in the current budget climate where the White House has threatened vetoes of any spending bills that exceed the President's recommended levels.

While full details are not available, it appears that the measure may have suggested reduced funding for projects at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. A press release from the subcommittee chairman touted the fact that Corps funding would be \$595 million over the President's request for FY 2009, but the President recommended a \$1 billion cut for the agency in his budget proposal.

Full committee consideration of the bill scheduled for June 24 has been postponed so that the panel can take up other FY 2009 measures that were postponed this week.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Senate panel clears DHS spending bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee approved its version of a FY 2009 budget for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) this week. Overall, the measure would spend \$40.1 billion in discretionary funding in FY 2009, an increase of \$2.4 billion over FY 2008 levels and \$200 million more than the measure approved by a House subcommittee last week.

State and local government homeland security programs would be funded at \$4.2 billion in FY 2008 under the Senate bill, a level that is about even with FY 2008 spending and the House FY 2009 bill, but over \$2 billion more than was requested by President Bush. Funding levels for specific DHS programs are as follows (with the difference between FY 2008 and House subcommittee levels):

- \$890 million for the State Homeland Security Grant Program (-\$60m FY08 and House)
- \$825 million for the Urban Area Security Initiative (+\$5m FY08; -\$25m House)
- \$400 million for Port Security Grants (same as FY08 and House)
- \$400 million for Rail and Transit Security Grants (same as FY08 and House)
- \$33 million for the Metropolitan Medical Response System (-9m FY08; -\$17m House)
- \$750 million for Firefighter Assistance Grants (same as FY08, -\$50m House)

In the area of disaster preparedness and response at FEMA, the bill recommends: \$300 million for Emergency Management Performance Grants, the same as FY 2008 and \$15 million below the House; \$185 million for Flood Map Modernization, \$35 million below both the House and FY 2008, and \$100 million for the Pre-disaster Mitigation Fund, a decrease of \$14 million from FY 2008 and \$25 million more than the House.

Senate floor debate for the DHS spending bill has not been scheduled.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Senate panel approves FY 2009 Justice Department spending. The Senate Appropriations Committee unanimously approved the FY 2009 Department of Justice spending measure this week. A House subcommittee approved its version last week.

The bill cleared by the Senate Appropriations Committee provides good news for local governments. Senate appropriators rejected the Administration's proposal to further slash state and local law enforcement assistance. The Committee-approved bill would provide \$3.121 billion for state and local law enforcement assistance programs, \$2.04 billion more than the President requested.

Highlights of the bill (with FY 2008 and available House subcommittee funding in parentheses) include:

- \$580 million for Byrne Formula Justice Assistance Grants (+\$414m FY08, -\$30m House)
- \$230 million for Byrne Discretionary Grants (+\$42m FY08)
- \$400 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (-\$10m FY08)
- \$30 million for Drug Courts (+\$15m FY08)
- \$25 million for Weed and Seed (-\$7m FY08)
- \$400 million for juvenile justice (+\$16m FY08)
- \$400 million for Violence against Women (same as FY08)

Senate appropriators also rejected the Administration's proposal to terminate the COPS Program, choosing to fund it at \$600 million, including \$50 million for Hiring Grants.

The bill has not been scheduled for Senate flood consideration.

HUMAN SERVICES

House subcommittee rejects White House cuts to HHS programs. The House Appropriations Committee subcommittee with jurisdiction over the Departments of Labor, HHS, and Education approved its version of an FY 2009 budget for the agencies this week.

The measure is the largest of the domestic appropriations bills and is often a lightning rod for partisan debates over social services spending. The \$153.1 billion bill approved by the subcommittee represents an \$8 billion increase over FY 2008 levels. House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey (D-WI), who is also chair of the Labor-HHS subcommittee, made a point of highlighting programs in which the President had proposed drastic cuts but the panel instead chose to increase. They include (with change from FY

2008 levels in parentheses):

- \$2.156 billion for community health centers (+\$100m)
- \$2.916 billion For childhood immunizations (+\$156m)
- \$746 million for mental health and substance abuse block grant (+\$80m)
- \$7.1 billion for Head Start (+\$244m)
- \$2.1 billion for child care block grant (+50m)
- \$1.1 billion for after school centers (+\$50m)
- \$2.770 billion for low income home energy assistance program (+\$200m)
- \$1.7 billion for the Social Services Block Grant (same)
- \$700 million for the Community Services Block Grant (+\$46m)

The bill was originally scheduled to be considered by the full committee on June 25, but that date may slide to accommodate full committee markups that were postponed from this week.

UPDATES

Farm Bill

The five year, \$290 billion Farm Bill (HR 6124) finally became law this week after the House and Senate both easily voted to override the President's veto of the measure. Last month, the President vetoed a copy of the legislation sent to him that was missing 34 pages. As a result, both the House and Senate had to take up the bill again, send the complete copy to the President, who vetoed it again. The President had hoped that Congress would reform and scale back farm subsidies provided by the federal government, but instead suffered the third veto override of this Presidency, two of which were the Farm Bill.

VoIP 911

The Senate this week approved legislation (HR 3403) that would allow companies that provides telephone services via Voice-

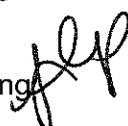
over Internet Protocol (VoIP) to have access to traditional phone company infrastructure for the purpose of providing 911 emergency services. The bill is the result of a compromise between the House and Senate, which were finally able to resolve differences on the legal definition of VoIP technology and how to provide some limits on how telephone companies can use 911 customer information. The House is expected to clear the bill next week.

Byrne Program

The House Judiciary Committee approved legislation (HR 3546) that would reauthorize the Edward Byrne State and Local Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) program at \$1.1 billion annually through FY 2012. The program is set to expire in September, and while Congress has consistently funded the program (although at less than the authorized level), the Bush Administration has proposed its elimination in recent years. The measure was approved at the subcommittee level last week.

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning 

DATE : June 20, 2008

RE : **Special Permit No. 08025**
(Planned Service Commercial: Lancaster County Agricultural Society -
Lancaster Event Center - N. 84th Street and Havelock Avenue)
Resolution No. PC-01124

The Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2008:

Motion made by Taylor, seconded by Cornelius, to approve **Special Permit No. 08025**, with conditions, as amended, requested by the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc., for a planned service commercial development consisting of 150 hotel rooms, 8,000 sq. ft. of restaurants, and 40,000 sq. ft. of retail, on property generally located at N. 84th Street and Havelock Avenue.

Motion for conditional approval, with one amendment, carried 8-0: Cornelius, Taylor, Francis, Sunderman, Partington, Larson, Esseks and Carroll voting 'yes' (Gaylor Baird absent).

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

Please note: On June 18, 2008, the Planning Commission also voted 8-0 to recommend approval of the associated Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 08014, Annexation No. 08004 and Change of Zone No. 08025 from AG to H-4 General Commercial, all subject to a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Lincoln and the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, which are tentatively scheduled for public hearing before the City Council on Monday, July 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Attachment

cc: Building & Safety
Rick Peo, City Attorney
Public Works
Jeremy Williams, Design Associates, 1609 N Street, 68508
Lancaster County Agricultural Society, 4100 N. 84th Street, 68507
Alan Wood, Erickson & Sederstrom, 301 S. 13th, Suite 400, 68508

RESOLUTION NO. PC-01124

SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 08025

1 WHEREAS, Lancaster County Agricultural Society Inc. has submitted an applica-
2 tion designated as Special Permit No. 08025 for a planned service commercial development
3 consisting of 150 hotel rooms, 8,000 square feet of restaurants, and 40,000 square feet of retail
4 on property generally located at N. 84th Street and Havelock Avenue, and legally described as:

5 A parcel of land located in Lots 30 and 37 of Irregular Tracts in
6 the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 10 North, Range 7
7 East of the 6th P.M., Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; and
8 further described by metes and bounds as follows:

9 Referring to the southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said
10 Section 11; thence in a northerly direction, along the west line of
11 the Northwest Quarter of said Section 11, on an assumed bearing
12 of north 00 degrees 56 minutes 54 seconds east for a distance of
13 580.06 feet to the point of intersection of the northerly 50' right-of-
14 way (now abandoned) of the Chicago Rock Island Railroad,
15 extended west; thence south 89 degrees 03 minutes 06 seconds
16 east on the northerly 50' right-of-way line (now abandoned) of the
17 Chicago Rock Island Railroad extended west, for a distance of
18 110.00 feet; thence north 17 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds
19 west, on the easterly right-of-way line of North 84th Street, for a
20 distance of 95.56 feet; thence north 00 degrees 56 minutes 54
21 seconds east, on the easterly right-of-way line of North 84th
22 Street, for a distance of 600.00 feet; thence north 56 degrees 23
23 minutes 09 seconds east, on the easterly right-of-way line of
24 North 84th Street, for a distance of 54.64 feet; thence south 89
25 degrees 03 minutes 06 seconds east, on the easterly right-of-way
26 line of North 84th Street, for a distance of 20.00 feet to the point
27 of beginning; thence north 00 degrees 56 minutes 54 seconds
28 east, on the easterly right-of-way line of North 84th Street, for a
29 distance of 60.00 feet; thence north 69 degrees 04 minutes 07
30 seconds west, on the easterly right-of-way line of North 84th
31 Street, for a distance of 58.52 feet; thence north 00 degrees 56
32 minutes 54 seconds east, on the easterly right-of-way line of

1 North 84th Street, for a distance of 689.00 feet; thence north 01
2 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds west, on the easterly right-of-way
3 line of North 84th Street, for a distance of 300.37 feet; thence
4 north 03 degrees 59 minutes 32 seconds east, on the easterly
5 right-of-way line of North 84th Street, for a distance of 188.33
6 feet; thence north 41 degrees 15 minutes 57 seconds east, on the
7 easterly right-of-way line of North 84th Street, for a distance of
8 26.27 feet, to a point on the southerly 50.0 foot right-of-way line of
9 Havelock Avenue; thence north 89 degrees 44 minutes 59
10 seconds east, on the southerly right-of-way line of Havelock
11 Avenue, for a distance of 724.18 feet; thence south 00 degrees
12 56 minutes 54 seconds west, for a distance of 577.28 feet; thence
13 north 89 degrees 03 minutes 06 seconds west, for a distance of
14 196.89 feet; thence on a curve to the left with a radius of 274.00
15 feet for an arc length of 430.40 feet with a tangent length of
16 274.00 feet and a delta angle of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00
17 seconds and a chord length of 387.49 feet and a chord bearing of
18 south 45 degrees 56 minutes 54 seconds west; thence south 00
19 degrees 56 minutes 54 seconds west, for a distance of 440.96
20 feet; thence north 89 degrees 03 minutes 06 seconds west, for a
21 distance of 210.13 feet to the point of beginning; together with
22 and subject to covenants, easements and restrictions of record,
23 said parcel contains 14.35 acres, more or less;

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25 WHEREAS, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission has held a
26 public hearing on said application; and

27 WHEREAS, the community as a whole, the surrounding neighborhood, and the
28 real property adjacent to the area included within the site plan for this planned service
29 commercial development will not be adversely affected by granting such a special permit; and

30 WHEREAS, said site plan together with the terms and conditions hereinafter set
31 forth are consistent with the comprehensive plan of the City of Lincoln and with the intent and
32 purpose of Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to promote the public health, safety, and
33 general welfare.

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

36 That the application of Lancaster County Agricultural Society Inc., hereinafter
37 referred to as "Permittee", for a special permit for a planned service commercial development

1 consisting of 150 hotel rooms, 8,000 square feet of restaurants, and 40,000 square feet of retail
2 on property described above be and the same is hereby granted under the provisions of
3 Section 27.63.540 of the Lincoln Municipal Code upon condition that construction of said
4 planned service commercial development be in substantial compliance with said application, the
5 site plan, and the following additional express terms, conditions, and requirements:

6 1. This permit approves 150 motel or hotel rooms, 8,000 square feet of restaurants,
7 and 40,000 square feet of retail.

8 2. The City Council must approve the following associated requests:

- 9 a. Memorandum of Understanding.
- 10 b. Comprehensive Plan Amendment #08014.
- 11 c. Annexation #08004.
- 12 d. Change of Zone #08025.

13 3. Before receiving building permits the Permittee shall:

14 a. Cause to be prepared and submitted to the Planning Department a
15 revised and reproducible final plot plan including 5 copies showing the following required
16 revisions:

- 17 i. Revise boundary and legal description of the change of zone on
18 the site plan.
- 19 ii. Revise boundary and legal description of the annexation on the
20 site plan to include the bike trail portion.
- 21 iii. Revise the sheet number of the site plan to state "1 of 2".
- 22 iv. Correct the spelling of "NORTH" for North 84th Street on the
23 Grading Plan and the Landscape Plan on Sheet 2.
- 24 v. Remove the Landscape Plan. The "Landscape" note on the site
25 plan is satisfactory.
- 26 vi. Add a note to the "Landscape" notes on the site plan stating that
27 there will be street trees along N. 84th Street, Havelock Avenue.

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- vii. Add a note to the "Landscape" notes on the site plan stating that the main drives along the south and east boundaries of this special permit shall have street trees in accordance with the standard for private roadways.
 - viii. Add "Special Permit #08025" to the title block for both sheets.
 - ix. Relocate the Vicinity Map on the site plan so that the drainage flow lines do not interrupt.
 - x. Add a note to the site plan Building Use Table regarding the maximum of 30,000 square feet of retail per building as required by Section 27.63.470 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.
 - xi. Add a note to the site plan that states that the site will comply with design standards for pedestrian circulation in commercial areas at the time of building permits.
 - xii. Add a note to the site plan that states that the special permit shall be subject to the requirements of the zoning ordinance regarding all signs. One off-premises sign exists on the site. No additional off-premises signs are allowed.
 - xiii. Revise the site plan to show the easement and poles for the 35kV electric line along the east side of N. 84th Street.
 - xiv. Revise the site plan to show easements to the satisfaction of Lincoln Electric System.
 - xv. Add a note to the site plan that states the following:

"ANY CONSTRUCTION OR GRADE CHANGES IN LES TRANSMISSION LINE EASEMENT CORRIDORS ARE SUBJECT TO LES APPROVAL AND MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LES DESIGN AND SAFETY STANDARDS.

LANDSCAPING MATERIAL SELECTIONS WITHIN EASEMENT CORRIDORS SHALL FOLLOW ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM CLEARANCE FROM UTILITY FACILITIES."
 - xvi. Revise the grading plan to show the three lane urban paving section for Havelock Avenue to ensure that the proposed site grading will match the grading necessary for the curb and gutter section.
 - xvii. Provide the storm sewer and drainage calculations.

- 1 xviii. Revise the site plan to show the required 30' sanitary sewer
2 easements.
- 3 xix. Revise the site plan to show a 250' north to eastbound right turn
4 lane in N. 84th Street at Havelock Avenue, a 350' east to
5 southbound right turn lane in Havelock Avenue, a 250' west to
6 northbound right turn lane in Havelock Avenue, 200' right turn
7 lanes at the proposed driveways off of Havelock Avenue, and a
8 minimum of 250' of left turn storage for the left turn lanes for the
9 driveways off of Havelock or such other dimension to the
10 satisfaction of Public Works.
- 11 b. Provide information to Public Works showing that the proposed private
12 water system will provide adequate fire protection flows.
- 13 4. The construction plans shall substantially comply with the approved plans.
- 14 5. Add to the General Notes, "Signs need not be shown on this site plan, but need
15 to be in compliance with chapter 27.69 of the Lincoln Zoning Ordinance, and must be approved
16 by the Building & Safety Department prior to installation".
- 17 6. Provide documentation from the Register of Deeds that the letter of acceptance
18 as required by the approval of the special permit has been recorded.
- 19 7. Provide documentation from the Register of Deeds that the required easements
20 as shown on the site plan have been recorded.
- 21 8. Before occupying the buildings all development and construction must
22 substantially comply with the approved plans.
- 23 9. All privately-owned improvements, including landscaping and recreational
24 facilities, must be permanently maintained by the Permittee.
- 25 10. The physical location of all setbacks and yards, buildings, parking and circulation
26 elements, and similar matters must be in substantial compliance with the location of said items
27 as shown on the approved site plan.
- 28 11. The terms, conditions, and requirements of this resolution shall run with the land
29 and be binding on the Permittee, its successors and assigns.

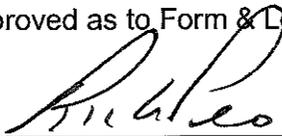
1 12. The Permittee shall sign and return the letter of acceptance to the City Clerk
2 within 60 days following the approval of the special permit, provided, however, said 60-day
3 period may be extended up to six months by administrative amendment. The City Clerk shall
4 file a copy of the resolution approving the special permit and the letter of acceptance with the
5 Register of Deeds, filing fees therefor to be paid in advance by the Permittee.

6 The foregoing Resolution was approved by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County
7 Planning Commission on this 18 day of June, 2008.

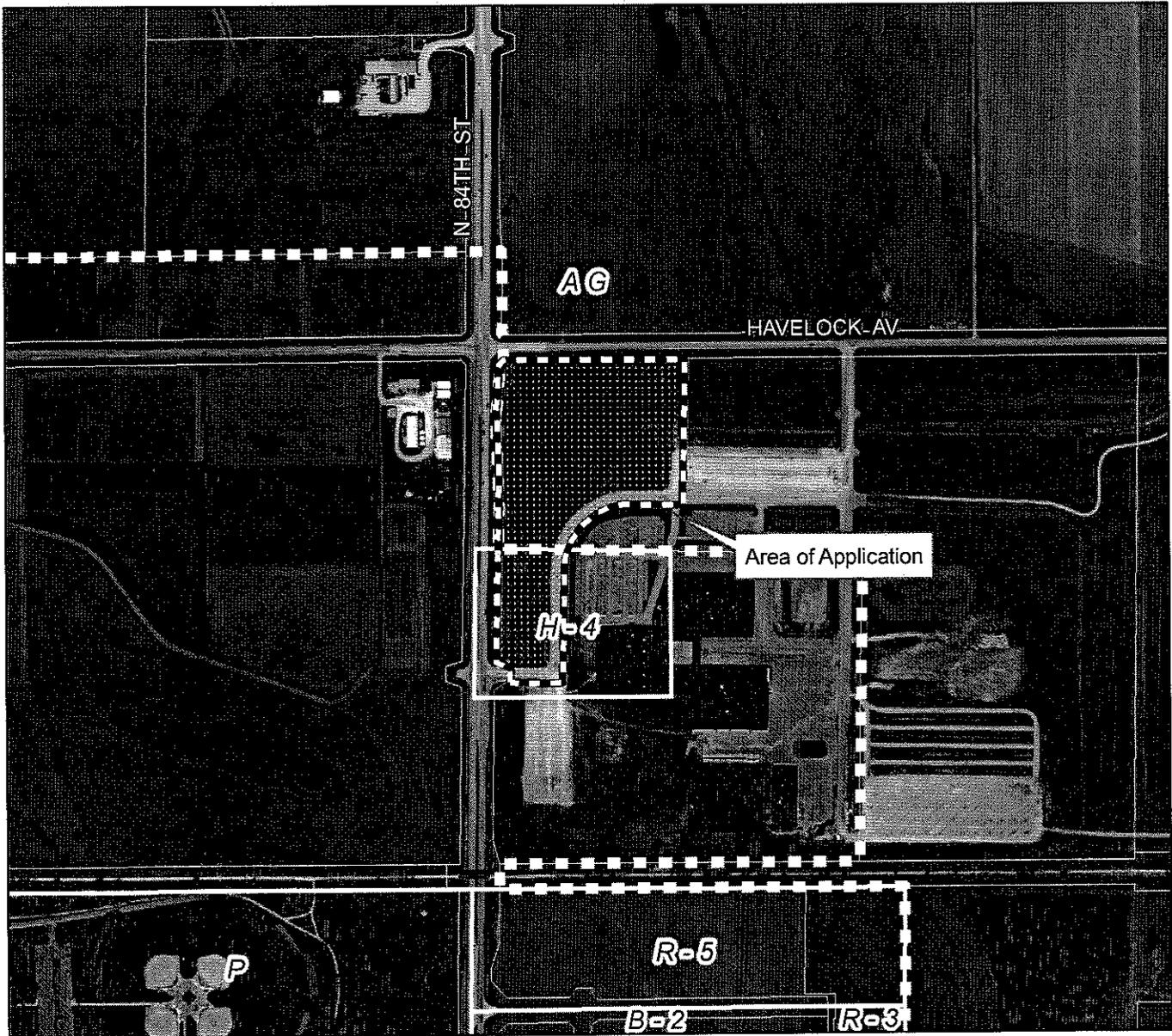
ATTEST:


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Approved as to Form & Legality:



Chief Assistant City Attorney



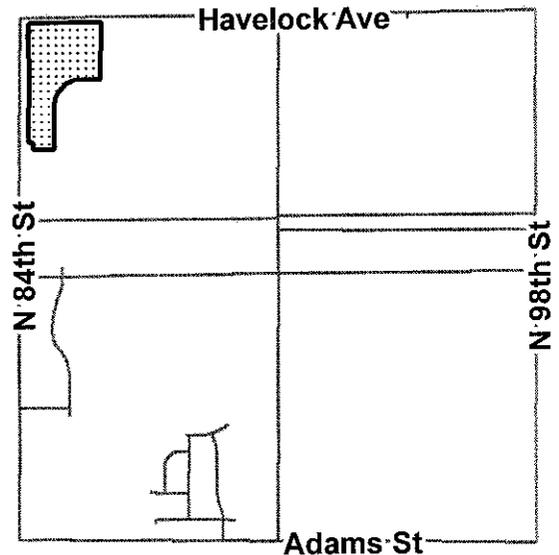
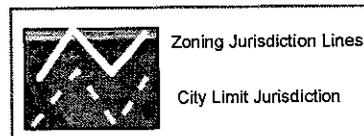
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Special Permit #08025 N 84th St & Havelock Ave

Zoning:

One Square Mile
Sec. 11 T10N R07E

- R-1 to R-8 Residential District
- AG Agricultural District
- AGR Agricultural Residential District
- O-1 Office District
- O-2 Suburban Office District
- O-3 Office Park District
- R-T Residential Transition District
- B-1 Local Business District
- B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District
- B-3 Commercial District
- B-4 Lincoln Center Business District
- B-5 Planned Regional Business District
- H-1 Interstate Commercial District
- H-2 Highway Business District
- H-3 Highway Commercial District
- H-4 General Commercial District
- I-1 Industrial District
- I-2 Industrial Park District
- I-3 Employment Center District
- P Public Use District



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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Lincoln City Council
From: Greg MacLean, Director Public Works & Utilities Dept
Date: June 23, 2008
Subject: StarTran Advisory Board Actions
cc: Mayor Chris Beutler, Larry Worth - Transit Manager



In conformance with 2.38.100 of the Lincoln Municipal Code (LMC) this memo is to advise of actions taken by the StarTran Advisory Board on June 19, 2008 regarding StarTran routes/schedules, as follows:

- #54, Vet's Hospital & #56, Neighborhood South – Approved minor route change to go to Vet's Hospital first and then to St. Elizabeth Hospital.
- #49, University Place – Approved minor route change outbound from 12th to 14th Streets, and inbound from 12th to 13th Streets.

Public hearing concerning the above was conducted on June 19, 2008, with two supportive testimonies received.

Per 2.38.00 of the LMC, the above-approved minor operational route revisions will be effective 45 days after Advisory Board action on August 4, 2008.

Tammy J Grammer/Notes

06/25/2008 11:01 AM

To

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Subject Fw: City Property and Sales Tax

Jon Camp
Lincoln City Council
City Council Office: 441-7515
Haymarket Square Office: 474-1838

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

From: Garygutgesell@aol.com

To: CAMPJON@aol.com

Sent: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 6:04:13 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Subject: City Property and Sales Tax

Jon:

This Monday a representative from a neighborhood alliance told Coby Mach on "Drive Time Lincoln" that we taxpayers shouldn't mind that LPS wants a sizeable increase in their budget. She not only said that we taxpayers should be willing to ante up more property taxes but also pushed for a "small" increase in the city sales tax as well. She stressed that most of our taxes go to LPS and relatively little to the city budget so we shouldn't complain about the overall tax burden. She said we taxpayers should be willing to "tighten our belts" to allow LPS to increase their 2009 spending. It appears that the city is trying hard to cut back but LPS, with their bloated administration, doesn't see fit to do so. If anyone should tighten their belts it should be LPS!

Jon...enough is enough!! We hope that you will continue your fight to reduce taxes and use your influence (and votes) with the board of education and LPS to really look at where they can make cuts as well.

Gary and Faye Gutgesell
7154 Culwells Ct.
Lincoln, NE 68516

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CITY COUNCIL
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June 18, 2008

Lincoln City Council
County/City Building
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Lincoln City Council Members:

Thank you for taking a moment of your time to read this letter. Soon, you will begin work on the 2008-2009 city budget. I wanted to take this opportunity to pass along to you our 2008 Local "Opportunities" Agenda. This document details the areas that our organization, the preeminent business organization in Lincoln, feels you can enhance to make Lincoln a better place for all of our citizens.

By structuring your budget to encourage growth and enhancement in these areas, we can expand our tax base, grow our economy, and afford the quality of life that all citizens of Lincoln deserve and strive to attain.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me directly, or contact any member of our public policy staff.

Please join me in making Lincoln a better place to do business,

Wendy Birdsall, CCE
President
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce



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2008 Local “Opportunities Agenda”

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will continue our role as the primary business advocate for Lincoln’s continued growth. We will be focused, issue-based, and non-partisan while asserting the positive and essential role business plays in improving our community and expanding opportunities for all citizens.

The Lincoln Chamber’s key local objectives for 2008:

ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will continue to prioritize our efforts to fund our road infrastructure funding gap. The Lincoln Chamber strongly supports efforts to direct the growth dividend to growth-related needs, particularly roads. We support segregating road funds that counties and municipalities hold for use on street and road construction. We view the need for critical infrastructure funding as one of the most important job and investment growth issues facing Lincoln.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will support local initiatives that facilitate the LPED strategic plan for the Lincoln region. The Lincoln Chamber will work cooperatively with UNL, 2015 Vision, and other institutions and organizations to improve Lincoln’s competitiveness for expanding primary jobs and community investment. We will support local initiatives that reduce the costs of job creation and oppose those that increase such efforts. The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce supports continuous improvements to our business and regulatory climate. We must be competitive with other communities when competing for jobs and investments; our goal is to ensure ‘home-grown’ businesses have no reason to look elsewhere when considering expansion and that prospective businesses will find Lincoln their easy first choice. Lincoln must streamline our development process and ensure our standards (i.e. flood plain, design, etc.) for development are reasonable and help us retain and attract quality jobs.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce reiterates our stance that each local governmental body should have a general goal to not increase their property tax reliance more than the rate of inflation. As state government lowers state taxes, all units of local government must be prepared to prioritize their needs in preparation for a future environment of less state support. As part of this effort, the Lincoln Chamber calls upon all local units of government to renew their commitment to exploring ways to reduce personnel costs.

CVB AND EVENT FACILITIES NEEDS The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce will place particular emphasis on supporting local efforts that assist the Convention and Visitors Bureau in executing its mission of bringing more visitors, events, and conventions to the Lincoln area. We believe Lincoln must have adequate facilities to serve an established need for our community and that upgraded event facilities help Lincoln maintain itself as a vibrant and growing community.

Adopted Unanimously: February 14, 2008



Lynette Topil
<ltopil@neb.rr.com>
06/22/2008 10:31 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
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Subject West Denton Road

To the members of the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Lincoln,

I live in the Cardwell Subdivision located Southwest of Lincoln near S.W. 27th and West Denton road.

As you may be aware, West Denton Road has been under construction for more than a year. The removal of this road was granted to allow for a retail development that has since gone bankrupt and is incomplete.

We were told by the Mayor in a press conference that the road would be put back by Thanksgiving 2008. We have received notification that this no is delayed to July 4, 2009. Why should we believe this date?

Everyday, the taxpaying members of this community have been placed under hardship by the decisions that were made regarding this development. How much longer will we have to take detours, and expend more resources to accommodate this failed venture. Driving my children to school, going to the grocery stores now takes an additional 10 to 15 minutes each way. In addition, the road/detour that replaced West Denton road, is very poorly designed causing many accidents./

I encourage you all to come out and experience it.

I am all for growth and the success of the this community, and I have no ill will regarding the attempt to bring more business and jobs to Lincoln. However, I have never seen were a road paid for by the taxpayers is completely removed and not returned.

Perhaps all of you should when you leave your homes for a routine errand, go an additional 15 to 30 minutes out of your way so that you can feel the impact that we have, and continue to feel as a result of your decisions.

I have attached the recent letter for your reference.

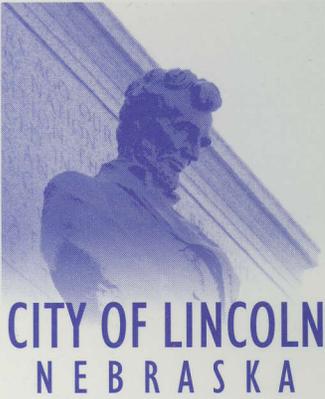
I urge you to resolve this faster than July 2009.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Topil



- Masters Denton Rd Letter.PDF



CITY OF LINCOLN
NEBRASKA

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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Public Works and Utilities Department
Gregory S. MacLean, Director
555 South 10th Street
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June 5, 2008

Mr. Brian Halstead
7633 Bobcat Circle
Lincoln, NE 68523

Promised at the meeting at Christ's Place Church on 27 May, was information regarding the status of completing the paving connection at West Denton Road. Thomas Shafer, from Public Works, Engineering Services, recently provided this summary. We realize that the condition of the connection is a daily frustration. Thank you for attending the session last Tuesday.

At the press conference on January 10, 2008, the Mayor announced that given good circumstances the West Denton Road connection would be completed by Thanksgiving of 2008. If we had right-of-way issues, then it would be most likely be July 4, 2009. There have been right-of-way issues, including having to amend our inter-local agreement with the county to allow us to condemn in Lancaster County. (See Council agenda item 08R-134). It looks like in about 2-3 months we will have the needed right-of-way but, unfortunately, it will be too late to bid the project for completion by Fall of 2008. We are looking to bid this project in the winter to allow a early spring start and be finished before July 4, 2009.

I hope this has helped answer any questions that you may have had. For more information, feel free to call Thomas Shafer at 441-7837.

Sincerely,

Steve Masters, P.E.
Public Utilities Administrator

cc: Thomas Shafer



Jayne Seby
<gm@kzum.org>
06/23/2008 10:47 AM

To <council@lincoln.ne.gov>
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Subject Code Violation Fine increase

I strongly support the increase in fines for property owners who intentionally fail to maintain their property. The proposed increases seem reasonable. However, I would add another category: a fine of \$1000 for habitually refusing to maintain property – aimed at landlords with more than three properties.

Jayne Seby

Jayne Seby

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Hans Gilde
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06/23/2008 01:56 PM

To <StarTranInfo@lincoln.ne.gov>, <council@lincoln.ne.gov>,
<mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject: The new bus routes

To whom it may concern:

Here are some observations and suggestions concerning the new bus routes.

First, the frequency of the buses is much better. That is very positive.

I have, however, some concerns as well.

Some of the routes completely ignore the presence of the university, the Federal Building and the County City Building. That will be especially troublesome in bad weather. Also, as things are configured now, the bus stops downtown are too far apart, e.g. between the State Office Building and 11th and N and also between 11 and P and Centennial Mall and P. There should be at least one stop in between.

It puzzles me somewhat that StarTran continues to regard the Gold's location with such importance. It seems to me most of the downtown action is farther to the east. Thus it may be more productive to run the buses up and down 13th and 14th Streets between R and M Streets. With such a scheme there should then be coordinated shuttles to the Haymarket, the Federal Building and the County City Building.

One shuttle route downtown does not seem to be sufficient. There should at least be two to accommodate in a reasonable amount of time the Haymarket, the Federal Building and the County City Building.

It is my hope that we can continue to improve StarTran, but of course \$500,000 budget cuts do not move us in the desirable direction.

I do appreciate the work you do. Thank you.

Hans Gilde

Tammy J Grammer/Notes

06/24/2008 08:27 AM

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Subject Fw: InterLinc: Council Feedback

----- Forwarded by Tammy J Grammer/Notes on 06/24/2008 08:24 AM -----



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<none@lincoln.ne.gov>

06/23/2008 11:54 PM

To General Council <council@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Dave
Address: 5001 Boeckner Avenue
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: N/A
Fax: N/A
Email: husker2010@hotmail.com

Comment or Question:

Speeders to pay for cops' gas, too

A small city in Georgia gets the attention of big local governments with its \$12 'fuel fee' tacked on to motorists' tickets.

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By MSN Money staff with wire reports

Speeders in the Atlanta suburb of Holly Springs, Ga., will soon face a \$12 "fuel fee" when pulled over and ticketed, and Atlanta itself may not be far behind.

Police in the city of 7,700 were burning through their \$38,050 budget for gas at a rate that would empty its coffers by late November. The new fee, which will go into effect July 1, could generate as much as \$26,000 a year.

The city has received inquiries on the fee from several other local governments, including Key West, Fla., and Los Angeles County.

"It's a creative and innovative idea of our police chief," spokeswoman Holly CothranDrake told the AFP news agency. Police Chief Ken Ball told USA Today: "I was hearing that Delta (Air Lines), pizza deliverers and florists were adding fuel charges to their services, and I thought, why not police departments?"

Atlanta sees way to ease shortfall

Though the surcharge in Holly Springs is aimed at gas costs, Atlanta may use the same tactic to ease its \$140 million budget shortfall. As many as 300 Atlanta police and firefighter jobs could be cut if the city doesn't make up its shortfall.

The Atlanta City Council voted 13-0 to pass the ticket surcharge resolution,

with one lawmaker seeing an opportunity to send a bill to the 600,000 or so commuters who work in Atlanta every day but don't live there.

I hope this has been brought up before but if not it should be. I would attach the fuel fee to every ticket given not just people speeding a police cruiser is used in most situations even the bike patrols start out in a police cruiser. And yes I am going to ask the Mayor about this also.:

Dave Bopp

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JUNE 23, 2008

Mayor Chris Beulter
555 S 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I'm writing this letter because I have heard that you and some of the council members are thinking of dropping the bus service between the hours of 10:00-2:00 p.m. The bus is my only form of transportation & I rely on the bus to get me to work and to medical appointments (as I'm sure a lot of people do). This is very upsetting for me. I know that only a small percentage of the people of Lincoln use the bus service but why should we lose our service when we pay taxes also.

I would think this would be an embarrassment to Lincoln when they cannot keep a decent service for the size of town we have.

I would also like to say that the changes in the new bus service are working out well for me.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Federal Transportation Funding Action Alert

The Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Transportation Funding Action Alert

Urge Congressman Fortenberry to Support H.R. 6327 to fix the Highway Trust Fund

The Problem:

In February, the Bush administration forecasted that revenues for the Highway Account would fall short of meeting commitments made under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, and Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) by \$3.3 billion during fiscal year 2009.

Since that forecast was made, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reported that estimated miles traveled on U.S. public roads dropped 11 billion miles between March 2007 and March 2008, the first year-to-year reduction since 1979. As Americans drive less and purchase less fuel, the Highway Trust Fund's shortfall will continue to worsen. The latest Treasury department revenue estimates of monthly receipts show a further erosion of \$2 billion from original projections.

Because of the way the Highway Trust Fund pays out, the revenue shortfall could lead to federal funding cuts of approximately 34 percent for our state highway programs.

How to Fix the Trust Fund:

Congress should credit the Highway Trust Fund's Highway Account with the \$8 billion taken from the Highway Account's balance in 1998.

What's Happening Now:

The Reps. Rangel and Oberstar recently introduced legislation in the House to extend authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Airway and Airports Trust Fund (AATF) and address the looming shortfall in the Highway Trust Fund by transferring \$8 billion from the General Fund the Highway Trust Fund. FAA taxes and expenditure authority expire June 30 and Congress must pass an extension. This bill is scheduled to come to a vote today!

What You Can Do:

Call Congressman Fortenberry at 202-225-4806 or email him at jeff.fortenberry@mail.house.gov and ask him to support H.R. 6327, the "Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2008"

Thank you for the opportunity to support the
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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Phone:
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Email:

Comment or Question:

I am opposed to raising property taxes at this time. The property owners take the brunt of all requests for money! If the public cannot do with a reduction in some non-essential services (and I do not mean the police or fire departments) then maybe we should look at a more fair tax such as sales tax. We are all redoing our budgets and making cuts -- WE cannot make our employers pay us more than they want to so that we can spend more than we did last year. What programs are nice and what programs are necessary? Let's be realistic please.



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InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Comment or Question:

I would like to express my views on any tax increases----

NO NO NO NO NO NO

There are probably more cuts that could be made, I know I have to make cuts in my household budget, the city, county and state should cut as much as possible also.

Since the school board doesnt seem to think they have to we need to find a way to rein them in also.

AND NO TO THE CITY INCOME TAX. you will lose two taxpayers over that one.

Thanks

Jay Carnes



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Subject Taxes

Please do not raise property taxes!!!

The easy thing to do is raise taxes, BUT the right thing to do is live within our means.

Nothing personal, just good business.

You all work very hard, long hours, and have hard decisions to make and that is why you were elected to office.

Thanks,

Dave Polson

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Subject Property taxes

Please don't increase our property taxes. We already have one of the highest in the nation!

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Teresa Thompson, Secretary
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Lincoln, NE 68504
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June 24, 2008

Robin Eschliman
555 S. 10th St.
Lincoln, NE 68506

Dear Council Member:

As a family member and caregiver of my husband, who sustained a traumatic brain injury nine years ago when a tractor ran over him, I appeal to you and the Council to reconsider discontinuing the adult day program at Easterday Recreation Center in northeast Lincoln.

This program has been a lifesaver to many vulnerable, yet valuable, members of our community. When Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital closed their TBI adult day program several years ago, it was extremely difficult for the attendees to be uprooted and planted elsewhere. There just wasn't a program like it anywhere in the city that offered the specialized training needed to interact constructively with brain injury survivors. It was a godsend to have Easterday open its doors at that time and foster a staff that has bravely trained themselves to work with these individuals, and ultimately made such a difference in their quality of life.

Over thirty clients, with various medical and mental disabilities, have now bonded and made a family atmosphere for themselves and their staff at Easterday, so you can imagine the emotional upheaval this announcement has been for the group there.

I realize that budget cutting is a necessary evil for those in your position, but I just hope to remind you of the repercussions that might evolve as some of these unfortunate community members digress in their conditions due to the loss of this excellent program. Is it really saving money for Lincoln in the long run when they require other costly services? I know you will do what you can for those who aren't able to fight back.

Sincerely,

Teresa Thompson
TBI State Advisory Council, Council Member

cc: Mayor Beutler and other City Council members



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I would appreciate it if you did not increase property taxes. I would not be opposed to looking at the LPS budget. It seems to me like they have a blank check type policy, and will take all that they can get, and more.

Thank you,

Judd Smith

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Subject no new taxes

Please – no new taxes.

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Subject Property Taxes

I understand there is a petition calling for raising property taxes. Please do not consider this. Our property taxes are to high as it is.

Thank you
Arlene Hughes



Sid Havekost
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06/25/2008 11:41 AM

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Subject Property taxes.

Council members,

I would like to go on record as being vehemently opposed to **any** thought you might have of **raising** property taxes. Please start taking the heat and make some cuts in the bloated city government system.

Spending is out of control and it's happening on your watch. City personnel getting double digit pay increases! Are you all asleep at the wheel? WAKE-UP!!!!

I'm in my early fifties and my wife and I are having discussions about where we will move too once I retire. Lincoln (the mayor and the council) is taxing people right out of the state!

Sid Havekost
7849 Barrington Place
Lincoln, NE (but not for much longer.)



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Subject City Budget Impact on CLCs

As you read in this morning's paper and will see on the evening news, the City's budget is having an impact on the CLC structure...

- 1. P & R will no longer be the lead agency and service provider at Pershing/Mickle. We have issued a RFP and have received interested inquiries from 4 community based organizations. We will evaluate these and work with the principals to make a match. The city will be supporting this effort with funding in the amount of 40K.**
- 2. The same RFP, sent to 27 CBOs, also asked for service provision at Norwood Park and so far we have interest from 2 providers. The same review process above will apply.**
- 3. Everett will be reconfigured with McPhee and F Street Rec Center. The City will remain as the lead agency and service provider. The CLC initiative will fund the salary for the site supervisor and the City will supply the benefit package. The City will also assign a .5 FTE F street asst. rec center director to the work at the two school sites.**
- 4. Lakeview will be paired with West Lincoln and Family Service will be the lead agency with Willard Community Center continuing has the service provider.**

Those are the chess moves so far...of course the devil is in the details...but we feel confident services for CLC students and their families will be in place when school starts August 20...thank you all for all your support in these efforts.

Tammy J Grammer/Notes

06/26/2008 12:40 PM

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Subject Fw: City Budget/LCHRDear Members of the City Council,

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Subject City Budget/LCHRDear Members of the City Council,

Dear Members of the City Council,

As Chairperson of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights it has come to my attention that you might be considering either eliminating LCHR completely or at least decreasing the funding available to what I feel is a vital work being done in this community. Possibly we, the commission, haven't done a very good job of explaining to you, the council members, everything that work entails. There might be some confusion as to why the NEOC can't do this work instead and save the city some money. The fact is that LCHR handles not only employment cases but also housing cases as well as public accommodations cases. Although the NEOC handles employment cases they only cover employers of 15 or more employees. Under Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code, LCHR is able to cover employers with as few as 4 employees. If LCHR was eliminated where would these people go? The NEOC will not protect workers over the age of 70. Where will they be able to turn?

Furthermore the NEOC is currently so back logged with cases that investigations don't even begin for about a year after the complaint has been made, whereas LCHR is able to see the entire process through in an average of 6 months.

Are you aware of LCHR's extensive outreach programs? In 2007 alone 65 outreach sessions were held, reaching over 3,000 people. These sessions include outreach to public high schools, a Fair Housing Conference and The Great Plains Symposium. The NEOC will not be providing these educational opportunities. LCHR further works in collaboration with the Woman's Commission to compile and keep updated a directory of women and minority owned businesses that is available online. Again, just in the year 2007, LCHR resolved more than 111 complaints and secured over \$64,000 in settlements for our clients.

As I'm sure you are aware of, the city of Lincoln provides only around half of LCHR funds and if it was eliminated our city would loose out on some federal funding that we would be "leaving on the table."

I feel these are all important works that Lincoln should value and be proud of. I feel that as a capitol city these are the kinds of things that we should want to do in order to be an example to the rest of our fine state. At a time when our city is experiencing a lot of growth, including many

minority people, I feel it would be a shame to cut back on these services at all, let alone be talking of eliminating them completely.

At LCHR our motto is “Let’s Pull Together Before We’re Torn Apart.” I know I speak for the entire commission when I say we’d like to continue doing this vital work. Thank you for your time and hard work.

Sincerely,

David Fikar

Chair, LCHR