

# **Mayor's Environmental Task Force**

## **Meeting Summary**

**June 7, 2018**

- First time attendees are included on the roster (Attachment A).
- Just a few announcements were captured due to meeting delays attributable to technical difficulties with the A/V system:
  - Megan McGuffey announced that Community Crops was seeking to fill the position of Executive Director.
  - Jamie Carson announced the next Envirorun was scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at Turbine Flats. A flyer for the event along with the Envirorun Series schedule are included as Attachment B.
  - Sara Brock with the Groundwater Foundation announced a series of Groundwater education “pop-up” conferences were scheduled for Hastings on June 20<sup>th</sup> (sorry for the late notice☹), Ogallala on June 27<sup>th</sup> and Beatrice on August 7<sup>th</sup>. A flyer for the events is included as Attachment C.
- Nicole Fleck Tooze and Sara Hartzell with Lincoln Parks and Recreation next provided an excellent summary and history of the Prairie Corridor project without the benefit of visuals due to technical difficulties. Their presentation slides are sizeable and not suitable for e-mailing but much of the same information can be found on the Parks and Recreation web site at:  
  
<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/parks/Programs/saltvalleygreenway.htm>.
- Before meeting adjournment, Jesse Starita asked about progress on the Lincoln Environmental Action Plan. Frank responded that significant administration focus over the last few months has been on getting energy savings performance contracting efforts underway along with the Streetlight LED conversion project. While progress is occurring on many of the strategies, we need to commit to better reporting and engagement of METF membership in the LEAP. To this end, I hope to share much more at our next meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ATTACHMENT A**

Mayor Beutler's Environmental Task Force – June 7, 2018



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**ATTACHMENT B**



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NEXT LINCOLN EVENT

## Sustainability Speaker Series – Urban Sustainability

**Thursday, June 28**  
**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Turbine Flats Art Gallery  
2124 Y St  
Lincoln, Nebraska

### SPEAKERS

**Shawn Ryba MSW, MPA**, Executive Director, South of Downtown Community Development Organization

**Donna Woudenberg, Ph.D.**, Projects & Operations Manager, Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities

**Mark E. Canney**, Park Planner & Urban Designer, Lincoln Parks & Recreation

**Lonnie Burklund, PE, PTOE**, Assistant Director of Transportation, City of Lincoln

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# SUSTAINABILITY SPEAKER SERIES

Join us in 2018 for our quarterly events, featuring expert panelists in the fields of natural resource conservation, urban sustainability, local food and environmental policy.

**APRIL**  
**22**

## **Natural Resource Conservation in Nebraska**

7:30pm | Turbine Flats Art Gallery

**JUNE**  
**28**

## **Urban Sustainability: Lincoln's Innovative Environment**

7:30pm | Turbine Flats Art Gallery

**AUG.**  
**23**

## **Local Food Panel**

7:30pm | Turbine Flats Art Gallery

**OCT.**  
**25**

## **Nebraska Environmental Policy & Politics**

7:30pm | Turbine Flats Art Gallery

**DETAILS**  
**COMING**  
**SOON**

## **EnviroRun Lincoln 5K Fundraiser**

The Sustainability Speaker Series is designed to provide an opportunity to connect with the environmental community, with light refreshments and a casual atmosphere. We welcome you to wear your best enviro shirt and share #enviorun photos on Twitter (@enviorun) and Facebook (Enviorun). Prizes go to the top tweeters!

In addition to the Sustainability Speaker Series, EnviroRun is launching a parks and trails initiative in 2018. To encourage an active and healthy lifestyle, build community, and celebrate Lincoln's trail system, we will be raising money to implement a capital investment project in one of Lincoln's great parks.

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**ATTACHMENT C**

# SCIENCE EDUCATOR POP-UP CONFERENCES ARE COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU!

**Come learn about phenomena in science instruction!** The Groundwater Foundation has teamed up with the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science and the Nebraska Department of Education to bring phenomena-based curriculum to you. Learn to use fun, hands-on tools for groundwater education in your classroom, engage with local experts and resources, and network with other educators at a reception following each conference.



## HASTINGS – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

[www.groundwater.org/popuphastings.html](http://www.groundwater.org/popuphastings.html)

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hastings Public Library (314 North Denver Avenue, Hastings)

*Hosted by Hastings Public Library*



## OGALLALA – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

[www.groundwater.org/popupogallala.html](http://www.groundwater.org/popupogallala.html)

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Lake McConaughy Visitors Center (1475 Nebraska 61, Ogallala)

*Hosted by ESU 16 and Lake McConaughy Visitors Center*



## BEATRICE – TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

[www.groundwater.org/popupbeatrice.html](http://www.groundwater.org/popupbeatrice.html)

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Homestead Education Center (8523 Nebraska 4, Beatrice)

*Hosted by ESU 5 and Homestead National Monument*



**COST:** \$10 (*includes coffee, lunch, and the optional post-conference networking reception*)

**REGISTRATION:** View all conferences online at [www.groundwater.org/classroom](http://www.groundwater.org/classroom), register directly by the links above, or call 402-434-2740

**QUESTIONS:** Sara Brock, The Groundwater Foundation ([sbrock@groundwater.org](mailto:sbrock@groundwater.org), 402-434-2740 x110)



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