

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

February 10, 2020

Mayor Gaylor Baird opened the meeting on Monday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City/County Building, Lincoln, NE.

Attendance

Twenty residents and four City staff attended:

Jeff Schwebke – Arnold Heights NA	Carl Tesch – Autumn Wood NA
Reshell Ray – Belmont NA	Gloria Eddins – Clinton NA
Jennifer Powell – Country Club NA	Paul Johnson – East Campus CO
Sue Burkey – Hartley NA	Pat Stear – Hartley NA
Myrna Coleman – Highlands NA	Geri Cotter – Irvingdale NA
Pat Bracken – Irvingdale NA	Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane Area RA
Jess Moller – Near South NA	Bill Vocasek – West A NA
Fred Freytag – Witherbee NA	Russell Miller – Witherbee NA
Randy Smith – Woods Park NA	Chelsea Egenberger – Lincoln High CLC
Porter Pearson – UNL Ctr for Civic Engagement	Quinn Reimer – UNL Ctr for Civic Engagement
Sarah Mason – Health Dept/KLLCB	Lin Quenzer – Mayor's Office
Wynn Hjerjstad – Urban Development Dept	Mayor Gaylor Baird

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees were welcomed. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments

The Mayor announced that Liz Elliott was approved by the City Council to be the new Director of the Transportation & Utilities Department. Liz was already a City employee in the City Attorney's office.

Neighborhood Grant Opportunities

Sarah Mason, Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) Coordinator, Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, KLLCB@lincoln.ne.gov.

Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) aims to make a clean, healthy, and safe community by organizing residents to take action against litter. To do that, KLLCB relies on waste reduction education, volunteer cleanups, and grant-supported cleanups. **See Attachment 1.**

KLLCB offers two grants for neighborhood associations to help them combat litter. While the neighborhood projects are self-directed, the grants help with equipment access.

- **Community Improvement Grants –**
 - Funding is an incentive to reduce litter.
 - Grant opportunities are open to groups or individuals.
 - Cleanups of roads, curbs & alleyways are funded by the mile (both sides) at \$50/mile
 - Cleanups of parks & open areas are funded by the acre at \$10/ acre
 - The Community Improvement Grant program is funded by the Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy, which will be fully funding requests this year.
- **Neighborhood Association Grants –**
 - Funding is for reimbursement of expenditures, so receipts are required in reporting.
 - Available to Lancaster County villages & City of Lincoln neighborhood associations.
 - Grants are often used to fund containers for litter & brush cleanup.
 - Some categories have limits for reimbursement.
 - Brush coupons are available from KLLCB for brush landfill fees.
 - Community Cleanup Resources are available online at lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: kllcb. Online resources include a step-by-step description of the grant process and the online applications

(also see Attachment 2) and the *Reduce, Reuse & Recycling Guide* -- the 2020 edition of which will also be available soon.

Comments from Roundtable attendees:

- East Campus neighborhood is a good example of cleanup & street cleanup.
- A suggestion that major roads be treated differently for reimbursement than residential roads.
- The Hefty Energy Program is not supported by KLLCB because many of the plastics that would go into the bag could be recycled.
- **Q:** Are the funds supporting KLLCB available through the 1970's Litter Bill? **A:** Yes.
- To increase resident participation, Witherbee has newsletter that comes out just before cleanup.
- Although cleanups are initially a lot of work to organize, subsequent cleanups are easier.
- **Q:** Are residential streets & alleys counted by the mile? **A:** Yes.
- Areas with a building will have the area of the building footprint deducted from the total area.
- Clinton has had a prize for the first toilet to be found as part of their neighborhood cleanup.

UNL's Big Event

Civic.Engagement@unl.edu. Quinn Reimer & Porter Pearson, from the UNL Center for Civic Engagement

The Big Event is an annual one-day of service in which UNL students, faculty and staff spread out across the city to fill service needs and say "thank you" to Lincoln. The 15th annual Big Event is hosted by the UNL Center for Civic Engagement and ASUN Student Government. **See Attachment 3.**

- This year, the Big Event is scheduled for April 4, 2020. Registration closes March 6, 2020, 5:00 pm.
- Last year, over 3,000 students & faculty participated
- Either community organizations or private residents can request Big Event volunteers online at <https://bigevent.unl.edu/request-volunteers>.
 - There are guidelines for volunteer events. Volunteers cannot use power tools or ladders. A limited amount of supplies provided by the Big Event. A site supervisor must be present to keep students safe & organized, although one person is allowed to supervise two adjoining jobsites.
- Further information is available online at <https://bigevent.unl.edu/>.

Announcements

None this month.

Next Meeting/Agenda

Next meeting will be March 9th at 5:30 pm. The topic will be the 2020 US Census.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Johnson

Attachment 1



Goals

- Clean, healthy and safe community
- Engage volunteerism
- Reduce litter through cleanups
- Prevent litter

How We Achieve Our Goals



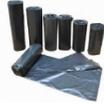
Waste Reduction Education



Grant-Supported Cleanups



Volunteer Cleanups

E q u i p m e n t	<p>Extended reach tool: Used to pick up litter off the ground or in hard to reach spaces. Available in children and adult sizes.</p>	
	<p>Gloves: Nitrile-coated work gloves. Available in children and adult sizes.</p>	
	<p>Safety Vests: Highly encouraged for all cleanup projects, particularly those along roadways or other areas with vehicle traffic.</p>	
	<p>Trash bags: 20-25 gallon sized, generally 1-2 bags per person is sufficient.</p>	
	<p>Bag ringers: Bungee cord secures ringer to bag and holds the bag open. Great for working in windy conditions.</p>	

We do it because litter hurts....



Grant-Supported Cleanups

Community Improvement Grant

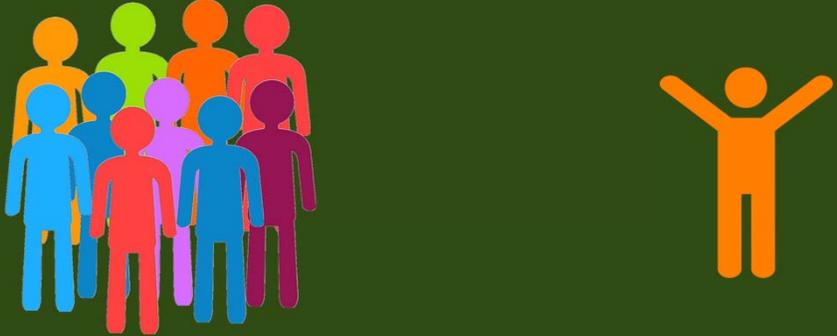
- Prevent litter
- Funding is an incentive

Neighborhood Association Grant

- Historic solution to illegal dumping
- Funding is for reimbursement



Community Improvement grants are for....



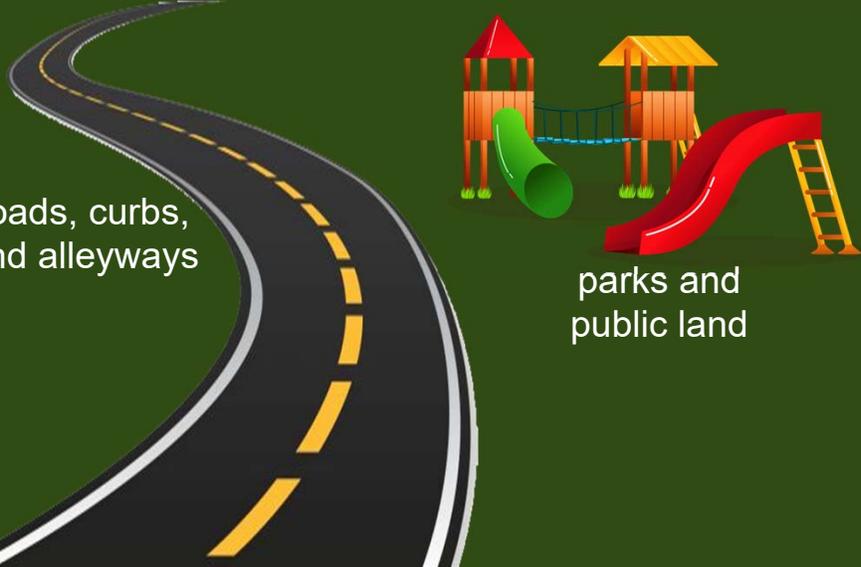
Groups

Individuals



This slide features a dark green background. At the top, the text 'Community Improvement grants are for....' is written in white. Below the text, there are two main illustrations. On the left, a group of ten stylized human figures in various colors (orange, green, red, blue, purple) are standing together. Below this group is the word 'Groups' in white. On the right, a single orange stylized human figure has its arms raised in a 'V' shape. Below this figure is the word 'Individuals' in white. At the bottom of the slide, there is a decorative graphic showing a blue globe, a yellow building, and green foliage.

Community Improvement grants clean....



roads, curbs,
and alleyways

parks and
public land



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Community improvement grants
fund incentives:
\$50/mile (roads), \$10/acre (parks)

Communicating and or
mapping the area in
advance and during the
clean up and is crucial.

Grants are funded
through Neb. Dept. of
Env. And Energy, so
weight of litter and
exact areas covered is
necessary in reporting.

Funds can be used as
desired.



Neighborhood Association grants are for....

Neighborhood Associations



Villages



Neighborhood Association grants clean neighborhoods and are generally centered around dumpsters.



Neighborhood Association grants fund REIMBURSEMENTS.

Advance estimates are recommended –shop around!

Receipts are required in reporting.

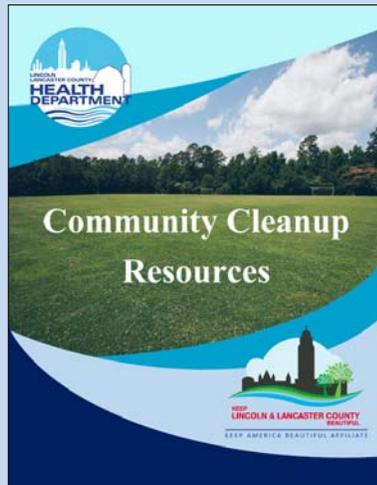
Be aware:
Some reimbursement categories have limits, i.e. up to \$75 fuel, \$250 event promotion, \$750 tire disposal, etc.



Brush coupons may help you cut costs.



Consider how to cleanup your neighborhood without sending everything to the landfill.



Online resources are available.





GRANT PROCESS

1. Apply online
2. Review fund allocation message
3. Complete project
4. Submit final report online
5. Email supporting documents (photos, maps, receipts...)
6. Receive funds



Peer Insight

- What has worked well for you in the past?
- What new ideas might you integrate this year?
- What challenges do we need to troubleshoot?
- Final feedback or questions?



Thanks!

Sarah Mason, KLLCB Coordinator
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Community Improvement Grant Guidelines



Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) Community Improvement Grant provides incentives to groups and individuals who conduct litter cleanup projects along public roads and in public parks as follows: \$50/mile (roads, curbs, alleyways, etc.) and \$10/acre (parks). The funds are an incentive for the behavior of cleaning up litter and may be used as the group or individual pleases.

Guidelines

1. Applications and final reports are completed online at the KLLCB website, and supporting documents are sent to kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov.
2. Cleanups can take place any time between February 1st and October 31st. Final reports must be submitted within one month after completion of the cleanup project. The final date to turn in your cleanup report and receive funding is November 30th.
3. The project must incorporate a recycling plan in order to receive funding. At minimum, the recycling plan should indicate how recyclable material will be collected, separated from trash and properly disposed of.
4. Below is a checklist to help grantees track what information is required for the Final Report and for project funding:
 - Number of volunteers and total hours worked (include planning, organization and implementation).
 - Size and location of the cleanup area. Consider how best to communicate with KLLCB to ensure the correct funding. KLLCB will use <https://maps.lincoln.ne.gov/> to figure mileage and acreage.
 - Pictures of the project that show evidence of the cleanup.
 - Weighed amount of litter collected and amount of recyclables collected (scales will be provided).
 - Liability waivers, provided by KLLCB, must be signed by all participants and submitted.
5. Community Improvement Grants are based on outside funding. Please note that KLLCB reserves the right to halt payment to grantees at any time if funding is no longer available.

Please allow two weeks from the time of submission for a response from KLLCB. Once the application has been approved, the KLLCB Coordinator will contact you to go over project details and make arrangements for you to pick up supplies. KLLCB can provide trash and recycling bags, safety vests, trash reachers and bag openers.

For more information: Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful, 3131 O St., Lincoln NE 68510, 402-441-8035, kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov, www.lincoln.ne.gov Keyword: KLLCB

Funding for this program is provided by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy



Neighborhood Association Grant Guidelines

3131 O St., Lincoln NE 68510, 402-441-8035, kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov



The Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) Neighborhood Association Grant reimburses Neighborhood Associations and Lancaster County Villages for some expenses associated with neighborhood and county cleanup projects between February 1st and October 31st.

1. Applications and final reports are completed online on the [KLLCB website](#) with supporting documents emailed to kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov.
2. Award amounts are based on reimbursement of actual expenses. Awards may consider additional factors such as: recycling efforts, cost-effective disposal methods, donations, etc.
3. Cleanups must incorporate a recycling plan in order to receive funding.
4. Cleanup costs must be estimated on the application and will be approved in advance of the project. Unauthorized or undocumented expenses that exceed the approved amount will be the responsibility of the grantee. Examples of acceptable expenses include, but are not limited to:

roll-off dumpsters	landfill gate fees	fuel (\$75 limit)
recycling fees (appliances, electronics, propane tanks, etc.)	event cleanup promotion or education (\$250 limit)	residential tire recycling –no businesses (\$750 limit)

Examples of items that will NOT be reimbursed include: household garbage, household hazardous waste, yard waste (grass clippings, leaves) and liquids of any kind.

5. The following information is required in the final report, which is due within one month of the event:
 - Number of volunteers and amount of hours worked (include planning, organization and implementation).
 - Weight of material collected and properly disposed of by category (i.e. tires, appliances, landfill garbage, etc.).
 - Expenses, as seen on receipts showing the item, company paid and amount.
 - Pictures of the project that show evidence of the cleanup and use of rented equipment and tools where applicable.
 - Donations or in-kind contributions (transportation costs, food and drink, etc.).
 - Liability waivers, provided by KLLCB, must be signed by all participants and submitted.

Please allow two weeks from the time of submission for a response from KLLCB. Once the application has been approved, KLLCB will contact you to go over project details.

THE BIG EVENT

**APRIL 4, 2020
1-4 PM**

"Through service-oriented activities, The Big Event promotes campus and community unity as students come together for one day to express their gratitude for the support from the surrounding community."

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Community Organizations: <https://givepul.se/tu4fm9>

Private Residences: <https://givepul.se/a04wl3>

Site Registration Closes March 6th at 5:00pm