

DIRECTORS' MEETING

JULY 21, 2014

555 S. 10TH STREET

BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Libraries to host Hampstead Stage Company performances.
2. NEWS RELEASE. "O" Street sidewalk and lane closures at Centennial Mall to shift Monday.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 8, 2014 through July 14, 2014.
2. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for July 24, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Construction & Road Closure Advisory. Concrete pavement repair project #701850. "O" Street; 83rd Street - 87th Street.
2. ADVISORY. Southwest 6th Street, West High Street & West Prospector Court. Water District #1205, project #562205.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. S. Wayne Smith with suggestion for the budget by cutting one position and replacing with a policeman.
2. Don and Carole Burt posing questions regarding Special Permit 1665C, with suggestions given and the understanding of area when they bought home.
3. DeAnna Stewart asking how to deal with unkempt properties.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Barb Biffle Bennett. Asking Council to vote no on the 84th and South Street agenda items on July 14, 2014, listing reasons.
2. Matt Schaefer. The Everett Neighborhood Association has voted to endorse the vacant property ordinance which has been proposed.
3. Jin Seok. Letter stating she would not attend meeting at which claim will be submitted. (Sent to Assistant City Attorney Brownee for answer to question)
4. Larry Evermann, President of Irvingdale Neighborhood Association, writing in support of the neglected property ordinance.
5. Peggy Struwe, President of Hawley Area Neighborhood Association in the Malone area, writing in support of the problem property ordinance.
6. Dennis Mathias in support of the ordinance of neglected properties.
7. Jane Grabenstein-Chandler writing in opposition to the special permit allowing Chateau Development to build apartment and duplex units in Outlot B.
8. Nathan Jochum questioning why there's been slow progress in providing high speed, fiber-driven internet to the city's residents.
9. Dennis Gartner, former City Parks employee, giving suggestions on the budget cuts.

10. Mike DeKalb, University Place Community Organization President, supporting the neglected property ordinance personally with the Board having no issues or objections to the ordinance.
11. Russell Miller with questions about the city budget, specifically the water department.
12. Laura and David Rigg writing in opposition of the proposed development of a 20 unit apartment complex at Holmes Park Road and Sherman Street.

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

136 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7547

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 16, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries, 402-441-8565

LIBRARIES TO HOST HAMPSTEAD STAGE COMPANY PERFORMANCES

Lincoln City Libraries invites the public to two free performances by the Hampstead Stage Company, a theater company for young audiences. Two performances are scheduled for Monday, July 28 as part of the Lincoln City Libraries' Summer Reading Program:

- *Alice in Wonderland* at 2:30 p.m. at Bennett Martin Library, 136 S. 14th St.
- *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table* at 6:30 p.m. at Walt Branch Library, 6701 S. 14th St.

The plays are performed by two professional actors playing multiple roles. The scripts are original adaptations, based directly on literary classics.

The Hampstead Stage Company is a non-profit organization based in New Hampshire whose mission is to promote reading and love of live theater. More information is available at hampsteadstage.org. For more information on Lincoln City Libraries, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 17, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Caleb Swanson, PC Sports, 402-477-0487

"O" STREET SIDEWALK AND LANE CLOSURES
AT CENTENNIAL MALL TO SHIFT MONDAY

Beginning Monday, July 21, the sidewalk and lane closures at "O" Street and Centennial Mall will switch from the south half of the intersection to the north half. At that time, traffic will shift to the newly constructed north half, with one lane open in each direction. The east-west pedestrian crossing will also move to the north side of "O" Street.

All businesses in the area will continue to be accessible to customers. Pedestrians will be guided by barricades and detour signs.

The project is now expected to be completed in early to mid-August, weather permitting. The work is part of the second phase of renovation for Nebraska's Centennial Mall.

More information on the Centennial Mall renovation is available at necentennialmall.org. For more information on Parks and Recreation, visit parks.lincoln.ne.gov.



Memorandum

Date: ♦ July 15, 2014
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 8, 2014, through July 14, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 14038 to Use Permit No. 89C, requested by Olsson Associates, approved by the Planning Director on July 10, 2014, to reduce the front yard setbacks from 50 feet to 20 feet along Pine Lake Rd., S. 14th St. and S. 16th St., on property generally located at S. 14th St. and Pine Lake Rd.

Administrative Amendment No. 14039 to Use Permit No. 98A, requested by Olsson Associates, approved by the Planning Director on July 10, 2014, to reduce the front yard setbacks from 50 feet to 20 feet along Pine Lake Rd. and S. 27th St., and to reduce the setback along the south property line from 50 feet to 20 feet since the adjacent property is no longer zoned residential, on property generally located at the southwest corner of S. 27th St. and Pine Lake Rd.

Administrative Amendment No. 14044 to Preliminary Plat No. 06004, Wilderness Hills, requested by Lincoln Federal Bancorp, approved by the Planning Director on July 14, 2014, to adjust the grading plan to remove Lots 1 thru 8, Block 19, from the floodplain and adjust Note #19 to reflect that a LOMR-F shall be required, on property generally located at S. 27th St. and Rokeby Rd.



NEBRASKA CAPITOL ENVIRONS COMMISSION

The **Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission** will hold a public meeting on Thursday, July 24, 2014. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Room 214, second floor, County/City Building, 555 S. 10th Street,, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda.

For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

AGENDA

July 24, 2014

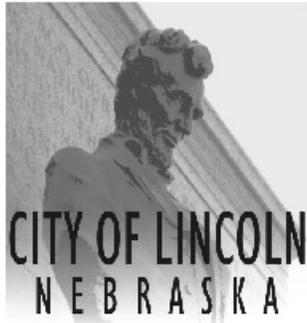
1. Approval of meeting record of June 26, 2014.

Discussion

2. South Haymarket Sub-area Plan.
3. Miscellaneous: staff report, etc.

Accommodation Notice

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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July 15, 2014

CONSTRUCTION & ROAD CLOSURE ADVISORY **Concrete Pavement Repair Project #701850** **O Street; 83rd Street - 87th Street**

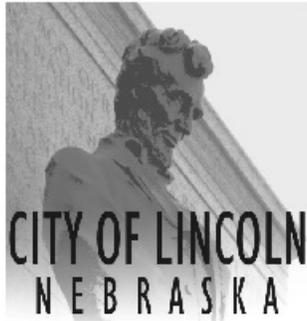
The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract that includes concrete pavement and joint repairs on O Street from 83rd Street to 87th Street. Caspers Construction Company of Beatrice, Nebraska has been awarded the contract for completion of this work.

The contractor has indicated work will begin on O Street on July 14, 2014. The contractor will initially perform concrete repair in areas where work will allow one lane of through traffic to remain open at all times. This work will be during the overnight hours of 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. This work will be scheduled by the contractor Mondays through Fridays.

A portion of the concrete paving east of 84th Street narrows to one lane in each direction. The scope of the concrete repair work in this area will require the closure of O Street east of 84th Street to approximately 87th Street to all traffic. The complete closure of O Street will be between the hours of 7:00 P.M. Friday, July 18, 2014 to 6:00 A.M. Monday, July 21, 2014 and also over the following weekend from 7:00 P.M. Friday, July 25, 2014 to 6:00 A.M. Monday, July 28, 2014. Local access to areas east of 87th Street will be maintained from the designated detour route on A Street, east to 120th Street and back to O Street.

We request the patience and cooperation of residents, businesses and drivers in this area as the contractor progresses with the work. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract. The Schemmer Associates will provide the construction management and inspection of the project. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

<u>Project Manager</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Project Coordination</u>
The Schemmer Associates Eric Deters (402) 261-0956	Caspers Construction Manuel Martinez (402) 202-0504	Public Works & Utilities Harry Kroos (402) 429-4872



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY

MAYOR CHRIS BEUTLER

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July 17, 2014

Southwest 6th Street, West High Street & West Prospector Court Water District #1205 Project #562205

The City of Lincoln has awarded a contract that includes construction of new water mains associated with Water Improvement District No. 1205. The project will construct an eight-inch diameter water main in West Prospector Court from South Folsom Street to Southwest 6th Street, a six-inch diameter water main in Southwest 6th Street from West Prospector Court to approximately 400 feet south of West High Street, and a six-inch diameter water main in West High Street from South Folsom Street to Southwest 6th Street. Neuvirth's Construction of Blair, Nebraska has been awarded the contract to complete the construction associated with the project.

The contractor has indicated work will begin the week of July 14, 2014 locating the existing utilities. The contractor will begin boring and water main construction in this area the week of July 21, 2014. Portions of the water main construction along West High Street and West Prospector Court will be placed by directional boring. The water main along Southwest 6th Street will be installed by open excavation. The contractor will attempt to minimize the disruption to driveways and access to residents and businesses.

We request the patience and cooperation of residents, businesses and drivers in this area as the contractor progresses with this work. The Public Works and Utilities Department will administer this contract. EA Engineering will provide the construction management and inspection of the project. If you have any questions, please contact one of the following:

Project Manager

Harry Kroos
Public Works & Utilities
(402) 429-4872

Project Engineer

Kris Humphrey
Public Works & Utilities
(402) 326-1176

Project Manager

Gene Hellbusch
Neuvirth's Construction
(402) 670-5275

Project Inspection

Jamie Suing
EA Engineering
(402) 310-3538

Mary M. Meyer

From: Wayne Smith [swaynes1@windstream.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 9:13 AM
To: Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Doug Emery; Carl B. Eskridge; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook
Subject: City Budget

I suggest the Energy Sustainability Aide (Milo Mumgaard) position be eliminated from the budget and a policeman be added. Maybe Milo could possibly fit in some other place. But I don't see added value in this position.

Thanks

S. Wayne Smith
6345 S 35th Ct
Lincoln, NE 68516
402 327-2085

Mary M. Meyer

From: Donald F. Burt [dburt@clinewilliams.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 1:35 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Special Permit 1665C

Dear Councilman Camp:

The controversy surrounding Outlot B at the corner of Holmes Park Road and Sherman Street has ramifications not just for the neighborhood but for all the city. The Developer's proposal is to leapfrog a 20-unit apartment building (plus 10 duplexes) onto a tract of land that is bounded on three sides (at least 80% of the perimeter) by single family homes or owner-occupied townhomes. The remaining side is a non-arterial residential street. We understand the "in-fill" concept, but all other recent variances that have been granted or considered seem to involve tracts bordered by major arterials, like Highway 2 or 84th Street.

For nearly 20 years those of us who bought or built in the Fox Hollow-Sherman Townhomes neighborhood have been told Outlot B was, to quote the Developer, for "future townhome development," which would mean 10 to 12 units. Now the proposal is for 30 or 40 (it remains unclear) units, with attendant density, parking, traffic and school overcrowding ramifications. If this proposal passes the City Council, the message to Lincolniters may be that, no matter how old or well-established your residential neighborhood, if there are vacant lots in it, you may see future construction that will geometrically increase population density.

We want to emphasize that we have no objection whatever to rental units on Outlot B. That is not the issue. In fact, as part of our attempt to negotiate with the Developer we offered a proposal for 18 to 20 rental units (9 or 10 duplexes) instead of the 5 to 6 townhomes previously represented by the Developer.

We also hope that at the Council hearing, the Planning Department will explain whether the Developer's proposed vacating of two lots on the west side of Holmes Park Road has played any part in the Planning Department's recommendation, and whether this is all part of a plan to enlarge, and/or relocate the entrance to, the Rickman's Run Dog Park.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these issues.

Don and Carole Burt
3211 Sherman Place

Donald F. Burt
Cline, Williams, Wright, Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P.
1900 U.S. Bank Building
233 South 13th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Mary M. Meyer

From: DeAnna Stewart [dkstew72@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 2:42 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: 5932 ELKCREST DR

Hi Mr. Camp,

What are the cities plans to deal with dead beat property owners?

The address above I do not believe anyone lives in and the overgrowth of weeds, bushes and trees. Would make it hard for anyone to come in or out of the house and/or garage. It is quite and eye soar of the neighborhood. It has looked like this for years.

Thank you,

DeAnna

Mary M. Meyer

From: Barb Biffle Bennett [whoozon1st.band@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 11:23 AM
To: Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers; Carl B. Eskridge; Jonathan A. Cook; Leirion Gaylor Baird
Cc: Mary M. Meyer; Council Packet
Subject: 84th & South Street Issues on the Agenda for July 14, 2014

The items below were brought forward from the June 16, 2014, Council Meeting, and are on the Agenda to be addressed today, July 14, 2014.

Item 38: ordinance 14-65 - approve the sale

Item 39: ordinance 14-67 - zoning change

Item 40: item 14R-161 - special waiver to allow more than 40 units on dead end

Item 38. Approval of Sale

This was delayed at the 6-16-14 Council Meeting because the Council wanted the property to be advertised (per the 4-1-14 administrative regulation) for the appropriate 30 day period. HOWEVER, the signs on the property and the notice on the City website were NOT in place for almost a week after the 6-16-14 meeting. Therefore, the 30 day period is still running.

It would not be appropriate to address this item at today's meeting. I ask you to VOTE NO.

Item 39: ordinance 14-67 - zoning change

The land in question is zoned appropriately as it is now.

Adding a high density development on this land, with no buffer zone to the many existing residential homes between it and Devoe Drive on one side, and Karl Ridge Road on the other, is not in line with similar new developments across the city.

It should make no difference who the proposed developer is for this land. The deciding factor should be how well and thoroughly planned it is, how it fits into the existing neighborhood, how it affects traffic, multiple access for residents and vehicles, and also, long-term tax revenue for the City.

This project is a "loser" on all of those issues. The only "plans" shown have been a picture of an existing development that has none of the issues of this property, a vague outline of the housing units by OA that has changed at least 3-4 times over the past month, and doesn't even show the Detention Cells for water run-off, which are virtually in the backyards of existing homes.

Then there is the City's hesitance to do any traffic study of the area, even though one has not been done for years, and the area has added multiple large businesses on 84th since the last study.

The City also refuses to recognize the inappropriateness of the lack of multiple access points for residents of the proposed development during peak traffic times and in the event of emergencies.

Basically, this is NOT the right project for the area. There are other areas of the City, close by, with land for sale that would provide everything needed for affordable housing (or any high density development) that this area cannot.

I ask you to VOTE NO.

Item 40: item 14R-161 - special waiver to allow more than 40 units on dead end

I urge you to recall there was a lot of discussion of this waiver at the Planning Commission meeting. They understood fully the variety of problems this piece of land presents to any development. They voted 7-1 to deny this waiver.

I ask you to VOTE NO

Thank you,

Barb Biffle

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2014 4:29 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Matt Schaefer
Address: 1220 Peach
City: Lincoln, NE 68502

Phone:
Fax:
Email: schaefer@muellerrobak.com

Comment or Question:

Members of the Council, it is my understanding that you may be voting on a vacant property ordinance in the near future. The Everett Neighborhood Association recently voted unanimously to endorse the ordinance. As you know vacant properties are a major health and safety problem for our core neighborhoods while also harming property values and discouraging further private investment. Please help us continue to revitalize our neighborhood and vote to enact the ordinance.

Thanks,
Matt Schaefer
President, Everett Neighborhood Association

Mary M. Meyer

From: Jane [seok_j@naver.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 6:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Claim

Jin Seok

1801 J St., #209

Lincoln, NE 68508

I got an letter for the claim and was told that I did not have to appear to the meeting place but get contact with the city council by writing an email.

Also, the email said that the damage on my car from the fight considered to be the person's faults. Since the officer could not arrest him, is the cost of fixing damage is on me?

Jin Seok

Mary M. Meyer

From: LJ [ljevermann@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 1:07 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Neglected Property Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Irvingdale Neighborhood Association. Our board met on July 10, 2014 and discussed the new ordinance that will address Lincoln's vacant and neglected residential buildings. We are unanimous in our support of this proposed ordinance.

In our Irvingdale neighborhood, we continue to experience the adverse ramifications of neglected properties. When a property is neglected, regardless of the owner, the surrounding neighbors and neighborhoods are affected. It contributes to the decline of our property values, along with the health, welfare and safety of our neighborhoods.

We urge you to support this new ordinance. For those who believe this change will adversely affect home owners and landlords, we would suggest that for those who are reasonable and responsible, there will be no impact.

Thank you for leading our city in a direction that promotes Lincoln as a safe and beautiful place in which to live and for your support of this neglected property ordinance.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Evermann

President, Irvingdale Neighborhood Association

Mary M. Meyer

From: peggy struwe [pstruwe1943@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 1:52 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Problem Property Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

The Problem Property Ordinance will be coming to you for your consideration.

I live in the Hawley/Malone area and we in older neighborhoods have had continuing problems with problem properties.

I have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years and there is a house a little over a block away near 26th and 'T' that has been vacant the whole time I have lived here. The only time it gets attention from the owners is when the neighborhood has an outdoor event across the street from it to draw attention to it.

I could go on about a few other houses in our area, but I just want you to support this ordinance to give the city some clout to help the neighborhoods out when a property goes into problem status.

It isn't just the house that has a problem, but it is the broken window syndrome. When a property is allowed to decline it can take the whole street with it. People can't sell their houses. People won't buy houses on a street where there is a problem house. It is a spiral down.

So, please support the problem property ordinance.

Peggy Struwe

President, Hawley Area Neighborhood Association in the Malone area
Living at 25th & 'T'

Mary M. Meyer

From: vanborkum@gmail.com on behalf of Dennis Mathias [dennis@mathiaslink.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2014 2:23 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Hawley Neighborhood

I have lived and owned property in the Hawley Neighborhood since 1985. In fact my wife and I received a Most Improved Home award a few years ago. But the struggle is ongoing. We still have run down and un- or mis- managed properties. Some of those properties are assessed at over \$500,000. But unfortunately they're still dumps. And yet with a few MINOR changes they could be more attractive and attract quality tenants that want to live there.

Adjoining or nearby properties owned by landlords that show up only when tenants move out are another problem and unless the City gets a hand on this issue other neighborhoods will also suffer.

Now is the time to make an effort to pass ordinances and enforce the laws already on the books. Neglected Properties abound and only by enforcing and reinforcing the ordinances can Lincoln's dense urban neighborhoods survive.

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Dennis Mathias, WØQR
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Lincoln, NE 68503
Voice:402-432-2220
dennis@mathiaslink.com

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Jane Grabenstein-Chandler
7322 Sherman St.
Lincoln NE 68506

To City Council Members

Re Resolution No PC-01400: Special Permit No 1665C – Van Dorn Meadows
CUP

Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to express my opposition to the special permit referenced above which would allow Chateau Development to build a 20 unit apartment building plus 10 rental duplex units in Outlot B.

My husband and I live directly across Sherman Street from this proposed apartment building, at 7322 Sherman St. We were one of the original owners of a townhouse in this development, building our unit in 1994. At the time we built our unit, in what was billed as a “Luxury Townhouse Development,” the lot across the street was shown as for “future townhouse development.” The current assessed value of our “luxury townhouse” is \$332,600, and for the privilege of living here, we pay \$6,720 in annual property taxes.

Along with the deed to our property, we received “Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Sherman Townhomes at Van Dorn Meadows.” The Covenants stated: “WHEREAS, the Developer desires to ensure the orderly and proper development, maintenance and use of the Neighborhood and the Property, in order to protect and preserve the overall character of the Neighborhood and the Property in accordance with its desires to develop a quality residential neighborhood, and in order to provide and maintain a uniform set of rules, regulations and restrictions concerning the construction and use of any structures on the Property and in the Neighborhood, and in order to provide for the maintenance, use and operation of the common areas associated with the Neighborhood,

NOW THEREFORE, the Developer does hereby create, establish, adopt and impose the following covenants, restrictions and conditions on that portion of the Property hereinafter described as the “Lots” or a “Lot” to-wit or the portions of the Property which are hereafter platted into “lots” or a “lot.”

Among the restrictions—

- 1) No residence shall be constructed on any Lot in Sherman Townhomes unless such residence has, on any one floor level, a minimum floor area of one thousand one hundred (1100) square feet...
- 2) No detached accessory building or any structure of any kind, including swimming pools, dog runs, or fences shall be constructed or placed on any lot.

- 3) ...The Developer shall have the sole and exclusive right, in its sole discretion, to approve or reject any such building plans if, in the opinion of the Developer, either the **style, size, material or plot plan of such residence does not conform to the general standard and character of the residences constructed or to be constructed on other Lots located with the Neighborhood or Property.**

We believe that the proposed apartment building does not conform to the general standard and character of the residences in the Neighborhood. Those of us who built or bought one of the “Luxury Townhomes” relied on the promises made by Chateau. Mr. Gaspar has stated that he has the right to change his mind. The protective covenants which we all abide by and support, were put in place to protect the property owners. Now it turns out that it is the Developer who wants to change the rules. The property owners have relied on promises made, and should be entitled to maintenance of the neighborhood as it was sold to us. Mr. Gaspar has a right to develop townhouses in conformity with the existing neighborhood on Outlot B. He does not have the right to change the rules and increase the density of the neighborhood beyond what was originally plated.

I strongly urge you to reject this resolution.

Sincerely,

Jane Grabenstein-Chandler
Don Chandler

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 10:12 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Nathan Jochum
Address: 3108 Wildbriar Lane
City: Lincoln, NE, 68516

Phone: 402-239-2111
Fax:
Email: jochumn@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

Hello. I am writing today to express my deep discontent in the progress being made in providing high speed, Fiber-driven internet to the city's residents. I see news on cities all across the nation, and even in our own state, getting together to do everything they can to make it easier for existing providers to expand; in some cases they even take the extra step and do it themselves.

If such technological hotbeds as Stella, Falls City and Nebraska City are working together to give every access to true high speed internet, how is Lincoln not? Are there laws in place preventing it? Do citizens need to put together petitions to force change? What steps can we be taking to ensure that we move into the present with getting access to existing technologies and networks, much less actually move into the future?

Thank you for your time,
Nathan

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 10:51 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Dennis Gartner
Address: 5135 disbrow ct
City: Lincoln, NE 68516

Phone: 4024837721
Fax:
Email: tgartner693@gmail.com

Comment or Question:

As a retired employee of the City of Lincoln Park and Recreation Dept. with 35 years service I believe that I have some insight in respect to the budget. This argument of what to cut and what the priorities are has been a constant for as long as I can remember. I can tell you from my years with the department that the most glaring waste of expenditure is the yearly dumping of funds into the Sunken Gardens for personnel and maintenance. The Horticulture sections budget should be drastically reduced and volunteer gardeners with donated material from local nurseries used. Full-time positions and a large seasonal crew is outrageous for such a small location. In my years of service I was able to work at District shops and on all of the golf courses in my position with the Forestry Division. The staffs of these three mentioned areas of the department have been decimated by budget cuts over the years while their areas of responsibility have grown. I believe that by cutting horticulture and the sale of Highlands Golf the Park department would be much more able to fund the services it provides for children and Rec. centers and in maintaining the priceless asset of its trees and parks. In closing I want to say it was an honor to serve my career in the endless maintenance of Lincoln's finest asset, Lincoln's urban forest. Thank You

Mary M. Meyer

From: Midekalb@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2014 12:38 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: urbanlegendsartclasses@gmail.com; krienkeb@huskers.unl.edu;
vicky.dunn@homesvclending.com; vickyadunn@gmail.com; jmuysken@nebrwesleyan.edu;
mvhansen2@gmail.com; dkoesters@huskers.unl.edu; llane1@unl.edu; trispan@gmail.com;
ashutis@gmail.com; rdevney@lps.org; coleen@firstumclincoln.org; cb35717@gmail.com;
jkrejci@windstream.net; jstdezrt@aol.com; sarah.wolfe@lps.org;
bryce_swiggum@yahoo.com; d2102dl@yahoo.com
Subject: Re: University Place Community Organization - the Neglected Property Ordinance

a resend

In a message dated 7/17/2014 12:01:01 P.M. Central Daylight Time, Midekalb@aol.com writes:

Our Board has not voted on this item. However, the Board is aware of the proposal and have no issues or objections to it. As President, I support the Ordinance as another tool and closing another loophole in maintaining a healthy community and neighborhoods.

Mike DeKalb
UPCO President

Mary M. Meyer

From: Russell Miller [neb31340@windstream.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 11:38 AM
To: doug emery; Jonathan A. Cook; Jon Camp
Cc: Rick D. Hoppe; Nick W. McElvain
Subject: heads up and questions about city budget from russell miller

15 July 2014

At the Mayor's Roundtable meeting yesterday (Monday) Rick Hoppe made a presentation of the proposed City budget. In that presentation Rick stated that water rates would increase about 3%.

After having time to reflect on that statement there are several red flags. My understanding from the Water Stakeholder meetings is that a 8% rate increase will be needed to fund water main replacements plus the other Water Department requirements. Is the City "kicking the can down the road" and trying to avoid an expense today but will only increase expenses in the coming years? On page 33 of the just approved Water Master Plan it states that an average 5% rate increase will be required.

As I testified at the Council 30 June 2014 hearing there will be pressures to "kick the can" and it appears to be happening.

russell miller
402-499-2611

Mary M. Meyer

From: LLRIGG@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 8:08 PM
To: Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Trenton J. Fellers; Carl B. Eskridge
Subject: Fox Hollow/Sherman Estates

I am writing to strongly oppose the inclusion of the 20 unit apartment in Chateau's proposed development of property at the corners of Holmes Park Road and Sherman Street (Outlot B).

Currently the neighborhood that borders the proposed development is zoned R1; exclusively single family residence and luxury town homes. The plan by Chateau changes this zoning to R4 to accommodate 10 "duplexes" and a 20 unit apartment. When asked to define "duplex" Chateau's responses are ambiguous and the numbers change depending on whether they use "units", "beds", "front doors" or kitchen sinks" as their measurement. We know there will be increased density. That would have happened had the luxury town homes originally advertised and marketed for this plot been built. But the lack of transparency in response to our questions by Chateau was disappointing.

With the addition of the 20 unit apartment, the need for transition and appropriate incorporation into the existing neighborhood becomes paramount. An apartment on Outlot B is not consistent with the plan and design of the surrounding neighborhood. A two story apartment will tower over the existing homes. Expansive surface parking and rows of garages will look like an office building or small commercial development dropped in the middle of single family homes. It just doesn't look or feel like any structure in this residential area

What was the motivation for developer to abandon his original plan? Chateau's response was that he "changed his mind" and it was purely a "matter of economics" intended to maximize his investment. Buying or building a home also represents a significant investment for the private home owner. We relied on the assurances given at the time of purchase that luxury town homes would occupy Outlot B. This is how we sought to protect our investment. The difference being, the developer is attempting to maximize his investment because he believes he is not bound by the conditions under which our properties were purchased. The home owner can't "change his mind". We have to deal with the reality that we have significant investments in our homes and that is being threatened. We are committed to opposing this by any means available to us.

Aside from the incongruent visual impact and inconsistency in neighborhood planning of an apartment on that corner, the more concerning issue HAS to be one of safety. There is a single drive that will be used by all "duplexes" and the 20 unit apartment to enter and exit onto Holmes Park Road. A 6 foot fences bordering on the south side of Outlot B obstructs vision of oncoming traffic. Additionally, north bound traffic will be coming around a curve and will have trouble seeing cars trying to enter on Holmes Park Road. There will be an increase in pedestrians and bicycles crossing Holmes Park Road to get to the dog park and Holmes Lake Park. Children in particular trying to gauge how quickly/safely they can cross before the next car gets there is a scary prospect. Motorists will have similar difficulty trying to anticipate a child darting out from behind the fence, between parked cars or an unseen portion of the curve.

In respect for your time, I will not include other valid concerns, e.g. increased run off and flooding in the area, overcrowding of schools, traffic back up on Holmes Park Road trying to enter and/or cross 70th Street.

This item is on your July 28th City Council meeting agenda. You have/will continue to hear from other members of our neighborhood prior to that meeting and testimony will be offered at the meeting. We appreciate the time and interest of those City Council members who have already accepted our invitation to personally meet with us and evaluate our concerns. We extend the invitation to any other City Council members who would also consider meeting with representatives of the neighborhood. We strongly urge you to vote against this proposal in the best interest of continuity of community planning and safety.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura and David Rigg
3421 Fox Hollow Circle
Lincoln, NE 68506
Tel: 402-489-2731
Cel: 402-440-0662

DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of July 19th through July 25, 2014.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor proposes joint police and fire station for southeast Lincoln.

III. DIRECTORS

FINANCE/BUDGET

1. July sales tax reports reflecting May activity:
 - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
 - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2009-2010 through 2013-2014;
 - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2009-2010 through 2013-2014; and
 - d) Net Sales Tax Collections 2009-2010 through 2013-2014.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. City Bard of Zoning Appeals meeting agenda for July 25, 2014 with public hearing starting at 1:30 p.m.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. Karen Lindsay writing in opposition to the proposed zoning change to allow apartment at Outlot B at Holmes Park Road and Sherman Street.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Kristen Reiter asking Council to keep the Lincoln public swimming pools open when discussing the City budget.
2. Barbara Sprague asking Council to consider her claim against the City regarding the cost of removing a damaged tree.
3. Mary Reeves correspondence, and photos, of an example of a problem property in the Clinton Neighborhood. Need a way to deal with problem properties.
4. Bob Reeves stating the Clinton Neighborhood Organization Board has voted to endorse the Neglected Building Registration Ordinance.
5. Lillian Ann Kuryanka, David City, NE with complaints on Time Warner cable service.

Date: July 18, 2014

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of July 19 through 25, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Sunday, July 20

- Present proclamation prior to performance of "Shrek: The Musical" - 7:50 p.m., Pinewood Bowl, 3201 South Coddington Ave.

Monday, July 21

- Mayor's Award of Excellence presentation - 3 p.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.

Tuesday, July 22

- KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (pre-recorded)
- News conference, topic to be announced - 1 p.m., Room 303, County-City Building

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 18, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-525-1520
Tom Casady, Public Safety Director, 402-441-7071

**MAYOR PROPOSES JOINT POLICE AND FIRE STATION
FOR SOUTHEAST LINCOLN**

Correction to budget makes \$323,000 available in next two years to improve public safety

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced that he is adding \$323,000 to his 2014-16 City budget to increase public safety by starting a fund for a joint facility in southeast Lincoln for the Lincoln Police Department and Lincoln Fire and Rescue. The Mayor said the City Budget Office made a “very rare” coding error in the final budget compilation that makes available \$48,000 in 2014-15 and \$275,000 annually after that. He disclosed the error to the City Council today, along with its intended use.

“Our public safety officials say one of their biggest areas of concern is our police and fire response times,” Beutler said. “Their highest priority is a new joint fire and police facility in rapidly growing southeast Lincoln to greatly reduce the response time for families facing emergencies. They estimate that the new facility would save enough travel time to equal about two additional police officers a year.”

The cost of a new facility is estimated at \$5 million. Public Safety Director Tom Casady said the joint facility would begin the fire station location optimization program that seeks to position stations in better locations to help meet City growth. The plan calls for building two new stations and relocating two more, with two of the four located in southeast Lincoln. The initial \$48,000 and the \$275,000 annually could be used to acquire land or to service debt.

Casady said the last new fire station was built in 1997. Since then the City has grown 22 square miles and increased in population by 57,000 people. “This proposal gives us the biggest bang for the buck in the area of public safety,” Casady said.

Beutler said public safety remains his top budget priority as the City grows. “Because we have spared our public safety services from the reductions many other departments have experienced, it now makes up more than half of our City budget,” he said. “This new facility would provide added protection for the community without additional personnel costs.”

The Mayor’s original budget proposal is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: proposed budget). The change would be reflected in the budget resolutions the Mayor submits to the City Council next week. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Monday, August 11, and the new fiscal year begins September 1.

**Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2013-14 PROJECTED	2013-14 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 12-13	% CHANGE FR. 12-13
SEPTEMBER	\$5,429,066	\$5,350,895	(\$78,171)	\$281,329	5.55%
OCTOBER	\$5,641,450	\$5,644,359	\$2,909	\$128,000	2.32%
NOVEMBER	\$5,641,450	\$5,714,609	\$73,159	\$688,201	13.69%
DECEMBER	\$5,296,326	\$5,382,604	\$86,278	\$319,460	6.31%
JANUARY	\$5,369,333	\$4,959,233	(\$410,100)	(\$75,028)	-1.49%
FEBRUARY	\$6,802,926	\$6,512,245	(\$290,681)	\$419,691	6.89%
MARCH	\$5,010,935	\$5,134,084	\$123,149	\$441,312	9.40%
APRIL	\$4,818,462	\$5,133,122	\$314,660	\$519,375	11.26%
MAY	\$5,634,813	\$5,598,363	(\$36,450)	(\$14,035)	-0.25%
JUNE	\$5,429,066	\$5,554,017	\$124,951	\$153,070	2.83%
JULY	\$5,475,525	\$5,537,859	\$62,334	\$194,079	3.63%
AUGUST	\$5,820,649				
TOTAL	\$66,370,001	\$60,521,390	(\$27,962)	\$3,055,454	5.32%

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 0.046% under projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)
2009-2010 THROUGH 2013-2014**

	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-12	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2012-13	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2013-14	% CHG. FR. PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,703,478	\$4,822,814	\$4,805,254	-0.36%	\$5,189,424	7.99%	\$5,431,071	4.66%
OCTOBER	\$4,687,315	\$4,987,584	\$5,206,659	4.39%	\$5,568,892	6.96%	\$5,740,406	3.08%
NOVEMBER	\$4,922,939	\$4,938,240	\$5,219,952	5.70%	\$5,194,649	-0.48%	\$5,729,609	10.30%
DECEMBER	\$4,502,684	\$4,708,180	\$4,901,748	4.11%	\$5,250,751	7.12%	\$5,401,140	2.86%
JANUARY	\$4,354,458	\$4,777,606	\$5,076,013	6.25%	\$5,180,028	2.05%	\$5,562,529	7.38%
FEBRUARY	\$5,426,478	\$5,920,886	\$6,327,532	6.87%	\$6,223,991	-1.64%	\$6,570,418	5.57%
MARCH	\$4,226,466	\$4,418,795	\$4,782,783	8.24%	\$5,077,914	6.17%	\$5,304,048	4.45%
APRIL	\$4,294,043	\$4,421,797	\$4,572,281	3.40%	\$4,681,796	2.40%	\$5,214,537	11.38%
MAY	\$5,186,573	\$5,374,035	\$5,675,978	5.62%	\$5,655,098	-0.37%	\$5,642,139	-0.23%
JUNE	\$4,662,293	\$4,995,388	\$5,241,574	4.93%	\$5,458,626	4.14%	\$5,635,827	3.25%
JULY	\$4,567,893	\$4,865,530	\$5,196,447	6.80%	\$5,439,682	4.68%	\$5,654,660	3.95%
AUGUST	\$5,105,968	\$5,245,798	\$5,453,052	3.95%	\$5,696,527	4.46%		
TOTAL	\$56,640,589	\$59,476,653	\$62,459,273	5.01%	\$64,617,378	3.46%	\$61,886,384	5.03%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
SALES TAX REFUNDS
2009-2010 THROUGH 2013-2014**

	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2012-2013	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2013-2014	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$100,061)	(\$55,500)	(\$263,004)	373.88%	(\$119,857)	-54.43%	(\$80,176)	-33.11%
OCTOBER	(\$95,246)	(\$121,738)	(\$79,193)	-34.95%	(\$52,533)	-33.66%	(\$96,046)	82.83%
NOVEMBER	(\$149,347)	(\$48,320)	(\$73,585)	52.29%	(\$168,241)	128.63%	(\$15,001)	-91.08%
DECEMBER	(\$202,950)	(\$12,388)	(\$5,982)	-51.71%	(\$187,607)	3036.19%	(\$18,536)	-90.12%
JANUARY	(\$257,206)	(\$363,009)	(\$49,785)	-86.29%	(\$145,767)	192.79%	(\$603,295)	313.88%
FEBRUARY	(\$104,235)	(\$70,579)	(\$45,283)	-35.84%	(\$131,438)	190.26%	(\$58,173)	-55.74%
MARCH	(\$14,233)	(\$485,268)	(\$59,857)	-87.67%	(\$385,142)	543.44%	(\$169,963)	-55.87%
APRIL	(\$75,738)	(\$10,063)	(\$44,038)	337.64%	(\$68,049)	54.52%	(\$81,416)	19.64%
MAY	(\$68,551)	(\$168,421)	(\$126,962)	-24.62%	(\$42,699)	-66.37%	(\$43,775)	2.52%
JUNE	(\$110,343)	(\$104,492)	(\$75,618)	-27.63%	(\$57,679)	-23.72%	(\$81,809)	41.83%
JULY	(\$251,505)	(\$73,768)	(\$52,331)	-29.06%	(\$95,902)	83.26%	(\$116,801)	21.79%
AUGUST	(\$286,162)	(\$3,563)	(\$111,293)	3023.78%	(\$27,656)	-75.15%	(\$49,577)	79.26%
TOTAL	(\$1,715,576)	(\$1,517,108)	(\$986,931)	-34.95%	(\$1,482,570)	50.22%	(\$1,414,568)	-4.59%

**CITY OF LINCOLN
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS
2009-2010 THROUGH 2013-2014**

	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2012-2013	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2013-14	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,603,417	\$4,767,314	\$4,542,250	-4.72%	\$5,069,566	11.61%	\$5,350,895	5.55%
OCTOBER	\$4,592,069	\$4,865,846	\$5,127,466	5.38%	\$5,516,359	7.58%	\$5,644,359	2.32%
NOVEMBER	\$4,773,592	\$4,889,920	\$5,146,367	5.24%	\$5,026,408	-2.33%	\$5,714,609	13.69%
DECEMBER	\$4,299,735	\$4,695,792	\$4,895,766	4.26%	\$5,063,144	3.42%	\$5,382,604	6.31%
JANUARY	\$4,097,252	\$4,414,597	\$5,026,227	13.85%	\$5,034,261	0.16%	\$4,959,233	-1.49%
FEBRUARY	\$5,322,243	\$5,850,307	\$6,282,249	7.38%	\$6,092,554	-3.02%	\$6,512,245	6.89%
MARCH	\$4,212,234	\$3,933,528	\$4,722,926	20.07%	\$4,692,772	-0.64%	\$5,134,084	9.40%
APRIL	\$4,218,305	\$4,411,735	\$4,528,243	2.64%	\$4,613,747	1.89%	\$5,133,122	11.26%
MAY	\$5,118,022	\$5,205,614	\$5,549,016	6.60%	\$5,612,398	1.14%	\$5,598,363	-0.25%
JUNE	\$4,551,950	\$4,890,896	\$5,165,956	5.62%	\$5,400,947	4.55%	\$5,554,017	2.83%
JULY	\$4,316,388	\$4,791,762	\$5,144,116	7.35%	\$5,343,780	3.88%	\$5,537,859	3.63%
AUGUST	\$4,819,806	5,242,236	5,341,759	1.90%	5,668,871	6.12%		
TOTAL	\$54,925,013	\$57,959,545	\$61,472,341	6.06%	\$63,134,807	2.70%	\$60,521,390	5.32%

CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the **CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS** will hold a public hearing on **Friday, July 25, 2014** at **1:30 p.m.** in the **City Council Chambers** on the 1st Floor of the County-City Building, 555 So. 10th Street, on the following item. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA

July 25, 2014

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 31, 2014.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

2. **CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NO. 14002**, for a variance to adjust the side yard setback from fifteen (15) feet to zero (0) feet, on property generally located at South 14th Street and Centerpark Road. (1501 Centerpark Road)

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The City Board of Zoning Appeals agenda may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/cibza/cibza.htm>

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Director of Equity and Diversity, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, at 402 441-7624 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Karen Lindsay [klindsay1@neb.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Van Dorn Meadows Outlot B

Dear Councilman,

I am a townhome owner and resident at 3201 Sherman Place in Van Dorn Meadows. I am writing you in opposition to the proposed zoning change to allow apartments to be built on Outlot B at Holmes Park Road and Sherman Street. If you have visited this area, you must agree that apartments on this parcel of land are just not appropriate for the space, the already transitioned area, the traffic & drainage onto Holmes Park Road, and the guidelines of the Community Unit Plan for the city of Lincoln. I am not opposed to the developer building on the lot for return on his investment nor to the city's desire to in-fill empty lots—both make very good sense. However, duplex townhomes or patio homes as promised (originally plotted 20 years ago) when I purchased my residence are most appropriate for Outlot B.

I have watched the Cameron townhome development at 80th and Pioneers being built as I walk the bike trail surrounding it. Most of the units were sold before even being built and demand remains strong. They are selling quickly and experiencing no vacancies. This tells me of a real need for affordable townhomes in the area. Sherman Estates provides only nine duplex units or eighteen residences that are privately owned. Realtors knocking on our doors have confirmed the need for more townhomes especially in this area.

It is my understanding that the city guidelines for Community Unit Plans call for a variety of housing. Wouldn't rental townhomes compliment that plan by providing yet another type of housing for Van Dorn Meadows?

And..... Do we really need more apartments with 400 + units directly to the west and north of Sherman Estates Townhomes? There certainly is no waiting list for apartments as both Holmes Lake and Chateau apartments are continually advertising vacancies.

Please VOTE **NO** to apartments on Outlot B for all the reasons that are right for the city and its citizens.

Respectfully,

Karen Lindsay

Mary M. Meyer

From: WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2014 4:46 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for
General Council

Name: Kristen Reiter
Address: 2435 Scott Ave
City: Lincoln, NE 68506

Phone:
Fax:
Email: kreiter@windstream.net

Comment or Question:

My family has long enjoyed the public swimming pools. This is our summertime activity. Our children aren't involved in organized sports, and this is how we spend the majority of our outside time during the summer.

We realize the importance of adding additional police officers, but on the other hand we are pleading with you to keep the Lincoln public pools open! We can't offer you any suggestions as to how to accomplish this in adhering to the budget (without added revenue), but we do know that any other swimming options for us in Lincoln would be cost-prohibitive. Please make every effort to save this wonderful, low-cost summer activity for many Lincoln youths.

Thank you!

Mary M. Meyer

From: Barbara Sprague [barbkents@inebraska.com]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2014 4:10 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 7977 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE Tree Claim

We have letter of July 9, 2014 from Marcee A. Brownlee, Assistant City Attorney acknowledging receipt of our claim for tree damage, origination of which occurred sometime after widening of Pioneers between 70th & 84th Streets. It is true that it was the intent to file a claim during the spring of 2013.

Truthfully, my husband failed, for whatever reason, to pursue this matter at that time, along with a few other intended items of a personal nature. I realize this is our problem but I am asking you to seriously consider our claim in spite of the attorney's office recommendation to deny same.

This was a large and beautiful tree at one time and we were sorry to lose it after many attempts to save it by following recommended treatment, etc. from those people knowledgeable in these matters.

City files will indicate we had to deal with a touch sewer line for many years because contractors bore through our sewer line at the time of the street light installation along Pioneers Blvd. It was finally resolved this past winter at the city's expense but with no dollar consideration for our trouble.

Again, I ask that you consider our claim. Loss of the tree is one thing, but it did cost us to remove a this quite unsightly dead tree from our front lawn area.

Barbara Sprague
7977 Pioneers Blvd
Lincoln NE 68506

Res Ph 402-489-7076



This email is free from viruses and malware because [avast! Antivirus](#) protection is active.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Mary Reves [reevesmary34@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 19, 2014 5:19 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fwd: House photos
Attachments: IMG_20140719_133258.jpg; IMG_20140719_133110.jpg; IMG_20140719_133236.jpg; IMG_20140719_133210.jpg

This is an example of a problem property in the Clinton Neighborhood.. It is at 1101 N .30th Street. Having properties in bad shape that do not get fixed causes the neighborhood to have a decrease in value of all the surrounding properties. This is the reason I believe that there needs to be a way to deal with problem properties.

Mary Reeves

3236 Dudley St

Lincoln

Mary M. Meyer

From: Bob Reeves [bobreeves63@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Neglected building ordinance

To all City Council members:

The Clinton Neighborhood Organization Board on July 7 voted to endorse the proposed Neglected Building Registration Ordinance. We feel this is a much-needed measure that will not only encourage but put some teeth into efforts to get abandoned or totally deteriorating unoccupied houses renovated or demolished. One of the biggest roadblocks to neighborhood improvement is a property that is a total eyesore, all grown up with trees, perhaps with holes in the wall for wild creatures to go in and out. Such places are safety hazards as well as detrimental to the value of surrounding properties.

A couple of years ago we held "Problem Property Potlucks" across the street from several such houses in the Hartley, Clinton and Malone/Hawley neighborhoods. The two houses on Dudley Street that were the focus of one potluck have since been either removed or renovated. NeighborWorks has built two new homes on that block, replacing two houses that were in bad disrepair. But we shouldn't have to stage an organized event like that every time there's a problem property that needs attention. The registration system and enforcement procedures spelled out in the proposed ordinance would do much to bring about action on such properties, and prevent them getting to the point that citizens have to hold a public protest in order to get something done.

Bob Reeves
3236 Dudley St.
Lincoln, NE 68503-1927
402-464-1803
bobreeves63@gmail.com

Dear Sir-

In response to your inquiry about Time Warner service - we are in the David City area and reception is lousy. We have had cable in other places that we have lived and Nebraska is the worse. When I play certain stations, they freeze the picture and turn the station off. When I call, they tell me to reboot my box; how many times can you reboot a box? I had someone look at the equipment and they said everything is fine, they are turning the station off at the Lincoln office. And another thing, I'm sick of them playing the same movies over & over again, on Hallmark and other stations.

During the Christmas holidays on the Hallmark channels, they play the same movies over and over.

There are plenty of other Christmas movies old and new they could be playing.

If Time Warner doesn't get their act together, I will cancel and watch my own movies.

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CITY COUNCIL
OFFICE

Very Truly yours
Lillian Ann Kurzyka
621 No 10 St.
DAVID CITY NE 68632

**MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
JULY 21, 2014**

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

Absent: Doug Emery, Chair

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff

Due to unforeseen circumstances the City Council secretary did not arrive until 2:31 p.m. to begin taking minutes.

I. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Meier was finishing the formal agenda review.

Meier did state, at this time, that Item #30 had a Motion to Amend, No. 1.

Other Correspondence

No other correspondence from Chief of Staff Hoppe or a Department Director.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Libraries to host Hampstead Stage Company performances.
2. NEWS RELEASE. "O" Street sidewalk and lane closures at Centennial Mall to shift Monday.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 8, 2014 through July 14, 2014.
2. Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission meeting agenda for July 24, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES/ENGINEERING

1. ADVISORY. Construction & Road Closure Advisory. Concrete pavement repair project #701850. "O" Street; 83rd Street - 87th Street.
2. ADVISORY. Southwest 6th Street, West High Street & West Prospector Court. Water District #1205, project #562205.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP

1. S. Wayne Smith with suggestion for the budget by cutting one position and replacing with a policeman.
2. Don and Carole Burt posing questions regarding Special Permit 1665C, with suggestions given and the understanding of area when they bought home.
3. DeAnna Stewart asking how to deal with unkempt properties.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Barb Biffle Bennett. Asking Council to vote no on the 84th and South Street agenda items on July 14, 2014, listing reasons.

2. Matt Schaefer. The Everett Neighborhood Association has voted to endorse the vacant property ordinance which has been proposed.
3. Jin Seok. Letter stating she would not attend meeting at which claim will be submitted. (Sent to Assistant City Attorney Brownee for answer to question)
4. Larry Evermann, President of Irvingdale Neighborhood Association, writing in support of the neglected property ordinance.
5. Peggy Struwe, President of Hawley Area Neighborhood Association in the Malone area, writing in support of the problem property ordinance.
6. Dennis Mathias in support of the ordinance of neglected properties.
7. Jane Grabenstein-Chandler writing in opposition to the special permit allowing Chateau Development to build apartment and duplex units in Outlot B.
8. Nathan Jochum questioning why there's been slow progress in providing high speed, fiber-driven internet to the city's residents.
9. Dennis Gartner, former City Parks employee, giving suggestions on the budget cuts.
10. Mike DeKalb, University Place Community Organization President, supporting the neglected property ordinance personally with the Board having no issues or objections to the ordinance.
11. Russell Miller with questions about the city budget, specifically the water department.
12. Laura and David Rigg writing in opposition of the proposed development of a 20 unit apartment complex at Holmes Park Road and Sherman Street.

Vice Chair Fellers adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.