

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY
June 11, 2012

Tracy Corr started the meeting at 5:32 P.M. Monday, June 11, 2012, in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Twenty-three citizens and five staff attended:

Tracy Corr	40 th & A St NA	Jeff Schwebke	Arnold Heights NA
Bill Johnston	Bethany	Bob Reeves	Clinton NO
Sue VanHorn	Country Club NA	Ann Bleed	East Campus CO
Mary Eisenhart	East Campus CO	Carolyn Brandle	Eastridge NA
Pat Anderson-Sifuentez	Everett NA	Ruth Johnson	Hartley NA
Doug Kerns	Havelock NA	Myrna Coleman	Highlands NA
Scott Richert	Indian Village NA	Larry Evermann	Irvingdale NA
Dennis Hecht	Meadowlane RA	William Carver	Near South NA
Kent Prier	Taylor Park NA	Luci Prier	Taylor Park NA
Bill Vocasek	West A NA	Fred Freytag	Witherbee NA
Russell Miller	Lincoln N-hood Alliance	Jacob Grell	CLCs
Wayne Swoboda	Volunteer Partners	Wynn Hjermsstad	Urban Development
Dave Ensign	Urban Development	Meghan Sullivan	Stronger, Safer
Jon Carlson	Mayor's Office	Lin Quenzer	Mayor's Office

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tracy Corr opened the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves. Attendees checked in on the sign-in sheet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tracy mentioned the scheduled November Roundtable (11/12/12) is on a City holiday (Veterans Day - observed). Roundtable voted to meet the first Monday of November (11/5/12) to resolve this schedule conflict.

Pat Anderson-Sifuentez announced NeighborWorks-Lincoln Home & Garden Tour, Sunday, June 4, 2012, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. \$5.00 tickets. (See Attachment 1.)

Carolyn Brandle asked about sidewalk repairs. See the Public Works' Sidewalk web page for information. <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/dconst/sidewalk/>

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Beutler is out of town.

11th STREET PROJECT – URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Wynn Hjermsstad, Community Development Division Manager, Urban Development, presented a PowerPoint on the proposed 11th Street Project, A Street to J Street. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selected five cities in 2011 for their Greening America's Capitals initiative to provide technical assistance to design a sustainable street scape. One of the EPA's key concerns is sustainability and that dovetails with the Mayor's sustainability plan. City staff worked closely with the EPA in identifying the South Capital area, specifically the 11th Street corridor, for the project. The client is EPA, so the City cannot share the draft report. EPA expects to release the report the end of June.

The process included a design *charrette* (a collaborative session in which a group of designers drafts a solution to a design problem) led by EPA's consultant team in early December 2011. This intense, three-day workshop involved about 80 stakeholders from the South Capital area who met at St. Paul's Church of Christ, 1302 F Street.

EPA's consultant, Community ReDesigned, who led the *charrette* produced the following vision statement based on preliminary meetings with City staff: catalyze economic investment, inspire environmental stewardship and promote healthy lifestyles in the South Capital area (Everett and Near South neighborhoods) through pilot projects that invest in the public realm.

The *charrette* participants revised the vision statement: build upon the rich identity of the South Capital area (Everett and Near South neighborhoods) by increasing safety, promoting history, art, and education, reinvesting in housing and small business, and improving the streets and sidewalks to have more environmental benefits.

EPA Consultant's Goals Based on Preliminary Meetings with City Staff

Engage the community in the design process
Promote complete streets*
Encourage healthy lifestyles
Catalyze economic development
Inspire education
Support arts and culture

*public right-of-way having a bike lane, sidewalks for all pedestrian traffic, and room for mass transit

Charrette-revised Goals

Ensure a safe and secure neighborhood
Support neighborhood identity and diversity through all improvements to the public realm
Engage the South Capital area community in the design process
Design streets that support safe walking and biking
Create new opportunities for reinvestment with area property owners
Stimulate healthy choices through increased pedestrian connectivity, healthy food options, and environmentally friendly public projects
Bolster the community arts, culture, and education opportunities through partnerships and hands-on projects

Priority Projects

- Lighting
- 11th Street traffic calming for pedestrian and bike safety
- Dedicated bike lanes and bike parking
- Improvements at Klein's Corner and south commercial area
- Swing sets
- Roundabout at 11th & D
- Stormwater bump-outs
- Diagonal parking
- Signage – history, wayfinding, environmental education, bilingual
- Mural in public space
- Recycling bins
- Sidewalk improvements – ADA and pervious pavement

The project includes two demonstration alleys:

- ▶ one commercial, east/west connecting 11th & 10th Streets south of Klein's Corner, between F Street and G Street
- ▶ one residential, east/west connecting 11th & 10th Streets, between A Street and B Street

Improvements to these alleys might include: pervious pavement, private-property rain gardens, infiltration basins on right-of-way, disconnect down spouts and filter to infiltration basin and green roofs.

A residential street was also included and City staff selected "C" Street. Funds are not available at this time for the alleys or residential street. Staff understands that the Everett neighborhood did not necessarily agree that "C" Street was the best choice. Wynn explained that a key element of this process is designing sustainable elements that can be replicated throughout the City. If funds become available, then this concepts can be applied to streets and alleys prioritized by partnerships between neighborhoods and the City.

Wynn showed various renderings to illustrate possible outcomes of the project on 11th Street.

The next steps are: prioritize projects, final design, construction documents, let bids and construct the project. The Clark Enerson Partners has been retained to assist with this process. The entire 11th Street Project - A Street to J Street - will cost approximately \$2.5 million. The current budget contains almost \$900,000.00 for this project. Therefore, projects will have to be prioritized and phased. The goal is to let bids in mid-August.

Related to the 11th Street Project is a new housing program – RESTORE: Revitalizing Eleventh Street Through Rehabilitation of Exteriors. Steve Werthmann, Housing and Real Estate Manager with Urban Development explained the program. It will provide no-interest loans for owner-occupied and investor-owned properties for exterior repairs.

View the presentation slides at:

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/comdev/pdf/11thStreetProject.pdf>

<http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/greencapitals.htm>

Wynn mentioned the Draft Annual Action Plan will be on the Urban Development website soon. Congress reduced CDBG funds by 2% to \$1.5 million and HOME funds by 25% to

\$786,000. The public comment period begins June 13 and ends July 12. City Council will hold a public hearing on the Annual Action Plan on June 25, 2012, during the scheduled meeting at 5:30 P.M. This is now available at:

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/pdf/2012ActPlanDFT.pdf>

She also mentioned the updated Downtown Master Plan.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/downtown/pdf/masterplan/linkpage.pdf>

Wynn fielded questions and comments from the Roundtable.

Contact Wynn at 402-441-8211 or whjermstad@lincoln.ne.gov

SET JULY AGENDA

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable is Monday, July 9, 2012, 5:30 P.M., in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, **3rd floor**. Next month's agenda will include a presentation on Parking topics.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6.31 P.M.

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This event is a fundraiser for NeighborWorks Lincoln's current and future neighborhood improvement projects.

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