

**DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113, 2:00 P.M.**

**I. CITY CLERK**

1. Letter received via email. "Allow votes on Important Issues!"  
Received from:
  - a) Lynne Hansen
  - b) Douglas Blum

**II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL**

**MAYOR**

1. Fiscal Impact Statement, Finance/Accounting.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Ribbon cut for Development Services Center.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. The Mayor and the Lincoln Community Foundation will hold a news conference on May 19, 2010 to announce Lincoln Community Foundation's major gift to Union Plaza. The conference will be held at the park's amphitheater area, east side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street between P and Q streets at 1:30 p.m.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Lincoln Water System (LWS) officials, and Water Conservation Task Force members will hold a news conference on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the LWS facility, 2021 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street to announce winners of the Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force's annual poster contest and discuss City's water supply and conservation efforts.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Union Plaza receives \$600,000 gift.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Biketacular, Capital City criterium set for Saturday.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces winners of annual water conservation art contest.
8. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says city water supply in good shape.
9. Washington Report, May 14, 2010.

**Week of May 31, 2010**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Plan early for 4<sup>th</sup> of July block parties.
2. Washington Report, May 21, 2010.

**Week of June 7, 2010**

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule for Week of May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 4, 2010.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor calls for Minute of Silence on Memorial Day.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor invites Public to Third Waterfest at Holmes Lake.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Learn about Complete Streets Concepts.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Liberty Tree Dedication set for June 8, 2010.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Planning Commission Chair Lynn Sunderman and City-County Planning Director Marvin Krout will discuss public input process in

updating the City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan at a news conference Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 303.

7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces launch of Comprehensive Plan Update.
8. Washington Report, May 28, 2010.

## **DIRECTORS**

### **FINANCE/BUDGET     Week of May 31, 2010**

1. May sales tax reports reflecting March activity.
  - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
  - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2004-2005 through 2009-2010;
  - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2004-2005 through 2009-2010; and
  - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2004-2005 through 2009-2010.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. Correspondence from Steve Beal, Assistant Health Director, on breakdown of pet licenses.
  - a) Percentage breakdown for altered vs. unaltered licensed dogs and cats.
2. Reply from Dr. Bruce Dart, Health Director, to constituent regarding feral cat populations with the Health Department supporting the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) method to manage.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln and Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards.

### **CITY LIBRARIES**

1. NEWS RELEASE. One Book - One Lincoln. Library to announce top 5 finalists.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Children's book author, Helen Lester, will visit Bethany Library on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Week of May 31, 2010**

1. Letter from Pat Leach, Library Director, regarding procedures to fill a September 1, 2010 vacancy on the Library Board.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. One Book - One Lincoln Finalists Announced.
2. Lincoln City Libraries offers Summer Book Group for Spanish speaking families.
3. Library to host Digital Bookmobile.

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Administrative amendment approvals from May 11, 2010 through May 17, 2010.

### **Week of May 31, 2010**

1. Administrative Permit No.10020 approved by the Planning Director.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. Urban Design Committee Meeting Agenda for June 2, 2010.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Minutes of the Special Public Hearing held by the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission on May 12, 2010.
2. Action by Planning Commission, May 19, 2010.
3. Final action. Adopted Resolution No. PC-01208.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. Action by Planning Commission, June 2, 2010.

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**

1. ADVISORY. "A" Street; 63<sup>rd</sup> - 70<sup>th</sup> Street stimulus project to start. Project No. LCLC-5220 (3), Control No. 13041, City Project No. 701808.

### **Week of May 31, 2010**

1. ADVISORY. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects, Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects. Adams Street; 57<sup>th</sup> Street - 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. State Project No. LCLC5250 (3) CN 13068. City Project No. 701777.
2. ADVISORY. Sidewalk Repair Advisory. Priority Sidewalk Repair - North of O Street. Project #702366.
3. ADVISORY. Sidewalk Repair Advisory. Priority Sidewalk Repair - South of O Street. Project #702367.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. ADVISORY. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects. Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects. P Street; 17<sup>th</sup> Street - 27<sup>th</sup> Street. State Project No. LCLC 5236 (2) CN 13040. City Project No. 701809.

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/STAR TRAN**

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. StarTran Advisory Board memo on approved revisions to the route and schedule of #24, Holdrege route.
  - a) East Campus, Intercampus Bus Route map.
  - b) City Campus. Intercampus Bus Route map.

## **URBAN DEVELOPMENT/ HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION**

1. Street and Alley Vacation No. 10005, southeast corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Salt Creek Roadway.
2. Clinton Thomas' memo on Street and Alley Vacation No. 10001, North 21<sup>st</sup> Street, north of Vine Street.

## **III. COUNCIL RFI'S AND CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

### **JON CAMP**

1. Wall Street Journal article. "Is a \$1 Trillion Bailout Ahead for State Pension Funds?"

## **DOUG EMERY**

1. Email from Pastor Mike Wooten regarding claim to fix the right front wheel of his car damaged when he hit a pothole.

## **IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL**

1. Correspondence from Roger Cognard on his claim against the city for repair to a sprinkler system broken by a snowplow driver last winter.
2. Email from William Carver, President NSNA, thanking Council for their service and fair decision on the CVS Project at S. 16<sup>th</sup> and South Streets.
3. Email from Sandra Lab. Take care of what's going on here, stay out of the debate on boycotting Arizona.

### **Week of May 31, 2010**

1. Email from Tom Vik regarding the smoking ban in Lincoln.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. InterLinc correspondence from Roxann Hamilton regarding Lincoln being Service Dog friendly or educated on Service Dog laws. (Sent to Health Department on 06.02.10)
2. Media Release. Community Health Endowment (CHE) Announces Funding Awards totaling \$1 Million and Active Living Center Partnership.
3. Letter from H. Eugene Cook regarding the environmental clean-up costs on land to be purchased from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, with copy of letter sent to Warren Buffett, Berkshire Hathway, Inc.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

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# NEWS ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

[lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)

Date: May 28, 2010

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

## **Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule** **Week of May 29 through June 4, 2010** *Schedule subject to change*

Monday, May 31

*CITY OFFICES CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY*

Tuesday, June 1

- Visit with 20 middle school students - 10:30 a.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- International visitors from China, present honorary citizen certificates - 2:45 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room

Wednesday, June 2

- Annual City Employee Service Awards breakfast, remarks - 8 a.m., Windsor Stables, 1024 "L" St.
- Visitor from China, present honorary citizen certificate - 3:30 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room

Thursday, June 3

- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- Environmental Leadership Awards luncheon, remarks - noon, Champions Club, 707 Stadium Drive
- Elliott Park and Playground sod-laying event - 3 p.m., Elliott Elementary School Playground, 25th and "N" streets, west side of the building
- Lincoln Solid Waste Management Association's 60th annual spring party - 5:30 p.m., Isles Reception Hall, 6232 Havelock Ave.

Friday, June 4

- Unveiling of Art Van deLUX - 4:30 p.m., Lux Center for the Arts, 2701 N. 48th St.
- Rotary International 100th Anniversary Banquet, remarks, medallion presentation - 6:30 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.



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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 28, 2010

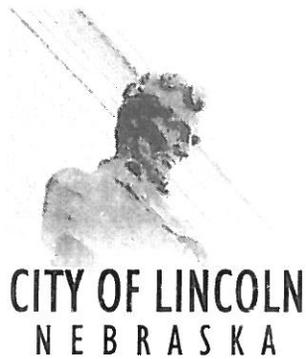
**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831

### **MAYOR CALLS FOR MINUTE OF SILENCE ON MEMORIAL DAY**

Mayor Chris Beutler today called on the residents of Lincoln to honor veterans and the armed forces with one minute of silence at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. The National Moment of Remembrance was established by Congress and is observed nationally.

“Taking a minute from our holiday activities to remember those who died in service to our country is a patriotic act of national unity,” said Mayor Beutler. “It’s a simple tribute all of us can do with our family and friends to honor these heroes who gave their lives for our freedoms. Men and women continue to put their lives on the line around the globe, and we also need to remember the sacrifices being made for our nation every day by those in the military and their families. We honor those sacrifices by doing what we can to support our military, our fellow citizens and our community.”

Mayor Beutler served in the U.S. Army, mostly in Thailand, from 1969 to 1971, rising to the rank of First Lieutenant.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** May 28, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831  
Rock Krzycki, Watershed Management, 441-4959

### **MAYOR INVITES PUBLIC TO THIRD WATERFEST AT HOLMES LAKE**

Mayor Chris Beutler invites families to the City's third Waterfest, a fun and free event from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at Holmes Lake Park. Waterfest activities will include fishing, canoeing and other hands-on activities. The event will feature a raptor release, a performance by PANgea, educational exhibits, free refreshments and prizes (while they last).

In 2005, a \$5.6 million renovation of Holmes Lake and the surrounding park was completed. The removal of sediment extended the recreational life span of the lake by more than 100 years.

"One of the goals of Waterfest is to share information on how we can prevent pollutants from getting back into Holmes Lake and our other water resources," said Mayor Beutler. "I encourage the public to attend the event to have a good time and also to learn about the benefits of installing rain gardens and rain barrels and the importance of picking up pet waste, fixing auto oil leaks and using low phosphorous fertilizer."

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department manages Holmes Lake and the surrounding park. The Watershed Management Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department works to reduce the threat of water through public education, implementing stream bank stabilization projects and promoting water quality improvement efforts.

The City's partners in Waterfest include the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Other sponsors are Olsson Associates, Lincoln Parks Foundation, Pepsi-Cola of Lincoln, JEO Consulting Group, Schemmer Associates, Culligan of Lincoln, Nebraska Concrete and Aggregates Association, Comfort Chiropractic and the American Red Cross.

More information about Waterfest is available on the City website, [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: waterfest).



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**LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213, Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-7491, Fax 441-6377

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 1, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** David Cary, Planning Department, 441-7491

## **PUBLIC INVITED TO LEARN ABOUT COMPLETE STREETS CONCEPTS**

Citizens are invited to learn about Complete Streets concepts at a public meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 8 in the City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street.

Complete Streets programs make sure that streets and roads work for drivers, transit users, pedestrians, and bicyclists, as well as for older people, children, and people with disabilities. A core philosophy of the Complete Streets program is that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities should be able to safely travel along and across any street.

An overview presentation by Michael Moule, P.E., P.T.O.E. will provide background on the benefits of Complete Streets, dispel myths, explain how existing streets can easily be retrofitted into Complete Streets, and detail how a Complete Streets policy can even save money.

A general discussion with questions and answers will follow the presentation. Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning staff will also be available.

Free parking vouchers will be given to attendees who park in the public parking garage north of the County-City Building.

For more information, contact David Cary, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, at 441-7491. Additional information is available on the City web site at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov).



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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 1, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Steve Schwab, City Arborist, 441-7035

Yvonne Spalthoff, Elm Research Institute, 800-367-3567

### **LIBERTY TREE DEDICATION SET FOR JUNE 8**

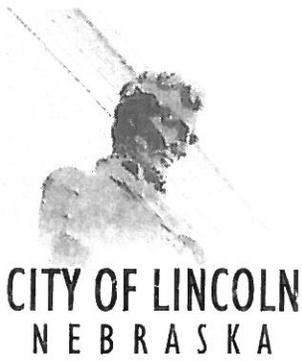
Mayor Chris Beutler invites the public to the dedication of Lincoln's Liberty Tree Memorial at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 in Antelope Park near the Liberty Bell Pavilion west of the Auld Recreation Center. Lincoln recently received a ceremonial 15-foot disease-resistant American Liberty Elm made possible through a grant by the Elm Research Institute (ERI). The memorial includes a bronze plaque telling the story of the Liberty Tree.

ERI, a non-profit organization based in New Hampshire, is the sponsor and promoter of the Liberty Tree Memorials project. It's based on Boston's famous Liberty Tree planted in 1646. By the time of the Revolution, the tree was 100 feet tall and served as a rallying location for protests against British rule. In an act of revenge, the British troops cut down the Liberty Tree in August 1775. At the time, General Lafayette said, "The world should never forget the spot where once stood the Liberty Tree, so famous in your annals."

Lincoln is one of 408 Liberty Tree Memorial sites. To qualify for a memorial, a city must establish it in a prominent location and hold a public event that includes the reading of Thomas Paine's poem "Liberty Tree."

ERI was founded in 1967 with the purpose of saving the American elm from extinction. ERI sponsored genetic research that resulted in the 1984 introduction of the American Liberty Elm, a purebred descendant of disease-resistant American elms. More than 300,000 American Liberty Elms have been planted at prominent locations throughout the country including the U.S. Capitol Building and the Independence Hall and Liberty Bell Center in Philadelphia.

More information is available at [elmresearch.org](http://elmresearch.org).



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**DATE:** June 2, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

Mayor Chris Beutler will be joined by Planning Commission Chair Lynn Sunderman and City-County Planning Director Marvin Krout to discuss the public input process involved in updating the City-County Comprehensive Plan and the Long Range Transportation Plan at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, June 3 in room 303 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**



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## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 3, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Planning Department, 441-6363

### MAYOR ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced the beginning of an intensive process to consider what our community will be like in the year 2040. The City-County Planning Department is leading a major update to the City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan called "LPlan 2040."

The plan will reflect the City and County's common vision of the future. It will address how the community will grow, and where and how citizens will live, work and travel in a way that is sustainable for future generations.

"During the past few months, we have taken a hard look at the near term priorities for our community which will help us work through a very challenging budget for next year," said Mayor Beutler. "But now is also a critical time to step back and deliberate on big decisions for the longer term, for both Lincoln and Lancaster County." The Mayor also announced the formation of an advisory committee comprised of the nine members of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission and 11 other citizens to help guide the process. (*see attached list*). The group will work over the next year to assist in drafting a new Comprehensive Plan that will be released next summer.

The Mayor's announcement marks the beginning of an extensive public process to get input on the City and County's future plans that will last up to 18 months. The Planning Department has already begun some public outreach through a survey of the community's opinion on various planning issues. More input is sought through an on-line version of the survey which will be posted through June on the City-County website at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov).

There are many other ways for the community to get involved, including:

- Attend a public meeting on Complete Streets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 in Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St. Discussion will include ways to plan streets so they are safer, more livable and welcoming to everyone.
- Join a public workshop in the same location from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 13 to discuss "Living and Working in 2040."
- Participate in other public meetings and workshops throughout the next year as LPlan 2040 is developed.

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- Visit the website at [lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov](http://lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov), fill out the community survey, sign up to receive updates and watch for the “Virtual Town Hall” starting in mid-July.
- Find LPlan2040 on Facebook and follow it on Twitter.
- Invite Planning staff to attend your organization’s meeting to discuss LPlan 2040.

For more information, visit [lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov](http://lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov) or contact the Planning Department at 441-7491.

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### **LPlan Advisory Committee Members**

*June 2010*

<u>Member</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
1. Carolyn Chamberlin	Business/Health
2. Michael Cornelius	Planning Commission
3. Scott Ernstmeyer	Education
4. Dick Esseks	Planning Commission
5. Wendy Francis	Planning Commission
6. Leirion Gaylor Baird	Planning Commission
7. David Grimes	Farmer
8. Randy Harre	Business
9. Tom Huston	Attorney
10. Bill Langdon	Commercial realty
11. Roger Larson	Planning Commission
12. Jeanelle Lust	Planning Commission
13. Patte Newman	Neighborhood
14. Jim Partington	Planning Commission
15. Mike Rezac	Builder
16. Dennis Scheer	Design
17. Cecil Steward	Sustainability
18. Lynn Sunderman	Planning Commission
19. Tommy Taylor	Planning Commission
20. Donna Woudenberg	Natural Resources



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**Washington Report**

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## CONGRESS BREAKS FOR MEMORIAL DAY RECESS

### CONGRESS

Congress fails to gain final approval of a jobs bill and supplemental appropriations prior to Memorial Day break. After several days of negotiating, House and Senate leaders failed to come to an agreement on two high profile pieces of legislation that Democrats had hoped to clear prior to a week-long Memorial Day recess slated to begin today.

#### Jobs/Tax Bill

A few weeks ago, legislation (HR 4213) that would have extended a series of popular tax credits appeared to be on its way to approval when congressional leaders decided to use the measure as a vehicle for provisions they hope would address high unemployment rates. Extension of the popular Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Bond programs was added, as well as \$1 billion for a summer youth jobs program in 2010. But it was an extension of unemployment benefits and an expensive fix for declining Medicare reimbursement rates for physicians that has caused heartburn for Republicans and moderate Democrats. Although those two provisions were pared back late this week in an effort to secure votes, neither the House nor Senate leaders were assured on Thursday that the votes were there for passage. However, the House approved the measure today, while the Senate will take up the bill after the recess. See May 28 *Washington Report* for additional details.

#### Supplemental Appropriations

The Senate approved its version of a FY 2010 supplemental appropriations bill for overseas military operations and disaster assistance, but proposals in the House to expand the measure prevented its final approval. The Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee is proposing the addition of \$23 billion to states for the hiring and rehiring of teachers, \$1.18 billion for COPS Hiring

grants, and \$500 million for SAFER firefighter hiring grants. These additions again ran afoul of Republicans and moderate Democrats, and committee consideration of the measure was postponed until after the recess. Prospects for the additional hiring funding are not bright, as sponsors of teacher hiring funds in the Senate admitted this week that they could not secure the necessary votes for passage in that chamber.

Not included in the Senate supplemental appropriations bill was language that would mandate that state and local governments enter into collective bargaining with public safety employees. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) was reportedly considering offering the provision as an amendment, but backed off in order to speed consideration of the spending measure.

Both the House and Senate are expected to be back in session on Tuesday, June 8.

### WATER RESOURCES

House panel approves compromise on drinking water bill. The House Energy and Commerce Committee approved legislation (HR 5320) that would reauthorize the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Committee's nearly unanimous approval of the bill came after a compromise was reached that reduces its price tag and narrows language to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to begin a long-stalled program of testing for endocrine disruptors in drinking water.

**Due to the Congressional recess, the next Washington Report will be sent on Friday, June 11**

The drinking water SRF was created in 1996 and provides formula funds to states, which in turn make low-interest loans to public entities for drinking water infrastructure projects. The program received \$1.387 billion in FY 2010 and the 2009 stimulus bill provided an additional \$2 billion for the program, on top of an \$829 million FY 2009 appropriation.

As approved by the Committee, the bill would reauthorize the drinking water SRF at \$1.4 billion in FY 2011, \$1.6 billion in FY 2012 and \$1.8 billion in FY 2013. The bill as approved by the subcommittee last week would have authorized \$13 billion over five years for the program.

The endocrine disruptor language would still require EPA to begin a testing program and complete testing of 100 substances over the next four years. However, the bill would set strict parameters for the scientific evidence EPA could draw on when determining whether to test a substance.

The bill now goes to the House floor with the wind behind its sails though the House leadership has not set a date for its consideration.

In a related item, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee canceled a hearing on reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) this week, citing a busy Senate floor schedule. The Committee had issued a call for projects several weeks ago, and appeared ready to proceed. Given the difficulty of enacting WRDA bills and the general "anti-pork" and anti-spending sentiments prevailing on Capitol Hill, it appears that WRDA 2010 may join the increasingly crowded ranks of unsuccessful bills.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Senate approves federal telecommuting measure. By voice vote, the Senate approved legislation (S 707) designed to make it easier for federal employees to telecommute.

As passed by the Senate, the bill would authorize the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and each federal agency to develop telework policies. Each federal agency would also have to:

- Establish a policy governing which employees are eligible for telework,
- Notify employees that they are eligible for telework,
- Set up a telework training program for managers and employees and
- Designate a Telework Managing Director to manage the agency's telework program.

The bill also directs OPM to develop and maintain a website devoted to telework. Supporters of the bill cite the recent winter storms that paralyzed Washington and the potential for congestion relief and air quality improvements in communities with large numbers of federal employees.

## TRANSPORTATION

Dodd introduces public transit operating assistance bill. Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd (D-CT) this week introduced the "Public Transportation Preservation Act" (S 3412), which would authorize -- but not appropriate -- \$2 billion in emergency financial support to help large public transportation agencies stave off service reductions and employee layoffs, amid major budget declines.

The \$2 billion would be distributed through existing transit funding formulas for urban and non-urban areas, with a small amount set aside for administration and oversight. These funds could be used by transit agencies to cover operating expenses and, in some limited cases, capital projects, such as track work or bus purchases. Current federal law bars federal funds from being spent on operating costs in areas with populations greater than 200,000, though a supplemental appropriations bill last year provided a temporary reprieve from this ban.

Several members of the Senate's Democratic leadership are listed as co-sponsors of the bill but no Republicans. The path to enactment is unclear at this point, due to a crowded Senate schedule and a pattern of Republican reluctance to approve such spending. The bill's sponsors have said they are looking at all options available to move S 3412, including attaching the measure to future "must-pass" legislation. Reports that

Dodd would offer the bill as an amendment to the supplemental appropriations bill this week did not materialize.

The authorization would run through September 30, 2011, and funding recipients would have until July of 2012 to obligate the funds.

In a related item, included in the Jobs/Tax Bill (HR 4213) being considered in the House (see related story above), is the resolution of a dispute over how nearly \$1 billion in highway funding should be distributed to states.

The multiple, short-term extensions of current surface transportation policy (SAFETEA-LU) have affected the manner of distribution of funds from two programs, the Projects of National and Regional Significance program and the National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement program. Originally earmarked for specific projects in the 2005 SAFETEA-LU law, these two programs gave 58 percent of the \$932 million to just four states (California, Illinois, Louisiana, and Washington) and excluded 21 others.

Subsequently, legislation to distribute funds from the program in FY 2010 using more equitable traditional highway formulas was approved by the House and is pending in the Senate. However, a coalition of Senators from those states whose funds would be reduced by the new formula forced a compromise that would provide an additional \$521 million to compensate the 29 states affected by the changes.

## EARMARKS

Obama sends proposal to Congress regarding earmarks. The White House this week proposed legislation that would give the President more authority over congressional spending decisions.

The proposal would provide the President with "enhanced rescission authority," providing him or her with 45 working days after a bill is enacted to send Congress a notice of proposed funding cuts or rescissions. The procedure would apply to discretionary

spending and some funding authorized outside the appropriations process but would not affect entitlement programs such as Medicare and Social Security. Congress would then have 25 working days to vote on the entire package of cuts without amendment.

Congress approved similar legislation in 1996, known as the line item veto, but the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional in 1998.

The proposal has the support of the “Blue Dog Coalition,” a group of conservative House Democrats, but the announcement in general was met on Capitol Hill with little fanfare, as there are many Democrats and Republicans who are wary of giving up their Constitutionally-designated “power of the purse.”

Currently, congressional earmarks consist of less than one half of one percent of the \$3 trillion annual federal budget.

## GRANTS & NOTICES

### Department of Energy

DOE issued a notice regarding the new application deadline for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program formula grants under the Recovery Act. The amended deadline for applications is June 25, 2010. Applications not received by this date will not be reviewed or considered for award: <http://bit.ly/ctRJ7O>.

DOE also issued a notice addressing changes to DOE’s policies and procedures governing financial assistance agreements made using EECBG formula Recovery Act funding: <http://bit.ly/cr2nlQ>.

### Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.

HUD posted a pre-notice to the FY 2010 Choice Neighborhoods program. Choice Neighborhoods is a competitive program that will award up to \$65 million to public housing authorities, local governments and nonprofit organizations to extend neighborhood transformation efforts beyond public and assisted housing to link housing revitalization with education reform. HUD expects to award \$3 million in planning grants, with an individual grant maximum of \$250,000 each, and about \$62

million in implementation grants, with an individual grant maximum up to \$31 million. The FY 2010 competition will be conducted in two rounds:

<http://bit.ly/95Yiio>.

### Department of Transportation

DOT issued the final Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for TIGER II. This is a highly competitive program with \$600 million available for highway, bridge, transit, passenger rail, freight rail, port and intermodal facility projects. Individual awards will range from \$10-\$200 million. Pre-applications must be submitted electronically to DOT by July 16, 2010. The deadline for final applications is August 23, 2010:

<http://bit.ly/90042N>.

### Federal Transit Administration

FTA announced the availability of up to \$27.5 million in discretionary funding for FY 2010 Alternatives Analysis Program. Funding is to be used for alternatives analyses of potential New Starts and Small Starts projects while keeping in mind the mission of the DOT Livability Initiative. FTA will give priority to project sponsors that are coordinating the development of transit projects with public housing agencies or relevant public agencies with energy or environmental missions. Proposals are due July 12, 2010:

<http://bit.ly/aUWv80>.



# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 2, 2010  
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## LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards will be held on Thursday, June 3, at the Nebraska Champions Club. The ceremony will recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated environmental stewardship and dedication to sustainable practices that improve our air, land, and water quality while protecting public health.

The ceremony is designed to bring public attention to those who strive to protect and enhance the beauty and livability of our community. The award presentations are intended to inspire others to follow the models and examples set by these 2010 Environmental Leadership Award recipients. Award winners this year include:

- ***Business and Industry*** – **Sadoff Iron and Metal Company and Servant Cab Company, LLC**

Sadoff Iron and Metal Company, is a metal processing facility that has been operating in Lincoln since the fall of 1999 in the Air Park Industrial Area. They worked closely with the neighborhood to assure a safe and attractive scrap yard. Sadoff has exemplified environmental and community stewardship by partnering with the Arnold Heights Neighborhood Association on their annual cleanups, provided a premium price to the Arnold Elementary School for their aluminum cans, and donated money to Parks and Recreation for the Eagle's View Park.

Servant Cab Company purchased 13 hybrid cars to replace their older, less efficient fleet vehicles. Saving 1,220 gallons of fuel per year, reducing their greenhouse gas emission totals by 403 tons per year and saving the business \$90,000 per year in gas. Demonstrating that environmentally friendly practices result in smart business decisions.

- ***Education – Harry A. Heafer and Healthy Families Play Outside***

Harry A. Heafer is a long-time environmental educator who directed the Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful program for nearly 15 years, providing public education and litter cleanup coordination. He initiated the Storm Water Awareness Program, piloted a cigarette butt litter prevention effort in downtown Lincoln, and was the force behind the Trash Can Band, a group of young people who marched for 14 years in the Star City Holiday Parade, spreading a litter-free message.

The Healthy Families Play Outside network is comprised of individuals committed to helping people of all ages foster a life-long relationship to nature. They have brought in national speakers, Richard Louv and Robin Moore, created the Lincoln Safari, and implemented nature nights and clubs for children throughout the area.

- ***Non-Profit Organization – Nebraska State Education Association, NSEA***

In 2009, NSEA completed an 18-month renovation of their 1962 headquarters building located directly west of the State Capital. The NSEA, made up of 27,000 Nebraska educators, administrators, and school staff raised member dues by \$20 per member, per year to renovate the building. This project reflects a commitment by the NSEA to refurbish a building with state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly materials and practices. In the end, the architectural uniqueness was preserved while bringing a 1960's-era building up to 2010 environmental standards.

- ***Government – UNL Whittier Junior High School Renovations***

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln, has led recent renovations of Lincoln's historic Whittier Junior High School. The decision by UNL administration and faculty to utilize the existing Whittier building grew out of a twofold need for additional research space and affordable, high quality child care services for faculty, staff and the community. The Whittier project is a wonderful example of adaptive reuse and demonstrates how to incorporate sustainable practices through construction design, policy and planning. UNL was able to incorporate and embrace the strategies outlined by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program, or LEED. These LEED strategies not

only benefit the university as a research and educational institution, but they also have positive implications for improving the quality of life for university families, building occupants, and the broader community.

- ***Agriculture – Community C.R.O.P.S.***

Through a network of community gardens, urban farms, and hands-on learning activities, Community CROPS has a mission of helping people work together to live sustainability through the cultivation and growing of healthy food. C.R.O.P.S. stands for “Combining Resources, Opportunities, and People for Sustainability.” Beyond the gardens, CROPS has been instrumental in nurturing and facilitating several community-based workshops and classes that include assistance with composting, bee-keeping, rain gardens and growing vegetables organically.

- ***Individual Citizen – Jeanne Pashalek***

Jeanne strives to achieve a self-sustaining lifestyle with limited impact on the environment. She uses garden beds, orchards, beehives, and livestock to help achieve this life mission. Jeanne also utilizes her environmentally progressive practices in her professional life as a Deputy Chief with Lincoln Fire & Rescue. She was instrumental in getting all the fire stations to begin recycling. Jeanne exemplifies that as individuals the choices we make in our homes, our work, the food we eat, and what we buy and throw away all influence our footprint and can help ensure a sustainable environment for future generations.

This year’s ceremony will include a keynote address by Karl Brooks, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator selected by President Obama in February. Dr. Brooks most recently was a professor of Environmental Studies and History at the University of Kansas, and holds degrees from the University of Kansas, Harvard Law School, the London School of Economics, and Yale. Dr. Brooks practiced law for ten years in Idaho and served three terms in the Idaho Senate. Mayor of Lincoln Chris Beutler and Chair of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners Bernie Heier will also be providing opening and closing comments. Community leaders will provide a presentation highlighting the accomplishments of each of the award recipients.

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**ONE BOOK – ONE LINCOLN FINALISTS ANNOUNCED**

*Library Announces Community to Vote on Title*

On May 31<sup>st</sup> Lincoln City Libraries announced the five finalists under consideration for the 2010 One Book – One Lincoln Community Reading Program. New to the program this year is the opportunity for the community to vote for one of the five finalists to be THE title for the 2010 One Book – One Lincoln program. Voting takes place from June 1 through July 31. Ballots are available at all libraries or votes can be cast online at the library's website [www.lincolnlibraries.org](http://www.lincolnlibraries.org). The winning title will be announced in September.

The finalists are

***The Elegance of the Hedgehog, by Muriel Barbery***

The lives of fifty-four-year-old concierge Rene Michel and extremely bright, suicidal twelve-year-old Paloma Josse are transformed by the arrival of a new tenant, Kukuro Ozu.

***Finding Nouf, by Zoe Farraris***

When sixteen-year-old Nouf goes missing and is found drowned in the desert outside Jeddah, Nayir, a desert guide hired by her prominent family to search for her, feels compelled to find out what really happened.

***“I Am A Man” Chief Standing Bear’s Journey for Justice, by Joe Starita***

Chronicles the efforts of the Ponca Native American Chief to reclaim his tribe's lands and rights after being forcibly removed from their Nebraska home in 1877, an effort that brought into question fundamental issues about citizenship, constitutional protections and democracy.

***Loving Frank*, by Nancy Horan**

Fact and fiction blend in a historical novel that chronicles the relationship between seminal architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, from their meeting, when they were each married to another, to the clandestine affair that shocked Chicago society.

***The Tortilla Curtain*, by T. Coraghessan Boyle**

The lives of two different couples – wealthy Los Angeles liberals Delaney and Kyra Mossbacher, and Candido and America Rincon, a pair of Mexican illegals, suddenly collide in a story that unfolds from the shifting viewpoints of the various characters.

A committee made up of 15 community members worked for three months to narrow down the selection from the original 148 titles nominated by the community. The titles are available at Lincoln City Libraries in print, CD, and downloadable audio formats. Reserves may be placed via the library's website, [www.lincolnlibraries.org](http://www.lincolnlibraries.org).

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**FOR RELEASE: June 1, 2010**  
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## **Lincoln City Libraries Offers Summer Book Group for Spanish Speaking Families**

Lincoln City Libraries will again offer **Stories for Everybody**, a book discussion and activity group especially for Spanish speaking families. The group will meet once a week, for five weeks, Saturdays from June 12 to July 17, 1:00-1:45 p.m. at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

This book group is designed for families with grade school-aged children. Special literacy-related activities will be provided for the preschoolers of families in the book group.

This book group is a project of the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, Kevin Colleran Memorial.

To preregister, call Lorena at 402-217-4918.

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**Attachments:** DigitalBookmobileImagePack\_Exteriors.zip

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### **LIBRARY TO HOST DIGITAL BOOKMOBILE**

*Learn how to download from your library*

Lincoln City Libraries is hosting the OverDrive® Digital Bookmobile on June 7 & 8 during its national tour. The digital bookmobile will be at the Gere Branch Library, 2400 So. 56th St., on Monday, June 7, from 12 to 6 p.m. and at the Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior St., on Tuesday, June 8, from 12 to 6 p.m.

The Digital Bookmobile is a community outreach vehicle for public libraries to promote downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video. Developed inside a 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor-trailer, the nationally touring vehicle is a high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile that has served communities for decades.

Summer is here and it's a perfect time to experience new ways to enjoy audio books and more from the public library. Find out more at this special event with interactive computer stations for readers of all ages.

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Note to Media – some great photo opportunities here! Contact me at 441-8512 for tours or photo ops prior to the vehicle opening to the public. Library Director also available for interviews. For information about or more photos of the Digital Bookmobile go to <http://www.digitalbookmobile.com/Media.asp>

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**City of Lincoln  
Planning**

## **Urban Design Committee Agenda**

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### **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE**

Notice is hereby given that the **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE** will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at **3:00 p.m.**, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in Room 203 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 441-7491.

#### **AGENDA June 2, 2010**

1. Approval of meeting notes from the regular meeting of [May 5, 2010](#).
2. Update of [Union Plaza "Active Living Center"](#) (Parks & Recreation)
3. [In-fill house designs for 901 Garfield and 1347 N. 26th Street](#) (Urban Development)
4. [Durango Taco vendor's cart](#)
5. [Update on wayfinding project](#)
6. Staff report: [LES Central Lincoln Reliability Study](#), etc.
7. Miscellaneous

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 [History List](#)

**\*\* ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION \*\***

**June 2, 2010**

**\*\*Corrected\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., in the City-Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, June 2, 2010, in Conference Room 113 of the County/City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. for a continued discussion on Ex Parte Communications.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2010**

**[All Members Present]**

Approval of minutes of the special public hearing on the Capital Improvements Program and Transportation Improvement Program held May 12, 2010. **\*\*APPROVED, 9-0\*\***

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 2010. **\*\*APPROVED, 8-0 (Sunderman abstained)\*\***

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**  
**(Public hearing and Administrative Action):**

**CHANGE OF ZONE:**

Page 01      1.1      Change of Zone No. 10011, amending Chapter 27.69 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Signs by amending Section 27.69.020 to delete the definition of Pedestrian Marquee Sign; amending Section 27.69.030 to amend the general provisions to provide that for Center signs permitted on a "per frontage" basis, frontage shall mean the frontage of the Center adjacent to an arterial or collector street; and to delete the general provision regarding pedestrian marquee signs; amending Section 27.69.220 to add an exception to the requirement that a complex or subdivision freestanding sign abutting a residential zoned lot may not be illuminated unless located at least

100 feet from an abutting residential zoned lot if the abutting residential zoned lot is used for another multi-family use or a special permitted use; amending Section 27.69.340 to eliminate restrictions regarding height and illumination of freestanding signs used for office and retail uses; and repealing Sections 27.69.020, 27.69.030, 27.69.220, and 27.69.340 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

**Staff recommendation: Approval**

**Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, [ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.**

**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010, 3:00 p.m.**

- Page 15
- 1.2 Change of Zone No. 10013, amending Title 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code by amending Chapter 27.03, Definitions, to add a new Section numbered 27.03.162 to provide a definition for data center; amending Section 27.67.040 to establish parking requirements for data centers; and repealing Section 27.67.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

**Staff recommendation: Approval**

**Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, [ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.**

**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010, 3:00 p.m.**

**PLATS:**

- Page 23
- 1.3 County Preliminary Plat No. 10002, Fox Run, for approximately 19 lots, with request to waive block length, on property generally located at S. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street and Highway 2.

**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**

**Staff Planner: Mike DeKalb, 441-6370, [mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov)**

**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 21, 2010, 9-0.**

**Public Hearing date before Lancaster County Board of Commissioners being requested.**

**2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.**

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**PERMITS:**

Page 39 4.1 Special Permit No. 07044A, for additional parking, with waiver request to allow parking in the front yard, on property generally located at S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street and F Street (1804 F Street).  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, [ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Had public hearing.**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 20, 2010, 9-0.**  
**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010, 3:00 p.m.**

Page 47 4.2 Special Permit No. 10023, for a parking lot, with a request to adjust setbacks, on property generally located at the northwest corner of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and N Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Had public hearing.**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated May 20, 2010, which allows the request to allow parking in the front setback along South 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, but not along "N" Street, 9-0.**  
**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010, 3:00 p.m.**

**CHANGE OF ZONE:**

Page 61 4.3 Change of Zone No. 10012, amending Chapter 27.63 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Special Permits by amending Section 27.63.680 and 27.63.685 regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on and off the premises, respectively, to add a requirement that the licensed premises must be located no closer than 100 feet from the property line of a premises which is occupied in whole or part by a first-floor residential use and to clarify that the required 100-foot separation from a day care facility, park, church, or state mental institution is measured from the licensed premises to the property line of the premises used for the day care facility, park, church, or state mental health institution; and repealing Sections 27.63.680 and 27.63.685 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Had public hearing.**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, \*\*8-1 (Lust dissenting)\*\*.**  
**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010, 3:00 p.m.**

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM  
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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**PENDING LIST:** *None*

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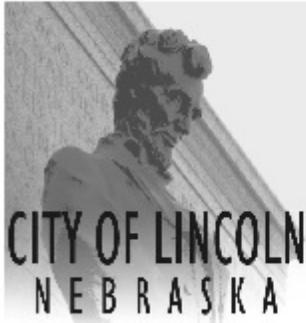
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**The Planning Commission meeting  
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday  
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City-TV, Cable Channel 5.**

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**The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at  
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm>**





# PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

[lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)

May 28, 2010

## **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects**

### **P Street; 17th Street - 27th Street**

**State Project No. LCLC 5236 (2) CN 13040  
City Project No. 701809**

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The City of Lincoln proposes to widen, mill and overlay P Street from 17th Street to 27th Street starting the week of June 14, 2010 weather permitting. P Street will be widened from 25th to 27th Street with work on both sides of the street. The existing pavement will be milled and overlaid with new asphalt. Sub-standard ADA facilities (i.e. curb ramps and truncated domes) will be reconstructed to meet minimum requirements at all intersections. P Street will be closed to through traffic for 32 days. The City will work with local businesses regarding access during construction. Access to local residences will be restricted at times. The contractor will be Pavers Inc.

Information on all City of Lincoln Recovery Act Projects are available on the City's web site at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: recovery). If you have questions or comments, please contact one of the following:

Erika Nunes  
Engineering Services  
(402) 441-5675  
[enunes@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:enunes@lincoln.ne.gov)

Warren Wondercheck, Project Manager  
Engineering Services  
(402) 441-7014  
[wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:wwondercheck@lincoln.ne.gov)

Mike Tidball  
Pavers Inc.  
(402) 786-5900

City Project Number 701809

State Project Number LCLC - 5236 (2), CN 13040

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Karen K. Sieckmeyer  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 9:45 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** Larry D. Worth; Connie J. Thoreson  
**Subject:** StarTran Route and Schedule Revisions  
**Attachments:** Intercampus Route 24 East Campus .pdf; Intercampus Route24 City Campus.pdf

On May 27, 2010, following public hearing, the StarTran Advisory Board approved revisions to the route and schedule of the #24, Holdrege route. The following describes the current service and approved revised services.

**Current Service:** StarTran currently operates #24, Holdrege route between the UNL East Campus and the UNL Downtown Campus/proximate area on weekdays, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., during fall and spring semesters except during UNL holiday/vacation periods. Level of services varies through the operating day, as follows:

7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. – 3 buses – 15 minute headways  
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. – 1 booster bus on M, W, F – 15 minute headways  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – 2 buses – 30 minute headways  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – 1 bus – 60 minute headways

Ridership generally averages around 250,000/year (248,000 in F.Y. 2008-09), primarily comprised of UNL faculty, students and staff. The associated costs of this service are compensated by UNL.

**Approved Revised Service:** UNL officials, as follow-up to the UNL “Transit System Evaluation”, as conducted by Chance Management Advisors, Inc, recently requested that StarTran revise the #24, Holdrege route and increase service hours by about 50% (4,650 to 7,160 hours). Such service changes would begin at the start of the 2010-11 academic year.

Attached is a map showing the proposed revised Route #24. The revised route is proposed to be operated from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., utilizing 8 buses - 4 StarTran and 4 UNL buses – the entire time each weekday. The StarTran buses would travel clockwise and the UNL buses would travel counter-clockwise. This would result in 10-minute headways each direction, 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Route revisions are primarily in the downtown and UNL downtown campus areas. UNL faculty, students, and staff may utilize either the StarTran or UNL buses operating on the revised route, with non-UNL affiliated persons only able to utilize the StarTran buses. StarTran will utilize StarTran and UNL bus stops. UNL will utilize only UNL signed bus stops. (See “Bus Stop” designations on attached map.)





## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 28, 2010 12:38 PM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** Roxann Hamilton M.Ed.  
**Address:** 620 Pine  
**City:** Crete NE

**Phone:** 402-217-2002  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** [roxannhamilton@yahoo.com](mailto:roxannhamilton@yahoo.com)

**Comment or Question:**

Correction to a typographical error I made in a note to all Council members. So sorry for my blunder!

I am moving to Lincoln NE on 6/2/10 as I love the city of Lincoln and its amenities! I feel it is the most wonderful city to live in!

However, as a person with a disability that uses a Service Dog, I discovered your city is \*\*\*NOT\*\*\* Service Dog friendly or educated on Service Dog laws: regarding Nebraska Revised Statutes, and Code of Federal Regulations laws on Service Dogs.

I am referring to a city ordinance 6.08.065 that is not in legal compliance with NRS 54-603 and CFR 28 C.F.R. 36.104.

I would like to meet with the City Council and present the discrepancies and violations Lincoln's ordinance has, and provide you a copy of both State and Federal laws that your city should model and be in compliance with.

During my attempts to bring this matter to the attention of appropriate city officials, I have met with much rudeness, ignorance-by-choice, and refusal to allow me to talk with city officials or have the city official return my calls.

I have been very shocked and disappointed in how rudely I have been treated on the phone while trying to resolve the problem, and help protect the city's best interests regarding disability discrimination.

I consider this a very serious situation of discrimination against people with disabilities in the City of Lincoln.

I truly hope you will be receptive and pro-active to my concerns.

I look forward to meeting with you!

With Warm Regards,  
Roxann Hamilton, M.Ed.



Community Health Endowment of Lincoln

# Media Release

**To:** Media

**CC:** Mayor's Office, Lincoln City Council 

**From:** Lori Vrtiska Selbel, President/CEO, 436-5516

**Date:** 05/28/10

**Re:** Funding Awards and Active Living Center Partnership

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## Community Health Endowment Announces Funding Awards Totaling \$1 Million and Active Living Center Partnership

Following an extensive review of 60 applications, the Board of Trustees of the Community Health Endowment (CHE) is pleased to announce the funding of 20 projects, representing \$1,001,458 in funding for FY2009-2010. With this announcement, CHE will have provided \$1.5 million in grant awards during the current fiscal year.

Ed Wimes, Chair of the CHE Board of Trustees, says of this year's funding awards, *"Viewed as a package, this funding is a unique convergence of priorities and interests in improving the health of our community. Targeted projects reflect CHE's focus on prevention and systematic change as a means to address issues such as obesity and health care access."*

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- **Develop a community-wide, Healthy Lincoln Partnership to focus on: 1) Implementation of recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net; 2) Convene community partners to implement one or more highly visible, public/private initiatives for a healthier Lincoln; and 3) Develop strategies to impact health-related policy through advocacy and action.** (Lancaster County Medical Society Foundation (fiscal agent) and community partners: \$220,000 in year 1; \$220,000 in year 2; and \$220,000 in year 3)
  - **Matching funds to grow and expand the capacity of the People's Health Center, a priority recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net.** (People's Health Center: \$300,000 in year 1; \$300,000 in year 2)
  - **Develop a "hub" of patient advocates to connect uninsured individuals to all sources of assistance, a priority recommendation of the Mayor's Task Force on the Healthcare Safety Net.** (Center for People in Need: \$176,102 in year 1; \$170,580 in year 2; and \$173,527 in year 3)
  - **Provide peer mental health outreach services and advocacy for uninsured individuals.** (Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach: \$20,000 in year 1; \$10,000 in year 2; and \$5,000 in year 3)
  - **Matching funds for facility enhancements at KEVA House, a place for adults with behavioral health diagnoses to seek respite and crisis aversion.** (Mental Health Association of Nebraska: \$13,000)

- **Expand physical activity opportunities among low-income children and youth.** (Friends of Woods Tennis, Inc.: \$10,128 in year 1; \$10,028 in year 2; and \$10,028 in year 3)
- **Matching funds for a two-story addition for the Salvation Army, allowing for the creation of new programs to serve children, youth, and families in poverty.** (The Salvation Army: \$25,000 in year 1; \$25,000 in year 2 and \$25,000 in year 3)
- **Continue a pilot project that provides no-cost fitness and nutrition classes at various North Lincoln locations.** (Abiding Grace Community Church: \$25,000)
- **Operational support to Community CROPS for rapid expansion of the Community Garden Program.** (Community CROPS: \$19,815 in year 1; \$14,832 in year 2; and \$9,993 in year 3)
- **Operational support for Teach a Kid to Fish, an organization focused on preventing and reducing childhood obesity.** (Teach a Kid to Fish: \$60,000 in year 1; \$60,000 in year 2; and \$60,000 in year 3)
- **Provide lactation assistance to women at the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, WIC clinic.** (MilkWorks: \$10,000 in year 1; \$10,000 in year 2; and \$10,000 in year 3)
- **Purchase software to support the Asthma Intervention Project which provides case management services to at-risk youth with asthma.** (Saint Elizabeth Foundation: \$5,000)
- **Matching funds for facility renovations at the Child Guidance Center, resulting in additional therapists and expanded outpatient services.** (Child Guidance Center: \$40,000)
- **Matching funds for dental equipment at the People's Health Center, resulting in the provision of advanced services such as root canals and oral pathology.** (People's Health Center: \$10,000)
- **Purchase specialized optometry equipment to provide more and expanded vision services at Clinic with a Heart clinics.** (Clinic with a Heart: \$11,700)
- **Support for Lincoln Youth Volunteers to provide a two-week summer camp for homeless children that incorporates health and nutrition education.** (Volunteer Partners: \$9,648)
- **Provide bicycle safety education and implement an exercise and community integration project among Lincoln's Hispanic/Latino population.** (Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department and El Centro de las Americas: \$17,750)
- **Purchase exercise equipment to encourage physical activity among Boys and Girls Club participants.** (Boys and Girls Club of Lincoln-Lancaster County: \$10,000)
- **Sponsor a national expert to present the Safe and Together Model to agencies who address child protection and family violence.** (Family Violence Council: \$3,815)
- **Provide funding to replace an existing lift and entrance at the Good Neighbor Community Center.** (Good Neighbor Community Center: \$14,500)

The CHE Board of Trustees also approved a resolution to move forward as a partner with the City of Lincoln and the Great Plains Trails Network (GPTN) in the construction of an "Active Living Center." The center, scheduled for construction in Union Plaza of Antelope Valley on the southeast corner of 21<sup>st</sup> and Q Streets, will serve as a cornerstone of healthy, active living in Lincoln. The Active Living Center will house the Great Plains Trails Center,

which will include a community meeting area, information on active living and Lincoln's trail system and public restrooms; as well as CHE offices and meeting area, and a wellness-oriented retail space.

*"Antelope Valley and Union Plaza represent a blending of Lincoln's ideals, culture and vision of the future," said Mayor Chris Beutler. "The Active Living Center is a perfect addition to this area and will give active living a prominent place in the core of our community. This collaborative project is another sign that it is an exciting time to be living in Lincoln." he said.*

According to Ed Wimes, Chair of the CHE Board of Trustees, *"The CHE Board of Trustees believes that this project is an investment in the health of Lincoln. We are pleased to be part of this collaborative and visionary project."* Wimes stressed, *"An investment in the Active Living Center will not impact our grant funding to the community. CHE's commitment to providing funding to local non-profits who serve vulnerable populations remains as strong as ever."*

*"The Great Plains Trails Network, which has pledged to raise \$250,000 for this Center, has long supported a center highlighting Lincoln's outstanding trails network,"* according to Gary Bentrup, president of GPTN. *"This network is being strengthened by the Antelope Valley trails and will be highlighted by a Center providing resources for active living such as bicycles, trails information, and refreshments. It will be the center hub for all of the trails in the city and the southeast Nebraska area."*

Construction of the Active Living Center is expected to begin in July of 2010 with occupancy planned for September of 2011.

The Community Health Endowment of Lincoln was established in 1998 and has granted more than \$12 million to help make Lincoln the healthiest city in the nation. For more information about grant guidelines and application deadlines, visit CHE's website.

For clarification or additional information:

**Lori Vrtiska Seibel, President/CEO**  
**Office: 402.436.5516**  
**Fax: 402.436.4128**  
**EMAIL: [lori.seibel@chelincoln.org](mailto:lori.seibel@chelincoln.org)**

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June 1, 2020

TO: City Council  
555 So. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Suite 111  
Lincoln, NE 68508

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LANCASTER COUNTY  
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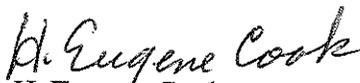
The Lincoln voters have made a horrible decision to proceed with the arena project that will cause our property taxes to skyrocket to pay for the \$344 million general obligation bond.

It is most distressing that apparently the taxpayers will be stuck with environmental clean-up costs on land to be purchased. It is incomprehensible to me how supposedly intelligent elected officials would put the taxpayers in such a vulnerable position. Anyone with a lick of common sense would always require the seller to pay for environmental clean-up costs. I have had some experience as a lender and in handling inventory properties with the Environmental Protection Agency. The cost of clean-up almost always greatly exceeds by many times the cost of estimates.

It really makes me mad as hell that I will have to pay to clean-up environmental waste on property that will be purchased from Warren Buffett. This is a prime example of taking from the poor and giving to the rich. It almost makes me wonder if there was some sort of conclusion going on that caused the mayor and other elected officials to be suckered by the wizard from Omaha.

This whole thing **STINKS!!!!**

Sincerely Troubled;



H. Eugene Cook  
2200 Larchdale Drive  
Lincoln, NE 68506

Attached is a copy of my May 31 2010 letter  
to Mr. Warren Buffett

May 31, 2010

TO: Mr. Warren Buffett  
Berkshire Hathway Inc.  
3555 Farnam Street  
Omaha, NE 68131

Dear Mr, Buffett

I am writing because it appears that I and other Lincoln, Nebraska taxpayers are going to have to pay for environmental cleanup on property now owned by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. I believe that the city of Lincoln in now in the process of attempting to purchase approximately 67 acres that will be used for the construction of an Arena that in my opinion is a stupid move.

I understand that the cost of environmental cleanup on this property is to be assumed by the city of Lincoln that of course will be passed on to the Lincoln taxpayers. I cannot believe how supposedly intelligent councilpersons would agree to such a stupid arrangement.

Mr. Buffett you obviously have a lot more money than I can even dream of and it is totally unfair that I will have to pay to clean up your mess. If you have any conscience at all you should remedy the environmental cleanup instead of dumping the cost on to me and other Lincoln taxpayers. If this occurs it is something that I will never forget.

Sincerely:

*H. Eugene Cook*  
H. Eugene Cook  
2200 Larchdale Drive  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

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**DIRECTORS' AGENDA  
ADDENDUM  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS**

**MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to anniversary event at the Veterans Memorial Garden.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule. Week of June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 11, 2010.

**DIRECTORS:**

**FINANCE/TREASURER**

1. Monthly City Cash Report at the close of business April 30, 2010.

**PLANNING**

1. "A Complete Streets Public Discussion" invitation to public presentation on Tuesday, June 8, 2010.
  - a) Public Presentation Complete Streets flyer.
2. Memo on the City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan with link to new website.

**III. COUNCIL RFI'S & CITIZENS CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

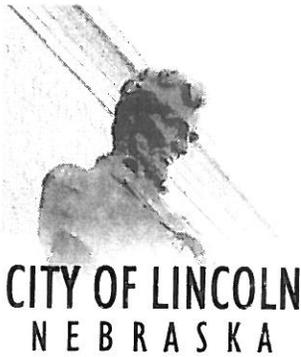
**IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL**

1. InterLinc correspondence from Brian S. Stilwell on the condition of the walkway of the Harris Overpass and other properties not being kept clean. (Sent to Public Works on 06.07.10)
2. Email from Jeanne Kern requesting making the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
3. Correspondence from Lynette Fast urging that arts is a priority in the City budget by continuing support of the Lincoln Arts Council.
4. Laura M. Franz's request that the City Council make arts a priority in the budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
5. Email from Pam Baker requesting the continuing and expanding support for the Lincoln Arts Council in the City budget.
6. Email from Jeff Fisher. Make the arts a priority in the budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
7. Correspondence from Ashley Barber urging Council to make the arts a priority in the budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
8. Email from Terri Brown. Make arts a priority in the City budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
9. InterLinc correspondence from Bob Reeves regarding the upkeep of Lincoln sidewalks with suggestions regarding cost. (Sent to Public Works on 06.07.10)

10. Letter from Wendy Francis regarding continued funding for the Commission on Human Rights.

## **V. INVITATIONS**

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# NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** June 4, 2006

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Keith Fickenscher, Veterans Memorial Garden, 440-2997  
Diane Bartels, Aviation Historian, 489-3059

### PUBLIC INVITED TO ANNIVERSARY EVENT AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN

Mayor Chris Beutler today invited Lincoln area residents to observe the 21st anniversary of the Veterans Memorial Garden in Antelope Park at a ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 12. The event will feature the dedication and unveiling of a new memorial honoring Nebraska's 19 WWII Women Airforce Service Pilots.

Between 1942 and 1944, 1,102 women served as civilian service pilots for the U.S. Army Air Forces. The four living Nebraska pilots have been invited to attend the ceremony. They are Lois A. Bristol (originally from Bayard), Peoria, Arizona; Millicent A. Peterson (originally from Chappel), Colorado Springs; B. Kristin Swan (originally from Minden), Paoli, Pennsylvania; and Mary E. Williamson, Omaha.

The women pilots participated in instructor training, towed targets for practice, transported personnel and cargo, and ferried airplanes to other points, freeing male pilots for combat. Evelyn Sharp from Ord, Nebraska was a member of the original group, the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), and was killed while on duty. In 1943, the pilots were redesignated Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). By December 1944, when they were disbanded, the women had logged more than 60 million miles in military airplanes. In 1977, Congress granted the pilots veteran status, and on March 10, 2010, they were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

The ceremony also will include a flyover by five pilots in WWII planes at 9:55 a.m.; the ringing of the Nebraska Liberty Bell; solos by singer Trudy DuMay; Edwin Mukusha on bagpipes; "Taps" played by Lumir Vajgrt; a recognition of Gold Star Families; and the dedication of 153 new memorial bricks.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Auld Recreation Center at Antelope Park.

For more information on the event, contact Keith Fickenscher of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Veterans Memorial Garden at 440-2997.

Date: June 4, 2010

Contact: Dave Norris, Citizen Information Center, 441-7547

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of June 5 through 11, 2010**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Monday, June 7

- Planning Department "Complete Streets" workshop, remarks - 8:15 a.m., Police Training Room C, Hall of Justice, 575 S. 10th St.
- Mayor's Arts Awards, remarks - 5:30 p.m., Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St.

Tuesday, June 8

- Lincoln Public Schools Foundation 21st Annual Board & Trustee luncheon - 11:30 a.m., Ted Sorenson Theatre at Lincoln High School, 2229 "J" St.
- "Complete Streets" public meeting, remarks - 2:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Liberty Tree Memorial dedication, remarks and proclamation - 4:30 p.m., Antelope Park (Liberty Bell Pavilion), Memorial Drive and "A" Street

Thursday, June 10

- KFOR Morning Show - 7:45 a.m.
- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be determined
- Mayor's Environmental Task Force - noon, Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building (third floor)
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) meeting - 1:30 p.m., County-City Building, room 303
- Lincoln Fire & Rescue recruit badge-pinning ceremony, remarks, present badges - 6 p.m., Firefighters Hall, 241 Victory Lane

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

June 2, 2010

**TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS**  
**FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER**  
**SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT**

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business April 30, 2010

Balance Forward	\$	\$160,122,963.26
Plus Total Debits April 1-30, 2010	\$	\$49,403,350.36
Less Total Credits April 1-30, 2010	\$	(\$30,949,632.54)
<b>Cash Balance on April 30, 2010</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$178,576,681.08</b>

I desire to report that such City cash was held by me as follows which I will deem satisfactory unless advised and further directed in the matter by you.

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	\$1,044,042.33
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(\$39,936.79)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	(\$50,075.31)
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$160,814.81
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$250,476.77
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$312,603.71
West Gate Bank	\$	\$169,251.12
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$55,604,339.23
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$120,458,400.05
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$666,765.16
<b>Total Cash on Hand April 30, 2010</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$178,576,681.08</b>

The negative bank balances shown above do not represent the City as overdrawn in these bank accounts. In order to maximize interest earned on all City funds, deposits have been invested prior to the Departments' notification to the City Treasurer's office of these deposits; therefore, these deposits are not recorded in the City Treasurer's bank account balances at month end.

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$23,908,656.02 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

**ATTEST:**

*Joan E. Ross*  
 Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



*Melinda J. Jones*  
 Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

**CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT  
AS OF APRIL 30, 2010**

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLMC GOLD POOL A61256	3128KRMD3	11/01/2036	\$1,318,920.00	\$919,854.19	1.07	\$986,830.98
FHLMC GOLD POOL J10321	3128PPLA9	07/01/2024	\$7,500,000.00	\$7,092,087.98	1.02	\$7,199,348.00
FNMA FNCL 254725	31371K4J7	05/01/2033	\$500,000.00	\$184,062.17	1.04	\$192,063.09
<b>USBANK NE</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$9,318,920.00</b>	<b>\$8,196,004.34</b>		<b>\$8,378,242.07</b>
FHLB 5.0%	3133XMEH0	04/04/2013	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00		
FFCB 5.45%	31331XNG3	02/05/2014	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
FHLB STEP-UP 2.25%	3133XUM67	08/26/2014	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
<b>CORNHUSKER BANK</b>		<b>TOTAL PLEDGED</b>	<b>\$2,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,500,000.00</b>		

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Michele M. Abendroth  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 2:25 PM  
**Subject:** Complete Streets Public Meeting - Tuesday, June 8  
**Attachments:** image001.png; image002.png; Flyer\_Public Meeting\_100608.pdf

## PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND A COMPLETE STREETS PUBLIC DISCUSSION

**Date:** Tuesday, June 8, 2010

**Time:** 2:30-4:00 PM

**Location:** City Council Chambers, County/City Building, 555 S. 10 Street, Lincoln, NE

**Join Us!** Complete Streets are planned, designed and operated to enable safe access for all users. Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and transit riders of all ages and abilities should be able to safely travel along and across any street.

**Topic** An overview presentation by Michael Moule, P.E., P.T.O.E. will provide a background on the benefits of Complete Streets, dispel myths, explain how existing streets can easily be retrofitted into Complete Streets, and detail how a Complete Streets policy can even save you money.

**Who Should Attend** This presentation is appropriate for elected officials, transportation agency leaders, transportation planners, traffic engineers, roadway designers, planning and engineering consultants, transit providers, pedestrian and bicycle advocates, health service and older adult providers, and any others who are interested.

**Contact** David Cary, Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Dept.  
441-7491, [dcary@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:dcary@lincoln.ne.gov)

*For more information, see [completestreets.org](http://completestreets.org).*

*Michael Moule is a Professional Engineer with 16 years of experience in traffic and transportation engineering and its relationship to communities, neighborhoods and bicycling and walking. He has significant innovative design and planning experience and specializes in improving conditions for non-motorized users without degrading vehicle capacity. In 2002, Michael formed Livable Streets, Inc. to assist agencies in transforming streets to work for all transportation modes while enhancing the livability of the surrounding communities.*



**SUSTAINABLE  
Future at Work**



Michele Abendroth  
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-6164

*This public event is being hosted by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department with the use of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds.*

# Public Presentation Complete Streets

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441-7491, dcary@lincoln.ne.gov

**Presented by Michael Moule, P.E., P.T.O.E.**

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**Location** City Council Chambers  
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Before



After



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## Jean Preister

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**From:** Michele M. Abendroth  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2010 5:05 PM  
**Subject:** 2040 Plan for Lincoln and Lancaster County

This email is to let you know that LPlan 2040, the update to the City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan, is underway. The development of LPlan 2040 is being led by the Planning Department and the Lincoln Metropolitan Organization (MPO) in conjunction with a citizen advisory committee. On our website at [lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov](http://lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov), you'll find:

- Mayor's press release
- Information about the development of LPlan 2040, process, and schedule
- The first quarterly newsletter
- Information about the citizen advisory committee
- Links to find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter
- Upcoming workshops and other ways to get involved

We encourage you to take a few minutes to view the new site!

### **Michele Abendroth**

Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-6164

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 4:24 PM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** Brian Stilwell  
**Address:** 3050 N st. apt 1  
**City:** Lincoln, NE 68510

**Phone:** 402-326-6031  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** [brianscottstilwell@yahoo.com](mailto:brianscottstilwell@yahoo.com)

**Comment or Question:**

Who is responsible for keeping the walkway of the Harris Overpass (the bridge on O St. between 9th and 2nd) clean. Often there is fresh broken glass on it and I have to cross it on my bike to get to work. Please let me know if cleaning it is the state, county or cities job. I also would like to know how to handle a complaint of broken glass on the sidewalk in front of a home or business and which city dept. is in charge of removing all the broken, jagged, metal remnants of sign posts that the city sidewalks are riddled with. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Brian S. Stilwell  
(registered voter)

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Jeanne Kern [Jeanne@RichKern.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 8:04 PM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** Plea for The Arts

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Thank you for your continued support of the arts in the city of Lincoln.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Kern  
2600 Cheshire North Court  
Lincoln 68512

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Lynette Fast [lynettef@windstream.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 9:06 AM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** Funding for the Arts!

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Sincerely,

Lynette Fast

Lynette Fast, Artist and Teacher  
Unique Handmade Jewelry and Sculpture  
Private Art Lessons  
[LynetteFast.etsy.com](http://LynetteFast.etsy.com)  
402-466-0180  
[lynettef@windstream.net](mailto:lynettef@windstream.net)



## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** LMdeTBF@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 3:35 PM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** Lincoln Arts Council

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Sincerely,  
Laura M. Franz

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** singoutpam@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 05, 2010 7:54 PM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** The Arts!

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the City budget by continuing and expanding support for the Lincoln Arts Council.

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Sincerely,

Pam Baker  
1235 Surfside Ct.  
Lincoln, NE 68528

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** fishlips@windstream.net  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 6:27 PM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** LAC

Dear Elected Official,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the City budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council.

Jeff Fisher

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Ashley Barber [ash.barber@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 6:10 PM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** Make the Arts a Priority!

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Thank you for your continued support of the arts in the city of Lincoln.

Sincerely,

Ashley Barber  
Lincoln

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Terri L. Brown [tbrown@nebook.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 1:39 PM  
**To:** Mayor; Mary M. Meyer; Robin S. Eschliman; campjon@aol.com; Jonathan A. Cook; Doug Emery; Daniel K. Marvin; John Spatz; Ken R. Svoboda  
**Subject:** Support for the Lincoln Arts Council

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Sincerely,

Terri Brown  
6811 Benton Street  
Lincoln, NE 68507

## Mary M. Meyer

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**Sent:** Friday, June 04, 2010 11:50 AM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** Bob Reeves  
**Address:** 3236 Dudley St.  
**City:** Lincoln, NE 68503  
**Phone:** 402-464-1803  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** [bobreeves63@yahoo.com](mailto:bobreeves63@yahoo.com)

**Comment or Question:**  
Dear City Council members:

Sidewalks are a vital part of most Lincoln neighborhoods. They provide a place for exercise and recreation, and a safe way for children and adults to walk to school and public transit. But when sidewalks are badly uneven or cracked, they become a hazard and a neighborhood eyesore.

For most of Lincoln's history, property owners bore the responsibility for keeping sidewalks in repair. Then, in 1990, through a popular referendum, citizens voted to place all of that responsibility on the city. Since then, due to budget constraints, the city has fallen further and further behind each year in keeping up with needed sidewalk replacement and repair.

According to the Public Works Department, the city is currently repairing approximately 35,000 feet of sidewalk each year, which amounts to 1.7 percent of the repair needs. It is estimated that Lincoln is more than \$60 million behind in sidewalk replacement and curb ramp construction.

At the mayor's recent "Taking Charge" budget planning event, participants were given three choices for dealing with the sidewalk problem: 1. Reduce the backlog of repairs by increasing property taxes by \$2.50 per month for the average homeowner for 15 years. 2. Returning responsibility for sidewalk repairs to adjacent homeowners. 3. Continue with the current funding, which will increase the backlog exponentially in the coming years.

Something needs to be done about our sidewalks, and I believe there is another alternative to the three presented above. Why not have property owners and the city share both the responsibility and the costs of maintaining sidewalks? Let's put a new initiative on the ballot that would require sidewalks to be repaired to a reasonable safety standard. The city could do the work or allow property owners either to contract with a private company or do the work themselves, so long as it passes inspection. Costs would be allocated on a sliding scale, based on the property owner's ability to pay.

The result would be that low-income homeowners (this would include many senior citizens on fixed incomes) could get their sidewalk repairs done at little or no cost to themselves, but the costs for most repairs would be borne jointly by both the city and the property owner, based on an assessment of income and assets.

In my opinion, this would be the most fair way to allocate the costs and meet the goal of reducing the backlog of needed sidewalk repairs. The alternative of continuing at the current rate of sidewalk repairs is unacceptable.

Thanks for your consideration of this issue,

Bob Reeves  
3236 Dudley St.  
(402)464-1803

June 5, 2010

Dear Mayor Beutler,

I am writing this letter in support of keeping the funding in the City's budget to retain The Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR).

I have had the pleasure of serving on the LCHR for the past four years, finishing the term of a Commissioner who was not able to finish her appointment and then being appointed for a term of my own. I am serving my second year as the current Chair.

As a REALTOR®, Fair Housing plays an important role to my profession and by license law; I am required to take a Fair Housing class every 2 years. I assure you that I have taken classes regarding Fair Housing far beyond what is required for my license as this is a topic I am passionate about.

Should Lincoln not have its own Civil Rights agency, we, as citizens of the State of Nebraska have the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission (NEOC) that complaints can be filed with.

While both LCHR and NEOC do excellent work, LCHR differs from NEOC in several key matters:

- 1) The NEOC will only consider employment discrimination involving companies that have 15+ employees; LCHR accepts cases involving companies with 4+ employees.
- 2) As a state, Nebraska does not have a law preventing discrimination based on disability regarding public accommodations. That means, if a restaurant, store etc only has stairs and no ramp in, there is nothing that can be done at the state level. NEOC will not take these cases, LCHR will.
- 3) The state limits age discrimination at 70 years of age, where the city does not have a limit on age discrimination
- 4) In the area of housing, marital status is not protected at the state level but is at the city level. So single mothers denied housing on that basis could not turn to the NEOC, but could go to LCHR.

- 5) Cases must be filed within 10 days of incident for the NEOC, LCHR allows up to 1 year to file in accommodation cases.

A few years ago, the Nebraska Attorney General's Office, who is the agency the NEOC is reliant on, refused to act on a discrimination case because the persons filing the case may not have been in our country as documented persons. This caused The Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to decertify the NEOC. HUD and LCHR became the agencies that continued the cases that NEOC had ongoing during this time.

I think the citizens of Lincoln deserve to know that their city cares enough about them that they are willing to have their own Civil Rights agency enforcing discrimination laws. Laws which are broader based than the state, and are not in jeopardy of being ignored because a public office holder has their own political agenda.

We are constantly promoting Lincoln as a great place to live and grow. We are constantly enticing business to come build with us. We are hosting the 2010 Special Olympics. Let's put our stamp of disapproval on discrimination by showing we are committed to making Lincoln a better place to live, work and play. Let's have our own Civil Rights Agency and take a solid stand against discrimination.

Respectfully,



Wendy Francis  
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Lincoln, NE 68505  
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wfrancis@neb.rr.com

**MINUTES  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010**

**Present:** John Spatz, Chair  
Gene Carroll, Vice Chair  
Jayne Snyder  
Adam Hornung  
Doug Emery  
Jonathan Cook  
Jon Camp

**Others Present:** Joan Ross, City Clerk  
Rod Confer, City Attorney  
Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff  
Dave Landis, Urban Development Director

Chair Spatz opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

**I. CITY CLERK**

1. Letter received via email. "Allow votes on Important Issues!"

Received from:

- a) Lynne Hansen
- b) Douglas Blum

No comments.

Ross stated on the liquor license applications emails were received from the Law Department. She then stated items to be called together. Spatz thought to pull two and do separately. Ross continued saying on #21 there has been a request to delay public hearing one week to June 14<sup>th</sup>. Cook questioned why. Confer thought bond counsel wanted extra time to review, with Cook asking if they would bring a substitute?

Ross said under upcoming resolutions with public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> had a request on #54 to delay introduction, and bring back. Cook commented we could remove and put back on next week with Ross agreeing and adding they want public hearing on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL**

**MAYOR**

1. Fiscal Impact Statement, Finance/Accounting.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Ribbon cut for Development Services Center.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. The Mayor and the Lincoln Community Foundation will hold a news conference on May 19, 2010 to announce Lincoln Community Foundation's major gift to Union Plaza. The conference will be held at the park's amphitheater area, east side of 21<sup>st</sup> Street between P and Q streets at 1:30 p.m.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Lincoln Water System (LWS) officials, and Water

Conservation Task Force members will hold a news conference on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the LWS facility, 2021 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street to announce winners of the Mayor's Water Conservation Task Force's annual poster contest and discuss City's water supply and conservation efforts.

5. NEWS RELEASE. Union Plaza receives \$600,000 gift.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Biketacular, Capital City criterium set for Saturday.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces winners of annual water conservation art contest.
8. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor says city water supply in good shape.
9. Washington Report, May 14, 2010.

**Week of May 31, 2010**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Plan early for 4<sup>th</sup> of July block parties.
2. Washington Report, May 21, 2010.

**Week of June 7, 2010**

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule for Week of May 29<sup>th</sup> through June 4, 2010.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor calls for Minute of Silence on Memorial Day.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor invites Public to Third Waterfest at Holmes Lake.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Learn about Complete Streets Concepts.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Liberty Tree Dedication set for June 8, 2010.
6. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Planning Commission Chair Lynn Sunderman and City-County Planning Director Marvin Krout will discuss public input process in updating the City-County Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan at a news conference Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 303.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor announces launch of Comprehensive Plan Update.
8. Washington Report, May 28, 2010.

No comments.

Hoppe introduced Landis who spoke on two projects: 1) a mural with the Urban Development Department assisting Lincoln NeighborWorks. The mural is in the Everett Neighborhood, across from Everett School, 11<sup>th</sup> and C Streets, and the fourth done. The mural is from children's artwork. At the dedication the children took the podium and commented on their accomplishment; 2) The second of intersection art, at 20<sup>th</sup> and U Streets, with a design from a 12 year old boy. Dedication is at the Malone Center today. Also thanked Emery for his role in refining street intersection art methodologies.

Spatz reiterated the fourth mural? Landis replied two are on N. 27<sup>th</sup>, using Clinton School children's art, one drawn from Asian Community interests, a third at 13<sup>th</sup> and F with a Hispanic feel drawing from flags, and other themes of Central and South America. Also have one showing the State Capitol and other area buildings.

Hoppe stated on June 15<sup>th</sup> Denise Pearce will return to the Mayor's Office, with Miki Esposito moving to Public Works. Hoppe stated Esposito has done a tremendous job not only for the Mayor's Office, but for the City. One outstanding job completed was her work on the arena environmental piece. She has also been involved in numerous other ventures and our office is hoping to continue using her expertise, when Public Works allows.

## **DIRECTORS**

### **FINANCE/BUDGET      Week of May 31, 2010**

1. May sales tax reports reflecting March activity.
  - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
  - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2004-2005 through 2009-2010;
  - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2004-2005 through 2009-2010; and
  - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2004-2005 through 2009-2010.

No comments.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. Correspondence from Steve Beal, Assistant Health Director, on breakdown of pet licenses.
  - a) Percentage breakdown for altered vs. unaltered licensed dogs and cats.
2. Reply from Dr. Bruce Dart, Health Director, to constituent regarding feral cat populations with the Health Department supporting the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) method to manage.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln and Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards.
- No comments.

### **CITY LIBRARIES**

1. NEWS RELEASE. One Book - One Lincoln. Library to announce top 5 finalists.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Children's book author, Helen Lester, will visit Bethany Library on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### **Week of May 31, 2010**

1. Letter from Pat Leach, Library Director, regarding procedures to fill a September 1, 2010 vacancy on the Library Board.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. One Book - One Lincoln Finalists Announced.
2. Lincoln City Libraries offers Summer Book Group for Spanish speaking families.
3. Library to host Digital Bookmobile.

No comments.

### **PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Administrative amendment approvals from May 11, 2010 through May 17, 2010.

### **Week of May 31, 2010**

1. Administrative Permit No.10020 approved by the Planning Director.

### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. Urban Design Committee Meeting Agenda for June 2, 2010.

No comments.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Minutes of the Special Public Hearing held by the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission on May 12, 2010.
2. Action by Planning Commission, May 19, 2010.

3. Final action. Adopted Resolution No. PC-01208.

**Week of June 7, 2010**

1. Action by Planning Commission, June 2, 2010.

No comments.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**

1. ADVISORY. "A" Street; 63<sup>rd</sup> - 70<sup>th</sup> Street stimulus project to start. Project No. LCLC-5220 (3), Control No. 13041, City Project No. 701808.

**Week of May 31, 2010**

1. ADVISORY. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects, Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects. Adams Street; 57<sup>th</sup> Street - 62<sup>nd</sup> Street. State Project No. LCLC5250 (3) CN 13068. City Project No. 701777.

2. ADVISORY. Sidewalk Repair Advisory. Priority Sidewalk Repair - North of O Street. Project #702366.

3. ADVISORY. Sidewalk Repair Advisory. Priority Sidewalk Repair - South of O Street. Project #702367.

**Week of June 7, 2010**

1. ADVISORY. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects. Proposed Arterial Rehabilitation Projects. P Street; 17<sup>th</sup> Street - 27<sup>th</sup> Street. State Project No. LCLC 5236 (2) CN 13040. City Project No. 701809.

No comments.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/STAR TRAN**

**Week of June 7, 2010**

1. StarTran Advisory Board memo on approved revisions to the route and schedule of #24, Holdrege route.

a) East Campus, Intercampus Bus Route map.

b) City Campus. Intercampus Bus Route map.

No comments.

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT/ HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION**

1. Street and Alley Vacation No. 10005, southeast corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Salt Creek Roadway.

2. Clinton Thomas' memo on Street and Alley Vacation No. 10001, North 21<sup>st</sup> Street, north of Vine Street.

No comments.

**III. COUNCIL RFI'S AND CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE TO INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**JON CAMP**

1. Wall Street Journal article. "Is a \$1 Trillion Bailout Ahead for State Pension Funds?"

No comments.

**DOUG EMERY**

1. Email from Pastor Mike Wooten regarding claim to fix the right front wheel of his car

damaged when he hit a pothole.  
No comments.

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL**

1. Correspondence from Roger Cognard on his claim against the city for repair to a sprinkler system broken by a snowplow driver last winter.
2. Email from William Carver, President NSNA, thanking Council for their service and fair decision on the CVS Project at S. 16<sup>th</sup> and South Streets.
3. Email from Sandra Lab. Take care of what's going on here, stay out of the debate on boycotting Arizona.

##### **Week of May 31, 2010**

1. Email from Tom Vik regarding the smoking ban in Lincoln.

##### **Week of June 7, 2010**

1. InterLinc correspondence from Roxann Hamilton regarding Lincoln being Service Dog friendly or educated on Service Dog laws. (Sent to Health Department on 06.02.10)
2. Media Release. Community Health Endowment (CHE) Announces Funding Awards totaling \$1 Million and Active Living Center Partnership.
3. Letter from H. Eugene Cook regarding the environmental clean-up costs on land to be purchased from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, with copy of letter sent to Warren Buffett, Berkshire Hathway, Inc.

No comments.

#### **V. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Camp                    Stated he received a call from a constituent with a denied claim regarding three sprinkler heads damaged by snow plows. Previously had damage to mailbox which was paid. Camp stated the gentleman doesn't understand why this claim was denied. He asked if there has been a change of policy? Confer replied there hasn't been any change but sometimes there is a different circumstance. Without knowing the circumstances behind his earlier claim would have to investigate.

Cook commented he doesn't remember reimbursement for mailboxes, or for snow removal accidents. If a street project Public Works may repair or risk damaging the whole system. Camp then requested short meetings with certain directors.

Snyder                No comments

Carroll                No comments

Emery                 Requested short meeting with City Attorney and one director.

Cook                  Requested short meeting before Organizational Meeting.

Spatz                 Stated he also will have a short discussion with Quenzer after meeting.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Spatz adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.