

**CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015
555 SO. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015

Present: Doug emery, Chair; Trent Fellers, Vice Chair; Jon Camp; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Jonathan Cook; Roy Christensen; and Carl Eskridge

Others: Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney; and Mary Meyer, Council Secretary

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

1. Directors' and Organizational meeting minutes of February 9, 2015.

With no discussion or corrections the minutes were placed on file in the City Council office.

II. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

1. Public Building Commission (PBC) - Camp, Cook

Cook stated there is a new plan for the 605 Building. The 3rd floor will be filled in where previously the area was used as holding cells with large empty areas. We had felt there wasn't a way to fill in without new supports, but an alternative plan figured. Camp added it will make the complete floor useful, not chopped into areas. Cook commented now could be utilized as office space.

Cook stated the PBC sent out a survey on shower locker room potential usage. Interest expressed by the Wellness group for showers in a locker room facility at the 605 Building for those biking or working out at lunch. The feedback confusing as it seemed half were interested in doing but then received information showing the majority were from the Lincoln Police Department. The Police Department indicated this for those who keep requesting use of their shower/locker room. Their shower/locker room is in a secure area and other employees cannot use. Would like to do but very costly. Camp commented the cost could be well over six figures. A survey sent which included the question of how much a person would be willing to pay. Zero was a third of the responses, zero to six dollars was another high percentage of replies. Camp asked City Attorney Kirkpatrick how much he would be willing to pay? Kirkpatrick replied \$30 to \$40 is still a much better deal than the Y. Although wouldn't have the equipment.

The PBC was asked to relocate the Bronze Prairie Girl statute, now in the lobby outside the Mayor's and City Attorney's offices. Well projected indoor area but there is an interest in moving to the Nature Center. The committee members not sure that would be the best spot so no approval yet, and perhaps there are alternative locations. Camp stated Linda Wilson suggested possibly to place by the Lied Center where there are already statutes in place. It is a beautiful piece of work.

Cook added the Lighthouse now doing "Lightbulbs". Believe there are approximately 50 to be decorated by artists, a program similar to the bike program, Tour de Lincoln. The PBC approved a "Lightbulb" be placed outside of this building. Camp showed an illustration of what the "Lightbulb" would look like, an incandescent bulb.

2. Multicultural Advisor Committee (MAC) - Eskridge

Eskridge stated everyone participated in this meeting. One member, employed by LPS, brought up the gender identity issue, and all members of MAC examined from their own unique cultural

perspective. Interesting to hear Sudanese, India, etc. speak on their own culture showing how this issue plays out. Really creative and helped communication in an understanding of where people come from.

3. Board of Health - Emery

Emery stated he was unable to attend and will have Meyer send out the meeting minutes.

4. Visitor Promotion Committee (VPC) - Fellers

Fellers stated the meeting occurred when he was out of town, requesting to give report next week after receiving all committee reports.

5. Information Services Policy Committee (ISPC) - Fellers

Fellers stated the Information Services Policy Committee meeting canceled due to most committee members having the flu.

6. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Cook

Cook stated they adopted a new gardening policy, then discussed the sale of transfer land for Park purposes. This has arisen before with an example of possibly Public Works taking parts of Park land to use with no intention to replace the land. The Parks Board is interested in making sure they cover now and for the future when it arises there will be a previous discussion.

The Party in the Parks activities consist of numerous bands to play for summer concerts events. Scheduled are theatrical performances in Cooper Park, Uncle Sam Jam, and an art show in Sunken Gardens. All come under the umbrella of the Party in the Parks activities.

Cook stated the Board approved the Yarn-Bombing proposal, for temporary installation in Union Plaza. We said they could not decorate existing artwork, or living objects. Discussion on having a yarn cap on top of the "Big Head", which seems more appropriate in the winter but this is a summer event. Also issues on decorating art with art which we want to avoid. Part of the discussion comes from the Lincoln Arts Council, who recommends not to decorate art with art. We follow their recommendations as they are the experts. Short discussion led by Gaylor Baird on not decorating trees, which possibly could cause damage.

Cook then stated the Board approved a crushed limestone pathway in Ryder's Park, and discussed golf cart fees, cart issues. With Mahoney greens fees the Board found by lowering the cost for a year, which we did to see if it would invite more play at Mahoney, turned out it didn't help at all. Made no difference. Will probably bring the prices back up.

Christensen commented but don't know who would have not come if the price stayed the same. Cook agreed, adding they expected different results. Discussion on the qualities of golfing at Mahoney.

7. Lancaster County Correctional JPA - Emery

Emery stated this was the first quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Correctional JPA. Still experimenting on how they make sure the bills are to paid in a timely manner. If only okayed once a quarter, may have to rectified. The JPA is dealing with a drainage issue, on the SE corner, and now working to fix. Overall the bill paying obligation of the JPA is almost complete.

Eskridge asked when SW 40th will be completed? Emery replied he did not know but should receive an update tomorrow at the RTSD meeting. The railroad requested a delay some time back, and also working on the pilings.

8. Problem Resolution Team (PRT) - Emery

Emery stated the PRT has four active houses, three in court and therefore need to let the cases run through the court system. Regarding one case we're also dealing with the NDQ as the property contains underground tanks and still has some fuel refuse in the tanks. A long process.

Now we're almost to the warmer season which will probably fire the citizens back up to take care of their property.

9. Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird

Gaylor Baird stated the DLA heard more about a project now in the planning stages. Trying to increase retail and housing opportunities in mostly define boundaries, which is now listed as 9th Street on the west, 17th Street on the east, M Street on the north, and A Street on the south. South of downtown. Hoping to achieve more safety, security for streets after 5:00 p.m.. The planning costs for the project now are approximately \$120,000 and 50% is supported by NIFA. Looking to raise the rest from stakeholders, with the DLA voting to contribute \$5,000 to the effort. Even though this only really touches the northern area boundary they feel it is very important to the success of downtown.

Gaylor Baird commented the DLA received a presentation on bike share. UNL is very interested in the project, described as a way to get around town on short trips. Typically these programs are used by cities on an upgrade motion and are typically visitors/people going to a downtown, which is accomplished through membership or pay/per/ride. All in the early stages. UNL did say the majority of Big 10 institutions have bike share programs, and feel as if they need to be competitive.

Eskridge added Omaha does have a bike sharing program, in existence for 2 to 3 years. We can gather learning opportunities from their experience which may improve our performance, especially in terms of where to locate. When you travel you'll see bike stations in many cities. Essentially used a lot for tourists coming into a community who are bikers. An opportunity to continue biking, while getting exercise and seeing the city.

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Christensen stated he now is on the Board of Directors for El Centro DeLas Americas and this Saturday, at the Del Ray ballroom, 7:00 p.m. they are presenting the 4th Wine! Chocolate! Tango! A tasting of four different wines and chocolates with a Tango presentation, where one can learn to tango. Everyone invited.

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Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.