

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Results of "Taking Charge" process now online.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Recycling site closed until Monday for driveway repair.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Section of Mopac Trail to close for pole replacement.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Open house set for downtown improvements.
 - a) Map of downtown resurfacing locations.
5. NEWS RELEASE. New DSC software to speed development.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. Revised agenda for the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting on Friday, July 15, 2011 now posted online.
2. Updated resolution now posted online for Bill No. WH 11-56.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health meeting minutes of June 14, 2011.
2. Health Department report for June, 2011.

LIBRARIES

1. NEWS RELEASE. Libraries taking donations for Food Bank.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Public invited to attend the donation of a painting of Lincoln's "Smoke Signal" sculpture at 4:00 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2011, at the Parks and Recreation Department.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by Planning Commission, July 13, 2011.
2. Revised Action by Planning Commission, July 13, 2011.
3. Planning Commission Final Action, July 13, 2011.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendment No. 11016 approved by the Planning Director.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Memo from Councilman Camp regarding article on Holmes Golf Course clubhouse being deleted from budget last November.
 - a) Lincoln Journal Star article, "City golf improvement projects wiped from budget", November 8, 2010.
2. Reply to memo from Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, with explanation of November, 2010 article, and funding approach on the Holmes Golf Course clubhouse replacement.
3. Response from Councilman Camp to Director Johnson regarding Lincoln municipal golf courses and upcoming legislation and alcohol in public parks.

CARL ESKRIDGE

1. Correspondence from Kim Boone asking to Councilman Eskridge to reject some of the mayor's proposed budget cuts. Cutting the Air Park fire department, the new library and pool creates a discrepancy of services in this area.
2. Message from Jodi Flores. Very concerned over mayor's budget. For the Air Park area the proposal is to close our pool, the fire station, and library, but raise our taxes.

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Joan Anderson. Fully support tax increase that Mayor Beutler is planning to propose.
2. Abby Swatsworth. Support the budget proposal with the slight property tax increase.
3. Chad Brassil. Support the bold move by Mayor Beutler in proposing a property tax increase and wheel tax increase.
4. Julia Lauer-Cheenne. Support the Mayor's budget, a fair mix of cuts and taxes.
5. Mikki McGuire. Very much for the Mayor's new budget. Makes the most sense.
6. Jon Foreman. Reject a property rate increase. Many citizens are dealing with flat incomes along with increased costs for food and transportation.
7. Mary Lynn Schaffer. Support and vote for the city budget as presented by Mayor Beutler.
8. Linda Hellerich. Support the Mayor's budget.
9. Richard Bagby. Object to cuts in the proposed city budget, raise property tax enough to cover services.
10. Rebecca Stark. Don't target our most helpless and needy citizens. An arena should not be our priority in this economy. We can put this arena off until the economy improves.
11. Wilbur Dasenbrock. Support the Mayor's budget proposal. Time for wise tax increases.
12. Danny and Margaret Ladely. Agree with the Mayor that Lincoln's quality of life more important than a small tax increase.
13. Correspondence from Jerry Pflanz in regards to a citation received on June 17, 2011 on a trailer parked on his property.
14. Sue Wehrwein in support of the proposed property tax increase to maintain city services.
15. Lindsay Burford supporting the mayor's decision to raise taxes to keep Lincoln's amenities.

16. J. W. Johnson. The discussion of building a 7000 sq. ft. Holmes clubhouse on the same day the mayor is talking about tax increases on property owners is so disheartening. Use the “excess” to pay parks maintenance or keep swimming pools open.
17. Art Kavan, concerned about raising taxes on vehicles, and losing fire station 11.
18. Herb Welter. Suggestions to the mayor’s budget being proposed.
19. Denise Farley. Did take survey, with proposed tax hike, and the proposal being presented now is quite a ways from the \$24 extra tax first suggested and am not in favor of this much of a tax increase.
20. Joan Rouse. Support the mayor’s budget and keep Lincoln a great place to live, work and raise children.
21. Wayne and Susi Smith. Please eliminate any money in the budget for ICLEI membership and anything related to sustainable development.
22. Paige Namuth. Encourage Lincoln to care for the Arts Council who provide valuable support and encouragement to help heal children’s grief.
23. Jo Karl. Urge Council to make the arts a priority in the budget and continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
24. Elizabeth (Beth) Peterson. Retain or increase the investment of the Lincoln Arts Council.
25. Jeff Chadwick. The Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln, and urge continued support.
26. Linda Maslowski. Support Mayor Beutler’s current budget proposals.
27. Paige Namuth. The Recovery Village Art Club cares about creativity, the arts.
28. Joe Ruffo. Make the arts a priority in the city budget.
29. Lou Leviticus. Lincoln needs the arts.
30. Scott Anderson. Make the arts a priority in the city budget.
31. Jim Miklavcic. Make the arts a priority in the city budget.
32. Lacey Losh. Make the arts a priority in the city budget.
33. Glenda Dietrich Moore. Make the arts a priority in the city budget.
34. Mattison Fitzgerald. Make the arts a priority in the city budget.
35. InterLinc correspondence from Gary Camp regarding gathering of Southeast High School students before and after normal school hours. (Sent to the Police Department)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 12, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Lisa Pytlik Zillig, Public Policy Center, 402-472-5678

RESULTS OF “TAKING CHARGE” PROCESS NOW ONLINE

The majority of people who participated in the City’s “Taking Charge” budget initiative preferred a moderate increase in taxes rather than cuts in services that they value. That is one of the findings of the public participation effort which included an online survey and a Community Conversation discussion. The report from the 2011 Taking Charge initiative is now available on the home page of the City website at lincoln.ne.gov.

“I want to thank all those who took the time to share their ideas with us,” said Mayor Chris Beutler. “About 2,700 people took the survey, and 60 residents participated in our face-to-face discussion. Their input was very important to us as we developed the City budget for next fiscal year.” The Mayor’s proposed budget and the list of prioritized programs also are available on the City website.

The “Taking Charge” exercise asked participants to make funding decisions on nine current City programs. Other findings of the initiative include the following:

- Libraries and pools are consistently among the highest priority services. The fire station also consistently ranked high.
- Respondents favored maintaining street tree maintenance and a StarTran bus route.
- While a slight majority wanted to keep the Pioneers Park Nature Center and senior volunteer programs, these programs were often ranked lower than other services.
- Most residents are willing to sacrifice non-injury accident investigation services. A slight majority of the online survey respondents were willing to cut funding for economic development.

The Mayor also thanked the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center for its work on “Taking Charge.” More information on the Center is available at ppc.unl.edu.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Solid Waste Operations, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7043, fax 441-8735

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 12, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 441-7043

RECYCLING SITE CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY
FOR DRIVEWAY REPAIR

The City recycling site south of the Pepsi Cola distribution facility, 1901 Windhoek Dr., will close Wednesday, July 13 for driveway repair. The site is expected to reopen Monday, July 18.

During the closure, area residents are encouraged to use two nearby recycling drop-off sites:

- South of the Super Saver store at 27th Street and Pine Lake Road
- East of Russ's Market at 33rd Street and Highway 2

For more information, contact the City Recycling Hotline at 402-441-8215 or visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 13, 2011

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

SECTION OF MOPAC TRAIL TO CLOSE FOR POLE REPLACEMENT

Lincoln Parks and Recreation officials today announced that the Mopac Trail from 33rd to 35th streets will close from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Friday, July 15. The closure is needed so Lincoln Electric System can replace poles along the trail corridor. The trail is expected to reopen Saturday, July 23.

Optional routes during the closure are "X" Street, which runs just south of the trail, and Apple Street, just north of the trail.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 901 W Bond Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711, fax 402-441-6576

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 13, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Erika Nunes, Engineering Services, 402-441-5675

OPEN HOUSE SET FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

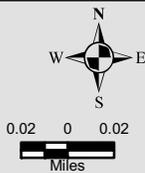
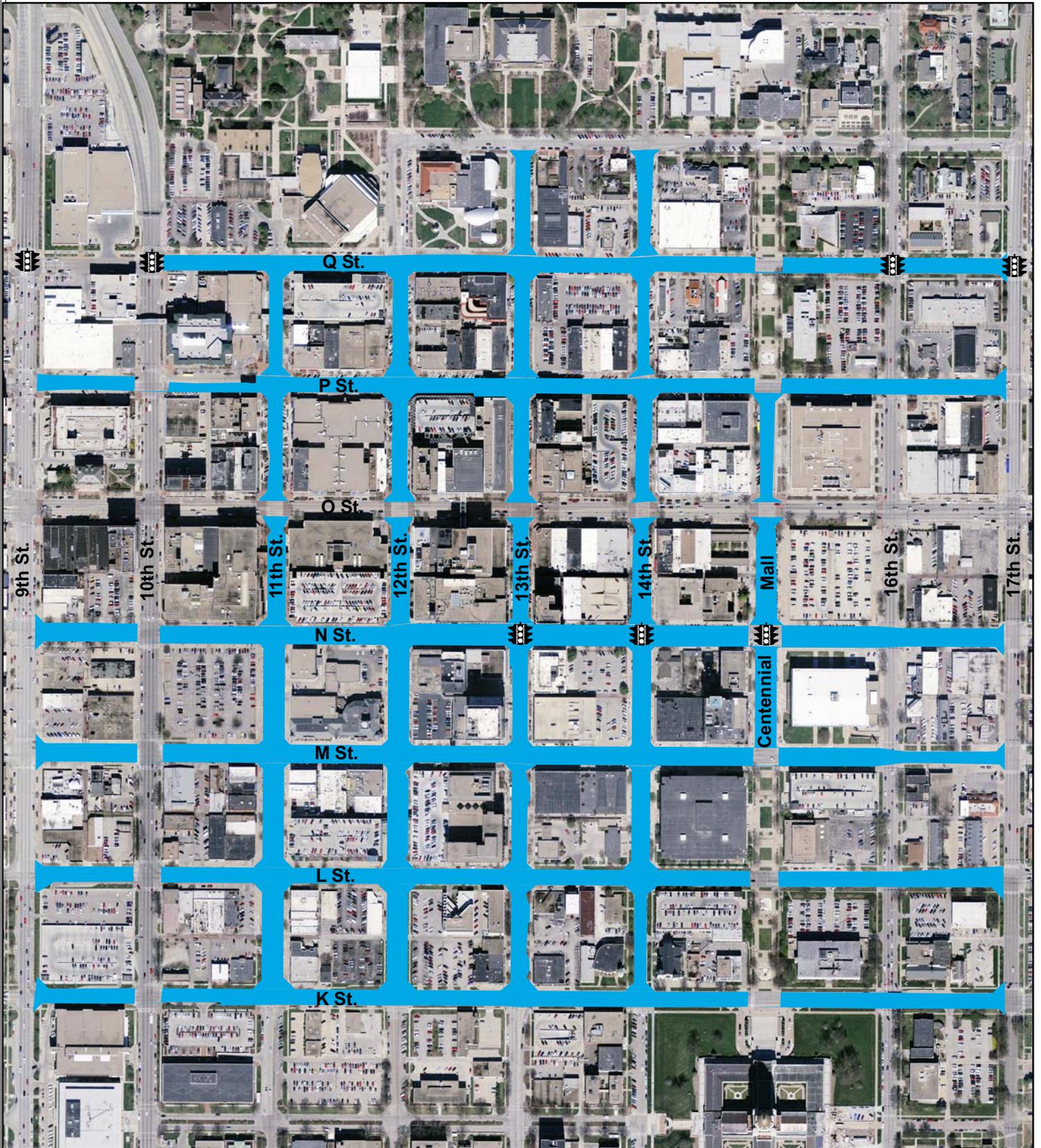
The public is invited to an open house from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at Bennett Martin Library, 136 S. 14th St., to discuss downtown street resurfacing and traffic signal replacement. The project includes the resurfacing of 11 streets, replacement of seven traffic signals and reconstruction of pedestrian curb ramps in downtown Lincoln. (*See attached map of the project area.*)

Representatives from the City Public Works and Utilities Department will be available to explain the project, discuss project phasing and meet with attendees to answer questions. No formal presentation is planned.

The project is eligible to receive 80-percent federal funding for construction and construction engineering with a 20-percent local funding match. The project is currently scheduled to be bid through the Nebraska Department of Roads in November 2011. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in March 2012 after the Nebraska Boys State Basketball Tournament and completed by November 2012.

The open house will be held in the Bennett Martin Library auditorium on fourth floor. Those needing special accommodations are asked to call Erika Nunes in Engineering Services at 402-441-5675 at least 48 hours prior to the open house. If you cannot attend the open house and have questions or would like more information, contact Nunes or visit the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: downtown).

Downtown Resurfacing Locations



City of Lincoln

Printing Date: July 6, 2011

Legend

-  Downtown Signal Replacements
-  Downtown Resurfacing

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 14, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Fred Hoke, DSC Manager, 402-441-7584

NEW DSC SOFTWARE TO SPEED DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that the Development Services Center (DSC) will receive updated software that will allow developers to access DSC services online. The Mayor said the purchase of Accela Land Management software will save money for the City and developers, accelerate job creation and help enhance sustainability. The City will purchase the software with federal stimulus funds and City bonds, and the upgrade will have no impact on the City's General Fund for the 2011-12 budget.

"Developers need to be able to operate in real time and get services out in the field. through their laptops or their smart phones," Beutler said. "They need these services when it's convenient for them, not when it's convenient for us."

The DSC – a "one-stop shop" for the review, permitting and inspection of development projects – has been in operation since March 2010. It co-locates five departments – Building and Safety, Health, Planning, Public Works and Utilities and Urban Development – at the County-City Building. DSC Manager Fred Hoke said about 90 percent of respondents to a recent DSC survey agreed that the permit payment and application process should be automated online.

The City has used its current software, PermitsPlus, for 12 years, and the company that offers it will no longer provide technical support in two years. The Mayor said this is a good time to purchase Accela because its price is expected to increase. He said the software also may decrease the future need to hire staff in the Building and Safety Department.

By acting now, the City can use \$225,000 in environmental stimulus dollars that must be obligated by the end of July. The Cleaner Greener Lincoln program is providing the stimulus funds because online government services reduce the consumption of gasoline and travel time. About \$1.19 million dollars for the software will be bonded with the approval of a City Council resolution that will be introduced Monday, July 18.

The Mayor said a 2005 study conducted by Price Waterhouse Coopers showed overwhelming evidence that reducing permitting times encourages economic development. "With competition between jurisdictions for new development dollars, more efficient permit processes can attract investment from other areas," Beutler said. "Accelerating permit processes can permanently increase local government revenues."

Mary M. Meyer

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Subject: REVISED AGENDA: West Haymarket JPA Meeting July 15, 2011

There is a **revised agenda** for the West Haymarket Joint Public Agency meeting this Friday, July 15, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers (Room 112).

This revised agenda and any associated documentation are now posted at:

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

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Subject: Updated Resolution for Bill No. WH 11-56

There is a date correction in the resolution for Bill No. WH 11-56 for the Friday, July 15, 2011 West Haymarket JPA meeting -- Item 13 on the Revised Agenda.

The **updated resolution** is now posted at: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
June 14, 2011

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:03 PM by Karla Lester at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members present: Tony Messineo, Lisa Peterson, Ed Schneider, Deb Schorr, Jayne Snyder, Heidi Stark, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Trish Owen (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Karla Lester.

Members Absent: Rodrigo Cantarero and David Smith.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Steve Beal, Andrea Mason, Charlotte Burke, Scott Holmes, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, John Chess, and Elaine Severe.

Welcome to Trish Owen, Mayor Beutler's Deputy Chief of Staff. Ms. Owen replaces Rick Hoppe as the Mayor's Office representative to the Board of Health.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Lester asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Messineo that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Lester asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the May 10, 2011 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the pipeline safety meeting that was held on May 24, 2011 for the Vintage Heights neighborhood. Representatives from Northern Natural Gas, Black Hills Energy, Health and Planning Departments were present to provide information to the neighborhood residents. The meeting went well.

The City Council approved the mandatory garbage service ordinance on June 6, 2011. She expressed her thanks to Dr. Snyder for her support for the ordinance.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department is working with Lincoln Fire & Rescue, the Lancaster County Medical Society and the American Red Cross on a funding application to the Community Health Endowment for a CPR Initiative to increase citizen CPR now that CPR is compressions only. She is also working with Dr. Cary Ward and the Lancaster County Medical Society on a “Know Your Medications Program”.

The Community Health Endowment will provide funding for Channel 10 to become the City’s Health Channel. The Community Health Endowment will also provide \$42,000.00 in funding for staff training for the Healthy Families America Project.

The Summer Food Program is in its third week and providing meals at 30 sites across the City. A press conference was held on June 14, 2011 at the Belmont Community Center. Mr. Messineo encouraged all Board of Health members to visit a Summer Food Program site to observe the operation.

Ms. Halstead thanked everyone for attending the Environmental Awards Breakfast on June 3, 2011.

Mr. Messineo asked Mr. Beal about the 27 dangerous dog owners who received letters from the Health Director asking them to come into compliance with the ordinance requirements. He wanted to know how long it takes to bring the ownerf into compliance and if additional incidents occur prior to their compliance. Dr. Schneider complimented Mr. Beal on the increase in animal licenses and the 2,300 license defects that were cleared up to assure pet owners are now current on their license and rabies requirements.

Mr. Messineo noted he is seeing more outdoor food vendors and wanted to make sure the vendors are in compliance with Health Department requirements. Ms. Halstead stated the Food Team works very closely with the vendors and the Building & Safety Department to assure all requirements are being met.

Congratulations to Deborah Byrne - May, 2011 Employee of the Month.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Revision to Policy 223.35 - Swimming Pool and Spa Enforcement

Mr. Chess stated staff are proposing changes to the Swimming Pool and Spa Enforcement Policy to assure enforcement actions are consistent with the Lincoln Municipal Code and State regulations.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the Board of Health approve the revisions to Policy 223.35 - Swimming Pool and Spa Enforcement. Second by Mr. Messineo. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

B. Revision to Lincoln Municipal Code 8.44 - Water Wells

Mr. Chess stated staff are proposing the revisions to the Lincoln Municipal Code regarding water wells to make the Code consistent with State and Federal regulations and standards. Letters were sent to the 500+ current well permit holders explaining the changes. Three public meetings have also been scheduled to explain the changes.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Schorr that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Lincoln Municipal Code 8.44 - Water Wells and forward them to the Lincoln City Council for consideration. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislative Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Budget Bill that was passed by the Legislature. She stated the Department will receive the following reductions: 1) Minority Health Initiative - loss of \$81,614 over two years; 2) Tobacco Program - loss of \$88,508 over two years; 3) Public Health Assessment - Loss of \$2,777; 4) Public Health Aid Per Capita - Loss of \$10,833. Total known loss to date would be \$98,671. She stated this does not include the 2.5% provider reimbursement reduction for Medicaid reimbursable services.

She stated the Department has been awarded \$50,000 per year for 2 years from the Environmental Trust Fund for a program that will allow pharmacies to take back unused medication for proper disposal.

B. Information & Fiscal Management Division Update

Ms. Cook provided an update on the Information & Fiscal Management Division. The division has two components - Fiscal Operations and Information Services. She reviewed the guiding principles, the organizational chart, performance indicators and measurements. Division functions include Planning & Analysis, Development & Training, Operational Support and Disaster Recovery and Preparedness/Response. She reviewed the current statistics and recognition & awards including the NACCHO Model Practice for Local Public Health Infrastructure & System Award in 2011.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Ms. Schorr asked for an update on the Medicaid Assistance Program and the benefits for immigrants. Ms. Halstead stated we would not have enough information by the July meeting but could provide an update at the August or September meeting.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is July 12, 2011 - 5:00 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark
Vice-President

DEPARTMENT REPORT

JUNE, 2011

HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Mayor will release his proposed budget to the public on July 11. The proposal will be reviewed by the City County Common on July 12th.
- Staff continue to work on budget modifications and year end projections & expenditure.
- The Health Director continues to work with the Lancaster County Medical Society on a “Know Your Medications Program” and with Lincoln Fire and Rescue on a community-wide citizen CPR initiative.
- Service Pin Award Ceremony was held for City employees on June 24, 2011. The following Health Department employees received their service pins: 35 years - Mary Christensen, Brenda Monroe, and Doug Smith; 30 years - Steve Beal, Joyce Endres, Joyce Jensen, and Randy Sipp; 25 years - Diane Hoy, Harry LeDuc, and Barbara Martinez; 20 years - Marjorie Determan, Lisa Henning, and Marcia Huenink; 15 years - Angie Avila, Jim Bare, Phil Rooney, and Rick Thorson; 10 years - Jane Bitney, Lucy Blood, Becky Hansen, Janette Johnson, Mark Kenne, Cheryl Lockett, Beth Mann, and Betsy Resch.
- Health Department staff attended the City/County Purchasing Department’s mandatory training for those who have used or currently are using federal grant money for their programs. They conducted a Federal Grant Procurement Workshop and provided an overview of the documentation and other requirements associated with all Federal grants and a large number of State grants that originated on the federal Level.
- The Department will participate in the County/City Food Drive for the Food Bank of Lincoln. The Drive will be held July 11-22, 2011.
- The Department will participate in a community wide study on the uninsured/underinsured and maximizing resources to serve the low income uninsured. The study is being commissioned by the Community Health Endowment and is expected to last approximately 6 months and generate outcomes to address the uninsured.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control June Stats

	Sep 08- May 09	Sep 09- May 10	Sep 10- May 11
Pet Licenses Sold	44,207	43,513	47,037
Cases Dispatched	13,302	10,978	16,387

Investigation	15,541	12,862	17,865
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	1410	1449	1366
Cats	1129	1186	1108
Court Citations Issued	171	210	355
Warnings/Defects Issued	4356	1808	9889
Bite Cases Reported	302	324	356
Attack Cases Reported	58	75	60
Dogs Declared (PPD, DD, V)	101	111	112
Animal Neglect Investigations	515	423	445
Injured Animal Rescue	480	433	481
Wildlife Removal	280	242	278
Dead Animal Pickup	1107	1066	1349
Lost and Found Reports	1501	1718	1658
Phone Calls	31,373	27,471	32,929
Average Response Time (in mins)	32	38	27

- June was a busy month for licenses sold, cases dispatched and investigations. All of the statistics for the time period September 2010 through May 2011 were up from the pervious two years for the same months. Bites were up slightly at 355 for the approximate 7 month period.
- Channels 10/11 and the Lincoln Journal Star both did stories on Dangerous Dogs. The stories generated several phone calls to the Health Department and Animal Control. We are currently reviewing our procedures and following up with those owners of the Dangerous Dogs that are not in compliance with the Dangerous Dog ordinances.
- The Animal Control Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on June 28th. The Advisory Committee, along with staff and input from the City Attorney's Office, are reviewing the current Animal Control ordinances for any updates that we may want to bring to the Board of Health, Mayor's Office and City Council.
- The Animal Control Division Manger and Office Manager continue to meet weekly with The Executive Director and COO at the Capital Humane Society. These meetings provide a good forum to discuss any issues and concerns that might arise or are anticipated between or two organizations.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

EHS SUPER USERS GROUP

- A Super Users group for EHS was formed this month. The purpose of the group is to recommend training to enhance our use of the system, to learn from one another (e.g. shortcuts), to identify what works and what doesn't work, and to test new features of the system before wide-spread use in the Department. The group is designed to represent front-line staff and their concerns and needs. CHS Supervisors and IFM staff will be involved to guide the group and to assure that we will be able to extract the data in the report function of EHS as needed. This aspect is needed as the CHS Division Manager, CHS Supervisors, the CHS QI Coordinator, and IFM leaders are licensed to write reports from EHS, whereas front-line staff members are not.

DIABETIC SUPPLIES

- Recently, a major pharmaceutical company decided to end its free/reduced cost diabetic strip program. This change greatly impacts the poor and uninsured of Lancaster County with diabetes. As a result, representatives from the People's Health Center, Lincoln ED Connections, Lancaster County Medical Society, Wagey Drug, People's City Mission Medical Clinic, Clinic with a Heart, and LLCHD met to identify problems and solutions.

Identified Problems (1) People with diabetes who do not have health insurance coverage or a means to pay for diabetic supplies are at high-risk for poor management of their diabetes as they are forced to reduce or eliminate their recommended testing and medication regimens. (2) People with diabetes who do not have a medical home receive diabetic education from a variety of safety-net providers utilizing a variety of glucometers/strips resulting in patient confusion and reduced compliance. (3) Diabetic supply companies are reducing or eliminating patient assistance programs.

Target Population The poor and uninsured of Lancaster County with diabetes.

Goal Safety net providers will utilize group purchasing power to procure low or no cost diabetic supplies for the target population and will utilize the same glucometer and strips for consistent diabetic teaching/support among clients.

Strategies (1) Research the cost of available diabetic supply options for safety net providers. (2) Make purchasing decisions based on the quality of the product, the quality of the company's support of the product and relationship with staff, long term availability of the product, and cost. (3) Provide two glucometer options for our target population, including one option for those who need a talking meter. (4) Focus on price negotiations for test strips as glucometers are usually free of cost and we can supply the target population with free insulin syringes through another company.

HOMELESS CONNECT

- The third annual Project Homeless Connect-Lincoln will be held on October 5, 2011 at Pershing Auditorium. The change in venue was made to accommodate consumers in the downtown area. LLCHD will supply needed vaccine to adults attending the event including seasonal flu and pneumonia vaccine. Student nurses in their Public Health rotation will be utilized to screen clients for their medical needs. The UNMC College of Dentistry will provide oral health screenings and needed referrals for follow up care will be organized through the Dental Community Outreach Group led by Gwendy Meginnis. A volunteer Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner with a specialty in psychiatric care will provide mental health & substance abuse screenings. As in past events, one or two admission spots at local treatment facilities (CenterPointe and Touchstone) will be held for homeless clients with substance abuse treatment needs. VSP, a national organization, will provide 50 vouchers for free eye exams and glasses with a local VSP optometrist. Union College will provide a foot clinic in partnership with Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach. Health Hub and County General Assistance will provide initial contacts/intake with those in need of a medical home.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC

- The Nebraska WIC Program has embarked on the process of procuring a transfer computer system. The current system is not web-based or paperless and was installed in 1997. The new computer systems are paperless and web-based. Some also come with electronic benefits transfers cards (EBT) as opposed to a paper check system, which are currently being used. The Nebraska WIC Program is pursuing EBT as well. LLCHD was fortunate to have the only local WIC agency representative on the steering committee, which allows for direct input into the process and selection. The procurement, development and implementation process should take approximately 4 years.

Dental Health

- During the month of May, dental staff provided 459 patients (unduplicated count) with 701 patient visits (duplicated count). Of the patients served, six children were aged 1 to the oldest adult aged 91 (soon to be 92 in July)! Of the clients served: 42% were enrolled in Medicaid; 6% were enrolled in General Assistance; 38% were non-Medicaid eligible, falling at or below 100% of poverty, receiving services for a minimum fee; and 14% of the clients fell in the range of 100%-200% of poverty, receiving services on a sliding fee scale. For the month of May, 43% of the clients served were children under the age of 17 and 57% were adults, aged 19 and older.

- Staff are working collaboratively with Head Start/ Early Head Start staff and school nurses to target children unable to access a dental home. A dental health indicator selected for the Dental Clinic will be to increase the percentage of children seen in the Dental Clinic by 10% to a total of 55% (Baseline of children served: 41% in FY 08-09; 45% in FY 09-10).

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

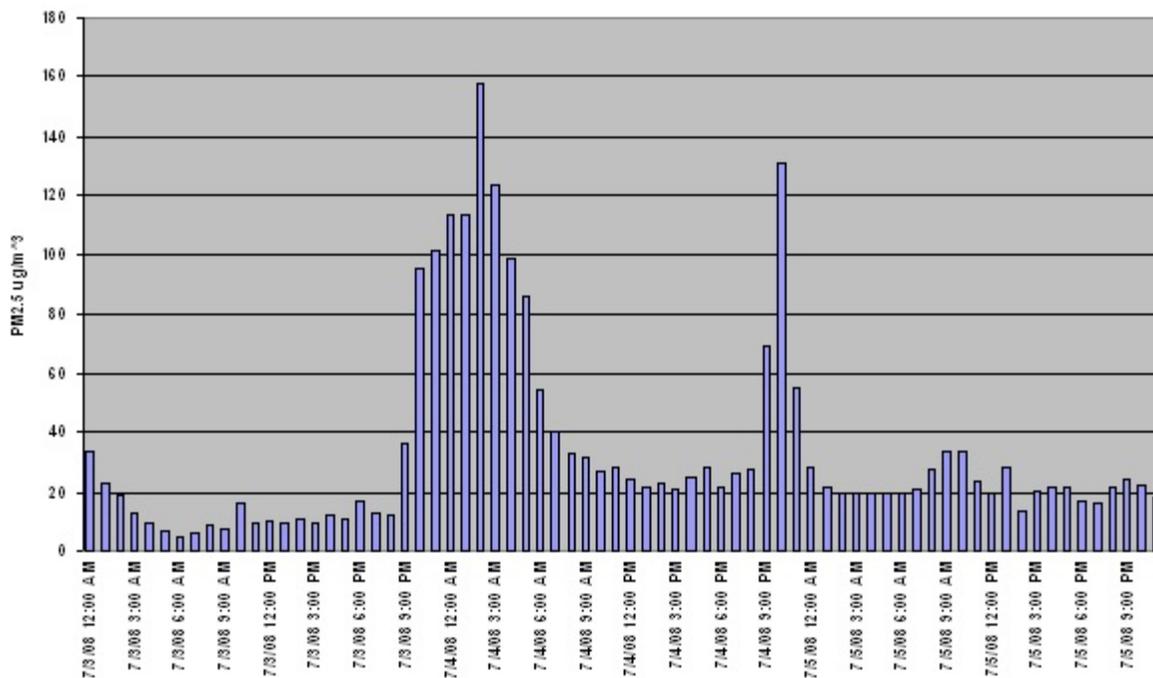
Pollen

- Thousands of Lancaster County residents are allergic to pollens, which are released by plants into the air and can be carried on the wind for many miles. People with pollen allergies may suffer from symptoms including *allergic rhinitis* (commonly known as “hay fever”), coughing, sneezing, runny nose, and watering eyes. The most common sources of pollen are grasses, weeds, and trees. Each has a different seasonal peak, with tree pollen peaking in early May, grasses in June and weeds in August. Local pollen counts can be found by visiting the Nebraska Wesleyan University website, www.nebrwesleyan.edu and typing “Pollen” into the search box. Pollen counts for both local and national areas can be found at the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology website, www.aaaai.org.

High Particulate Air Pollution Expected on and around July 4th

- While fireworks bring enjoyment to many, one unintended consequence is the increase in fine particulate air pollution. Fine particulate matter is so small that it can get deep into the lungs and cause serious health problems. Exposure to high levels of particulate, even for a few hours, can aggravate lung disease, cause asthma attacks and acute bronchitis,

PM2.5 Concentrations July 3-5, 2008



and cause angina, heart attacks, and arrhythmias.

- LLCHD continuously monitors our air for fine particulate matter, commonly referred to as PM 2.5. In recent years, LLCHD has issued Health Advisories prior to July 4th, warning of the anticipated increased levels of fine particulate pollution associated with the extensive use of fireworks. The graph below displays the fine particulate levels measured in Lincoln for July 3rd through July 5th for a typical year. These levels are “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” when averaged over 24 hours.

Property Transfers

- City and County code require the inspection of individual on-site wastewater systems and wells prior to the sale of property. The inspections are conducted by private businesses that are trained and permitted by the Health Department. Water staff review the inspection reports and issue an approval or denial. A “Denial” does not stop the sale of the property, but informs the seller and buyer of what conditions may be present. When conditions present a risk to public health or the environment, staff follow up to assure corrections are made.
- Since 2006, 720 property transfer reviews have been completed. Of this total, 302 or 41.9% received initial denials based on the conditions found at the time of inspection. Of these, conditions were corrected at 198 properties. Since the inception of the program at least 79 failed systems have been either repaired or replaced. In addition, excessive sludge buildup was identified in 25 septic tanks, which were then pumped. As designed, the program does not prohibit transfer even if a denial was issued. Thus 106 of the 302 properties (35%) were still transferred despite LLCHD denial. In most situations, the seller has accepted the conditions which caused the denial such as the water supply with a high Nitrate (>10ppm) or a windbreak within 50 feet of a lagoon that is not a substantial environmental violation. LLCHD assures that any conditions which present significant risk to public health or the environment are corrected.

Neighborhood Cleanup Grants & Cleanup Mini-Grants

- LLCHD’s Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful offers small grants for cleanups by neighborhoods and groups. These mini-grants are funded through the occupation tax on waste haulers and grant money from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.



2011 Neighborhood Cleanup highlights:

- Twelve neighborhoods and one village County did neighborhood cleanups. Neighbors brought unwanted items to roll-offs, as much as possible was recycled, and public areas were cleaned of litter. Two cleanups are scheduled for the fall.
- One neighborhood collaborated with the Goodwill Electronics Store to recycle electronics.
- Many of the neighborhood associations took advantage of student labor provided by the

University of Nebraska-Lincoln “Big Event” on April 9.

- Arnold Heights recycled 70% of all discarded material collected, including 40 gallons of used motor oil, and donated 35 used bicycles to Mad Dads.
- A neighborhood combined their cleanup with storm-drain marking efforts - 416 drains were marked and 1497 educational pieces were distributed.

Cleanup mini-grant highlights:

- 14 groups have conducted cleanups so far this year.
- One group consisted of a five-year-old and his parents. Alex was upset that people were trashing his neighborhood, so, with his mom’s encouragement, they went out to clean it up!
- The Lincoln Air Force Junior ROTC group accomplished a challenging cleanup of Dead Man’s Run, in northeast Lincoln.
- A group of young Cub Scouts cleaned the grounds of Elliott Elementary School, the area near Antelope Creek that passes by the school, and the streets and sidewalks in that neighborhood.



- The hard work of neighborhoods and groups to clean up our city and county represents over 2253 volunteer hours, over 116,000 pounds of litter collected, and approximately 74,000 pounds recycled. Additional cleanups are on-going, and a lake cleanup campaign in the fall will increase these numbers.

First-Ever “Cleanest High School Campus”

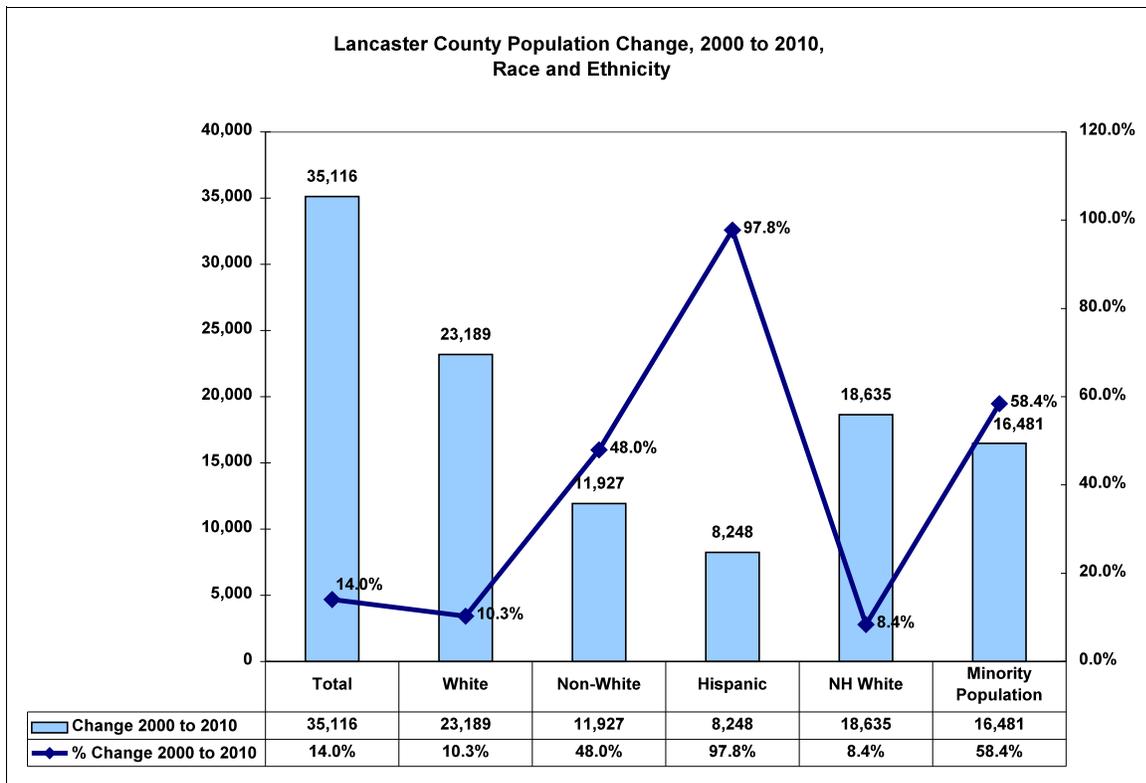
- High school campuses can be some of the most littered parts of many cities. This last school year, KLLCB sponsored a competition for the cleanest public high school campus. Five community leaders judged the parking lots and campuses three times during the school year. Overall, the judges were impressed with most of the Lincoln campuses, but the winner was Southeast High School. They received a unique trophy and will have a billboard posted this summer celebrating their accomplishment.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The 2010 Census information has just recently been published, but the detailed tables are not available yet. In addition, state and national data from the 2010 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) were just released within the last two weeks. The information below presents some of the recently available demographic and health status data:

Lancaster County’s demographic changes since 2000 reflect an increase in diversity as shown in the chart below. Over the decade the minority population increased by 16,481, or by 58.4 percent. In 2010, the minority population represents 15.7 percent of the total population, an increase in representation from 11.3 percent of the total 2000 population. Non-Hispanic whites, the majority population, experienced the largest absolute growth in

population (18,635). However, the increase in this group represents only an 8.4 percent increase over the decade. By contrast, persons of Hispanic origin (who may be of any race) nearly doubled (a 98.7 % increase), from 8,437 in 2000 to 16,685 in 2010.



The following table reflects the general population data from the 2010 Census and changes from 2000. The increase in population over the decade was 14 percent, and the various population sub-groups generally grew at a similar rate. The notable exceptions are the 20.9 percent growth in the population under 5, and the 27.0 percent growth in the 62 and over.

Subject	2000 Census	2010 Census	Population Change 2000 to 2010	Population % Change 2000 to 2010
Total Population	250,291	285,407	35,116	14.0
Male	125,029	143,048	17,981	14.4
Female	125,262	142,359	17,097	13.6
Under 5	16,680	20,171	3,491	20.9
18 and Over	191,463	219,506	28,043	14.6
Male	95,028	109,396	14,368	15.1

Female	96,435	110,110	13,675	14.2
21 and Over	174,639	201,383	25,744	15.3
62 and Over	30,548	38,796	18,248	27.0
65 and Over	26,080	31,101	5,021	19.3
Male	10,572	13,358	2,786	26.4
Female	15,508	17,743	2,235	14.4

The following table reflects the 2010 (or the latest available) BRFSS data. Individuals self-report that they have been diagnosed with or have a particular health condition. The column for estimated number of persons with the condition is calculated on the basis of our local BRFSS results and the 2010 Census data, rounded to the nearest 100. Persons may have one or more of the conditions.

Disease/Condition	2010 LLCHD BRFSS (%)	2010 Nebraska BRFSS (%)	2010 National BRFSS (%)	Estimated Persons
Asthma (current)	8.3	7.8	9.1	18,300
Asthma (ever told)	12.0	12.2	13.8	26,400
Arthritis	2009—21.2	2009—25.9	2009—26.0	46,600
Angina or coronary heart disease	2.7	4.0	4.1	5,900
Heart Attack	2.8	3.9	4.2	6,200
Stroke	3.1	2.4	2.7	6,800
Diabetes	8.1	7.7	8.7	17,800
High Cholesterol	2009—29.0	2009—37.4	2009—37.5	64,000
High Blood Pressure	2009—24.0	2009—27.1	2009—28.7	53,000
Limited in activities due to physical, mental or emotional problems	22.3	18.9	21.1	49,100
Adults needing special equipment	10.5	6.6	7.5	23,100
Elderly with all teeth extracted	12.3	15.2	16.9	3,800

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease and Minority Health

- Minority Health Initiative (MHI) – The Director has been notified that the Department has been awarded \$938,626 for the 2011-2013 Minority Health Initiative for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. This funding will allow the partnership to continue assisting people of a racial/ethnic minority to secure both medical (People’s Health Center) and dental (PHC and LLCHD) homes, and to continue efforts to prevent or reduce the health impact of chronic diseases. The greatest percentage of the grant goes to

People's Health Center to fund services of a physician, diabetes educator, interpreter, and other's to support the goals of the grant. Other partners include Lancaster County Medical Society, Clinic with a Heart, UNMC College of Dentistry, Clyde Malone Community Center, El Centro de las Americas, and the Asian Center. Included as a partner in this workplan is The Hub, a program to assist clients to find medical homes. There will be no funds provided to The Hub, but the coordinator will meet regularly with the MHI partnership.

Injury Prevention

- Staff provided bike safety presentations for 75 second graders at Ruth Hill Elementary School, 90 second graders at Hamlow/Waverly Elementary School, and 60 second graders at Fredstom Elementary School, and conducted a bike rodeo for 45 youth at the F Street Rec Center.

Tobacco

- The Director has been notified by DHHS and Tobacco Free Nebraska of an award of \$650,396 for a two year period for continuation of the School/Community Tobacco Program. This award is for the time period of July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.
- Staff coordinated a tobacco compliance check with the Lincoln Police Department and 3 youth volunteers. Four out of 44 businesses sold for a 9% non-compliant rate. Follow-up visits were made with all the businesses that sold to inform them of the Tobacco and ID check training that is provided through LPD.
- Staff continue efforts to encourage owners/managers of multi-unit housing complexes to learn about and consider smokefree building policies. There are currently 120 buildings with a 1,319 units registered on the smokefree housing registry. In addition, 27 (44%) of the 61 hotels/motels in Lincoln are completely smokefree.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- Fiscal Operations staff have reviewed the fiscal status of all grants. They have met with the program staff as needed to assure that funds will be accounted for and spent.
- Division Manager was a speaker for a NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials) Webinar: "LHDs (local health departments) and Electronic Health Records." The other speaker is from Marion County Health Department in Indianapolis.
- Division Manager and Information Management Supervisor participated in the initial meeting of a Department Super User Group for SuccessEHS (electronic medical record). The Group is organized and facilitated by Community Health Services Manager. The Information Management Supervisor will be IFMs representative to the Group.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Lincoln Food Bank Food Drive at Lincoln City Libraries

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 13, 2011
CONTACT: Glory Benacka, Library Assistant
EMAIL: g.benacka@lincolnlibraries.org

LIBRARIES TAKING DONATIONS FOR FOOD BANK

The next time you visit Lincoln City Libraries you are invited to help feed the hungry.

Between July 1 and July 25th Lincoln Food Bank donations are being accepted in bright red bins at the Bennett Martin Public Library and Anderson, Bethany, Eiseley, Gere, South and Walt branch libraries.

For more information about the Campaign Against Hunger and a list of most needed items, check out the Food Bank website at www.lincolnfoodbank.org.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: release - "Smoke Signal" painting donation

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2740 "A" Street, Lincoln, NE 68502, 402-441-7847, fax 402-441-8706

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 11, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Terry Genrich, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-7939

LINCOLN NATIVE TO DONATE "SMOKE SIGNAL" PAINTING

The public is invited attend the donation of a painting of Lincoln's "Smoke Signal" sculpture to the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 14. Neil Unterseher, a New Orleans artist who graduated from Lincoln High School, will present his painting to Parks and Rec at the Department offices, 2740 "A" Street, where it will be displayed.

Unterseher, 71, received a fine arts degree from the University of Texas. His work has been displayed at Omaha's Joslyn Museum and in galleries, restaurants and festivals in many states. He also is a professional musician, playing banjo and guitar at New Orleans legendary Preservation Hall and other French Quarter venues. He continues to perform with a band that makes annual tours of Japan. He was a member of the Lincoln High State Championship basketball team of 1958 and also played tennis in Nebraska and Midwest tournaments.

The 16-foot "Smoke Signal" sculpture in Antelope Park depicts Chief Red Cloud and was created by Ellis Burman in 1935. A 2007 renovation of the cast concrete piece was funded through the Lincoln Cares Program and an Access to Artistic Excellence grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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(6-11-11: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the applicant's request.)

2b. *Special Permit No. 11006, for a scrap processing operation and to allow salvage material kept outside a building to be located closer than the 500 feet to the West "O" Street entrance corridor, on property generally located at West O Street and Sun Valley Boulevard (545 West "O" Street).*

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1a. *Change of Zone No. 11009, amending Section 27.63.500 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to Zoning Code Special Permits for Scrap Processing Operations, Salvage Yards, and Enclosed Disassembly Operations, to allow outdoor salvage material to be located closer than 500 feet from certain entrance corridors if land forms or screening completely obstructs the view by the traveling public of the salvage material, and to authorize the City Council to decrease the 500-foot setback under limited circumstances; and repealing Section 27.63.500 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.*

(6-11-11: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the applicant's request.)

2b. *Special Permit No. 11006, for a scrap processing operation and to allow salvage material kept outside a building to be located closer than the 500 feet to the West "O" Street entrance corridor, on property generally located at West O Street and Sun Valley Boulevard (545 West "O" Street).*

(6-11-11: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to place on pending, no date certain, at the applicant's request.)

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<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm>**

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : July 14, 2011

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: July 13, 2011

Please be advised that on July 13, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. PC-01242, approving Special Permit No. 11016, requested by Pete Troy d/b/a Troy Automotive, for authority to operate a scrap processing operation and salvage yard on approximately 0.70 acres of property generally located at North Antelope Valley Parkway and Dawes Avenue.

Resolution No. PC-01243, approving Special Permit No. 11017, requested by B & J Partnership, for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises of The Corky Canvas located at 3700 South 9th Street.

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolutions may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. SP11016, SP11017). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.



Memorandum

Date: ♦ July 12, 2011
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Approvals that were approved by the Planning Director from July 5, 2011 thru July 11, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11016 to Special Permit No. 605, Tierra West Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on July 5, 2011, requested by Hutchinson Architects, PC., to increase the number of dwelling units on the R-3 zoned parcel at the southeast corner of S. 27th St. and Tierra Dr. from 72 to 103.

**City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213
Lincoln NE 68508
(402) 441-7491**



Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse
Attachments: 2010-11--LJS article on Holmes Golf Course clubhouse deleted from budget.pdf

Subject: Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse

Please share this with my CC colleagues.

In particular, they should note that just last November this project was deleted and the Highlands bond retirement still would not justify a new clubhouse. Current request seems counter to what was mentioned last November.

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City golf improvement projects wiped from budget

[City golf improvement projects wiped from budget](#)

By [NANCY HICKS / Lincoln Journal Star](#) JournalStar.com | Posted: Monday, November 8, 2010 1:00 am | [\(10\) Comments](#)

The city's budget documents now correspond with reality.

There's no money in the capital fund to improve public golf courses.

And there are no golf projects on the capital construction list.

Five projects, and \$215,000 in construction costs, have been wiped off the city's budget, according to documents provided to the City Council.

The changes include the Holmes Golf Course clubhouse and irrigation projects at both Holmes and Pioneers golf courses.

The five projects were removed from the budget listing of appropriations because there's no money for them, said Steve Hubka, budget officer for the city.

Keeping them on the list of capital improvement projects made it look like they might be constructed in the near future.

But the city doesn't have the \$215,000 in the golf capital improvements fund, he said, "so we got them off the books."

That doesn't mean the improvements aren't important, and it doesn't mean city staff won't continue to look for ways to pay for the improvements in the future, said Steve Hiller, superintendent of golf operations.

"We are in need of a new clubhouse at the Holmes golf course," he said.

The small clubhouse, built in the early 1960s, was supposed to be temporary, said Hiller.

It's small, inadequate, with roof problems, he said.

"We have that on the radar screen and are working to try to come up with a funding source," he said.

The city is retiring a bond used to build the Highlands Golf Course, but that \$31,000 a month will go to operations.

Golf at the five Lincoln courses is self-funded in Lincoln, with money for operations, maintenance and new construction coming from golf fees and cart rentals.

For seven or eight years, the city has been struggling to bring in enough revenue to meet operational costs as golfing interests leveled off, said Hiller.

Lincoln is not unique. Courses across the country are "operating on a very lean margin," he said.

Reach Nancy Hicks at 402-473-7250 or nhicks@journalstar.com.

Read more: http://journalstar.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_eb984cae-ead2-11df-891f-001cc4c002e0.html#ixzz1RtINqyXv

Mary M. Meyer

From: Lynn Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 8:33 AM
To: 'Jon Camp'; Mary M. Meyer
Cc: Denise K. Pearce
Subject: RE: Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse

John: The newspaper article that appeared in the Journal Star in November, 2010 was in regard to removing a number of previously approved projects and appropriations from the Golf Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for which funding was not available. Golf CIP projects are funded from revenue to the Golf Enterprise fund. These projects had been placed in the CIP over a period of years in anticipation that revenues would be sufficient to cover the appropriations. So, as noted in the newspaper article, past projects for which funding was not available were removed from the CIP to clear up prior appropriations and to eliminate the perception that funding was currently available for the projects.

As noted in the article, replacement of the clubhouse at Holmes Golf Course has previously been identified as a priority project, but at the time of the article we had not identified a funding source. With retirement of the Highlands Golf Course construction bond, we have been reviewing the overall golf program budget, including annual operating expenses and capital repair and replacement needs. Our approach for funding retirement of the bond for replacement of the clubhouse at Holmes Golf Course will involve an added temporary fee to greens fees, a portion of the funds freed up by retirement of the Highlands Golf Course construction bond, and increased revenues at Holmes Golf Course in response to the improved facilities. Replacement of the Holmes clubhouse is identified in the current CIP with the funding source identified as a revenue bond.

Please let me know if you have questions, or if I can be of assistance. Thanks, Lynn

Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director
Lincoln Parks and Recreation
2740 A Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
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From: Jon Camp [<mailto:JonCamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 8:58 AM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Cc: Lynn Johnson
Subject: Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse

Please share this with my CC colleagues.

In particular, they should note that just last November this project was deleted and the Highlands bond retirement still would not justify a new clubhouse. Current request seems counter to what was mentioned last November.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Mary M. Meyer
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:20 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse

To: Lynn Johnson; Mary M. Meyer
Cc: Denise K. Pearce
Subject: RE: Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse

Lynn:

Thanks for your response.

The addition to greens fees make perfect sense as last November it was noted there would be insufficient golf revenues even with the retirement of the Highlands Bonds. I appreciate the sound financial approach to this situation.

I continue to support municipal courses as a whole, although I wish our involvement in golf courses could be ‘free of federal government restrictions’.

I also reinforce my view that we need to maintain “differences” in the municipal courses since the closer the City courses get to offering services that are provided by the private sector, the less need there is for government—especially the property tax exemption. Our current City budget, and those of many other governments, reflect the deficiency in tax revenues.

The upcoming legislation for Pinewood Bowl and Auld Pavilion raise similar concerns, plus the overriding issue of “alcohol” in public parks.

Best regards,

Jon

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Mary M. Meyer
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 8:10 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Budget Cuts

Dear Mr. Eskridge,

I am writing to you to ask that you do not support some of the mayor's proposed budget cuts. I live in Airpark and I teach at Arnold Elementary School. We need our services in this area of Lincoln! Cutting our fire dept., NEW library and/or pool creates such a discrepancy of services that I wonder if this would happen in other areas of town. I am more than willing to pay a raise in taxes if I am also provided services the same as the rest of Lincoln. My elderly mother lives in Airpark too and if it had not been for the quick response time of our fire dept. my mother may have bleed to death. I know that our fire dept does not have a high volume of calls BUT it is NEEDED! I feel that this puts not only our residents in harms way but also our students. If our fire dept. is eliminated, response time will be longer and lives WILL be put at stake. Is the city willing to take that responsibility and liability? Please Mr. Eskridge, do not leave us stranded without our proper services, vote no for these proposed cuts. Thank you for your time and representation.

Sincerely,
Kim Boone

Message from Jodi Flores

Very concerned over Mayor's budget. The Airpark area has development projects of apartments and housing with NW 48th Street needing an upgrade!

Proposal to close our pool and our fire station but raise our taxes!! Pay more taxes for less services!!

The elderly people who live in this area haven't received a raise in their social security in two years and will be paying more taxes and utilities.

The area deserves to be treated like the rest of Lincoln.

Jodi Flores

Mary M. Meyer

From: Joan Anderson [johnjoan@inebraska.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 10:58 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: support for a tax increase

Lincoln City Council, I full support the tax increase that today's paper says Mayor Beutler is planning to propose. I don't own property but I would be glad to send to send the city a check for my share. The modest increase spread over a year is something people can afford in order to save important and necessary programs and services. We cannot afford to lose services for the elderly, children and the general public. I hope you will support his proposal.

Joan Anderson
3500 Faulkner Dr. Apt. D 206
Lincoln NE 68516

Mary M. Meyer

From: aswatsworth@neb.rr.com
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 11:54 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Support budget proposal
Attachments: apartment tour

Mayor Beutler,

As a property owner, I support the budget proposal with the slight increase of property taxes. I love my city and I do not believe we can simply cut our way out of this economic difficulty. We must raise revenues so that we can continue to invest in our infrastructure. I applaud you for taking a brave, and realistic, approach to this decision.

Abby Swatsworth
1433 S 14th St
Lincoln NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: Chad Brassil [cbrassil2@unl.edu]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 1:12 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: A Bold Budget

I am writing in support of the bold move by Mayor Beutler to propose an increase in property taxes and the wheel tax. Tightened budgets at higher levels of government are shifting the burden of funding our city and maintaining our roads to the local level. I have watched with concern over the past few years as the city budget process led to fewer of the services that make this city great. When I moved to Lincoln 5 years ago, I was attracted by the clear investment that past residents had made in the infrastructure of Lincoln, including great parks, pools, libraries, and roads. In the current political environment it takes a bold politician to propose a rededication to municipal services, and it heartens me that we appear to have a such a set of reasonable and thoughtful leaders in City Hall.

Sincerely,

Chad Brassil
2848 William St
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-419-0076

Mary M. Meyer

From: Julia Lauer-Cheenne [jcheenne@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 12:53 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Beutler's Budget

Dear City Council,

I support the mayor's budget, a fair mix of cuts and taxes. I hope you will too!

Julia Lauer-Cheenne

Mary M. Meyer

From: McGuire, Mikki M. [mikki.mcguire@nreca.coop]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 2:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: mayor's budget

i just wanted to say that i am very much for the mayor's new budget. while not ideal, under these challenging economic times, i think it makes the most sense.

mikki mcguire
claim manager
402-483-9268

listen, understand, communicate and deliver

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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 4:41 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Jon Foreman
Address: 8211 Chestnut Lane
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 402 466 2122
Fax: 402 466 2489
Email: JonForeman@allstate.com

Comment or Question:

I love Lincoln enough to ask you to consider rejecting a property rate increase. Many Lincoln citizens have been dealing with flat incomes along with increased costs for food and transportation. That includes state workers who have see little to no compensation increase due to the balanced budget requirement the legislature must enforce.

Revenue will increase with growth. I know from dealing with business issues that expenses can be cut. Do the work and help Lincoln improve our standing as a pro growth city!

Thanks,

Jon Foreman

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mary Lynn Schaffer [marylynn.schaffer@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 1:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City Budget

I encourage to you support and vote for the city budget as it has been presented by Mayor Beutler. In tough economic times, it is even more important to provide services that serve the entire city population--the city libraries (where free information is available to ALL), the city transportation system which allows EVERYONE to get to work or school or places of play and recreation (RECREATING their spirit and health). It is our civic responsibility to keep and maintain these services for our community to thrive in lean times.

Mayor Beutler has requested a reasonable tax increase for property owners. We all need to assume responsibility for our community, as we are only as good as the person who is the least able.

Mary Lynn W. Schaffer
2601 Lafayette Ave.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Linda S Hellerich [lshellerich@windstream.net]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 5:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget Support

I support the Mayor's budget.

Linda

lshellerich@windstream.net

Mary M. Meyer

From: Richard Bagby [rpsgt@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 5:17 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Too many cuts in proposed budget.

Hello all,

I object to the cuts contained in the Mayor's proposed city budget.

The targeted services are all too valuable to the city to allow to be lost.

Civic life requires civic investment. I want to invest in my, and our, quality of life.

Please raise my the property tax enough to cover all of these services. I will gladly pay my share.

Respectfully,

Richard Bagby
389 S 47th St
Lincoln NE 68510

Mary M. Meyer

From: rmgig@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 10:29 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: budget cuts

Dear Lincoln City Council,

I have been very concerned about your plans to balance the city's budget. I am not in favor of targeting our very young and our very old to accomplish a balanced budget.

Our younger generation is one of the most obese generations ever. Why take away one of their only means of recreation during the summer?

Our younger generation is struggling with literacy. Why take away their libraries?

Our aging population needs professionals and volunteers to make their lives easier. Why take away a source of income for low income Senior Citizens...come on, 2.65 an hour? They help the elderly because they improve their quality of life and give those same elderly someone, something to help them in a very difficult time in their lives.

Don't target our most helpless and needy citizens...An arena should not be our priority in this economy, no matter what the money in the city says we need...WE CAN PUT THIS ARENA OFF until the economy improves. We need to take care of those who cannot care for themselves...have a heart, dear Lincoln City Council!

Thank you for your attention and your time.

Sincerely,
Rebecca M. Stark
A concerned citizen of Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Dasenb@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 4:22 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City Budget

I support the Mayor's budget proposal. Our quality of life in Lincoln requires more than current income provides. Remember to support our parks, forestry and conservation programs. It is time for wise tax increases.

Wilbur Dasenbrock
1449 Meadow Dale Drive
Lincoln, NE. 6850402-466-2465

Mary M. Meyer

From: Danny Ladely [dladely@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 6:40 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Finally!

Importance: High

Finally, a politician with the courage and conviction to do what is right without kowtowing to the interests of the rich or big corporations! Most of our so-called representatives in government—in Lincoln, in Washington, all around the country—are too cowardly or bought off to serve the interests of most of the citizens they purport to represent. I agree with the Mayor that the quality of life in Lincoln is more important than a small tax increase. Kudos to you Chris! You made me happy that I voted for you. I strongly encourage the city council to vote for this proposed budget. Please don't ruin our city.

Danny & Margaret Ladely
5420 Canterbury Lane
Lincoln, NE 68512
402.261.5331
dladely@neb.rr.com

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I am writing this letter in regards to a citation I received on 06/17/2011 officer 8960 #54008312.

This trailer belongs to me and is sitting on my property, it is blocking the alley yet the alley belongs to me and **Dave Landis** knows we are constantly having people and construction workers drive through our property. We have tried blockades just to have them removed; putting concrete parking curbs up and people just drive over them and break them up. A Kelly Callee was rude to me when I called in to let them know they should not tow our trailer as it was put there to stop traffic coming thru our property.

We did file a complaint with Park & Go and explain our situation in detail. I am not sure they care or even try to talk with a tax payer. I did my best to cooperate with the Antelope Creek Development but they also did not follow thru with everything they promised.

Frustrated.

Jerry Pflanz 402-499-2671

Mary M. Meyer

From: Sue Wehrwein [sw2322@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 10:09 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Property taxes

Regarding proposed property tax increase to maintain our city and its services-DO IT! Hold your little noses if you have to, and bloviate hysterically to satisfy the nincompoops in the Tea Party if that's how low you have to stoop for votes, but do the responsible thing and put taking care of our city and its people first. This is a modest and much needed increase-let's not make it into an excuse for theatrics and political pandering. For those of you more worried about business than people, remind yourselves that businesses are made up of people who will not want to be in, or move to, a falling down locale wth stripped-down services. I am so sick and tired of this no tax mentality! Get a new tagline for the sake of us all.

Sue Wehrwein
5100 S. 80th St
Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Burford, Lindsay [Lindsay.Burford@nebraska.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 10:18 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: I support Lincoln

I am writing to you in support of keeping Lincoln the wonderful city that it is. The city is consistently ranked as one of the top ten cities in the country (see link below for the most recent ranking that I am aware!). My family is currently struggle to pay our water bill, our trash bill, our electric bill, our gas bill, and tons of medical bills. With that in mind, I am absolutely support the Mayor's decision to raise taxes to keep the fantastic amenities that our community has access to. I have no idea how we will afford those taxes, but you better believe that those amenities are places I take my children. They are what makes this city a community. They help me call Lincoln my home (I am not originally from Nebraska, but I am a HUGE Husker fan now).

I have the most difficult time explaining to my nine-year old why investors, government officials, and other business people state that we need to spend our money (or invest) to help our economy, yet there is constant conflict about what the city is willing to pay to invest in us. How do you explain that? I have yet to figure it out, so if you have an answer, I would be extremely appreciative to hear it.

Part of the reason I call Lincoln my home is because of the sense of community I get. This day and age is all about individualism and focusing on how to 'get yours,' but I always thought Lincoln was different. We looked out for each other. We helped each other. We supported each other. We picked each other up. This deficit is a time where Lincoln can go back to the days when community outranked individualism. It can be the shining star that we all know that it is.

Please, for the sake of my children, your children, your neighbors' children, and all the children that you have never met in this city, do what needs to be done to keep Lincoln in the top ten cities for future rankings. Even if that means making tough decisions that face opposition. Because Lincoln is great and it deserves to stay great.

http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43718876/ns/business-small_business/?GT1=43001

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Jayne Johnson [apa-jayne@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: New Clubhouse at Holmes Golf Course

Seriously ???

If the city owned golf course can generate enough funds to pay for a \$1.5 million dollar clubhouse, how about using that "excess" revenue to pay for some of the maintenance on city parks that has been cut due to budget constraints? How about using some of that money to keep our swimming pools open??

Even the discussion of building a 7000 sq ft clubhouse on the same day the Mayor is talking about tax increases on property owners is so dishearting. I agree "Take away the credit card!" (And I'm not a Republican.)

J W Johnson

Mary M. Meyer

From: ART KAVAN [ajkavan@windstream.net]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 9:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: wheel tax & fire station closing

AS A LINCOLN RESIDENT I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT RAISING MORE TAXES ON VEHICALS WHICH ARE NEEDED AND NOT A LUXURY. I AM RETIRED AND DON T NEED TO LIVE HERE IN THIS HIGH TAX STATE AND CITY. AS FOR THE LOSS OF STATION 11 ITS A BLOW TO THE RESIDENTS AND WORKERS THAT LIVE AND WORK IN THAT AREA. IT WILL BE A DEATH SENTANCE FOR THOSE NEEDING HELP WITHIN 4 MINUTES. THERE ARE BETTER ALTERNATIVES.

I own 4 vehicles
1 has 220,000 miles
1 has 247,000 miles
1 has 144,000 miles
1 has 84,000 miles

If oil changes, belts hoses ~~and~~
are done at the right intervals
along with transmission services
and a few other minor tuneups, vehicles
will last a long time as indicated

above. Please let me
know if you plan on changing
policies on car purchase times
according to how many miles are on vehicles.
Yours truly,
Jim Miller

Dear city council members,
what reasoning is behind
closing the airport Fire station,
when there is an opportunity to
close others that are close to
other stations. The station at 2nd
& N is about 2 miles from the
one at 1801 Q St.
and the 1345 @ S. Cotner
is about 2 miles from the one
at 901 N. Cotner

Also why doesn't the city of
Lincoln keep its vehicles longer.
The vehicles made now are much
better than those made in the 80's
(over)

Dear City Council,

Why close pools
to help balance the budget?
closing pools will
just cause more crime
by our youth.

What does the Aquatic
director do in the winter?
Is her job combined with
something to do in the winter?

HERB WELTER
4140 N.W. 57th St.
LINCOLN, NE 68524

Yours truly,
Herb Welter

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 8:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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Address: 1320 Sycamore Dr.
City: Lincoln, NE 68510

Phone: 402-488-7457
Fax:
Email: dqfarley@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

I am writing concerning the budget. I had done the city budget survey and had expressed that I'd be willing to pay extra taxes for most of the services that were listed for possible cuts. If I recall correctly, the survey suggested that it would take \$24 to keep all services. Now, the news has said it would take \$45 for keeping most of the services plus there would be other increases because of transfer of costs such as to LES and increased wheel taxes. The proposal is now quite a ways from the \$24 first suggested and I am not in favor of this much of a tax increase.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Joan Rouse [drouse001@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 9:10 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support the mayor's budget

I am writing as a concerned citizen living in Lincoln and wanting this city to remain a great place to live, work, and raise children.

I fail to see how closing 90 parks, 7 pools, cutting StarTran services, cutting aging services, losing 12 firefighters and 6 police will be of any help to the city. I encourage you members of the city council to support the mayor's proposed budget. It seems to me the above cuts would only serve to increase future costs to the city. I am willing to pay a few extra dollars in taxes if that is what is needed to keep services and balance the budget.

I would think that smaller, more efficient vehicles could be used to provide StarTran services rather than cutting the times the buses run, especially the Sat route. I wonder why the schools and the city could not work together in providing transportation. I see the large city buses and school buses around town and there will only be a few passengers. So why not use smaller vehicles that likely would be more efficient to run instead of cutting the bus service, which is already minimum (no evening and Sun service). I also have wondered if the city and businesses could work together to encourage more people to ride the bus. Rather, it has seemed to me more parking places get built.

I also think that allowing vendors to sell fireworks the same times the smaller cities around Lincoln can sell would be a way to increase tax revenue to the city. Granted, this is small but if fireworks are available within close distance to Lincoln and can be purchased earlier than in Lincoln, then I think many people are going to drive to purchase the fireworks as soon as they are for sale. Revenue that could stay within Lincoln is being spent outside of the city. And perhaps it really would not be a bad thing for Holmes golf course to have facilities that might be competition to private golf courses. Competition generally, increases the quality of services to the public. The facilities would obviously, provide additional revenue for the city. Again, I realize a small part in the whole scheme of things, but dollars are made from pennies.

Please do not allow the closing of 90 parks, 7 swimming pools, loss of 12 firefighters and 6 police. Young people need positive, constructive activities in which to participate and they need the swimming pools and parks that are within their neighborhoods. Many families can not afford to drive all over town. Aging services have been cut in the past and these services help elderly folks continue living in their home and maintaining as active a lifestyle as possible. The city needs services that assist the elderly. In the past I have worked with many folks who experience disabilities and transportation was always a challenge for folks in terms of getting to work and being able to participate in the normal activities that most of us like to do such as attend church on Sunday, go to a movie on Sat afternoon or evening, go shopping at the mall, etc. For a city the size of Lincoln I feel we need to increase StarTran services, not decrease, make the routes more efficient and businesses and the city offer incentives for people to ride the bus.

Thank you for reading my email. And I urge you to support Mayor Buetler's budget.

Sincerely,
Joan Stahly Rouse

Mary M. Meyer

From: Wayne Smith [swaynes1@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 10:24 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Budget

Please eliminate any money in the budget for ICLEI membership and anything related to sustainable development (including employees).

Thanks

Wayne and Susi Smith

Mary M. Meyer

From: Paige Namuth [partnersinrecovery@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 3:18 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Cc: Deb Weber
Subject: non essential organizations.

I own an alcohol and drug treatment center called Antlers at 2501 South street. I am also affiliated with a not-for-profit called Partners in Recovery Foundation.

One of the mother's who comes here for treatment had a ten year old boy who was dealing her a fit. She was at her wits end with him and they were at each other's throats. One summer he came along with her to paint pictures and play at the "Recovery Village Art Club" that we were hosting.

He made a lot of paintings and one in particular caught his mother's eye. It was of a tombstone with the name "Paul" on it and the boys name under it. "Paul" was a member of the group and had been a close friend of the mother and boy. Paul had been killed earlier in a motorcycle accident.

This simple painting opened up the mother's eyes to the fact that her son was in deep grief over the loss of Paul as well as other losses in his short life. This understanding changed her attitude toward her son and instead of fighting with him until he had to go to CAPS or Epworth Village or Boys Town, they talked about Paul and started saving up money.

The mother and boy saved enough to take a cruise to Alaska. In some amazing spirit filled way, Paul went with them and the boy was given back his mother.

I realize that the criminal justice system and the jails and prisons and probation departments and police and sheriffs and foster care homes and CPS workers and Cedars are essential organizations in our society but this mother and her son don't need all that because of one little piece of art.

Deb Weber and the arts council gives us at The Recovery Village Art club valuable support and encouragement to keep going in a world of strange priorities. The arts are essential for a city to have enough soul to heal the grief that it's children carry.

I encourage you to help Lincoln care for it's artists. Most of the people who come to Antlers for alcohol and drug over use are broken hearted. Their children are even more so. They respond so well to creative play and art it is so evident that the arts heal.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jo Karl [jo@karlmusicstudio.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 6:21 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Beth [bassaxhorn@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 11:24 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
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Elizabeth (Beth) Peterson

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jeff Chadwick [jchadwick@clarkenersen.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 8:03 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Funding for the Arts in Lincoln

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Linda Maslowski [limaz@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: budget proposal

Dear Council members: Please support Mayor Beutler's current budget proposals. We need to retain Lincoln's features that make our city so livable. I also support tax increases to support these ideas.

Thank-you.

Linda Maslowski

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment." -- Benjamin Franklin

Mary M. Meyer

From: Paige Namuth [partnersinrecovery@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 10:04 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: The Recovery Village Art club

I have the disheartened feeling that everything we are doing in Lincoln is just copying what someone has seen on a trip.

Why would a treatment center for alcohol and drug abuse care about creativity?

Because that's the part of our culture that's broken.

Behind my mother's barn at 16th and Euclid Ave. is a wild stand of holly hocks. No one can see them because everyone is going the wrong way at a high rate of speed down the one way street. No one knows that once upon a time, those very, very old hollyhocks danced off their stalks and had a holly hock ball. No one knows that the alley between Euclid and Harwood is really in France. No one knows that no cars must ever see you.

Imagination is almost dead. Creativity gets handed down from on high from Lady GaGa.

Only 17% of kids say that they do anything creative.

Adults spend their lives in soul less meetings to listen to tales of whose ox is being gored today.

Kids spend their days in darkened rooms exercising their thumb muscles on a game called "Called to Action".

We can do better Lincoln. We can make films. We can play music. We can write music. We can have midsummer nights dream festivals, we can publish books, we can invent recipes, we can sell sweet corn. We can change the world and stop having the world change us.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Joseph M. Ruffo [jruffo@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 10:24 AM
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Joe Ruffo

Mary M. Meyer

From: Louis I Leviticus [llevitic@unlnotes.unl.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 8:53 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Without Arts there is no City, you Dumbo's, With one cut, you have sterilized the City
Lou

Mary M. Meyer

From: Scott Anderson [nebraskaposaune@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 4:53 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
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Scott Anderson
2939 Sewell Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: miklavcicjay@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 4:25 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council

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Sincerely,

Jim Miklavcic
Lincoln resident

Mary M. Meyer

From: Lacey Losh [artist_lace@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 4:19 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Make Arts a Priority

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I am one such artist that has benefited from the existence of the Lincoln Arts Council. Allowing me to post samples of my artwork to my online profile has put me in contact with gallery owners and art-centered community projects. I am now holding my first solo art show thanks to a contact made through the Lincoln Arts Council. It's really inspired me to continue to create artwork and attend other arts-centered community events.

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Sincerely,
Lacey Losh

Mary M. Meyer

From: Glenda Dietrich Moore [creationenergy@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 4:01 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Support the Lincoln Arts Council

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Thank you for listening.

Glenda Dietrich Moore

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The Artwork of Glenda Dietrich Moore

Website: www.GlendaDietrich.com

Creation Energy Art Studio - Lincoln Nebraska

Mary M. Meyer

From: arts mgmt [artsmgmt77@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2011 2:51 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: URGENT::
Attachments: M.31.Unin.Studio.Photo.jpg; 06.jpg; Fitzgerald.Grey.Whale.Sculpture.85.jpg

Dear Civic Leaders,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to the future economics of the United States.

As civic leaders you are required to steward economic prosperity in your communities. The following statistics will help you be better informed to do your jobs. I have also added some program concepts at the end of this letter to help you.

Why Art Works:

- . 200,000 Directly Related Arts Jobs in California
- . 100 Million Dollars in State & Local Tax Revenue generated in CA
- . Every dollar spent on the arts turns 30.00 back to local communities
- . Californians spend 11 - 30 dollars on related expenses to attend exhibits, events and performances.
- . 375 Million Dollars go to funding to the arts in CA
- . 78% of the public are willing to pay 5\$ or more in taxes if the funds go directly to the arts!
- . Kids with arts training score 35% higher on math and science sections of SAT
- . Overall SAT scores increase on average 100 points when kids had arts training.
- . 68% of the public thinks arts education is more important than academics!
- . The arts in Sacramento employ 2,700 people and put 1.35 million in tax revenues back in the community and 350 million back to the local economy.
- . Orchestras are a 160 million dollar a year industry in Ca annually.
- . Ca Museums generate 660,440,000 in income and revenues yearly.
- . 90,000 businesses in California are "arts-centric"
- . Ca Arts industry is bigger than the legal industry and as big as forestry at 2.5 billion dollars a year.
- . Ca. San Francisco, the arts drive the city's No. 1 industry, tourism. One out of every 4 tourist dollars is spent on "cultural tourism"
- . 563,400,000 dollars are put back in the economy in terms of wages, salaries and goods and services and capital expenditures in relations to museum spending.
- . 100 Million plus in tax contributions.
- . 89% of Americans believe that arts education is important enough to be taught in schools
- . Young people who participate in the arts for at least three hours on three days each week through at least one full year are:
 - * 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
 - * 3 times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools

- * 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- * 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance
- * 4 times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem
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- . 91% of parents thought the arts were an important part of a well-rounded education. However
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- . 86% of Artists Vote.

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In California I had Jerry Brown the Governor add an arts button to the tax form and it generated the largest amount to date for the California Arts Council. At the State of Nebraska in the 90's I had them create an endowment to benefit the arts. At the State of New Mexico they are also adding the fund the arts button to their tax form and a new arts endowment fund. Your city can certainly do the same.

Sincerely,

Mattison Fitzgerald
International Critically Acclaimed Artist
<http://www.rhinodev.com>
Images attached

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 12:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Gary W. Camp
Address: 3600 Otoe St
City: Lincoln, NE, 68506

Phone: 402-489-2272
Fax:
Email: gwclincoln@hotmail.com

Comment or Question:
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DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of July 16, 2011 through July 22, 2011.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln energy challenge light bulb swap set for Saturday, July 16, 2011.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. NEWS RELEASE. Heat Advisory Alert.
2. Correspondence from Judy Halstead, Health Department Director. Over last 3 years the Health Department has eliminated 17.09 full time employees, and reclassified positions to lower classifications when possible.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Parks and Recreation sub-committee meetings for July can canceled as well as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Value of GIS to the Planning Department and to the City of Lincoln.
2. Historic Preservation Commission notice of, and agenda for, meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2011.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Chief Peschong's reply to Gary Camp regarding his concerns on student activity before and after school hours.
 - a) Gary Camp's correspondence to Council. (Miscellaneous #35 on the Director's Meeting Agenda)

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

1. Email from Karl Reinhard regarding the reduction or closure of the Irvingdale Pool and the impact on the neighborhood and community.
 - a) Letter from Karl Reinhard and the Irvingdale Neighborhood Board giving reasons why the Irvingdale Pool should not have reduced hours. Shortened pool hours has a greater negative impact on the community than the positive impact of dollars saved for the city. Reconsider the decision to shorten hours.
2. Letter from Realtors® Association of Lincoln, Nicole Jensen, Executive Vice President, supporting the upgrade to Accela Land Management software for the Development Services Center.

3. Don Eveland in support of the 6 + amendment.
4. Makenzie Rath. Urge the city to continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
5. Becky Baker. Consider having LES charge an additional surcharge to consumers who have two (2) or more air conditioners for their home, as they use more electricity.
6. Travis Davis. Allocate funds to the CIP. Put \$1.1 million of the increase in wheel tax, over the next 3 years, into the CIP budget, or raise our property taxes.
7. Larry Sternberg. The Lincoln Arts Council is a crucial link in our arts infrastructure and we need to continue to fund.
8. Sara Friedman. Continue to support the Lincoln Arts Council, by retaining or increasing the investment.
9. Jeanette Nakada. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
10. Michele Tilley. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
11. Teri C. Effle. Support the 6+1 amendment.
12. Sydney Lynch. Make arts a priority in the city budget, support Lincoln Arts Council.
13. Janet Coleman. Support the 6+1 budget amendment.
14. Shelia Burchess. Continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
15. Sharon Johnson. Pass Councilman Cook's 6+1 amendment to save city's infrastructure.
16. Pam Baker. Continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council.
17. Lois Dam. Support Mayor's budget and the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
18. Sara Stephenson. Support the 6+1 amendment.
19. Donna Parks. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain quality of life.
20. Mary Sue Harris. Reasons why the Lincoln Arts Council is an essential service.
21. Jeanne Kern. The Lincoln Arts Council's projects enrich the community, continue funding. .
22. Doug Farrar. His and the Arbor Day Foundation's support for the 6+1 amendment.
23. Lindsay Kerns and the Colonel Mustard Amateur Attic Theatre Company, urging the City to support the Lincoln Arts Council.
24. Dorene Eisentrager. Support the 6+1 amendment to maintain our parks.
25. Larry Pelter. Reasons to support the Lincoln Arts Council.
26. Mark Lorenz. The fire station serving Arnold Heights should not be closed.
27. Dave and Sue Van Horn. Increase taxes for the Mayor's proposed budget can be enacted.
28. Larry and Brenda Claassen. Support an increase in property taxes to retain city services.
29. Russell Miller. In favor of raising property taxes to keep city services.
30. Sherry Miller. Urge revenue from LES street lighting shift back into parks, libraries, urban development and health services.
31. Laurie Haszard. Continue to fund the Lincoln Arts Council.
32. Kimberly Rath. Continue the Lincoln Arts Council funding.
33. Russell Irwin, Cliton Neighborhood, in support of the amendment to help care for necessary infrastructure.
34. Shirley Maly. The 6 +1 million amendment a wonderful idea.
35. Vera Mae Lutz. Support the 6 + 1 amendment to maintain parks and trees.

VI. INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

Date: July 15, 2011

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of July 16 through 22, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, July 19

- KLIN Morning Show - 8:10 a.m., Broadcast House, 4343 "O" St.

Thursday, July 21

- East Lincoln Business Association, remarks - noon, Hy-Vee, 84th and Holdrege
- Retirement ceremony for Wells Fargo President Steve Navin, medallion presentation - 4 p.m., Wells Fargo Bank, 13th and "O" streets

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 15, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Stephen Hassler, Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, 402-617-1589
Kelly Heavey, Cleaner Greener Lincoln, 785-341-5878

LINCOLN ENERGY CHALLENGE LIGHT BULB SWAP
SET FOR SATURDAY

The Lincoln Energy Challenge will hold a light bulb swap Saturday to replace regular light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and to educate renters on energy efficiency. The swap will begin at noon with volunteer training at Kaplan University, 1821 "O" St.. Volunteers will work in central Lincoln apartment buildings until about 4 p.m. An estimated 30 volunteers will be trained on the safe installation of CFLs. Landlords will accompany all volunteers into rental properties.

The goal is to install at least 2,000 energy efficient CFLs, which use one-fourth the energy of incandescent bulbs and can last up to six times longer. Organizers estimate the replacement of 2,000 bulbs could save landlords and tenants up to \$7,500 on energy costs per year and have the same environmental impact as planting 2,000 trees.

In addition to receiving the free lighting upgrade, residents will receive educational information on the Lincoln Energy Challenge. The Challenge, which ends in August, is coordinated by Mayor Beutler's Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative in partnership with several community organizations including Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, Community Action Partnerships, AmeriCorps and Lincoln Electric System (LES). Residents have several options for participating in the Challenge:

- Sign up online at green.lincoln.ne.gov.
- Call 402-441-7658.
- Mail a postcard available at many locations throughout the community.
- Stop by the Lincoln Energy Challenge office at 2143 "O" St.
- Contact a partner agency.

Everyone who pledges will receive a free "Powerkit!" full of information, ideas and resources. The website also lists easy and cost-effective improvements and will have information on upcoming workshops and programs. Those who share their progress with the campaign are eligible to enter weekly drawings and win prizes donated by local businesses.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER



LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 N Street, Lincoln NE 68510 • Phone: (402) 441-8000

Fax: (402) 441-6229

www.lincoln.ne.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 15, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Mike Heyl, 402-441-3889
Julie Anderson, 402-441-8071

HEAT ADVISORY ALERT

The extended forecast for temperatures to reach into the upper ninety degree range has placed the City of Lincoln into a hot weather alert. These temperatures, combined with extremely high relative humidity levels, will make work and play outside dangerous and possibly life-threatening for young children, older adults, and people with chronic illnesses such as respiratory disease and heart conditions.

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department encourages everyone to become familiar with the signs of heat-related illness and to practice preventive measures to reduce their chance for heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

“People suffer heat-related illness when the body’s temperature rises and precautions are not taken to prevent it,” said Mike Heyl, a Health Educator with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. With so many outdoor activities taking place during this heat advisory, basic preventive measures should be followed. These measures include:

- Drink plenty of water. Individuals should increase their fluid intake by drinking 2-4 eight ounce glasses of water each hour during strenuous physical activity.
- Stay out of the direct heat of the sun as much as possible and stay in a cool environment whenever possible. Avoid being outside during the peak sun hours of 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Schedule outdoor activity carefully.
- Wear appropriate clothing and sun screen. Choose light-weight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing and wear a broad-brimmed hat to shade the head. Select a sun screen SPF of 30 or more to protect your skin from the sun. Apply the sun screen a half hour before going outside.

-more-

July 15, 2011
Heat Advisory Alert

- Infants and children are susceptible to dehydration and especially at risk during times of high heat and humidity. Be sure they drink plenty of fluids - especially water, stay in a cool place, wear loose-fitting light-weight clothing, and avoid direct sun exposure.
- Never leave children in a vehicle with the windows rolled up. Children's body temperature rises 3 to 5 times more rapidly than an adult's body temperature in a car with the windows rolled up.
- Adjust to the environment slowly, pace your physical activity, STOP any activity and get into a cool area away from the direct heat of the sun if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine as these promote fluid loss.
- If you do not have air conditioning or a cool place to be, consider going to a library, a movie theater, shopping mall, or other air-conditioned public location.
- Pets are also at risk during times of high heat and humidity. Pets who spend their days outdoors need a consistent supply of fresh water and plenty of shade. When possible during the hottest part of the day, bring pets into a cooler environment. Never leave pets in a car.

"Sweating is the body's natural mechanism to control body temperature. Under some conditions, sweating is not enough to cool the body, causing a person's body temperature to rise rapidly," says Judy Halstead, Health Director. "Both air temperature and humidity affect the body's ability to cool itself during hot weather. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly, thus preventing the body from releasing heat efficiently," Halstead added.

Symptoms of heat stress include clammy, sweaty skin, light-headedness, weakness, and nausea. Victims of heat exhaustion should be treated by moving them to a cooler area and by removing restrictive clothing. If conscious, individuals with heat exhaustion can be given cold water to drink. Salt tablets, unless under a doctor's orders, should be avoided. Plenty of rest will help the victim.

Heat Stroke is a more serious condition and should be treated as a medical emergency. Symptoms include hot skin, body temperatures above 103 degrees Fahrenheit, rapid breathing and pulse, incoherent behavior, mental confusion, convulsions, or unconsciousness. Victims of heat stroke need to be moved to a cool place and medical assistance must be summoned immediately.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Elaine L. Severe
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 7:48 AM
To: Commish; Council Packet; Brittany L. Behrens; David Smith; Deb E. Schorr; Ed Schneider; Elaine L. Severe; Heidi Stark; Jayne L. Snyder; Judy A. Halstead; Karla Lester; Lisa Peterson; Mary M. Meyer; Rick D. Hoppe; Rodrigo Cantarero; Sharon Bowen; Tim S. Sieh; Tony Messineo; Andrea K. Mason; Charlotte L. Burke; Elaine L. Severe; Gwendy K. Meginnis; Kathy A. Cook; Scott E. Holmes; Stephen R. Frederick; Steve R. Beal
Subject: FW: LJS story on budget

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

From: Judy A. Halstead
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 10:23 AM
To: Elaine L. Severe
Subject: LJS story on budget

Elaine:

Please forward to City Council, County Board, Board of Health, and Division Managers from me:

The LJS story on Sunday, July 17 did not reflect the previous three years of Health Department cuts. In the past three years, the Health Department has eliminated a net 17.09 FTE. In addition, the Health Department has reorganized and reclassified positions to lower classifications whenever possible.

Please contact me anytime at 402-429-9641.

Judy
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Meetings Cancelled

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Lynn has **cancelled** all the sub-committee (**Futures, Fees & Facilities, Executive**) meetings for July as well as the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board** meeting on August 11th. Enjoy your summer – stay COOL ☺

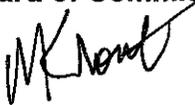
Jeanne Bowling

Executive Secretary to the Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation Dept.
2740 "A" Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-441-8264
fax: 402-441-8706



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lincoln City Council
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Marvin Krout, Planning 

SUBJECT: 2011-12 Budget Discussion: Value of GIS

DATE: July 15, 2011

cc: Mayor Chris Beutler
Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office
Steve Hubka, Budget Office
Jeff McReynolds, GIS Program Manager
Steve Henderson, Information Services

Please allow me to elaborate briefly on my response to the question asked at the Tuesday Common budget hearing, on the value of GIS to our department and to the City of Lincoln:

For the Planning Department, the ability to access and utilize and present geographic-based information is critical to our operation. Twenty years ago, Planning had an additional seven positions, most of whose time was devoted to collecting and organizing and analyzing information and drawing maps, but providing much less information, much more slowly, than we can today. I'm sure other departments can point to similar efficiencies. A few examples of applications:

- **Property available.** LocateLincoln.com uses GIS to provide consolidated information from the city and private realtors to local and nationwide developers and consultants on the availability of commercial and industrial land and buildings in the community.

- **Lot supply.** GIS is critical to the annual inventories we release on the number and location of vacant residential lots in the developing areas of the city, helping developers assess local supply and demand conditions so they can make smarter investment decisions.

- **Development applications.** GIS enables Planning to take in and review all development applications online, post information on the location and status of pending cases, create automated mailing lists to efficiently meet notice requirements for public hearings, and provide a history of all applications for a particular parcel or subarea.

- **Traffic planning.** The Long Range Transportation Plan assesses information on travel behavior and the road system, helps us estimate future traffic volumes, congestion levels, and hours of delay, so we can more objectively assess the benefits and costs of different plans and priorities.

- **Federal and state funding.** GIS allows Planning to provide more accurate information to the Census Bureau, resulting in a more complete count of our city and county populations, which qualifies the City and County for millions more dollars in population-based funding from state and federal agencies.

GIS is critical to other departments as well:

- **Election Commissioner.** Planning set up a GIS program which will allow that office to more easily and quickly reconfigure election precinct boundaries in response to redistricting needs.

- **Police Department.** Police uses GIS data to map and assess crime patterns and more strategically arrange the deployment of their officers.

- **Fire Department.** Fire will use a GIS-based program to evaluate the response time implications of new and/or relocated stations.

- **Public Works.** GIS is used to assess the condition of every street segment in the city, helping them better plan their maintenance operations; track progress on snow removal efforts; record and analyze the pattern of crashes to improve safety; and more accurately map floodplains.

Technology like GIS is not a luxury; it is a necessity for better and faster and more efficient municipal government. Reducing GIS capability would have a significant impact on operations across the City and County.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide more information.

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Prepared by Marvin Krout, Planning
July 15, 2011

Historic Preservation Commission

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **July 21, 2011**. The meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m. in **Room 214, 2nd floor, County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

July 21, 2011

1. Approval of HPC meeting record of June 16, 2011, and HPC meeting record of June 28, 2011 (joint meeting with Urban Design Committee).
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

3. Application by Anne Burkholder for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at The Burkholder Project, 719 P Street in Haymarket Landmark District.
4. Application by Lucas Kielion on behalf of Jack's Bar for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 100 North 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.
5. Application by Jeanne Heim for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 611 S. 31st in the Woods Park Bungalow Landmark District.
6. Application by Craig Smith for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 151 North 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.
7. Application by Monte Froelich for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 129 North 10th Street, Old Federal Building/Grand Manse, a landmark.
8. Application by Kappa Foundation for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 3611 Holdrege, and 1358, 1400, and 1430 Idlywild Dr. in the East Campus Neighborhood Landmark District.

DISCUSSION

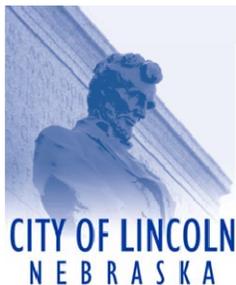
9. Discussion with James Vannurden of Roller Skating Museum (a landmark at 4730 South Street) of sculpture/sign project.
10. Staff Report

The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/bdscom/hpc/index.htm>

For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/hist/index.htm>



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575 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

402-441-7204
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MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

lincoln.ne.gov



July 15, 2011

Gary W. Camp
3600 Otoe
Lincoln, NE 68506

Mr. Camp:

Your concerns regarding student activity near your property at 3600 Otoe have been forwarded to me from the City Council. I want to assure you that the problems around Southeast High School are something that the Lincoln Police Department, Southeast School Administrators and the Southeast School Resource Officer work on continually. Southeast High School has a student population of around 2,000 which, when coupled with more student cars than available parking spots, adds a unique burden to this residential neighborhood. We understand that and over the years have tried to work with the neighbors in the area of the school to relieve some of their frustrations.

Students have a right to stand on a public sidewalk. This, however doesn't allow them to discard litter, trespass, or disturb the peace with vulgar language. Whenever our officers observe these violations, they will issue a citation. If you observe these violations, I encourage you to call our non-emergency number at 402-441-6000 and a police officer will respond. If we can prove a case based on your observations, we will also issue a citation.

Over the past several years we have conducted many projects around the school to impact the kinds of problems you are talking about. The Southeast Team is currently planning a project that will solicit input from the neighborhood so we can better direct our resources toward specific locations and violations.

I have spoken to Captain Kim Koluch, who directs the officers that work in your neighborhood and made her aware of your concerns. Captain Koluch will be contacting you in the near future to talk about some options and solutions.

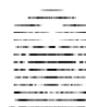
Respectfully,

James Peschong, Chief of Police

xc: City Council



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Mary M. Meyer

From: Karl Reinhard [kreinhard1@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 2:17 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Council Packet; group@nebcaucus.com; Kitty Fynbu
Subject: Letter from Irvingdale Neighborhood Association concerning reduction of hours at Irvingdale Pool
Attachments: Irvingdale pool hours final.doc; ATT00002..htm

Dear Mayor Beutler,

With regard to your e-mail with the subject line "Tough Decisions", the attached letter is relevant. It is from the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association Board to the Lincoln Parks Aquatic Office. We find that the reduction of hours in the evening has had a negative impact on our community. We cannot imagine the impact of closure of our pool and what that would mean for our neighborhood. The Board encouraged me to share our concerns with you and the City Council.

Sincerely,

Karl Reinhard
Professor, Environmental Archaeology and Forensic Science
Fulbright Senior Specialist, Botanical Archaeology
kreinhard1@mac.com

Holly Lewis
Aquatics Director
Aquatics Office
1225 F St., Second Floor
Lincoln, NE 68508

July 1, 2011

Dear Ms. Lewis,

This summer the Irvingdale Pool hours have been reduced which is causing a decline in the quality of life for the Irvingdale community. In previous years, the pool was open until 8:00pm. This afforded after work and after dinner family swim times. In the time between 6:30 and 8:00, families would meet and visit and kids from across the neighborhood would interact. Now, except for Fridays, the pool closes at 6:00pm, thereby cutting family swim times by 80%. Therefore, families no longer have this neighborhood social time.

Another dimension to the limitation of evening swims relates to adolescent behavior. We have had problems in the past year with middle school-age kids vandalizing our parks. The longer hours in previous years kept many potential vandals interacting with the community and thereby reducing the potential that they would commit vandalism. As a community, we have few opportunities to interact with the youth that need supervision. Now that later evening swim times have been reduced, we have virtually no interaction time with the kids at risk.

The decision to reduce family swim times works against our efforts to build a strong neighborhood. For example, in the past, our Stransky Park Concert series on Thursday nights was complemented by the later hours at the pool. Families enjoyed the pool up until the concerts' commencement and walked from pool to concerts between 7:00 and 8:00. Now the closure of the pool eliminates that enjoyable evening transition. In the past, the later hours contributed to our kids having an evening activity focus. The change of hours places a burden on the Neighborhood Association to find activity alternatives to the absence of city support.

We think that saving money by shortening pool hours has a greater negative impact on our community than the positive impact of dollars saved for the city. We ask that you reconsider your decision to shorten hours.

Sincerely,

Karl J. Reinhard and the Irvingdale Neighborhood Board
2020 Smith Street
Lincoln, NE 68502



REALTORS® ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN

Date: July 12, 2011
To: Lincoln City Council
From: REALTORS® Association of Lincoln
Re: DSC – Accela Land Management Wireless Solution

The REALTORS® Association of Lincoln recently learned of an opportunity for the Development Services Center to upgrade from the current legacy software-PermitsPlus to Accela Land Management, a wireless solution. With all due respect for the city's current financial situation, we would like to voice our support for conversion to the new platform.

Due to the use of a federal grant and existing DSC funds, it is our understanding, the proposed software upgrade will have minimal affect on the next two city budget cycles. Additionally, Accela estimates a nearly \$5 million dollar cost savings over the first seven years by automating just a portion of the services provided by the DSC. Over the long term the new interface has the ability to more than pay for itself.

An online environment will not only increase DSC staff efficiencies, but will allow the customers of the DSC to submit permit applications online. Accela has suggested, based on national averages for cities with similar permit numbers, online transactions cost approximately \$1.00 per transaction, compared to about \$400.00 per face-to-face transaction. Again, substantial savings for all involved.

Ultimately, the current legacy software has exceeded its intended lifespan. It is antiquated and will soon no longer be supported. A limited window for discounted pricing, along with reduced permit activity, makes this the ideal time for conversion. Upgrading now will provide minimal disruption for DSC staff duties and adequate time for customer education.

We believe now is the right time to upgrade this archaic technology. New software is long overdue and will provide efficiencies, substantial savings and a 21st Century solution to accommodate the development of Lincoln for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole D. Jensen'.

Nicole D. Jensen
Executive Vice President
REALTORS® Association of Lincoln

Cc: Fred Hoke, Director of Development Services Center
Mayor Chris Beutler

Mary M. Meyer

From: Don Eveland [pecksgrove@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 amendment

I support
Sent from my iPad

Mary M. Meyer

From: Makenzie Rath [MRath@talentplus.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 10:05 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Essential Service - Lincoln Arts Council

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to me, and I know that the Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln. I can not imagine what the Arts Council, with its small staff and modest funding, would become if city support were lost.

The Lincoln Arts Council coordinates projects that enrich our community such as the National Arts Program, the Lincoln Arts Festival, the Mayors Arts Awards, and helps publicize the First Friday Gallery Walk. These programs enhance Lincoln's quality of life, and demonstrate Lincoln's interest and commitment to the arts to potential residents. There is opportunity for every segment of the public to engage with the arts, thanks to Arts Council efforts.

Like everyone else, the Lincoln Public Schools is stressed financially, with unfortunate impact on arts opportunities so inspiring to students. The Lincoln Arts Council has helped through artist residency programs. Residencies are conducted spanning many artistic disciplines such as modern dance, drumming, encaustic, digital media and fiber art. These programs are minimal in cost and receive little public acclaim, but are life-changing events for the students and teachers involved.

There are people who might appreciate the arts but don't see the need for public investment in the arts. They are missing the point. Investment in the arts is a direct investment in our quality of life. When there is no reliable, comprehensive source of arts information and advocacy, the arts slip deeper into a crowded background of commercial activity and noise. The Lincoln Arts Council helps sustain our quality of life by providing arts information and advocacy. For the many benefits delivered to the arts community, the public, and the city, there is no better return on investment to be found in Lincoln city government. I urge you to retain or increase that investment.

Sincerely,

Makenzie Rath

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Message from Becky Baker
07.15.11

Regarding Lincoln Electric System rates.

If we use under a certain amount we receive a credit, so for homes with two (2) or more air conditioners why not charge an additional surcharge to those consumers as they use more electricity.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Travis Davis [travisdavisfg@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 11:08 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: CIP

This letter is with regard to the planned city budget for next year, and my hope for how the city council could alter it.

I have recently learned that CIP will be receiving no money in general revenue. I strongly believe a large part of Lincoln's appeal is due to the quality of its parks and the upkeep of its many beautiful street trees. Of the \$7.1 million to be generated for roads by the increase in wheel tax over the next 3 years, it does not seem outlandish to me to put \$1.1 million of that into the CIP budget, while leaving the remaining \$6 million for roads.

In summary, I would find it absurd to not allocate more funds for CIP, and if the only way to do it is through an increase in property tax (more than what it will already be raised), so be it. Lincoln still has a relatively low property tax, to see it raised from its current status would still not warrant any anxiety from myself.

-Travis Davis

Mary M. Meyer

From: Larry Sternberg [LSternberg@talentplus.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 6:56 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I know money is tight all around, but please consider the impact that the Lincoln Arts Council has on our community. We know that Lincoln is one of the best small cities in the nation. I believe that our vibrant business, health, recreation, education and arts infrastructures make significant contributions, both economic and cultural. The Lincoln Arts Council has proven to be a crucial link in our arts infrastructure and has helped to build the quality of life we enjoy in Lincoln.

Please continue to fund the Lincoln Arts Council.

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Regards,

Larry

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Sara Friedman [sfriedman@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 3:50 PM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Lincoln Arts County

As a supporter, and appreciator of the arts I ask you to continue to **support the Lincoln Arts Counsel**. The Lincoln Arts Counsel provides a higher quality of life to the city, county, and state of NE. The Counsel **provides an economic impact** to the city by drawing people in the city and to the city to participate, observe art events like First Friday, and the Lincoln Arts Festival. The Arts Counsel provides support for local arts organizations and individual artists through marketing, training, collaboration and, when possible, project funding. The Lincoln Art Council is an active agent for networking artists, and holds scheduled roundtable discussions for arts organizations to share best practices and ideas. There is no other resource that would replace the Arts Council's efforts in these areas. The Arts Counsel provides a comprehensive source for information about the arts through their website which provides an art and cultural events calendar, and an interactive registry of nonprofit arts organizations, and artists, and up to date art news and features. . The Lincoln Arts Council has helped through artist residency programs, to bring to the Lincoln Public Schools many artistic disciplines, which bring enriching, life-changing events to the students and teachers involved. Without the Lincoln Arts Counsel there is no reliable, comprehensive source of arts information and advocacy. The Lincoln Arts Council helps sustain our quality of life by providing arts information and advocacy. For the many benefits delivered to the arts community, the public, and the city, there is no better return on investment to be found in Lincoln city government. I urge you to retain or increase that investment

Respectfully

Sara Friedman, a supporter and volunteer in the arts

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jeanette Nakada [nakada.jeanette5@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 3:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: keep Lincoln robust

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to support the

“6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks”

which will provide 6 million dollars for roads and 1 million dollars for vital ongoing maintenance for our Parks Department.

If Lincoln is to thrive *and* to grow, maintained parks and hiker/bicycle trails are part of what makes a robust community.

Without such components, many families and young professionals will elect *not* to remain in, or will not move to, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Nakada

Mary M. Meyer

From: Michele Tilley [michelejtilly@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 4:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 Amendment

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the 6+1 Amendment to maintain our parks. Please consider supporting this amendment and keeping the funding for our parks.

thank you,
Michele Tilley
435 S. Cotner Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68510

Mary M. Meyer

From: Teri Effle [tcirisheyes@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 4:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for the 6+1 Ammendment

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am writing in support of the 6 + 1 Amendment to maintain Lincoln City parks, which will provide 6 million dollars for roads and 1 million dollars for maintenance for park services. We live at 415 South 25th Street, close to Antelope Park, the Sunken Gardens, Lewis fields and the bike trails. This part of town is fragile, and the parks provide a safe open place for families to spend time and for children to play.

While I understand the importance and never ending headache maintaining roads presents to you all, and how hard you have to work to provide those funds, I would urge you not to forget that we are more than our streets, and that particularly for central Lincoln the parks, trails and pools are also valuable and necessary to maintain strong neighborhoods.

Please vote in support of the 6 + 1 Amendment. If you have questions or I can assist in any way, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri C. Effle

Phone: 402-429-9959

Email: tcirisheyes@aol.com

FB: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/teri.effle>

Mary M. Meyer

From: sydney@sydneylynch.com
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 11:17 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to urge you to make the arts a priority in the city budget by continuing support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The arts are important to me, and I know that the Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln. I can not imagine what the Arts Council, with its small staff and modest funding, would become if city support were lost.

Having and supporting a vibrant arts scene is an important part of any successful, vital community. Creativity is one of the most essential and important aspects of human nature and society, and a local government that supports the arts is making a huge contribution to the quality of life in the community. If Lincoln is to attract new residents as well as retain existing ones, it is vital to regard the visual and performing arts as essential to our lives.

Artists and the art-appreciating public utilize local businesses for many aspects of art events, so there is revenue to be gained from nurturing this aspect Lincoln's community life. Art is not simply the icing on the cake, it is one of the soul of human existence and culture, and the local government needs to sustain its support for the Arts Council if Lincoln is to be the kind of city people want to live in.

Sincerely,
Sydney Lynch

Mary M. Meyer

From: Janet Coleman [janet.coleman@windstream.net]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 7:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: budget

I am emailing in the hopes that the city council will support the 6.1 budget amendment which provides funds to support the continuation of our public parks, hiker/biker trails, swimming pools and other such important public areas for the citizens of Lincoln.

And I also support the increase in property tax as well as other fund raising proposals.

Janet Coleman

janet.coleman@windstream.net

Mary M. Meyer

From: shelia 1 [sburchess@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 9:59 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Funding for Lincoln Arts Council

Dear Elected Officials,

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A study conducted in 2005 showed that the arts generate \$36 million dollars in economic activity per year in Lincoln, delivering more than \$3.4 million in state and local tax revenue. The Lincoln Arts Council conducted that study, using professional, scientific tools. A number of city agencies use this study to encourage economic development, attract new businesses to the city and accurately describe Lincoln as a great cultural destination. The Arts Council is again conducting this study for more current data because agencies need it to help build Lincoln. Who else could conduct this study?

The Lincoln Arts Council coordinates projects that enrich our community such as the National Arts Program, the Lincoln Arts Festival, the Mayors Arts Awards, and helps publicize the First Friday Gallery Walk. These programs enhance Lincoln's quality of life, and demonstrate Lincoln's interest and commitment to the arts to potential residents. There is opportunity for every segment of the public to engage with the arts, thanks to Arts Council efforts.

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Over a decade ago, the Arts Council had the vision to create a comprehensive arts website for Lincoln—ArtScene.org. The website features an events calendar describing over 2,000 arts and cultural events each year, an interactive artist registry of nonprofit arts organizations and artists, and frequently updated arts news and features. This living, vibrant window into the arts in Lincoln is a public treasure, and would be a terrible loss.

Like everyone else, the Lincoln Public Schools is stressed financially, with unfortunate impact on arts opportunities so inspiring to students. The Lincoln Arts Council has helped through artist residency programs. Residencies are conducted spanning many artistic disciplines such as modern dance, drumming, encaustic, digital media and fiber art. These programs are minimal in cost and receive little public acclaim, but are life-changing events for the students and teachers involved.

There are people who might appreciate the arts but don't see the need for public investment in the arts. They are missing the point. Investment in the arts is a direct investment in our quality of life. When there is no reliable, comprehensive source of arts information and advocacy, the arts slip deeper into a crowded background of commercial activity and noise. The Lincoln Arts Council helps sustain our quality of life by providing arts information and advocacy. For the many benefits delivered to the arts community, the public, and the city, there is no better return on investment to be found in Lincoln city government. I urge you to retain or increase that investment.

Sincerely,

Shelia Burchess
402-309-4392
sburchess@gmail.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: Sharon J [sj1826@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 10:05 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Jonathan A. Cook
Subject: Pass the 6 + 1 Amendment

Please pass Councilman Cook's 6 + 1 Amendment to save our city's valuable infrastructure. There are many difficult budget decisions to be made but we can't risk further financial deterioration of the city's budget to maintain our parks, pools, trails, trees, playgrounds, shelters, and other important amenities, I appreciate the several opportunities to be heard as a community member and neighborhood volunteer.

Thank you,

Sharon Johnson
1826 S. 12th

Mary M. Meyer

From: Pam Baker [pam@ygm.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 10:02 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Funding for the Lincoln Arts Council

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing to urge you to continue support for the Lincoln Arts Council and make the arts a priority in the city budget. The arts are important to me, and, more important, the arts are important to our community. It's no secret that Lincoln is one of the best small cities in the nation. *Forbes*, *The Ladies Home Journal*, *Parents*, *Sporting News and Inc.* magazines, among others, have said so. I believe that our vibrant business, health, recreation, education and arts infrastructures are responsible for these accolades. The Lincoln Arts Council has proven to be a crucial link in our arts infrastructure and has helped to build the quality of life we enjoy in Lincoln.

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Who else would coordinate projects such as the National Arts Program, the Lincoln Arts Festival, the Mayors Arts Awards, and publicize the First Friday Gallery Walk - projects that enhance Lincoln's quality of life, and bring revenue to the city.

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Investment in the arts is a direct investment in our quality of life...our community culture...our values. Please assure that the small amount of the budget previously dedicated to the Arts Council remains. It's a small investment that will repay us, as a community, over and over again.

Sincerely,
Pam Baker
1235 Surfside Ct.
Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Lois Dam [ldam@windstream.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 7:44 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks

The mayor is to be commended for the budget he has submitted. I urge you to support it along with the 6+1 Amendment To Maintain Our Parks. Deferred maintenance will increase costs in the long run. The increase in taxes is a very small price to pay to keep Lincoln a first class city. We owe this to future generations.

Respectfully,
Lois R. Dam

Mary M. Meyer

From: Sara Stephenson [sstephen@inebraska.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 9:46 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Sara Stephenson
Subject: 6 + 1 amendment

Council members, I support the 6 + 1 amendment. We must support our parks and libraries! If we need more money for street repair - and we probably do - raise the gas tax, get the legislature to allow us to have a city income tax - probably the fairest type of tax.

Sara Stephenson
sstephen@inebraska.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: dj65parks@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 10:35 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: (no subject)

I support the 6+1 Amendment to maintain our parks, trails,pools trees, playgrounds and shelters. The City Council needs to maintain our quality of life.

Sincerely,
Donna J. Parks
dj65parks@aol.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Support the Lincoln Arts Council

From: MarySue Harris [mailto:msharris@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 3:30 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Support the Lincoln Arts Council

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The Lincoln Arts Council and **YOU!**

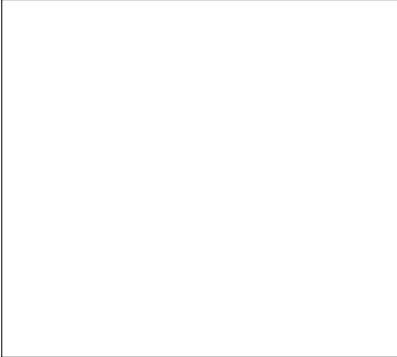
The City of Lincoln is debating the funding for all non-essential services.

We need YOU to tell them the Lincoln Arts Council *is* an ESSENTIAL service!

Take Action by [July 20th](#) and let City officials know you think the Arts, and the work of the Lincoln Arts Council is important to our city!

NO ONE provides local artists, arts organizations, the public, government and non-government agencies the comprehensive arts information, and advocacy that the Lincoln Arts Council does. We need you to tell that story, and we'll help you do so.

Visit the [Lincoln Arts Council Funding page](#) on [ArtScene.org](#). We have made it easy for you to contact the Mayor and the City Council by providing you with a single email address to send to, and a draft letter that you can simply copy and paste into a message and send directly to our elected officials. This information is also included below. Please take a moment and speak up



for the arts in Lincoln!

Sincerely,
The Lincoln Arts Council

Mayor Chris Beutler

Doug Emery

City Council Member, District 1

Jonathan Cook

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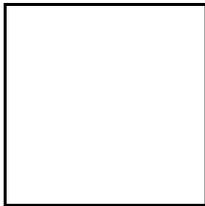
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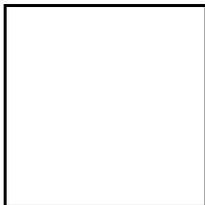
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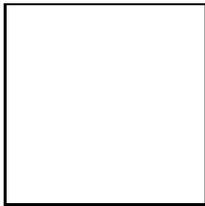
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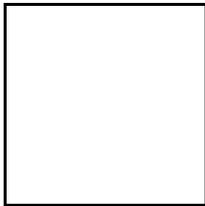
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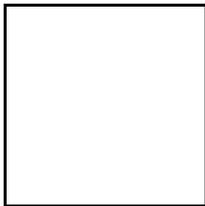
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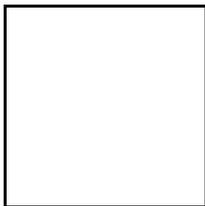
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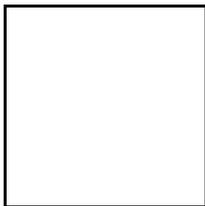
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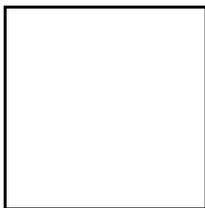


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MarySue Harris

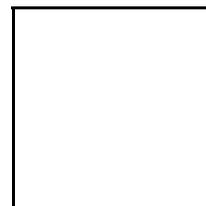
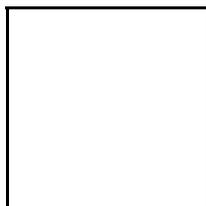
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▪ Sent from my iPhone

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jeanne Kern [Jeanne@RichKern.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 4:18 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Arts Funding

Dear Elected Officials,

I have always fully believed the many studies showing that cities attract business largely based on the quality of life they provide. And the quality of life of a city is largely judged by the acceptance and success of its arts community.

I further believe the study that showed that the arts provided more than \$3 million in local and state government revenue here in Nebraska, Lincoln in particular.

The Lincoln Arts Council coordinates arts projects that enrich the community, promotes arts events, and nurtures arts organizations and individual artists as well as provides to the general public news and information about the arts in Lincoln.

Investment in the arts is a direct investment in Lincoln's quality of life. Since the Lincoln Arts Council is a sort of central clearing house for Everything Art, please continue funding it.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Kern, 2600 Cheshire No. Ct., Lincoln 68512

Mary M. Meyer

From: Doug Farrar [DFarrar@arbordayfarm.org]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 3:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6 +1 amendment support

Council members,

This note is to express my support and that of the Arbor Day Foundation for the 6+1 amendment to the new budget. The value our natural spaces and the urban tree canopy brings to our citizens is immeasurable. There are countless studies that explain not only the significant economic value---cities with tree as an arbor in the business districts gain 20% more business than cities without a tree canopy. And the economic value which trees and parks provide to property values and in helping recruit and retain our business has shown to be one of the top 5 reason for locating or retaining a business in a specific community.

The city of Lincoln has prospered well, with sustained growth and community pride for over a hundred years, because of the wise stewardship that former councils members have supported. I would ask for your long-term vision on protecting these valuable resources, for not only the economic value it will bring to our city, but even more so to the quality of life we are afforded from the value of our urban tress and parks.

For the future,
Doug Farrar
2906 Summit Blvd
Lincoln, Ne.

Doug Farrar
Vice President, Arbor Day Farm
(402) 873-8701
www.arbordayfarm.org

Your support today plants forests tomorrow.

Mary M. Meyer

From: clippercapt@gmail.com on behalf of Lindsay Kerns [lindsay@thecolonelmustard.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 4:37 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Cc: Lindsay Kerns
Subject: We Want to Believe in the Lincoln Arts Council

Dear Elected Officials,

We at the Colonel Mustard Amateur Attic Theatre Company are just a bunch of college kids and twenty-somethings, but we are passionately dedicated to bringing creativity to downtown Lincoln. Our circle of influence spreads wide across young Lincolnites of our generation, and we have already done a lot to bring national attention to the arts in Lincoln. We take a lot of pride in bringing Lincoln arts into the national consciousness, and our projects have been featured on NPR Morning Edition, Huffington Post, and obscure Eastern European newspapers. All that to say that you might want to take notice of what we have to say here...

We love Lincoln for many reasons, one of which is that it has always been supportive of the arts. We believe that the arts are Essential with a capital E, and we believe that the Lincoln Arts Council has an essential role to play in supporting Lincoln artists and bringing Lincoln art to life. We have plenty of reasons to move away and chase creative endeavors in bigger cities, but organizations like LAC have helped keep us here.

Give young creative kids a reason to stay in Lincoln...and support the LAC.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Kerns
on behalf of the 350+ members of the Colonel Mustard Amateur Attic Theatre Company

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Lindsay Kerns
Minister of Magic
The Colonel Mustard

"Albert Watkins was good but not pleasant." -Sadie Watkins, his daughter

Mary M. Meyer

From: Dorene Eisentrager [deisentrager@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Maintaining our Parks

To the members of the city council:

I am urging you to support the "6+1 Amendment to Maintain Our Parks." We cannot remain a desirable city to live in if we let the assets which attract so many residents here deteriorate.

I am a Master Gardener volunteer and work in the community gardens.

Although volunteer help is very necessary, it is also

essential that the city have the funds and staff to maintain the basic needs and equipment.

Please vote for the "6+1 Amendment to Maintain Our Parks."

Dorene Eisentrager

Mary M. Meyer

From: Larry Pelter [Saltcreekpotters@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 10:31 AM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council

Dear Mayor Beutler and City Council Members,

I am Larry Pelter, a Lincoln Artist and owner of the Salt Creek Potters Workshop located in the University Place Business Community. I am also a member of the University Place Business Association. As an artist and a small business owner of an arts-related business I am writing to urge you to continue adequate financial and political support for the Lincoln Arts Council. The Lincoln Arts Council is important to the arts in Lincoln and would, I think, be in jeopardy of disappearing if city support were lost. The Lincoln Arts Council is a crucial link in Lincoln's arts infrastructure and helps to build and maintain the quality of life we enjoy in our city today.

Lincoln is working hard to expand and enhance its economic base by trying to find ways to provide a rich environment of quality cultural experiences attractive to a broad base of young professionals and families. The arts are an important part of this process. The arts not only attract well-paid professional people through an offering of cultural experiences, the arts also generate substantial economic value to a community. A 2005 LAC study showed that the arts generate \$36 million dollars in economic activity per year in Lincoln, delivering more than \$3.4 million in state and local tax revenue. A city rich in art-related activities and experiences attracts companies and organizations which provide well-paying jobs and careers to a broad base of young professionals and families.

The Lincoln Arts Council coordinates projects that enrich our community such as the National Arts Program, the Lincoln Arts Festival, the Mayors Arts Awards, and helps publicize the First Friday Gallery Walk. These programs enhance Lincoln's quality of life, and demonstrate Lincoln's interest and commitment to the arts to potential residents. There is opportunity for every segment of the public to engage with the arts, thanks to Lincoln Arts Council efforts.

The Lincoln Arts Council provides support for local arts organizations and individual artists through marketing, training, collaboration and, when available, project funding. It is an active agent for networking artists, and holds scheduled roundtable discussions for arts organizations to share best practices and ideas. There is no other resource that can replace the Lincoln Arts Council's efforts in these areas.

The Council has developed and maintains a comprehensive arts website for Lincoln— ArtScene.org. The website features an events calendar describing over 2,000 arts and cultural events each year, an interactive artist registry of nonprofit arts organizations and artists, and frequently updated arts news and features. This website provides a "go to" site for artists, event organizers and promoters where frontline information about events, resources, networking links, and general arts information is available.

The Council works with Lincoln Public Schools to support art education. Like everyone else, the Lincoln Public Schools is challenged financially, with unfortunate impact on arts opportunities so inspiring to students. The Lincoln Arts Council helps through artist residency programs spanning artistic disciplines such as modern dance, drumming, encaustic, digital media and fiber art. Without

the support of Lincoln Arts Council programs, arts in public education would be even farther diminished.

Investment in the arts is a direct investment in our economic and cultural quality of life. The Lincoln Arts Council helps sustain that quality of life by providing arts information and advocacy. I urge you to recognize the important role that art plays in the economic and cultural wellbeing of our community and to support adequate funding for the Lincoln Arts Council.

Sincerely,

Larry Pelter

3440 South Hope Ct

Lincoln NE, 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mark Lorenz [alorenz@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 7:00 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: arnold heights fire station

I do not believe the fire station that serves arnold heights should be closed. we need to save money but I don't think that should be an option. some other expense should be cut that affects all the citizens not just one area. closing that firestation would not be fair to arnold heights.

(I live in south lincoln)

thanks

mark

Mary M. Meyer

From: David and Sue Van Horn [d-svanhorn@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 1:16 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: City Budget

We would like to encourage you to vote to increase city taxes so that the Mayor's proposed budget can be enacted. To further cut city services in order to not increase revenue would erode our city's character dangerously. A major reason that people like us choose to stay here in retirement is because our city provides good services in a safe and pleasant environment. To further reduce park maintenance, library and bus service leads to further deterioration of Lincoln's positive image. Our streets and infrastructure need attention. Do *not* allow our city to diminish.

Dave and Sue Van Horn

Mary M. Meyer

From: Larry-BrendaClaassen [blclaassen@windstream.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 9:26 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: save city services

Dear City Council members,

My wife and I strongly support an increase in property taxes to retain city services such as libraries, the Nature Center, Aging Partners and Saturday Star Tran service. We hope it is possible to avoid cutting these services using any means at your disposal.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Russell Miller [neb31340@windstream.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 10:54 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: comments on proposed city budget

17 July 2011

From : Russell Miller
341 S. 52
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510

To : Lincoln City Council

Subject : Proposed City Budget

Dear Council,

First I want to CLEARLY state that I am in favor of **raising my property taxes \$90 per year** so none of our city services are reduced any more as they have been for the last 4 years.

I do not like the thought that some family has a member who is severely handicapped because that stroke victim did not receive a timely 911 call, particularly if it was all because of budget cuts caused by persons insisting on low taxes.

I strongly approve of the Mayor's proposed budget that shifts street lighting to LES. I also approve of the Mayor's increased emphasis on maintaining street infrastructure.

However, I think the money from the street lighting shift should be devoted entirely to the other Departments (Parks, Health, Libraries, Urban Development, etc.) because they have been butchered in the past budgets.

Money for new street widening which is always growth related can be funded by increasing wheel tax and impact fees. I recognize there will be congestion because of the huge maintenance backlog of older streets, so these older streets must come first. I remember that the Street Bond issue of 2004 was voted down almost 2-1 which tells me that voters prefer congestion over slightly higher taxes. So give us the short term congestion while repairing our current street infrastructure and then do the street widening.

Thank you,
Russell Miller

Mary M. Meyer

From: Russell Miller [neb31340@windstream.net]
Sent: Sunday, July 17, 2011 11:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Proposed City Budget

As I drove home from attending the Wizard of Oz Saturday evening at Pinewood Bowl, it struck me how many thousands of people have enjoyed a venue which was proposed and funded decades ago. What foresight the city fathers at that time had when they set aside and developed the many acres that are Pioneers Park. What a shame it would be to see that popular recreational destination suffer from more cuts to the park department budget.

A few weeks ago I escorted my granddaughters to Ballard Pool in Havelock as Uni Place Pool was temporarily closed due to water quality issues. I visited with family members at a picnic table outside the pool while the girls enjoyed the water. It was a real pleasure to see so many youngsters arriving at the pool, most on foot or bicycle, to join their friends in a few hours of low cost fun and exercise. The best part is that they were able to get to the pool on their own, and not rely on a ride to take them to a larger pool. Closing Ballard would deny these youngsters a safe place to gather for sheer fun.

I always enjoy taking the granddaughters to Gere Library on a regular basis. It's like walking into a beehive of purposeful activity, carried out by persons of all ages and sizes. There is no lack of opportunity to advance reading and computer skills with what our city libraries provide at no charge to all sectors of its population.

I guess my point is that what lifts the most vulnerable and youngest residents of Lincoln also lifts the quality of life for all.

I urge all council members to designate all of the revenue expected from the LES street lighting shift back into parks, libraries, urban development, and health services. And I would gladly pay a higher property tax in order for this to occur. This is "paying it forward" in the best sense of the phrase.

Sincerely,

Sherry Miller
341 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, NE

Mary M. Meyer

From: Laurie Haszard [LHaszard@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 1:58 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Please consider continuing to fund the Lincoln Arts Council. I realize how tight budgets are right now but without all forms of art, life would be so stark and boring. During these depressing times, art gives us hope.

Thank you, Laurie A. Haszard

Mary M. Meyer

From: Kimberly Rath [KRath@talentplus.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 1:51 PM
To: cityofficials@artscene.org
Subject: Lincoln Arts Council Funding

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Over a decade ago, the Arts Council had the vision to create a comprehensive arts website for Lincoln- ArtScene.org. The website features an events calendar describing over 2,000 arts and cultural events each year, an interactive artist registry of nonprofit arts organizations and artists, and frequently updated arts news and features. This living, vibrant window into the arts in Lincoln is a public treasure, and would be a terrible loss.

Warm regards,

Kimberly

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Mary M. Meyer

From: russtrains@windstream.net
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 8:28 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 6 + 1 amendment

City Council Members,

As an officer in a neighborhood organization, i support this amendment to help care for necessary infrastructure. It is better to maintain things than have to rebuild thing due to no maintenance.

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Russell Irwin--Clinton Neighborhood
Wastewater Services Co.
402.464.7955

Mary M. Meyer

From: smaly@inebraska.com
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 10:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: six + one million amendment

I just heard of the 'six plus one million dollar amendment' in relation to the city budget. Thus, instead of using all seven million dollars to fix streets, use at least one million for 'quality of life,' the things that really make living here worthwhile. All you've done since the Johann days is take away from Parks and Rec, the Libraries, Aging Services and others.

Apparently now instead of paying taxes, we are to be inundated by fees and donation requests (since I receive at least 20 a month) from local, state and national organizations. Even the idea of volunteers doing tasks you used to hire people for is misleading. It's no wonder there's unemployment. Sometime you'll have to educate people that government services are paid for through fair taxes for the common good even if it isn't a sport; and that government is also intended to serve minority interests as well as the business power brokers.

The six for road improvements and giving one back for quality living sounds like a wonderful idea.

Shirley Maly,
5931 Wolff Lane

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Vera Mae Lutz [vlutz@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: city budget

Yes, I want my voice added to support the 6 plus 1 Amendment to Maintain Our Parks and trees.

Yes, I want infrastructure FEES kept from under the table. Lets, talk! Where are they hiding?

Vera Mae Lutz, 3915 Apple Street. Ecco neighborhood. 402-464-3571