

**IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS' MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

I. CITY CLERK

1. Request from Tom Huston in behalf of his client, Creekside Village, Ltd. requesting 2nd and 3rd readings on January 9th. First reading will be on the December 19th agenda.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler names Miki Esposito Director of Public Works and Utilities.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents November Award of Excellence to Dave Alder, Southwest District Supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will discuss Taking Charge Lincoln, the satisfaction survey at a news conference, Tuesday, December 13th, 1:30 p.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303.
4. NEWS RELEASE. New Taking Charge Survey to begin.
 - a) Timeline - Outcome Based Budgeting Implementation.

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. Meeting agenda for Thursday, December 15, 2011.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY

1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 2:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at 555 S. 10th Street. Agenda and attachment posted on line.

III. DIRECTORS

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health meeting minutes of November 8, 2011.
2. Lincoln-Lancaster County Department Report for November, 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by Planning Commission, December 14, 2011.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative Amendments approved by the Planning Director from December 6, 2011 through December 12, 2011.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

CARL ESKRIDGE

1. Correspondence from Carl Gauger asking that the existing bike lanes on 11th Street and 14th Street in downtown Lincoln be kept open.
2. Thank you from Damon Hershey, Cycle Works, for Councilman Eskridge attending the PBAC meeting, and stating numerous reasons why Lincoln should support the downtown bike lanes.

V. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Email from Robert Converse regarding the proposed HVAC ordinance changes. (Distributed to Council before meeting on December 12, 2011)
2. Email from Jimbob Morris with comments on Shane Harrington, and fiancé's, plan to open a bar with a liquor license.
3. Question from Josh Rice regarding the safety study on bike lanes.
 - a) Reply from David Cary, Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department, providing a link to the follow up study on the bike lanes.
4. Email from Daniel Kroll asking the City to keep the bike lanes downtown, and to possibly expand in more streets.
5. Correspondence from Joseph Gourlay. Continue to add bicycle lanes to downtown Lincoln, and do not remove any existing bike lanes.
6. Email from Elisabeth Reinkordt. Do not eliminate the downtown bike lanes, as they have improved the bicycle infrastructure in the city.
7. Email from Dr. Andrew Bedrous, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Add additional downtown bike lanes, which are a great benefit to cyclists, non-cyclists, businesses.
8. Email from CVO requesting more bike lanes.
9. Email from Chris Hilton. Not a good time to be removing the bike infrastructure downtown.
10. InterLinc message from Larry Nelson with questions on LFR moving chief officers from 24 hour shifts to 8 hour days, with stand by's. Cost justified?

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Joan E. Ross

From: Thomas C. Huston [thuston@clinewilliams.com]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Joan E. Ross; 'LITTLE, JANETTE'
Cc: Rick R. Peo; Steve D. Hubka; DEBUSE, LISA; HOFFMEYER, FARRAH; WISMER, LAUREN; Trish J. Babb
Subject: RE: City of Lincoln TIF (Creekside Village Project)

Joan:

On behalf of my client, Creekside Village, Ltd., I request that 2nd and 3rd readings of the ordinance be combined for the hearing on January 9th. This combination of the third reading into the 2nd reading will save the project around 2 additional weeks at approximately \$1000 per day in construction loan interest. I rarely request the waiver of the third reading but do so under these circumstances when 3 meetings are otherwise cancelled and the project can save a considerable sum in such a request.

Thomas C. Huston
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From: Joan E. Ross [mailto:jross@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 10:09 AM
To: Thomas C. Huston; 'LITTLE, JANETTE'
Cc: Rick R. Peo; Steve D. Hubka; DEBUSE, LISA; HOFFMEYER, FARRAH; WISMER, LAUREN; Trish J. Babb
Subject: RE: City of Lincoln TIF (Creekside Village Project)

Tom and Everyone, if it should be agreed to "Request" combining 2nd & 3rd Readings, please let me know by Wednesday. I can add the request to the agenda when listing this item.

From: Thomas C. Huston [<mailto:thuston@clinewilliams.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 5:01 PM
To: Joan E. Ross; 'LITTLE, JANETTE'
Cc: Rick R. Peo; Steve D. Hubka; DEBUSE, LISA; HOFFMEYER, FARRAH; WISMER, LAUREN; Trish J. Babb
Subject: RE: City of Lincoln TIF (Creekside Village Project)

Joan, Rick and Lauren:

Due to the timing of the meetings, I contemplate that I will want to request that we combine 2nd and 3rd readings on January 9th so that the bond ordinance can be passed on that date. The project is in the process of converting its construction loan to its permanent phase and would like to get that accomplished soon in the new year. Please let me know if you think such a request will present a problem. Thanks.

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From: Joan E. Ross [<mailto:jross@lincoln.ne.gov>]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 4:26 PM
To: 'LITTLE, JANETTE'
Cc: Rick R. Peo; Steve D. Hubka; Thomas C. Huston; DEBUSE, LISA; HOFFMEYER, FARRAH; WISMER, LAUREN; Trish J. Babb
Subject: RE: City of Lincoln TIF (Creekside Village Project)

Janette, confirming receipt of letter request. I have assigned the ordinance Bill No. 11-190. Intro: 12/19; P.H. 1/9 and Action 1/23.

From: LITTLE, JANETTE [<mailto:jlittle@gilmorebell.com>]

Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 4:12 PM

To: Joan E. Ross

Cc: Rick R. Peo; Steve D. Hubka; thuston@clinewilliams.com; DEBUSE, LISA; HOFFMEYER, FARRAH; WISMER, LAUREN

Subject: City of Lincoln TIF (Creekside Village Project)

Joan,

Attached is a copy of a letter, which Lauren is sending you via regular mail as well, asking for you to put this matter on the agenda for December 19th.

Thank you so much.

Janette

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 12, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831
Miki Esposito, Public Works and Utilities, 402-441-7548

**MAYOR NAMES ESPOSITO DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that Miki Esposito has been named Director of the City Public Works and Utilities Department effective immediately. Esposito has served as Interim Director since September 6, and she was the Compliance Administrator for the department before then.

“Over the past three months, Miki has proven to be a strong leader for the department,” Mayor Beutler said. “I have great confidence in her ability to move Public Works and Utilities forward in a way that meets the needs and expectations of City leaders and the residents of our community.”

“I am fortunate to be surrounded by a competent, hardworking and dedicated staff,” Esposito said. “As a team, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in keeping our City a wonderful place to live. I’m very honored by this appointment and recognize that the services provided by Public Works and Utilities affect so many lives in our community. I take that responsibility very seriously and am truly committed to serving the needs of our citizenry in the most positive and productive way.”

Miki began her career as an attorney for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality specializing in Environmental and Natural Resources Law. In 2006, she joined the City Attorney’s Office and represented the Public Works and Utilities Department in legal matters, including civil litigation, contract negotiation and legislation. After a temporary post as a Senior Policy Aide to Mayor Beutler in 2010, Miki took a position as Compliance Administrator for Public Works and Utilities. She is a graduate of Washburn University School of Law in Topeka, Kansas and received a bachelor’s degree in biology at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas.

Esposito’s salary is \$105,000 annually. The Public Works and Utilities Department is the largest in City government and includes seven divisions: Business Office, Engineering Services, Special Projects Development, StarTran, Watershed Management, Wastewater and Solid Waste and the Lincoln Water System.

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MAYOR PRESENTS NOVEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor's Award of Excellence for November to Dave Allder, Southwest District Supervisor for the Parks and Recreation Department. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting.

Allder has worked for the City since April 1982. He was nominated by Parks volunteer Rosina Paolini in the categories of safety, productivity and customer relations for his ongoing efforts to keep the parks in his district well maintained and safe despite funding challenges.

Paolini cited Allder's response to the problem of four-wheel vehicles racing through Wilderness Park illegally. Allder's contacts with the group did not stop the violation, so he coordinated an effort involving the Police Department and volunteers including Paolini. After she and another volunteer observed an incident, they contacted Allder who saw the offender leaving the park and drive to a residence. He then called the Police and identified the offender who eventually pled guilty to two misdemeanors – being in the park after hours and operating a vehicle off a roadway.

Chief Assistant City Prosecutor John McQuinn also commended Allder for his role making the conviction possible. McQuinn told him, "The reality that they can be caught is a good way to start changing some behaviors. Without your dedication and the efforts of your volunteers, this case would never have been solved. I appreciate all of the effort. Although the fines were small, the message was much louder."

Paolini wrote, "Dave has a passion for the great outdoors and appreciation for the natural spaces whether it be Antelope Park or Wilderness Park. Dave does what it takes to keep Wilderness Park safe for the families, hikers, riders and animals who enjoy the park." Paolini said Allder returns e-mails and phone calls on weekends to accommodate volunteers and monitors the activity in the park during and after work hours.

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The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

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

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DATE: December 13, 2011

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

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the City's new Taking Charge Lincoln satisfaction survey at a news conference at **1:30 p.m. TODAY, Tuesday, December 13** in Room 303 in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 13, 2011

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

NEW TAKING CHARGE SURVEY TO BEGIN

Randomized mail survey to be followed by online version

Mayor Chris Beutler today urged residents to participate in the new Taking Charge Lincoln satisfaction survey. Randomly selected households will begin receiving surveys through the mail later this week. When that survey ends in February, residents who did not receive a mailed survey will be asked to fill out the survey online at lincoln.ne.gov. Mayor Beutler said the Taking Charge process and surveys have given residents a greater voice at City Hall and have impacted decisions on City programs and the budget.

“Good government is government that listens and responds,” Beutler said. “To be the best organization we can be, we must listen to our customers, the people of Lincoln, Nebraska. That’s why it is so important for the public to take the survey and tell us how we are doing. It’s your City and your opportunity to help us keep Lincoln strong and vibrant.”

The City has partnered with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center (PPC) since 2008 on efforts to implement outcome-based budgeting, which ties programs to the goals that citizens want local government to accomplish. The process has included surveys and public meetings. (A timeline is attached.) Most of the questions were included in 2009 satisfaction survey so that the City can spot changes in attitudes and developing problem areas. Survey topics include transportation, parks and recreation, economic development, neighborhood life, public safety, libraries, healthy behavior, sustainability, and trust in local government.

While the 2009 survey was conducted by phone, the new survey is being sent by mail to randomly selected households. Using mail will save the City thousands of dollars over the cost of a phone survey and is more inclusive. Phone surveys do not include cell phone users and can exclude younger adults and lower-income families.

The University’s Bureau of Sociological Research (BOSR) is handling data collection to ensure that appropriate research practices are followed. The PPC says about 600 responses from the mail survey are needed to have confidence in the results at plus or minus 4 percent. Responses to the later non-random online survey will be analyzed separately from the mailed version to protect the generalized projections of the results.

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The City also is lowering the survey cost by including research questions on household weatherization. The survey will include questions on energy-related home improvements and programs that can assist people in completing these improvements.

Beutler said this year's Taking Charge Lincoln satisfaction survey is "a tribute to intergovernmental partnership and cooperation" and thanked the PPC and BOSR for their participation and assistance. "Our long relationship with the Public Policy Center has created our Taking Charge public engagement process and together we are garnering national attention for how we are reaching out to you, our 'bosses' in Lincoln."

More information on the partnering agencies is available at ppc.nebraska.edu and bosr.unl.edu.

Beutler urged residents to watch for the mailing from the BOSR and to respond in a timely manner. The adult in the household who has had the most recent birthday will be asked to fill out the survey. "You will be doing an important service for your community as your opinions will help the City Council and me improve the quality of our City services and respond to your needs," Beutler said.

TIMELINE - OUTCOME BASED BUDGETING IMPLEMENTATION

2008

- February 12 - Mayor announces PRIORITY LINCOLN effort to solicit public opinion on how City spends tax dollars. City partners on project with University of Nebraska Public Policy Center with funding from the Lincoln Community Foundation.
- March - Phone survey of 600 randomly selected residents.
- April 12 - Follow up meeting with about 50 phone survey participants. Portions aired on 5 CITY-TV.
- April 21 - Phone survey results show residents rank safety and security and economic opportunity high.
- April and May - About 1,300 residents complete online survey or printed copy. About 200 residents participate in series of town hall meetings.
- Summer - Mayor and City Directors use PRIORITY LINCOLN results to shape budget.
- Fall - Mayor works with directors and private citizens to identify goals for eight City outcomes: Safety and Security, Economic Opportunity, Health and Productive People, Livable Neighborhoods, Effective Transportation, Environmental Quality, Accountable Government and Identity Lincoln.

2009

- February 5 - City releases “Taking Charge: Progress Measures and Program Prioritization” and asks for public input on budget planning document.
- April and May - About 1,800 participate in “Taking Charge” online educational survey focusing on programs and services in danger of being cut or eliminated.
- May 16 - Day-long in-depth discussion with about 100 residents on City budget. Portions aired on 5 CITY-TV.
- Summer and Fall - Mayor works with City Directors and private citizens on indicators for goal areas.
- November 19 - Mayor announces City Stat meetings, random phone and online survey.
- December - City Stat meetings held, phone survey completed, and online survey begins

2010

- January - Phone survey results show high citizen satisfaction.
- May - Residents participate in Taking Charge budget discussion at City Hall and online.
- June - City’s program prioritization list released and public is encouraged to comment.

2011

- May 10 - Mayor announces new Taking Charge online budget survey that asks participants to make funding decisions on nine City programs.
- May 31 - City releases new prioritized program list that includes estimated cost of providing programs and encourages public to comment.
- July 12 - Results of Taking Charge online budget survey shows majority of those participating preferred moderate increase in taxes rather than cuts in services.
- December 13 - Mayor announces second Taking Charge Lincoln Satisfaction Survey (first one was in December 2009). Surveys will be mailed to randomly-selected households.

CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Thursday, December 15, 2011, 4 p.m.

City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2011 Commission Meeting
- III. Approval of Agenda for December 15, 2011 Commission Meeting
- IV. Case Dispositions
 - A. Reasonable Cause/No Reasonable Cause
 1. LCHR No.: 10-0113-003-H
 2. LCHR No.: 11-0119-003-E-R
 3. LCHR No.: 11-0331-013-E
 4. LCHR No.: 11-0331-014-E
 5. LCHR No.: 11-0428-017-E-R
 6. LCHR No.: 11-0525-024-E-R
 7. LCHR No.: 11-0708-011-H
 8. LCHR No.: 11-0928-014-H
 - B. Pre-Determination Settlement
 9. LCHR No.: 11-1011-017-H
 10. LCHR No.: 11-1014-035-E-R
- VI. Administrative Closures/Failure to Cooperate
 11. LCHR No.: 11-0518-022-E-R
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Director Position Update
 - B. Commission Initiated Complaint Procedure
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Friends of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights
 - B. Surveys
 - C. HUD Performance Audit Results
 - D. ADAA Guidance
 - E. Officer Nominations
 - F. Farewell and Thanks to Commissioner Cooper
- IX. Public Comment**
- X. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the commission will be allowed to examine any individual commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the commission unless invited to do so by the chairperson.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: West Haymarket JPA Meeting December 20, 2011

The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet on Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 2:00 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>

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
November 8, 2011

I. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Tony Messineo and David Smith.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Beal, Gwendy Meginnis; Steve Frederick, Scott Holmes; Kathy Cook, Melissa Oerman, Claudia Pankoke, Mike Heyl, David Humm and Elaine Severe.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Peterson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes. Dr. Peterson asked that under Tobacco Update - the issue of smoking regulations - distance from an entrance of a building be addressed. Ms. Halstead clarified the issue will be reviewed by staff, not by the Board of Health/Parks & Recreation Joint Committee.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Peterson that the October 11, 2011 Minutes be approved as amended. Second by Dr. Schneider. Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the Health Management Associations (HMA) study continues. HMA was hired by the Community Health Endowment to review physical and mental health services in the community and how we provide these services. A final report will be presented to the Community Health Endowment in January.

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the building fire that occurred on October 31,

2011. The fire began in a storage room in the lower level of the older part of the building and caused an estimated \$60,000 in losses and damages. She stated the cause of the fire was determined to be improper storage of button batteries. She stated the building was equipped with a new sprinkler system that was installed when the building addition was added. She thanked Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Public Building Commission Director Don Killeen for their efforts and good work. Lincoln Fire & Rescue used the incident as an opportunity to educate the community on the proper storage of batteries. Dr. Lester and the Board extended their appreciation to Ms. Halstead for her leadership and assurance to staff and the public.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action Items)

VII. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Summer Food Program Report

Mr. Heyl provided an update on the 2011 Summer Food Program. The Department has sponsored the program for the past 31 years. The program operated from June 1, 2011 to August 12, 2011 at 32 sites across the community. 112,514 meals were served, representing an increase of about 17,000 meals served over last year. Forty-two percent of the meals were served to non-white attendees. Partners included Lincoln Public Schools, the Food Bank of Lincoln, Anderson Ford and the United Way of Lincoln and Lancaster County. Mr. Heyl stated staff and volunteers were trained on food handling procedures, food temperatures, USDA guidelines and State and Federal guidelines. He encouraged Board members to visit a site next year.

B. Dental Health & Nutrition Division Report

Ms. Meginnis, Ms. Oerman, and Ms. Pankoke provided an update on the Dental Health & Nutrition Division. Ms. Meginnis reviewed the Division's mission and program planning strategies, target populations, program priorities, and dental clinic service statistics. She reported on the Division's outreach efforts and how the division works with many community partners. Ms. Oerman and Pankoke provided an update on the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. The Department is one of two WIC programs in Lancaster County. They reviewed the eligibility guidelines, assessment, services provided by the program, and health benefits of eating nutritional food.

C. National Public Health Performance Standards Program Sub-Committee Update

Dr. Schneider stated the Sub-Committee met prior to the Board of Health meeting. Sub-Committee members are Dr. Schneider, Dr. Lester and Dr. Peterson. Staff members include Mr. Holmes, Mr. Beal, Ms. Cook and Ms. Mach. The Board of Health is one of 10 local boards of health in the country that has been asked to beta test the Governance Instrument of the National Public Health Performance Standards Program. The Sub-Committee will meet again prior to the December 13, 2011 Board of Health meeting.

D. Lincoln Corporate Partnership Plan Update

Dr. Lester attended the Lincoln Corporate Partnership Plan Meeting in November. The City of Lincoln is looking at marketing options to increase revenue for the City. A consultant has been hired to prepare recommendations. The process is in the preliminary stages and is looking at all areas of advertising. They are taking into account advertising only healthy products. Dr. Schneider and Mr. Messineo have been invited to serve on a committee to look at the issue further.

E. Small Family Child Care Update

Mr. Holmes stated the Small Family Child Care Ordinance will be reviewed on November 7, 2011 by the Lincoln City Council and will take action on November 14, 2011. Staff are recommending the ordinance be rescinded. This is a result of few benefitting from the program, unable to determine health outcomes and the program cost. It is a program that has a low impact compared to the cost. The program costs \$72,000, serves 40 providers, and generates revenue of \$3,700.

VIII. FUTURE BUSINESS

Mr. Emery asked staff to provide information on fluoridation in the water system. Ms. Halstead asked Ms. Meginnis to take the issue to the Dental Community Group for direction and recommendations.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Heidi Stark
Vice-President

DEPARTMENT REPORT NOVEMBER, 2011

HEALTH DIRECTOR

- The Health Director continues to work with the Community Health Endowment and Health Management Associates on their study regarding physical and mental health services in the community. The final report will be issued in January, 2012.
- The Health Director and Information & Fiscal Manager attended training on the upcoming budget session. The City will begin biennial budgeting in the coming fiscal year.
- The Health Department's Tobacco Program Supervisor met with the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to discuss the exploration of smokefree children's play areas. Four members of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee are interested in participating with Board of Health representatives in a joint discussion.
- The Department is working with the Lincoln Police Department ,City Council, and retail liquor license holders regarding proposed City ordinances for required training and permits for servers. The ordinance revisions would address the detail of the training and proposed permit that would be issued to servers after they complete the training. A community meeting was held on November 30th at the Cornhusker Hotel to review the proposed changes and to assure all establishments in the City are aware their employees will be affected by the proposed changes.
- Employee of the Month - Julie Mach - Health Data & Evaluation Division

ANIMAL CONTROL

	Sep 09- Oct 09	Sep 10- Oct 10	Sep 11- Oct 11
Pet Licenses Sold	9344	8577	8423
Cases Dispatched	3441	2911	4198
Investigation	4432	3247	4523
Animals Impounded			
Dogs	356	359	303
Cats	294	422	331
Court Citations Issued	41	108	23
Warnings/Defects Issued	904	316	2202

Bite Cases Reported	61	78	87
Attack Cases Reported	14	13	7
Dogs Declared (PPD, DD, V)	3	5	18
Animal Neglect Investigations	90	109	89
Injured Animal Rescue	126	120	143
Wildlife Removal	75	91	94
Dead Animal Pickup	294	321	497
Lost and Found Reports	n/a	438	479
Phone Calls	6312	8252	8567
Average Response Time (in mins)	21	36	20

- The Animal Control Advisory Committee welcomed three new members: Pat Eiche, Suzie Meierdierks, and Ann Sheridan. The Advisory Committee now has a good cross representation of individuals representing a diverse group of interests and organizations.
- The Animal Control Advisory Committee approved several changes to the Animal Control ordinances. The revisions will be on the December Board of Health agenda for approval. The revisions address the confiscation language and spay neuter license fees. There are no fee changes, just clarification that spay and neuter fees are lower than unaltered dogs and cats
- Animal Control staff will provide a presentation to the Board of Health in December. There are four purposes to the presentation: 1) Show the connection between public health and animal control; 2) Highlight current issues and future trends including statistical highlights; 3) Report on our progress (performance indicators) and what we are doing in the way of new community partnerships and increased pet ownership responsibility; and 4) Update on reporting, regulation and enforcement.
- Staff attended the Capital Humane Society news conference announcing a \$1.5 million dollar gift to the new adoption center that will be built next year. The gift put the total amount donated at \$3.7 million, exceeding their goal of \$2.8 million.
- Animal Control staff are reviewing and updating procedures and practices regarding safety and safety gear. This includes going over the City of Lincoln Safety Manual and assuring officers are familiar with safety requirements.
- The Office Manger and Division Manager met with staff from City Information Services to streamline and improve our animal license application process and how we manage our late fee process. The result should be less postage, paperwork and staff time working with owners that are delinquent on license renewals.

- The Division Manager and members of The Cat House Board of Directors met in November and agreed to terms for a 6 month renewal of our feral cat agreement. Over 150 feral cats have gone through the spay, neuter, microchip, ear tip and vaccination program over the last several months of the agreement.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

SATURDAY CLINICS FOR SCHOOL REQUIRED VACCINE

- LLCHD staff continue to partner with area schools to provide vaccine for the new state requirements with a particular emphasis on providing vaccine to those without a medical home. The new requirements are; (1) Kindergarten – 12th Grade: 2 doses of Varicella or written documentation of Varicella disease and (2) 7th Grade: 1 dose of Tdap (Pertussis booster).
- LLCHD is offering five (5) Saturday morning and early afternoon vaccine clinics in order to help students in Lancaster County meet the new requirements. With four clinics completed in October and November, 318 students were served and 472 vaccines were given. Our last Saturday clinic will be held on December 3rd, although needs will continue to be reassessed with our community partners.

FREE VACCINE

- Two recent donations of free vaccine will be helpful to LLCHD's adult vaccination efforts this fall and winter for low-income, uninsured adults. The Immunization Program of NDHHS delivered 110 free doses of TwinRix to LLCHD from a provider who could not use the vaccine by the expiration date. TwinRix is indicated for active immunization against disease caused by hepatitis A virus and infection by all known subtypes of hepatitis B virus. It is approved for use in persons 18 years of age or older. The Public Health Clinic was also approved for 250 free doses of Adacel from AmeriCares' GIFT Program (Give Immunity Fight Transmission). In this program, Sanofi Pasteur donates one dose of Adacel for every 100 doses purchased for the immunization of low-income, uninsured patients. Adacel is indicated for the prevention of tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis infection for persons 11 through 64 years of age. In addition to the availability of these vaccines in our regularly scheduled clinics, TwinRix and Adacel will be offered to those who access seasonal flu clinics serving the homeless/near homeless at the following agencies; Center for People in Need, the Gathering Place, and Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE CLINIC IMPROVEMENTS PROGRESS

- This month, EHS, our electronic health record, was modified to include data to measure the following four (4) GA patient outcomes;
 - 1) At least 90% of GA clients with a diagnosis of diabetes will decrease their Hemoglobin A1C values at least 10% within six months.
 - 2) At least 90% of GA clients with a diagnosis of hypertension will decrease their blood pressure, by at least one category of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (see chart below), within three months.

Category	Systolic		Diastolic
Normal	Less than 120	And	Less than 80
Prehypertension	120-139	Or	80-89
High Blood Pressure			
Stage 1	140-159	Or	90-99
Stage 2	160 or higher	Or	100 or higher

- 3) At least 90% of GA clients who use narcotics for chronic pain will have a pain contract within three months.
 - 4) At least 90% of GA clients will decrease inappropriate use of the Emergency Department within six months.
- Strategies for adding a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to GA Medical Clinic visits, focusing nursing case management by Public Health Nurses (PHNs) to the most ill GA patients, and re-assigning duties of clerical staff to support billing/coding needs were discussed with our physician provider. He was supportive of this plan. Bernice Afuh will lead two (2) planning sessions with GA nurse case managers and Information & Referral staff to identify new roles and responsibilities for all staff working in GA, to re-design nurse case management, and to improve efficiency in the GA Medical Clinic to meet client demand with less waiting and more involvement of the patient in the management of his/her chronic condition(s).

DENTAL HEALTH & NUTRITION

WIC

- WIC, along with other programs, develop emergency plans hoping to never use them. The October 31 Department fire gave us the opportunity to test our plan. Thirty-five WIC appointments were scheduled for that Monday afternoon. Upon learning the Department

would be closed, several staff immediately moved to two satellite locations and began calling clients asking them to come to the alternate location for WIC services. Fifty percent of the clients were seen on the day of their appointment, 80% had received services by the end of the week. WIC didn't skip a beat, services were never suspended. Thanks to a pretty good plan and a dedicated staff.

Dental Health

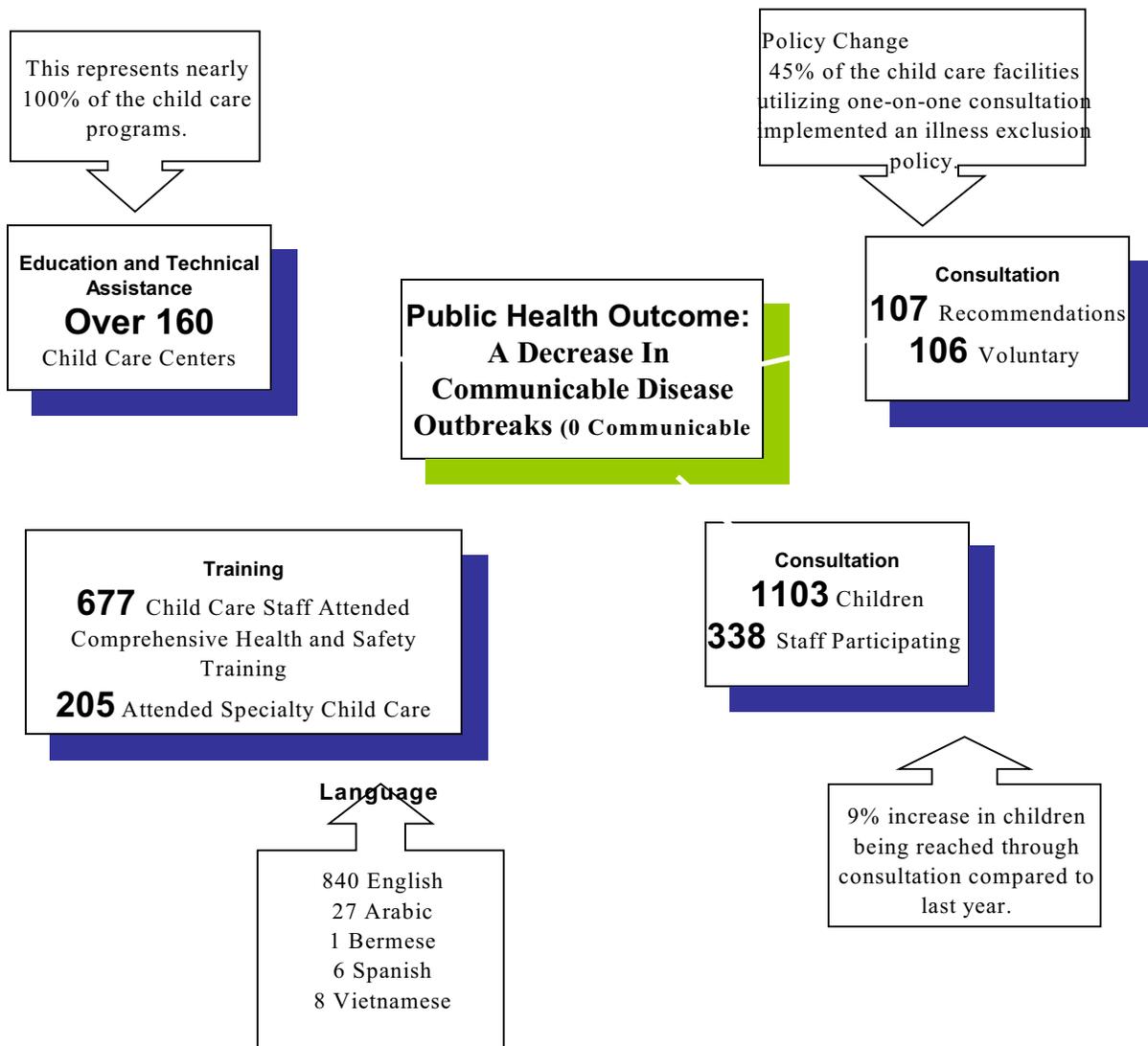
- October is a busy month for school based dental screenings in Lincoln and Lancaster County area schools. State law mandates school screenings for vision, hearing and dental.
- LLCHD dental staff coordinate the school based dental screenings for the Lincoln Public Elementary Schools utilizing volunteer dentists from the community and LLCHD dental staff. Approximately 25-30 dentists volunteer their time each year during October and November to help with the school screenings. In addition, LLCHD dental staff will assist other area schools as needed. During October, LLCHD dental staff assisted with school screenings at Randolph Elementary (110 children), Hamlow Elementary school in Waverly (36 children) and Waverly's Intermediate School (32 children).
- Other dental outreach activities during October included dental staff providing oral health education and clinic contact information to 50 participants attending Elliott's Community Learning Center Health Fair, to 400 participants attending Mickle Middle School's Health Fair, and to 15 residents and staff at Cedars Emergency Shelter.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Child Care Health Consultation

- LLCHD's Child Care Health Consultation Services protect the health of children, their families and our community by preventing communicable disease outbreaks that originate in child care settings. Simply put, children are more susceptible to communicable disease than adults. Many child care centers lack adequate health and safety practices, especially those sites that serve low income or racial/ethnic minority families. Improving the training of staff, updating policies, and obtaining input from skilled health professionals decrease the incidence of disease and improves health and safety in child care centers. Through implementation of the Child Care Health Consultation Services with the assistance of Nebraska Health Care Funding Act dollars we have reduced the frequency of outbreaks and the number of children and families impacted.

- Lincoln Municipal Code 8.14 requires health and safety training for child care center staff every two years. The two hour training includes health information such as illness prevention and exclusion, diapering, hand washing, and food safety. The training is revised every two years to keep the interest of the participants and increase subject matter retention. The new training is designed as an interactive experience called “Outbreak.” Through video clips and hands-on activities, participants must solve the mystery of “Who, What and Where spread the diarrheal illness?”



This year the Child Care Health Consultation Services have worked closely with UNL Pesticide Education and Lancaster County Extension to connect child care professionals with Integrated Pest Management (IPM) information and resources. Two special trainings were held for 118 child care staff to teach prevention and management of pests while lowering chemical exposure to

children and staff. An IPM presentation was also arranged for the Nebraska Child Care Directors Association. Pest education on bed bugs, roaches, mice, squirrels, bats and head lice was provided. In addition, detailed on-site assessments were completed at three child care centers. The facilities were given information and resources to safely prevent and manage a wide range of pests. Two facilities, one experiencing a roach infestation and another with bats, were given on-site instruction to eliminate the problem.



- Lastly, a facebook page, Healthy Child Care Environments Lincoln, is being piloted. It targets child care directors and staff and is an additional way for them to stay up-to-date about health and safety items that could affect the child care facility. The page includes pertinent information as well as articles and links to share with staff and families. Communicating to directors and child care staff via facebook allows us to quickly advise establishments of information affecting their child care. Notifications on communicable disease alerts to breaking news will keep them informed. Please note, that our facebook page is an **additional** way of communicating with child care centers. We will still use the mail to send out important information; facebook is just a quicker way to receive these updates.



HEALTH DATA & EVALUATION

- The MAPP (Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships) Steering Committee will be meeting November 30th to determine health priorities in the

community. Priorities will be based on the findings from the four assessments (Community Health Status, Forces of Change, Themes and Strengths, and Community Public Health System) that have been shared with the committee. The prioritization of health issues is one of the last steps in the MAPP process. After the list of priority health issues is established the next step is to determine root causes of the issues, and to set strategic health priorities for the next three to five years. The strategic priorities will be used to create a Community Health Improvement Plan, which will be the goal of our efforts over the next nine to ten months.

- There's a great deal of interest in finding a host site for the dashboard that was developed with the Public Health Association of Nebraska (PHAN), but no decision has been made as to whether it will be hosted by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) or some other organization. Several discussions have been held and we are hopeful that a host will be found soon. In the meantime we have been working with the state to help them determine how best to share health information (such as vital statistics and the BRFSS results) with the twenty-one local health departments and the public.

- There has been no flu activity locally or in Nebraska and only sporadic activity in other states. Nevertheless, it is a good time for people to seek a flu shot or nasal spray to help reduce the chance of catching seasonal flu, which is likely to begin picking up as we approach the holidays. Remember, it takes two weeks from the time of the flu immunization before the body has built up immunity. Aside from the flu, there are reports of respiratory illnesses such as colds that seem to hang on for a while. Remember, you should stay home or keep your child home when you or they are sick to help reduce the spread of disease, cover your coughs or sneezes, wash your hands and avoid contact with persons who are sick. Washing your hands is always a recommended practice to reduce the chance of contracting any number of communicable diseases.

HEALTH PROMOTION & OUTREACH

Chronic Disease and Minority Health

- Staff presented at the State Colon Cancer Conference –sharing success of outreach efforts this past year. LLCHD serves as a lead agency for the Lancaster Crusade Against Cancer. In 2011, Crusade partners implemented an awareness campaign in March to educate and encourage those 50 and older to be screened for colon cancer. Almost 2,000 free screening kits were distributed through 31 pharmacies as well as through worksites. The Lancaster Crusade was recognized as having the highest distribution out of the 13 coalitions across

Nebraska. The screening kits are one option, but anyone 50 and older should have a colonoscopy to screen for colon cancer. Did you know that 940 Nebraskans will be diagnosed this year with colon cancer? For more information visit www.stayinthegamene.com.

- In its monthly spot on Channel 8 Midday Forum, staff presented on the topic of November as Diabetes Awareness Month. Staff promoted the ActionNow Diabetes Prevention Coalition and its website, www.123ActionNow.org and directed people to the site so they can assess their own personal risk for diabetes.

Early Development Services Coordination

- During the month of October 2011, there were 76 referrals made to the Early Development Services Coordination Program. Of the 76 referrals, 41 were younger than 2 years of age (program target population). Of these referrals, 32 were CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) referrals.

Injury Prevention

- Staff attended the Waverly Fire Department annual open house in October. Approximately 300 people visited the Safe Kids Child Passenger Safety interactive booth. The Eggmobile was used to demonstrate to children and parents on the importance of being properly restrained. Educational material on child passenger safety was provided to the Waverly participants.
- Staff coordinated a car seat check at Schworer Volkswagon. 33 seats were checked and 17 were found to be improperly installed. This is a new partner for SDLLC-Child Passenger Safety Task Force and we are very excited about the potential to partner with Schworer in 2012. All businesses hosting seat check events provide a sponsorship donation which covers costs associated with the event.

Tobacco Prevention

- Staff coordinated a tobacco compliance check with LPD and 4 youth volunteers. Sales of tobacco occurred in 9 of 35 businesses sold for a 26% non-compliant rate. The average for the year is 14%. Follow-up visits were made with 8 businesses (1 business had 2 sales) and from those visits 6 employees from one business registered for the Tobacco and ID Check training scheduled for December 6. Staff coordinated a compliance check with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office and 3 youth volunteers. 1 out of 23 businesses sold for a 4% non-compliant rate. The average for the year is 4%.

INFORMATION & FISCAL MANAGEMENT

- The Health Director and Division Manager attended City Budget Office Review of changes in the budget preparation process to accommodate a two year budget cycle. On March 9th, we will submit two—one year fiscal budget requests for FY 2013 and FY 2014. Division Manager is creating new spreadsheets for tracking and analyzing budget expenses and revenues and to use in preparation of the budget.

- The Supervisor for the Fiscal Office resigned in November. The position has been posted and we are awaiting a list of eligible candidates from Personnel.

- HIPPA privacy and security risk analysis work continues. In November, we began to analyze current staff practices related to privacy and security.

- Time Reporting and Activity Tracking application is in final testing. Training will be provided in January and the application will be implemented with the first pay period in February 2012.

**** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ****
December 14, 2011

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 14, 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, December 14, 2011, from 12:00 noon - 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.

****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, DECEMBER 14, 2011

[All members present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 30, 2011. ****APPROVED, 9-0****

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

PERMITS:

Page 01 1.1 Special Permit No. 11029, for the authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises, on property located at 1603 West O Street.
***** FINAL ACTION *****

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 29, 2011.

Resolution No. PC-01260.

Page 09 1.2 Special Permit No. 11031, for a parking lot and a reduction of the setback to 15' along G Street and to 12' along 1st Street, and to allow for a 5' radius to the alley, on property generally located at S. 1st Street and G Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Rashi Jain, 441-6372, rjain@lincoln.ne.gov

Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 30, 2011, with amendment to Condition #2.1, as recommended by staff, 9-0.

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, January, 23, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

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

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA (See Item #1.2 above)**

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

CHANGE OF ZONE:

Page 19 4.1 Change of Zone No. 11040, amending Section 27.67.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to special parking requirements to delete special parking requirements for rooming and boarding houses and to revise the parking requirements for fraternities and sororities; and repealing 27.67.040 Section of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing.

Staff recommendation: Approval

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

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-1 (Esseks dissenting).

Scheduling of Public Hearing before City Council pending.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

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- 4.2 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11001, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan by revising the language in Chapter 7, Neighborhoods and Housing, Rural Areas, to encourage more options for creation of small lots in the Agricultural District while maintaining the overall density of 1 dwelling per 20 acres.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: DENIAL, 5-4 (Francis, Butcher, Gaylor Baird, Esseks and Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Lust, Weber, Hove and Sunderman voting ‘no’).
Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board is being requested on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.
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- 4.3 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11002, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan by revising the language in Chapter 7, Neighborhoods and Housing, Rural Areas, to specify that “build-through” standards should only apply to areas within the City of Lincoln 3-mile jurisdiction.
Staff recommendation: Denial
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: DENIAL, 7-2 (Francis, Lust, Butcher, Gaylor Baird, Weber, Esseks and Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Hove and Sunderman voting ‘no’).
Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board is being requested on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.
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- 4.4 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11003, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan by revising the County Future Land Use Plan to show commercial and industrial uses at the intersection of Highway 2 and Highway 43/South 162nd Street, and to add language that clarifies the intent that the commercial uses be those that generally support the agricultural and traveling community, with the industrial area reserved for a potential large employer.
Staff recommendation: Denial
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: DENIAL, 8-1 (Francis, Lust, Butcher, Gaylor Baird, Hove, Sunderman, Esseks and Cornelius voting ‘yes’; Weber voting ‘no’).
Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board is being requested on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

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- 4.5 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11004, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan by revising the Priority Growth Areas map to change the designation of property generally located west of North 56th Street between Alvo Road and Arbor Road from Tier I, Priority B, to Tier I, Priority A.
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, January 23, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
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- 4.6 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11005, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan by revising the credits page; Chapter 1, Vision & Plan, LPlan 2040 Elements; Chapter 12, Plan Realization, Public Sector Contributions; and Chapter 12, Plan Realization, Plan Update Process, to clearly differentiate the Comprehensive Plan document from the Long Range Transportation Plan document so that the intent of each document is more clearly understood.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: David Cary, 441-6364, dcary@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board is being requested on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.
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- 4.7 Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11006, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to add introductory language clarifying the Plan's purpose as a policy guide, not a legally binding document.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Nicole Fleck-Tooze, 441-6363, ntooze@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, as revised, 6-3 (Francis, Lust, Weber, Hove, Sunderman and Esseks voting 'yes'; Butcher, Gaylor Baird and Cornelius voting 'no').
Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
Public Hearing before the Lancaster County Board is being requested on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

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

PENDING LIST:

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. (11-30-11: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on February 22, 2012 at the request of the applicant.)*

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

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



Memorandum

Date: ♦ December 13, 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 December 6, 2011 thru December 12, 2011:

Administrative Amendment No. 11051 to Use Permit No. 128B, Morning Glory Estates, approved by the Planning Director on December 7, 2011, requested by Liberty First Credit Union, to revise the boundary of the use permit by removing the area labeled Lot 1, Block 1, on property generally located at N. 84th St. and Lexington Ave.

Administrative Amendment No. 11064 to Use Permit No. 11001, approved by the Planning Director on December 9, 2011, requested by Olsson Associates, to revise the building envelope, on property generally located at West A St. and Highway 77.

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Mary M. Meyer

From: carl gauger [carlgauger3@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 1:02 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: bike lanes downtown

Dear Councilman Eskridge,

I'm writing to urge you to keep the existing bike lanes on 11th street and 14th streets in downtown Lincoln. I use these bike lanes every day of the year, and structure my commute around them. I feel as though removing them sends the wrong message. As a bike mechanic, I have met many people who have been encouraged to start commuting to work on a bike because of the existence of these lanes. Please keep them where they are. Thank you so much,

Carl Gauger

2606 Sumner Street

Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: damon@cycleworksusa.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 5:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Terry L. Genrich; Jordan Messerer; BT Fraser
Subject: downtown bike lanes

Carl Eskridge,

Thank you for coming to today's PBAC meeting and asking the opinion of the board members regarding the removal of the bike lanes on 11th and 14th streets. I also wanted to express my own thoughts on the matter.

We know that the bike lanes do so much more than simply give a route to non-motorized street users. The bike lanes are part of a growing cycling infrastructure that attracts investment, redevelopment, and new businesses into our city. They help increase patronage and attract new visitors to downtown businesses. They help keep our downtown vibrant and strong, not just for cyclists, but for our community at large. Again, thank you for your time and interest in the bike lanes.

Damon Hershey
Cycle Works / BicycLincoln
720 N 27 St.
Lincoln, NE 68503
402-475-2453

"Before you can move the world, you have to move yourself"

Mary M. Meyer

From: Rgconverse@aol.com
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 1:51 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: HVAC Code Changes

December 12 2011

From Robert Converse

Dear council members,

As you prepare to vote on HVAC ordinance changes today, I would like to bring a couple of thoughts to your attention:

1. One of the items Merle Scott proposed is to require permits and inspection of refrigerant piping. While this proposal sounds innocuous, his stated reason to activate this code change is to bring in more revenue to support his building code enforcement department? The primary reason behind requiring permits and inspections is to ensure a correct installation which should prevent any unsafe condition. I.E., public safety.

This code change as proposed will now require that permits be taken and refrigerant piping inspected in grocery stores, and cold storage plants. Whenever a grocer wants to move or add a cold case or freezer display case, he will have to submit plans, take out a permit, and request inspection at rough in and at finish? Merle will definitely need more inspectors.

The unique thing about this industry is that there is too much liability involved for a contractor to take short cuts. The chance of food spoilage or something done wrong that might cause injury to employees or the public is just too great for a contractor to install piping incorrectly. All pipe sizing is done by refrigeration equipment manufacturers and followed closely by the installers. In addition, this part of the refrigeration industry is a specialized division that requires different licensing and training than commercial building and home comfort refrigerant piping. It is doubtful the HVAC inspectors have enough knowledge to require any changes to piping. Nor would they want to, as any changes an inspector might require, could shift failure liability to the city.

Further more, licensing of refrigerant piping workmen may be the next requirement HVAC codes has in mind? Would this be to try to limit or regulate any outside contractor that might want to work in Lincoln? As a local contractor, I might think this is a good idea?

Merle stated the local contractors are ok with this code requirement, but then why not? The refrigerant piping contractor will just add the permit cost to the cost of the piping changes and pass them on to the grocery store owner. But do we think the added permit costs will come out of the pocket of the wholesaler or retailer? No, these added costs will be passed on to the consumer in the form of higher food prices.

My point is that building codes exist to protect the public. Merle makes no attempt to cover this code change as a safety or energy regulation. Only that more revenue will come in to support his department. This is a very poor reason for expansion of inspections into an area that requires very specific knowledge, does nothing to protect the public in any way, and will certainly swamp the existing inspection workforce.

2. The Proposed ban of 80% efficient furnaces in the City of Lincoln:
Many people in Lincoln have an insurance policy that covers their major appliances, which includes furnaces and condensing units. If a furnace needs replacement, coverage will only replace the furnace with the same efficiency furnace and most policy holders do not realize that. Replacing an 80% efficient furnace with 90% efficient furnace would be considered an upgrade, and these extra costs are not be covered by the policy.

When changing from 80% efficient to a 90% efficient furnace, the salesman will always ask "why wouldn't you replace that old 10 SEER condensing unit with a 14 or 15 SEER condensing unit with a matching evaporator coil and coil cabinet?" Then he asks if you are interested in an efficient programmable set-back thermostat. How about a new humidifier and control?

My point is, changing from an 80% efficient furnace to a 90% efficient furnace is a big step up in efficiency and even though costly, it would make very little sense not to increase the cooling efficiency while increasing the heating efficiency. This proposed code change if adopted will force a decision on that very issue.

Please do not pass the HVAC code changes as presented.

Sincerely,

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

Mary M. Meyer

Subject: FW: Shane Harrington & Brandy Kroese
Attachments: shane_rant_003.jpg

From: Jimbob Morris [<mailto:jimbob.morris@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 12:06 AM

To: Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Jon Camp; Adam A. Hornung; Jayne L. Snyder; Mary M. Meyer; Jonathan A. Cook; John Spatz

Subject: Re: Shane Harrington & Brandy Kroese

Hello Again city Council Members,

I have included solid proof that Shane had concocted the idea that his fiance would own the bar almost 1 year ago!

I've attached a screen capture of a post from Shane Harrington's Facebook page way back in January 24th 2011, stating that if he didn't get a Liquor License he would just have Brandy (HIS FIANCE/GIRLFRIEND) open up the bar under her name..

It has been there plan from the beginning if you denied him!

Don't trust Brandy or Shane they are both lying to you and will continue to do so.

Also, you should make Brandy prove that she bought the bar, for the real value of the property and did not just have it signed over to her as a gift from her fiance.

If she's unable to do so wouldn't that constitute her trying to defraud the city council and the liquor commission?

Thanks again

Mary M. Meyer

From: Josh Rice [joshar@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 3:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Safety study details for the bike lanes

Hi there,

I was wondering you, or if you could put me in contact with someone who does, have detailed specifics from safety study before and after the bike lanes were put in?

Thanks!

Josh

Mary M. Meyer

To: joshar@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Safety study details for the bike lanes

Josh:
Please see below. David Cary, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning, has included a link on the follow-up study on the bike lanes.
Thank you for your inquiry.
Mary

Mary M. Meyer
Lincoln City Council Office
555 S. 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Office: 402.441.7515
Fax: 402.441.6533

From: David R. Cary
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 4:16 PM
To: Harry B. Kroos
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; Shane R. Dostal
Subject: RE: Safety study details for the bike lanes

Here is the [link](#) to the pdf on the Planning Department's website on the follow-up study on the bike lanes. Please let me know if you need anything further. Thanks.

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Josh

Mary M. Meyer

From: mr.kroll@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 5:24 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Bike lanes

Please keep the bike lanes downtown, because they are the safest ways for a cyclist to enter and leave downtown. Bike lanes should be expanded to more streets in order to increase the cycling contribution to the downtown economy. I use both bike lanes nearly everyday, and I work and spend my money downtown. Please keep them.

-Daniel Kroll

Mary M. Meyer

From: Joe Gourlay [jomago1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 5:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Bike Lanes

Dear Lincoln City Council Representatives,

I have followed with interest the discussion concerning the addition and removal of downtown bicycle lanes.

First, I want to support the idea of adding bike lanes to N St. in downtown Lincoln. I would like to also suggest that, because N St. is one-way for most of downtown, that a dedicated bicycle lane be added to P St. or another street in downtown Lincoln that would promote west-to-east bike traffic.

Next, I would like to appeal to the City Council NOT to do away with the north-south bicycle lanes on 11th and 14th Streets, respectively. The only argument that I have heard against these lanes is that they are not being used. I do use them several times per week, and I usually see other cyclists while I am using them! These lanes have made it easier to get around downtown on bicycle. When I was a UNL student several years ago, before the lanes were added, riding downtown felt less safe. Lincoln drivers are now more aware of cyclists as a result of these lanes. Furthermore, the ban on riding on downtown sidewalks is much easier to comply with thanks to the bike lanes.

In short, please continue to add bicycle lanes to downtown Lincoln, and please do not remove any existing bike lanes!

Thank you for your time,

Joseph Gourlay
901 D St. Apt. B
Lincoln, NE 68502

Mary M. Meyer

From: Elisabeth Reinkordt [reinkordt@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 5:40 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Bicycle Lanes

Dear Councilmembers,

I am a daily, year-round bicycle commuter to the Nebraska State Office Building. In the 4 years I have commuted by bicycle, I have watched the progression from shock and confusion to heightened awareness of my presence on the street -- largely, I believe, due to the addition of the bike lanes downtown. While they may not be in the best place (a lane on the right side of the street along the curb would be preferable), they have certainly prompted many conversations with co-workers about how to interact with bicycles in traffic. For this, they have been excellent. Please, if you are considering changing the structure of the lanes, do not eliminate them. I believe this will damage much of the good work they have done to improve bicycle infrastructure in the city of Lincoln.

Thank you,

Elisabeth Reinkordt
State Employee
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Lincoln, NE 68502
reinkordt@gmail.com

Mary M. Meyer

From: Andrew Bedrous [andrew.bedrous@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 6:11 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Bike Lanes

Dear Councilmembers,

I have been a bicycle commuter for the past 5 years. I ride every weekday with the exception of during December, January, and February (I skip icy/snowy days, and any days where I don't feel safe due to whether) from my home in the Near South neighborhood to the University of Nebraska. Though many are critical of the bike lane placement, I believe there are bigger issues at the center of this. More than anything, the bike lanes have made motorists (myself included on the days I don't ride) much more aware of cyclists, but also they have made motorists understand the idea of sharing the road with non-motorists, a benefit I believe extends beyond the downtown area. Even if you decide to move the lanes to a different part of the street I believe this will continue to attract people to the downtown area, especially people who complain about the availability of metered parking downtown. Additionally, by encouraging cycling (by keeping the lanes) you help to ease traffic, minimize congestion, and promote a healthier lifestyle, all while helping downtown businesses. The lanes may not be perfect, but keeping them does more for the city, and downtown, than almost any other changes you could make, and it does so with a minimum of cost. In fact, I think that adding lanes on more downtown streets would send a much more hopeful message to the city than removing the ones we have. Please consider this while making your decisions.

Andrew V. Bedrous

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Dr. Andrew V. Bedrous Ph.D.
Department of Sociology
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Mary M. Meyer

From: Cvo [cvo540@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2011 3:29 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Bike lanes

More bike lanes please, or I can just keep riding on the sidewalk. Protected bike lanes would be sweet to, you'd see a lot more people using them, why not a painted lane on our super wide downtown sidewalks?
Sent from my iPhone

Mary M. Meyer

From: Chris Hilton [crhilton@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2011 3:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Downtown Bike Lanes

Dear Councilmembers,

I'm hearing, through the grape vine, that you intend to cut the 11th and 14th street bike lanes. I've heard, from dozens of non-cyclists, that they're scary and unsafe. I've ridden them dozens of times: They're not bad. They're far from perfect. They're much better than shoving it right up against the parking.

I realize that the city didn't see the use of these lanes that it had hoped to see. That's an understandable reason to reconsider them. But I must ask, when you cut them, what do you intend that we do? I'm still going to ride. I'm still going to ride downtown. Since I won't have a lane on 11th street or 14th I might as well use 12th and 13th, or maybe 9th or 10th (the lights don't punish you as badly on those) or 16th or 17th.

It may be that the lanes weren't a big success. But in the last 4 years I just see more and more bicyclists, all year round. It doesn't seem like it's a good time to be removing infrastructure.

Thank you,
Chris Hilton

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 11:14 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Larry Nelson
Address: 1427Dakota
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 402 423 0043
Fax:
Email: lnelson@neb.rr.com

Comment or Question:

LFR HAS moved all chief officers from 24 hr shifts to to 8hr days, with stand by's.does this transfer of supression command staff to administration have an effective cost to bennifit ratio?seems to me adding almost a million dollars worth of labor to your administrative budget should be justified.also does the move meet the position discreption.how does the citys evaluation system work with part time supervisors?with the current budget problems a change this drastic seems reckless.

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011**

I. CITY CLERK

II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Artists needed for 2012 Rain Barrel Art Project.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln Mayor Beutler and Omaha Mayor Suttle will sign an agreement to launch the next phase of the reEnergize Program Friday, December 16th, 9:30 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, Room 303.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln and Omaha Mayors sign agreement and urge residents to "reEnergize".
4. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of December 17th through December 23, 2011.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. December sales tax reports reflecting October activity:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2007-2008 through 2011-2012;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2007-2008 through 2011-2012; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2007-2008 through 2011-2012.

CITY LIBRARIES

1. Library Directors Report for November 2011.
2. Library Board Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Planning Commission final action on December 14, 2011.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission agenda for December 22, 2011.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION

1. Street and alley vacation No. 11011, Fallbrook Boulevard between U. S. Highway 34 and Tallgrass Parkway.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

CARL ESKRIDGE

1. Correspondence from Allison Fritz. The bike lanes are an asset to the city, not a liability.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS - None

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Watershed Management Division, 901 N. 6th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7701

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 15, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Ellen Wright, Watershed Management, 402-441-7075

ARTISTS NEEDED FOR 2012 RAIN BARREL ART PROJECT

Local artists are invited to participate in the fourth annual Artistic Rain Barrel program. This year's project is sponsored by the Lincoln Children's Zoo and the Watershed Management Division of the City Public Works and Utilities Department. Applications are due February 3, 2012, and 25 artists will be chosen to paint rain barrels for city-wide display and a public auction this spring.

Rain barrels are above-ground containers modified to receive, store and distribute rooftop runoff for non-drinking uses. The Artistic Rain Barrel program has raised more than \$18,855 for community youth education programs. The 2012 proceeds will help fund the Zoo's environmental education programs.

"One-third of our nation's water bodies are considered impaired, and the Environmental Protection Agency reports that stormwater runoff is a leading cause of water pollution," said Ellen Wright, Environmental Health Educator in Watershed Management. "Rain barrels are simple pollution solutions. Anyone is welcome to participate by transforming a 55-gallon rain barrel into a work of art. Artists will be helping educate the public about the importance of managing stormwater runoff while raising funds for a great cause."

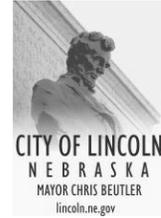
The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality says 46 percent of our local streams are impaired by polluted stormwater. In addition to using rain barrels, residents can help reduce polluted runoff by installing rain gardens, using lake-friendly fertilizers and removing pet waste.

Applications, which include a short summary of the intended design, are available on the City website, lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: rain barrel), and at the City Watershed Management office, 901 N. 6th St. The chosen artists will be notified by February 6, and they will have until March 16 to paint and return the barrels. Barrels will be on display from March 19 to April 16 at Lincoln City Libraries and local businesses. The program will culminate in a public auction from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22 at the City's Earth Day Celebration at Antelope Park. Photos of the barrels and more information will be posted on the City website.

For more information, contact Ellen Wright of Watershed Management at 402-441-7075 or ewright@lincoln.ne.gov.



City of Omaha
Jim Suttle, Mayor



City of Lincoln
Chris Beutler, Mayor

DATE: December 15, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, Mayor Beutler's Office, 402-441-7831

Aida Amoura Rezac, Director of Communications, Mayor Suttle's Office, 402-444-3520

Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler and Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle will sign an agreement to launch the next phase of the reEnergize Program at a news conference at **9:30 a.m. Friday, December 16** in Room 303 in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

The two cities are working together to incentivize high-quality energy upgrades for homeowners and building owners and build a qualified energy performance workforce in the Greater Omaha and Greater Lincoln area. The reEnergize Program is funded by a \$10 million federal grant from the Department of Energy to transform local energy markets.



City of Omaha
Jim Suttle, Mayor



City of Lincoln
Chris Beutler, Mayor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 16, 2011

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Milo Mumgaard, Cleaner Greener Lincoln, 402-441-7376

Kristi Wamstad-Evans, Omaha Sustainability Coordinator, 402-444-6731

LINCOLN AND OMAHA MAYORS SIGN AGREEMENT AND URGE RESIDENTS TO “REENERGIZE”

Residents and property owners in targeted areas can see big savings

Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler and Omaha Mayor Jim Suttle today signed an interlocal agreement to launch the next phase of the reEnergize Program, a community initiative to promote energy efficiency. In April 2010, this collaborative effort between Nebraska’s two largest cities was one of 25 pilot projects to be awarded a \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy through its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant competitive program.

Most of the funds are being used for energy efficiency upgrades in existing buildings in targeted areas of the communities. Working with community partners, reEnergize uses a public-private strategy to focus on overcoming three major barriers to growth in the Lincoln-Omaha market: access to consumer information, access to a skilled workforce and access to financing opportunities.

“We want to remind homeowners, businesses and residents in our two cities that now is the time to sign up to take advantage of what the reEnergize program offers for saving energy, putting money in people’s pockets, creating local jobs and reducing our long-term energy needs,” Beutler said. “A particularly exciting part of this program is how Lincoln and Omaha are working together to help build the local market for energy efficiency upgrades.”

The program was launched in Omaha in January, and this agreement opens the same opportunity for Lincoln homeowners and businesses. (City employees are not eligible.) The program is first available to those in “Start Zones,” which were selected for their range of income levels, mix of ownership and rentals, concentration of older buildings and level of community engagement. In Omaha, about 500 residents have signed up so far.

“The reEnergize program encourages energy savings with expert technical assistance, streamlined contracting services and financial incentives available to homeowners,” Suttle said. “The reEnergize Program will provide a great opportunity for Omaha and Lincoln to become leaders in energy efficiency for the State of Nebraska and the entire Midwest.”

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Residents in the Start Zones who sign up for the program may receive \$1,000 or more in direct financial incentives to cover the costs of insulation, more efficient heating and cooling, improved lighting and other upgrades. There is no income eligibility, and participants will pay a percentage of the costs. Small businesses and nonprofits that sign up will receive professional evaluations and consulting services to determine the most cost-effective energy upgrades for their properties.

The goal is to have about 2,100 households and 180 businesses and non-profits participate in reEnergize. More information is available online at www.reEnergizeProgram.org or by phone at 877-402-5111 (toll-free).

In Lincoln, staff with the Mayor's Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative are meeting with residents, neighborhood associations, and business groups to promote reEnergize. A grant will fund an additional staff person to help enroll and guide people and businesses through the process. Milo Mumgaard, Senior Aide to Mayor Beutler, said reEnergize will complement new energy incentives available through the Sustainable Energy Program of the Lincoln Electric System (LES). LES also has a new kilowattchers.org website to help customers find ways to save energy and money.

Date: December 16, 2011

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of December 17 through 23, 2011

Schedule subject to change

Tuesday, December 20

- KLIN - 8:10 a.m.
- Corrections Joint Public Agency (JPA) - 9 a.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- West Haymarket JPA - 2 p.m., Council Chambers
- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Wednesday, December 21

- KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (pre-recorded)

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2011-12 PROJECTED	2011-12 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 10-11	% CHANGE FR. 10-11
SEPTEMBER	\$4,803,859	\$4,542,250	(\$261,609)	(\$225,064)	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,991,555	\$5,127,466	\$135,911	\$261,620	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,997,421	\$5,146,367	\$148,946	\$256,447	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,686,548	\$4,895,766	\$209,218	\$199,975	4.26%
JANUARY	\$4,751,069				
FEBRUARY	\$6,012,155				
MARCH	\$4,434,331				
APRIL	\$4,252,500				
MAY	\$4,956,362				
JUNE	\$4,792,128				
JULY	\$4,833,186				
AUGUST	\$5,144,060				
TOTAL	\$58,655,174	\$19,711,849	\$232,466	\$492,977	3.39%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 1.19% above projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-12	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,612,020	\$4,812,555	\$4,703,478	\$4,822,814	\$4,805,254	2.54%	-0.36%
OCTOBER	\$5,052,950	\$4,845,000	\$4,687,315	\$4,987,584	\$5,206,659	6.41%	4.39%
NOVEMBER	\$4,818,715	\$4,937,998	\$4,922,939	\$4,938,240	\$5,219,952	0.31%	5.70%
DECEMBER	\$4,753,456	\$4,545,947	\$4,502,684	\$4,708,180	\$4,901,748	4.56%	4.11%
JANUARY	\$4,617,097	\$4,465,270	\$4,354,458	\$4,777,606		9.72%	
FEBRUARY	\$5,596,617	\$5,775,594	\$5,426,478	\$5,920,886		9.11%	
MARCH	\$4,421,405	\$4,258,773	\$4,226,466	\$4,418,795		4.55%	
APRIL	\$4,227,476	\$4,119,617	\$4,294,043	\$4,421,797		2.98%	
MAY	\$4,753,366	\$4,744,089	\$5,186,573	\$5,374,035		3.61%	
JUNE	\$4,859,251	\$4,624,054	\$4,662,293	\$4,995,388		7.14%	
JULY	\$4,983,976	\$4,501,197	\$4,567,893	\$4,865,530		6.52%	
AUGUST	\$5,026,702	\$4,856,331	\$5,105,968	\$5,245,798		2.74%	
TOTAL	\$57,723,030	\$56,486,425	\$56,640,589	\$59,476,653	\$20,133,613	5.01%	3.48%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

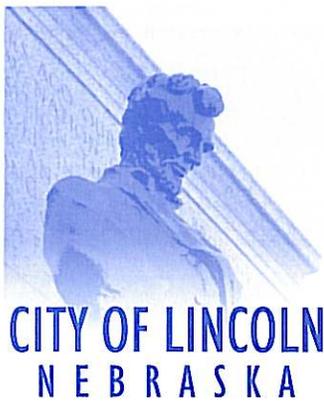
	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$90,282)	(\$435,079)	(\$100,061)	-77.00%	(\$55,500)	-44.53%	(\$263,004)	373.88%
OCTOBER	(\$79,688)	(\$108,925)	(\$95,246)	-12.56%	(\$121,738)	27.81%	(\$79,193)	-34.95%
NOVEMBER	(\$158,855)	(\$86,760)	(\$149,347)	72.14%	(\$48,320)	-67.65%	(\$73,585)	52.29%
DECEMBER	(\$29,848)	(\$209,674)	(\$202,950)	-3.21%	(\$12,388)	-93.90%	(\$5,982)	-51.71%
JANUARY	(\$26,308)	(\$256,270)	(\$257,206)	0.37%	(\$363,009)	41.14%	(\$49,785)	-86.29%
FEBRUARY	(\$489,939)	(\$83,713)	(\$104,235)	24.51%	(\$70,579)	-32.29%		
MARCH	(\$325,269)	(\$73,785)	(\$14,233)	-80.71%	(\$485,268)	3309.51%		
APRIL	(\$108,764)	(\$70,988)	(\$75,738)	6.69%	(\$10,063)	-86.71%		
MAY	(\$22,529)	(\$117,201)	(\$68,551)	-41.51%	(\$168,421)	145.69%		
JUNE	(\$136,308)	(\$444,973)	(\$110,343)	-75.20%	(\$104,492)	-5.30%		
JULY	(\$478,184)	(\$331,804)	(\$251,505)	-24.20%	(\$73,768)	-70.67%		
AUGUST	(\$43,759)	(\$11,878)	(\$286,162)	2309.23%	(\$3,563)	-98.75%		
TOTAL	(\$1,989,734)	(\$2,231,050)	(\$1,715,576)	-23.10%	(\$1,517,108)	-11.57%	(\$471,549)	-21.53%

Year to date vs.
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,521,738	\$4,377,476	\$4,603,417	5.16%	\$4,767,314	3.56%	\$4,542,250	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,973,261	\$4,736,074	\$4,592,069	-3.04%	\$4,865,846	5.96%	\$5,127,466	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,659,859	\$4,851,237	\$4,773,592	-1.60%	\$4,889,920	2.44%	\$5,146,367	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,723,609	\$4,336,273	\$4,299,735	-0.84%	\$4,695,792	9.21%	\$4,895,766	4.26%
JANUARY	\$4,590,789	\$4,209,000	\$4,097,252	-2.65%	\$4,414,597	7.75%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,106,677	\$5,691,881	\$5,322,243	-6.49%	\$5,850,307	9.92%		
MARCH	\$4,096,136	\$4,184,988	\$4,212,234	0.65%	\$3,933,528	-6.62%		
APRIL	\$4,118,712	\$4,048,629	\$4,218,305	4.19%	\$4,411,735	4.59%		
MAY	\$4,730,837	\$4,626,889	\$5,118,022	10.61%	\$5,205,614	1.71%		
JUNE	\$4,722,943	\$4,179,081	\$4,551,950	8.92%	\$4,890,896	7.45%		
JULY	\$4,505,792	\$4,169,394	\$4,316,388	3.53%	\$4,791,762	11.01%		
AUGUST	\$4,982,944	\$4,844,454	\$4,819,806	-0.51%	5,242,236	8.76%		
TOTAL	\$55,733,297	\$54,255,376	\$54,925,013	1.23%	\$57,959,545	5.52%	\$19,711,849	2.57%

Year to date vs.
previous year



CITY OF LINCOLN
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Library Directors Report **November 2011**

Circulation in November of 2011 decreased 2.62% in comparison to November of 2010. We continue to see growth in circulation of downloadable books for e-readers.

Library staff is reviewing information regarding downloading books for e-readers and is practicing the downloading process in anticipation of the holiday season. We expect that many of our library customers will receive e-readers as gifts, and we need to be ready to help them use the library's service. Staff recently created videos demonstrating how to download books for e-readers, available via the library's website, www.lincolnlibraries.org.

The Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors reached a milestone this month with the 200th event in the John H. Ames Reading Series. Former US Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Ted Kooser, packed the fourth floor of Bennett Martin Library, with over 100 in attendance.

The following provide a sample of activities in support of the library's strategic plan:

Goal 1: Young children (age five and under) will have programs and services designed to ensure early literacy development and a love of books and literature.

- Anderson and Bethany Branch Supervisor Kim Shelley reported, "Monday, November 28, 2011, was a historic day at Anderson Branch Library. The second annual Toddler Time Graduation was held. The purpose of the event is to encourage children who have turned 3 to progress to Preschool Storytime."

Goal 2: Children will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

Goal 3: Elementary-age children will have materials and programs that engage their imaginations and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

Goal 4: Teens (middle school and high school) will have the resources they need to satisfy their curiosity and explore topics of personal interest.

- Anderson and Bethany Branch Supervisor Kim Shelley noted, "Karrie reports, "The Anderson Branch Teen Advisory Board met at Barnes and Noble for the annual paperback buy. Seventeen members were able to attend, what many call, 'the best part of being in Teen Advisory Board.' We picked out almost 100 teen paperbacks and enjoyed snacks from the café."

Goal 5: Teens (middle school and high school) will have materials and programs that respond to their current interests and provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Gere Branch Supervisor Carol Swanson reported, "Sarah D. reports that she attended a webinar by Jake Rundle entitled, "Hey Kids! Look What We've Got! Effective Marketing to Tweens and Teens." This inspired a new project for TAB members: creating book trailers to put on the website using the flip camera or computer."

Goal 6: Adults will have the resources they need to explore topics of personal interest and continue to learn throughout their lives.

- Several reports noted displays related to the holidays, from "The Holiday Table" at Walt Branch Library to Christmas-themed sheet music in the Polley Music Library to Holiday picture books at South Branch Library.

Goal 7: Adults will have convenient timely access to materials that provide pleasurable reading, viewing, and listening.

- Library Webmaster Peter Jorgensen reported, "To better facilitate the handling of support requests for our downloadable audio books and eBooks, a system wide OverDrive Support Team was started, and an OverDrive Support Request Form was put on the website at www.lincolnlibraries.org/downloadhelp. Thanks to Erin Stutzman, Sarah Niyazova, LeeAnn Harvey, and Kathryn Kelley for being part of this team! Between them, they assisted over three dozen patrons with OverDrive problems in November."

Goal 8: Adults will have the resources they need to fully participate in the democratic process.

Goal 9: Everyone will have welcoming physical and virtual places to meet and interact with others or work independently on personal projects.

- Eiseley Branch Supervisor Sheila Jacobs wrote, "Hooray for asphalt! On the day before Thanksgiving, we were thankful that Cather & Sons repaired and poured asphalt into the tire depressions in the east parking lot and repaired a gy-normous crater in the north lot."
- Walt Branch Supervisor Jodene Glaesemann noted some of the items that make their way to our buildings, "We provide a full-service book drop: the hospital bill, RedBox movie, and church money bag dropped in our drive up book drops were all sent to the appropriate final destinations."

Goal 10: Residents will have access to information technology and the assistance they need to use it effectively in their daily lives.

- Jodene Glaesemann also reported, "Rianne assisted an elderly gentleman with signing up for an Internet computer and then Becky helped him transfer a file from his laptop to a flash drive. His laptop was a Mac and this is what Becky has at home. Between the two of them, they were able to assist him with his lifelong learning needs."

Connection to our diverse community was an important value expressed in our Strategic Planning Process.

- Youth Services Supervisor Vicki Wood met with Spanish-speaking parents involved in a family literacy program at West Lincoln Elementary School to make an "Every Child Ready to Read" presentation. This emphasizes the importance of parents reading aloud to children, and preparing their children to become readers. This skill-building applies well even when the language spoken at home is other than English.

Pat Leach, Library Director

December 15, 2011

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - NOVEMBER 2011 USE REPORT

Branch	Adult Print Loans		Youth Print Loans		Adult NonPrint Loans		Youth NonPrint Loans		Polley Music Loans		2011 Loan Total		2010 Loan Total		% Change		Gate Count		Computer Use		Reference Transactions		Youth Program Attendance		Adult Program Attendance																																																																																																									
	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Loans	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total																																																																																																								
BMPL	16,470	5,087	11,764	1,690	1,356	36,367	40,017	-9.12%	20,244	3,726	5,056	279	174	6,075	5,923	3,291	2,288	0	17,577	19,037	-7.67%	9,900	2,127	1,614	737	0	2,627	3,819	1,334	1,421	0	9,201	9,504	-3.19%	4,052	715	931	44	29	11,925	16,506	5,574	4,396	0	38,401	42,141	-8.87%	19,218	3,729	2,778	738	18	30,325	28,239	13,623	6,782	0	78,969	79,430	-0.58%	27,933	3,532	5,754	1,147	121	3,468	3,591	1,145	1,415	0	9,619	10,691	-10.03%	7,000	1,254	225	184	0	13,832	23,706	6,574	6,180	0	50,292	48,597	3.49%	18,072	2,178	3,162	726	85	155	1,179	381	875	0	2,590	3,103	-16.53%	1,161	351	185	95	0	166	972	80	242	0	1,460	2,385	-38.78%	638	0	27	0	0	85,043	89,022	43,766	25,289	1,356	244,476	254,905	-4.09%	108,218	17,612	19,732	3,950	427
Interlibrary Loan											741	1,005	-26.27%																																																																																																																					
Downloadable Audio											2,392	2,112	13.26%																																																																																																																					
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Web Site Visits		PRINT		NON PRINT		
		Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth	Total
Total Unique IPs	248,970	190,293	30.84%	96,396	39,989	886,944
Electronic Resource Uses (databases)	46,637	34,326	35.86%	289,442	306	8,801
Polley Music Reference	16,236	21,558	-24.69%	4,477	1,065	-20,093
Registrations	3,496	3,769	-7.24%	-13,857	-503	875,652
Resident	174,027	177,529	-1.97%	451,737	39,792	
County	12,265	12,306	-0.33%	287,744		
Non Resident	1,230	1,786	-31.13%			
Reciprocal	459	435	5.52%			
Limited Use	8,398	8,615	-2.52%			
Total	196,379	200,671	-2.14%			

Library Hold month	PRINT		NON PRINT	
	Adult	Youth	Adult	Youth
Owned	461,117	289,442	96,396	39,989
Added	4,477	2,953	1,065	306
Withdrawn	-13,857	-4,651	-1,082	-503
Owned	451,737	287,744	96,379	39,792

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

Monthly Categorical Report

November 30, 2011

	Budget Amount	Budgeted Year-to-Date	Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
Administration-Div. 1					
Personnel	\$ 609,021.00	\$ 152,255.25	\$ 167,514.89	\$ 441,506.11	\$ 45,829.38
Supplies	30,500.00	7,625.00	6,677.93	23,822.07	4,246.28
Services & Charges	55,078.00	13,769.50	25,052.90	30,025.10	1,195.21
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 694,599.00	\$ 173,649.75	\$ 199,245.72	\$ 495,353.28	\$ 51,270.87
Percent Expended		25.00%	28.68%		
Buildings & Grounds-Div. 2					
Personnel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	32,000.00	8,000.00	6,702.16	25,297.84	2,388.31
Services & Charges	886,939.00	221,734.75	211,298.95	675,640.05	70,748.00
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 918,939.00	\$ 229,734.75	\$ 218,001.11	\$ 700,937.89	\$ 73,136.31
Percent Expended		25.00%	23.72%		
Public Service-Div. 3					
Personnel	\$ 4,016,741.00	\$ 1,004,185.25	\$ 947,464.28	\$ 3,069,276.72	\$ 305,936.17
Supplies	56,400.00	14,100.00	6,342.02	50,057.98	4,325.29
Services & Charges	53,850.00	13,462.50	3,881.28	49,968.72	1,014.67
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 4,126,991.00	\$ 1,031,747.75	\$ 957,687.58	\$ 3,169,303.42	\$ 311,276.13
Percent Expended		25.00%	23.21%		
Support Services-Div. 4					
Personnel	\$ 1,056,391.00	\$ 264,097.75	\$ 243,143.34	\$ 813,247.66	\$ 79,697.28
Supplies	59,000.00	14,750.00	7,412.32	51,587.68	5,103.85
Services & Charges	186,130.00	46,532.50	48,438.51	137,691.49	26,332.07
Other	805,000.00	201,250.00	218,074.79	586,925.21	84,236.33
Total	\$ 2,106,521.00	\$ 526,630.25	\$ 517,068.96	\$ 1,589,452.04	\$ 195,369.53
Percent Expended		25.00%	24.55%		
Total Library Operational					
Personnel	\$ 5,682,153.00	\$ 1,420,538.25	\$ 1,358,122.51	\$ 4,324,030.49	\$ 431,462.83
Supplies	177,900.00	44,475.00	27,134.43	150,765.57	16,063.73
Services & Charges	1,181,997.00	295,499.25	288,671.64	893,325.36	99,289.95
Other	805,000.00	201,250.00	218,074.79	586,925.21	84,236.33
Total	\$ 7,847,050.00	\$ 1,961,762.50	\$ 1,892,003.37	\$ 5,955,046.63	\$ 631,052.84
Percent Expended		25.00%	24.11%		
Other Library Fund Appropriations					
	Amount Appropriated		Expended Year-to-Date	Balance	Current Month Expended
FY 2010-11 Enc. & Reapp.	\$ 96,297.21		\$ 90,924.69	\$ 5,372.52	\$ 10,567.75

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES - FUND BALANCES
November 2011

	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expended	Ending Balance
<u>GRANT FUNDS</u>				
Net Lender Fund	\$ 714.86	\$ 368.75	\$ 37.99	\$ 1,045.62
NLC Gates Grant 2011	16,766.92	-	-	16,766.92
State Aid 2010	2,938.97	-	246.95	2,692.02
State Aid 2011	48,139.42	-	9,187.73	38,951.69
Urban Library System 94-95	5,849.16	-	-	5,849.16

DONATED FUNDS

Heritage Room	\$ 46,580.37	\$ 50.80	\$ 2,832.88	\$ 43,798.29
Polley Music Library	208,565.26	162.47	7,385.43	201,342.30
Joseph J. Hompes	19,764.60	1,974.60	354.27	21,384.93
Misc. Library Donations	152,576.81	57,503.68	2,265.75	207,814.74
Charles H. Gere Library	26,894.69	27.68	-	26,922.37
Alice Nielsen	185,727.49	193.67	1,652.35	184,268.81
Dorothy Holland	124,926.29	128.58	-	125,054.87
Glennis Leapley	136,301.32	142.70	-	136,444.02

OTHER FUNDS

Pioneer Consortium	\$ 37,509.62	\$ 24,097.81	\$ -	\$ 61,607.43
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APPROPRIATED FUNDS

	Budget	Expended		Balance
		Nov 2011	Year-to-Date	
Heritage Room FY 2011-12	\$ 36,128.00	\$ 2,832.88	\$ 8,379.41	\$ 27,748.59
Polley Music Library FY 2011-12	94,826.00	7,385.43	20,643.98	74,182.02
Keno				
FY 2010-11 Appropriation	20,314.14	-	20,314.14	-
FY 2011-12 Appropriation	504,061.00	2,674.35	2,674.35	501,386.65
Williams Branch	693.88	-	-	693.88
Gere HVAC	85,000.00	-	-	85,000.00
Bookmobile	250,000.00	718.35	718.35	249,281.65

MEETING NOTICE

DATE: December 6, 2011
TO: Library Board, Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Media
FROM: Pat Leach, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Board Meeting
DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING: Tuesday, December 20, 2011
Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S 14th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska
STARTING TIME OF MEETING: 8:00 a.m.
CHAIRMAN OF MEETING: Maja Harris, President
PURPOSE OF MEETING: Monthly Board Meeting

AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda*
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items
3. Approval of November 15, 2011, Library Board Meeting Minutes*
4. Library Board Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Committee on Administration
 - i. Library Board Vacancy Recommendation*
 - ii. Approval of Revised Behavior Policy*
 - b. Committee on Buildings & Grounds
 - c. Committee on Finance
 - i. Report on and Approval of Recap of November Expenditures*
5. Library Board Special Committee Reports
 - a. Downtown Library Development
 - b. Foundation Board Representatives & Executive Director
 - c. Technology
 - i. Authorization of Windstream Data Line Renewal*
 - ii. Authorization of Computer Purchase*
 - d. Trustee Development
 - i. Review of Strategic Plan Progress – Pat Leach
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - i. Authorization of Book Sale Proceeds Allocation*
 - ii. Authorization to Reallocate Carry Over Funds From FY 2010-2011*
8. Library Board President's Report
9. Library Director's Report
10. Assistant Library Director's Report
11. Public Comment - Anyone wishing to address the board on a matter not on this agenda may do at this time.

Proposed agenda kept continually current and available for inspection at the Administrative Office of the Bennett Martin Public Library, but the Board shall have the right to modify the agenda at said public meeting when convened. Requests for sign language interpreters require a minimum of 48 hours advance notice to Library Director - 441-8510.

Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska is posted on southwest wall in Board Room.

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : December 15, 2011

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: December 14, 2011

Please be advised that on December 14, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01260, approving Special Permit No. 11029, with conditions, requested by Mellissa Austin, for authority to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises on property generally located at 1603 West O 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. SP11029). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.

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**City of Lincoln
Planning**

**Nebraska Capitol Environs
Commission Agenda**

The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, December 22, 2011. The meeting will convene at **8:00 a.m.** in **Development Services Center Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street**, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

Agenda of December 22, 2011

1. Approval of meeting notes of [September 22, 2011](#) and [November 3, 2011](#)

Discussion/Action

* [Memo from Ed Zimmer](#)

2. Update on Centennial Mall design; [endorsement of Spirit of Nebraska Pathway plaque program](#) (Parks & Rec Dept)
3. Capitol Vista from West Haymarket Arena
4. Miscellaneous

 [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: December 14, 2011

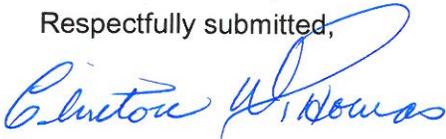
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Byron Blum, Bldg & Safety
Jean Preister, Planning

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No.11011
Fallbrook Boulevard

A request has been made to vacate a portion of Fallbrook Blvd. between U.S. Highway 34 and Tallgrass Parkway. The vacation of this right-of-way will allow for construction of left turn lanes as shown on the Planned Unit Development site plan for this area. A future final plat will dedicate the right-of-way necessary to replace Fallbrook Blvd. and utilize the outlots in the middle of Fallbrook Blvd. as right-of-way.

Since the vacation of this street is being done to bring the streets into compliance with existing site plans and future final platting, it is recommended if the area be vacated it be deeded back to the abutting land owner at no cost with the provision that a future final plat will replace the vacated right-of-way with the right-of-way necessary to re-construct Fallbrook Blvd.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023

Mary M. Meyer

From: allisonfritz@huskers.unl.edu
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Carl Eskridge- Downtown Bike Lanes

Dear Councilman Eskridge;

There is a buzz amongst the bicycle community that the possibility of removing the bike lanes on 11th and 14th Streets in downtown was raised at a recent council meeting. I would like to add my voice to the opposition to this idea. Nearly three years ago, before I decided to move to Lincoln, the Philosophy department paid for me to come and visit in hopes of 'selling' the city and department to me. One of the first things I noticed in walking around downtown was the presence of bike lanes. I was really impressed, even if there were only two of them. Although at the time I had been a bicycle commuter for over a decade, I had never lived in a city with bike lanes before (and two is better than none). The bike lanes as well as the amazing network of pedestrian trails in town considerably weighed towards my decision to move here.

While there is definitely room for improvement, in general, this is the most bicycle-friendly town I have ever lived in. It's the first place that I have felt that a fair amount of the cars on the road know how to share the road. However, I came to find out that this has not always been the case, and that the addition of the bike lanes was a major contributing factor to this move. Hence, it stands to reason that removing the lanes would be a step in the wrong direction and might send the wrong signals to both cyclists and motorists. The bike lanes are an asset to the city, not a liability. Thank you for listening to my concerns;
Allison Fritz