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MAY 28, 2012**

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LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
136 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 22, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Evelyn DaLao, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8546

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES TO CELEBRATE
ASIAN PACIFIC HERITAGE MONTH

The public is invited to celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month at the Lincoln City Libraries “Read-In” from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 30 at Bennett Martin Library, 136 S. 14th St. At the Read-In, community members will share selections from the rich literary history of the Asian and Pacific Islands.

Lincoln City Libraries is part of a national initiative paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America’s history and are instrumental in its future success. Other participating organizations include the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The Lincoln City Libraries Read-In is co-hosted by Lincoln City Libraries and the Asian Community and Cultural Center. More information on Lincoln City Libraries is available at lincolnlibraries.org. More information about Asian Pacific Heritage Month is available at <http://asianpacificheritage.gov/index.html>.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: May 22, 2012

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

Mayor Chris Beutler will discuss the redevelopment opportunity in the 21st and “N” Street area at a news conference at **10 a.m. Wednesday, May 23** in the **Mayor’s Conference Room, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.**

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 23, 2012

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Nicole Fleck-Tooze, Planning, 402-441-6363

CITY SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR PROPERTY IN ANTELOPE VALLEY

Mayor Chris Beutler announced today that a partnership among the City, Windstream and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) has created a rare opportunity to make about seven contiguous acres of property in east downtown available for redevelopment. The Mayor said development of the area near 21st and “N” streets will put property back on the tax rolls, promote job growth and create another economic catalyst for the City.

“The redevelopment project has its roots in the Antelope Valley project, started nearly 15 years ago,” Beutler said. “The project has pulled acres of valuable property out of the flood plain and improved traffic flow in the area, a great asset to attracting new investment. The proposed project area has investment potential largely because of the public investment made in Antelope Valley.”

The Mayor said the creation of the City’s Municipal Services Center (MSC) in the former Experian building also played a role. The Parks and Recreation Department will move some maintenance shops in the project area to the MSC. He said that allows the public property to become private taxable property, easing the property tax burden.

Developers have until November 1 to respond to an invitation for redevelopment proposals (IFRP) for the area, and information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: 21n). In addition to City buildings, the site includes the former Williamson building owned by the LPSNRD and a Windstream warehouse on the northeast corner of 21st and “L” streets that is no longer heavily used. (The website includes information on Windstream property adjacent to the project site that also is for sale.)

The Mayor credited City Council member Gene Carroll with seeing the potential of partnering with Windstream to create an “unparalleled opportunity.”

“Windstream has long been a good corporate citizen in Lincoln and saw the potential benefit to create a really special project in east downtown,” Beutler said. “They agreed to allow the City to market their properties together with the City and NRD land. We are grateful for their participation.”

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Beutler said the process emphasizes historic preservation. The City facilities include the old municipal pool bath house, a 1920s building designed by Lincoln architects Fisk and Meginnis. The Windstream warehouse also is a historic structure. The Mayor said the IFRP strongly encourages preservation and helps potential developers find the economic resources that allow preservation to contribute to the financing of a project. The Mayor also has committed to giving one seat on the project selection committee to a member of the Preservation Association of Lincoln.

2012-14 CITY COUNCIL/COMMONS BUDGET HEARINGS SCHEDULE

Monday, July 9, 2012 in City Council Chambers

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Release Mayor's Budget

COMMONS MEETINGS - Tuesday, July 10, 2012 in Conference Room 113

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Health
1:15 – 1:30 p.m. Information Services
1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Planning
1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Pre-Trial Diversion
2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Emergency Management
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Weed Control Authority
2:30 - 2:45 p.m. Break
2:45 – 3:00 p.m. 911 Communications and Radio Maintenance
3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Public Building Commission
3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Personnel (Excluding Risk Management)
3:30 – 3:45 p.m. Aging
3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Human Services and Justice Council
4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Joint Budget Committee Recommendations

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 in Conference Room 113

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Police/Fire
1:30 – 1:45 p.m. Building & Safety
1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Library
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Urban Development
2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Risk Management
2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Law/Human Rights
3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break
3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Finance/Miscellaneous Budgets
3:45 – 4:15 p.m. C.I.C. / Mayor's Office
4:15 – 4:45 p.m. Parks & Recreation
4:45 - 5:00 p.m. City Council

Monday, July 16, 2012 in Conference Room 113

Noon – 2:30 p.m. Public Works & Utilities Including StarTran

Friday, July 20, 2012 in Conference Room 113

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. City Council discussion on tentative changes to the Mayor's Recommended Budget.

Monday, July 23, 2012 in City Council Chambers

3:00 p.m. City Council identifies & votes on tentative changes to the Mayor's Recommended Budget.

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Publication of Budget Summary in media.

Monday, August 6, 2012 in City Council Chambers

2:30 p.m. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget.
(Following a brief regular Council meeting)
6:00 p.m. Dinner BREAK
6:30 p.m. Budget Public Hearing Resumes
10:30 p.m. Budget Public Hearing Concludes

Wednesday, August 8 2012 in City Council Chambers

3:00 p.m. City Council votes on final changes to the Mayor's Recommended Budget.

Monday, August 20, 2012 in City Council Chambers

3:00 p.m. City Council adopts Budget.

Jean Preister

From: Tom J. Cajka
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2012 8:11 AM
To: Jean Preister
Subject: FW: Building permit Cotner & Fairfax

From: Harland Johnson [<mailto:hjohn68507@aol.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 20, 2012 7:16 PM
To: Tom J. Cajka
Subject: Building permit Cotner & Fairfax

I wish to express my support to have the old bank building made into a bakery-coffee shop. I do not feel the permit should be penalized because of parking issues. There is considerable Off street parking and when it was a hair salon, they parked on the street quite adequately. As a member of Bethany Christian Church, just down the street and a member of the Bethany Business Association I urge the city to approve the building permit.

Harland Johnson
6224 Huntington
464-5307

Mary M. Meyer

From: Opal G. Doerr
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 9:08 AM
To: Opal G. Doerr
Subject: Spring Urban Page is available

Hello!

The spring issue of **The Urban Page** is available at <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/urban-page.htm>. (Yes, just in time for summer to really kick in!). In this issue, read about:

Page 1:

- Redevelopment Process – “Gardening” our built environment

Page 2:

- Antelope Creek Village – First six homes all sold
- City Impact Townhomes – Homes for families planned

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- Peter Pan Park Improvements
- North 27th Street Arch Installation
- Neighborhood Mini-Grants Awarded
- Construction Skills Training Available

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- reEnergize Program Now Available Citywide
- LES Sustainable Energy Program

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Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 12:18 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

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City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: (402)440-5065
Fax:
Email: nrippecermak2@unl.edu

Comment or Question:

I am very displeased that there may be another Walmart in town. I recall the "2 Is Enough" campaign - what ever happened to that?! As you know we are currently at three stores, and in my opinion that is three aplenty. While I hope this is only scuttlebutt, as a realist, I dare not get my hopes up too high. They are unsavory establishments that do little to enhance the communities that they "serve", and I do my best to avoid the areas they are in as does any conscientious consumer. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

No?l Rippe-Cermak

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 9:35 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

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General Council

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City: Lincoln, NE 68512

Phone:
Fax:
Email: joek_24@yahoo.com

Comment or Question:
Jonathan,

WAL-MART surrounded by residential homes on three sides. Not a good idea.
This is absurd and needs to be stopped. Would you want a Wal-mart near your house?
My kids safety is at risk with increased traffic and increased outside people travelling
through our neighborhood.

You need to step up and do something about this as our representative. I respect the city
and all of the decisions they make trusting that they do what is best for the community.
This one was blown.

I urge you to help out and have this stopped. My kids quality of life will be reduced. I
guarantee it.

Please Help!!