

**DIRECTORS' MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010  
555 S. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 113  
2:00 P.M.**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. MAYOR**

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will announce appointment of a new Department Director, Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 303.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler names Judy Halstead Health Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department.
3. Informational link on the proposed Municipal Services Center is now on the City's website.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries will announce a major donation at a news conference on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m., at the Eiseley Library, 1530 Superior Street.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Second Lincoln smoke alarm rally set for October 2, 2010.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor and Foundation announce Lied gift for new bookmobile.
7. Washington Report, September 24, 2010.

**DIRECTORS**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Flu vaccine recommended for most everyone.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. The City of Lincoln's 2010/2011 - 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Program has been posted on the Planning Department website.

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

**JON CAMP**

1. Correspondence from H. Arnold Wassenberg regarding building purchase.

**DOUG EMERY**

1. Letter from Robert Bechtolt regarding the purchase of the Experian building.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Email from Charles Brown asking when the Central Lincoln Reliability Project be on the LES Board agenda for public comment.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

**DATE:** September 28, 2010

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

Mayor Chris Beutler will announce his appointment of a new Department Director at a news conference at **10 a.m. Wednesday, September 29 in Room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.** (first door west of the elevators). The news conference will be carried live on 5 CITY-TV, government access cable channel 5.

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**MAYOR NAMES HALSTEAD AS HEALTH DIRECTOR**

*Bruce Dart accepts position in Tulsa, Oklahoma*

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced his appointment of Judy Halstead as Health Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD). Halstead began her career with LLCHD in 1994 and has served as the Resource and Program Development Coordinator since February 2002. Bruce Dart, who has served as Health Director since 2001, has accepted a position as Health Director of the Tulsa, Oklahoma City-County Health Department. The leadership change is expected to occur in late October.

Mayor Beutler thanked Dart for his service to the community and praised him for his accomplishments. "Under Bruce's leadership, Lincoln become the first community in the state to adopt a smoke-free workplace ordinance," Beutler said. "He established community-wide pandemic planning and worked to increase access to health care for families without insurance. His efforts will have a positive long-term impact on our city. We are a healthier community because of his leadership." During Dart's tenure, LLCHD received record numbers of grants and contracts to enhance services and lessen the demand on local tax dollars. Dart also earned his Ph.D. from Walden University in Minnesota in 2005.

Dart thanked the community for its support. "It has been a pleasure working for the residents of Lincoln and Lancaster County," he said. "The LLCHD does very important work here, and we can't do it without the support of the community, the Mayor, the Board of Health, the City Council and County Board. I will miss Lincoln. To paraphrase Vince Lombardi, 'we worked hard to achieve perfection and found a little excellence along the way.'"

Halstead received bachelor's and master's degrees in behavioral health from Creighton University in Omaha. Before joining LLCHD, she worked for State and nonprofit health and human service organizations. In her current position, she supervises three divisions, which include 92 full and part-time staff with budgets of more than \$7.5 million in City, County and grant funds.

"Judy shares Bruce's deep commitment to public health and is a proven leader in the Health Department," Beutler said. "Her accomplishments include coordinating the development of the People's Health Center and helping to secure the initial funding. She also served as project manager for the expansion and renovation of the Health Department's facility. That \$10 million project was completed on time and under budget and has allowed for the more efficient and effective delivery of key health services."

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Halstead also has monitored State and federal legislation and has actively pursued legislation for LLCHD. She spearheaded legislation and programming for the Early Development Network for families with young children who have disabilities as well as the Lifespan Respite Program.

“I am honored and humbled to be asked to try to follow in Bruce’s footsteps,” said Halstead. “I look forward to leading the wonderful staff at the Health Department, and through our community partnerships, we will continue the work to strengthen the health of our community.”

The Health Director reports directly to the Mayor and is responsible for planning, coordinating, supervising and evaluating all activities and programs of LLCHD. The department employs 164 FTEs (full-time equivalents). Halstead’s appointment must be confirmed by the City Council, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Health.

“The Board of Health is grateful for Dr. Dart’s leadership and service to the community,” said Karla Lester, M.D., Board of Health President. “Bruce has provided years of perspective, innovation and guidance on key public health issues. Those qualities will serve him well in his new position and we wish him all the best. Judy Halstead is an excellent choice as the new Health Director. She has been and will continue to be a strong advocate, leader and visionary in the protection and promotion of our public’s health. The Board looks forward to supporting Ms. Halstead and the Health Department as we work together in carrying out our mission and vision.”

## Mary M. Meyer

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**Cc:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** Municipal Services Center

A link to all the information on the proposed Municipal Services Center is now on the City's website ([lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov)) in the Hotbox.

Thank you.

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Mayor Chris Beutler and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries will announce a major donation for a new bookmobile at a news conference at **10:30 a.m.**

**Thursday, September 30 at the Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior St.**

The event will take place at the garage on the north end of the library.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 29, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Jon Carlson, Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, 441-7224

Jeff Hatcher, Lincoln Fire & Rescue, 770-5011

Julie Anderson, Safe Kids Lincoln-Lancaster Co., 441-8071

**SECOND LINCOLN SMOKE ALARM RALLY SET FOR OCTOBER 2**

Mayor Chris Beutler today urged the community to support this year's second smoke alarm rally from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 2 at Lincoln High School. Residents who live in the neighborhood south of the State Capitol are asked to welcome volunteers who will install free smoke alarms. Volunteers also are needed to canvass the neighborhood, knock on doors and offer to install free alarms, each equipped with a 10-year battery.

Based on the success of last year's inaugural smoke alarm rally, Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) obtained a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant to expand this year's effort. On August 21, 90 volunteers installed 300 smoke alarms. The goal for the October 2 event is 300 volunteers and over 1,000 alarms installed. The effort will again target the blocks bounded by Washington, "F", 14th and 17th streets.

Volunteers will work with trained personnel from Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR), the American Red Cross, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) and other health and safety organizations. Safe Kids of Lincoln-Lancaster County has teamed with LFR to organize the rally, modeled after a successful program in Phoenix, Arizona.

Officials say fire is the second leading cause of accidental death to children in Nebraska, and more than 80 percent of fire deaths occur in homes with no alarm or a non-functioning alarm. "This is about saving lives," said LFR Captain Jeff Hatcher. "People living in the targeted neighborhoods are at a greater risk of being injured or killed by fire. We are here to offer them a higher level of protection because of that risk."

Jon Carlson of the Stronger Safer Neighborhoods Initiative, said the City has been investing resources in these same neighborhoods for the past year as part of a larger effort to revitalize neighborhoods and increase safety.

Volunteers age 18 and older are still needed to help install the smoke alarms. Those who are 16 and 17 years old can participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian. No experience is necessary.

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Organizers are especially in need of Spanish-speaking volunteers. Those wishing to help can contact Julie Anderson at 441-8071 or show up at Lincoln High School (main entrance, north doors) at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Other community groups and sponsors involved in the rally include Allied Insurance Company; the Center for People in Need; Continental Western; Lincoln Firefighters Association, I.A.F.F. Local 644; the Real Estate Owners and Managers Association; Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center Burn Unit; Southeast Community College Fire Protection and Technology Department; Union Bank & Trust; Lincoln Police Department; American Red Cross; Salvation Army; and United Rentals.

Additional information is available on the City Web site at (keyword: smoke alarm).

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Pat Leach, Library Director, 441-8510

**MAYOR AND FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE**  
**LIED GIFT FOR NEW BOOKMOBILE**

Mayor Chris Beutler and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries today announced a \$100,000 gift from the Lied Foundation Trust to support the purchase of a new bookmobile. The “Lied Bookmobile” will be dedicated to Ernst F. Lied and his parents, Ernst M. and Ida K. Lied, and is expected to be in operation by the fall of 2011.

“This gift demonstrates the effectiveness of combining public and private support for City services,” said Mayor Beutler. “City Keno funds were set aside to purchase a basic replacement vehicle. These additional private funds will allow us to purchase a ‘green’ vehicle that uses alternative fuel sources that are cleaner, more efficient and more reliable. The private funds also will allow us to purchase furnishings and equipment made from renewable sources.”

The Lied Bookmobile will replace a vehicle that has been in operation since 1993. It will be equipped with new books, DVDs and CDs as well as computers for Internet access.

The Lied Foundation Trust, based in Las Vegas, Nevada, was established in 1972 by Omaha businessman Ernst F. Lied in honor of his parents and has supported projects throughout the State that have enhanced the quality of life for all Nebraskans. “We are proud to be part of this very important project for the citizens of Lincoln and small communities throughout Lancaster County,” said Lied Foundation Trustee Christina Hixson.

Lancaster County also is providing \$20,000 toward the purchase of the new vehicle.

Library Director Pat Leach said the bookmobile provides individualized service to a diverse population. It is on the road five days each week, with scheduled stops at 30 locations, including child care and senior facilities in Lincoln and 11 communities in the County.

For more information on Lincoln City Libraries, visit the City website at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: library).



# WASHINGTON REPORT

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**Washington Report**

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## CONGRESS LOOKS TO ADJOURN

### CONGRESS

Congress looks to wrap up next week. Under intense pressure from rank-and-file members eager to return home and campaign, the congressional leadership has begun setting the stage for Congress to adjourn by the end of next week until November 15.

Over the summer recess, the congressional leadership laid out an ambitious agenda for the month between Labor Day and the target adjournment date of October 8. That agenda included comprehensive energy legislation, a long-term reauthorization of federal aviation programs, the Defense authorization bill, perhaps some appropriations bills and extension of some of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts that are set to expire this year. All of those items fell victim to scheduling realities, inability to overcome procedural obstacles in the Senate and increased partisan rancor as the mid-term election approaches. By the end of last week, the leadership essentially gave in to rank-and-file demands and acknowledged the reality of an October 1 adjournment. By the end of this week, they began laying the groundwork to make that early exit possible.

Yesterday, the House cleared legislation (HR 5297) for the President's signature designed to aid small businesses. The bill includes a \$30 billion fund to boost small business lending by community banks and other small financial institutions, \$12 billion in small business tax breaks, \$1.5 billion in formula grants to boost state small business programs, an increase in Small Business Administration 7(a) loan limits from \$2 million to \$5 million and an extension of the stimulus bill's waiver of 7(a) fees. (See the September 17 Washington Report for a description of HR 5297.)

Both the House and the Senate approved extensions of federal aviation programs

through the end of this year; the current short-term extension is set to expire at the end of this month. Because the House and Senate passed different bills, one of the chambers will have to act next week to clear an extension for the President's signature. Disagreements over the union status of Federal Express employees and the opening of additional long-distance flight slots at Washington Reagan National Airport continue to stymie action on a long-term reauthorization of federal aviation programs. The House and Senate also voted to clear legislation (S 3814) to extend the authorization of the National Flood Insurance Program through FY 2011. The current short-term extension of the program is set to expire next week. Earlier this year, the House approved (320-90) HR 5114 to reauthorize the program through FY 2015, but the Senate has yet to take any action on the issue. (See the July 16 Washington Report for a detailed article on HR 5114.)

When Congress returns to Washington next week, the main and perhaps only agenda item will be passage of a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the federal government operating in the absence of enacted appropriations bills. With none of the FY 2011 appropriations bills enacted and FY 2011 starting next week, Congress must pass a CR to avoid a lapse in federal operations and programs. The congressional leadership has hinted that the Continuing Resolution will be a "clean" one that does not include any other bills or increased spending for specific programs. The main outstanding question is how much time Congress will give itself to complete work on FY 2011 appropriations. The most likely scenario is a CR that runs through the end of November, a date that will allow the congressional leadership to use the threat of a missed Thanksgiving to press lawmakers to act. The other question is whether Congress will finalize FY 2011

appropriations with a year-long CR or with an omnibus appropriations bill. The answer to that question rests largely on the outcome of the election.

### TAX ISSUES

Baucus tax package includes several local government provisions. Late last week, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) unveiled his latest proposal (S 3793) to extend a wide array of expiring tax provisions. The centerpiece of the Baucus proposal continues to be the extension of widely popular provisions, such as the Research and Development Tax Credit and allowing residents of states without an income tax to deduct state and local sales taxes when determining federal tax liability. In addition, the Baucus proposal includes a number of local government priorities.

Most notably, the proposal would extend Build America Bonds for one year, through FY 2011. For bonds issued in 2011, the amount of the direct federal payment would be reduced from 35 percent to 32 percent of bond interest payments. Baucus is also proposing to allow a refunding of outstanding Build America Bonds so that issuers can take advantage of lower interest rates. The Baucus proposal also calls for a second round of Recovery Zone Bonds, with the volume cap allocated to state and local governments based on each jurisdiction's proportional share of national unemployment in December 2009. The volume cap for the first round of Recovery Zone Bonds was allocated using a formula that left out many local governments suffering from a high unemployment rate. Other bond provisions of the proposal include:

- Exempt bonds issued to finance water and sewer infrastructure from private activity volume caps,
- Extend through 2011 a provision of the stimulus bill exempting interest payments from private activity bonds from the Alternative Minimum Tax and
- Extend through 2011 the authority of Federal Home Loan Banks to guarantee all state and local government bonds, and not just those issued for housing.

The Baucus proposal would also renew

several already-expired tax provisions of interest to local governments:

- Extending, through 2010, the option for state housing finance agencies to receive a direct payment in lieu of its share of the cap on the Low-income Housing Tax Credit,
- A one-year extension, through 2010, of the provision allowing the expensing of Brownfield remediation costs,
- A one-year extension, through 2010, of the New Markets Tax Credit,
- A one-year extension, through 2010, of Empowerment Zone and Renewal Community tax provisions and
- A number of alternative fuel provisions, including extending through 2010 the \$0.50 per gallon tax incentive for liquid fuels derived from biomass, biogas, natural gas and propane used in transportation vehicles.

In addition to these tax proposals, Baucus is proposing a one-time appropriation of \$1 billion to capitalize the National Housing Trust Fund coupled with \$65 million appropriation for project-based Section 8 vouchers. The proposal also includes an appropriation of \$1 billion to expand youth employment programs and a "fix" to some of the formulas in the current extension of surface transportation programs.

Congress will not take any action on tax extenders until it returns for a lame duck session after the midterm election. At that point, tax extenders could be combined with legislation to extend individual tax cuts set to expire in 2010 or with any other number of bills. As always, Congress will have to wrestle with the issue of how to offset these provisions.

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local governments raising profile of D-Block issue. Dozens of local elected officials and local public safety officials descended on Washington this week to press Congress to reserve the D-Block portion of the telecommunications spectrum public safety communications. In addition, the Senate Commerce,

Science and Transportation Committee held a hearing on the issue in which a number of senators voiced their sympathy for the local government position.

At issue is a 10-megaHertz portion of the spectrum known as the "D-Block" that sits next to a 10-megaHertz portion of the spectrum that Congress has already carved out for public safety. Public safety officials argue that setting aside the D-Block for public safety communications will ensure that police and firefighters have sufficient spectrum to create an interoperable communications system with enough bandwidth for increasingly complex applications. The D-Block and its adjacent spectrum are also valuable because of their range and their ability to traverse physical barriers. For those reasons, they are also coveted by private industry, which argues in favor of proceeding with a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) auction of the D-Block planned for next year. The industry argues that giving public safety priority access to the D-Block during emergencies will ensure that all public safety communications needs are met. They also argue that they are best equipped to manage and develop communications tools and applications for the D-Block. (See the July 23 Washington Report for additional discussion of the D-Block issue.)

The Senate Commerce Committee hearing provided a boost to the local government and public safety position. Committee Chairman John Rockefeller (D-WV) used the hearing to make the case for his bill (S 3756) that would set aside the D-Block for public safety communications and authorize \$11 billion in grants (funded by other FCC auctions) to help state and local governments develop interoperable communications infrastructure. During the hearing, several senators, most notable Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), voiced qualified support for the Rockefeller bill. In addition, Ranking Member John McCain (R-AZ) has also introduced legislation that would set the D-Block aside for public safety communications.

However, the industry continues to have support in the House Energy and Commerce Committee for its argument in favor of proceeding with the D-Block auction next year. The limited congressional schedule combined with a lack of consensus on what to do with the D-Block means that the Congress is unlikely to do anything more than postpone the D-Block auction to buy more time to address this issue.

### 112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS

House Republicans release governing agenda. As the midterm election campaign enters the homestretch, House Republicans released a broad agenda outlining their priorities if they take control of the House. Dubbed the Pledge to America, the 45-page manifesto is loosely modeled after the Contract with America that catapulted the Republicans into majorities in both the House and Senate in 1994.

The centerpieces of the program outlined in the document include:

- Repeal of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (PL 111-148),
- Permanently extend all expiring 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and
- Cancel the Troubled Assets Relief Program.

Of particular interest to local governments, House Republicans are pledging to rescind all unspent money appropriated by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (PL 111-5) and cap non-defense discretionary spending at FY 2008 levels. The program also calls for a federal hiring freeze, congressional approval of all regulations costing more than \$100 million and setting sunset dates for all federal programs. The document also addresses congressional reform, calling for a reduction in Congress' budget, requiring that all bills be posted online for 72 hours before a House vote and requiring a citation of constitutional authority for all bills. The document does not mention earmark reform or a balanced budget amendment.

The primary criticisms of the document are its general avoidance of the issue of entitlement spending, which comprises the bulk of the federal budget and its lack of specifics on how domestic discretionary

spending would be brought to FY 2008 levels without affecting functions such as air traffic control, food and drug safety and public health programs. The document also proposes increases in some Defense programs.

A copy of the Pledge to America can be found at <http://bit.ly/9g4o7G>.

### GRANTS & NOTICES

#### Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD has issued notices for a number of programs.

#### Healthy Homes Productions Program

HUD is accepting applications for the FY 2010 Healthy Homes Production Program. This program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion. The program builds upon HUD's successful Lead Hazard Control programs to expand efforts to address a variety of high-priority environmental health and safety hazards. HUD is interested in funding projects that integrate healthy homes principles and practices into existing housing rehabilitation, property maintenance, energy improvement, and other housing improvement programs. Grantees should have meaningful participation from the local community. A total of \$10 million is available for FY 2010 grants, and HUD expects to make 12 awards ranging from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Matching is not required, but applicants will score points based on the amount of leveraged resources specifically committed to this program application. Applications are due **November 8, 2010**: <http://bit.ly/aAK4us>.

#### Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grants & Lead Technical Studies Grants

HUD is also accepting applications for Healthy Homes Technical Studies Grants and Lead Technical Studies Grants. Through these grants, HUD will fund technical studies to improve existing methods for detecting and controlling lead-based paint and other housing-related health and safety hazards. HUD anticipates making 6-10

Healthy Homes Technical Grant awards, and these awards will range from \$300,000 to \$1 million each. HUD expects to make four awards under the Lead Technical Studies program, and these awards will range from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Cost-sharing is not required for either grant, but applicants leveraging contributions for a match will receive favorable reviews. The deadline for applications is **November 8, 2010**: <http://bit.ly/cMXZVC>.

#### Continuum of Care Homeless Programs

HUD has made \$1.68 billion available for homeless assistance through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grant Programs. The purpose of the CoC Homeless Assistance Grant Programs is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families. CoCs that are able to sustain current successful interventions and advance HUD's national goals will be scored higher. Applicants must provide at least a 25 percent match. The deadline for applications is **November 18, 2010**. Applicants will be required to complete and submit applications in *e-snaps* at [www.hud.gov/esnaps](http://www.hud.gov/esnaps): <http://bit.ly/bdCsrC>.

#### Choice Neighborhoods

HUD published a Notice requesting that applicants intending to submit either a Planning or Implementation grant application under the FY 2010 Choice Neighborhoods Program, notify HUD of their intent to apply by **October 7, 2010**. In order to indicate intent to apply, applicants should contact the NOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929. Applicants should provide the following information: name of the lead applicant; whether the application will be for the Planning Grant or Implementation Grant; the city and state where the targeted neighborhood and distressed public and/or assisted housing project are located; the name of the eligible neighborhood targeted by the intended application; and the name of the distressed public housing project targeted by the intended application. The final deadline to apply for the FY 2010 Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program is **October 26, 2010**: <http://bit.ly/aNj1je>.



# NEWS RELEASE

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 30, 2010  
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## **FLU VACCINE RECOMMENDED FOR MOST EVERYONE**

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is strongly encouraging everyone 6 months and older to begin obtaining the flu vaccine. At the current time, influenza vaccine manufacturers are projecting that as many as 160 to 165 million doses of influenza vaccine will be available from currently licensed manufacturers in the U.S. for use during the 2010-11 influenza season. It is anticipated that during this flu season, the 2009 H1N1 virus and regular seasonal viruses will cause most flu illness. The 2010-2011 flu vaccine will protect against three different flu viruses: an H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus and the H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last season. Flu seasons are unpredictable and can be severe. Over a period of 30 years, between 1976 and 2006, estimates of flu-associated deaths range from a low of about 3,000 to a high of about 49,000 people.

Flu vaccination is the primary method for preventing influenza. Influenza is a highly infectious disease of the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses.

While everyone should get a flu vaccine each flu season, it's especially important that certain people get vaccinated either because they are at high risk of having serious flu-related complications or because they live with or care for people at high risk for developing flu-related complications. Those at high risk include:

- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women
- People who have certain conditions including, asthma , neurological and neuro-developmental conditions, chronic lung disease, heart disease, blood disorders, diabetes, kidney disorders, liver disorders, metabolic disorders ,weakened immune system, people younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, people who are obese.

Other people for whom vaccination is especially important are:

- People who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities
- People who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu, including:
  - Health care workers
  - Household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu
  - Household contacts and caregivers of children younger than 5 years of age with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children younger than 6 months of age (children younger than 6 months are at highest risk of flu-related complications but are too young to get vaccinated)

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will provide flu shots to children and low income uninsured adults beginning October 4, 2010. All children between the ages of 6 months through 18 years of age will be provided a flu vaccine as part of the Department's childhood immunization program. The Department will also provide flu vaccine to adults who are low-income and not covered by insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or other third-party payers.

Appointments to obtain flu vaccine through the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department can be made by calling 441-8065. The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is located at 3140 N Street. Vaccine appointments are available from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL EDITION OF CIP**

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**TO:** City Council Members

**FROM:** David Cary, Planning Department

**DATE:** September 28, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Final Edition of CIP

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*The City of Lincoln's 2010/2011 - 2015/2016 Capital Improvement Program* has been posted on the Planning Department website at <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/capital/index.htm>.

In the past we have also distributed a paper copy to City Council Members. In the interest of conserving resources, we are only doing this if requested. If you would prefer a hard copy of the CIP, please let David Cary (441-6364) or Michele Abendroth (441-6164) in the Planning Department know and we will get one to you as quickly as possible.

The CIP document can be easily accessed by following the directions below:

Once you have logged onto the City's InterLinc site (<[www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov)>), follow these easy steps to view the portion of CIP document you are looking for:

- Type the keyword "cip" into the Search box in the center of the page
- Select "*Final Edition FY 2010/11 - 2015/16*" under the **Current Program** heading
- From there you are able to link directly to the summary tables and departmental programs by clicking the appropriate link
- Note that new this year is the link to "Interactive Maps" under the 2010/2011 – 2015/2016 CIP

Each file has been created in a "pdf" format, which means that you and your staff will be able to print copies of the CIP as you need them.

If you have any questions concerning how to view and print the document, or if you have questions concerning the content of the CIP, please feel free to contact David Cary at 441-6364 or at [dcary@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:dcary@lincoln.ne.gov). Thank you.

## Mary M. Meyer

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**Sent:** Monday, September 27, 2010 1:42 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** RE: Building Purchase

Way to go Jon! Taxpayers have to appreciate your attack on a clearly wasteful proposal.

You know that they will fill that building with mindless bureaucrats who will harass every attempt at progress and profitability the private sector tries. Don't close the pools, fire some people from this department.

Thank you

H. Arnold Wassenberg

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*H. Arnold Wassenberg*

*Owner/President*

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Doug. Emery.

AFTER READING THE LIBRA  
ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER  
ABOUT ALL THE EXPENSES INVOLVED  
IN THE PURCHASE OF THE  
EXPERIEN BLDG, I THINK THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR  
BETTER DO SOME LONG HARD  
THINKING ON THIS MATTER AND  
USE A SHARP PENCIL AND PAPER  
IN CALCULATING THE MONEY  
THAT WOULD SOPPEDLY ~~WANT~~  
BE SAVED. I WOULD NOT VOTE  
FOR A BOND TO BUY THIS BLDG

Robert Bechtolt  
3710 DORAL LN  
LINCOLN NE 68507

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Charles Patrick Brown [cpbrown@neb.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 28, 2010 9:13 PM  
**To:** board@les.com  
**Cc:** Council Packet; nhicks@journalstar.com  
**Subject:** L. E. S Board Meetings ...

Gentle people -

I have just reviewed the "Board Agenda" for the September 17, 2010 meeting of the Lincoln Electric System Board. Interestingly, I could not find in this agenda a time when a member or members of the public would have occasion to offer comment on business before the board.

The LES Board has been delegated by the City of Lincoln, absolute authority over the Central Lincoln Reliability Project that will greatly impact the aesthetic quality of the inner city of Lincoln.

The Central Lincoln Reliability Project is designed to ensure adequate electricity to the eastern part of Lincoln. The impact of this project is born by those living in the inner city through which will run either staff recommended overhead lines or a much preferred alternative route, buried transmission lines.

When Will the Central Lincoln Reliability Project be on the LES Board agenda for public comment?

Charles P. Brown  
1900 So. 334th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68506-1919  
PH: 402-489-2346

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA  
ADDENDUM  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2010**

**I. CITY CLERK**

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

**MAYOR**

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Aging Partners Director June Pederson will discuss future of the City's senior center at a news conference on Friday, October 1, 2010, at 10:15 a.m. at the Lake Street Senior Center, St. James United Methodist Church, 2400 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Public invited to dedication for Heritage School, Hudson Cabin, on October 5, 2010.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Fire Prevention Week is October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. NEWS RELEASE. No immediate merger planned for Senior Centers.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Firefighters don pick shirts to fight breast cancer.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 8, 2010.
7. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Chris Beutler and City Council Member Jayne Snyder will hold a news conference today, at 1:30 p.m., at the Novartis Trailhead and MOPAC station, east side of 84<sup>th</sup> Street between "A" and "O" streets.

**DIRECTORS**

**CITY LIBRARIES**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln City Libraries celebrates Teen Read Week.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln City Libraries offers parent-child book groups.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Urban Design Committee meeting notice and agenda for October 6, 2010.

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

**JON CAMP**

1. Correspondence from Don Gerbeling thanking Councilman Camp for his leadership regarding the Experian building, recommendation on the LES proposal, and thoughts on manning the Police Department's non-emergency number.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL**

1. Email from Carolyn Eberly in support of purchasing the Experian building.
2. Email from Paul and Kelly Winkler listing reasons to be against the re-zoning at 27<sup>th</sup> and Old Cheney Streets.
3. Letter from the LIBA with questions on proposed purchase of the Experian building, asking for full transparency.

**V. INVITATIONS**

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

**DATE:** September 30, 2010

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

Mayor Chris Beutler and Aging Partners Director June Pederson will discuss the future of the City's senior centers at a news conference at **10:15 a.m. Friday, October 1** at the **Lake Street Senior Center in St. James United Methodist Church, 2400 S. 11th St.**

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 441-7847, fax 441-8706

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** September 30, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Terry Genrich, Parks and Recreation, 441-7939

**PUBLIC INVITED TO DEDICATION**  
**FOR HERITAGE SCHOOL, HUDSON CABIN**

The public is invited to join Mayor Chris Beutler at a dedication ceremony for Heritage School and Hudson Cabin at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 5 at the Pioneers Park Nature Center. Heritage School and Hudson Cabin were both relocated from State Fair Park to the Nature Center during the past year.

The Hudson Cabin was built by Thomas Jefferson Hudson south of the village of Lancaster, which later became Lincoln. Heritage School was built during the Great Depression as the District 113 Cunningham School. Both buildings are now owned by the City.

Heritage School was opened the end of November for the Heritage School Program offered to all 4th-grade students through Lincoln Public Schools. Heritage School and the Hudson Cabin will be open on special occasions, for programming and upon request (call 441-7895).

**LINCOLN FIRE AND RESCUE**  
1801 “Q” St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-8350, fax 441-7098

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Chief Niles Ford, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, 441-7315  
Captain Jeff Hatcher, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, 770-5011

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS OCTOBER 3 THROUGH 9**

Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR) invites the public to participate in activities planned in conjunction with “Fire Prevention Week” October 3 through 9.

Two events are planned for Wednesday, October 6:

- LFR Chief Niles Ford will recognize Helen Newell, a Holmes Elementary School student, as the winner of the annual “Learn Not to Burn” poster contest. Chief Ford will present the first place ribbon to her at 8:15 a.m. at the school, 5230 Sumner St. The winning poster will be on display at the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th, for two weeks and also on the City website at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: fire).
- LFR urges Lincoln families to participate in an all-city fire drill at 6 p.m. Fire companies across the city will be stationed in front of fire stations sounding their air horns as a call for all residents to test their smoke alarms and practice their fire escape plans.

Volunteers are still being sought for the year’s second smoke alarm rally from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 2 at Lincoln High School. Volunteers will be installing free smoke alarms, each equipped with a 10-year battery, in the area bounded by Washington, “F”, 14th and 17th streets. More information is available at [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: smoke alarm).

The rally parallels the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign – “Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!” NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 88 years.

LFR Captain Jeff Hatcher said NFPA statistics show that working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a fire nearly in half. “Most people are complacent about smoke alarms because they already have one in their homes,” said Hatcher. “Fire Prevention Week provides an excellent opportunity to re-educate people about their importance. Ideally, we want this year’s campaign to serve as a reminder for families to self-inspect their homes and ensure that their families have full smoke alarm protection.”

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**Fire Prevention Week**  
**October 1, 2010**  
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LFR urges the public to remember the following tips for making sure smoke alarms are maintained and working properly:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button. Make sure everyone in your home knows your smoke alarm's sound.
- If an alarm "chirps" to warn the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Never remove or disable a smoke alarm.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres.

In addition to the City website, more information on Fire Prevention Week can be found by visiting the NFPA website at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 441-7831  
June Pederson, Aging Partners Director, 441-6132

**NO IMMEDIATE MERGER PLANNED FOR SENIOR CENTERS**

Mayor Chris Beutler and Aging Partners Director June Pederson announced today that the City will not consolidate the Lake Street, Maxey and Belmont senior centers into the Downtown and Northeast facilities. The merger had been proposed as a way to enhance services and create more efficient programs.

Mayor Beutler said the decision was made after those who use the three centers shared their concerns about downtown traffic and parking and the loss of independence that comes from using group transportation. He said other expressed concern that those with hearing loss, dementia and other conditions may have difficulty in large group setting.

“Most of all, they have emphasized that any decisions that impact their future should be the result of a partnership between them and Aging Partners in which their needs and wants help shape the outcome,” Mayor Beutler said. “We have listened. We agree that change should come about as a result of a shared commitment and vision of the future.”

At a news conference at the Lake Street center, the Mayor thanked those who spoke up, and challenged them to work with the Pederson and Aging Partners on the future of the City’s senior centers. “We must explore every avenue that offers potential savings, improves service or brings more seniors to the center,” he said.

Pederson said hearing the preferences of those using the centers has been “a valuable and productive experience,” and she wants to hear from seniors across the community. She and her staff are developing a method to survey current and future seniors.

“We need to know the relative value to seniors of our health care services, life planning programs, social activities and meals,” Pederson said. “We need to hear about the impact of location on attendance. We need to work with the requirements of the state and federal government for these programs. And we need to engage the next generation of seniors so we can prepare now for their needs.”

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**Senior Centers**  
**October 1, 2010**  
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Pederson said the discussion also has helped strengthen her agency's relationship with the organizations housing the three programs, and that could lead to greater flexibility in providing services. The centers are housed at St. James United Methodist Church (Lake Street), the Malone Community Center (Maxey) and the Belmont Recreation Center (Belmont).

Aging Partners provides services that help keep people in their homes as they age. The agency serves eight counties including Lancaster County. For more information on Aging Partners visit [aging.lincoln.ne.gov](http://aging.lincoln.ne.gov).

**LINCOLN FIRE AND RESCUE**  
1801 "Q" St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 441-8350, fax 441-7098

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Chief Niles Ford, Lincoln Fire and Rescue, 441-7315

### **FIREFIGHTERS DON PINK SHIRTS TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER**

Lincoln firefighters will show their support for the fight against breast cancer by wearing pink shirts on duty October 4 through 6, 17, and 25 through 27. The "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign was started by firefighters to show support for women in their communities affected by the disease. The local campaign is sponsored by the Lincoln Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 644.

"Almost everyone has had a friend or loved one affected by breast cancer," said Lincoln Fire and Rescue Chief Niles Ford. "We want to encourage everyone to learn more about the disease during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We also want to encourage participation in the 'Making Strides Against Breast Cancer' walk Sunday, October 17 at Holmes Lake."

More information on the "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" campaign is available at [fire.lincoln.ne.gov](http://fire.lincoln.ne.gov). The site also includes a link to the walk, which is sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Date: October 1, 2010

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

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of October 2 through 8, 2010**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Monday, October 4

- Lincoln Cares sponsor thank-you lunch, remarks - 11 a.m., Sunken Gardens Pavilion, 27th and Capitol Parkway
- News conference - 1:30 p.m., topic and location to be announced Monday morning
- City Impact "Hopes & Dreams" benefit dinner - 6 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1040 "P" St.

Tuesday, October 5

- City-County Common meeting - 8:15 a.m., room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Heritage School and Hudson Cabin dedication, remarks - 10 a.m., Pioneers Park, north of the parking lot for the Nature Center, 3201 S. Coddington

Wednesday, October 6

- International Walk to School Day, remarks, walking from LPS District Offices parking lot, 5901 "O" St., to Eastridge Elementary School, 6245 "L" St. - 8:20 a.m.
- International Walk to School Day, remarks, proclamation, honorary crossing guard - 2:15 p.m., Holmes Elementary School, 5230 Sumner

Thursday, October 7

- Environmental Task Force meeting - noon, Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Friday, October 8

- Secretary of State's Civic Engagement Symposium and Luncheon, remarks - noon, Nebraska Club, 233 S. 13th St. (20th floor)
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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

**DATE:** October 4, 2010

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

Mayor Chris Beutler and City Council member Jayne Snyder will have a news conference at **1:30 p.m. TODAY, Monday, October 4** at the **Novartis Trailhead and MOPAC station on the east side of 84th Street between “A” and “O” streets at approximately N. Hazelwood Drive.**

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Barbara Hansen [b.hansen@lincolnlibraries.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 01, 2010 10:22 AM  
**To:** brsupr@lincolnlibraries.org; jswanson@journalstar.com; Council Packet; Diane K. Gonzolas; info@downtownlincoln.org; newscrew@statepaper.com; amy.adams@wowt.com; eandersen@journalstar.com; bbacon35@yahoo.com; pbeutler@journalstar.com; pbeutler@journalstar.com; voicenews@inebraska.com; dennis.buckley@lee.net; rc34712@windstream.net; chicksdigdeals@gmail.com; ddwinell@klkntv.com; nfinken2@unl.edu; guide@todointhistown.com; foundationforlcl@gmail.com; troy.frankforter@kolnkgin.com; mhaggar@klkntv.com; njenkins@ap.org; k.jeune@lincolnlibraries.org; johnsong@wowt.com; p.jorgensen@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us; calendars@journalstar.com; jkirkpatrick@mchenrylaw.com; clangekubick@journalstar.com; p.leach@lincolnlibraries.org; randy.lube@kolnkgin.com; gm@kzum.org; lincolnkids@diodecom.net; newsdesk@cretenews.net; g.mickells@mail.lcl.lib.ne.us; rmoody@klkntv.com; johanlon1@unl.edu; events@Lincoln55Plus.com; news@owh.com; news42@kptm.com; citydesk@nebweb.com; dn@unl.edu; rshannon@hearst.com; april@eagleprinting.biz; erictaylor@clearchannel.com; lvanhoosen@klkntv.com; maja@nebheavyindustries.com  
**Subject:** Libraries Celebrate Teen Read Week October 17-23

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 1, 2010  
CONTACT: Vicki Wood, Youth Services Supervisor  
PHONE: 402-441-8565  
EMAIL: [v.wood@lincolnlibraries.org](mailto:v.wood@lincolnlibraries.org)

### Lincoln City Libraries Celebrates Teen Read Week

Lincoln City Libraries will join the more than 5,000 librarians and educators who will celebrate Teen Read Week™, October 17-23. Libraries across the world celebrate Teen Read Week with a variety of special events and programs aimed at encouraging teens to read for pleasure and to visit their libraries for free reading materials.

Bennett Martin Public Library's Teen Advisory Board is hosting a Read-In Thursday, October 12 from 4-5:00 p.m. on the main floor of Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street. Readers of all ages are invited to join teens for an hour of reading. Readers may dress in their favorite 1960's garb or, just come as they are.

Walt Branch Library will host an after-hours Teen Anime Party on Friday, October 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Dress up as your favorite Japanese anime, graphic novel or manga character for a chance to win a prize. Enjoy snacks, beverages, games and have students from The College of Hair Design give you a crazy, colorful hair style! It's free! This is open to all middle and high school students, so bring your friends and come party with us.

During October, Young Adult Librarian Susan Steider will be visiting students in area middle and high schools with suggestions for great books for teens to read. Check the library's website [www.lincolnlibraries.org](http://www.lincolnlibraries.org) or visit any Lincoln City Libraries location for Susan's reading suggestions.

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Barbara Hansen  
Administrative Aide  
Lincoln City Libraries  
402-441-8512

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**Subject:** Parent-Child Book Groups at Lincoln City Libraries

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** October 1, 2010  
**CONTACT:** Vicki Wood, Youth Services Supervisor  
**PHONE:** 402-441-8565  
**EMAIL:** [v.wood@lincolnlibraries.org](mailto:v.wood@lincolnlibraries.org)

### **Lincoln City Libraries Offers Parent-Child Book Groups**

Parent-Child book groups are a great way to encourage your kids to read, as well as share some special time together. Reading the same book as your child gives you a common bond and is a great conversation starter. Lincoln City Libraries offers parent-child book groups year round.

#### **First through third graders and their reading partners:**

R.A.P. Around the Year @ Gere. This group meets at Gere Branch, 2400 S. 56th Street, from 6:30 - 7:15 on the second Monday of every month except June and July. To sign up, please call Gere Branch, 441-8560.

Reading Partners at South Branch. This school year reading group will be starting in October and will meet at South Branch, 2675 South Street, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the following dates; October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2. To sign up please call South Branch at 441-8570.

#### **Third through fifth graders and their reading partners:**

The Bookworms meet at the Anderson Branch, 3635 Touzalin Avenue, on the first Thursday of every month, starting October 7 at 6:30 p.m. To sign up, please call Anderson Branch, 441-8540.

Barbara Hansen  
Administrative Aide  
Lincoln City Libraries  
402-441-8512



**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, October 6, 2010 at **3:00 p.m.**, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in Room 214 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, 441-7491.

#### **AGENDA October 6, 2010**

1. Approval of meeting notes from the regular meeting of [September 1, 2010](#).
2. Modifications to Haymarket Park (Charlie Meyer, President, Salt Dogs)
3. Miscellaneous
4. Staff Report: Update on West Haymarket Arena project, etc.

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 [History List](#)

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**Subject:** FW: Add to Agenda

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**From:** Don Gerbeling [mailto:dgerbeli@windstream.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 04, 2010 12:13 PM  
**To:** Jon Camp  
**Subject:** verizon building and etc.

Don Gerbeling  
7901 Lowell Ct  
Lincoln, NE 68506  
402/488-3039

Lincoln City Councilman  
Jon Camp

Dear Councilman Camp,

Thank you for your willingness to serve the city of Lincoln in the prudent conservative manner as you have. Please do consider remaining as a council member (or as Mayor at some future date.)

Thank you for your leadership regarding the Experian building. I agree this topic needs much more study. For example: What do we do with the empty space we have now and if we end up with the city PD/Jail becoming vacant. Do we sell these to get some buildings back on the tax rolls. I suggest a 30 or 50 year life cycle cost analysis on the Experian building taking in all the variable factors. Some of which the impact of less tax revenue when this building is taken off the tax rolls, What about current empty floor space of current city property, what about the empty upcoming floor space at the current city county building when the new jail is built, maintaining costs of this Experian building and grounds, to name a few. I would like to see the complete report made available to the public before we vote.

With regards to the LES proposal. I feel a 80 year life cycle cost analysis comparing underground to overhead electric service is appropriate first. I seriously question the underground benefits due to the much higher costs. Also can LES maintain the underground system or is it something that would need to be contracted. In emergencies where would Lincoln be standing in line if an outside contractor was needed and the contractor was busy with another emergency? My recommendation is a careful full analysis made fully public.

As a LES rate payer and taxpayer, I have to help pay for all this and I want to be sure we are getting the best for our money that we spend.

Another item: At 10pm a week ago this past Saturday night some Boy Scouts were at our door to sell popcorn. We were settled in for the evening and did not appreciate them ringing our door bell at his hour. I called the Lincoln PD non emergency number to find out about city laws on door to door sales and was placed on hold for 15 minutes. The reason I was given that there is three dispatchers on duty and rather than taking the breaks one at a time, due to staffing issues it was necessary to two to go on breaks at the same time leaving just one dispatcher instead of two on the phones at one time. Last Tuesday an Omnibudsman (sp) from the Mayor's office said she would check and let me know why it was necessary for two of the three dispatchers to take breaks at the same time. I am still waiting for an answer. My

suggestion: first, let us be sure we are properly funding our current services such as the Lincoln PD, making sure department needs are met including things such my recent experience in the above two life cycle cost analysis.

Best regards,

Don Gerbeling

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**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** susie19423@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 02, 2010 1:38 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** EXPERIAN BUILDING

I appreciated the opportunity to appear in support of the purchase of the Experian Building on September 27th, and want to place this memo on record to also document this support..

While I realize this is a major step to take in the current economy I do believe the economy is in the process of turning around. The needs for our city will continue to grow as the city grows. It would be a bold step to take but looking to the future I believe it is a wise decision.

Carolyn Eberly  
2810 S 72nd #25  
Lincoln, NE 68506

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** kawinkler@windstream.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 03, 2010 8:42 PM  
**To:** Christy J. Eichorn  
**Cc:** Jonathan A. Cook; Council Packet  
**Subject:** Planning Commission

Dear Planning Commission:

Regarding the re-zoning request at the northwest corner of 27th & Old Cheney, we are Opposed.

We understand that this "project" has been in the works for a couple of years. It's unacceptable that property owners were only notified a few weeks ago. How unfortunate that many, us included, were not able to attend the "information meeting" because of the short notice.

If you will recall, the neighborhood has opposed past attempts, by Whithead Oil, to have this area re-zoned for a gas station/convenience store. Our stand has not changed.

Re-zoning this area will open the door for possible liquor licenses, both for CVS and future food establishments. If we understand correctly, re-zoning of this land would then allow a gas station/convenience store to possibly be built?

We already have a surplus of newly built, unoccupied office space in Lincoln and numerous pharmacies within a mile of our home.

We request that this are NOT be re-zoned.

Thank you -

Paul & Kelly Winkler  
5737 South 25  
Lincoln, NE 68512  
402.423.1743

# Media Release

Date: October 1, 2010

For Immediate Release

Contact: Doug Carey – Chairman of the Board

Phone: 402-440-0825



The Lincoln Independent Business Association is asking Mayor Beutler to provide full transparency in the proposed Experian building purchase. We also ask the Lincoln City Council to implement a 30 day delay so that all questions can be satisfactorily answered.

On Monday, September 27, 2010, city staff told the Lincoln City Council that moving the 901 Public Works Center to the Experian building might allow for the 901 property to be used for another purpose and placed back on the tax rolls. Staff also said that city vehicles were sometimes having issues getting into and out-of the 901 property. Wednesday, September 29, 2010, we learned that city officials are having conversations about moving the Breslow Ice Center to the 901 property. Why wasn't the City Council told about this?

On Friday, October 1, 2010, Dan Marvin told the Lincoln Journal Star "The fact that the maintenance shops are among departments that likely would move into the Experian building -- should the city buy it -- is simply a coincidence."

While it is simply a coincidence, it is not an excuse for a lack of transparency.

Finally, is it ethical to request bids for 23,000 square feet of space and then purchase a building that is 355,000 square feet? Perhaps the request for proposals is written in a way that makes it legal, but it does not seem to be above-board. In a March 9, 2010 Op Ed in the Lincoln Journal Star detailing a bidding process, the Mayor said "the integrity of the bidding process must be maintained." We agree.