

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011
555 S. 10TH STREET, ROOM 113
2:00 P.M.**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Separation of grass and leaves ends Thursday, December 1, 2011.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Public Building Commission recommends purchase of building.

III. DIRECTORS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER

1. Information received from Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Director, regarding developing a national code; as received from the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, re: Item #20 on formal agenda.
2. Communication from Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Director, giving furnace price comparisons (Item # 20 on formal agenda).
3. Safety aspects of 90% furnaces, received from Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Director, in connection with Item #20 on the formal agenda.

PARKS AND RECREATION CENTER

1. Agenda for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to be held December 8, 2011.
 - a) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes of Thursday, November 10, 2011.

FINANCE/TREASURER

1. Monthly City Cash Report at the close of business October 31, 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission, November 30, 2011.
2. Final action by the Planning Commission, November 30, 2011.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendments approved by the Planning Director from November 22, 2011 through November 28, 2011.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Greening Lincoln flyer for the Everett neighborhood.
2. Greening Lincoln flyer in Spanish.

WEED AUTHORITY

1. Weed Abatement Program newsletter for Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln, monthly report for November, 2011.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email from Robert Converse, Retired HVAC service manager, giving reasons why Lincoln should not approve the proposed ordinance to ban 80% efficient furnaces in Lincoln, and giving link to the APGA web site.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Michael Mumaugh working on a project regarding electricity rates, and the City Council's perspective on setting rates.
3. InterLinc mail from Sheri Anderson with questions on how the City Council works.
4. Email from Billie Bussmann on the 90% furnace requirements issue. Some Lincoln homes would need extensive structural changes to install, at considerable expense.
5. InterLinc correspondence from Nolan Denker in which he gives reasons to support government funded art projects.
6. InterLinc mail from Barbara van den Berg stating the police department and parks and recreation personnel cooperative in dealing with the Occupiers. Hopefully this attitude will prevail with the teepee.
7. Ken Svoboda email asking that the Public Building Commission special meeting be postponed until appropriate notice is given.
8. Email from Robin Eschliman regarding buildings for sale next to City property and the engineering building.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: November 29, 2011

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

SEPARATION OF GRASS AND LEAVES ENDS THURSDAY

Beginning Thursday December 1, Lincoln and Lancaster County residents will no longer be required to separate grass and leaves from their household trash.

The Nebraska Integrated Solid Waste Management Act requires that grass and leaves be separated from household trash from April 1 through November 30 of each year. During these months, the grass and leaves are diverted to the City's compost facility, and local waste haulers charge a separate fee for the yard waste collection.

Residents can place their grass and leaves with their household trash from December 1 through March 31, however additional fees may be charged for their regular waste collection based on the volume and weight of the leaves and grass collected.

More information on the City's recycling program is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycling).

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

County-City Property Management, 920 "O" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7355

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 1, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Don Killeen, Building Administrator, 402-441-7356

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS
PURCHASE OF BUILDING

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Public Building Commission (PBC) today voted at a special meeting to recommend the purchase of the office building at 825 "J" Street for \$1.77 million. The property would be leased back to the current owner, Alfred Benesch and Company, for \$200,664 annually for five years. The recommendation now goes to the City Council and County Board for approval, and both bodies will have public hearings on the purchase.

Don Killeen, City-County Building Administrator, said Alfred Benesch and Company approached the PBC about the purchase and lease-back. The company has a policy of not owning its corporate office facilities. Killeen said the property has been in the PBC's master plan area for many years.

The building, directly west of the County-City Building and the Justice and Law Enforcement Center, has 19,668 square feet on the ground floor and 5,256 square feet on a lower level. After the lease expires, Killeen said the building could be used to consolidate County operations now located in other facilities.

The PBC is responsible for the management of buildings jointly owned by the City and County. The current members are County Commissioners Larry Hudkins and Jane Raybould, City Council members Gene Carroll and Jonathan Cook, and former City Council member Linda Wilson, the at-large public representative.

Alfred Benesch and Company in Lincoln was previously known as HWS Consulting Group. HWS has been in Lincoln since 1944 and has been located at 825 "J" Street since 1966. Jim Linderholm, Business Development Manager of Benesh, said the company plans to continue to have a strong presence in Lincoln.



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IAPMO's code development process is an open consensus process accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). The process invites the participation of the IAPMO members and the general public. Anyone may participate by attending committee meetings, proposing changes to the *Uniform Plumbing Code* and *Uniform Mechanical Code*, speaking to the IAPMO membership at IAPMO's Annual Education and Business Conference or appealing a matter to the Standards Council. The procedures which govern the code development process are known as the [Regulations Governing Committee Projects](#).

The *UPC* and *UMC* are developed under a [three-year cycle](#). The first major step in the process is the [Call for Proposals](#). During this period, anyone may submit a proposed code change to the current edition of the *Uniform Plumbing and/or Mechanical Code*. During the spring meeting scheduled in year two of the cycle, the [Plumbing Technical Committee](#) and [Mechanical Technical Committee](#) reviews all proposed changes to the codes. Shortly after their meeting, the committees are balloted on whether to accept, amend or reject the proposed code changes. Such actions are printed and made available to the public in August in the [Report on Proposals](#).

Following the publication of the Report on Proposals, the [Assembly Consideration Session](#) takes place at IAPMO's Annual Education and Business Conference in the end of year two of the code development process. At this session, anyone in the assembly may speak for or against an action taken by the committee as published in the ROP, and may move that the assembly consider a different action on a particular proposed code change. If a motion is successful, it is sent to the Technical Committee for their consideration and action at their next scheduled meeting.

All Assembly Comments are submitted to the Technical Committees along with all other membership and public comments during the [Call for Comment](#) period.

At their spring meeting in year three of the code development cycle, the Technical Committees review and act on all comments. IAPMO members and others are invited to participate in this open meeting. The committee's actions are published in the [Report on Comments](#). Then, at the Annual Education and Business Conference held that year, IAPMO holds the Association Technical Meeting Convention where IAPMO members have a final opportunity to voice their opinion on the language which will be published in the next editions of the *UPC* and *UMC*.

Following the Association meeting, IAPMO members and other interested parties have the opportunity to [appeal](#) to the [IAPMO Standards Council](#) with regard to procedural or substantive matters. [Petitions](#) may also be filed with the [Board of Directors](#) regarding decisions of the Standards Council.

The IAPMO consensus code development process is open to anyone who has an interest in plumbing or mechanical systems. IAPMO members have a voice and a vote throughout the entire process.

If you have any questions regarding the development of the *UPC* or *UMC*, please contact a member of the IAPMO Code Development Department at 909-472-4100 or at codesdept@iapmo.org.

* REVISED - UPC and UMC Code Development Timeline for 2012 Code Cycle

May 4-8, 2009	Technical Committee Meetings
September 27 - October 1, 2009	IAPMO Annual Education and Business Conference
October 12, 2009	Call for Proposals
February 1, 2010	Deadline for submission of proposals
March 29, 2010	Distribute proposals to committees
April 26-30, 2010	Technical Committee meetings
May 5, 2010	Initial ballot to Technical Committee
May 28, 2010	Receipt of initial ballots, Circulation of comments
June 7, 2010	Final closing date for ballots, including receipt of vote changes based on re-circulated comments
August 2, 2010	Distribution of <i>Report on Proposals (ROP)</i>
September 27-30, 2010	IAPMO Annual Education and Business Conference, Assembly Consideration Session
October 4, 2010	Call for Comments
January 4, 2011	Deadline for submission of comments
March 25, 2011	Distribute comments to committees
May 2-6, 2011	Technical Committee meetings
May 16, 2011	Initial ballots to Technical Committees
May 30, 2011	Receipt of initial ballots, Circulation of comments
June 8, 2011	Final closing date for ballots, including receipt of vote changes based on re-circulated comments
August 22, 2011	Distribution of <i>Report on Comments (ROC)</i>
September 25-29, 2011	IAPMO Annual Education and Business Conference, Technical Meeting Convention
September 30, 2011	Ballot of Technical Committees on membership amendments from floor; two-thirds vote of approval required from the Technical Committee
October 7, 2011	Receipt of initial ballots, Re-circulate comments to Technical Committee members
October 14, 2011	Final closing date of ballots and receipt of vote changes based on re-circulated comments
November 8-10, 2011	Standards Council Meeting
December 9, 2011	Deadline for notification of intent to file written petition to the Board of Directors
January 24, 2012	Board of Directors meet to address petitions



ANSWERS TO
Frequently Asked Questions
About
IAPMO's Consensus Code Process

INTRODUCTION

In September, 2000 the IAPMO Board of Directors made the landmark decision to revise the IAPMO Bylaws by providing for the development of the *Uniform Plumbing Code* and *Uniform Mechanical Code* under the ANSI Voluntary Consensus Process. Development of the UPC and UMC in this manner enabled IAPMO to be the first organization to develop plumbing and mechanical codes as American National Standards.

In order to assist all those who may be interested in IAPMO's consensus code development process, we offer to you answers to the following commonly asked questions.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- Q. What is an American National Standard?
- A. In order to be designated as an American National Standard, such standard must be developed using procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). This institute serves as the central body responsible for the identification of a single, consistent set of voluntary standards called American National Standards.
- Q. What is the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)?
- A. The ANSI is a non-profit membership organization which for more than 75 years has administered and coordinated the voluntary standardization system in the United States. The members of the ANSI federation develop standards and otherwise participate in their development. ANSI facilitates this system by accrediting over 200 standards developers and accrediting groups to participate in the development of international standards.
- Q. What kind of procedures are approved by ANSI?
- A. In order for a standard to be designated as an American National Standard (ANS), ANSI requires that the development procedures provide for due process, openness and balance. Procedures which contain these qualities result in standards that are developed through consensus.
- Q. What is consensus?
- A. Consensus involves the participation of industry, government and consumers in the development process. "Consensus means substantial agreement has been reached by directly and materially affected interests. Consensus requires that all views and objections be considered, and that an effort be made toward their resolution."¹ Consensus does not require that everyone be in agreement but does reflect that substantial agreement has been reached by materially affected interest categories.

¹ ANSI Essential Requirements, Issued January 31, 2007 (Copyright New York) page 23.

Q. What do due process, openness, balance mean?

A. Due process – “Due process means that any person (organization, company, government agency, individual, etc.) with a direct and material interest has a right to participate by: (a) expressing a position and its basis; (b) having that position considered; and (c) having the right to appeal.”²

Openness – Openness requires that “all persons who are directly and materially affected by the activity in question”³ be permitted to participate in the process.

Balance – Balance means that the standards development process should have a balance of interests and shall not be dominated by any single interest category.⁴

Q. What are the significant steps in the consensus code development process and how long is each development cycle?

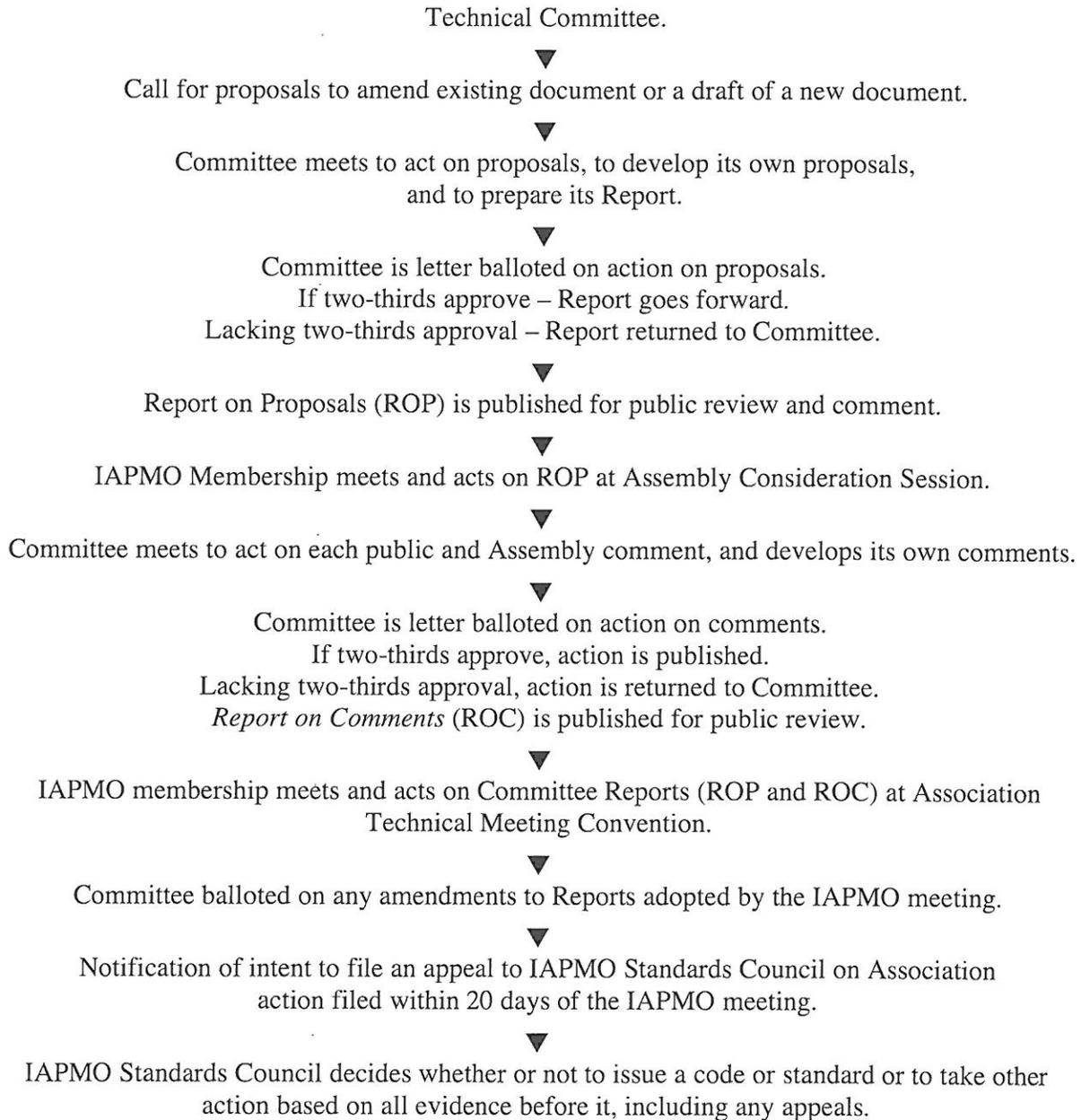
A. Each development cycle lasts for three years. A simplified flow chart of the codes and standards making system is on the following page. This chart provides a chronological order of the events in the process from start to finish.

² ANSI Essential Requirements, Issued January 31, 2007 (Copyright New York) Section 1.0, page 4.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

SIMPLIFIED FLOW CHART OF THE
CODES AND STANDARDS MAKING SYSTEM



IAPMO STANDARDS COUNCIL

- Q. What is the IAPMO Standards Council?
- A. The IAPMO Standards Council consists of nine people selected by the IAPMO Board of Directors from a broad range of appropriate interests familiar with the technical and standards development functions of IAPMO. This Council has the responsibility for the administration of the development of the UPC and UMC; issuance of these codes; and selection of members on the IAPMO Technical Committees.
- Q. How does the IAPMO Standards Council decide whether to issue a proposed new or revised code?
- A. The Council considers the entire record of the development and processing of the code proposal, including the Report on Proposals and Report on Comments, the recommendation of the IAPMO membership, and all appeals.
- Q. How can one appeal to the IAPMO Standards Council?
- A. Anyone can appeal to the Council concerning a procedural or substantive matter. The appeal should be filed in accordance with the Regulations Governing Committee Projects at Section 1-6 and should be timely filed.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

- Q. What interest categories are recognized in the IAPMO development process?
- A. The following are the interest categories applicable to IAPMO's development of the UPC and UMC:
- ◆ Manufacturer
 - ◆ User
 - ◆ Installer/Maintainer
 - ◆ Labor
 - ◆ Research/Standards/Testing Laboratory
 - ◆ Enforcing Authority
 - ◆ Consumer
 - ◆ Special Expert
- Q. What are the IAPMO Technical Committees (TCs)?
- A. Currently, there are two IAPMO Technical Committees – the Plumbing Technical Committee and the Mechanical Technical Committee. These committees consist of one Chairman, a secretary appointed by the Chairman of the TC and members that represent the eight interest categories listed above. Each TC is constituted so as to contain a balance of affected interests, with no more than one-third of the committee from the same interest group. The committee must reach a consensus by at least a two-thirds vote of the voting members in order to take action on code change proposals and comments.
- Q. What role does the Technical Committee (TC) play in the development process?
- A. IAPMO TCs are the principle consensus developing body within the IAPMO code development process. They are responsible for reviewing proposed amendments to the Codes and recommending to the IAPMO Standards Council the final draft of the Codes to be published. Each code change cycle is begun with a notice inviting the public to submit Proposals on what should be contained in the UPC or UMC, respectively. The TC then meets to review a monograph which contains a compilation of the code change proposals; to act on such proposals (as well as committee-generated proposals) and to prepare a Report on Proposals (ROP). The ROP is then made available to the public for further review and comment. At the third and final TC meeting in the cycle, the TC reviews all the comments submitted by the public, including the Assembly Comment, and acts on all such comments.

- Q. Are the TC meetings open to the public?
- A. Yes, anyone can attend the TC meetings. However, guests wishing to participate by addressing the TC on a subject relevant to a specific item under consideration are required to notify the TC Chairman or Staff Liaison in writing at least 7 days before the meeting.
- Q. How do I know what the TC will be discussing at their annual meeting?
- A. Prior to the meeting a monograph containing all of the proposed code changes is sent to all TC members as well as to all parties who submitted a code change proposal. Anyone may obtain a copy of the monograph by contacting IAPMO World Headquarters.
- Q. What is the Report on Comments (ROC)?
- A. The Report on Comments (ROC) provides the actions taken by the TCs on all comments received by the public, including the Assembly Comment developed from the Assembly Consideration Session. The reasons for all negative votes are contained in the ROC as well. Prior to the Association Technical Meeting Convention, an ROC is provided to all IAPMO members as well as to all parties who submitted a comment. Anyone may obtain a copy of the ROC by downloading it from IAPMO's website or contacting IAPMO World Headquarters.
- Q. How do I submit a comment to the TC?
- A. Anyone wishing to submit a comment to the TC must do so by completing the Comment Form which is included in the ROP and which is also available on IAPMO's website at www.iapmo.org, or by requesting a copy from IAPMO World Headquarters. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE COMMENT CLOSING DATE (FEBRUARY 1). ONLY THOSE PERSONS WHO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED PROPOSALS AND/OR COMMENTS BY THE REQUIRED DEADLINE ARE PERMITTED TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS AT THE ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL MEETING CONVENTION (One exception to this rule is that anyone may present as an amendment the original proposal as worded in the ROP in the event the ROC contains an action taken by the TC which is different from the action taken in the ROP).

Q. Does the vote taken at the TC meeting represent the final action of the TC?

A. No. The vote taken at the TC meeting does not represent the final action of the TC. It merely represents the sentiment of the committee members at the time of the meeting. The final action of the TC is secured by letter ballot within thirty days after the meeting and the Regulations require a two-thirds majority for any affirmative action.

Q. Who can be a member of the TCs?

A. Anyone who maintains a high level of knowledge and competency in the subject matter of the UPC and/or UMC is qualified to be a member of the TC. Members may be appointed to act as representatives of an organization or as an individual. However, no interest category can make up more than one-third of the TC at any given time so as to ensure balance.

Q. How do I apply to become a member of the TC?

A. Applications for membership on the TC can be found on IAPMO's website at www.iapmo.org, or can be obtained by contacting the IAPMO Standards Council Secretary. Applicants are encouraged to apply at any time.

Q. I am an IAPMO member and do not serve on the TC. How can I participate in the consensus code development process?

A. Under the consensus process, the ability of the individual member to directly participate in the code development is of paramount importance. For example, members are able to propose amendments to the code (proposals). Also, members are able to appear at the annual TC meeting to present their views on code change proposals as well as on any other code change proposals being considered (the spring TC meeting). Further, members are able to submit written comments to the action taken by the TC on each specific proposal wherein the member provides the technical basis in support of his or her comment. Under the consensus process, this individual comment must be considered and acted upon by the TC and the TC must provide a specific response to every comment.

Members are able to participate in the Assembly Consideration Session held in year two of the code development cycle. At this session, a member can discuss with the Assembly their opinion related to an action taken by the TC on a code change proposal. Members of the Assembly are able to make motions with regard to a particular action taken by the TCs. A successful motion is submitted

to the TC as an Assembly Comment and will be acted upon by the TC at their final meeting in the code development process.

Lastly, members are able to appear at the Association Technical Meeting Convention where they are able to voice their opinion on any item as well as to vote on every item on the agenda.

ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL MEETING CONVENTION

- Q. What is the Association Technical Meeting Convention?
- A. This is held in the final year of the code development cycle and provides every IAPMO member attending the meeting (not proxies) with the opportunity to vote on every action that has been taken by the Technical Committee. Further information about the meeting and the IAPMO Technical Meeting Convention Rules can be found at the IAPMO website at www.iapmo.org or by contacting a member of the Code Department at IAPMO World Headquarters.
- Q. If I did not submit a proposal or a comment, how can I participate at the Association Technical Meeting Convention?
- A. All IAPMO members attending the meeting who are qualified to vote under the Bylaws will be given the opportunity to vote on each code change proposal. Anyone may speak at the Association Technical Meeting Convention but only those who previously submitted proposals and/or comments by the required deadline may propose an amendment. There is one exception to that rule. In the event the ROC contains an action taken by the TC which is different from the action taken in the ROP, then anyone may present as an amendment the proposal as worded in the ROP. Also, anyone may propose a motion to return the entire report to the TC for further consideration.

CONCLUSION

This set of FAQ's is intended to assist in understanding the IAPMO consensus code development process. If your specific question has not been answered, please contact IAPMO's Code Department.

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Model	AFUE	Cost
310AAV036070	80	720
315AAV036070	80	2018
359AAV036080	95	1389
340AAV036080	92	1422
353BAV036080	92	2021
355BAV042080	95	2242
355CAV042080	95	3174

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Basic AFUE 80	720		
Top AFUE 80	2018	plus	1298
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Merl E. Scott

To: Fred A. Hoke
Subject: 90% furn safety

Fred,

Safety aspects of 90% furnaces...

Flue Pipe Temperature. Eighty percent furnaces require a Type "B" vent system ([per Mfgr's instructions](#)) that is made of an aluminum inner liner and a steel outer covering with an air space between them. It must withstand a typical internal temperature of 450 deg. F. A one inch clearance from the pipe to combustibles is required to prevent fire from the high temperature. Ninety percent furnaces require a vent system of PVC Plastic pipe ([per Mfgr's instructions](#)). This is the same material that plumbing drain pipes are made of. The typical internal temperature is near 110 deg. F. This pipe does not require any clearance to combustible materials and is tightly sealed with solvent primer and glue.

Open combustion/Sealed combustion. Eighty percent furnaces receive their combustion air from inside the home. There are openings in the furnace cabinet that allow combustion air to enter the burner area. There is a potential for flue gases to escape into the home. These furnaces are considered "open combustion". Eighty percent furnaces are prohibited by the International Code([IFGC Sec.303.3 pg18](#)) from being installed in bedrooms or bathrooms and you are prohibited from entering these furnace rooms from a bedroom or bathroom. Occupants are most vulnerable to Carbon Monoxide poisoning during sleep.

The ninety percent furnaces have a PVC flue pipe and a PVC combustion air pipe. Both of these pipes are installed directly to the outside of the building. These furnaces are considered "sealed combustion". The burning process is separated from the interior of the home. The ninety percent furnaces are approved by the International Code([IFGC Sec.303.3 #1](#)) to be installed in bedrooms and bathrooms and you may enter the furnace room from a bedroom or a bathroom. They are approved to be safe enough to be installed directly in a bedroom.

Warranties...

Ninety percent furnaces have a lifetime warranty on the heat exchanger. The heat exchanger is a major component in the furnace. Replacement cost would nearly be the same as buying a new furnace. A homeowner would replace the furnace if he had to pay for the new heat exchanger. Other components of the furnace can be replaced with factory or aftermarket parts to keep them operating safely.

Eighty percent furnaces commonly have a twenty year warranty on the heat exchanger.

Flue pipe/Combustion air pipe installation for 90% furnaces..

In most existing homes the furnace room is not a finished room. It usually does not have a ceiling installed. When the furnace room has an outside wall the PVC pipes may be installed directly to the outside horizontally. When the furnace room does not adjoin an outside wall the pipes may have to be installed over a finished sheetrock ceiling. Installation Contractors claim to charge around \$200 to \$300 additional labor for this depending on the difficulty level. A typical installation of this type requires access openings to be cut in the ceiling for proper installation and supports to be installed. These access holes may be covered with grills that appear to be return air grills as appear other places in the home. In the most difficult installations the pipes can be installed below the ceiling and a cosmetic soffit built to conceal it (at additional cost).

OFFICE OF TREASURER, CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

NOVEMBER 29, 2011

TO: MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER & CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: FINANCE DEPARTMENT / CITY TREASURER

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CITY CASH REPORT

The records of this office show me to be charged with City cash as follows at the close of business October 31, 2011

Balance Forward	\$	\$316,166,983.58
Plus Total Debits October 1-31, 2011	\$	\$29,610,997.59
Less Total Credits October 1-31, 2011	\$	(\$33,733,377.18)
Cash Balance on October 31, 2011	\$	\$312,044,603.99

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

U. S. Bank Nebraska, N.A.	\$	\$19,503,695.76
Wells Fargo Bank	\$	(\$105,843.97)
Wells Fargo Bank Credit Card Account	\$	(\$85,397.77)
Bank of Prague	\$	\$4,311.00
Commercial State Bank - Cedar Bluffs	\$	\$6,285.21
Cornhusker Bank	\$	\$99,047.53
First National Bank - Wahoo	\$	\$6,138.04
Heartland Community Bank - Bennet	\$	\$5,995.75
Pinnacle Bank	\$	\$197,930.80
Union Bank & Trust Company	\$	\$66,585.15
West Gate Bank	\$	\$146,120.04
Idle Funds - Short-Term Pool	\$	\$166,547,405.16
Idle Funds - Medium-Term Pool	\$	\$124,939,396.62
Cash, Checks and Warrants	\$	\$712,934.67
Total Cash on Hand October 31, 2011	\$	\$312,044,603.99

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

I also hold as City Treasurer, securities in the amount of \$172,725,194.74 representing authorized investments of the City's funds.

ATTEST:

Joan E. Ross
 Joan E. Ross, City Clerk



Melinda J. Jones
 Melinda J. Jones, City Treasurer

**CITY OF LINCOLN - PLEDGED COLLATERAL STATEMENT
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2011**

DESCRIPTION	CUSIP	MATURITY DATE	ORIGINAL FACE	CURRENT PAR	MARKET PRICE	MARKET VALUE
FHLB BONDS	3133XLDG9	06/29/2017	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00		
FHLB STEP-UP 3.0%	3133XUWQ2	09/25/2019	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
FHLB STEP-UP 2.0%	3133XXG68	03/23/2017	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00		
CORNHUSKER BANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00		
FNMA POOL 874997	31409MDA8	11/01/2014	\$5,510,000.00	\$5,262,327.43	1.08	\$5,691,418.66
USBANK		TOTAL PLEDGED	\$5,510,000.00	\$5,262,327.43		\$5,691,418.66

NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Lynn Johnson, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE: December 8, 2011
LOCATION: ***Parks & Recreation Large Conference Room, 2740 "A" Street*** (Renovation has begun on our parking lot, so you will need to park in the Children's Zoo parking lot)
TIME: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
CHAIRMAN: Joe Tidball

A G E N D A

1. **Call to Order and Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** * Nov. 10, 2011, meeting
3. **Comments from the Public for Items not Listed on the Agenda:**
4. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Fees & Facilities Committee - Susan Deitchler (Chair) - 488-4224**
 - * Endorsement of master plan for Holmes Golf Course Clubhouse Replacement Project.
 - * Recommendation re: ADA renovations of neighborhood pools
 - B. **Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131**
 - * Recommendation re: acceptance of donation of artwork for installation in Union Plaza
 - C. **Golf Report**
 - No report
 - D. **Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638**
 - * Election of officers and committee assignments for 2012
7. **Staff Report:**
 - Report re: master planning of Salt Valley Greenway and Haines Branch Prairie Corridor
8. **Announcements:**
 -

* **Denotes Action Items**

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Parks & Recreation Department

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011

Members Present:

Andrew Barry

Susan Deitchler

Ann Pagel

Susan Rodenburg

Joe Tidball

Keelan Chapman

Todd Fitzgerald

Jane Raybould

Dennis Scheer

Jonathan Cook

Karen Hand

Bob Ripley

Jeff Schwebke

Members Absent:

Molly Brummond

Justin Carlson

Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act': As per law, Chairperson Joe Tidball announced that the Board follows the regulations of this Act, as posted.

*** APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *It was moved (Deitchler) and seconded (Rodenburg) to approve the minutes of the Oct. 13, 2011, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as mailed. Motion carried by majority vote of members present with Cook abstaining.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda): None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fees & Facilities Committee - Susan Deitchler, Chair - 488-4224

- no report

Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131

- no report

Golf Report:

- no report

Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638

- no report

Staff Report:

- **Presentation by Brian Baker, LLCHD, re: smoke-free/tobacco-free parks and recreation facilities:** Lynn Johnson introduced Brian Baker and Judy Halstad from the Health Department. Brian shared some of the ideas the Health Dept. has in their effort to work with the Board of Health to eliminate smoking in most of the Parks & Recreation outdoor facilities. Judy Halstead (Health Dept. Director) reported on other states (Colorado and California) who are working on the outdoor smoke-free and tobacco-free issue. The Health Department is also currently working with hotels, apartment complexes etc. to up their no-smoking numbers on a voluntary initiative basis. These are all voluntary initiatives. The Health Department still gets smoking complaints on outdoor

children play areas, trails and parks. Judy said the Board of Health is interested in visiting with a couple of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members to look at the smoking complaints and get ideas that the PRAB members may have to look at some changes in the current policies.

Lynn Johnson said the Parks Department has a regulation that Pinewood Bowl entertainment area and all public swimming pools are currently designated as smoke free. But beyond that, the Department hasn't talked about trails, athletic facilities etc. being designated smoke-free. Part of the discussion will be: are there other Parks & Recreation facilities that should be designated as smoke free?. Lynn said that he will initiate a users satisfaction survey of some type to see what the community's reaction would be to making trails and outdoor play areas smoke free. The Park Board members willing to meet and work with the Board of Health members are Todd Fitzgerald, Keelan Chapman, Jane Raybould and Susan Larson Rodenburg.

- **Presentation re: Lincoln 350 marketing plan prepared by Active Network:** Lynn Johnson reported that the Mayor's Office has been looking at opportunities for the City to generate revenue through some type of sponsorship program. They hired Active Network out of California to develop programs to seek private funds to help support City government. Active Network visited Lincoln several times to look at facilities and what we currently do and came back with a report and suggestions for about eight types of things that could be done. Lynn briefed the Board on the four of these suggestions that directly pertain to the P&R Department: (1) Beverage and Snack Vending; (2) Public Recycling; (3) Daily Deal Program; and (4) Proud Partners / Naming Rights. Johnson said there is a staff working committee and a joint City-County working committee who will be looking at these suggestions.

After discussion it was moved (Rodenburg) and seconded (Deitchler) that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board go on record stating they are open to look at the Active Networks suggestions as long as they don't decrease current revenue and that any extra revenue generated would go back to the Parks Department and not to the General Fund - simply put "the Department is willing to collaborate as long as it doesn't decrease revenue (preferably it would increase revenue!)". Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.

Jane Raybould said that the joint City-County working committee will be meeting on November 15th at noon in the Mayor's Conference Room to discuss this issue further.

- **Presentation of FY 2010-11 Parks & Recreation Department Annual Report:** Lynn Johnson shared the Department's Annual Report with Board members. He said the Mayor has asked departments to think about what directions or initiatives that they would have an interest in working on over the next four years. The presentation was built around the City outcomes. Highlights of the report that Lynn discussed were: Safety and Security (Parks & Recreation's school-age program falls under this category); Healthy and Productive People (Therapeutic Programs, Team sports and Golf fall under this category); Liveable Neighborhoods (Community Forestry, Parks, Parks & Open Spaces, Outdoor Public Pools and Recreation Centers fall under this category) and Environmental Quality (Pioneers Park Nature Center all fall under this category). Lynn went over the number of participants, cost recovery and goal objectives for each of the above categories. Lynn responded to questions asked by Board members.

The above complete presentation will be put on the City's website soon.

- **Presentation re: traditional public forum provisions as related to parks and public right-of-way:** Jocelyn Golden, Assistant City Attorney, reported on the Occupy Lincoln citizens who are camping on Centennial Mall. The Law Department was contacted by Occupy Lincoln several weeks ago that they wanted to set up their tents on the Mall. All entities involved met with the group and found them to be very cooperative. The

questions was raised about how to treat Centennial Mall - as park land (that's never been dedicated) or City right-of-way?

Since the Mall has always been treated as right-of-way there are no hours of operation listed (as they are with all other parks). The City did not want to infringe on the group's first amendment right of free speech which could have possibly led to a lawsuit, so they decided to continue to treat the Mall as public right-of-way since there's really no ordinances that prohibits anyone from camping on City ROW or public spaces.

Jocelyn said the other issue that she is working on is the ACLU contact re: parks permits and they are still working on that process with ACLU to make sure everyone is on the same page. The Occupy Lincoln group were told they would not be required to have a permit to camp on the Mall; however, they will need to have a permit for the parades that go through downtown Lincoln on Saturdays and one from the State Capitol whenever they want to use the steps of the Capitol. Jocelyn said the entire group is very cooperative and very respectful and have not presented any type of problem on the Mall.

After Occupy Lincoln moves on, the City plans to work on enacting an ordinance that would prohibit camping on Centennial Mall but they can't do it right now. Such an ordinance will be necessary to protect the Mall in the future. Any new policies will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their review and approval.

Announcements:

- None

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ****
November 30, 2011

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, from 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. in Room 113 of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, for a briefing by Planning staff on proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments scheduled for public hearing on December 14, 2011.

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

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

**The Planning Commission has canceled their meeting
scheduled for December 28, 2011.**

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011

[All members present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 16, 2011. ****APPROVED, 6-0 (Butcher, Weber and Hove abstained)****

1. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:

- Page 01
- 1.1 Change of Zone No. 11028, amending Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District as a permitted conditional use; and repealing Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.
Staff recommendation: Continue public hearing on February 22, 2012 at the request of the applicant
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant's request for deferral granted, with CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH RELATED ITEMS:

- Page 03
- 2.1a Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11007, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, by changing the Future Land Use Plan from Urban Residential to Commercial, on property generally located at Highway 34 and Fallbrook Boulevard.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brandon Garrett, 441-6373, bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, 5:30 p.m.
- Page 11
- 2.1b Annexation No. 11003, to annex approximately 6 acres, more or less, generally located at Fallbrook Boulevard and Tallgrass Parkway.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Page 11 2.1c Change of Zone No. 05085A, an amendment to the Fallbrook Planned Unit Development, to expand the PUD and change the zoning from AG Agricultural District to B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District PUD, on property generally located at Fallbrook Boulevard and Highway 34; for a Planned Unit Development designation of said property; and for approval of a development plan which proposes waivers and modifications to the Zoning and Land Subdivision Ordinances to allow approximately 220,000 square feet of additional commercial floor area on the underlying B-2 zoned area, for a total of approximately 900,000 sq. ft. of commercial floor area in the entire PUD.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 16, 2011, 9-0.

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2011, 5:30 p.m.

Page 63 2.1d Street & Alley Vacation No. 11011, to vacate the public right-of-way for a portion of Fallbrook Boulevard adjacent to Outlot G, Fallbrook 18th Addition, generally located at Fallbrook Boulevard and Highway 34.

Staff recommendation: Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: A FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 9-0.

Public Hearing before the City Council will be scheduled when the provisions of Chapter 14.20 have been satisfied.

SPECIAL PERMIT:

Page 73 2.2 Special Permit No. 11030, for an early childhood care facility, on property generally located at SW 27th Street and West A Street.

***** FINAL ACTION *****

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Christy Eichorn, 441-7603, ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 17, 2011, with one amendment for additional landscape screening, 9-0.

Resolution No. PC-01259.

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

PENDING LIST: *None*

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The Planning Commission has canceled their meeting scheduled for December 28, 2011.

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

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : December 1, 2011

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: November 30, 2011

Please be advised that on November 30, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01259, approving Special Permit No. 11030, with conditions, requested by City Bank and Trust, for an early childhood care facility for up to 150 children and 21 staff, on property generally located at the northeast corner of S.W. 27th Street and West A Street.

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

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. SP11030). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.

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Memorandum

Date: ♦ November 29, 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 November 22, 2011 thru November 28, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11062 to Special Permit No. 1989A, Tamarin Ridge, approved by the Planning Director on November 22, 2011, requested by Design Associates, to reduce the internal side yards from ten feet to zero feet and to revise the land use on Lot 3 to "Commercial", on property generally located at S. 27th St. and Kendra Ln.

Administrative Amendment No. 11055 to Special Permit No. 1762D, Vintage Heights Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on November 23, 2011, requested by Barclay Construction, to adjust the rear setback to 15 feet for uncovered, unenclosed decks for Lots 17-34, Block 23, on property generally located northeast of S. 84th St. and Pine Lake Rd.

Waiver No. 11024 to Change of Zone No. 07019, Glynoaks Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on November 23, 2011, requested by REGA Engineering Group, Inc., to allow outdoor lighting up to 6,500 lumens using semi-cutoff fixtures for property generally located at S. 84th St. and Glynoaks Dr.

City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213
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GREENING LINCOLN

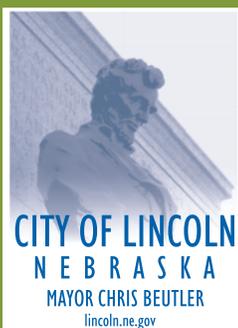
Everett Neighborhood can be more
LIVABLE, WALKABLE, BIKEABLE
and **GREEN!**

Lincoln was one of five cities chosen to be part of the EPA's Greening America's Capitals program. The project area is 11th Street from "A" to "J" streets.

Greening Lincoln is part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in the South Capitol neighborhoods. Your help is needed and appreciated!

The project team includes local experts, EPA and City staff, Community ReDesigned, BNIM (a team of architects and planners) and YOU!

For more information, contact Wynn Hjermstad in the City Urban Development Department -- 402-441-8211 or whjermstad@lincoln.ne.gov



Greening America's Capitals is an initiative of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, which includes:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

U.S. Dept. of Transportation



Designed by Citizen Information Center 11/2011



You are invited to be part of the process. Please attend one or all of these workshops at St. Paul United Church of Christ 1302 "F" Street:

TUESDAY DEC. 6th

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Welcome and project overview

1:30 - 3 p.m. Breakout sessions:

A. Small businesses, new technologies

Green business, technology opportunities

B. Environment, sustainability

Street design, biking, walking, recycling, urban agriculture

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Breakout sessions:

A. History, art, culture

Unique features, preservation, the arts

B. Schools

Environmental education, sustainability, school ecosystems and green spaces

5:30 - 7 p.m. Neighborhood Association meeting on interest areas

WEDNESDAY DEC. 7th

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. All-day open house and team work day

5:30 - 7 p.m. Public meeting

THURSDAY DEC. 8th

11 - 11:45 a.m. Presentation of workshop outcomes

REVERDECIENDO LINCOLN

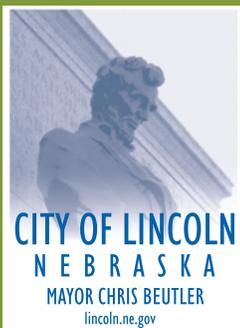
¡El Vecindario de Everett puede ser más habitable y facilitar el CAMINAR, ANDAR EN BICICLETA Y AREAS VERDES!

Lincoln fue una de las cinco ciudades elegidas para participar en el programa de la EPA Reverdeciendo las Capitales de América. El área del proyecto cubre la calle 11 desde las calles "A" a la "J".

¡Reverdeciendo Lincoln es parte de los esfuerzos continuos de la Ciudad para mejorar la calidad de vida en los barrios del sur del Capitolio. Su ayuda es necesario y muy valorada!

¡El equipo del proyecto incluye expertos locales, personal de la EPA y la Ciudad, Community ReDesign, BNIM (un grupo de arquitectos y planeadores) y USTED!

Para mayor información, contacte a Wynn Hjerstad con el Departamento de Desarrollo Urbano de la Ciudad – 402-441-8211 o whjerstad@lincoln.ne.gov



Reverdeciendo las Capitales de América es una iniciativa de la Asociación para Comunidades Sustentables, la cual incluye:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

U.S. Dept. of Transportation



Diseñado por el Centro de Información al Ciudadano 11/2011



Está usted invitado a formar parte del proceso. Por favor participe en alguno o todos los talleres en la St. Paul United Church of Christ 1302 "F" Street:

Martes, Dic. 6

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. Bienvenida y Resumen del Proyecto

1:30 - 3 p.m. Sesiones de trabajo:

A. Pequeñas empresas, nueva tecnología

Negocios ecológicos, oportunidades en tecnología

B. Ambiente, sostenibilidad

Diseño de calles, oportunidades para andar en bicicleta, caminar, reciclar, agricultura urbana

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Sesiones de trabajo:

A. Historia, arte, cultura

Características únicas, preservación, artes

B. Escuelas

Educación ambiental, sostenibilidad, ecosistemas de escuelas y áreas verdes

5:30 - 7 p.m. Junta de Asociación del Vecindario en las áreas de interés

Miércoles, Dic. 7

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Jornada de Puertas Abiertas todo el día y Trabajo en Equipo

5:30 - 7 p.m. Junta pública

Jueves, Dic. 8

11 - 11:45 a.m. Presentación de los Resultados del Taller

Weed Abatement Program

Lancaster County / City of Lincoln

November 2011 Monthly Report

www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds

Weed Watcher Program

Lancaster County Weed Control plans to begin its new Weed Watcher Program in 2012. We will be working in the next few months to develop and implement our program. It will be modeled after The Nature Conservancy in Oregon's Weed Watchers program. It will be designed to train and support volunteers to find and report new occurrences of harmful invasive plants in the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County. Weed Watchers help protect natural areas from the impacts of invasive plants by **detecting new populations early** before they get out of hand.



Phragmites used as decoration on a porch in Lincoln

Preventing a plant from invading in the first place is more efficient, less ecologically damaging, and less strenuous than managing large plant infestations after they are already established.

A second and equally important goal of the Weed Watcher program is to build capacity for other organizations to initiate early detection programs by serving as a potential model and providing educational materials for use and adaptation. Invasive plant early detection programs can be as simple as informally training your staff or volunteers on weeds to watch for, or recruiting and training new volunteers to survey high priority weed-free sites.

Education

As you can see in the photos we still have a long way to go on educating the public on what invasive weeds are and how they spread. When someone cuts Phragmites and hauls it across Lincoln to display at their business, it has the potential to create new infestations along the

route. Outreach and education will be a key component in organizing a successful program.

Who are the Weed Watchers?

Weed Watchers are people who care about the health of our lands and want to help prevent the ecological and economic damage associated with plant invasions by looking for and reporting new weeds. Weed Watchers can be private citizens who simply want to scan for new invaders while they hike. Often Weed Watchers are people already actively volunteering as a Master Gardener or for their local UNL Extension. Public and private land owners such as the Nebraska Game & Parks, NRD's, or Farm Service Agencies also have staff and volunteers who watch for weeds as they trek across their land.



Phragmites attached to a sign for display in Lincoln.

What does a Weed Watcher do?

"Weed Watchers Trek to Protect"

Weed Watching is as easy as one, two, three:

One: Learn the weeds.

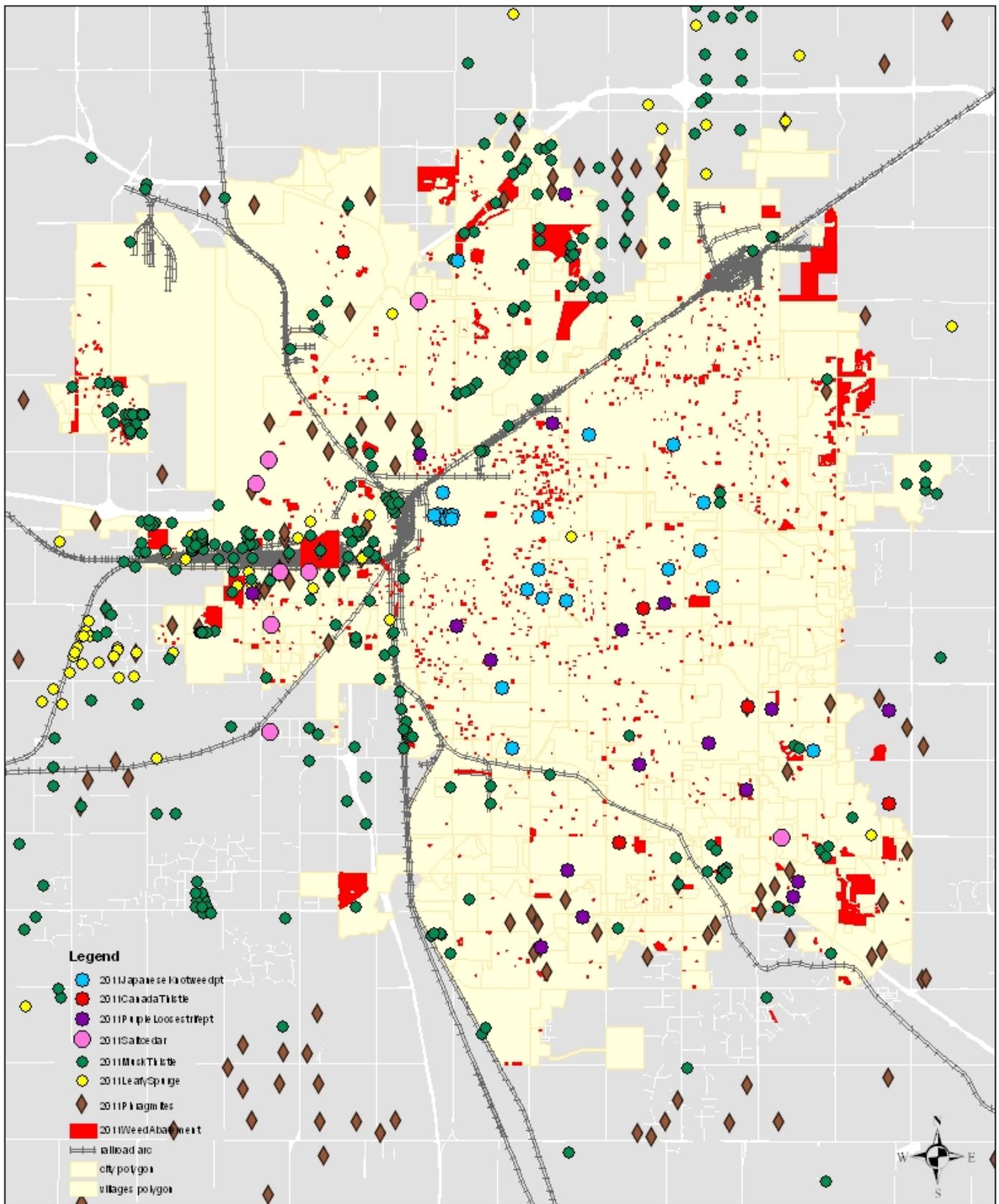
Two: Look for weeds.

Three: Document and report weeds.

December Planned Activities

- 8 Management Team Meeting
- 9 Nebraska Invasive Species Council
- 13 Lower Platte Weed Mgmt Area Mtg
- 14-16 NACO Annual Convention
- 19 Weed Assessment Hearing
- 26 Holiday
- 29 Problem Resolution Team
- 31 Monthly activity report

2011 City of Lincoln Weed Abatement & Noxious Weeds



map: Lancaster County Weed Control
November 29, 2011

Mary M. Meyer

From: Rgconverse@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2011 7:10 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Proposed HVAC code change

11-24-2011

From Robert Converse Retired HVAC service manager

Dear council members.

Before approving the proposed ordinance to ban of 80% efficient furnaces in Lincoln, please read the position taken by the American Public Gas Association. They are not in favor of banning 80% efficient furnaces in Nebraska, and have listed their reasons and concerns.

<http://www.apga.org/i4a/headlines/headlinedetails.cfm?id=1068&pageid=1&archive=0>

APGA's position is to urge the DOE to withdraw the Direct Final Furnace Rule. They also presented legal arguments against this rule adoption and since the date of this posting on their web site is October 13th, 2011, it appears the final ruling and adoption of DOE's ruling is still in question. APGA's web site states they will post an update when the ruling decision is made.

Merle Scott surprised several council members last Monday night when he said DOE was going require Lincoln to install no less than 90% efficient furnaces in 2013 anyway. That statement may not be entirely accurate. If the ruling is adopted as it written he might be correct, but as of today, the ruling is not approved and organizations such as APGA are now voicing their disapproval.

Since the ruling is not final, the City of Lincoln should not adopt this proposed ordinance change to try to stay ahead of federal standards that may never be required by DOE.

Before becoming embroiled in such a controversial ruling, why not at the very least, table this code change for more study, and wait to see what the Department Of Energy decides?

Sincerely,

Robert (Bob) Converse (402) 890-7121
4720 S 85th Cir
Lincoln NE 68526

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2011 1:30 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Michael Joseph Mumaugh
Address: 1515 R Street
City: Lincoln, NE, 68508

Phone:
Fax:
Email: mmumaugh1@gmail.com

Comment or Question:
Dear Council Members,

My name is Michael Mumaugh and I am a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am an engineering major and I am working with a professor on a project regarding electricity rates.

Essentially I am wondering how you as a council make the decision whether or not to accept LES' proposed rates. I understand many of the issues that go into setting the rates and why LES wants/needs to increase rates, however I am more interested in your perspective as the governing body with the authority to set those officially or not.

I would appreciate any response to give me insights into your decision making process.

Thanks for your time and I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Michael Mumaugh

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2011 4:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Sheri Anderson
Address: 2765 Sumner
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 402-450-7709
Fax:
Email: sherilovesflowers@juno.com

Comment or Question:
Hi,

I am interested in learning more about the City Council and how it works. Where would you suggest I start? I've read the website and found your e-mail address. Any suggestions for resources you have I would be grateful for. Also if you need any volunteers I would be a willing helper. I have basic office skills, can bond quickly with people, and am willing to help in a variety of ways.

Please e-mail me when you get a chance.

Thank you,

Sheri Anderson
sherilovesflowers@juno.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: Billie Bussmann [bbuss@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 8:54 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 90% Furnace Requirements

First of all I tried to access the council packet site address given to me by your receptionist and have been unable to note my information at that location. I do hope this information will be made available concerning this issue to all city council members.

In talking about the 90% Furnace Requirements issue you have brought before the City Council with at a group meeting, are you aware there are homes in Lincoln that would need to make extensive structural changes in order to install the 90% furnace? Even though the homeowner wanted to purchase a 90% replacement furnace, this homeowner would have had to remove walls and remodel the furnace area of their home for its installation. This was an expensive operation in addition to the cost of the furnace. Most homeowners could not afford to do this construction.

In addition it was indicated in the media that 15% of the people do not install the most expensive furnace because of cost. Are you then planning on the taxpayers subsidizing these homeowners?

Thanks for your consideration.

Billie Bussmann

Mary M. Meyer

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

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

From: WebForm [<mailto:none@lincoln.ne.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 9:40 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Nolan Denker
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City: Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone: 4022781641
Fax:
Email: denker_nolan@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:

The reason for this letter is to encourage you to not pass any legislation that would result in budget cuts towards government funded art projects.

I understand that under current economic times our government is working hard to balance our budget and in doing so many areas of our government will lose funding.

In the past, arts programs are the first to go during budget cuts. However studies show that arts programs significantly increase economic activity in the areas that they are used. It is time that we stop cutting funds that have proved time and time again to be economic engines.

Many states have utilized government funded arts programs to bring jobs to their communities by attracting corporations to their areas, bringing in new jobs and a flurry of economic activity. Tourism thrives in communities that have a significant presence of art. Culture tourists stay longer and spend more money than the average tourist.

I believe that instead of cutting the spending towards these programs we focus our efforts to finding new ways that government funded arts programs not only enriches our culture but pulls us out of a recession.

I genuinely appreciate the role you play in shaping our country.

Sincerely,

Nolan Denker

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2011 2:35 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Barbara van den Berg
Address: 7510 Otoe Place
City: Lincoln, NE 68506-3636

Phone: 402-488-6926
Fax:
Email: barbvandenberg@hotmail.com

Comment or Question:

I am proud that the city of Lincoln is tolerant of Occupy Lincoln so far. The police department and parks and recreation personnel have been very cooperative in their dealing with the Occupiers. I hope that this same attitude will prevail in the negotiations over the teepee. Please allow the teepee to remain on Centennial Mall.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Ken Svoboda [ksvoboda@windstream.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 5:29 PM
To: Council Packet
Attachments: "AVG certification"

Councilmembers,

I just heard on Drive Time Lincoln that an emergency meeting of the Public Building Commission has been called with no more public notice than a bulletin board at city hall. This is not 1960. You have the ability with a few key strokes to notify every citizen of Lincoln.

I know that each of you as candidates made campaign promises of transparency. Now that your elected representatives I expect each of you to follow through with those promises.

Please delay this meeting until appropriate notice has been given.

Ken R. Svoboda
Ray's Lawn & Home Care
Co-Owner
503 West "A" St.
Lincoln, NE 68522
476-8614:O
ksvoboda@windstream.net

Mary M. Meyer

From: Robin Eschliman [robin@ecrproperty.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 12:13 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: 'Nancy Hicks'
Subject: Buildings for sale next to City property
Attachments: 830 L brochure.pdf

I have a building available just cat-a-corner from the City County Building. When my colleague Bill Waddell of the Broe Companies approached them recently, the City told him they had no need for it. I've always been an advocate for the City and the schools to make site searches public. It seems like it would be fair to all the property owners--and probably a good deal to the taxpayers--if the City would do comparison shopping before buying buildings. I think property owners should be given an equal chance to have their properties be considered and hope you will question the process that is being used in the purchase of the engineering building.

Robin Eschliman, CCIM

Eschliman Commercial Real Estate
402-420-3239

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**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2011**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of December 3rd through December 9, 2011.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet Thursday, December 8, 2011, 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 555 S. 10th Street. Agenda and attachments posted at:
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

STREET CONDITION UPDATE

1. City of Lincoln Street Condition Update, Saturday, December 3, 2011.
2. City of Lincoln Snow Removal Update, Saturday, December 3, 2011.

III. DIRECTORS

LINCOLN LIBRARIES

1. The 2011 One Book - One Lincoln, Cutting for Stone, is set in a mission hospital. On Sunday, December 11, 2011, 2:00 p.m., at Bennett Martin Library medical professionals will share their experiences volunteering in medical mission projects abroad. The event is free.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT:

HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION

1. Street and alley vacation No. 10019, vacation of portions of Randolph Street, Capitol Parkway, H Street and the east/west alley west of South 25th Street.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email from Jimbob Morris giving reasons why Smooth's new owner should not be given a liquor license.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Kevin Burklund writing in opposition of the proposed ordinance which would require all replacement furnaces to be 90% efficient, giving reasons.

3. Buffy Cornish, Home Owners Plus, on the code change for furnaces, requesting Council to vote on the code change requiring 90% efficient furnaces for replacement, or installation, in residences.
4. Letter from Nicole D. Jensen, Realtors® Association with concerns regarding the proposed city code change requiring 90% efficiency ratings on furnaces installed in new homes and replacement furnaces in existing homes.
5. Email from Cynthia Garton. Please vote no on mandating 90% efficiency on furnaces.
6. Charles G. And Karen K. Nicol. Do not force people into trying situations by approving the code requiring 90% efficient replacement furnaces. Alarmed at the additional cost to install.

VI. INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

Date: December 2, 2011

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of December 3 through December 9, 2011
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, December 4

- Thank Sunday School students for Food Bank Drive - 10:30 a.m., First Plymouth Chapel, 20th and "D" streets

Monday, December 5

- City-County Common meeting - 12:45 p.m., room 113, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, December 6

- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced
- Greening Lincoln opening workshop (part of EPA's Greening America's Capitals program) - 12:30 p.m., St. Paul United Church of Christ 1302 "F" Street

Wednesday, December 7

- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce 9th annual Community Consensus discussion, remarks - 7:30 a.m., 1135 "M" St., Suite 200

Thursday, December 8

- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3:30 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building

Friday, December 9

- Froggy 98 Dierks Bentley concert, remarks and proclamation - 7:30 p.m., Pershing Center, 226 Centennial Mall South

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting December 8, 2011

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The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers Room 112.

The agenda and attachments are now posted at : <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm>

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: snow report

Subject: snow report

CITY OF LINCOLN STREET CONDITION UPDATE

For more information:

Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644

Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2011

Time: 11:30 a.m.

As snowfall continues in Lincoln, City street crews are engaged in a full-scale material spreading operation. Twenty-one units are currently spreading material on the city's snow emergency routes, major arterials and bus routes.

Lincoln Police Department reports that the season's first measurable snowfall has made the streets "surprisingly slick" this morning. The number of accidents are increasing as the morning unfolds, with 23 reported since 10 p.m. last night. Motorists are urged to drive with caution and allow for the appropriate amount of following distance between vehicles.

StarTran reports that buses are running about 10 to 20 minutes behind schedule this morning.

Please stay informed on the status of snow operations in Lincoln. Additional information is available on the City website at lincoln.ne.gov and in your Windstream phone directory. If you have questions, you may call the Public Works Snow Center at 441-7644.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: snow report - plowing begins, material spreading continues

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CITY OF LINCOLN SNOW REMOVAL UPDATE

For more information:
Public Works Snow Center -- 441-7644
Citizen Information Center -- 441-7547

Date: Saturday, December 3, 2011
Time: 1:30 p.m.

As the light, steady snowfall continues in Lincoln, City street crews are currently plowing and spreading material along the city's snow emergency routes and major arterials. Two plows and a material spreader are working along each route. A total of 57 units are involved in the current operation.

Street crews plan to continue spreading material throughout the afternoon, evening and overnight hours. Plowing will continue where trouble spots develop.

Lincoln Police Department reports that the season's first measurable snowfall has made the streets very slick. Motorists are urged to drive with caution and allow for the appropriate amount of following distance between vehicles.

StarTran reports that some buses are running on time, some as many as 10- to- 20 minutes behind schedule.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: One Book - One Lincoln Program on December 11

FOR RELEASE: December 1, 2011
CONTACT: Kathryn Kelley, Lincoln City Libraries
PHONE: 402-441-8529
E-MAIL: k.kelley@lincolnlibraries.org

On Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 So. 14th Street, Lincoln, Neb., a panel of medical professionals from Lincoln will share their experience volunteering in medical mission projects abroad, including Africa, Haiti, and Mexico. Learn about the challenges and rewards of providing care in other cultures, and reflections on the ethics and practice of international aid.

The 2011 One Book - One Lincoln selection, Cutting for Stone, is set in large part in a mission hospital located in Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. Missing Hospital, as it is known to locals, is staffed primarily by "ferengi" or foreigners: doctors and nurses from Britain and India and support staff from the neighboring region of Eritrea. Abraham Verghese's novel is set against political unrest and the theme of belonging.

Program panelists include Dr. Yvonne Davenport, MD (Ob-Gyn) and 2011 One Book-One Lincoln selection committee member; Elizabeth Jacobs-Fitzgerald, RNC-OB, BSN; Karen McGivney-Liechti, CNM, MSN; and Jearlyn Schumacher, CNM

This event is free and open to the public. Because of the subject matter of this program, some material may not be suitable for young children.

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**City of Lincoln
Planning**

Urban Design Committee Agenda

URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that the **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE** will hold a meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at **3:00 p.m.**, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in Room 214 on the 2nd Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA December 7, 2011

1. Approval of meeting notes from the regular meeting of [August 3, 2011](#), [September 8, 2011](#) and [October 5, 2011](#).

* [Memo](#) from Ed Zimmer
2. Holmes Park golf course clubhouse
3. [Sign for Lincoln Children's Zoo](#)
4. [Near South Neighborhood Sign, 27th & South Streets](#)
5. Staff Report: Misc.

 [History List](#)

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Beutler
& City Council Members

FROM: Clinton W. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office

DEPARTMENT: Housing Rehab & Real Estate Division

ATTENTION:

DATE: November 30, 2011

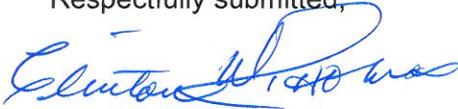
COPIES TO: Teresa J. Meier
Marvin Krout
Rod Confer
Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No.10019
Vacation of portions of Randolph Street,
Capitol Parkway, H Street & the
East/West Alley west of South 25th St.

A request has been made to vacate portions of Randolph Street, Capitol Parkway, H Street and the east/west alley west of South 25th Street in the vicinity of 25th and Randolph Streets. The areas to be vacated are portions of streets and alleys that are either located within the Antelope Creek channel or are currently being utilized by Lincoln Public Schools. The area is being re-platted as Antelope Valley Second Addition and the purpose of the vacations is to allow for the re-plat and the transfer of the various land into the name of the ultimate user. An agreement between the City of Lincoln, Parks and Recreation Department, and Lincoln Public Schools is currently being worked on which will provide for the transfer of various properties within the area including the streets and alleys to be vacated.

In light of the larger agreement it is recommended if the area is to be vacated, title be retained in the name of the City and the vacated streets and alleys be included in the overall value considered in the aforementioned agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jimbob Morris [jimbob.morris@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 7:37 PM
To: Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Jon Camp; Adam A. Hornung; Jayne L. Snyder; Mary M. Meyer; Jonathan A. Cook; John Spatz
Subject: Shane Harrington & Brandy Kroese
Attachments: shane_brandy_001.jpg; shane_brandy_002.jpg; shane_brandy_003.jpg; shane_brandy_004.jpg; brandy_shane_vegas2.jpg; brandy_shane_vegas_bedroom.jpg; brandy_shane_halloween4.jpg; brandy_shane_halloween2.jpg; brandy_shane_vegas.jpg; brandy_shane_halloween1.jpg; brandy_shane_halloween3.jpg; brandy_shane_halloween5.jpg

Dear Council Members,

I thought you would be interested in seeing the these pics of Shane Harrington and his fiance Brandy Kroese. As you can see, Smooth's new so-called "owner" is actually Shane's long term fiance Brandy Kroese, so there will be no chance of him NOT owning and trying to run the day-to-day operations of the bar through her, even if claims he will not do so.

All of his stories of her being fired and him moving away, are just that... they are STORIES!

He's trying to pull a fast on on the City Council thinking that you will not catch on that he has been in a long term relationship with her.

He even took her to Las Vegas this last weekend, (so who knows, they may already be married).

I've sent a few and very recent pics of him with Brandy, who also lives in his home here.

You have made a wise decision, Lincoln is behind you all the way, don't be fooled by their most recent scheme.

Thanks

Concerned Citizen

PS: If you have trouble viewing these let me know, I'll send them another way.

Mary M. Meyer

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

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Kevin Burklund
Address: 6118 Old Farm Ct.
City: Lincoln, NE 6851

Phone: 402-416-416
Fax:
Email: kevin.burklund@woodsbro.com

Comment or Question:

Council Members:

I'm writing to oppose the proposed ordinance that would require all replacement furnaces to be 90% efficient. While I believe it would be great if everyone would install even geothermal heat pumps, I don't think it's right for the City to mandate how people manage their budget.

I don't think the cost difference between an 80% (\$1300-\$1500) and a 90% (\$2,000-\$2500) will be paid back in a reasonable amount of time, making it less feasible for homeowners. This is especially true in the cases where people have heat pumps, and their furnace only runs 5%-10% of the time in winter. It is wasted money for them.

New construction costs are already increasing with the increased insulation requirements, at a time when home builders are just starting to recover from the housing slump. Please don't add another expense for home buyers to pay for right now.

One of the biggest problems is in apartment buildings where it would be nearly impossible to retrofit these furnaces due to the different intake/exhaust plumbing. The expense involved would be completely unreasonable, when it's hard enough to provide reasonably priced housing for tenants as it is. In many apartment buildings, the furnaces are in the middle of the building, and each new furnace would need to be vented horizontally to the outside. This could involve removal and replacement of ceilings and interruption of the exterior wall coverings.

If the city wants to mandate this, then they should provide an incentive program to homeowners to give them \$500 back if they install the more efficient furnace. What? Not in the city's budget? It may not be in the homeowner's budget, either. This would be no different than having the federal government mandate that you provide that incentive to taxpayers, and prevented you from raising taxes to pay for it.

Please let the federal or state government do this in their own time. If they pass a similar law to become effective in a couple years, at least people will have time to adjust their budgets to accommodate such a change. I don't see what the rush is.

Thank you for serving on our city council, and for taking the time to listen to our input. I know it's a very difficult and often thankless job.

Sincerely,
Kevin Burklund

Mary M. Meyer

From: Cornish, Buffy [Buffy.Cornish@homerealestate.com]
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 11:10 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Code change for furnaces

Council members:

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE CODE CHANGE REQUIRING 90% EFF. FURNACES FOR REPLACEMENT OR INSTALLATION IN RESIDENCES!

Existing Homes: Safety: The 80% furnaces have all the same shut off switches if a issue comes up as the 90%. Some Heating and Air companies say no repair work will be needed if they go to a 90%. That is incorrect. The pipe must be secured every 4 feet so sheetrock repair will be needed.

But what this really affects is the cost. Going to a 90% replacement furnace will be between \$1,000 to \$1,500 more than an 80%. Which could make sellers and buyers not be able to afford it. But will they get a good return in energy savings? Home Builders Assoc of Lincoln analyzed a 1958 home - 1300 sq ft ranch. A 80% furnace would cost them \$50.00 a year more in gas. Furnaces last 10 to 15 years so that would be \$750 savings on energy costs. So they don't even make back what the new unit will cost them.

There are other ways to get homes more energy efficient then mandating everyone to go to a min. of a 90% furnace. In this current financial climate, please don't make homeownership more difficult! Vote No on this code change!

Best regards,

Buffy Cornish

Home Owners Plus

3355 Orwell, Lincoln NE 68516

Office - 402-437-7600

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REALTORS® ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN

Date: December 2, 2011
To: Mayor Chris Beutler and Lincoln City Council
From: REALTORS® Association of Lincoln
Re: Proposed City Code Change – 90% Efficient Furnaces

Dear Mayor Beutler & Council Members:

I am writing on behalf of the REALTORS® Association of Lincoln to convey concerns regarding the proposed city code change requiring 90% efficiency ratings on furnaces installed in new homes and replacement furnaces in existing homes. While the Association applauds increased sustainability efforts, the potential consequences of this elective code modification need to be recognized.

Low to moderate income households will be affected by the stricter minimum. A Journal Star article on November 19th stated 90% or higher efficiency furnaces cost \$800 to \$1,500 more than the 80% efficiency models. This additional cost could be the barrier to these households installing a new unit when required. In some instances, new furnace and air systems are required due to findings from whole house inspections or HVAC inspections during real estate transactions. This increased cost from 80% efficiency to 90% efficiency has the potential to prevent someone from realizing the dream of homeownership. In the affordable housing arena, an unforeseen cost of \$800 to \$1,500 can be a substantial amount of money.

There are far better ways to create a more sustainable community than prematurely adopting a code requiring 10% more efficient furnaces. The Home Builders Association of Lincoln has recently approached our organization on cosponsoring a weatherization program focusing on education of homeowners and installation of energy saving products in Lincoln homes. Creating partnerships and achievable initiatives offer much more practical and measurable solutions towards the goal of a greener Lincoln.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicole D. Jensen'.

Nicole D. Jensen
Executive Vice President
REALTORS® Association

Mary M. Meyer

From: Garton, Cynthia [Cynthia.Garton@woodspros.com]
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2011 3:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 90 percent furnaces

Please vote no on mandating 90 percent efficiency on furnaces.
It is just another attempt of government to take away citizens' rights to make their own choice in their own home.
Thank-you,
Cynthia Garton

Mary M. Meyer

From: karenknicol [karenknicol@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2011 11:14 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 90% efficient furnaces

We read the article in the Sunday, December 4th Journal Star concerning the potential city code requiring 90% efficient replacement furnaces. We own a older 4-plex and were alarmed at the additional cost to install this type of unit considering we have potentially 4 times we would be exposed to this plus our own residence. We are working people who are suffering from the poor economy--not wealthy landlords. Please don't force us into a more trying situation by approving this requirement at this time.

Sincerely,
Charles G. & Karen K. Nicol
402-420-5658

**MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

Present: Gene Carroll, Chair; Adam Hornung, Vice Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook (1:58 p.m.); Doug Emery; and Carl Eskridge

Absent: DiAnna Schimek

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, Tom Casady, Public Safety Director; Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities Director; Scott Opfer, Street and Traffic Operations Manager; and Dave Landis, Urban Development Director

Chair Carroll opened the meeting at 1:56 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Ross stated the items on the formal agenda which would be called together, including items #12, 13, 14, 15, liquor resolutions. Under Public Hearing Ordinances #18, 19, 20. Hoppe stated we've discussed the 90% furnace ordinances and understand Council would like other options. Hoke will present at the meeting and Mumgaard with the Cleaner, Greener Lincoln program will speak on the federal law.

Ross stated on page 6, items #34, 35 there is a request to delay action one week until December 12, 2011.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Separation of grass and leaves ends Thursday, December 1, 2011.
 2. NEWS RELEASE. Public Building Commission recommends purchase of building.
- No comments

III. DIRECTORS

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER

1. Information received from Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Director, regarding developing a national code; as received from the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, re: Item #20 on formal agenda.
2. Communication from Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Director, giving furnace price comparisons (Item # 20 on formal agenda).
3. Safety aspects of 90% furnaces, received from Fred Hoke, Development Services Center Director, in connection with Item #20 on the formal agenda.

No comments

FINANCE/TREASURER

1. Monthly City Cash Report at the close of business October 31, 2011.
- No comments

PARKS AND RECREATION CENTER

1. Agenda for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting to be held December 8, 2011.
 - a) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting minutes of Thursday, November 10, 2011.

No comments

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission, November 30, 2011.
2. Final action by the Planning Commission, November 30, 2011.

No comments

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendments approved by the Planning Director from November 22, 2011 through November 28, 2011.

No comments

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR, Tom Casady

Casady gave a PowerPoint presentation on the party disturbances in the city, with police officers assigned. Everyone has heard of disturbances which occur regularly and of the impact on neighborhoods. He illustrated the number of officers dispatched to party disturbances from 2005 through the present, showing a good decline. Four weekends left in December, but may not reach the 600 party disturbance level. Considering the prior 1200 disturbances, not only on neighborhoods but all collateral damages; drunk drivers, sexual assaults, trips to the emergency room, the Police Advisory Board assistance when we went from 1200 parties to now. Also impressive is the repeats decline, houses where we dispatched officers more than once.

Casady stated these results achieved through hard work by the police. The strategy is notifying and making sure landlords know they're responsible for working with us to abate ongoing parties. Casady gave an example of a house which had 34 party complaints in 2006, 48 in 2005, and since January has had zero. Achieved by the landlord working with us. He knew we held him accountable. He complained to a City Council Member, but we made sure the City Council knew of our actions. We went from a 2 year period of almost 80 party disturbance calls at this address, to zero in under 5 years. A very effective strategy.

Casady stated basically our interests and the landlord's are the same. Mostly the landlord of a property causing problems realizes this will eventually cause problems for all the tenants, and damage to the property.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

STREET AND TRAFFIC OPERATIONS MANAGER Scott Opfer

Opfer distributed an agenda/memorandum, with a snow removal policy. When complaints or concerns are received do refer to this policy, a good guideline of practices. Often when we go out and start a plowing operation people expect the street to be cleaned curb to curb in 4 hours. Our goal is to open the street, and to keep it open. Not necessarily curb to curb 4 hours after the snow, but then we come back.

Opfer stated this weekend's storm effort started early based on the forecast. May have had complaints, not uncommon, regarding putting brine on the streets. The initial forecast was freezing rain, changing to snow. Salt brine helps minimize or reduce the likelihood of freezing on streets. The decision was to put salt brine

on all arterial streets. This costs approximately \$6500 every time we do the arterial streets. If we prevent one injury crash we've more than paid for this, and feel it's a very good investment. Then we received rain, not freezing rain, in advance of the snow washing out a lot of our salt brine.

Opfer continued stating Friday had crews in all night long anticipating freezing rain. Didn't materialize, but we dealt with rain and watched bridges/overpasses into Saturday. Began the arterial spreading operation at 9 a.m., went to full operation around noon, continuing until 1:00 a.m. Sunday plowed arterials, emergency and bus routes. We watch for trouble spots, complaints, and on Sunday went around churches, schools, putting down materials. Continuing to clean up and hitting trouble spots.

Hornung asked if the new trucks have arrived. Opfer replied have 2 new trucks, and it will take about 3 weeks to have ready to use. Need material spreaders. Will be equipped with a front plow and a belly plow, a grader blade on the truck bottom, and a wing plow extending the side, doubling the truck capacity. Trucks with the wing plows should arrive this week. These are replacements for 4 vehicles which was in our budget last year.

Camp heard \$6500 to put the salt brine down, is that only salt brine? Opfer replied it's the total cost, manufacturer, labor, materials, including application. Camp asked usually how many miles? Opfer answered we have roughly 2500 to 2600 lane miles. This operation was a little over 1100 miles, just arterial streets.

Opfer said they began the year with about \$3.5 million, and a carry over of \$400,000 from last year and the prior year. Last Friday had a current balance of \$3 million plus the carry over. People ask how we spent a half a million. Remember a lot of costs including personnel and equipment paid through the year, from the snow removal budget September 1st. Most were equipment costs, as we pay on monthly for equipment maintenance. Would not include this weekend's activity.

Camp asked if no snow is there a fixed cost which could be itemized from September? Opfer replied as of Friday had spent about \$200,000 on our vehicles, basically a maintenance program. We pay into the fleet management budget, from September 1. About \$198,000 personnel costs. The way our budget is structured is having 125 people in street maintenance, in 6 different budgets. People in snow and ice would be charged to that budget and their benefits are paid out of snow and ice starting September 1st.

Camp stated with no snow in September and October were they doing repairs and other maintenance? Opfer replied yes, as they are not just dedicated to snow. We have several people funded out of streets and highways, not snow but they do snow. Also several people funded in street sanitation who do snow removal.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

1. Greening Lincoln flyer for the Everett neighborhood.
2. Greening Lincoln flyer in Spanish.

GREENING LINCOLN David Landis, Urban Development Director

Landis stated Lincoln is one of five cities chosen by the EPA paid project called Greening America's Capitals. Starts tomorrow through Thursday. Brings together the neighborhood, small business, community people, and design professionals. Tomorrow is aimed at gathering data and input at St. Paul United Church of Christ. The input is on how to redo the 11th Street scape, A to J streets. We have the resources. Normally

would have gone to a designer for the street scape but the EPA wanted to assist in the design process and bring methodologies to our community. They will do the work product with the community, and the design professionals will hand to the City. We may make use as we wish, as we are not obligated to follow the plan but they'll show what they think green and sustainable streets look like.

On Wednesday is the design by professionals and Thursday is the presentation and outcomes. All are invited. The Mayor will open tomorrow afternoon with Lincoln citizens participating.

Hornung stated if a citizen were to ask him if the City of Lincoln is having the EPA come in, are we? Landis replied the EPA is doing. They didn't give us a grant, or money to put on some workshops. They will put on and when done will give us what they think is a good model. This is not binding, not product, and not the outcome of a grant contract.

Cook stated various items listed, such as environmental education, school ecosystems, etc. is there any mention of trees? Need to focus on our street and our park trees programs. We've taken down so many more than we've replaced over time. We have places throughout the city where trees use to be and are not now, being so far behind we can't catch up. Having neighborhoods participate in this effort is important. Not just about planting bushes, trees are very important, long term, and want to see more focus on trees. Landis replied he would think a group of neighbors are together, worried about their streets that trees will come up as a matter of organic discussion. On the other hand, personally will mention trees.

WEED AUTHORITY

1. Weed Abatement Program newsletter for Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln, monthly report for November, 2011.

No comments

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

No comments

V. MISCELLANEOUS

None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email from Robert Converse, Retired HVAC service manager, giving reasons why Lincoln should not approve the proposed ordinance to ban 80% efficient furnaces in Lincoln, and giving link to the APGA web site.
2. InterLinc correspondence from Michael Mumaugh working on a project regarding electricity rates, and the City Council's perspective on setting rates.
3. InterLinc mail from Sheri Anderson with questions on how the City Council works.
4. Email from Billie Bussmann on the 90% furnace requirements issue. Some Lincoln homes would need extensive structural changes to install, at considerable expense.
5. InterLinc correspondence from Nolan Denker in which he gives reasons to support government funded art projects.
6. InterLinc mail from Barbara van den Berg stating the police department and parks and recreation personnel cooperative in dealing with the Occupiers. Hopefully this attitude will prevail with the

teepee.

7. Ken Svoboda email asking that the Public Building Commission special meeting be postponed until appropriate notice is given.
8. Email from Robin Eschliman regarding buildings for sale next to City property and the engineering building.

No comments

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Carroll adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.