

## Mayor's Environmental Task Force

### Meeting Summary

February 2, 2017

- New attendees are included on the sign in sheet (Attachment 1)
- Announcements:
  - Congratulations were in order for all supporters and contributors to the RecycleLincoln! Initiative which resulted in the Lincoln City Council passing an ordinance banning cardboard from the Bluff Rd. Landfill in April of 2018.
  - Jamie Carson announced the first in the series of monthly Envirorun events would be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the non-profit hub and would feature Kendall Weyers, Nebraska Forest Service and Justin Evertson, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum to discuss preparation for the Emerald Ash Borer.
  - Brittney Albin announced the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoetis – LPS – GSK Science fair to be held at the Lancaster County Event Center. Volunteer information is at: <http://wp.lps.org/science/science-fair/>.
  - On the legislative front, Ken Winston mentioned LR 4 (Sen. Blood) which recommends a state wide water quality study. Donna Garden indicated the legislature had restored \$600,000 of Stormwater funding to NDEQ that was previously proposed to be cut.
  - Rosina Paolini mentioned the Wilderness Park Run for the Bridges is scheduled for Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM.
  - Donna Garden shared that Lincoln Water System had been notified of a \$7.63M grant award from Nebraska's Water Sustainability Fund for various wellfield improvements at Ashland.
- **Sustainable Lincoln Plan:** Frank indicated continued progress was being made in linking SLP recommendations to the City's Performance Management initiative (LNK STAT).
- **Earth Day Organization:** A coalition lead by Willa DiCostanzo, Brittney Albin and Doug Boyd were organizing Earth Day events for 2017 and more information and outreach would be forthcoming.
- **Wilderness Park Strategic Plan:** Sara Hartzell with Parks and Recreation gave an update on Wilderness Park strategic planning activities including the selection of Dan Schlitt to serve on a working group as a representative of the METF.

- Cecil Steward announced that JSC is facilitating a Sustainability conference on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Innovation Campus as a follow up to the Urban Thinkers conference held in Omaha in 2015. The conference would be coordinated through the Big 10 Academic Alliance Office and attempts to bring together the Big Ten University Campuses with their host City Sustainability offices.

**Attachment - 1)** New attendee List

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