

DIRECTORS' MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2014
555 SO. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO
2:00 P.M.

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Downtown Lincoln announces P Street Week: A Grand Re-Opening Celebration.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor to run with scissors! Mayor Beutler will cut the ribbon on the "P" Street Improvement Project.
3. NEWS RELEASE. One Book - One Lincoln event to focus on lighthouses.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln to host National Ombudsman Conference.
5. Fiscal Impact Statement. Lincoln Fire & Rescue / Emergency Services.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Parks and Recreation Action Fact Sheet for meeting on October 9, 2014 regarding item 4B.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from September 30, 2014 through October 6, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS



NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Todd Ogden (402) 434-6906, togden@downtownlincoln.org
Contact: Matel Rokke (402) 435-8265, matelrokke@gmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014

Downtown Lincoln Announces P Street Week: A Grand Re-Opening Celebration

Join the P Street District and enjoy its grand re-opening celebration that includes a week of events, music, competition, prizes and FREE parking from October 8th to 15th.

The P Street District improvement project, which began its transformation last year, is ready to highlight a pedestrian friendly redesign of the streetscape, parking and rights-of-way incorporating specialized lighting, plants and public spaces. Artist Jun Kaneko's 57 foot glass tower "Ascent" was also installed earlier this month at Tower Square in the heart of the District.

As a way to celebrate substantial completion of the project, the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) and P Street District businesses have compiled a week of activities in the area to highlight the new amenities and existing destinations. "We are excited to highlight this newly revamped district, which is home to a variety of wonderful destinations," said Todd Ogden, DLA's Deputy Director.

P Street Week will kick off a week of events with a ceremonial dedication for the project on October 8th at 4:30 pm at Tower Square. A Discovery Pass promotion will also be implemented that day, which will incorporate the following features:

P Street Week Discovery Pass

P Street Week Discovery passes will be handed out at Tower Square during P Street Week from 11 am to 7 pm. The pass will also be available at DLA and several other P Street District businesses a week before the promotion. The Discovery Pass will include a map of all the P Street District destinations, a schedule of P Street Week events, 75 P Street District Discovery Challenges and will also be your ticket to free parking during the week.

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P Street Week Discovery Challenges

To encourage P Street District exploration, the pass includes 75 challenges or “discoveries” to help guide visitors as they browse the District. Discoveries are split into different categories including dining, shopping, arts & entertainment and landscape challenges. The discoveries can be completed by posting pictures or answers on social media using the **#discoverPst** hashtag.

“These discoveries are the perfect way to capture the energy of our District,” said Matel Rokke, owner of Tsuru on 14th Street.

P Street Week Prizes

Everybody who participates will get a free P Street District T-Shirt at Tower Square, which will be in five colors, highlighting the colors of the district and represent the various **#PeopleOfPst**. There will also be several prizes available to participants who complete a set amount of Discovery Challenges, including a Grand P Street District Package giveaway.

Park & GO Parking Promotion

Participants in P Street Week will be eligible for free parking in the four P Street District Park & Go garages: University Square, Larson Building, Que Place and Market Place. To get free parking, participants will simply show the parking attendant their P Street Week Discovery Pass once they exit the garage.

(Note: some exclusions apply at Que Place on Lied Center event days)

P Street Week Schedule of Tower Square Events

Wednesday, October 8th 4:30- P Street District Grand Re-Opening Dedication

Thursday, October 9th 5-7 PM- Lincoln Calling at Tower Square

Friday, October 10th 5-7 PM- Lincoln Calling at Tower Square

Saturday, October 11th 10 AM- Yoga at Tower Square:
Presented by YMCA & Threads-Footloose & Fancy

Sunday, October 12th 2-7 PM- Party in the Parks at Tower Square

Tuesday, October 14th 3:30 PM- Lincoln Children's Museum presents:
"Spooky Theatre -- an Elementary Camp Performance"

Wednesday, October 15th 6:30-7:30 PM- Brooks Run from Tower Square:
Presented by Lincoln Running Company

For more information on P Street Week including event updates, business promotions and how to get your Discovery Pass, visit **PstreetDistrict.com**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

DATE: October 7, 2014

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

MAYOR TO RUN WITH SCISSORS!

Mayor Beutler will cut the ribbon on the “P” Street Improvement Project following a program at the Lincoln Community Foundation Tower Square at **4:30 p.m. Wednesday October 8 at the new park at 13th and “P.”**

Because of the City’s intent to keep “P” Street open for business, the street will not be closed for the ribbon-cutting. During a stoplight, a team of trained ribbon-handlers will stretch the ribbon across the street, and the Mayor will jog to the center of the street to cut it. (Do not attempt this on your own.)

The program and ribbon-cutting will kick off a week of special events organized by the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA) to celebrate the project’s completion. (*DLA release attached.*)

“The ‘P’ Street Week celebration is a great way to thank our outstanding downtown businesses as well as residents for their patience during this major improvement project,” Mayor Beutler said. “I encourage the public to come downtown to see the new look, do some shopping and enjoy the great activities the DLA has planned.”

Tower Square will be dedicated later this year when the lighting has been installed for Jun Kaneko’s “Ascent.”

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 8, 2014

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

ONE BOOK - ONE LINCOLN EVENT TO FOCUS ON LIGHTHOUSES

The public is invited to a free One Book - One Lincoln event Sunday, October 12 to discuss the role the lighthouse plays in this year's selected novel "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. The event at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 12 is hosted by Lincoln City Libraries, will take place at 2 p.m. in the fourth-floor auditorium at Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th St.

Molly Fisher, a member of the Nebraska Library Commission, will lead the discussion. She and her husband have spent over 20 summers living and working in lighthouses along the west coast. Those attending will also have the opportunity to sample Aussie meat pies, a staple at many Australian lighthouses.

"The Light Between Oceans" is Stedman's first novel. The book is set in Australia and tells the story of Tom Sherbourne who welcomes a new job as a lighthouse keeper after the horror of World War I. He and his wife Isabel are the only residents of Janus Rock, an isolated island off the coast of Australia.

The novel is available at all Lincoln libraries in print (including large type), audio recording and as a Book Club in a Bag. For more information on One Book - One Lincoln events, visit lincolnlibraries.org.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 8, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lin Quenzer, City Ombudsman, 402-441-7511

LINCOLN TO HOST NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN CONFERENCE

Ombudsman representatives from around the globe will gather at the Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln October 15 through 17 for the 35th annual conference of the United States Ombudsman Association (USOA). The USOA is North America's oldest national ombudsman organization dedicated to the promotion of fairness, accountability, equality and justice in government through the public sector ombudsman.

Registration for the conference is open, and membership in the association is not required to attend. More information is available at usombudsman.org.

"It is a privilege to host this conference, with our Ombudsman, Lin Quenzer," Mayor Beutler said. "This is an opportunity to show Lincoln's support for the transparency and openness Ombudsmen bring to the agencies they serve."

Quenzer has been the City of Lincoln Ombudsman since the position was established in 1999. She administers the City's online citizen interface (lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: action) and facilitates meetings between constituents and City staff to mediate resolutions to problems. As the City's Title VI/ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Co-Coordinator, she investigates discrimination allegations by the public. Quenzer also is the Mayor's LGBT Liaison to the public.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Modern Ombudsman: Changes, Challenges, and Opportunities." Lincoln City Council Member Carl Eskridge will give welcome remarks, and State Senator Ernie Chambers will deliver the keynote address. In addition to the conference program, two pre-conference workshops are scheduled:

- A training for new ombudsman investigators October 13 and 14 will be led by Ombudsmen for Alaska, Hawaii, Iowa and the Austin, Texas Independent School District.
- Megan Hunter, co-founder of the High Conflict Institute, will lead a workshop October 14 on understanding and managing high conflict personalities.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Lincoln Fire & Rescue / Emergency Services

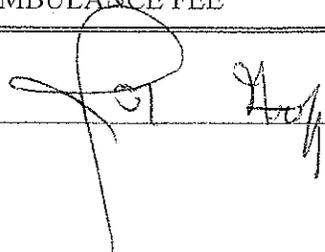
DATE: 09/15/14

NEED: Lincoln Fire and Rescue currently owns 28 Physio-Control, Life-Pak 15 cardiac monitor/defibrillators/AEDs. These devices are critical to providing care to the citizens of Lincoln and the surround areas. They allow us to defibrillate cardiac arrest patients found in v-fib or pulseless v-tachycardia, obtain and transmit 12 lead EKG's of patient suspected of having heart attacks and measure O2 and CO in the patient's blood.

LFR would respectfully request that we purchase at least one (1) additional Physio-Control LP-15 cardiac monitor/defibrillator/AED to allow us to have some redundancy and a spare so when we have a failure we are not required to take an apparatus out of service.

FUTURE IMPACT:	X Limited Projected Completion 31- August- 2015		
REVENUES GENERATED		LEGISLATIVE CHANGES	
	City	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No X
	County	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No X
	State	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No X
IMPACT	Current Fiscal Year	Next Fiscal Year Annualized	
PERSONNEL (full time equivalents)			
PERSONNEL (cost) business unit: object code description			
SUPPLIES business unit: object code description			
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES Business Unit object code description			
EQUIPMENT business unit: 05006 object code description 6076 Misc Equipment	\$ 30,237		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 30,237		
SOURCE OF REVENUES AMBULANCE FEE			

DIRECTOR _____



DATE _____

10/6/14

FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENTS	Availability of Appropriations: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	BUDGET OFFICER <i>Steve Hulka</i>
	PURCHASING AGENT _____
FINANCE DIRECTOR <i>Steve Hulka</i>	10/7/14 DATE
APPROVED: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>John [Signature]</i> 10/9/14

WHEN TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

1. Requesting transfer of operating appropriations.
2. Requesting increase in personnel (full time equivalents) appropriations.
3. Requesting transfer of capital improvement appropriations.
4. Requesting operational change not authorized during the budget process.
5. Requesting appropriations based on receipt of additional funds from outside sources.
6. Requesting use of Contingency funds.

HOW TO USE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

NEED: There should be a detailed explanation of why a change to the previously approved budget is necessary. If the change will have any impact beyond the current fiscal year, it should also be noted.

FUTURE IMPACT: One of the boxes should be checked. An example of an item with ongoing impact would be a request for additional fte authorization that will also be requested in upcoming budgets. This would necessitate filling out the "Next Fiscal Year Annualized" column. An example of an item with limited impact would be asking for authorization to use salary savings for the one time purchase of equipment. If "Projected Completion Date" applies, please fill in.

REVENUES GENERATED: Please note if the request will affect current and future revenues.

LEGISLATIVE CHANGES: These boxes should be marked yes or no. Some of the actions this form is used for (transfer of capital improvement appropriations, Contingency Funds) require a City Council ordinance.

PERSONNEL (full time equivalents): Please note the number of ftes the request involves, if applicable.

PERSONNEL (cost), SUPPLIES, OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES, EQUIPMENT: All entries in these boxes must have the business unit, object code, and object code description along with the dollar amount. Negative amounts must be indicated by brackets.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: This box should contain the sum of the dollar amounts in the various expenditure categories.

SOURCE OF REVENUES: This box should contain the name of the fund the action is required for.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action Item Fact Sheet

Meeting Date: October 9, 2014

Request: Adoption of Guidelines for Neighborhood Park Improvements

Discussion: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, *LPlan 2040*, includes Level of Service (LOS) standards for neighborhood parks. It is the goal to acquire and develop one neighborhood park of about four acres in size within each square mile of residential development. The intent is for a neighborhood park to be within walking distance for residents living within the service area. (Please see the attached pages from the *LPlan 2040*.) *LPlan 2040* also includes a list of typical activities areas anticipated to be developed within the neighborhood parks.

In some areas of Lincoln there are multiple public outdoor recreation areas within a neighborhood, including other public parks and public school grounds. In these instances it is important to consider the types of outdoor recreation equipment and facilities that may be appropriate to avoid duplication of public facilities and expenditures. The proposed Guidelines for Neighborhood Park Outdoor Recreation Equipment and Facilities is intended to provide policy guidance when developing new neighborhood parks and when renovating existing neighborhood parks, particularly when there are multiple public outdoor recreation areas within a neighborhood. (Please see the attached guidelines.) The guidelines are intended to provide policy direction and alternative outdoor recreation activity areas for discussion with neighborhood residents during the park planning process.

Conformance with Adopted Plans and Guidelines: *LPlan 2040* provides LOS standards and a listing of typical activities for neighborhood parks. The proposed guidelines provide additional policy guidance when consideration neighborhood park improvement or renovation projects in neighborhoods where there are multiple public outdoor recreation areas.

Staff Recommendation: Approval.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation: Approval

Committee: Fees & Facilities

Chair: Susan Deitchler, 402-488-4224

Date: _____

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Action:

Guidelines for Neighborhood Park Outdoor Recreation Equipment and Facilities

Discussion Draft: October 3, 2014

<u>Neighborhood Park Standard Improvements</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Playground Equipment	
Playground Equipment (playstructure, 2-bay swing unit, spring action teeter totter, single seat spring Rider)	\$ 19,500.00
Rubber Tile Safety Surfacing (placed under playstructure, spring action teeter totter and single seat spring rider)	\$ 16,500.00
Sand/Gravel Safety Surfacing (placed under 2-bay swing unit)	\$ 1,700.00
Park Furniture (2 benches, 1 trash receptacle)	\$ 1,800.00
Concrete (rubber tile safety surfacing sub base and perimeter walk)	\$ 6,500.00
Total for Playground Equipment	\$ 46,000.00
Open Lawn Area for informal games and activities (assume approximately 2 acres of non-irrigated fescue type turf)	\$ 1,500.00
Play Court (40' x 40' half basketball court with basketball goal)	\$ 4,500.00
Shaded Seating (20'x20' pre-engineered metal park shelter with 2-6' long picnic tables)	\$ 16,500.00
Walking Paths, including accessible walkways to park activity areas (assume 6' width x length, length will vary depending on distance to existing hard surfaces)	\$ 5,000.00
Trees (assume approximately 10 trees)	\$ 3,000.00
<u>Other Outdoor Recreation Activity Areas that may be Considered for Neighborhood Parks</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>
Swing (2-bay swing unit, sand/gravel safety surfacing, concrete perimeter containment curb)	\$ 8,500.00
Pre-school Play Structure (2 to 5-year old focus) on rubber tile safety surface and perimeter walk	\$ 28,000.00
Play Court (40' x 40' half basketball court with basketball goal)	\$ 4,500.00
Tennis Court with Backboard (120'x60' concrete court with perimeter fence & gate)	\$ 45,000.00
Drinking Fountain (including cost to tap into city water service)	\$ 7,800.00
Small Backstop	\$ 1,800.00

- Notes: 1. Cost estimates for park improvements listed above do not take into account any potential site preparation activities such as clearing & grubbing, grading, utility relocations, etc.
2. Cost estimates for playground equipment and shaded seating assume in-house labor for construction.
3. For contractual labor to construct, an additional 40% should be added to the material costs.

When determining the types of outdoor recreation facilities and equipment to be included in a neighborhood park the following factors should be taken into consideration: 1) Other outdoor recreation opportunities within the neighborhood park service area (generally 1/2 mile radius); 2) demographics of the neighborhood; 3) pedestrian safety in accessing other parks and schools in the area, including location of major streets that may limit walkability; 3) visual access into the park to allow of indirect supervision of activities; and 4) advice and guidance from neighborhood residents regarding their preferences for outdoor recreation activities.

Neighborhood groups and community organizations may assist with funding outdoor recreation facilities and equipment in a neighborhood park beyond the list of standard improvements, provided that there is an understanding that the City will be responsible only for replacement of those features that are standard improvements in the future.

- Provide buffering between Community Park activities and adjacent residential areas to minimize traffic and noise impacts.
- Enact design standards for field and parking lot lighting that seek to minimize glare, light spill-over onto adjacent properties, and impacts on the dark night sky.
- Select sites for Community Parks that allow for multiple functions, such as stormwater management or habitat conservation.
- Focus on the development and maintenance of sports fields and associated day use facilities.
- Establish Youth Baseball/Softball complexes as part of Community Parks throughout the city; form partnerships with youth baseball organizations and Lincoln Public Schools for maintenance and utilization strategies.
- Create pedestrian connections between surrounding residential development and neighborhood-related park features such as playgrounds and park shelters.
- Development of Community Park sites should be accomplished through regularly scheduled "quality of life" bond issue initiatives and capital improvement program allocations.
- Develop Jensen Park, southeast of Yankee Hill Road and South 84th Street as a Community Park as funding becomes available.
- Develop Bison Park, located southeast of West Van Dorn and South Coddington Avenue as a Community Park as funding becomes available.
- Acquire and develop a Community Park in the Stevens Creek basin in the vicinity of A Street and South 120th Street as funding becomes available.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

DESCRIPTION

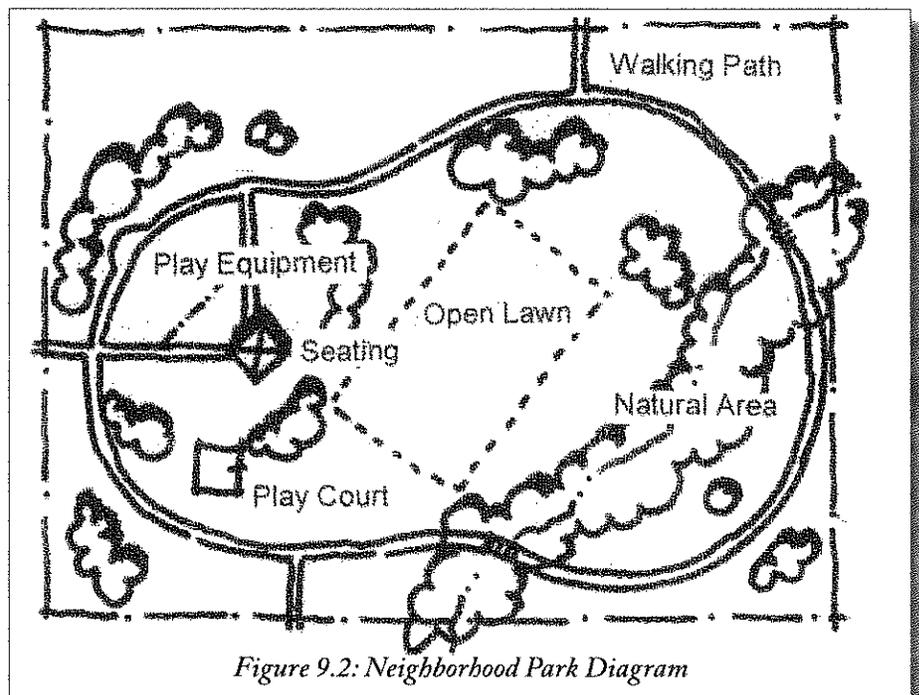
Neighborhood parks are approximately four to six acre sites that are centrally located within areas of residential development. Typical activity areas include playground equipment, open lawn areas for informal games and activities or play courts with a single basketball goal for informal games, shaded seating, and walking paths. The "Sparks" concept envisions an expansion of the current co-location of schools and parks and sharing of some facilities.



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LEVEL OF SERVICE

The level of service (LOS) goal for Neighborhood Parks is based on both the financial resources anticipated to be available for park development and on programmatic objectives. It



is anticipated that development of Neighborhood Parks will be financed primarily through impact fees. There are currently 48 Neighborhood Parks encompassing roughly 353 acres, with an average size of 7.4 acres. The current citywide LOS is 1.4 acres of Neighborhood Park land per 1,000 Lincoln residents. This LOS is calculated by dividing the total acres in such parks by the city's total population in thousands. LPlan 2040 establishes an LOS goal of one acre per 1,000 new Lincoln residents in new growth areas. Neighborhood Parks should generally be located within the center of each mile section with a service area radius of approximately ½ mile in the urban area. Given the new Neighborhood Parks developed in growth areas, the city-wide measure by the end of the plan period, 2040, is projected to be 1.3 acres of Neighborhood Park land per 1,000 Lincoln residents. While this goal is slightly lower than the current LOS, it recognizes the financial resources projected to be available. Projected funding is based upon the current level of impact fees for Neighborhood Parks, which supports the acquisition and development of

about four acres of Neighborhood Park land per square mile of residential development. Four acres are adequate to accommodate the programmatic objectives for a Neighborhood Park.

STRATEGIES FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

- Locate Neighborhood Parks close to the center of residential areas and within walking distance of a majority of residents; park sites should be readily accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Develop "Sparks" such that site planning and development is coordinated, anticipating that the primary use of the Spark will be school students during the school day and related after school programming; Sparks will be available for use of neighborhood and community residents during the evening, weekend, and summer hours.
- Locate Neighborhood Parks adjacent to greenway linkages where possible.

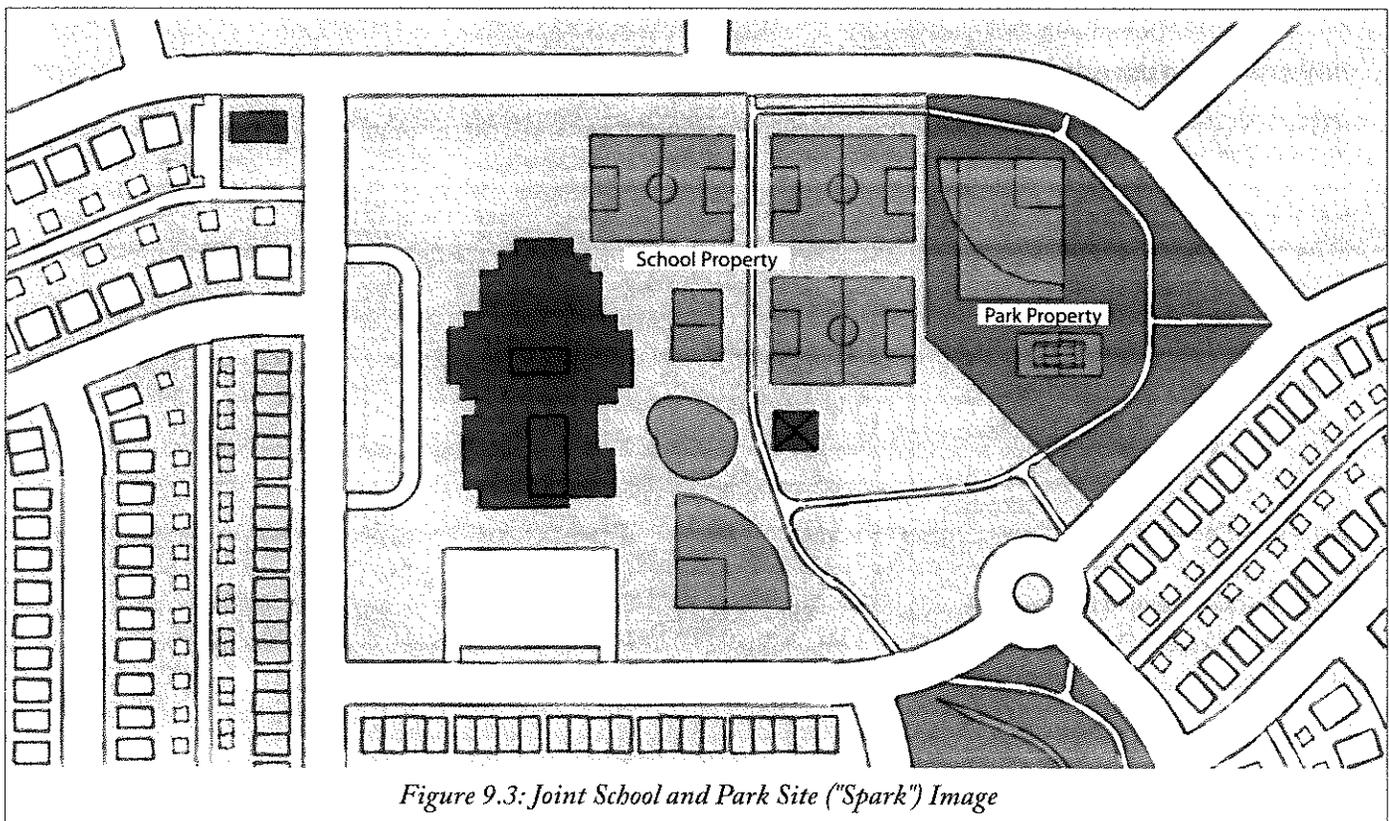


Figure 9.3: Joint School and Park Site ("Spark") Image

- Locate park sites where residents living in surrounding homes, people in passing vehicles, or pedestrians can view activities in the park to provide for informal supervision.
- Where possible, select sites for Neighborhood Parks that allow for multiple functions, such as stormwater management or habitat conservation.
- Identify opportunities to acquire and develop Neighborhood Parks in established neighborhoods that are deficient in Neighborhood Park resources.
- Continue joint planning activities between the City of Lincoln and Lincoln Public Schools for selection and acquisition of future school/park sites.
- Establish an interlocal agreement for the development of Sparks that addresses funding for initial construction, repair and replacement, liability, play equipment inspections, mowing, and maintenance.

COMMUNITY CENTERS, RECREATION CENTERS & ACTIVITY CENTERS

DESCRIPTION

Public school buildings, particularly elementary schools, can serve as centers of neighborhood life if the buildings are designed to maximize flexibility and opportunities for community use during non-school hours. The addition of multi-purpose space described as an "activity center" allows for community activities such as programs for older adults during the school day, and supports youth programs before and after school.

The City of Lincoln through its Parks and Recreation Department currently operates seven facilities as recreation/community centers. Three of these facilities are co-located with schools (Belmont, Calvert, and Irving) and incorporate youth recreation programming, before and after school

programming, and summer day camps. Air Park Recreation Center operates out of a former Air Force Base recreation center building, with an emphasis on youth programs at Arnold Elementary School. Therapeutic and adaptive recreation programs are a primary emphasis of programming at Easterday Recreation Center. The Ager Play Center provides facilities and activities focused primarily on pre-school children and their families. F Street Community Center provides a broad range of human service and recreation activities. The programs and facilities offered by Parks and Recreation are part of a network of recreation and human service programs offered in the community.

LEVEL OF SERVICE

There should be a center integrated with each new elementary school and middle school. These centers should have a service area radius of approximately two miles in the urban area.

STRATEGIES FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS, RECREATION CENTERS & ACTIVITY CENTERS

- An activity center should include a large multi-purpose space, public restrooms and shared office and storage space for community agencies and organizations offering programs in the center.
- Access to the activity center should be designed so that it can be restricted to the school during school hours and accessed via a separate entrance after hours.
- Activity centers should also be designed so that they can be used in combination with the school gym, media center, cafeteria and entry lobby to

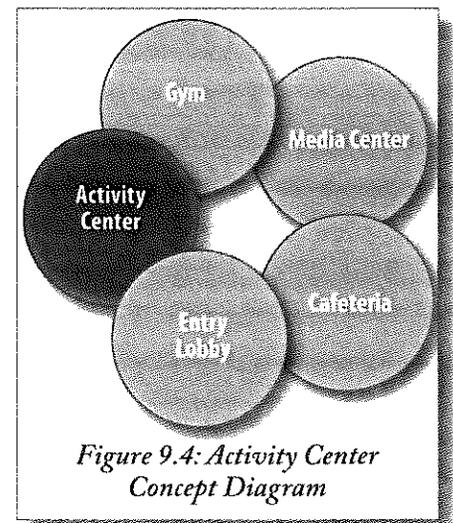


Figure 9.4: Activity Center Concept Diagram



Memorandum

Date: ♦ October 7, 2014
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Amy Hana Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Mayor Chris Beutler, Planning Commission, Jean Preister

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from September 30, 2014, through October 6, 2014:

Administrative Amendment No. 13079, to Special Permit No. 14070, Horizon Business Center, approved by the Planning Director on October 1, 2014, requested by Olsson Associates, to increase the floor area on Lot 10 from 21,500 square feet to 26,429 square feet, on property generally located at S. 13th Street and Aries Drive.

Administrative Amendment No. 14070, to Final Plat No. 05042, Fieldstone Center 4th Addition, approved by the Planning Director on October 3, 2014, requested by Jennifer Hurt, to extend the time for two years to install street trees and pedestrian way sidewalk for Fieldstone Center 4th Addition, on property generally located at N. 26th Street and Old Dairy Road.

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**DIRECTORS' AGENDA
ADDENDUM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014**

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS' CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Public invited to Environmental Award Ceremony.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of October 11, 2014 through October 17, 2014.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Trail users encouraged to use new flashing beacons.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor to present September Award of Excellence to Police Sergeant Jeff Bucher.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Historic Preservation Commission meeting agenda for October 16, 2014.

WEED AUTHORITY

1. Lancaster County Weed Control - City of Lincoln Weed Abatement, October 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

1. Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board meeting agenda for October 17, 2014.
2. Correspondence from Doris Jaworski regarding problems with the water main replacement on North 50th Street, Adams to Gladstone.
3. Media Release. Community Health Endowment of Lincoln's community conversation featuring stories from cancer survivors.

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3140 "N" Street, Lincoln, NE 68510, 402-441-8000

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 9, 2014

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Renae Rief, Health Department, 402-441-4602

PUBLIC INVITED TO ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD CEREMONY

The public is invited to the 2014 Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership award ceremony and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Friday, November 14 at the Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center, 2021 Transformation Dr.

Scott Holmes, Environmental Public Health Division Manager at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, said the ceremony will recognize businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated environmental leadership in sustaining and improving air, land and water quality and protecting public health.

The 2014 Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Award recipients are:

- **Business and Industry** - B and B Home Insulation and Miracle Workers Auto Collision Center.
- **Agriculture** - Robinette Farms
- **Education** - Eastridge Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization
- **Community Organization** - Friends of Wilderness Park
- **Government** - Barbara P. Ogg
- **Individual Citizen** - Tim Rinne, Hawley Hamlet; and Amy Rose Brt (Posthumous Award)

To be eligible for an award, individuals and groups must have been instrumental in identifying, reducing or solving an environmental problem or promoting public awareness and concern for the enhancement and protection of the environment. Winners also will have demonstrated active stewardship in one or more of the following environmental practices – pollution prevention/risk education, waste reduction and recycling, water conservation, soil conservation, energy conservation and residential and commercial development.

The cost is \$15 and **pre-paid reservations are due by November 6**. Reservation forms can be found at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: awards) or by calling 402-441-8023.

Date: October 10, 2014

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

Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule
Week of October 11 through 17, 2014
Schedule subject to change

Saturday, October 11

- Phenix Ensemble concert, remarks and proclamation for Sheldon Friends of Chamber Music Day - 7:30 p.m., Sheldon Museum of Art auditorium, 12th and "R" streets

Sunday, October 12

- Presentation by artist Jun Kaneko - 1 p.m., Sheldon Museum of Art auditorium
- Iraqi Refugee Benefit Concert, remarks - 4 p.m., College View Seventh-day Adventist Church, 48th and Prescott

Monday, October 13

- Mayor's Award of Excellence presentation - 3 p.m., City Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.
- Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meeting - 5:30 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room, County-City Building

Tuesday, October 14

- Assurity lunch and lecture by Dr. Neil Gershenfeld, Director of MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms - 11:30 a.m., Innovation Studio, Nebraska Innovation Campus, 2021 Transformation Drive
- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting - 4 p.m, Mayor's Conference Room
- U.S. Ombudsman Association Conference opening reception - 6 p.m., Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.

Wednesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 16

- Mayors Conference on Entrepreneurship presented by Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation - Marriott Louisville Downtown, 280 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Kentucky

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Services, 949 W. Bond Street, Suite 200, Lincoln, NE 68521, 402-441-7711

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 10, 2015

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lonnie Burklund, Engineering Services, 402-441-7711

TRAIL USERS ENCOURAGED TO USE NEW FLASHING BEACONS

MoPac Trail users are encouraged to activate the new flashing beacons at the 33rd Street crossing. The lights were installed as part of the recent improvements to N. 33rd Street, and are designed to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. After pushing a button to activate the LED lights, trail users should stand in a visible location near the crosswalk so motorists can see them and look left, then right, then left again. Motorists are required to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. The trail crossing also has the usual crosswalk markings and warning signs.

The flashing beacons use an irregular, strobe flash pattern similar to those found on emergency vehicles. They have been found to increase the number of vehicles that yield to pedestrians and bicyclists at intersections without signals and at mid-block pedestrian crossings. The lights are installed on each side of the roadway.

More information on the flashing beacons, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: beacons).

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 13, 2014

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

MAYOR TO PRESENT SEPTEMBER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today will present the Mayor's Award of Excellence for September to Police Sergeant Jeff Bucher from the Lincoln Police Department's (LPD) Criminal Investigations division. The award will be presented at the beginning of today's City Council meeting at 3 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 555 S. 10th St. The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City.

Bucher has worked for the City since 1990. He was nominated by Police Sergeant Kenneth Koziol in the categories of customer relations, productivity and safety for his role in solving two homicides that occurred June 29, 2013. The two victims, who did not know each other, were both beaten to death as they walked down the street. One was found injured near North 14th Street and Benton Street about 3:30 a.m., and the other was found dead about an hour later in the 3800 block of "L" Street.

The first victim later died at the hospital and originally there was speculation that his injuries were due to an accidental fall. The second victim was an obvious homicide, and viable suspects were developed early. Sergeant Bucher was assigned the lead in the second death. Koziol wrote that many LPD investigators collaborated on the initial investigation, including Sergeant Greg Sorensen and Investigator Troy Aksamit. Sergeant Bucher, however, took on most of the responsibility, decision making and coordination of the investigation.

Bucher received a break in early November, when solid information surfaced that pointed to members of the True Blue Soldiers Gang. Within a week, Richard McLaughlin and Tyler Thornburg were arrested for both homicides. Bucher continued to build airtight cases against the two men, despite complications. Many gang members are unwilling to cooperate with law enforcement, and that can be compounded by witness intimidation. Koziol wrote "Jeff overcame these obstacles by his hard work and commitment to obtain justice for the victims and consolation for the family of the victims." Koziol said Bucher's honesty and integrity and his ability to gain trust and cooperation were huge assets in solving these homicides.

Bucher worked with Deputy County Attorney Bruce Prenda on strategy. Seven months after the arrests, the two suspects pled guilty to manslaughter and use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony and were given lengthy prison sentences.

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Koziol wrote that during this time, Bucher continued to manage a heavy caseload of other investigations and served as SWAT Team Leader. "Sergeant Bucher makes us proud to be officers for the City of Lincoln," he wrote.

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee's job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor's Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials.

Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: hr) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Human Resources Department, which oversees the awards program. All nominations are considered by the Mayor's Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a \$50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a \$250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.

Historic Preservation Commission

The City of Lincoln Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, **October 16, 2014**. The meeting will convene at **1:30 p.m.** in Room 214 in Development Services Center, 2nd floor, **County-City Building**, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, contact the Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

AGENDA October 16, 2014

1. Approval of meeting record of HPC meeting of September 18, 2014.
2. Opportunity for persons with limited time or with an item not appearing on the agenda to address the Commission.

HEARING AND ACTION

3. Application by Scooter's for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 151 N. 8th Street in the Haymarket Landmark District.
4. Application by Kevin Rhinehart for a Certificate of Appropriateness for work at 1717 D Street, the Myron Wheeler House, a designated landmark.

DISCUSSION

5. Staff Report & Misc.

The Historic Preservation Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/boards/hpc/hpc.htm>

For further information on Historic Preservation in Lincoln, visit
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/long/hp/hp.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.

Lancaster County Weed Control – City of Lincoln Weed Abatement

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“With today’s technology it is easier than ever to just snap a couple pictures and email them to us”

Have you ever been out in your garden, yard, pasture, crop field, or on a hike and wondered what all that “stuff” growing over there is? Lancaster County Weed Department is willing to help you identify it. Even if we don’t know what it is, we have many resources that we use to help get it identified and find out if it’s good, bad, or just part of nature.

We train our inspectors to always be on the lookout for “something out of place”, or, seem to be taking over and crowding out all other native vegetation. Sometimes it turns out to be nothing and sometimes the results are very interesting. This past summer our Chief Weed Inspector brought in a plant that had many unique characteristics and resembled a pea, but we weren’t able to ID it in any of our manuals. I turned to Bob Kaul, Professor at UNL’s herbarium for help.

This is Bob’s response;



everlasting sweet-pea

“It’s Lathyrus latifolius, everlasting sweet-pea, native to Europe and known from a few eastern Nebraska counties, where it doesn’t seem to be a troublesome weed. Note the broad wings on the stems and the two leaflets on each leaf. If these photos were taken in Lancaster County, it’s a new county record. We have a specimen cultivated in an Omaha garden in 1895, our first record for the state, but our first records from outside cultivation are from roadsides in Otoe and Richardson counties in the 1980s.”

I always appreciate Bob’s knowledge on plants. In

this case it was a new specimen for Lancaster County, so we collected a plant and put in our plant press. It will be taken down to the herbarium; where it will be mounted, cataloged and become a permanent record. With today’s technology it is easier than ever to just snap a couple pictures and email them to us at weeds@lancaster.ne.gov and we will do the rest.

We need everyone’s help in identifying new, as well as existing locations of invasives. If you would like to join our [Weed Watcher](#) program go to our web site to learn more. <http://lancaster.ne.gov/weeds/>

2014 Inspection Activity

Weed abatement inside Lincoln City limits: Our inspectors made 7,557 inspections on 3,436 properties. This is 810 (12%) more inspections than in the same period in 2013, on an additional 449 (15%) properties.

Noxious weeds in Lancaster County: We made 2,689 inspections on 1,888 properties. That is 300 (12.6%) more inspections than a year ago, on 346 (22.4%) more properties. This was due mainly to the addition of sericea lespedeza, common teasel and cutleaf teasel being added as noxious weeds.

“Good neighbors control their weeds”

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Nebraska's Noxious Weeds

It is the duty of each person who owns or controls land to effectively control noxious weeds on such land.

Noxious weed is a legal term used to denote a destructive or harmful weed for the purpose of regulation. The Director of Agriculture establishes which plants are noxious. These non-native plants compete aggressively with desirable plants and vegetation. Failure to control noxious weeds in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock, and to the welfare of residents of this state. Noxious weeds may also devalue land and reduce tax revenue.

<p>Musk Thistle Height 1.6–9.8 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Canada Thistle Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Pink to purple flowers</p>	<p>Plumeless Thistle Height 1–4.9 ft</p> <p>Purple flowers</p>
<p>Phragmites Height 3.2–20 ft</p> <p>Young seedhead Mature seedhead</p>	<p>Leafy Spurge Height .3–2.6 ft</p> <p>Large yellow leaves (bracts) Stems/leaves have milky sap</p>	<p>Sericea Lespedeza Height 1.5–6.5 ft</p> <p>White or cream to yellowish white flowers</p>
<p>Japanese Knotweed Height 3–10 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Giant Knotweed Height 8–13 ft</p> <p>Creamy white to greenish white flowers</p>	<p>Purple Loosestrife Height 1.3–8 ft</p> <p>Purple to magenta flowers</p>
<p>Saltcedar Height 3.3–20 ft</p> <p>Pink to white flowers</p>	<p>Spotted Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>Lavender to purple flowers</p>	<p>Diffuse Knapweed Height 1–3.9 ft</p> <p>White/purplish flowers</p>

GOOD NEIGHBORS CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

If you have questions or concerns about noxious weeds, please contact your local county noxious weed control authority, Nebraska Weed Control Association (www.neweed.org), or Nebraska Department of Agriculture (www.agr.ne.gov/noxious_weed)

Download to print from our website: weeds.lancaster.ne.gov



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AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Friday, October 17, 2014

9:30 A.M.

LES Board Room

1040 "O" Street

9:30 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the September 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board**
- 3. Comments from Customers**
- 4. Introduction and Recognition of Staff**
 - A. 20 Years – Julie Ryan, Administrative Assistant II, Customer Services
 - B. 40 Years – Doug Wismer, Switching/Locating Technician 1st Class, Energy Delivery
- 5. Committee Reports**
 - A. Finance & Audit Committee
 - B. Operations & Power Supply Committee
 - C. Communications & Customer Services Committee
 - D. District Energy Corporation Report
- 6. Administrator & CEO Reports**
 - A. Comments from the Public on the 2015 Budget
 - *1. Consideration and Approval of 2015 LES Operating and Capital Budget – LES Resolution 2014-12
 - B. Third Quarter 2014 Financial Review and Forecast
- 7. Chief Operating Officer's Reports**
 - A. 2014 Third Quarter Key Performance Indicators
 - B. Community Solar Project Update
 - C. Wind Request for Proposals Update
 - *1. Authorization to Negotiate and Contract for Additional Wind Power Resources – LES Resolution 2014-13
 - D. Quarterly Power Supply Report
- 8. Other Business**
 - A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports
 - B. Miscellaneous Information

9. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

Next Regular Administrative Board meeting Friday, November 21, 2014.

Mary M. Meyer

From: Doris Jaworski [djaworski@inebraska.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 12, 2014 10:56 AM
To: Roy A. Christensen; Doug Emery; Trenton J. Fellers; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Council Packet; Mayor
Cc: djaworski@inebraska.com
Subject: FYI problems

October 12, 2014

SUBJECT: Water Main Replacement North 50th Street, Adams to Gladstone

Late September 2013, K2 Construction Co. arrived to begin the project.

On October 1, a.m., I was leaving to have coffee with friends, two K2 employees were wandering around my driveway, said they were looking for the sewer line. Fortunately that cannot be seen from my driveway. I told them the "City" had that information and I left. **In my absence they crawled up on my roof dragging a really heavy hose along, possibly loosening a spacer on the deck roof (repaired at no charge by White Castle) and poured water with grape Kool Ade down a stack. K2 admitted this had happened. The following day there was a patch of grape Kool Ade on my dining area ceiling.**

Later the same day while trying repeatedly to remove the huge piece of concrete that is above the storm sewer access (using equipment evidently not up to the task) there was a huge BANG which sounded like something broke within my home. It sounded as though it came from the attic but I walked the exterior of the house looking for a cracked foundation. White Castle checked in the attic but said there was too much insulation to locate a crack in the piping. Still concerned!

I was dealing with the recent death of my husband which was followed several months later by the death of our daughter. So, this has not been a good time for this extra stress, much less wanting to deal with a painter in the house. K2 pressured me to get busy and find the left over paint. Didn't happen. My choice would have been to get some sample ceiling paint and find a good match to paint over the soiled area. However, their painter came in to do the extended ceiling. I was OK with this. **He got some ceiling paint on the wall, so now I have a mixed smudge.** I did call the painter to let him know I had discovered the mishap. I'm sure at this point that it is just another of my problems and a token to remember this nightmare.

My neighbor and I live on a short block on North 50th Street between Judson and Gladstone. **We were chosen (perhaps oldest and weakest) to be the staging area for the project.** My parking area was completely dirt pile and huge pile of dusty white rock. He on the other hand had equipment and the toilet (I was OK with that also). This all remained thru the winter of '13/'14 and well into the spring.

When K2 picked up the dirt/rock with a loader, they also left gouges/dips/holes which were not leveled off, but covered with sod. On three occasions I brought this to the attention of your inspector and was told since sod was put down there was nothing that could be done. Yesterday (during his final inspection which I am sure will be a glowing report) he said that what was under the sod was to have been inspected by K2 and he had inspected the sod. I had not been aware of that division of inspection duties. My error! So guess I should have been talking to K2, but really think since my name is not on the contract that it was for someone else to handle. Guess another of my mistakes! Anyway, **it is dangerous for a 78 year old woman with osteoporosis (fortunately I am a bit more agile than many my age) to be tripping and slipping around in that area.** Yesterday except for some really quick fancy footwork I did not fall face first into an iris bed. I have not completely fallen flat...yet!

Just making you aware that all projects do not leave homeowners where they were when project started.

There are still some in our area who take pride in homes and a little assistance from the City would be appreciated. My parking is a dangerous, unsightly MESS which can be seen from well down the street!

Doris Jaworski, 4940 Judson Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504

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Mary M. Meyer

Subject: Media Release: Community Conversation Features Stories from Cancer Survivors

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Media Release

For Immediate Release

CC: Mayor Chris Beutler, Lincoln City Council

Contact: Lori Vrtiska Seibel, President/CEO
402-436-5516, lori.seibel@chelincoln.org

Re: October 16 Community Conversation – My Story: I Am A Cancer Survivor

CHE Community Conversation Features Stories From Cancer Survivors

The public is invited to the final event in the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) Community Conversations fall series, "My Story." The conversation, [My Story: I Am A Cancer Survivor](#), is set for Thursday, October 16, noon – 1:30 p.m. The event features the stories of people who have survived cancer and will take place at CHE, 250 North 21st, Lincoln. Presented in partnership with the Malone Community Center, the conversation will include stories from:

- Tracy Rollins, breast cancer survivor,
- Dr. Derrick Anderson, family physician with CHI Alegenst Creighton Health, who has a special interest in minority health, and
- Larry Williams, prostate cancer survivor and Executive Director of the Malone Community Center who will moderate the panel.

No one wants to hear their doctor say, "It's cancer." The journey is different for every patient who faces this diagnosis. And the outcome may be affected by age, race/ethnicity and socioeconomic status. The National Cancer Institute reports that the death rate for all cancers combined is 25% higher among African Americans than for whites. Of all racial groups, white women have the highest incidence rate for breast cancer, but African American women are most likely to die from the disease. "If we are going to close this gap, awareness and early detection are critical among minority populations," said Williams. "That's why the Malone Center is partnering with CHE on this important conversation."

We can learn a great deal by looking through the eyes of the survivor from diagnosis to recovery. Survivors with unique perspectives will be joined by a physician to share the perspective of a care provider to a wide range of patients.

Registration is requested and is available [online](https://checommunityconversation-10-16-14.eventbrite.com) at <https://checommunityconversation-10-16-14.eventbrite.com>. Free parking is available in front of the building and in the lot north of 21st & Q.

Marcia White

Program Manager

[Community Health Endowment of Lincoln](#)

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**MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

Present: Doug Emery, Chair; Carl Eskridge; Roy Christensen; and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Absent: Jonathan Cook; Trent Fellers; and Jon Camp

Others: Teresa Meier, City Clerk; and Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Chief of Staff

Chair Emery opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. CITY CLERK

City Clerk Meier had no comments on today's meeting. Eskridge stated last week we had a no show regarding a liquor license. Meier replied, the Venue, and they will be at the meeting today. Emery thanked Meier for the complete follow up.

II. MAYOR

1. NEWS RELEASE. Downtown Lincoln announces P Street Week: A Grand Re-Opening Celebration.
2. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor to run with scissors! Mayor Beutler will cut the ribbon on the "P" Street Improvement Project.
3. NEWS RELEASE. One Book - One Lincoln event to focus on lighthouses.
4. NEWS RELEASE. Lincoln to host National Ombudsman Conference.
5. Fiscal Impact Statement. Lincoln Fire & Rescue / Emergency Services.

III. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Parks and Recreation Action Fact Sheet for meeting on October 9, 2014 regarding item 4B.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from September 30, 2014 through October 6, 2014.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Emery adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.