

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113, 2:00 P.M.**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler presents September Award of Excellence to a team from the City's Police and Building and Safety Departments.
2. Fiscal Impact Statement: Public Works and Utilities/StarTran.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Urban Development Director Dave Landis will hold a news conference on Thursday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to discuss additional tax revenue the City receives from projects using tax increment financing (TIF).
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler says use of TIF is building stronger community.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. List of Administrative Amendments which were approved by the Planning Director from October 4, 2011 through October 10, 2011.
2. Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan - Additional Public Comments and Proposed Amendments. (On file in the City Council Office)
3. Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting agenda for October 20, 2011.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Memo from Mike Eckert to Duane Dowd regarding an Application to Construct Access prepared by Civil Design.
 - a) Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Application to Construct Access.
2. Email from Allison Bruggeman with comments on the 14th and Superior Roundabout and meeting.
3. Notice of public meeting regarding the roundabout for 14th and Superior Streets.
4. Correspondence from Jane Rihanek sharing her concerns with the 14th and Superior Streets Roundabout Project.
5. Email from Stan Kuta stating reasons not to have a roundabout at 14th and Superior Streets, with alternative suggestions.
6. Email from Carol Grell registering her concerns about the proposed roundabout at the intersection of 14th and Superior Street.
7. Email from Roger Dutcher opposed to the roundabout at 14th and Superior stating his worry about safety.

8. InterLinc correspondence from Jessica Dubas with many questions after attending the roundabout meeting regarding 14th and Superior Streets. Never available for citizens to vote on or to give opinions ahead of construction.
9. Email from Jodi Delozier asking Council not to support the upcoming LES rate increase.
10. Email from Noreen Niemann in opposition to the roundabout at 14th and Superior Street. Also, building a bridge crossing instead of a tunnel would be far safer.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 10, 2011

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

MAYOR PRESENTS SEPTEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for September to a team from the City's Police and Building and Safety Departments. The team includes Sergeant Larry Barksdale and Police Officer Matthew Franken of the Police Criminal Investigations Section and Fire Investigator Kenneth Hilger of Building and Safety's Fire Prevention Division. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Police Sergeant Ken Koziol and Chief Fire Prevention Inspector Bill Moody nominated the team in the category of productivity for their work on the fire that destroyed the LPS administration building May 30. Because of their efforts, a suspect was arrested August 15 and is now charged with second-degree arson.

In addition to the monetary loss estimated at 20-million-dollars, LPS employees lost many personal possessions and were displaced as they prepared for the start of school in the fall.

Hilger's preliminary investigation of the cause and origin determined no ignition source could have accidentally started the fire. He began to investigate the possibility that the fire was set intentionally and requested assistance from LPD's Criminal Investigation Unit.

Sgt. Barksdale, who is in charge of arson investigations, managed the case. He and Investigator Franken tape recorded several interviews, and information suggested an employee could be a suspect. An interview with the suspect on August 15 led to the suspect's arrest.

In their nomination, Koziol and Moody wrote: "Barksdale, Franken and Hilger did an incredible job of working together and bringing this case to a successful conclusion. The LPS employees showed great courage and resiliency in picking up the pieces and ensuring the fine education of our students would continue. It was very important for all of them and the citizens of Lincoln to heal and this arrest was a very important step."

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The other categories in which employees can be nominated are customer relations, loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials.

Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are reviewed by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond, a day off with pay and a plaque. Monthly winners are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$500 U.S. savings bond, two days off with pay and a plaque.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: PWU - STATRAN

DATE: 09-22-11

NEED : Adjust the StarTran Operating Budget, adopted 08-22-11, for the following items, per the StarTran Advisory Board Recommendations:

- 1) Restore Saturday Service and add 2.0 FTE drivers
- 2) Implement 'deadheading' on 12 weekday routes and 9 Saturday routes
- 3) Receive an additional \$50,000 in State Operating Assistance
- 4) Prior to 2011-12 Fiscal Year End, in the summer of 2012, identify savings or additional revenue of \$31,000.
- 5) Change the Low Income 31 Day Pass fare to \$8, and \$16 for Handivan.

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing
 Limited Projected Completion Date _____

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
1) Net change to User Fees due to restored Saturday service, deadheading, and Low Income at \$8 / \$16(\$39,200)	City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
2) Additional State Operating Assistance\$50,000	County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Total <u>\$10,800</u>	State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Federal	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) Add 2.0 FTE bus operators for restored Saturday Service		
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: see attached worksheet		
object code description		
5021 wages 5083 Life	\$38,678	\$42,000 (est)
5023 overtime 5091 PEHP		
5086 FICA 5085 Pension		
SUPPLIES business unit:		
object code description		
5253 Fuel	\$3,122	\$3,200 (est)
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit:		
object code description		
to be determined in summer of 2012, prior to fiscal year end	\$(31,000)	\$(34,400)
<i>5253 Fuel (will adjust later)</i>		
EQUIPMENT business unit:		
object code description		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,800	\$10,800

SOURCE OF REVENUES : State Operating Assistance of \$50,000, net farebox/user fees of \$(39,200)

DIRECTOR  DATE _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Kullha</u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Kullha</u> DATE <u>9/28/11</u>	

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>10-11-11</u>

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROPOSED CHANGE TO MAYOR'S BUDGET
STARTRAN

FINAL

	Total Expenses	General Fund	User Fees	State Revenue	Federal Revenue
Adopted Budget 08/22/2011	9,827,213	5,789,217	1,603,326	225,000	2,209,670
(incl \$55,000 Low Income and 1.0 Serv Worker)					
Restore 12 Hr Saturday	141,800	131,800	10,000		
- restore 2.0 FTE drivers					
Deadhead 12 Rtes -Weekdays	-89,500	-81,800	-7,700		
- OT and Fuel, no FTE's					
Deadhead 9 Rtes - Saturdays	-10,500	-10,000	-500		
- OT and Fuel, no FTE's					
Additional State Revenue		-50,000		50,000	
Low Income Pass at \$8		41,000	-41,000		
Unknown Expense Reduction	-31,000	-31,000			
Adjusted Budget	9,838,013	5,789,217	1,564,126	275,000	2,209,670
Net Change to Budget	10,800	0	-39,200	50,000	0
Budget Line Entries	Restore Sat Service	Deadhead Weekdays	Deadhead Saturdays	Unknown Expense	Total
Wages-5021 (2.0 FTE Drivers)	67,848				67,848
OT-5023	13,198	-44,000	-7,040		-37,842
FICA-5086	6,200	-3,366	-538		2,296
Life-5083	116				116
PEHP-5091	936				936
Health-5081					
Pension-5085	8,386	-2,640	-422		5,324
Dental-5082					
Longevity					
Fuel-5253	45,116	-39,494	-2,500		3,122
Total	141,800	-89,500	-10,500	-31,000	-31,000
					10,800

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: October 12, 2011

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

Mayor Chris Beutler and Urban Development Director Dave Landis will discuss the additional tax revenue the City is receiving from projects that used tax increment financing (TIF) at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, October 13** in **Room 303, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 13, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
David Landis, Urban Development, 402-441-7606

BEUTLER SAYS USE OF TIF IS BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITY

Mayor Chris Beutler today said the use of tax increment financing (TIF) for 17 projects completed in downtown Lincoln has increased the City's valuation base by more than \$200 million. That has resulted in \$25 million in additional tax revenue to help local governments provide important quality of life services. The Mayor said the 17 projects are an example of the payback the community is receiving on its TIF investments.

"These additional tax revenues support kids in our classrooms, public safety, County and City roads and a host of other important services," Beutler said. "The projects also represent tens of millions of dollars in new investment and new jobs in the private sector. Our use of TIF is creating a more vibrant community and a strong economy."

TIF is used to help improve underutilized property and increase its value. The higher taxes generated by the higher valuations are used for a number of years for public improvements and infrastructure that help the development occur. After a designated number of years, the higher tax revenues go back to the community.

The 17 projects used as examples are Cornhusker Square; Haymarket Square/8th Street; Lincoln Station; the Grainger Building; the Apothecary/Ridnour buildings; Block 35/Embassy Suites; University Square; Que Place; "O" Street Skywalk; Gold's Galleria; Centerstone; Hardy/Buck's; 12th Street Theater; Eagle's/Runza; Ambassador/President; Crossroads House; and North Haymarket.

The total initial valuation on the projects was \$15.1 million. The total current valuation on the completed projects is \$165.3 million. The annual taxes on the properties have increased from \$347,000 to about \$3.3 million. Since the end of the TIF period, the properties have generated \$28.4 million in tax revenue. If the properties had not been improved they would have generated only \$3.2 million over the same period, a difference of about \$25 million.

"A judicious and careful use of TIF builds Lincoln's future," Beutler said. "TIF is often misunderstood and maligned, but in reality it is a smart, effective tool for the private and public sector to partner together for the greater good of our community. Together, we are making an impact."



Memorandum

Date: ♦ October 11, 2011
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Amendment approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from October 4, 2011 thru October 10, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11050 to Change of Zone No. 2128D, approved by the Planning Director on October 4, 2011, requested by Russ's Market, to remove the building envelope/footprint and allow the buildable area to be anywhere within the required setbacks west of the eastern most parking lot as shown on the site plan. The area east of the eastern most parking lot will remain an unbuildable area per intent of the approved Planned Unit Development. Property is generally located at S. 33rd St. and Highway 2.

Administrative Amendment No. 11046 to Pre-Existing Use Permit No. 38, approved by the Planning Director on October 7, 2011, requested by Archi-Etc., LLC., to add approximately 2, 000 square feet to the existing Southeast Rural Fire Station, on property generally located at Holdrege St. and Eagle Crest Rd.

City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213
Lincoln NE 68508
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**City of Lincoln
Planning**

Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee Agenda

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: October 20, 2011

TIME: 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 113, County/ City Building

AGENDA

- Roll Call and Acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"
- 1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the [September 15, 2011](#) Technical Committee meeting.
- 2. Briefing planning activities of the Officials Committee action on the recommended MPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Policy.
- 3. Update on the planning activities for the Nebraska Department of Roads Long Range Transportation Plan (Vision 2032).
- 4. Review and action on the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission recommended [2040 Long Range Transportation Plan and Technical Report](#), dated September 7, 2011. The Lincoln MPO Technical Committee will be taking additional public comments during this review process to provide opportunities for input during the adoption process. Recommendations will be forwarded to the MPO Officials for final action.
- 5. Other topics for discussion.

 [History List](#)

Mary M. Meyer

From: joedowd13@cox.net
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 12:44 PM
To: Council Packet; Jean Preister; Mary M. Meyer; PKatt@baylorevnen.com; Danay@sk-law.com
Subject: Fwd: Application to Construct Access
Attachments: Dowd Grain app to construct access NDOR.pdf

I am forwarding an Application to Construct Access prepared by Civil Design. This application is being made at the recommendation of NDOR to put at issue the Dowd Grain Co. access on NW 48th St. We feel this application should be dealt with prior to NDOR entering into an Annexation Agreement.

> From: "Mike Eckert" <meckert@civildg.com>
> To: "'Duane J. Dowd'" <joedowd13@cox.net>
> Subject: Application to Construct Access
> Date: Mon, 10 Oct 2011 09:06:40 -0500
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> Duane, attached is the NDOR Application to Construct Access we will
> submit tomorrow. We also created an exhibit for Council that shows
> the location of your existing access point.
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> Mike Eckert, AICP
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> Civil Design Group, Inc.
>
> 8535 Executive Woods Drive, Ste 200
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> Lincoln, NE 68512
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> O: 402-434-8494
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Nebraska Department of Roads

Application to Construct Access

Commercial Approach Roads, Streets, or Public Roads

Private Driveway

Applicant: (Name and Address)

Dowd Grain Company, Inc.
C/o: Duane Dowd
220 N. 89th Street, Suite 201
Omaha, NE 68114

Date: 10/7/11

Phone: 402-391-5033

Fax: 402-391-5182

Email: joedowd13@cox.net

Location: Construct an access from the shoulder line or edge of pavement on the East West North South side of Highway 55-K and _____ feet East West North South of Milepost No. _____

If rural, the location is _____ feet East West North South of the East West North South Line of Section 19, Township 10, Range 6 East West of the 6th P.M., Lancaster County, Nebraska or if urban, _____ feet East West North South of the East West North South Line of Lot _____, Block _____, Addition, in _____ County, Nebraska, S _____, T _____, R _____ East West (City)

Applicant requests a drive with a width of 120 feet at the property line.

Requirements: The applicant agrees to complete this work in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Nebraska Department of Roads. Any permit issued will be cancelled if the work specified is not completed within the term listed on the permit or within any additional length of time granted. Request for an extension of time to complete the work must be made in writing. Any extension granted will be acknowledged in writing by the Nebraska Department of Roads. The Applicant may cancel the permit with written notification at any time prior to beginning work on highway right of way.

Performance Guarantee: (Make payable to Nebraska Department of Roads)

Amount: \$ _____ Check No. _____

Name and Address: _____

This guarantee is for the faithful compliance by the Applicant to the terms of the permit. It is understood that should the Applicant fail to perform the work as set forth in the permit, the State will have the right to keep the performance guarantee as liquidated damages for its necessary supervisory and inspection expenses and to initiate such legal proceedings as are necessary to secure either performance of the work in compliance with the terms of the permit or the restoration of the highway right of way to its previous condition prior to the activities of the Applicant.

NOTE: Please complete the attached location plan for access. When your access requires engineering plans, please submit four sets of plans, no larger than 12"x18" for the proposed work requested herein. The engineering plans shall show the general features of the work to be completed and all information such as sizes, distances, dimensions, cuts and fills, erosion control measures, etc., when applicable.

Name (Please Print)

Applicant's Signature

Recommended By

Date

District Engineer Approval

Date

District Recommendations:

District approved if rural location is _____ feet East West North South of the East West North South Line of Section _____, Township _____, Range _____ East West of the 6th P.M., _____ County, Nebraska. If urban, _____ feet East West North South of the East West North South Line of Lot _____, Block _____, Addition, in _____ County, Nebraska, S _____, T _____, R _____ East West .

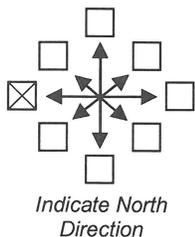
Location is in Controlled Access Area: Yes No

Other: _____

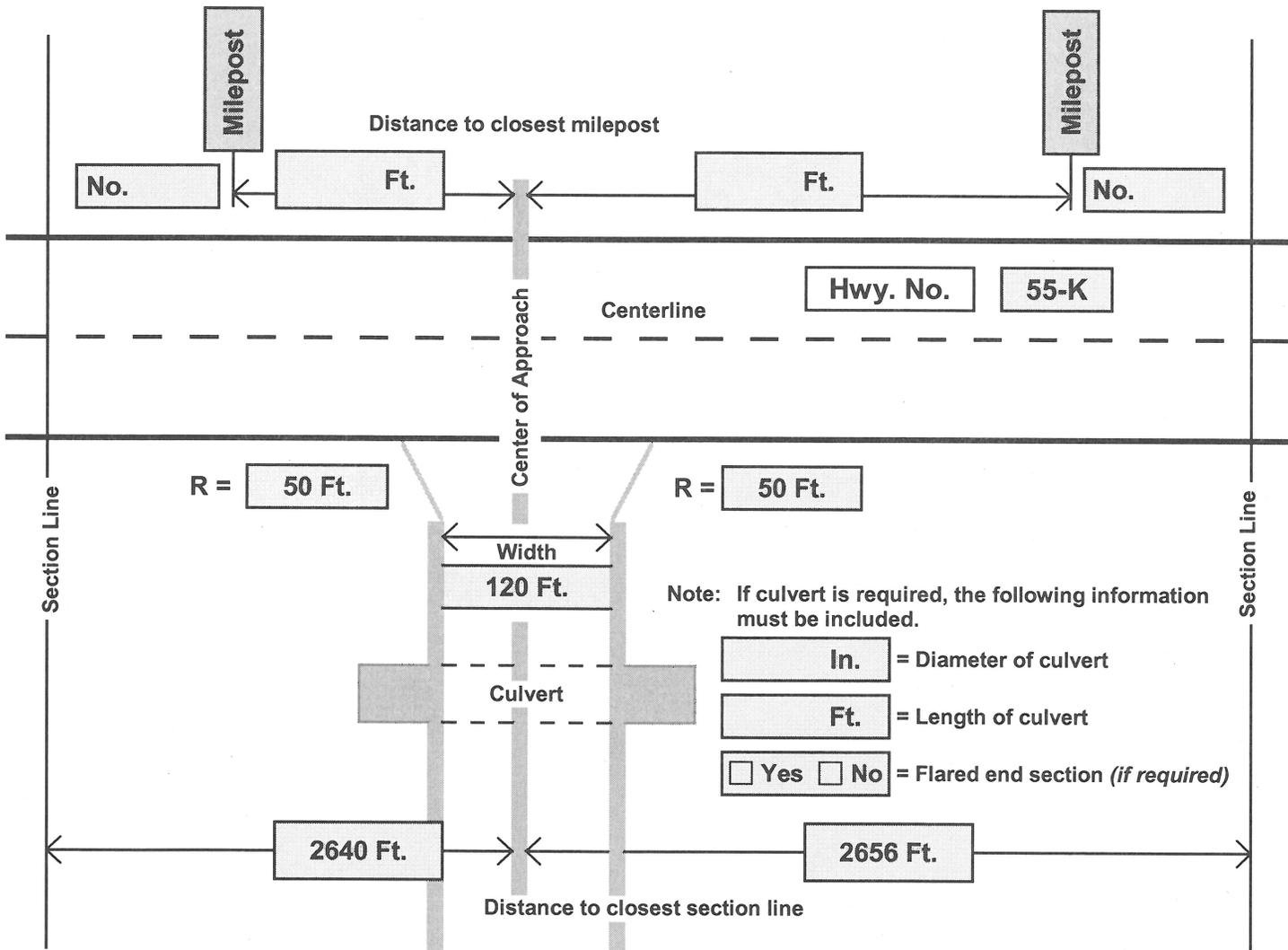
Location Plan for Access

(4 copies to be included with application)

Note: All applicants must use this plan and fill in the required information.



19 Section 10 Township 6 Range Lancaster County



Note: The following information is required on all plans:

- Highway number
- Distance in feet to nearest section line
- Distance in feet to nearest milepost
- Total width of new approach
- Radius dimensions
- Designate North direction
- Complete legal description, including section, township, range, and county

Mary M. Meyer

From: Allison Bruggeman [abrugge@lps.org]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 2:43 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Roundabout Public Meeting for 14th and Superior

I wanted to voice my opinion on the 14th and Superior Roundabout. I feel that it looks super confusing. Plus the tunnel that goes underground so that people don't have to try to cross the street in my opinion is not safe. I would not like my child going in a tunnel where it is hard to be seen. Also I think the timing of the construction is going to make peoples lives harder with the 14th street bridge construction going on.

Thank you,

Allison Bruggeman

Mary M. Meyer

From: Carol B [carolserv@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 10:31 PM
Cc: chan 10-11; chan 8; nancy hicks; deenawinter@hotmail.com; Council Packet
Subject: ROUNABOUT PUBLIC MEETING

ROUNDABOUT PUBLIC MEETING FOR 14TH AND SUPERIOR !!!

When: Wednesday, October 12th

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Where: Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson Street

PLEASE COME AND VOICE YOUR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS !!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

Joette Loos 402-742-8089

John Brown 402-435-8932

Kent Pierce 402-438-7094

Kolleen Krikac 402-438-3228

If you cannot make the meeting please email your opinions or concerns to:

mayor@lincoln.ne.gov

and

council@lincoln.ne.gov

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jane Rihanek [jjasnoch@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 10:19 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: 14th & Superior Roundabout Project

Hello,

I will not be able to attend this evening's public meeting, but wanted to share my thoughts regarding this project. We live in the North Hills neighborhood and have already been affected by the construction that started on the 14th street bridge a few weeks ago. Our children attend Kooser Elementary so we have had to adjust our driving route when dropping them off and picking them up from school. Also, we are members of the Fallbrook YMCA and use the facilities five days a week. Due to the bridge construction we have had to adjust the route we take causing us to go significantly out of the way to get to either destination. I feel that with the construction of this roundabout at such a busy intersection it is going to cause another adjustment that we and many other North Lincoln families we'll have to endure. I'm very skeptical of this project as I don't see the real benefit in it. However, not having all of the information and knowledge, I'm willing to accept that those in charge are making a good decision for the betterment of Lincoln. I do however feel that with the start of this construction project, especially with the winter months approaching it will cause serious problems. There are school kids crossing this busy intersection, and there have been several fender benders and some serious accidents. As roads become icy I see some major problems here especially during the 5:00 rush hour. This is also going to cause me to have to adjust my work schedule in order to drop off/pick up my children since I'll have to take another route or allow for more time since this intersection is going to become a nightmare to get through. My only hope is that construction be delayed until the bridge construction nears completion and after the winter months have passed.

Thank you again for allowing me to share my concerns.

Jane Rihanek

Mary M. Meyer

From: stankutaman@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 3:10 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 14th street Roundbout

Dear Council Members,

Just want to express my opinion on the upcoming Roundabout controversy, unfortunately, it pretty well sounds like it is a done deal already.

If any of you have taken the time between 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM to observe traffic at 14th and Superior, it get logged back at times for a block or two. My feeling is that the roundabout will congest only worst as most people are just getting off work, are tired and short-tempered, racing to get home, will not yield the right of way, not staying in their lanes, all the Semis not being able to negotiate the turn without veering into the other lane, I think the Insurance Companies will love this idea.

Also, if there is going to be a tunnel underneath, that ought to be an ideal place for drug Deals, Vagrants to hand out, and what ever things that could transpire in a hidden area, and who is going to be there to observe the kids going and coming from school.

Try widening the Street, and or turning lanes, and put walking bridges over the road, sounds a lot less complicated to me.

Sincerely,
Stan Kuta
5733 NW 12th

Mary M. Meyer

From: Carol Grell [cmgrell@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:40 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: 14th & Superior street roundabout

Dear Mayor Buetler and City Council Members,

I am, unfortunately, unable to attend the meeting at the Belmont Rec tonight - 10/12/11

I would like to register my concerns about the prospect of the proposed round about at the intersection of 14th & Superior Street intersection. I live in the Bicentennial Estates Division and am very concerned if this comes to pass.

After negotiating the double roundabout north of the stadium and the one at 40th & Van Dorn - I can't imagine moving in and out of this **safely** with the amount of traffic on Superior and 14th streets - especially before 8:00 a.m. and at 5:00 and especially on game days. Once the traffic gets moving from either east to west or north to south ---- I don't see how the opposite direction traffic is ever going to get into the round about safely. Unfortunately it has been my experience that many people are rude about yielding to other cars!!!!!!!

I just returned from Parker, CO and they have a considerable number of round abouts - **but not on major thoroughfares such as this!!!!!!!!!!!!!! They are all on side streets.**

Personally I would be fearful of entering this round about considering the speed many people would be driving through it and the number of vehicles going around. We almost got hit on the round about north of the stadium because it is difficult to see the cars entering from the west under the bridge - and they were (3 cars) traveling far too fast.

Another huge condideration - is the safety of the middle school children who will be walking "under" the street. Although they will be safe from traffic - they will not be visible to the public and they could become easy prey to predators. Unfortunately they are present in our society and we need to take all precautions to protect our children!!!!

It seems to me this would cause the city to have to spend more from the already stretched city budget to provide police or some other type of protection to these students. If even one child would be assaulted or killed because of these unsafe conditions - when the tunnel is unnecessary if the round about is not built - that is too great a risk. I would hope each of you would feel guilt and regret that you had not sufficiently considered this scenerio before going ahead with this round about. **IT IS A SERIOUS CONCERN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

I am the mother of two grown daughters and have 2 grandsons. I would not allow my "children" to walk through these tunnels.

I HOPE YOU WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THESE CONCERNS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please think about the prospect if your children or grandchildren were using these tunnels and the safety of hundreds of cars trying to enter the round about on their way to work on a slick, snowy morning. Sounds deadly to me!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Carol Grell
5046 Constitution Ave

Mary M. Meyer

From: Roger Dutcher [rdutcher@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 5:06 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 14 and superior

As a long time resident in Belmont, I believe the round about at 14 and superior is wrong. Young children and older adults walk to the library and Walgreens. Will it still be safe?

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Jessica Dubas
Address: 3201 Fletcher Ave #330
City: Lincoln, NE 68504

Comment or Question:

Dear City Council,

I voted for you in the last election and am hoping you can listen to a frustration I have and help educate others on what is going on.

I was at the Public Meeting tonight for the Roundabout on 14th and Superior. There were more people opposed to this idea than for it. What I'm wondering is why was this roundabout planned without public vote, consent, meetings, etc?

One thing I learned was there will be pedestrian lights before the roundabout, so if that is the issue, why are they putting in a roundabout? The main point was to keep traffic flowing...that will not keep traffic flowing from going from 35 mph to 15 for the roundabout and if there is a ped. light (which I don't oppose) that is red, that will indeed stop the flow of traffic!

There were many questions asked tonight that were evaded or glossed over as to what was going on. I realize this was more of an informational meeting on construction, but most of the public there do not want this intersection to become a roundabout. We are worried about the tunnels and bullying among other things that teens can get into, safety concerns for handicapped or those with medical needs during construction, lack of flow of traffic during rush hour or game day, what is the alternate when there is an accident, who's going to patrol the tunnels before and after school so there is no bullying, graffiti, drug selling, fights, snow clearing, who's going to teach the many citizens we have that live here, but are learning English and have just obtained their driver's license on how to use a roundabout, cost (which was made a non issue tonight as we were told it would only cost a million and a half to construct) Where will the money to pay from this come from? The wheel tax that keeps going up and is the highest in the state?

There wasn't much hope of stopping this roundabout, but many would like answers to their questions and if we had our choice as part of the community I think we'd all like it stopped and not built! We would rather have turn lanes put in and have the kids use the crosswalks that are in place and be above ground where they can be seen by somebody at all times. Will it cost money, yes, but I think the public would rather have their money used that way instead of how they DON'T want it used.

I do not think Lincoln is backwards or people do not want Lincoln to move forward, but I do think many people tonight had valid concerns with this construction that was not ever available for us to vote on or give our opinions. Thank you for listening to my frustration with this issue. I hope you will help out NW Lincoln with this issue and if there is nothing you can do about it, please put it in the hands of those that could. Thank you for your time.

Jessica

Mary M. Meyer

From: Tadd Delozier [tdelozier@pol.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 8:55 AM
To: Council Packet; Jonathan A. Cook; joncamp
Subject: LES rate increase

City Council Representatives

I would like to ask that the City Council not support the upcoming LES rate increase proposal. I believe that LES is asking for an increase in the Sustainable Energy Program (SEP) from \$2 to \$3 million dollars. From what I have heard, this program is used to give away money to those LES customers who install energy efficient appliances, heaters, heat pumps as well as improving insulation in their homes. I am opposed to having my rates go up in order to "award" others. Although I support HE appliances and "Going Green", I believe that LES should find another way to fund this program. Perhaps they can cut administrator salaries, deny wage increases, make budget cuts, or my suggestion - do away with the program altogether.

Unfortunately, LES rate increases are becoming an annual event with this company. It is time for our Council put a stop to this type of frivolous spending. Thank-you for representing the citizens of Lincoln and your continued attention to the "monetary bottom line".

Jodi Delozier

Mary M. Meyer

From: Duane and Noreen Niemann [dannln@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 7:44 PM
To: Mayor; Council Packet
Subject: Roundabout at 14th and Superior

Dear Mayor and City Council,

As you know, 14th and Superior is a very busy street. Installing a roundabout will make the traffic more congested on both 14th and Superior Streets on a regular work day. To add to the congestion, let's add all the Nebraska fans on a Saturday. I can imagine the cars backed up all the way down 14th street with little to no movement. With all that congestion and frustration of a two lane roundabout, the number of accidents is going to increase significantly. If this roundabout is completed, I am considering driving a whole new direction to bypass all the accidents that will be occurring.

The other part of the equation is the tunnel which Goodrich Middle School will use when crossing the street. Most parents' major concern is that the children could be either bullied there, homeless people will start residing in the tunnel or bad people can hang out there and hurt the children trying to get home. My question to you is ...Would you want your child walking through a tunnel that could hold these dangers? My suggestion regarding the tunnel would be to build a bridge crossing instead of a tunnel.

Thank you for your consideration.

Noreen Niemann

DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of October 15th through October 21, 2011.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public hearing on LPlan 2040 set for Tuesday, October 18, 2011.
3. NEWS RELEASE. City encourages residents to pledge for Lincoln Recycles Day.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Recycling drive to benefit LPS program.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department meeting minutes of August 9, 2011.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Report for September, 2011.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Twenty-five years of helping businesses have healthy employees.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Board will hold a Special Joint Public Hearing on the LPlan 2040 on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 5:00 p.m. at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 112. The Planning Commission's recommended draft Lplan 2040 can be found at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/plan.htm>.
2. Letter from the Village of Bennet regarding Lplan 2040 and proposed zoning adjustment for future land use for the area of the Highway 43 and Highway 2 intersections.
3. City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for October 20, 2011.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS TO COUNCIL

1. Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board meeting agenda for Friday, October 21, 2011. Full agenda and support materials can be found on www.les.com.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Donald Glaser regarding call to Animal Control (Sent to the Department of Health/Animal Control).
3. Correspondence from Eric Kamler regarding the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity housing project.
 - a) ASUN, Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, Government Bill #6, in support of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Housing Project.
 - b) ASUN, Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, letter from Eric M. Kamler, Chairman of ASUN Government Liaison Committee in favor of the construction of the new fraternity house.
4. Letter from ACEC, American Council of Engineering Company, Nebraska in regards to contemplating the use of a design competition.

VI. INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

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Date: October 14, 2011

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of October 15 through 21, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, October 15

- "Heat's On" breakfast, Steamfitters and Plumbers Local 464, remarks - 8 a.m., Center for People in Need, 3901 N. 27th St.

Monday, October 17

- Executive Club of Lincoln lunch, remarks - The Nebraska Club, U.S. Bank Building 233 S. 13th St.

Tuesday, October 18

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m.
- WorkWell annual meeting, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Rococo Theatre, 140 N. 13th St.
- Groundbreaking for Educare of Lincoln, remarks - 4 p.m., Belmont Elementary School, 3425 N. 14th St.

Wednesday, October 19

- Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development/Nebraska Department of Economic Development luncheon with Japanese business officials - 11:30 a.m., The Nebraska Club
- Nebraska State Bar Association President's Dinner - 7 p.m., Lied Center for Performing Arts, 301 N. 12th St.

LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

555 South 10th Street, Suite 213, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7491, fax 402-441-6377

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 14, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Planning Department, 402-441-6363

PUBLIC HEARING ON LPLAN2040 SET FOR TUESDAY

The City Council and Lancaster County Board will have a special joint public hearing Tuesday, October 18 on LPlan2040, the 10-year update to the Comprehensive Plan. The hearing begins at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th St. and will be aired on 5 CITY-TV, the government access channel on Time Warner Cable channel 5.

LPlan2040 looks ahead 30 years at how Lincoln will grow, where residents will live and work, and how they will travel. The City-County Planning Commission voted 8 - 0 to recommend approval of the Plan with amendments. The Plan, the amendments and the Planning Commission's recommendation are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: lplan). Printed copies of the Plan are available at any library branch or the City-County Planning Department, 555 S. 10th St.

In addition to testifying at the public hearing, the public may submit feedback in the following ways:

- Make online comments at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: plan).
- Contact the Planning Department at plan@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-441-7491.
- Send e-mail to the City Council (council@lincoln.ne.gov) or County Board (commish@lancaster.ne.gov).

The City Council and County Board are expected to take action to adopt LPlan2040 this month.

The draft Plan is the result of a year-long public process that included the guidance of a citizen group called the LPlan Advisory Committee (LPAC). LPAC included all nine members of the Planning Commission and 11 others appointed by Mayor Beutler to represent a broad range of interests. Hundreds of residents took part in community meetings and workshops, and thousands offered input on the website, the Virtual Town Hall and through other communications.

The transportation chapter of LPlan 2040 is a companion to a separate document known as the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is required for the City and County to receive federal transportation funds, and it must be adopted by the Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a separate agency with representation from the City, County and State. The MPO Officials Committee is expected to review and adopt the LRTP this year.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7043

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 14, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043

CITY ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO PLEDGE
FOR LINCOLN RECYCLES DAY

Residents are encouraged to make a pledge to improve their recycling habits over the next year as part of Lincoln Recycles Day Saturday, November 12. City Recycling Coordinator Gene Hanlon reminds residents of the difference they can make by recycling.

“By doing the right thing and recycling, we conserve resources and save valuable landfill space,” said Hanlon. “People can take their recyclables to one of the City’s 35 recycling dropoff sites or subscribe to curbside recycling services provided by a local business.”

Pledges may be submitted online at recycle.lincoln.ne.gov. Pledge cards are due November 18 and may be picked up and returned at 31 area locations. The locations include all Lincoln City Libraries; the Air Park, Calvert, Easterday, “F” Street and Irving Rec Centers; all Russ’s Market stores; and the following locations:

- A&J Recycling, 3250 N. 20th St., Suite 8
- A-Can Recycling, 3255 S. 10th St.
- Lincoln Journal Star, 926 “P” St.
- Alter Scrap Processing, 525 “N” St.
- Eco Stores, 530 W. “P” St.
- Interstate All Battery, 4310 N. 27th St.
- Downtown YMCA, 1039 “P” St.
- Fallbrook YMCA, 700 Penrose Dr., Suite B
- LaMars Donuts, 1601 “Q” St.
- Ivanna Cone, 701 “P” St.
- Open Harvest Co-op, 1618 South St.
- Sadoff Iron & Metal Company, 5510 N.W. 39th St.

Events on Lincoln Recycles Day, November 12 will include the following:

- Free wood waste recycling is available from 8 a.m to noon at Hofeling Enterprises, 2200 S. Folsom Ct..
- A free latex paint exchange is schedule from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at EcoStores Nebraska, 530 West “P” St..

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- Individuals can shred up to two boxes of paper at no charge from 9 to 11 a.m. at SouthPointe Pavilions (parking lot east of Famous Dave's, 27th Street and Pine Lake Road); North Star High School student parking lot, 5801 N. 33rd St.; and Lincoln High School senior parking lot, 2229 "J" St..

Other recycling events include the following:

- A free Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 15 at the Woods Park parking lot, 31st and "J" streets. Another HHW collection, by appointment only (402-441-8021), is set for November 18.
- A free Drug Take Back event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 29 at Guardian Angels Homecare, 3200 "O" St. and participating Walgreens stores: 84th and Holdrege; 2630 Pine Lake Road; 70th and Pioneers Blvd.; and 1404 Superior Street.
- For a unique educational opportunity, residents may visit Bennett Martin and Walt libraries or the UNL Student Union during regular hours through November 15 to see how plastic bottles are prepared for shipment prior to being recycled. Visitors can guess how many plastic bottles are in the display and enter for a chance to win a \$100 gift card from Russ's Market stores.

Lincoln Recycles Day is sponsored by the Solid Waste Operations Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department; WasteCap Nebraska; Lincoln Public Schools; Lincoln City Libraries and local recyclers.

The Lincoln Recycles Day pledge drive and collection events are in conjunction with America Recycles Day (ARD), recognized annually on November 15. Celebrating its 14th year, ARD has grown to include millions of Americans and is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products.

For more information on Lincoln Recycles Day, visit recycle.lincoln.ne.gov or call the Recycling Hotline at 402-441-8215.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Recycling Office, 2400 Theresa Street, Lincoln, NE 68521, 441-7043, fax 441-8735

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 14, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Gene Hanlon, Recycling Coordinator, 402-441-7043

RECYCLING DRIVE TO BENEFIT LPS PROGRAM

A month-long recycling drive to benefit the Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) Recycling Program starts tomorrow, Saturday, October 15. The City of Lincoln Recycling Office is cosponsoring the drive as part of America Recycles Day, Saturday, November 12. LPS will use proceeds from the drive for recycling collection containers and environmental education.

Through November 18, residents can take scrap metal and aluminum cans to Alter Scrap Processing, 525 "N" St., or Sadoff Iron & Metal Company, 5510 N.W. 39th St. and designate LPS to receive the proceeds. At the end of the drive, each business will match the public donations.

Traditional recyclables such as newspapers, office paper and magazines, cardboard, plastic (#1 through #5), and aluminum and steel cans can be taken to public drop-off sites at Midland Recycling, 440 "J" St., or Recycling Enterprises, 6100 N. 70th St. These businesses will make a \$60 donation to the LPS program for each ton of recyclables deposited at their sites.

Lincoln Recycles Day is sponsored by the Solid Waste Operations Division of the Public Works and Utilities Department; WasteCap Nebraska; LPS; Lincoln City Libraries; and local recyclers. For more information on Lincoln Recycles Day, call the Recycling Hotline at 402-441-8215.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
August 9, 2011

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Karla Lester.

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

Others Present: David Cary.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion: Moved by Ms. Schorr that the Agenda be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Smith. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion: Moved by Mr. Messineo that the July 12, 2011 Minutes be approved as mailed. Second by Dr. Schneider. Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the Mayor's Office appointed Mogien Boyd from Lincoln Benefit Life to the Board of Health to replace Dr. Cantarero. Mr. Boyd is being relocated to Chicago, IL and will be unable to serve on the Board of Health. Another replacement will be sought.

The Public Health Association of Nebraska will hold their annual conference October 13-14, 2011 in Grand Island, NE. She asked Board members to let Ms. Severe know if they plan to attend and she will complete the registration.

Ms. Halstead stated the Department will be working closely with the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln on their study regarding physical and mental health services in the community. Consultants hired by CHE will be looking at the capacity of the community to handle uninsured and underinsured individuals. The Endowment has contracted with Health Management Associates for the project and the initial meeting with interested parties and the consultants is August 22, 2011. It is expected HMA will issue their report by the end of December.

Ms. Halstead stated the Friends of Public Health organization is looking at ways to increase funding for the State's Health Care Cash Fund. This is the State funding that provides funding for public health departments across the State.

Dr. Schneider announced the NALBOH Annual Meeting will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho September 7-9, 2011. He encouraged Board members to attend. He asked Mr. Chess to provide an update on West Nile Virus cases. Mr. Chess reported there hasn't been significant numbers of Culex mosquitos in the community. He asked Ms. Halstead if there are plans to implement a City ordinance to address second hand smoke in multi-unit housing complexes. Ms. Halstead replied not at this time but staff continue to work with the owners and managers of these facilities to encourage them to be smoke free voluntarily

Dr. Peterson asked about the Graffiti Prevention Program. William Carver, Graffiti Prevention Coordinator, will provide a presentation at the September Board of Health Meeting.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

A. Environmental Public Health Fees

Mr. Chess stated staff are proposing amendments to the Lancaster County Resolutions, the Lincoln Municipal Code and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards. The fee increases, if approved, will allow the Department to generate the needed revenue to meet its budget for the coming year. He reviewed each of the programs including Water Wells, Property Transfers, Body Art, Waste Water Systems, Food, Noise, Pools, Spas, Air Pollution and the fee increases associated with each program.. If approved, the fees would generate an additional \$125,000 for the programs.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Schneider that the Board of Health approve the fee increases and forward them to the City Council and County Commissioners for consideration. Second by Dr. Snyder. Motion carried by a 7-0 vote.

B. Support of the Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Cary provided an update on the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department and Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization's LPlan 2040. He encouraged members to view the full plan online at: lplan2040.lincoln.ne.gov. He reviewed background information, the Community Vision, capacity, public process and

participation and vision statements. Other highlights of the Report include the future land use plan, urban growth, populations projections and housing demands. The Transportation Plan includes information on trails, transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects, roadway rehabilitation and improvements, energy considerations, parks and recreation and open spaces. Upcoming dates of interest include three Planning Commission public hearings on August 17, August 24, and September 7, 2011.

Board members thanked Mr. Cary for the updates and expressed their support for the Report and the health improvement section of the report. He stated a letter of support from the Board of Health would be appreciated.

Motion: Moved by Mr. Messineo that staff draft a letter of support to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission supporting the LPlan 2040 and specifically the health improvements section of the Plan for Board of Health review and approval at the September 13, 2011 Board of Health meeting. Second by Dr. Peterson. Motion carried by acclamation.

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Budget Update

Ms. Halstead stated the City Council held a hearing on the budget on August 8, 2011. No significant changes expect to be made related to Health's budget. The City Council will vote on the budget on August 22, 2011. The Lancaster County Commissioners will vote on their budget on August 30, 2011.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Letter of Support for the LPlan 2040 and Graffiti Program Update

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is September 13, 2011 - 5:00 PM.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark

Vice-President

DEPARTMENT REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2011

HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Health Director continues her work with Health Management Associates (HMA) and the Community Health Endowment (CHE) on the study regarding physical and mental health services in the community. HMA will issue their report to the public by the end of the year.
- The Health Director and staff participated in the Streets Alive Campaign on Sunday, September 25th. This was Citywide event where nearly 4 miles of streets were closed to vehicles, opening the streets to pedestrians. Participants ran, walked, skated, and biked the area streets to promote health and fitness.
- The LB692 and LB1060 Annual Reports were submitted to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. The Department received \$783,967.34 in FY11 for these programs.
- The Department is partnering on 3 CHE Spark! Grant Applications to 1) Increase Hands Only CPR with Lincoln Fire & Rescue; 2) Increase Knowing Medications with Lancaster County Medical Society and 3) coordination of diabetes test strips and diabetes testing equipment among safety net providers.
- Concluded settlement agreement with Mapes Industries for alleged air emission violation.
- Participated in meeting with City Departments and Lincoln developers/contractors to promote relationship building between entities.
- LIBA continues to welcome the Department in monthly luncheons and to provide WorkWell information to its members.
- The Department will participate in the United Way/Community Health Charities Campaign in October. The Administrative Aide is serving as the City-Wide Coordinator and Department Coordinator for the Campaign.
- Employee of the Month - Julie Anderson - Health Promotion & Outreach Division

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control September Stats

Sep 08-	Sep 09-	Sep 10-
Aug 09	Aug 10	Aug 11

Pet Licenses Sold	58,039	57,173	60,996
Cases Dispatched	19,166	15,306	22,534
Investigation	21,846	17,915	24,666
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	1920	2022	1917
Cats	1834	1733	1629
Court Citations Issued	217	312	450
Warnings/Defects Issued	6,234	2,059	12,615
Bite Cases Reported	444	484	500
Attack Cases Reported	73	96	81
Dogs Declared (PPD, DD, V)	148	159	153
Animal Neglect Investigations	782	763	822
Injured Animal Rescue	692	662	760
Wildlife Removal	482	367	564
Dead Animal Pickup	1591	1526	1964
Lost and Found Reports	2141	715	2335
Phone Calls	43,150	39,308	46,990
Average Response Time (in mins)	22	34	30

Animal Control ended the Fiscal Year with a few notable highlights:

1. Pet licenses were up from last year by 3,823 from FY 09-10 and up by 2,957 from FY 08-09.
2. Dispatch staff handled a total of 46,990 phone calls in FY10-11, an increase of 7,682 calls from FY 09-10 and 3,840 calls in FY 08-09.
3. A major focus on pet license defects resulted in officers and dispatch staff processing 12,615 defects, up from 2,059 in FY 09-10 and up from 6,234 in FY 08-09.
4. Staff picked up approximately 300 more dead animals this past year than in the previous two years. This is partially attributed the City Action Center.
5. 2,335 lost and found reports were processed representing an increase over the past two fiscal years.
6. Staff rescued more injured animals (760) and picked up more wildlife (564) this year than the past two years.
7. There were fewer dogs and cats impounded this past year than the past two years.

While all these statistics are reported each month the above highlights are a reflection of many circumstances including a growing population of people and pets.

- The Capital Humane Society sponsored a fundraiser on September 15th at Red 9 Downtown. The event was called Spay It Forward. Proceeds were dedicated to the new Capital Humane Society Adoption Center and half of the proceeds were given to the Health Department's spay/neuter grant program (approximately \$1200.00).
- The Animal Control Advisory Committee met on September 19th. The Committee is accepting nominations for an open position on the Committee. There have been six nominations to date and the Health Director will select an individual(s) in late October.
- The Animal Control Division will host a national training in February of 2012 at the Health Department. This is a one week training event that will be done in cooperation with the National Animal Control Association and will bring in participants from all over the United States. There are approximately 30 slots of which our Division will fill about 5 or 6. By hosting the event there is a large savings for us and we can send all 5 or 6 officers for about the price of 1 or 2 to an out of state training.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS/SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- Public Health Clinic staff continues to partner with schools in the county to encourage and provide vaccine for the new state requirements; (1) Kindergarten – 12th Grade: 2 doses of Varicella or written documentation of Varicella disease and (2) 7th Grade: 1 dose of Tdap (Pertussis booster). In August 2011, Immunization Clinic staff gave 1,702 vaccines to 576 children, which represents a 19% increase from the number of children vaccinated last month (July 2011) and a 5% increase from last August (August 2010).
- Lincoln Public Schools continues to report over 4,000 students still needing; a second dose of Varicella, documentation of the student's second dose of Varicella, or documentation that the student has had Chickenpox. Because this estimate has not decreased dramatically, the Public Health Clinic will offer two additional Saturday clinics exclusively for student in our county needing Varicella or Tdap. Clinics will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on October 15th and October 29th.

EHS TRAINING 2.0

- At the CHS Division Meeting on September 1, EHS Super Users presented "EHS Training 2.0". Super Users did an excellent job, receiving very complimentary feedback about the necessity of such training and the group format in which to present the material. EHS Super Users include; Annette Sturtz, Becky Hansen, Betsy Resch, Kris Saunders, Mary Christensen, Trish Harding and Trudy Franssen. Training topics included; (a) NESIIS (Nebraska State Immunization Information System) review, (b) merging fields in

automated letters to primary care providers, (c) moving quickly in multiple charts and using “quick views”, (d) medication module review, (e) Customer Relations organization of EHS priority issues, (f) problem list, pick list and order set development in the Immunization Clinic, the General Assistance Medical Clinic, I&R and Maternal-Child Health Services, and (g) template enhancements & immunization history entry review for Maternal-Child Health Services.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ENDOWMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

- CHS was involved in two Community Health Endowment (CHE) grant applications this month. Joan Anderson of LCMS has asked our GA clinic to serve as a pilot project to promote patient knowledge of their medications and quick communication in emergency and urgent care situations via carrying a current list of medications with them. Our part of the project will include educating clients on the importance of knowing their medications and handing out current medication lists to each GA client and a vinyl carrying case to hold the list. We will track patient compliance for grant reporting.
- The second application was submitted on behalf of a joint effort of healthcare safety-net providers to procure low/no cost diabetic supplies for poor and uninsured people with diabetes and to assure safety-net providers utilize the same glucometer and glucometer strips for consistent teaching. The project began this summer as the last known patient assistance program was eliminated. Through this project, those who are poor, uninsured, and homeless will receive glucometers and glucometer strips at no cost.

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC

World Breastfeeding Week

- Since the inaugural year of World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) celebrations in 1991, World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) has paved the way for hundreds of countries to join together and protect, promote, and support breastfeeding in their communities. The World Breastfeeding Week theme for August 1-7, 2011 focused on engaging and mobilizing youth intergenerational work with the slogan of: **"Talk to me! Breastfeeding - a 3D Experience"**. The theme dealt with communication at various levels and between various sectors. The concept connects very well with where LLCHD WIC is headed both with the upcoming computer system and the social marketing vehicles of Facebook and the updated website. These vehicles help in promoting public health issues, such as breastfeeding in a whole new way, to a whole different generation.
- To celebrate WBW this year, staff posted pictures of our breastfeeding mothers and babies on a wall in the waiting room. Interest in the display was high and families were

proud to be recognized for their contribution to a healthier society through breastfeeding. A press release was also submitted to the Lincoln Journal Star for publication.

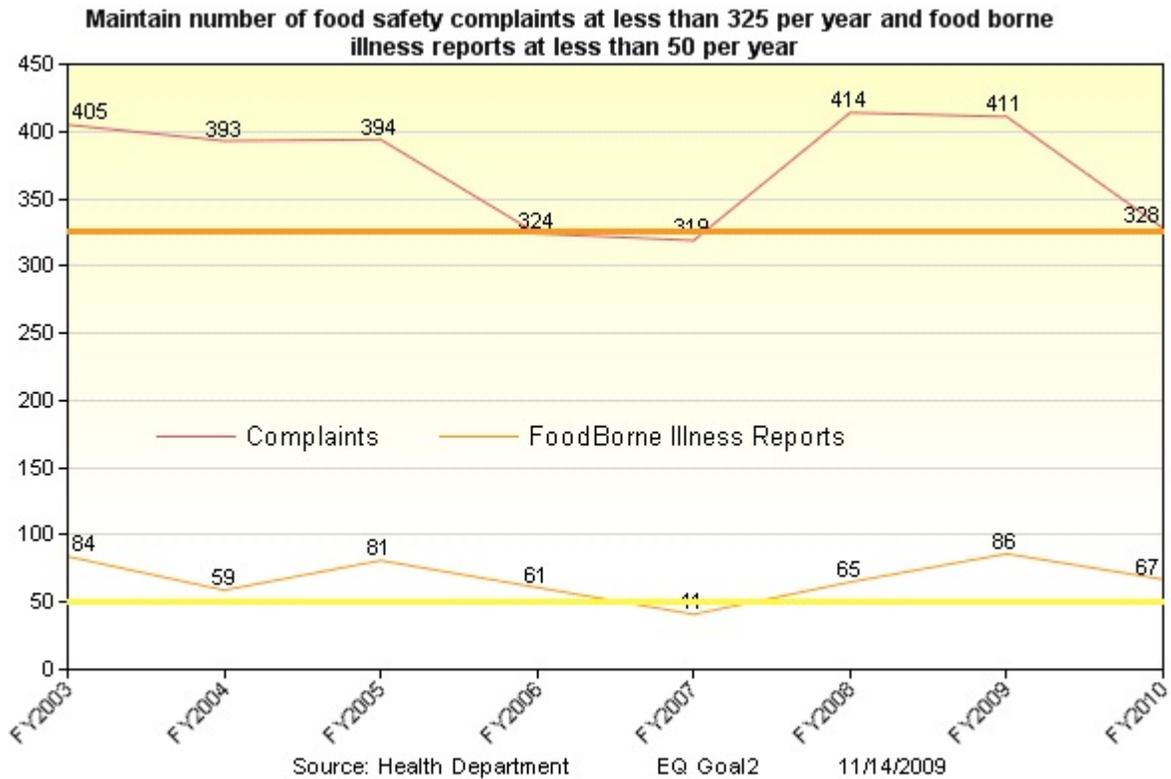
Dental Health

- For FY 2011, ending in August, the Dental Clinic staff provided a total of 8,892 patient visits for 3,232 patients. This is an additional 734 patient visits compared to FY 2010. Of the patients served in FY 2011, 53% were adults, 47% were children, 44% were enrolled in Medicaid, 37% were step 1, receiving services at the minimum fee for service, 4% were enrolled in General Assistance and 15% of the clients fell in the range of Step 2-4, receiving services on a sliding fee scale.
- Dental staff received notification from NDHHS of continuation of funding (year 2) for our Fluoride Varnish program targeting Early Head Start children. Staff targeted children at the Early Head Start Development Center with education and fluoride varnish applications twice in an eight month period, with over 48 children participating in the program. In addition, staff targeted home based enrolled children and pregnant women through Community Action Partnerships for Lancaster and Saunders County, with 16 non-English speaking children and families participating in the program. Dental staff plan to meet regularly with home health advocates to explore ways in which to increase participation of the home based enrolled families.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Food Establishments

- The Food Safety Program protects human health by reducing the risk of foodborne illness through training food handlers, issuing permits, conducting inspections, responding to consumer complaints, providing consultation and taking enforcement actions. LLCHD permits and inspects about 1,300 food establishments in Lancaster County, including restaurants, grocery stores, temporary booths, mobile units, events and farmers' markets. Lincoln has implemented the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. The standardized approach has improved food safety in Lancaster County by reducing foodborne illness. Inspection intervals are risk based and range from 1 to 2 times per year, and our goal is to inspect 95% of food establishments within established risk based intervals. Another key indicator used as part of the Mayor's priority based budgeting process is to maintain number of food safety complaints at less than 325 per year and food-borne illness reports at less than 50 per year. The Chart below give data through FY 10. In FY 11, we had 305 total complaints, with just 45 food borne illness complaints.



- Enforcement actions are taken when violations pose a risk to the public’s health. All food establishment employees must have food handler permits and each establishment must have a Food Manager in charge of the operation. Each year over 10,000 Foodhandler Permits and over 500 Food Protection Manager Permits are issued. Foodhandler training and permits are available both on-line through an interactive training program developed with UNL and via in-person classes. About two thirds of the food handlers are now obtaining their permit on-line. Foodhandler classes are also offered at least twice a week and Spanish classes are offered twice per month.
- The Food Advisory Committee advises the Health Department on all food safety matters. Regulated sources must hold permits to sell food to the public. A large amount of technical assistance is provided to regulated sources.

Technology/Information Services

- The city of Lincoln Development Services Center (DSC) has selected Accela Automation to replace the current Permits Plus database and permits management system. This new software holds great promise for better integrating Geographic Information Systems with our data, improving customer access to permits online, and enhancing inspections in the field. A City level project team has been created and orientation training is now underway for key Environmental Public Health staff. A huge amount of work will be necessary to

create new Accela Automation applications and move existing data into this new system. EPH is working closely with LLCHD's Information and Fiscal Management Division on implementation, which is expected to take 12 to 18 months.

HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) exercise that took place on September 12th and 13th went well. In an event that requires SNS supplies, the LLCHD is the hub site for receiving supplies for the Health Department and two neighboring health departments, Four Corners and Public Health Solutions. The primary purpose of the exercise was to test the readiness of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) to receive and redistribute medical supplies from the SNS, but the request process and protocols were also tested. A brief summary of the functional exercise will be provided to the Board of Health.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease Prevention

- Staff from the HPO Tobacco Prevention, Physical Activity/Nutrition, Early Development Network, ActionNow Diabetes Prevention Coalition, and Injury Prevention (bike safety/bike rodeo) participated in the Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln's "Streets Alive" event on September 25. Streets Alive is a concept that has been done in a few cities around the country where streets are closed to motorized traffic and opened to 'human-powered' transportation - walking, biking, skateboarding, rollerblading, strollers, wheelchairs- all to bring awareness to the benefits of being physically active and of the many healthy resources that Lincoln has to offer. Fifty-eight agencies/programs were represented along a 3 mile loop that included 33rd Street from 'O' to 'A', Neighbors Park, bike trails along Antelope Valley, 'N' Street to the Health Department and the walking/biking trails through Woods Park. Mayor Chris Beutler "opened the streets" to an estimated 2,500 participants and, along with his wife, walked the route. Feedback from those showcasing their programs and those traveling the route has been excellent. A more formal evaluation of impact of this event is in progress. From the standpoint of our Health Promotion staff, we were pleased at the large number of people who did self-assessments on diabetes risk, participated in the bike safety activities, learned about the referral process for the Early Intervention Network, asked for help in quitting tobacco, and learned how to walk/bike safely from home to school and back.

Injury Prevention

- Community interest in child passenger safety seat inspections continues to be high with most appointments filled at each inspection event. In September, events were hosted by Duteau Chevrolet and Novartis at their locations with 19 and 20 seats checked respectively. Staff coordinate these events but rely on the 7 to 9 certified technicians needed for each event that volunteer their time to check the car seats.

Summer Food Service Program

- The Summer Food Service Program ended on August 12 after 52 days of operation. The annual audit by the Nebraska Department of Education Nutrition Services verified that 112,514 meals were provided to more than 3,000 low income children. Approximately 40% of the meals are breakfasts.

Worksite Health Promotion

- Efforts to increase interest among small businesses in worksite health are yielding results with the following new members: Food Bank of Lincoln, Advantage Personnel, Voice News, the Nebraska Safety Council, Office Interiors and Design, and Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. In addition a local Ob-gyn office has indicated interest in becoming a WorkWell member.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- Fiscal Operations staff completed year-end activities --closing out FY 2011 and are in the process of setting up reports for FY 2012.
- Staff continue to refine the Time, Activity and Leave Reporting application based on feedback from staff who are testing the application.
- HIPPA privacy and security risk analysis work continues. A vulnerability scan has been completed, reviewed and action steps are being implemented in September and October. Security analysis has been begun on software applications that include protected health information. The Risk Analysis Team meets monthly.



NEWS RELEASE

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 14, 2011
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lisa Henning, 402-441-8049

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF HELPING BUSINESSES HAVE HEALTHY EMPLOYEES

WorkWell is recognizing its 25th anniversary on October 18th with former Major League Baseball pitcher and cancer survivor, Dave Dravecky, bringing his message of healthy living to more than 300 business people committed to worksite wellness. Dravecky will be the keynote presenter for WorkWell's 25th anniversary banquet. Mayor Chris Beutler and Charlie Meyer, President of the Lincoln Salt Dogs and WorkWell Board Chairman, will open the program which runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Rococo Theatre, 13th and P Streets.

WorkWell, a program of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, helps businesses establish quality worksite wellness programs. While worksite wellness programs are financially beneficial to businesses, "corporate leaders in wellness are committed to people first," said Lisa Henning, director of WorkWell. "Wellness leaders in our community are concerned about the health and quality of life for their people making that their driving force to provide wellness programs for their employees and families."

This anniversary recognition also features Governor Dave Heineman and Dr. Joann Schaefer, Nebraska's Chief Medical Officer, presenting nineteen businesses with the Governor's Excellence in Wellness Award. Businesses receiving this award have worksite wellness programs that have contributed to measurable improvement in employee health.

In addition, WorkWell will recognize its 2011 Wellness Champions. The Leadership Award will be given to an individual who has inspired others to live healthy lifestyles. An achievement award will be given to an individual who has made significant personal health changes.

For more information about the WorkWell banquet, contact Lisa Henning at 402-441-8049 or Michelle Willet at 402-441-5538.

Jean Preister

From: Michele M. Abendroth
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 2:09 PM
Subject: Announcement: LPlan 2040 Hearing & Proposed Amendments

As a reminder, the City Council and County Board have scheduled a **Special Joint Public Hearing** on LPlan 2040 on **Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.**, in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The draft LPlan 2040 document, which is the Planning Commission's recommendation to the City Council and County Board, can be found at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/plan.htm>. In addition, the October 13, 2011 memorandum to the City Council and County Board, together with four staff-recommended proposed amendments can be found at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/lplan2040/hearings.htm>.

All written comments and testimony provided to the Planning Commission have been forwarded to the City Council and County Board for their consideration, together with additional comments received since the Planning Commission hearing. You are welcome to testify at this joint hearing or you may submit additional comments to council@lincoln.ne.gov and commish@lancaster.ne.gov.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information at 402-441-6363 or ntooze@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

Nicole Fleck-Tooze
Long Range Planning Manager
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department

Jean Preister

From: Jean Preister
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 3:07 PM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: updated

-----Original message-----

From: Village of Bennet <bennetvlg@diodecom.net>
To: debschorr@aol.com
Sent: Wed, Oct 12, 2011 22:47:52 GMT+00:00
Subject: updated

To whom it may concern;

Last evening the Village of Bennet board of trustees held their monthly meeting and reviewed your letter addressed September 30th regarding the L2040 plan and proposed zoning adjustment for future land use in the Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan for the area of the highway 43 and highway 2 intersections.

While we agree future land use plans are an important tool and help identify areas of development, without more specific details we hesitate to support the proposed amendment. The Village of Bennet's current comprehensive plan identifies areas for commercial and industrial development that we would encourage you and developers to consider prior to allowing current agriculture land to be modified to invite developers away from small communities that are currently struggling. Our community can support growth and would rather see adjustments to attract these types of opportunities closer to our city limits.

Please feel free to contact our village office for a copy of our comprehensive plan and thank you for the opportunity to submit comment.

Sincerely,

Justin Apel Village of Bennet Chairman

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City of Lincoln
Planning

Historic Preservation Commission Agenda

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a regular public meeting on Thursday, **October 20, 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.

Agenda of October 20, 2011

1. Approval of HPC meeting record of [September 15, 2011](#) and joint HPC/UDC meeting record of [September 8, 2011](#).
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION

* Memo from [Ed Zimmer](#)

3. Application by Greg Munn on behalf of Chi Phi Fraternity for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at the Weil House, 1149 S. 17th Street, a designated landmark and a contributing property within the Capitol Addition Landmark District.
4. Application by Craig Smith for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 151 North 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.
5. Application by Monte Froelich for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 129 North 10th Street, Old Federal Building/Grand Manse.

DISCUSSION

6. Staff Report

For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit:
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/hist/index.htm>

The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 p.m. For more information, email the Planning Department at plan@lincoln.ne.gov, or call 441-7491.

 [History List](#)



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AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, October 21, 2011 – 9:30 A.M.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the September 16, 2011 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board**
- 3. Comments from Customers**
- 4. Committee Reports**
 - A. Budget & Rates Committee
 - B. Finance & Audit Committee
 - C. Personnel & Organization Committee
 1. Amendment to LES Employees’ Retirement Plan - LES Resolution 2011-13
 2. Amendment to LES Deferred Compensation Plan - LES Resolution 2011-14
 3. Consideration and Action Regarding IBEW Meter Reader Bargaining Unit - LES Resolution 2011-15
 - a. Executive Session
 - D. District Energy Corporation Report
- 5. Administrator & CEO Reports**
 - A. 3rd Quarter 2011 Financial Review and Forecast
 - B. Report on Public Budget and Rate Adjustment Discussion
 - C. Report on Status of Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR)
 - D. United Way/Community Health Charities/Community Services Fund Results
- 6. Chief Operating Officer’s Reports**
 - A. Quarterly Power Supply Report
 - B. 2011 Customer Power Purchase Program Report
 - C. 2011 Third Quarter Indicators
- 7. Other Business**
 - A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
 - B. Miscellaneous Information
- 8. Adjournment**

2012 Budget and Rates Public meeting – October 25, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Center for People in Need
Special Administrative Board meeting – November 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Lincoln Electric Building
Next Regular Administrative Board meeting Friday, November 18, 2011.

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 4:47 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Donald Glaser
Address: 4207 N 20th Street
City: Lincoln, NE 68521

Phone: 402-617-8242
Fax:
Email: dglaser@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:

Today I had to call animal control. A dog was running loose in our developemnt causing a danger to itself and other animails (mine in particular as the unleased animail kept running towards my tethered animal, nipping at him and then running away). In fact, while I was trying to get someone to come out, a van almost hit the unleased animal as it ran into the street.

The person who took my call would not identify herself. I had asked her name as I routinely like to know who I am speaking to. This woman refused to id herself simply stating she didn't had to give me that information. I also felt needed a name to verify to some extent that I indeed request assisance. The lady on the other end said someone would get out to look for the animal in a hour or so. Maybe a less, but it could be longer.

I am flabbergasted by the insolent dismissive attitude of this city worker, who ultimatley slammed the phone down and hung up without so much as have a nice day and and thanks for calling.

Seriously, I am in in the habit of being treated so rudely my anyone, let along someone who in this economy should feel blessed to has a job.

I would love to discuss this with somone as length.

Yours,

Donald J Glaser

Mary M. Meyer

From: Eric Kamler [ekamler2032@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 2:21 AM
To: Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Carl B. Eskridge; Eugene W. Carroll; Adam A. Hornung; DiAnna R. Schimek; Mary M. Meyer
Subject: Council Meeting Tomorrow
Attachments: GB #6 Alpha Gamma Rho Directive.doc; Letter to Lincoln City Council for AGR.doc

Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I first would like to apologize for the tardiness of this message being sent to you, but today on your agenda is a vote in regards to the final approval of the construction process to a project that has an impact on a group of student here at UNL. Attached is an official letter of support for the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity housing project from UNL's Student Government and also the Government Bill that ASUN Senate voted to approve last Wednesday.

Feel free to view them before the Council meeting.

Thank you and God Bless,

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Eric M. Kamler

ASUN Student Government Senator for CASNR
ASUN Government Liaison Committee Chairman
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity
EK Farms Co.

PRESIDENTIAL SIGNATURE

DATE

Eric M Kamler
Chairman ASUN Government Liaison Committee

October 17, 2011



Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I hope this message finds you in the very best. I am Eric Kamler, a Student Government Senator from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln representing the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. In addition to my role as a senator with ASUN Student Government, I also serve as Chairman of the Government Liaison Committee, the lobbying branch of our Student Government.

The Government Liaison Committee investigates and researches legislation/government issues and actions that may affect any number of students at the UNL campus and lobbies on their behalf.

It has been brought to our attention that an issue affecting a group of students directly is on the Council's meeting agenda today for final approval and that is the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity housing construction project.

After in-depth analysis and research into the fraternity's proposed project and a vote of approval by the ASUN Senate on October 12, UNL's ASUN Student Government officially endorses and supports final approval of this project by the Lincoln City Council and recommends the Council to vote in favor of the construction of the new fraternity house.

The project is expected to bring renewed life to the campus as a new fraternity house on East Campus, in addition to a new East Campus Rec Center, will add to the growth and continued improvement of student life for UNL.

In addition to that, the new house will bring a potential draw to future businesses seeking to expand their roots in the 33rd and Holdrege neighborhood.

We at ASUN look forward to working and cooperating with the Lincoln City Council on future projects and opportunities across Lincoln as well as this one. Please don't hesitate to contact me or the ASUN office for any additional details.

Truly,

Eric M. Kamler
Chairman ASUN Government Liaison Committee
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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

October 14, 2011

Lincoln City Council
555 South 9th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: PROPOSED DESIGN COMPETITION

To the Members of the Lincoln City Council:

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Nebraska represents engineering firms across the state. We are the advocate on behalf of our members for the promotion and protection of our members' business interests while contributing to the safety and welfare of citizens.

We recently had an opportunity to do just that with staff from Engineering Services. Engineering Services contacted us to join them in discussion about a unique approach to a unique project. Engineering Services was contemplating the use of a "design competition" to select the firm to perform the final design for the area that includes intersections of Old Cheney Road at 14th Street and Old Cheney Road at Warlick Blvd.

We met with personnel from Engineering Services to discuss the parameters of a design competition and to offer perspective from private industry. We appreciated the opportunity to do so. Bringing in industry perspective early can help avoid unintended consequences later.

We discussed the competition angle with our colleagues and the ACEC/N Board of Directors. The consensus from those discussions was that while this type of process is not right for most occasions, in rare instances a competition may be the best way to approach the situation. The double intersection of Old Cheney Road with South 14th Street and Warlick Blvd. intersection may be one of those instances.

Our members were more inclined to participate in such a competition if the firms participating would be compensated in whole for their professional services in recognition that the ideas they generate are owned by the City and could be transferred to the single firm ultimately selected. Since three independent ideas could be combined in the final best solution, the requested work products combined are much more extensive and complex than the typical response to an RFP. The participating firms are selling their design effort as well as their concepts for potential use by others.

By selecting three firms to participate in the competition, the City will receive three independent, very well vetted alternatives to the configuration of these intersections. The City will also have the 3D simulations to share with the public and most importantly to note, the City will own the designs at the end of the competition.

A letter was included in earlier pre-council materials that could have been construed as representing the industry however, that letter did not accurately reflect our industry's position on this matter.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the competition in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



Jackie McCullough, Executive Director
ACEC/N

**MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011**

Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Jon Camp; Doug Emery; Carl Eskridge; and DiAnna Schimek

Absent: Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; and Jonathan Cook

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director; Jim Peschong, Police Chief; Vince Mejer, Purchasing Agent; Jocelyn Golden, Assistant City Attorney; Roger Figard, City Engineering; Bob Walls, Assistant Purchasing Agent; and Rod Confer, City Attorney

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Ross distributed the LPlan 2040 Special Joint Public Hearing agenda for Tuesday, October 18th, and Motions to Amend to the Comprehensive Plan, two, three, and four.

Ross stated Items 9 through 17 are liquor license applications. Item 9 stands alone as it is a catering license. The following will be called together: Items 10&11, 12&13, 14&15, 16&17, and 18, 19&20. All applicants have been advised.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler presents September Award of Excellence to a team from the City's Police and Building and Safety Departments.
2. Fiscal Impact Statement: Public Works and Utilities/StarTran.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Urban Development Director Dave Landis will hold a news conference on Thursday, October 13th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303, to discuss additional tax revenue the City receives from projects using tax increment financing (TIF).
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler says use of TIF is building stronger community.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. List of Administrative Amendments which were approved by the Planning Director from October 4, 2011 through October 10, 2011.
2. Draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan - Additional Public Comments and Proposed Amendments. (On file in the City Council Office)
3. Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting agenda for October 20, 2011.

SAFETY DIRECTOR TOM CASADY

Hoppe introduced Safety Director Casady for update on Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Casady stated first we're undertaking a merger of fleet maintenance services. Lincoln Fire and Rescue, the city small fleet, and the Public Works heavy equipment fleet. Will maintain small vehicles, vans, SUV's, pickup trucks of Fire and Rescue at the police garage, where all city passenger vehicles are maintained. A little less than half of garage maintenance are police vehicles, and light vehicle maintenance for all city agencies except Fire and Rescue, which will change.

We have a fire mechanic vacancy and trying to change some responsibilities. When we move into the Municipal

Service Center have discussed defining fleet operations for fire trucks, engines, and the rest of Public Works equipment as possible. Envision a maintenance shop in a few years for large equipment, diesel, heavy equipment at the MSC. The shop for small equipment, passenger vehicles, light trucks will be the police garage.

Secondly, we're in the mist of a national reorganization of Lincoln Fire and Rescue. When accepting this position, Chief Peschong moved up, vacating an Assistant Chief in Lincoln Fire and Rescue. Will not fill the position. To cover duties previously held by the Chief and two assistant Chiefs will divide with management staff, essentially the Battalion Chiefs. The position will not be filled or be in the budget in this coming year.

Thirdly is the study of fire stations relocation. While Casady presented the PowerPoint presentation he explained with Lincoln's 14 fire stations, the last one, Station 14 in the Highlands, opened in 1995. Since then Lincoln has grown the equivalent of Grand Island and Auburn. We're not keeping pace with fire stations. It costs approximately \$1 million a year to staff a fire station with 12 firefighters, with salary and benefits. Cannot see happening shortly, and looking at our resources to create an improvement in coverage area and deal with growth without adding to the payroll. Presented the overlap of response areas, now occurring in desired areas. Camp asked if the overlap was fire and medical with the response being yes. Casady added it does look a little different if only fire. He explained the areas of most need, and areas more than 4 minutes in travel time at the speed limit. The PowerPoint also showed Fire and Medical dispatches more than 4 minutes from a fire station. The workload tends to be in the north central area.

Casady stated now looking at possible strategic moves to move a fire station, a medical station, or set up a medic station and separate the medic unit from the engine company. Would do with the same number of personnel and achieve improvements in our responses. Casady added do think there's a scenario where we can move stations, compare the capital construction costs and staffing numbers, giving examples of different percentages of money spent. Should have a proposal somewhere around the first of the year.

Eskridge stated he has heard protection questions on fire and police getting in areas where the roads have closed. Casady replied they deal with major construction and plan responses around the areas closed to traffic.

TOWING CONTRACT

Hoppe stated Council sent the towing contract bid back to be rebid two weeks ago. Now soliciting advice on possibly moving to a potential new contractor in the middle of winter, presenting challenges. The question is extending the current contract, as we do the bid, or if we bid and take our chances of what happens in the winter.

Peschong stated he has concerns of moving to a new contractor if at the same time of snow. We have a contractor who uses the lot for their private tows, and they'll be interested in getting their vehicles out of the lot. A new contractor will need to learn the ropes. In the meantime we have Police trying to clear the streets, for Public Works to remove snow. A lot of dynamics occur at that point. To have a new contractor could be difficult for everyone. We're moving into fall and winter. Would like to switch in the spring, minimizing the effect. We have a contractor who will move out, and a new contractor going in all during winter.

Carroll asked if the current contract is allowed an extension? Mejer replied yes. Carroll asked if we could name a time period to extend? Mejer said in discussions with law we can extend for six months. The other part is last time most bidders said the transition period is three months. Eskridge asked when the current contract expires? Walla replied it expires the end of this month. Carroll stated would need to send a document saying we're

extending the contract for six months. Mejer agreed adding they have to agree to it.

OCCUPY LINCOLN

Hoppe stated Camp requested information on the protestors putting up tents and protesting at Centennial Mall. He wanted the legal basis and what ordinances may, or may not, be violated. Camp commented he did wonder if it's city land. Golden stated it's right of way so they're permitted to be there, with no time restrictions, and no current ordinance against camping on the city right of way. Casady added contrary to popular opinion it's not a City park, but public right of way land. As long as laws are not violated merely being there is not a violation, as in city parks with hours of operation. Centennial Mall is open to public access 24 hours. Camp commented for years discussed redoing Centennial Mall, would it be wise when done to have a designation of a park? Golden replied they discussed what is wanted with Centennial Mall, have restrictions, or as city right of way?

Casady stated a similar area is our trails network. Last summer discussed the problem about people sleeping under some Antelope Valley bridges. Same problem but this is not a dedicated city park.

Hoppe added there is an ordinance of not holding a political protest 150 feet from a school in operation. St. Mary's appears to be pretty close to the length. Chief Peschong spoke to them suggesting the protest political aspects be aimed towards L instead of K Street, observing the 150 feet. We need to clarify exactly what is a protest. Golden stated picketing or demonstrating. Confer commented demonstration. Our concern is if we prevent a demonstration you implicate the First Amendment considerations and open up to a civil rights action.

Hoppe stated any Counsel resolution will be forwarded to City Council. If suggesting the 150 foot rule needs to be observed they could adhere by moving a little to the north. Casady added we might think of events in front of the State Capitol, on the north side of K Street, and am sure some of the protests, demonstrations, or rallies are within 150 feet of St. Mary's property line. We are trying hard to avoid a situation where the police department becomes a spark for an incident, since this is happening across the US. We have met with the event's organizers and happy to report the people we deal with have been responsive and helpful. Camp asked if this possibly encourages homeless to start camping out? Hoppe suggested a short meeting later.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

Camp spent some time in York, England and shared his comparisons to Lincoln. He presented photos of public works truck, garbage truck, a series of grates, buses, railway station, bike trails and a bike resting spot. Also, the smallest roundabout, a fire truck, and police mobile office. A fire station, ambulances. A cluster meter, a yield sign, street signs, farmers market. Various businesses.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Hoppe distributed an email from a math teacher in Ohio who described their visit to Lincoln for the Ohio State game, praising the treatment they received from Lincoln's citizens.

Figard stated each Council Member received an invite from the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. Figard volunteered for this year's meeting, which will be Friday morning, in the City Council Chambers, and broadcast on Channel 5. Not a lot of Lincoln residents are very familiar with the Board of Public Roads. If you attend you will not be asked to do anything at the meeting. Also, the invite is extended to any

interested directors. Most Board members who come to Lincoln arrive Thursday afternoon. We'll take a tour of downtown projects, i.e. the Antelope Valley, West Haymarket. Again, Council is invited. The meeting agenda is attached with the invite.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Memo from Mike Eckert to Duane Dowd regarding an Application to Construct Access prepared by Civil Design.
 - a) Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) Application to Construct Access.
2. Email from Allison Bruggeman with comments on the 14th and Superior Roundabout and meeting.
3. Notice of public meeting regarding the roundabout for 14th and Superior Streets.
4. Correspondence from Jane Rihanek sharing her concerns with the 14th and Superior Streets Roundabout Project.
5. Email from Stan Kuta stating reasons not to have a roundabout at 14th and Superior Streets, with alternative suggestions.
6. Email from Carol Grell registering her concerns about the proposed roundabout at the intersection of 14th and Superior Street.
7. Email from Roger Dutcher opposed to the roundabout at 14th and Superior stating his worry about safety.
8. InterLinc correspondence from Jessica Dubas with many questions after attending the roundabout meeting regarding 14th and Superior Streets. Never available for citizens to vote on or to give opinions ahead of construction.
9. Email from Jodi Delozier asking Council not to support the upcoming LES rate increase.
10. Email from Noreen Niemann in opposition to the roundabout at 14th and Superior Street. Also, building a bridge crossing instead of a tunnel would be far safer.

VII. ADJOURNMENT