

**DIRECTORS' MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012
555 S. 10th Street, Room 113
2:00 p.m.**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of September 1, 2012 through September 7, 2012.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Cases of Cryptosporidiosis increasing.
3. Fiscal Impact Statements signed by the Mayor for Urban Development.
4. News conference invitation at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center, 21st and Q Streets, Friday, September 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Will announce the substantial completion of the Antelope Valley Project and its long-term benefits to the community.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Lincoln Airport Authority representatives, and Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development will hold a news conference Thursday, September 6th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, to announce a new partnership to promote development in Air Park.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mandatory water restrictions remain in effect.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Children can Read to a Dog to improve reading skills. Schedule listed.
8. NEWS RELEASE. New partnership to promote Air Park development.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKING SERVICES

1. Reply from Earl Visser to Jael Kamarard, Parking Services, regarding request for dismissal form.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission on September 5, 2012.
2. Planning Commission Final Action, September 5, 2012.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for September 5, 2012.
2. Administrative Amendment No. 12041 approved by the Planning Director on August 29, 2012.
3. Annexation by Ordinance map. Sky Ranch Acers, No. 108th and Holdrege Streets.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Councilman Camp's memo to Marvin Krout, Planning Director, on request to have sidewalk removed.
2. Planning Director Marvin Krout's response to Councilman Camp regarding Marc Schniederjans on the sidewalk removal.
3. Memo to Council Members from Councilman Camp, including Marc Schniederjans response.
4. Email from Councilman Emery on removing the sidewalk.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. InterLinc correspondence from Suzan Lund. Why is WalMart proceeding to build a store at 27th and Grainger Parkway? City leaders must step up and stop.
2. Gail Ogden. Doesn't agree with renting a house for a football, or other party, gathering.
3. Annette McRoy. Not in favor of changing current policy to allow for short term rentals.
4. Erin Glenn-Hash. Keep saying no to short-term weekend party house rentals.
5. InterLinc correspondence from Patrick Piersol recommending the name of Larry Boehmer for the planned Civic Plaza.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Date: August 31, 2012

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of September 1 through 7, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, September 2

- Centennial Celebration for Lincoln Monument, remarks and proclamation - 2 p.m., Warner Chamber, State Capitol Building, event concludes at Monument on west side of Capitol

Monday, September 3 - *City offices closed for Labor Day holiday*

Tuesday, September 4

- Midwestern Higher Education Compact Commissioners dinner - 6 p.m., Lodge at Wilderness Ridge (Blackfoot Room), 1800 Wilderness Woods Place

Wednesday, September 5

- Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Celebrate Business awards luncheon, remarks - Cornhusker Hotel (Grand Ballroom), 333 S. 13th St.

Thursday, September 6

- KFOR - 7:45 a.m.
- West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (JPA) public meeting - 3 p.m., County-City Building (room 303), 555 S. 10th St.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 31, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Tim Timmons, Health Department, 402-441-8056

CASES OF CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS INCREASING

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) officials are asking for the public's help to prevent the spread of Cryptosporidiosis (Crypto), a disease that spreads easily through swimming in contaminated water and in childcare settings. Crypto is a parasitic disease that can cause loose, watery diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and slight fever.

Within the last month, 16 cases of Crypto have been reported in Lancaster County, more than all of last year. Most cases involved young children that had been swimming in several different pools during the last 30 days. Health officials are concerned that the numbers of cases could dramatically increase if the proper precautions are not followed.

Although City pools are closed for the season, there are many pools including hotel, apartment, neighborhood and backyard pools that are still being used. Health officials urge parents and caregivers to not allow children to swim if they are experiencing diarrhea or have an upset stomach, and to wait at least 48 hours after the last loose stool movement before allowing them to swim. Health officials stressed that diapers, even swim diapers, do not offer protection if a child has diarrhea or loose stools.

Health officials are also concerned that Crypto could spread quickly to the community if it spreads into a child care center.

"We believe with the public's help we can avert a community wide outbreak of diarrheal illness," said Judy Halstead, Health Director. "Young children that have had diarrhea in the past 48 hours should not be taken to child care facilities or allowed to swim."

More information on LLCHD and public health is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: health).

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Urban Development/WIA

Date: 08-13-12

NEED
 When the 2011/2012 budget was done, the allocated WIA funds and carryin funds were not known at that time (estimates used for budget). Fiscal Impact Statement is being done to adjust figures to actual allotted amounts for the FY plus actual carryin amounts from the previous WIA FY. The only impact beyond the current fiscal year that these changes will make will be in the amount of carryin from WIA FY 2012 into FY 2013.

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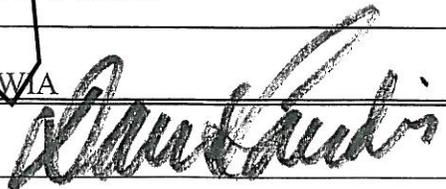
FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing
 Limited Projected Completion Date _____

MAYORS OFFICE

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IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents) No impact as Personnel costs will be shifted between WIA Business Units		
PERSONNEL (cost) 277111.5021 Reducing Regular Salaries	(\$56,475)	
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES 277011.5961 Adding to Education and Training	\$99,312	
277111.5956 Reducing from Support Services	(28,000)	
277111.5961 Reducing from Education and Training	(26,000)	
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES 277211.5961 Adding to Education and Training	\$291,533	
277411.5721 Reducing from Schools and Conferences	(6,790)	
277411.5961 Adding to Education and Training	1,260	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$274,840	

SOURCE OF REVENUES WIA

DIRECTOR 

DATE _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Kephth</u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Kephth</u>	DATE <u>8/15/12</u>

APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	MAYOR <u>[Signature]</u>
	DATE <u>9-4-12</u>

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FUNDS:	Budgeted NOA	Actual NOA	Est 10/11		Total Budgeted	Total Actual	Difference			
			CI and Addtl	Actual CI and Addtl				GF	CDBG	Total
Adult	328,201	283,782		143,721	328,201	427,513	99,312			
DW	365,998	211,338		44,185	365,998	255,623	(110,475)			
Youth	411,419	416,488		286,464	411,419	702,952	291,533			
Incentive	40,739	41,999			40,739	41,999	1,260			
Capacity	6,790	-			6,790	-	(6,790)			
GF One Stop	88,008	88,008			88,008	88,008	-			
CDBG	30,000	30,000			30,000	30,000	-			
Total	1,271,155	1,071,625	-	474,370	1,271,155	1,545,995	274,840	<i>= total changes</i>		
BUDGET:	Object	Adult 277011	DW 277111	Youth 277211	Incentive 277411	Capacity 277411	GF 277311	CDBG 270105	Total	
Regular Salaries	5021	67,590	72,118	144,083	23,859		57,952	5,786	371,388	
Longevity Pay	5041	2,053	3,673	1,883	608		1,987	245	10,449	
WE Salary	5021	15,080	15,080	45,240					75,400	
WE Workers Comp	5090	4	15	132					151	
Health Ins.	5081	8,895	15,726	12,899	2,880		7,482	1,029	48,511	
Dental Ins.	5082	515	944	786	144		388	68	2,843	
Life Ins.	5083	138	244	233	28		92	16	750	
Pension	5085	5,763	9,982	10,635	2,854		6,939	680	38,853	
FICA/Med	5086	5,278	10,001	11,075	1,869		4,563	455	33,239	
WE FICA/Med	5086	1,154	1,154	3,482					5,770	
EAP	5089	50	52	83	17		29	2	233	
Workers Comp	5090	150	393	394	64		192	20	1,213	
PEHP	5091	752	1,294	1,362	183		520	78	4,189	
Personnel Serv.		107,418	130,876	232,067	32,307	-	80,142	8,379	590,969	
Office Supplies	5221	630	544	1,035	27				2,236	
Postage	5261	952	940	1,514	105				3,511	
Program Supplies	5272	-	-	288					288	
Materials & Supplies		1,582	1,484	2,837	132	-	-	-	6,035	
Misc. Contr Svs	5621								-	
Auditing Service	5624								-	
Data Proc Svs (Trex/NWAS)	5631								-	
Data Proc Svs (e-mail, In/Out)	5631	989	1,054	4,046	501				6,590	
Storage	5675	42	53	53					148	
Meals & Parking	5723	368	453	516					1,337	
Mileage - Personal Vehicle	5725		15	509					524	
Schools & Conf.	5728								-	
Photocopying	5762	150	270	411					831	
Printing	5783	53	61	103					217	
Gen Liability	5783	321	849	1,094	132		398	42	2,837	
Property Insurance	5786								-	
WC Excess	5787	11	26	25	4		12	1	79	
WC Excess (WE)	5787		1	8					9	
Long Term Disability	5799	29	75	96	12		35	4	251	
Phone	5829	1,110	958	1,280	128				3,476	
Cable/Internet	5833				1,139				1,139	
Equip Maint. Contract	5859								-	
Minor Bldg & Grounds	5865								-	
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Other Bldg. Maintenance	5870	185	266		81				532	
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Rent Office Equip	5925	482	476	551					1,509	
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Memberships & Sub.	5973								-	
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DATE: 6/01/12 _____

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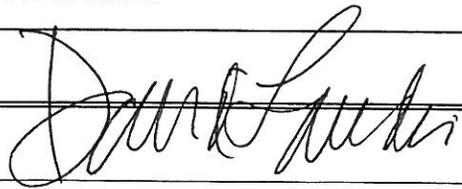
To appropriate FY 10/11 program income received in excess of budgeted amount and to transfer CDBG and HOME funds from completed projects into new projects and to projects with a need for additional funds.

FUTURE IMPACT: Ongoing Limited Projected Completion Date August 31, 2012 _____

REVENUES GENERATED	LEGISLATIVE CHANGES		
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SUPPLIES business unit: object code description		
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES business unit: object code description <p style="text-align: center;">see attached</p>		
EQUIPMENT business unit: object code description		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		

SOURCE OF REVENUES _____

DIRECTOR 

DATE June 1, 2012 _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <u>Steve Hubba</u>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <u>Steve Hubba</u>	DATE <u>8/14/12</u>

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2011/12 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TRANSFERS

<u>Business Unit/ Object Code</u>	<u>HOUSING</u>	<u>Fiscal Impact Statement IN/(OUT)</u>
270002.5638	NeighborWorks Neighborhood Revitalization	40,000.00
270004.6025	Temporary/Permanent Relocation	5,500.00
270012.5638	PRIDE Program	(12,570.22)
270013.5656	Barrier Removal by League of Human Dignity	(5,857.00)
270200.5989	Housing Rehab Administration	(47,930.32)
270202.5639	Home Improvement Loan Program	(25,500.00)
270203.5639	Direct & Deferred Loan Program	50,284.27
270206.5639	Emergency Repair Loan Program	46,623.20
270206.5638	Mobile Emergency Service Subsidy (MESS)	1,360.71
270212.5639	First-Time Homebuyer Loan Program	133,354.91
270214.5639	REStoRE Loan Program	400,000.00
		585,265.55
<u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</u>		
270006.6143	Focus Area Public Improvements	(891,379.91)
270041.6138	940 N 27th Park Improvements	(53,000.00)
270007.6143	11th Street Streetscape, A to J	918,462.00
270039.5656	Community Crops Operations	(717.77)
270039.5638	Community Crops Development	(6,633.50)
270040.5638	Rain Gardens	(7,309.05)
270021.5638	Secondary Structures/Tree Removal	1,802.85
270033.6138	LMI Park Improvements	(22,282.34)
270035.6138	Trago Park Water	225.00
270036.6138	University Place Park Improvements	32,281.44
270038.6138	Belmont Park Accessibility	8,462.90
270030.5656	HMiS	(6.47)
270500.6143	CDBG-R Administration	(14,333.05)
270502.6143	CDBG-R North Bottoms Streetscape	(28,355.64)
270503.6138	CDBG-R Hayward Park ADA Improvements	(8,154.80)
270504.6143	CDBG-R Peter Pan Park ADA Improvements	50,843.49
		(20,094.85)
<u>ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</u>		
270102.5989	Economic Opportunity - Acquisition	(427,792.90)
		(427,792.90)
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
270000.5989	Administration	(15,745.00)
270400.5989	Community Development Staffing	11,722.11
		(4,022.89)
		133,354.91

2011/12 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TRANSFERS

6/1/12
Fiscal Impact
Statement
IN/(OUT)

HOUSING

265010.5639.13	Owner-Occupied Rehab Loan Program	(377,278.05)
265010.5639.36	Emergency Repair Loan Program	(2,787.27)
265010.5639.15	First Time Homebuyer Loan Program	145,999.31
265010.5639.25	CHDO Loan	200,000.00
265010.6026	RESCUE	180,065.32
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		145,999.31

CONTINUUM OF CARE

265010.5656	Security Deposits for Homeless Families	(4,003.00)
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265010.5021	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	(15,536.87)
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126,459.44

Mary M. Meyer

From: Diane K. Gonzolas
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2012 10:41 AM
To: Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Doug Emery; Eugene W. Carroll; Adam A. Hornung; Carl B. Eskridge; DiAnna R. Schimek; Council Packet
Subject: news conference invitation

You are invited to attend a **news conference at 10 a.m. Friday, September 7 at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center, 21st and “Q” streets**, to announce the substantial completion of the Antelope Valley Project and discuss its long-term benefits to the community.

Speakers will include:

Mayor Chris Beutler

Christine Jackson, UNL Vice Chancellor, Business and Finance

Glenn Johnson, General Manager, Lower Platte South NRD

A representative of the Joint Antelope Valley Authority Citizens Committee

Many others will be recognized, and the LPSNRD will have informational displays about the project.

Refreshments will be served.

Please forward this invitation to anyone who may be interested.

For questions about this news conference, contact Diane Gonzolas, dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov, or 402-441-7381.

We hope you also are able to attend the Union Plaza Grand Opening community celebration the evening of Thursday, September 13. More information is available at this website:

http://lincolnparks.org/news/Union_Plaza_Grand_Opening.htm

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: September 5, 2012

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

Mayor Chris Beutler and representatives of the Lincoln Airport Authority and Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development will announce a new partnership to promote development in Air Park at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, September 6 in room 303, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th.**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 6, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-525-1520

Tom Casady, Public Safety Director, 402-441-7237

Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System, 402-416-5315

Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation, 402-441-8265

MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT

City asks for help watering young street trees

Mayor Chris Beutler today thanked residents for using less water, but said mandatory water restrictions must remain in place until flows in the Platte River improve. Mandatory restrictions went into effect August 9 due to historically low river flows. The City's goal for water use is 55 million gallons a day (mgd) or less. August water use averaged 57 mgd, and water use for the first five days of September averaged 52 mgd..

"The mandatory watering restrictions and enforcement of the designated day schedule have stabilized our water supply," Beutler said. "But as long as the drought continues and river flows remain minimal, we must continue our water conservation efforts in order to replenish the aquifer and ensure an adequate water supply for the coming year."

Under mandatory water restrictions, all water customers must follow the designated day schedule for all outdoor watering, including the washing of vehicles:

- ***Properties with street addresses ending in even numbers (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) must limit outdoor water use to Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.***
- ***Properties with street addresses ending in odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) must limit outdoor water use to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.***
- ***No watering is allowed on Mondays, except for designated uses.***
- ***Property owners with more than one street address at the same location can choose either schedule and must notify the Lincoln Water System (LWS) of their decision.***

Jerry Obrist, Lincoln Water System (LWS) Chief Engineer, said river flow of at least 700 cubic feet per second (cfs) is needed to begin to refill the aquifer. River flow so far in September is averaging 455 cfs. The normal September cessation of agricultural irrigation may soon help increase river flow.

To prevent the loss of street trees during the drought, Mayor Beutler also asked residents to water young street trees neighboring their property on their designated watering days. Trees planted within the last five years are at risk.

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Water Restrictions

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The Lincoln Police Department (LPD) has issued 351 tickets for watering violations so far. The Lancaster County Court is allowing people who have received tickets to waive court appearances and pay \$100 fines plus court costs. Violations can be reported to the LPD non-emergency number - 402-441-6000.

Those with questions on the water restrictions can contact LWS at 402-441-5918. Visit lincoln.ne.gov for the daily usage totals, the City's Water Management Plan and tips on water conservation.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-8500

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 6, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Barbara Hansen, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8512

CHILDREN CAN READ TO A DOG TO IMPROVE READING SKILLS

Lincoln City Libraries and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization, are providing an opportunity for children ages 6 to 12 who need to polish their reading skills. Therapy teams made up of a dog and its handler are partnered with children who can practice their reading skills by reading aloud to a dog.

Children read to dogs in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. child. The next session begins the week of October 1 and runs through the week of November 10th. Pre-registration is required. To register, contact the person listed at these branch libraries:

- Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior Street, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30, contact Dan at 402-730-5274 or dan@millcoffee.com
- South Branch Library, 2675 South Street, Thursdays, 5:30-7:30, contact Jayne at 402-440-0983
- Gere Branch Library, 2400 So. 56th Street, Mondays, 5:30-7:30, contact Mimi at 402-217-9019
- Walt Branch Library, 6701 So. 14th Street, Saturdays, 10:15 to noon, contact Angela at 402-730-8288, 402-484-8288, or anjherbert@neb.rr.com

For more information about Lincoln City Libraries and its services, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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Mike Lang, Mayoral Aide for Economic Development, 402-441-7511

NEW PARTNERSHIP TO PROMOTE AIR PARK DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Chris Beutler, the Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development (LPED) and Lincoln Airport Authority today announced a new partnership to promote development in Air Park, the Airport's industrial park. A State economic development grant, City funds and other resources will be used to create large sites served by railroads in a 350-acre area generally south of Highway 34 and west of Kawasaki.

"Right now, Lincoln does have a shortage of large rail sites to offer customers interested in locating here," Mayor Beutler said. "The City is immediately committing \$250,000 to invest in infrastructure at the site. Pending City Council approval, our commitment would come from the City's Fast Forward Fund, created specifically to support economic development projects. This is a major step forward in our quest to attract new jobs and investment to our community." The proposal to use the Fast Forward Fund will be introduced to the City Council at its meeting September 24.

"In today's economy the most important thing a community can do to be attractive for new investment and jobs is to be prepared," said Wendy Birdsall, President of LPED and the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. "The development of the Airpark is an important step in making our community more attractive for new manufacturing projects. We look forward to continuing our partnerships with the Airport Authority and the City of Lincoln in moving this important project forward."

In 2010, the Airport Authority and LPED co-funded a study that resulted in the creation of the Lincoln Air Park Development Plan. When the Nebraska Legislature created the Site and Building Development Fund through LB 388 in 2011, the Airport Authority submitted an application in the first grant cycle and was awarded \$750,000.

The three partners today signed a first-of-its-kind Memorandum of Understanding which creates the Air Park Development Board. The Board's five members will include two from the Airport Authority, two from the City of Lincoln and one from the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council. The Mayor announced that the City representatives will be City Councilman Gene Carroll and Assistant City Attorney Jeff Kirkpatrick.

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Air Park Partnership

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This Advisory Board will be involved in recruiting and recommending a person or firm to help with the project. The Board will assist with the creation of development standards, the development of a multi-year capital improvement program and the creation of marketing strategies. The Board also will review and recommend industrial development plans; regularly analyze and report the total income received from Air Park industrial property; and oversee the negotiation of leases with new Air Park tenants locating in this area.

More information on Air Park is available at <http://www.lincolnairport.com/industrial-park.cfm>

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: FW: Reply: Request for Dismissal form

From: Earl Visser [mailto:earl_visser@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2012 6:22 PM
To: Jael Kamarad
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Reply: Request for Dismissal form

Jael Kamarad,

You provided a path of developing an appeal to how the registration of vehicles applies to the tickets H921760 and H921459. The citation is correctly issued to MEV Inc., owner of the licensed vehicle SKSO30, Earl Visser, President. I want to report that the request for dismissal of Parking Citation has been filled and submitted a few minutes ago. I request that you verify that the two forms have been received, towing notices have been removed from the list, contact with Director Ken Smith has been made with his personal opinion of August 22 and his August 29 statement of cancellation and a reconciliation of your 30th statement of seven days to get an opinion on a request for dismissal and the fourteen days of submitting proof of registration as the only way to get dismissal .

This is a reference to appeal for a clear hearing of the specific policy/ordinance being represented by this citation. This hearing must be held under the guidelines of protest filed by a citizen to clarify the ordinance in question. This letter is a filing of a friend of the city council appeal to form a committee to review this practice of using an ordinance passed in 1992 to control vehicles surrounded by weeds and having neighbors complaints vs. tickets on a zoned parking lot, that has utilized Neighborhood Watch practice to curb crime.

I look forward to your reponse by September 5th.

Earl Visser, President, MEV Inc.
402-730-1075, earl_visser@yahoo.com

From: Jael Kamarad <JKamarad@lincoln.ne.gov>
To: "earl_visser@yahoo.com" <earl_visser@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2012 3:16 PM
Subject: Request for Dismissal form

Earl,
Thank you for contacting us regarding your citations. As mentioned, please refer to our website and fill out a Request for Dismissal form for each citation: <http://parkandgo.org/find-parking/on-street-parking/> Please click on "Request for Dismissal form" at the very bottom of the page. Once you click "Submit" it should roll over to the next page. If you don't see the next page, please call me & we'll get something figured out.

Your citations are:

H921459

H921760

Once I receive your request for dismissal forms, I will put the citations on hold for an Administrative Review. Please note: we legally have to review the dismissal forms within 7 business days. On the 7th business day, if documentation is not received, such as a registration or hobbyist permit, the citations will stand & cannot be appealed again. I highly recommend reviewing the Parking Citation Dismissal Policy, also found at the bottom of that page. This shows our policy and your options to appeal.

Best regards,
Jael Kamarad

City of Lincoln | **Parking Services Division**
850 "Q" Street | Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

**** ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION ****
September 5, 2012

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

****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.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

[All members present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 25, 2012. ****APPROVED, 5-0 (Lust, Butcher and Gaylor Baird abstained)****

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 22, 2012. ****APPROVED, 6-0 (Weber and Francis abstained)****

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

PERMITS:

Page 01 1.1 Special Permit No. 12010A, an amendment to the Cech Addition Community Unit Plan, to allow a rear porch in the rear yard setback, on property generally located at S. 40th Street and Pioneers Boulevard (4010 Clifford Drive). ***** FINAL ACTION *****
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Removed from Consent Agenda and had separate public hearing.
Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 20, 2012, 8-0.
Resolution No. PC-01300.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: (See Items 4.1a&b below)

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: (See Item 1.1 above)**

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

ANNEXATION WITH RELATED ITEMS:

Page 09 4.1a Annexation No. 12004, to annex approximately 5 acres, more or less, generally located at S. 84th Street and Amber Hill Road.
Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to submittal of a preliminary plat or community unit plan
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant's request for deferral of the public hearing until Wednesday, October 3, 2012, granted.

Page 09 4.1b Change of Zone No. 12027, from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at S. 84th Street and Amber Hill Road.
Staff recommendation: Approval, subject to submittal of a preliminary plat or community unit plan
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Applicant's request for deferral of the public hearing until Wednesday, October 3, 2012, granted.

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

Page 17 4.2a County Change of Zone No. 12025, amending Article 23 of the Zoning Resolution of Lancaster County to provide that the application fees shall be established by separate resolution of the Lancaster County Board.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0.
Public Hearing before Lancaster County Board being requested.

Page 17 4.2b County Miscellaneous No. 12010, amending Chapter 10 of the Land Subdivision Resolution of Lancaster County to provide that the application fees shall be established by separate resolution of the Lancaster County Board.
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Sara Hartzell, 402-441-6371, shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0.
Public Hearing before Lancaster County Board being requested.

Page 25 4.3a Change of Zone No. 12026HP, from R-6 Residential District to R-6 Residential District Historic Landmark, to designate property generally located at the northwest corner of N. 26th Street and Q Street, as a Historic Landmark (2530 and 2548 Q Street).

Staff recommendation: Approval

Staff Planner: Ed Zimmer, 402-441-6360, ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 8-0.

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

Page 43 4.3b Special Permit No. 12030, for Historic Preservation, for restoration and improvements to the property for offices, an educational center and meeting space for neighborhood support organizations, including a request to reduce the front and rear yard setback requirements, on property generally located at the northwest corner of N. 26th Street and Q Street (2530 and 2548 Q Street).

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Stacey Groshong Hageman, 402-441-6361,

shageman@lincoln.ne.gov

Had public hearing.

Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 10, 2012, with amendment to Condition #3 correcting a code citation, 8-0.

Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2012, 5:30 p.m.

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

PENDING LIST: *None*

Planning Dept. staff contacts:

Stephen Henrichsen, <i>Development Review Manager</i> .	402-441-6374	shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov
Michael Brienzo, <i>Transportation Planner</i>	402-441-6369	mbrienzo@lincoln.ne.gov
Tom Cajka, <i>Planner</i>	402-441-5662	tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
David Cary, <i>Planner</i>	402-441-6364	dcary@lincoln.ne.gov
Christy Eichorn, <i>Planner</i>	402-441-7603	ceichorn@lincoln.ne.gov
Brandon Garrett, <i>Planner</i>	402-441-6373	bgarrett@lincoln.ne.gov
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Sara Hartzell, <i>Planner</i>	402-441-6371	shartzell@lincoln.ne.gov
Brian Will, <i>Planner</i>	402-441-6362	bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Ed Zimmer, <i>Historic Preservation Planner</i>	402-441-6360	ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov

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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.**

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION**

TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : September 5, 2012

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: September 5, 2012

Please be advised that on September 5, 2012, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01300, approving Special Permit No. 12010A, with conditions, requested by Martha Anne Cech, for authority to amend the Cech Addition Community Unit Plan to reduce the rear yard setback from 14 feet to 10 feet, to allow a 4' x 7' deck to serve as a landing from the doorway to the at-grade patio, on property located at 4010 Clifford Drive.

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk 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. SP12010A). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.

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City of Lincoln
Planning

Urban Design Committee Agenda

URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE (JOINT MEETING WITH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION)

Notice is hereby given that the **URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION** will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at **3:00 p.m.**, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, in Room 214 on the 2nd Floor. For more information, please contact the Lincoln City/Lancaster County Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA September 5, 2012

* [Memo from Ed Zimmer](#)

1. Discussion of [sign package for Courtyard Marriott Hotel](#), NE corner of N. 8th and R Streets, adjacent to Haymarket Landmark District
2. [Redevelopment design concepts of Lincoln Traction Partners](#), especially the "Railyard" open space and associated buildings between Canopy and N. 7th Streets, Q and R Streets
3. West Haymarket Streetscape concepts (The Clark Enersen Partners, etc.)
4. Draft for [Special Sign District addressing Railyard and "The Cube"](#) adjacent to Haymarket Special Sign District
5. Misc.

 [History List](#)



Memorandum

Date: ♦ September 4, 2012
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister, Planning Dept.

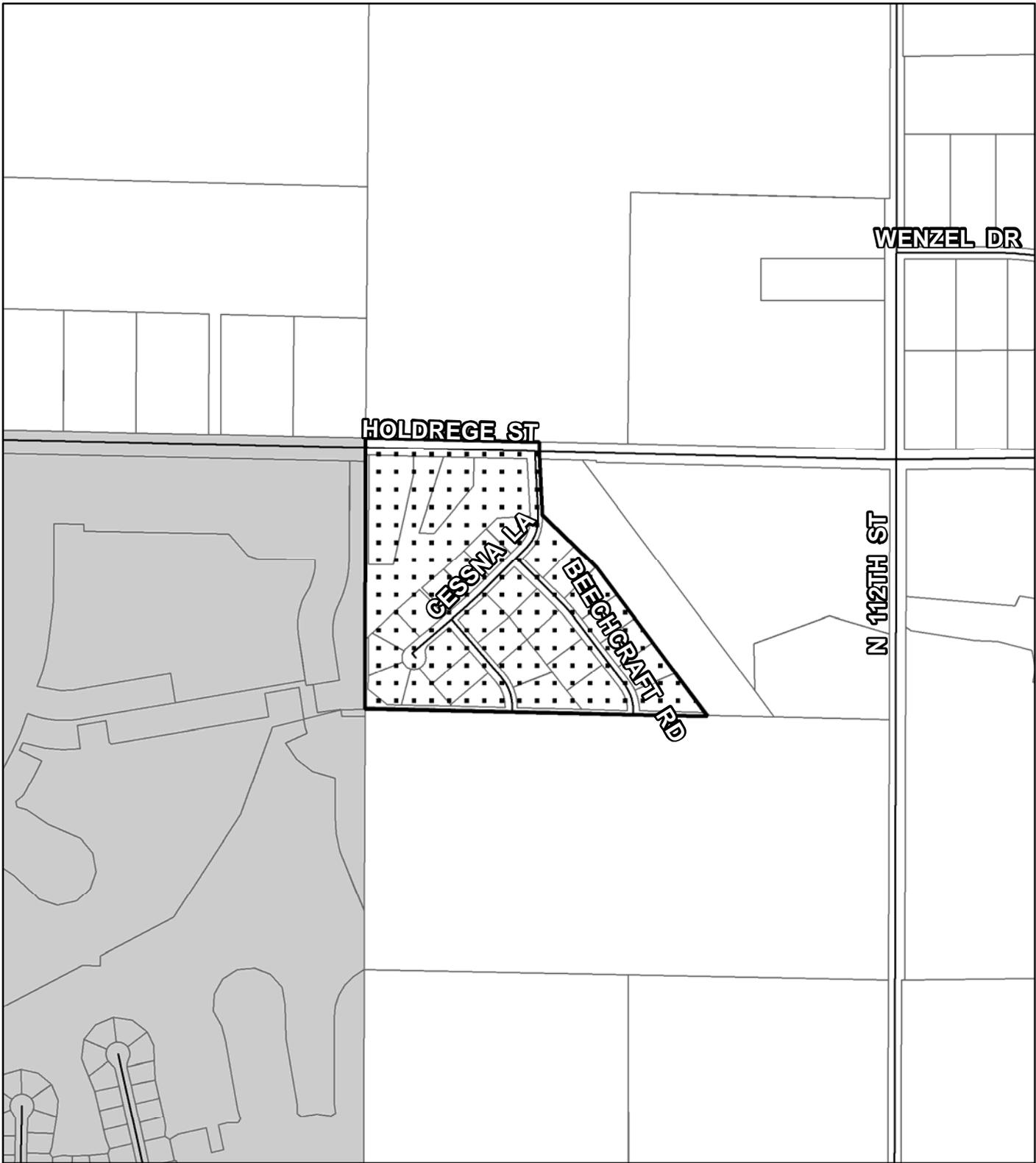
This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 28, 2012 thru September 3, 2012:

Administrative Amendment No. 12041 to Special Permit No. 1557, Northridge Heights, approved by the Planning Director on August 29, 2012, requested by Dave Egge, to reduce the rear yard setback to 17 feet on Lot 19, Block 1, for a 10' x 14' addition, on property located at 3210 Prairieview Dr.

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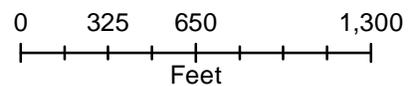
**City/County Planning Department
555 S. 10th Street, Rm. 213
Lincoln NE 68508
(402) 441-7491**





Annexation by Ordinance
Sky Ranch Acres
N 108th & Holdrege St
Effective: September 4, 2012
38.22 Acres

-  Area of Annexation
-  Ownership Parcels
-  City Limits Before Annexation



Mary M. Meyer

From: Jon Camp [joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Marvin S. Krout
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; mjs4835665@aol.com; Lin Quenzer
Subject: Crystal Court to Billy Wolff Trail sidewalk

Marvin:

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Reasons for removal include (1) security of their homes (passersby can look directly into their homes and easily observe everything) and (2) privacy.

The Billy Wolff Trail can be accessed at Pioneers or Cooper Avenue thereby still providing "connectivity".

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. I welcome any comments you may have concerning the matter. Mary Meyer in the Council office will also distribute this email to my City Council colleagues.

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“The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money”

~ Alexis de Tocqueville ([French Historian](#) and [Political scientist. 1805-1859](#))

Mary M. Meyer

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To: 'Jon Camp'
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; mjs4835665@aol.com; Lin Quenzer
Subject: RE: Crystal Court to Billy Wolff Trail sidewalk

Thanks for these comments, Jon. I indicated to Mr. Schneiderjans in our conversation that this should be handled by an application to Planning from the homeowner association, which apparently is still in the hands of the developer, to amend the Community Unit Plan that was approved for this area in 2008.

If the Planning Commission, or on appeal, the City Council, approves the removal of the pedestrianway between Crystal Court and Diamond Court, then the City could proceed to release the public access easement that the sidewalk follows, which was dedicated by plat in 2010 in accordance with the CUP, after which the homeowners remove the improvement.

I agree with you that this general area has better options to access the trail than some other areas of the city. But it is still a useful connection for enough residents that it deserves a process for reconsideration that invites everyone's input. The CUP amendment process will allow for the City to provide notice to all of the homeowners in the association as well as the nearby area, of a public hearing at which they can express their views on this issue.

Marvin S. Krout, Director
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From: Jon Camp [joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2012 6:07 PM
To: Mary M. Meyer
Cc: Marvin S. Krout; Lin Quenzer
Subject: Crystal Court to Billy Wolff Trail sidewalk

Council Colleagues:

Here is a response I received from Mr. Marc Schniederjans regarding his efforts to contact other residents regarding removal of the sidewalk between Crystal Court/S. 76th Street and the Billy Wolff Trail.

I am also including an email I just received from Marvin Krout that explains the process to apply for removal and the notice requirements to other nearby residents, to ensure all are advised of this request.

Best regards,

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Mr. Schniederjans response:

Hi Mr. Camp:

So that you know, I gave out the petitions to everyone in the subdivision. I personally went around to the homes of the owners who were abutting the new sidewalk to ask for their signatures. Of those ten home owners eight signed the petition. The other two absentee homeowners I could only give the forms to the people who were renting the homes. I also talked with other people in different areas in the neighborhood. None of these people said they wanted the sidewalk. I then hung the petitions on the doors of the remaining homeowners during Football Saturday and asked that they be returned to me by Monday evening. I received the additional petitions making a total of 25 from the homeowners. The only pro-sidewalk communication I received was a note from one homeowners stating he wanted the new sidewalk because it was safer than walking on Pioneers Street. I called them and tried to talk to them about it but they didn't want to talk. I have since found out they live on the far side of the subdivision and are only 60 feet from the park's sidewalk that leads directly to the bike path so I don't really understand their motivation for inflicting the sidewalk on our side of the subdivision.

In my many conversations with homeowners no one else expressed a desire to keep the new sidewalk and most were put upon that it was just dumped on us without any notification, even though I later found out it was a part the Master Plan. No one told any of us who live next to this new sidewalk that a sidewalk was going to be put in the commons area behind our

homes. Of course some of the people who didn't turn in a petition might want the sidewalk or just didn't want to get involved with any petition effort or just don't care.

I hope that explains things.

Best wishes and thanks again for you efforts on our behalf, Marc

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Subject: Crystal Court to Billy Wolff Trail sidewalk

From: Dougemerypm@aol.com [<mailto:Dougemerypm@aol.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 11:29 AM

To: Mary M. Meyer; ahornung@scudderlaw.com; eskridgecb@aol.com; euwc@aol.com; Jonathan A. Cook; joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com

Subject: Re: FW: Crystal Court to Billy Wolff Trail sidewalk

Jon,

I think Marvin is saying, much more intelligently however, the same thing I said. If Mr Schniederjans wants to remove the sidewalk he needs to go through the process

Doug Emery

From: Jon Camp [<mailto:joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2012 6:07 PM

To: Mary M. Meyer

Cc: Marvin S. Krout; Lin Quenzer

Subject: Crystal Court to Billy Wolff Trail sidewalk

Council Colleagues:

Here is a response I received from Mr. Marc Schniederjans regarding his efforts to contact other residents regarding removal of the sidewalk between Crystal Court/S. 76th Street and the Billy Wolff Trail.

I am also including an email I just received from Marvin Krout that explains the process to apply for removal and the notice requirements to other nearby residents, to ensure all are advised of this request.

Best regards,

Jon

JON A. CAMP

Haymarket Square/CH, Ltd.

200 Haymarket Square

808 P Street

P.O. Box 82307

Lincoln, NE 68501-2307

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2012 10:39 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Suzan Lund
Address: 3025 OShea Drive
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone:
Fax:
Email:

Comment or Question:

I previously sent a message to this group and have yet to hear from anyone on the City Council. I'd appreciate information from the Council on why the plans are proceeding for Walmart to build a store at 27th and Grainger Pkwy. This is a terrible location for a store like this, particularly when there is a location not far away designed just for Walmart. It has already reduced property values in this neighborhood, not to mention what will happen as the area deteriorates, thanks to traffic, noise and crime. This appears to be the age-old issue that money talks. I'd like my City Council to be talking back to this corporate bully, and do what's right for the citizens of Lincoln. I'm not all that interested in hands being tied kind of responses. If the City wants to make things happen or stop happening, its the leaders who must step up and make a way!

Mary M. Meyer

From: Gail Ogden [g.ogden51@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 03, 2012 1:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: renting a house for a football, or other party, gathering

Good day members of the Council.

Just a short note to say that this sounds like a bad idea. If it is allowed in a specified section of town (the downtown proposal), then it should be allowed in the entire city. Just not a good idea unless landlords are held to strict regulations: must apply with city, must clean up, must monitor their property, etc.

Cheers,
Gail Ogden

Mary M. Meyer

From: Annette McRoy [amcroy@mccrealty.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 4:40 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Short Term Rentals A Concern

Importance: High

Council Members,

I am writing you today to express my objections to any changes in current policy that would result in allowing short term rentals as proposed by Lincoln Football Rentals. I and several neighbors received the flier in our mailboxes this summer and we were not happy at the prospect of visitors renting homes in the neighborhood with little or no accountability to full time residents. The lure of easy money for a few can not outweigh the concerns of the majority of the neighborhood residents/investors who have made an investment in the area.

The North Bottoms Board of Directors and residents have worked closely with LPD and other city departments for years to collaboratively clean up the image of the North Bottoms as being a party haven. We are progressing in creating an a desirable neighborhood for a wide variety of residents from young to old to reside in, that is close many amenities, employment opportunities and Downtown. We have been making strides on many fronts. For instance, do many of you realize that a new home was built at 1109 New Hampshire this summer in conjunction with Affordable Housing Initiates and Urban Development? It replaced an eyesore that was structurally unsound and not on the property tax rolls. The new home was sold at the full asking price of \$129,900.00 before it was even completed and placed on the market. This tells me a wide variety of professionals and families are looking towards the North Bottoms as a stable and affordable place to call home.

Not all investors are bad landlords and not all students want to party 24/7. In fact, the students I have gotten to know on New Hampshire Street told me they moved to the neighborhood because they knew wild parties would not be tolerated and they could study in peace. I think the message of zero tolerance for out of control behaviors is finally hitting home. Any policy change that would alter positive gains throughout all of our neighborhoods is not good policy for anyone including the additional strain it would add to LPD resources on game days.

I think I can say most residents of the North Bottoms would NOT be in favor of changing the current policy to allow short term rentals. Please feel free to contact me if you have any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

Annette McRoy
North Bottoms Neighborhood Assn
President
amcroy@mccrealty.com
402-580-8508

Mary M. Meyer

From: Council Packet
Subject: Please keep saying no to short-term weekend/party rentals!

September 5, 2012

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to express my concern about short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods for football weekends, or any other time. As a homeowner in a core neighborhood, I feel strongly that this kind of activity would exacerbate current neighborhood safety challenges and cause new ones as well.

We are working to move our neighborhood in the direction of peace and stability. With a short-term rental on a football weekend, the noise, litter, partying, and post-game behaviors would be in full force, but with no accountability. Tenants are accountable to their landlords, ideally neighbors are accountable to one another, but short-term rentals do not have that sense of responsibility in place. Homeowners are left dealing with the results – trash, binge drinking, parking problems, and rowdiness in the middle of the night.

There are plenty of accommodations in Lincoln and the surrounding area, and more on the way. Hotels and rental halls do not belong in residential neighborhoods. Please help us maintain the integrity of Lincoln's core by continuing to ban this disruptive, unwieldy activity.

Thank you all for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Erin Glenn-Hash

1930 F Street

Lincoln, NE 68510

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 12:14 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Patrick R Piersol
Address: 2300 A street
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone: 4023181926
Fax:
Email: paddyrop@aol.com

Comment or Question:

I'm not sure if the council has a role in naming the planned Civic Plaza at 3th and P Street but I have a suggestion. I'd like to submit that it be named for Larry Boehmer, former owner of the Zoo Bar just one block east. I think his role as a musical promoter would dovetail nicely with the public music performances that the plaza would play host to.

He played a major role in bringing people downtown, especially to that area, but also to Lincoln itself from around the world.

thank you for your consideration

Patrick Piersol

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and representatives of UNL and the Lower Platte South NRD will announce the substantial completion of the Antelope Valley Project and the long-term benefits Friday, September 7th, 10 a.m. at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center, 21st and Q Streets.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Partners celebrate completion of Antelope Valley project.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to celebrate Union Plaza grand opening.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of September 8, 2012 through September 14, 2012.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Letter in support of Change of Zone No. 12018 and approval of the related Development Plan from Ann Bleed, President of the East Campus Community Organization. Scheduled for public hearing September 10th before the City Council.
2. Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee meeting agenda for September 13, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., 555 S. 10th Street.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT/HOUSING REHAB & REAL ESTATE DIVISION

1. Street and Alley Vacation No. 12006, North 11th Street and Lincoln Mall.
2. Street and Alley Vacation No. 12005, east of South 56th Street at Lillibridge Street.

WEED AUTHORITY

1. Lancaster County Weed Control and City of Lincoln Weed Abatement.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Perry L. Demma letter to Council asking how to appeal the bike lane construction on N Street.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: September 6, 2012

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

Mayor Chris Beutler and representatives of UNL and the Lower Platte South NRD will announce the substantial completion of the Antelope Valley Project and discuss its long-term benefits at a news conference at **10 a.m. Friday, September 7** at the **Jayne Snyder Trails Center, 21st and “Q” streets.**

For immediate release September 7, 2012

For more information, contact: Diane Gonzolas, City of Lincoln, 402-441-7831

Meg Lauerman, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 402-472-0088

Mike Mascoe, Lower Platte South NRD, 402-476-2729

PARTNERS CELEBRATE COMPLETION **OF ANTELOPE VALLEY PROJECT**

The Joint Antelope Valley Authority (JAVA) today announced that Lincoln's historic Antelope Valley Project is substantially completed. The City of Lincoln, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District (LPSNRD) formed JAVA in 2000 to administer the flood control, traffic improvement and community revitalization effort funded with City, State, NRD and federal funds.

The project has been successful in removing about 1,000 structures removed from the floodplain by creating an open waterway from Salt Creek Roadway to "J" Street. Traffic improvements include 12 new or replacement bridges, the elimination of railroad crossings, and 6.2 miles of new roadway including the "Big X" elevated intersection near the Devaney Sports Center. In addition to the new Union Plaza park and new trails, revitalization efforts include the new Assurity headquarters, Turbine Flats, several housing developments, the Jayne Snyder Trails Center, Fleming Fields and infrastructure improvements.

"What matters most is that a serious flood threat to a large area in the heart of the City has been eliminated, creating opportunities for economic development, public recreation, and green, open space," said Glenn Johnson, LPSNRD General Manager.

Christine Jackson, UNL Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance said the project is benefitting the University in several ways. "Removing land from the floodplain allows us to continue the development of our campus," she said. "The project has removed traffic from the core of our city campus, increasing safety in this heavily pedestrian area. We also have a new connection between city campus and Innovation Campus that will be even more important in the future."

Mayor Chris Beutler said finding a solution to the multiple problems in the area required a "broad and bold vision." When it began, the Antelope Valley Project was the biggest public works project in City history. "Two decades ago, this community came together to make a decision," he said. "We could stand still, do nothing and let our historic core continue to deteriorate. Or we could move forward by adopting a can-do attitude, looking at what our City could be, and doing the hard work to reach our goals. By choosing action, we set Lincoln on a positive course for the future. That choice changed our City and set the stage for the accelerated progress we are seeing now."

- more -

Antelope Valley Project
September 7, 2012
Page Two

The partners thanked NRD board members, UNL administrators, past Mayors and current and past City Council members for their leadership on the project. Also recognized for their contributions were the Nebraska's Congressional delegation; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Federal Highway Administration; the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Lincoln's delegation in the Unicameral; the Nebraska Departments of Road and Natural Resources; and the many private companies who worked on the project.

“From the beginning of the Antelope Valley Project, the very wise decision was made that citizen input was essential, that the development of the project would be a very open and public process,” Beutler said. “I hope all those who served on the JAVA Citizens Committee and the other advisory groups know how much their ideas and their time are appreciated. We would not be having this celebration today without their contributions and their belief in this project.”

More information on the Antelope Valley Project is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: antelope).

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 7, 2012

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, 402-441-8265
Danielle Conrad, Parks Foundation, 402-432-3394

PUBLIC INVITED TO CELEBRATE UNION PLAZA GRAND OPENING

The public is invited to celebrate the grand opening of Union Plaza at a celebration from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 13. Union Plaza is a new six-acre park spanning three blocks north of "O" Street developed as part of the Antelope Valley Project. The celebration is sponsored by the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department, the Lincoln Parks Foundation and Union Bank, the lead donor for the park.

A program is planned for 6:30 p.m. in Dickinson Dinsmore Graf Ampitheater near 21st and "Q" street. It will include a musical collaboration featuring local choirs and choral groups and remarks from a Union Bank representative; Patty Pansing Brooks of the Lincoln Parks Foundation; and representatives of the three Antelope Valley Project partners – Mayor Chris Beutler; Glenn Johnson, General Manager of the Lower Platte South NRD; and Christine Jackson, UNL Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance.

The celebration also will include:

- Music from PanGea, Zanzoa and Mike Menard
- Ten local food trucks and food vendors
- Displays from the Lower Platte South NRD
- Eight family-oriented Discovery Quest stations with a prize drawing for those who complete the quest

Parking is available at Lincoln High School, Lewis Field and Elliott Elementary School, and StarTran will provide free shuttles from those locations to Union Plaza. Supervised bike corrals will be available at 21st and "O" streets and 21st and "Q" streets.

The rain date is Friday, Sept. 14.

A \$4.75 million fundraising campaign for Union Plaza was managed by the Lincoln Parks Foundation. Campaign co-chairs were Beatrice Seacrest, Patty Pansing Brooks, TJ McDowell, and Roger Larson.

For more information about Union Plaza and the grand opening, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.

Date: September 7, 2012

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of September 8 through 14, 2012
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, September 8

- NeighborWorks Lincoln resident leadership training, remarks - 8:30 a.m., The Loft, 6209 Havelock Avenue (above the Havelock Antique store)
- Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach 20th anniversary brunch, remarks - 9:45 a.m., 2121 N. 27th St.

Sunday, September 9

- "Streets Alive," kickoff remarks - 12:30 p.m., Union Plaza Amphitheater, near 21st and "Q" streets (adjacent to the Snyder Trails Center), event is from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 11

- Patriot Day observance, remarks - 10 a.m., Veterans Memorial Garden, Antelope Park, east of Auld Recreation Center
- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee - 4 p.m., Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Thursday, September 13

- Union Plaza news conference, remarks - 10 a.m., Snyder Trails Center, 21st and "Q" streets
- League of Women Voters lunch, remarks - noon, Holiday Inn Downtown, 141 N. 9th St.
- Union Plaza reception, remarks - 5:15 p.m. program, event is from 4:30 to 6 p.m., Assurity Center, 2000 "Q" St.
- Union Plaza grand opening celebration, remarks - 6:30 p.m. program at amphitheater near 21st and "Q" streets, event is from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 14

- Canopy Street groundbreaking, remarks - 11 a.m., Iron Horse parking lot, 7th and "Q" streets

Testimony in Support of
Change of Zone No. 12018 and
Approval of the Related Development Plan

Submitted by Ann Bleed
President of the East Campus Community Organization
1315 N 37th Street, Lincoln

As noted in your staff report, the East Campus Community Organization (ECCO) has previously testified that ECCO strongly supports the Change of Zone No. 12018, the approval to vacate one block of 35th Street, and the related Holdrege/Idylwild Redevelopment Plan. We have not changed our support or testimony, so I will simply review a few key points.

First, ECCO's support is the result of numerous discussion with the developers and Valentino's and two separate meetings each attended by more than forty people. At the last meeting, when ECCO asked whether we should support or oppose the project or any portion of the project, there were strong expressions and a near unanimous show of hands in support and no objections. I give a great deal of credit to the developers for being willing listen to and work with ECCO to address our concerns. In particular, the developers adopted several key suggestions from the neighborhood, including vacating one block of 35th Street and breaking a median on Idylwild Drive.

Second, we are in strong support of providing for parallel parking in front of the two blocks of the project on Holdrege Street. Parallel parking along Holdrege Street would:

- provide additional parking spaces for the development;
- provide a buffer between the sidewalk and the busy street; and
- slow traffic in an area that is already a busy, though unmarked, crosswalk and where there will no doubt be an increased number of pedestrians crossings after the project is developed.

In conclusion, the East Campus Community Organization believes this project will be a big improvement to our neighborhood, the environs of the University's East Campus, and the City of Lincoln as a whole. We are excited about having the new local shopping area, boulevard and park all within easy walking distance of the neighborhood and campus residents. For these reasons the East Campus Community Organization strongly encourages you to approve this application.

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**City of Lincoln
Planning**

Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee Agenda

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

A Technical Committee meeting is scheduled as follows:

DATE: September 13, 2012

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

PLACE: Conference Room 113, County/ City Building

AGENDA

- Roll Call and Acknowledge the "Nebraska Open Meeting Act"
- 1. Review and action on the draft minutes of the [August 9, 2012](#) Technical Committee meeting.
- 2. Review and action on the Project Selection Task Force recommendations on project funding and programming for the Federal Transit Administration [Job Access/Reverse Commute \(Section 5316\)](#) and [New Freedom \(Section 5317\)](#) programs. Action is to include amending to the proposed [FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program](#) to add these projects and federal funding.
- 3. Review and action on [revisions](#) to the [FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program](#).
- 4. Review and action on [revisions](#) to the proposed [FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program](#).
- 5. Other topics for discussion.

● [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: September 5, 2012

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

SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No.12006
North 11th Street & Lincoln Mall

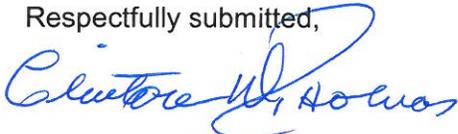
A request has been made to vacate the alley bounded by 11th and 12th Streets, Lincoln Mall and K Street. The area was viewed and appears as a paved alley with overhead utilities visible. There was also evidence of a sanitary sewer located within the alley. Staff has requested easements be retained for future maintenance and replacement of existing utilities.

Long, narrow strips such as this rarely have any value of their own and only have value as assemblage into larger parcels. As such, the area is considered to have a nominal value of \$0.15 per square foot. The calculations are as follows:

$$4,800 \text{ sq. ft.} \times \$0.15/\text{sq. ft.} = \$720.00$$

Therefore, it is recommended if the area be vacated it be sold to the abutting property owner for \$720.

Respectfully submitted,



Clinton W. Thomas
Certified General Appraiser #990023



Lancaster County Weed Control & City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

August 2012

www.lancaster.ne.gov/weeds

Giant Reed, *Arundo donax*



Just when we thought phragmites and knotweed were the worst things we'd ever seen, along comes phragmites gigantic cousin [giant reed](#).

Giant reed is a perennial grass that can reach up to 20 ft. tall. The stem resembles a corn stalk and has long, flat leaves up to 1.5 ft. long. Flowering occurs in late summer to early fall, when plants are most easily recognized because of the large, dense flower plumes. Giant reed invades wetlands such as ditches, stream banks and lake shores. Giant reed can completely suppress and remove native vegetation very easily, which reduces wildlife habitat, increases fire risks and interferes with flood control. Giant reed is native to India and was introduced into the United States in the early 1800s for ornamental purposes. Recently we have found 3 locations of giant reed in Lancaster County. I will be working with the Commissioners over the winter to make this a noxious weed giving us the authority to eradicate it before it spreads to the wetland areas.

Inspection Activity

Our inspectors have completed 6,726 inspections this season. Weed Abatement accounted for 4,718 inspections and another 2,008 on Noxious Weeds.

Weed Abatement – 4,718 inspections

With the dry weather you would expect our inspections to slow down. Unfortunately weeds are about the only thing that will still grow in these dry conditions. Our inspectors have completed more inspections this year than in 2011, but we've had to do fewer force controls. So, at least many owners

are taking care of the problem before we have to send in contractors.

Weed Control has responded to 1,260 complaints from the public. Those complaints, along with the properties that we inspect because of prior enforcements have resulted in issuing 707 legal notices and enforcing on 147 properties.

At least with the dry weather, those who don't typically mow, don't typically water either.

Noxious Weeds – 2,008 inspections

Initial inspections on phragmites & saltcedar are complete. We are currently working with landowners to get these treated this fall. Many landowners have signed up to have their phragmites sprayed this fall by helicopter and many more have either sprayed themselves or plan to have ground application done by local contractors. Skycopters is scheduled to be in Lancaster County in late September to get the phragmites sprayed prior to killing frost.

Fall is also the best time of year to treat musk thistle and leafy spurge, so we are encouraging landowners to get as many acres sprayed this fall as possible.

Weed Control conducted 2,008 inspections so far on 1,288 parcels. We have made 323 personal contacts, sent 674 letters encouraging voluntary control and issued 155 legal notices requiring the infestation to be controlled. As a result of the 155 legal notices 13 parcels were force controlled by our contractors.

Barb Frazier Retires



Chief inspector, Barb Frazier officially retired at the end of August. Barb served Lancaster County Weed Control for 20 years. She started out as a seasonal inspector for 5 years before becoming the Chief Inspector

for the last 15 years.

Commissioner Hudkins summed up Barb's career perfectly when he said that when he talked with landowners they would tell him that she was firm, but always fair.

Barb's strongest area was her ability to communicate with landowners. She would help them understand the benefits of controlling noxious weeds instead of just telling them they had to remove them. Barb's expertise will truly be missed.

The following article went out on this month's Acreage Owners E-news from UNL – Extension

CBS Documentary – Weeds taking root beyond the backyard

Weeds take root in crops, climate change, cuisine

By [Brent Meyer](#), Lancaster County Weed Superintendent

Recently CBS Sunday Morning aired a documentary on [Weeds taking root beyond the backyard](#). I encourage you to click on the link and watch the episode. While they did a great job bringing to light the problems we face with invasive species, I would like to comment on the portion; Goats eating Phragmites. When I watched the video it made it seem like all I needed to do is get some goats and in six weeks my phragmites would be gone. Anyone who had tried to eradicate their phragmites understands it is more difficult than just running a few goats out there.

This is what was reported in the documentary on August 19, 2012.

New York City hopes Larry Cihanek's goats will have better luck against another weed gone wild, an invasive variety of a reed called phragmites plaguing Freshkills Park, an enormous former landfill on Staten Island the city is restoring.



The experiment: To see if the goats will eat their way through 2 acres of the stuff.

"A goat eats about 20 percent of its body weight a day in weeds, so that's a 65/70-pound goat, so that goat's gonna eat 15 to 20

pounds of food a day," said Cihanek. "We have 20 goats. The objective was to do it in six weeks, and they'll certainly do it in six weeks."

It turns out they love phragmites. Six weeks later, success.

First, let me say Lancaster County Weed Department supports anyone wanting to use bio-control as part of their weed management plan, as long as they understand it is just another tool to use, but bio-control alone will not eliminate the weed problem. It is true that

goats, as well as cattle will eat phragmites and do well on it. We have several landowners in Lancaster County that are grazing cattle on phragmites as part of their control efforts. The plan is to graze the area early to hold the plant back and then spray the re-growth in the fall when the plant will be most likely to take the chemical down into its massive root structure.

Goats and sheep have been used throughout Nebraska to help manage leafy spurge for years, so it is not new that they will also eat phragmites. In my experience goats will eat almost anything you put in front of them. While grazing has had some success, it does require a lot of time to move the animals around to the individual patches. However, if continued regularly it can eventually weaken the root system of the plant.

Some things you should know about using livestock to graze phragmites.

- The animals will eat the plant and will not eliminate the root zone below the ground, so the plant will come back and try to produce seed.
- You will have to fence off the area around the phragmites or leafy spurge to keep them in a particular area. This will need to be done several times during the growing season to prevent seed production.
- Goats do not like to get in the water, and typically phragmites grows in and along the edge of water.
- Cattle will not typically eat phragmites if it's in a pasture setting because they can eat grass on good solid ground. Phragmites is usually in a swampy area where it's difficult for a cow to walk in muck up to their knees, so they avoid the area.

Contact Information

We need everyone's help, so if you would like more information on phragmites or would like to report an infestation contact the [Lancaster County Weed Control Office](#). Email: weeds@lancaster.ne.gov or phone 402-441-7817.

September Planned Activities

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| 3 | Holiday – Labor Day |
| 7 | SE NACO Meeting |
| 10 | Publish Fall General Notice |
| 11 | 5 Rivers WMA |
| 11- 13 | NWCA booth @ Husker Harvest Days |
| 13 | Management Team Meeting |
| 17 | NE Invasive Species Council |
| 18 | UNL Invasive Species class - Phragmites |
| 27 | Problem Resolution Team |
| 28 | Monthly activity report |
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Good Neighbors – Control Noxious Weeds!

September 7, 2012

Chairman, Lincoln City Council
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th St
Lincoln, NE 68508

My name is Perry L. Demma and my business is located at 207 South 9th street.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Lincoln City Council-good afternoon. I am one of several business representatives here to question the new construction on "N" street from 7th to 9th. You may have noticed that it is nearing completion and that a bike lane has been added and most of the parking has been removed.

I would like to know if you could appeal this decision.

Why would I want you to appeal this decision? Because approximately 25+ parking stalls have been lost. On-street parking is vital to the area businesses. Please do not suggest that our customers use the parking garage that is two blocks away. Our clientele ranges from women wearing heels and men with dress shoes to those who are far from sure of foot.

Let's go back to earlier this year. I had been vaguely aware of the bike lane discussions that took place in March of this year. In fact, it was March of 2012 when Crandall Aramubla came into Lincoln and conducted a public meeting on the downtown master plan and bike lanes. Around that same time, also in March of 2012, the city of Lincoln produced a map for the construction of "N" street from 8th to 9th. I have a copy of that map. This map is not something that was distributed just for "discussion purposes" this map was used by the city to request bids for the project. This is an official project bid map. This map does not show a bike lane. This map shows more on-street parking stalls.

My understanding, at no time did the city ask for our input on the bike lanes from 7th to 9th street on "N". So, I am here today asking how we appeal this decision and return our on-street parking.


Perry L. Demma

**MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

Present: Adam Hornung, Chair; Carl Eskridge, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Gene Carroll; Jonathan Cook; Doug Emery; and DiAnna Schimek

Others: Joan Ross, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff; Rod Confer, City Attorney; Tom Casady, Public Safety Director; Miki Esposito, Public Works & Utilities Director; Kris Humphrey and Manager Thomas Shafer, Public Works & Utilities Design/Construction

Chair Hornung opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

Ross outlined the formal agenda. On page 3, Public Hearing, Items 19 and 20 could be called together. On page 4, Items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 could be called together. Distributed a Motion to Amend, No. 1, a substitute Redevelopment Agreement. Ross stated on page 5, Public Hearing Resolutions, approving contracts, Items 27, 28, and 29 could be called together. Hornung suggested calling separately. Ross continued, on page 7, note the Special Public Hearing on Monday, September 17th, at 3:00 p.m. On next week's agenda, under Public Hearing resolutions, the first item will note the Special Public Hearing.

Hoppe inquired to Item 18 regarding Municipal Code relating to alcoholic beverages. The Parks Department and Board are rethinking the strategy and ask for the item be placed on indefinite pending.

Hoppe stated Item 31, the 911 Center agreement, the County did not pass last week, and ask for a week delay. Think there was confusion on determining their call line, and what pay should be. Director Casady discussed with them. Possibly pass next week. Carry over, with public hearing suggested.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of September 1, 2012 through September 7, 2012.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Cases of Cryptosporidiosis increasing.
3. Fiscal Impact Statements signed by the Mayor for Urban Development.
4. News conference invitation at the Jayne Snyder Trails Center, 21st and Q Streets, Friday, September 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. Will announce the substantial completion of the Antelope Valley Project and its long-term benefits to the community.
5. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler, Lincoln Airport Authority representatives, and Lincoln Partnership for Economic Development will hold a news conference Thursday, September 6th, 10:00 a.m., at 555 S. 10th Street, to announce a new partnership to promote development in Air Park.
6. NEWS RELEASE. Mandatory water restrictions remain in effect.
7. NEWS RELEASE. Children can Read to a Dog to improve reading skills. Schedule listed.
8. NEWS RELEASE. New partnership to promote Air Park development.

No comment

WATER RESTRICTIONS DISCUSSION

Hoppe stated some Council Members may want the water restriction violation misdemeanor turned into an infraction. The administration believes we need a through review of all water restriction policies,

including penalties, and ask if we need to act this quickly? Now 260,000 citizens have observed the water restrictions. Think hasty to change without a broader discussion, of all issues. Infractions have their own set of limitations and issues. We feel there is no hurry, with the fall and winter to review.

Casady stated most city ordinances are misdemeanors. He gave examples. Not traffic violations. Hornung asked for percentage of traffic violations fines? Casady replied, probably two-thirds. Hornung said even with fines, most are infractions. Casady agreed, adding if this was changed to an infraction it will still be on their record. He passed around a criminal history with both infractions and misdemeanors. Pointed out anyone can obtain a history for \$10. Some individuals have lots of history, and infractions are listed.

Casady stated something relatively minor still appears on someone's record. About the only non traffic infractions are the ones listed in handout.

Hornung asked if parking tickets an infraction? Cook asked, on a person's record? Casady stated no. Ticket not issued to the person, but to the vehicle. Hornung asked if judges deal with infractions differently than misdemeanors? Casady said, viewed not on crime classification, but the crime. Hornung asked if misdemeanors add up? Casady stated some, a second offense petty larceny is greater. Other examples given. Casady stated it would still be on someone's record, and we still have the problem of cases being in the justice system. Have researched what other cities do with water restrictions. We're typical with a low grade misdemeanor. The police department responded to 1264 reported violations, issued 384 citations. Plenty people upset. Casady prefers to get this completely out of the justice system.

Hornung asked if these questions discussed when the executive order came? Casady stated this is an ordinance. Hornung asked if penalties were agreed upon? Hoppe replied discussed but we were thinking of the number of calls received per week. The policy put in place previously. Let's take our time.

Casady gave examples of crimes with citations, procedures, how actions cleared from the criminal justice system. With taking our time may find a better solution than changing to an infraction. Emery asked, how much time? Casady replied if changing to an infraction today would be 5 weeks. Effective at season's end. Think we could have until spring to decide. Emery asked, reasonable to assume we could clean the slate for the people this year? Then work on the problem? Casady stated people can apply for a pardon, but few do. Emery wasn't sure people knew. Some cases disposed, the defendants plead guilty by waiver and pay their fine. Suspect more when court dates start September 20th. Emery stated if people knew this option, there might be more. Could we find a solution to get us through? In a situation where we need a quick solution. Then discuss and have in place?

Casady stated different ways to make sure this doesn't appear on someone's criminal record. A pardon is one. Confer handed out a statute, explaining when convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, with only a fine, can move to set the conviction aside. The Court looks at your record, and if you might re-offend, and will set aside. Today a person plead guilty, had a motion to vacate the sentence, and the conviction was set aside and is not on their record. Applies to a misdemeanor or felony conviction, not an infraction, which remains on your record. No process to set aside.

Camp asked why not have a standard vacation saying they're pardoned? Solves the 360 people concerned. If an employer looked at a criminal history and saw this misdemeanor, should be minor. But a blank under misdemeanor may be a warning. Confer said some people do not qualify, such as having a series of petty offense convictions. Camp asked if a way to automatically pardon everyone? Confer replied, a Court determination. If they pled guilty the Court would decide if they were entitled.

Casady stated the Mayor pardons people for violations under the municipal ordinances. Confer reiterated this is a Court procedure. Hornung asked how many infractions have occurred? Casady replied 384 tickets, 60 pled guilty and paid a fine. Hornung stated still 324 folks dealing with this. Is there some grand epidemic we're trying to halt? We don't want people to do, but why call it a misdemeanor? A crime we're trying to solve? Confer replied the ordinance in the books since 1984, for violating this code. Hornung asked if infractions not as severe as misdemeanors? Anyone who's applied for a job knows a speeding ticket is not as bad. On your record but doesn't mean as much.

Hoppe added don't want people to lose professional licenses, or a job, but don't downplay the seriousness. The river was so low we may not have come back. The restrictions relevant for recovery. Hornung thought no one actually discussed sentence given. Hoppe replied they did discuss, but no time to go through all the process. It was in place, and we needed to move quickly. Hornung stated, we pushed through very quickly but now when it's time to act quickly we're not willing? Don't understand. Hoppe said to give thought to solutions. Hornung asked if there wasn't time for thoughtful solutions before? Hoppe replied no, the river was at 200 s.f. per second, a fifth of what it was the last time we had a water restriction. Dire circumstances. Hornung replied, 320 people would disagree. Emery stated, there's a process people can use until we get fixed. Let's don't jump and do the same as the people who jumped last time. Hornung stated we're asking 320 people to further burden the court, or ask the Mayor for a pardon, when we just need to spend 5 minutes deciding. Casady added, it wouldn't be effective for 5 weeks. Hornung said people not yet sentenced get the best benefit. It's everyone convicted after the ordinance passed. Confer added, after the day it becomes effective. Hornung asked, if the City Attorney knew we were going to pass this law presume they may do the right thing and wait to convict people, or wait to accept claims of conviction, and you could do with this problem in 5 minutes. It would be nothing more than a quick vote and the City Attorney's office not accepting convictions and 320 people get the benefit of our 5 minutes of effort.

Cook said the Mayor can pardon for any municipal code violation, not just felonies, misdemeanors, or infractions. Confer agreed, adding think our office shouldn't do as everyone would want a pardon for every conviction and they're not going to get it.

Camp asked if in the future we could make the ticket against the property, a category in code to allow? Confer stated we need to look at, whether we can de-criminalize this process. Camp added, the bottom line is we want to protect the water table. Think paying \$100 and Court costs substantial. Even with a pardon there is a sting if someone waters. It would be nice to delay concerns and they wouldn't have to get an attorney. Some way to help? Casady re-emphasized, would like to see the police out. If you could come up with a non-criminal process. Think the conviction of a misdemeanor, an infraction, doesn't make much difference. As in the criminal history, it's still there. Camp added, will still have to write a ticket. Casady replied, not if we come up with a non-criminal process. Casady would like the opportunity to look at other options, adding we would establish the fact but not necessarily with a police officer. Emery reiterated, if we hurry to create something different we'll have another monster. Let's find a way and take care of the people already in trouble and get off the books if we can

56TH STREET

Hornung stated at the MPO Meeting discussed the delay of the 56th Street Project, from Old Cheney to Shadow Pines. Asked Public Works to give update on the project and some goals to move forward. Esposito stated we were asked to provide an update of 56th Street. In January we spoke about our 2012 construction projects, with a conversation about 56th Street and how it was delayed a year. Kris Humphrey,

the Project Lead for the 56th Street project, is working through the State and Federal process, and will go over the general timeline. Humphrey stated will discuss broadly, with specifics on the Federal and State process. A graph outlining all steps engineers go through with State and Federal shown to Council. We accept the rules to implement a roads, or bridge, project, and all of the steps. A lot of attention to detail as at the end we're audited. Haste makes waste. Good practices, procedures, and following the process very important in each step.

Esposito added a book also provides a narrative on what we go through with a Federal project like 56th Street, and why it would be subject to delays. Steps include environmental, noise studies. With each piece there could be catches, delaying the project. 56th Street has a timeline, showing the difference between the first piece as planned and the schedule adjustments with Federal and State.

Humphrey said the diagram shows current schedule, and adjusted schedule, and construction starting in late 2014, with the bulk of construction in 2015. The bottom of graph represents original schedule and boxes highlighted is everything that has shifted, and the consultant procurement, and right of way process is basically the critical path of the two adjustments. Everything else adjusts around this path.

Humphrey stated the first time we used the consultant procurement process. Typically don't have Federal funds in a project engineering phase. Took a bit longer. We knew the critical engineering tasks to be done before having the approved, signed contract. Tried to keep to the original schedule. Pulled the wetlands delineation. Only in the fall could we delineate with the Corps recognizing. Pulled traffic counts, as we could do before winter and Christmas. Kept the engineering design, and the critical right of way process. Thought we could overlap the right of way process with the engineering since we had a site meet document, or an environmental document from the 1990's. As we had signed we could proceed with the right of way process without a re-evaluation of the environmental process needed by NDOR. Unfortunately when into the design, got notice to process from NDOR. Talked with NDOR, had meetings with property owners, talked with LES who would like to acquire easements outside of those affecting them. If the right of way process done outside of NDOR policy we're jeopardizing Federal funds. NDOR wants 90% plans complete before we submit for the right of way we'll acquire. Through negotiations there will be modifications, but don't want to piece meal the right of way process. With talks, public meetings, and LES discussions, it was not practical to submit then. We now have the right of way plans and will submit shortly. After appraisal reviews they give us notice to proceed with negotiations. Right of way still the critical project path. A couple properties close to the road which we're sensitive to. Use the same process with Federal as with City dollars. We follow the Uniform Act, and will have final plans later this year. The re-evaluation of the environmental document will be submitted, and the right of way negotiations will continue through next year. Will submit final bid package to NDOR in spring 2014, and they'll review. Bid project in late summer of 2014, have winter construction of structure at Beal Slough, with bulk of construction in 2015.

Camp thanked Humphrey for the chart. Hornung asked, where is the right of way plan? Done and you'll submit? Humphrey replied have right of way plans for the last of the plans. The consultant needs to incorporate comments. Once we receive we'll send to NDOR. Need to basically have 90% plans complete. The right of way plans, legal description, and our preliminary estimate are complete.

Hornung asked who the consultant is. E&A Consulting Group. Are they involved in just right of way? Humphrey replied they're involved in everything. He asked if they're responsible to the timeline? Yes. When will the right of way plan be submitted? Humphrey answered probably late next week.

Hornung said once right of way is done, submitted to NDOR, we just need to receive it back? Humphrey replied once right of way plans are done they issue a clear right of way certificate, with multiple paths occurring. The right of way certificate is usually last. Once we receive we're able to submit everything to NDOR and they'll review for final plans. Usually about 4 months from that point to the actual bid letting.

Hornung asked if the negotiation for the right of way occurs once a week? Humphrey replied they submit the right of way plans to NDOR. They'll give notice to proceed to begin appraisals on each property, about 31 tracts. Once appraisals complete will send to NDOR who reviews and then gives notice to proceed, to begin negotiations. Hornung asked for an estimate of the time period. Humphrey said the NDOR manual estimates 4 months. For the appraisals.

Hornung said once we have receipt, what amount of time, or process, to get the right? Humphrey answered we have negotiations. If we can't come to terms with negotiations then we go to condemnation vote.

Hornung asked for the large goals, asking if a way to move up in time? A chance environmental, or right of way, would push back further? Humphrey replied always that chance. On the environmental side there is a re-evaluation but we're not affecting the Beal Slough. We'll submit our full report in October of this year. Not sure of the Corps decision. Most everything has been signed off from the different agencies.

Hornung stated, next is submitting the right of way proposal to NDOR. Do we submit an environmental proposal? Humphrey replied, we submit the environmental re-evaluation to the NDOR, they review, and then submit to FHWA for review and approval. Hornung asked, how long does the NDOR review take? Humphrey replied it is a large document but it depends. Also have an area where we'll look at noise volume, with property owner meetings in October. It was determined the noise volume at the NE corner of 56th and Shadow Pines Drive is reasonable and feasible. Technically could build an effective wall, which would be a benefit to the townhouse residents. NDOR said we can move forward and submit the re-evaluation without the noise wall decision, without meeting with property owners, and we could submit the right of way plans without having that decision made.

Hornung understands right of way is first, then environmental? Humphrey said we have a signed meet the document, signed environmental document from the late 1990's. If we didn't have then we would have to wait for the environmental document to be signed by FHWA before we proceed with right of way plans.

Hornung asked that Council be provided with updates. Esposito suggested a quarterly update to which Hornung agreed. Council will receive an up date on the environmental. Hornung asked if the NDOR representative would be at the MPO meeting? If not possibly set up a meeting.

III. DIRECTORS

PARKING SERVICES

1. Reply from Earl Visser to Jael Kamarard, Parking Services, regarding request for dismissal form.
No comment

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Action by the Planning Commission on September 5, 2012.
 2. Planning Commission Final Action, September 5, 2012.
- No comment

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Urban Design Committee meeting agenda for September 5, 2012.
 2. Administrative Amendment No. 12041 approved by the Planning Director on August 29, 2012.
 3. Annexation by Ordinance map. Sky Ranch Acers, No. 108th and Holdrege Streets.
- No comment

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Councilman Camp's memo to Marvin Krout, Planning Director, on request to have sidewalk removed.
 2. Planning Director Marvin Krout's response to Councilman Camp regarding Marc Schniederjans on the sidewalk removal.
 3. Memo to Council Members from Councilman Camp, including Marc Schniederjans response.
 4. Email from Councilman Emery on removing the sidewalk.
- No comment

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. InterLinc correspondence from Suzan Lund. Why is WalMart proceeding to build a store at 27th and Grainger Parkway? City leaders must step up and stop.
 2. Gail Ogden. Doesn't agree with renting a house for a football, or other party, gathering.
 3. Annette McRoy. Not in favor of changing current policy to allow for short term rentals.
 4. Erin Glenn-Hash. Keep saying no to short-term weekend party house rentals.
 5. InterLinc correspondence from Patrick Piersol recommending the name of Larry Boehmer for the planned Civic Plaza.
- No comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hornung adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.