

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

May 12, 2014

Tracy Corr opened the meeting on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City/County/Building, in Lincoln, NE.

Attendance

Twenty-two citizens and five staff attended:

Tracy Corr – 40th & A NA	Jeff Schwebke – Arnold Heights NA
Tish Kohler – Ashley Heights HA	Russ Irwin – Clinton NA
Rifka Keilson – Country Club NA	Paul Johnson – East Campus CO
Paula Rhian – Everett NA	Kurt Elder – Haymarket NA
Myrna Coleman – Highlands NA	Scott Richert – Indian Village NA
Larry Evermann – Indian Village NA	Amy Karabel -- Irvingdale NA
Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane Area RA	William Carver – Near South NA
Kent Prier – Taylor Park NA	Luci Prier – Taylor Park NA
Mike DeKalb – University Place CO	Bill Vocasek – West A NA
Rick Bagby – Witherbee NA	Lin Quenzer – Mayor's Office
Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office	Adam Rhoads – Health Department
Heather Foster – Stronger Safer Neighborhoods	Sheree Goertzen – Neighbor@Works-Lincoln
Shirley Schoening Scheuler – Lincoln Public Schools	Mike Renken -- Neighbor@Works-Lincoln
Mayor Beutler	

Welcome & Introductions, Volunteer to Take Notes

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 by Chairwoman Corr. Everyone introduced themselves. Paula Rhian agreed to take notes.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Beutler reported that his staff has been spending time working on the next City budget and hoping to come up with one that does not require any tax increases. If they have the budget far enough along next month he would like to discuss any big changes or problem areas they discover.

Party in the Parks and Art in the Parks were discussed. **See Attachment 1.**

Parks & Recreation Department Updates **See Attachment 2**

Jerry Shorney, Maintenance Director for Parks & Recreation, reported that his staff is currently working very hard to get all the public parks and facilities up and running for the season. This includes mowing, reactivating the fountains, getting the pools ready and "waking up" the sunken gardens. They had 68 volunteers last weekend and got 25% of the planting completed.

He explained the mowing schedule will be weekly for ball fields, every 14 days for parks and 1-3 times per season for long grass areas. It was recommended by Bill V. that a sign be placed near the long grass area at Van Dorn Park and other highly visible parks so out of town visitors understand the area is not mowed on purpose.

Jerry stated that the new playground equipment has been ordered for Idylwild Park and is expected to be installed in July. Lynn Johnson, Director of Parks and Rec, said that after the playground installation is complete, they will be holding open houses on restoring the island plantings on Idylwild Street.

Lynn gave an in-depth report on trees. Currently, the City has lost 12 evergreen trees due to the drought over the last several years. We also lost 17 street trees this week due to the storms. Jerry stated that Pioneers Park has lost over 200 trees in the last couple of years. It was asked what the plan is for replacing trees in Stransky Park. The department only has an annual budget of \$10,000 for tree replacement and that has to cover street and park trees.

An upcoming challenge is the Emerald Ash Borer. Twenty percent of all trees in Lincoln are ash trees. This includes approximately 5% of all park trees (1,500 trees out of 30,000) and 12,000 of our street trees. The Borers have been confirmed in Iowa, South Dakota and Colorado. There is no way to predict exactly when the Borers will arrive in Lincoln, but Parks staff is monitoring the situation closely. It is expected to take \$20 million over approximately 5 years to replace all the trees killed by the insects. Several possible treatments were discussed but all have drawbacks with no guarantee they would save the trees.

Lynn gave a presentation on the 10-year park facilities plan. This covers the 128 parks, 131 miles of trails, 10 pools/spray grounds, 90,000 street trees, 6 recreation centers, 4 community learning centers, 5 golf courses, the nature center and other facilities. Trends in recreation are Bark Parks, Youth Sports, and Cycling – Running – Adventure Racing facilities.

The \$12.4 million projected annual operating budget is generated from tax revenue, user fees and grants. The projected annual golf budget is \$3 million which is self-supporting from user fees. The capital improvement budget is projected to be \$7 million annually for the next ten years to achieve all of the goals in the plan. These funds are generated from keno, cell tower rental fees, impact fees, tax revenue, donations, grants and the possibility of a local option sales tax. Projects totaling \$70 million over the next ten years include:

Repair/Replacements	\$22.3 Million
New Parks/Trails	\$3.2 Million
New Facilities	\$44.5 Million

A question was asked about what is being planned for our greying population. Lynn replied that trails for cycling/walking are one thing they are focusing on with research being done to see if activity areas along the trails should be added. Social events in the parks are also being researched.

Lynn Quenzer inquired about motorized scooters or electric assisted bicycles on the City parks trails. There are signs posted that no electric vehicles are allowed. Lynn Johnson replied that if an electric item is needed for accessibility, they are allowed. Parks & Recreation has been checking into the electrically-assisted bicycle issue, but they do not have an answer for that yet.

Announcements

- The Airpark Neighborhood reported that they will be hosting Celebrate Airpark Day June 14th. **See Attachment 3.**
- East Campus neighborhood announced that their annual garden tour will be June 7th. Additional information is located at www.eastcampus.org/gardentour.html.
- Forms to nominate individuals for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Environmental Leadership awards were distributed. Nominations are due by June 5th. **See Attachment 4.**

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at about 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Paula Rhain.



This summer we are broadening Party in the Parks to include family arts events in several parks throughout the summer. Party in the Parks events are offered through cooperative efforts of many community partners. The monthly family arts events will continue in Union Plaza under the name of "Party on the Plaza".

PARTY ON THE PLAZA AT UNION PLAZA

Family visual performing and musical arts activities. Food and drinks available from food trucks. One Saturday afternoon and evening each month, May through September. Party on the Plaza is made possible by Lincoln Parks and Recreation with grant funding support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Dates: May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug 16, Sept 13 | **Times:** 4 - 9p

Location: Union Plaza, 21st & "O" Street

STRANSKY PARK CONCERT

Community Partner: PANgea

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2014 | **Time:** 7-9pm

Location: Stransky Park, 17th St & Harrison St

STRANSKY PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Community Partner: KZUM

Dates: To Be Announced | **Time:** 7-9pm

Location: Stransky Park, 17th St & Harrison St

FLATWATER SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCES IN THE PARKS

Community Partner: Flatwater Shakespeare

Showtime: 7pm

Date	Location:
Thursday, June 19	Roberts Park, 56th & Sumner St
Friday, June 20	Irvingdale Park, 20th & Van Dorn St
Saturday, June 21	Belmont Park, 12th & Judson St
Sunday, June 22	Henry Park, 44th & Prescott Ave
Thursday, June 26	Antelope Park (near bandshell) 27th & Capitol Parkway
Friday, June 27	Havelock Park, 64th & Ballard St
Saturday, June 28	Cooper Park, S 6th St & "D" St
Sunday, June 29	Trago Park, N 22nd St & U St
Wednesday, July 2	Densmore Park, 6761 So. 14th St
Saturday, July 5	Woods Park "O" St & 33rd St
Sunday, July 6	Bethany Park, 65th & Vine St

LINCOLN MUNICIPAL BAND SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Community Partner: Lincoln Municipal Band

Days: Sundays | **Time:** 7pm

Dates: July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10, Aug. 17

Location: Shildneck Bandshell, Antelope Park, Garfield St & Memorial Dr

ART IN THE GARDENS

Community Partner: Noyes Gallery

Date: Saturday, August 23 | **Time:** 12-8pm

Location: Sunken Gardens, 27th St & Capitol Parkway

Rain Date: August 24, 2014

THEATER IN THE PARKS

Community Partner: The Colonel Mustard Amateur Attic Theatre Company

Date/Time: To Be Announced

Location: Cooper Park, 8th St & "D" St

PARTY ON THE PLAZA AT THE CIVIC PLAZA

Grand opening event in early October and possibly a holiday market associated with DLA Shop the Block event in November.

Party on the Plaza is made possible by Lincoln Parks and Recreation with grant funding support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Date/Time: To be announced

Location: Civic Plaza, 13th and "P" Streets

Attachment 2



Lincoln Parks and Recreation – 10 Year Facilities Plan

Mayor's Neighborhood
Roundtable
May 12, 2014



Overview Facilities and Programs

- 127 parks
- 131 miles of trails
- public gardens and public art
- 10 outdoor pools, spraygrounds
- 86,000 street trees
- 6 recreation / community centers
- 4 community learning centers
- therapeutic recreation and Special Olympics programs
- Ager Play Center
- adult and youth team sports programs
- Pioneers Park Nature Center
- 5 municipal golf courses



Recreation Trends



- Cycling, Running, Adventure Racing



- Organized Youth Sports



- Dog Facilities – “Bark Parks”



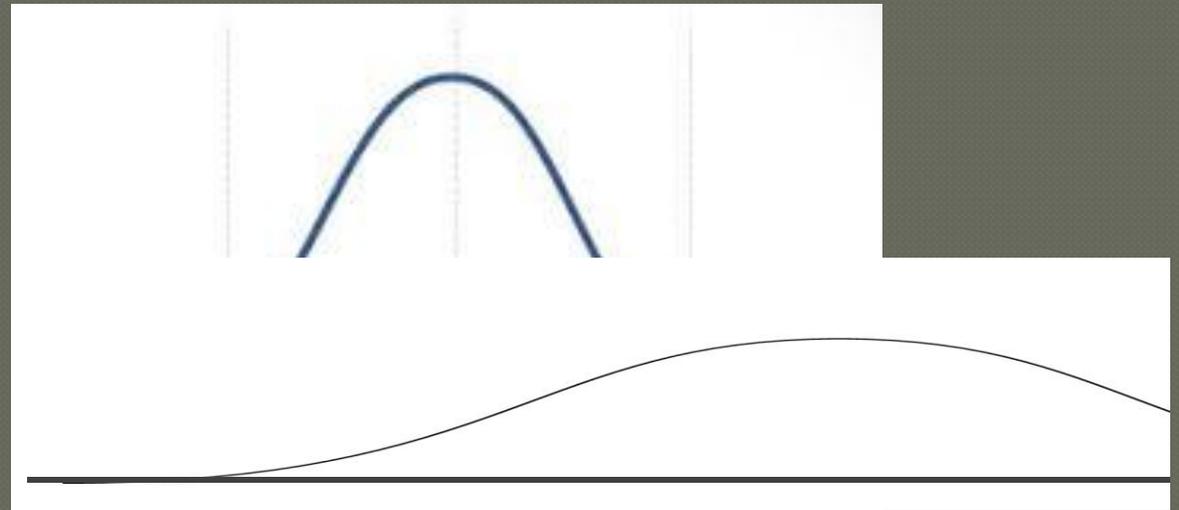
Emerging Challenge

● Emerald Ash Borer



It is estimated that 20% of the trees in Lincoln are ash trees.

There are about 12,000 ash trees growing along Lincoln's streets.





PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

Comprehensive Plan Guidance

Regional Parks and Tournament Sports Facilities

- Develop a tournament sports complex at Oak Lake Park
- Acquire land for a regional park in the Stevens Creek Basin

Community Parks

- Develop Jensen Park
- Develop Bison Park
- Acquire land in the southern portion of the Stevens Creek Basin for a future community park

Neighborhood Parks

- Acquire and develop a four acre neighborhood park within each square mile of residential development, ideally co-located with an elementary school

Open Space and Greenway Linkages

- Implement Salt Valley Greenway, including Haines Branch Prairie Corridor

Dog Runs / Dog Parks

- Develop and implement a master plan for outdoor dog facilities



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

Comprehensive Plan Guidance

Community Centers, Recreation Centers and Activity Centers

- Replace Air Park Recreation Center with new facility at Arnold Elementary School
- Explore opportunities of cooperative development of new community centers
- with the YMCA in southeast and possibly northeast Lincoln
- Explore development of “activity centers” at new public school facilities

Aquatics Facilities

- Complete a major renovation of Star City Shores
- Develop a new community leisure pool facilities in northeast Lincoln
- Renovate existing community and neighborhood pools
- Promote development of an indoor aquatics center through cooperative ventures

Indoor Ice Center

- Promote development of the Breslow Ice Center through cooperative ventures

City Golf Courses

- Continue operation of the five golf courses



PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

Comprehensive Plan Guidance

Public Trees

- Continue to care for, plant, and replant public trees
- Prepare readiness plans for Emerald Ash Borer infestation



TRANSPORTATION

Comprehensive Plan Guidance

Multi-Use Trails

- Continue development of an interconnected trail system, including constructing trails in new growth areas
- Widen some high use existing trails
- Develop and fund a trail rehabilitation program as the trail system ages



Parks & Recreation Department Budget



\$12.4 million

Funding Sources

- General tax revenue
- User fees
- Grants

\$3.0 million

Funding Sources

- User fees

Funding Sources

- Keno
- Cell tower rent
- Impact fees
- General tax revenue
- Donations
- Grants
- Local option sales tax?



10-Year Facilities Plan / Capital Improvement Program

Facility Repair
and
Replacement



New
Neighborhood Parks
and Trails



New Community
Facilities

\$22.3 million

\$3.2 million

\$44.5 million

Funding Sources

- Keno
- Cell tower rent
- General tax revenue
- Local option sales tax?

Funding Sources

- Impact fees
- Grants

Funding Sources

- Local option sales tax?
- Donations
- Grants



10-Year Facilities Plan

Facility Repair and Replacement

\$22.3 million

Funding Sources

- Keno
- Cell tower rent
- General tax revenue
- Local option sales tax?

85 playgrounds

2 skateparks

9 pools

11 display fountains

24 lighted ballfields

9.5 acres of play courts (tennis, basketball)

9 acres of building roofs (220 buildings)

4 acres of building floor covering

55 acres of parking lots

11 miles of park roads

32 miles of park walkways

131 miles of trails

125,000 public trees along streets and in parks



10-Year Facilities Plan

New
Neighborhood Parks
and Trails

\$3.2 million

Funding Sources

- Impact fees
- Grants

New Neighborhood Parks

Northeast

- Waterford

Northwest

- North Hills
- Fallbrook
- Arnold

Southeast

- Grand Terrace
- Village Gardens
- Woodlands at Yankee Hill

Southwest

- Folsom Park
- Timber Valley
- New SW park acquisition



10-Year Facilities Plan

New
Neighborhood Parks
and Trails

\$3.2 million

Funding Sources

- Impact fees
- Grants

New Trails

Northeast

- Waterford Trail – No. 84th to No. 98th to Holdrege

Northwest

- Fletcher Landmark Trail – No. 14th to North Star High

Southeast

- Beal Slough Trail – So. 56th to 84th
- Wilderness Hills Trail – Yankee Hill to Rokeby

Southwest

- West Folsom Street to SW 40th



10-Year Facilities Plan

New Community Facilities

\$44.5 million

Funding Sources

- Local option sales tax?
- Donations
- Grants

Examples of Possible Future Projects

Northeast

- Renovation of the Woods Park Tennis Center
- Roper Lake mountain bike / X country course

Northwest

- Tournament Sports Complex
- Replacement Air Park Recreation Center with new facility at Arnold Elementary School

Southeast

- South Beltway trail corridor acquisition and underpass construction
- Jensen Park initial phase development

Southwest

- Fencing and shelter for Martin Prairie bison pasture at Pioneers Park Nature
- Rock Island Trail bridge between Densmore Park and Wilderness Park



Golf

Repair and Replacement



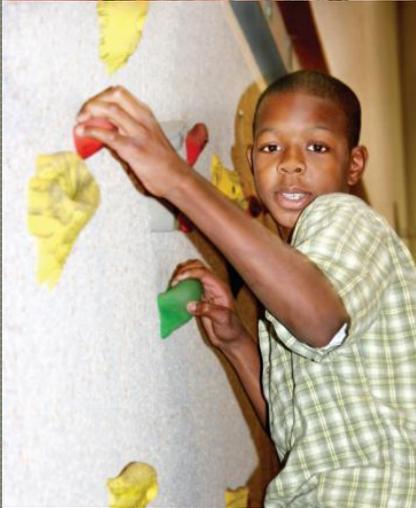
\$600,000
needed
annually for
repair and
replacement
projects

Future Projects

- Replacement of irrigation system at Ager
- Replacement of irrigation system at Pioneers
- Replacement of irrigation system at Holmes
- Pond shoreline wall repair at Highlands
- Pond shoreline wall repair at Mahoney
- Replace clubhouse roof at Pioneers
- Renovate restrooms at Pioneers
- Renovate sand bunkers at Highlands
- New forward tees at Mahoney

Funding Source

- proposed 4% fee increase over the next four years



Questions?



parks.lincoln.ne.gov



Celebrating the past, present, and the future of Lincoln's Air Park Community

Saturday, June 14th 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am & 9:15 am 2014 AVIATOR 5K & FUN RUN



Starting line will be **NORTH** of the Air Park Recreation Center located at 3720 NW 46th St, Lincoln NE

- **AIR PARK REC CENTER @ 3720 NW 46TH**

9:00 am – 2:00 pm National Guard Obstacle Course, Vintage Vehicle Display, Demos, Vendor booths, and family activities

11:00 am – 2:00 pm Fire House and Truck Display

- **IGA/DO IT BEST @ 4646 W. HUNTINGTON**

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Show 'n' Shine Car Show

\$1 spectator entry fee to support

Wounded Warrior Project



- **BOWLING LAKE @ NW 48TH & W. CUMMINGS**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Nebraska Game and Parks Comm.

Family Fishing Event **ANYONE over the age of 16 will need to have a fishing license. If you are a parent assisting a minor child in the fishing event than you will not need to have a fishing license. If you have any questions please contact Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (402) 471-0641

- **LINCOLN ARMY AIRFIELD REGIMENTAL CHAPEL @ 4621 NW 48TH**

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Historical Displays and Tours

- **HUSKERVILLE PUB AND PIZZA @ 2805 NW 48TH**

11:00 am – 10:00 pm Live Music, Food, and Fun

- **ARNOLD HEIGHTS SWIMMING POOL @ 4000 NW 46TH**

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm FREE admission up to limited swimming pool capacity

Thank you to our community partners:



HUSKER VARIETY STORE

2014 AVIATOR 5K & FUN RUN



- ★ Aviator 5k Run/Walk: \$15 if registered **BEFORE** June 1st
\$18 June 2nd to June 14th
- ★ Aviator Kid's 1mi Fun Run: \$10 if registered **BEFORE** June 1st
\$13 June 1st to June 14th

Award:

All race and fun run finishers will receive a pair of aviator sunglasses. Each 5k registrant will receive a reusable bag and metal water bottle.

Be sure to register by June 1st to ensure your bag and water bottle availability.

Pick-up race registration forms at local businesses or

Register on-line at secure.getmeregistered.com/Aviator5k

#Aviator5k





CITY OF LINCOLN & LANCASTER COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: JUNE 5, 2014

The Lincoln-Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards honor businesses, organizations and individuals who have demonstrated environmental stewardship and dedication to sustaining and improving our environment.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Awards are given in each of the following categories:

- Business and Industry**
- Education** - educating the public or providing education in schools/colleges
- Community or Nonprofit Organization**
- Government**
- Agriculture**
- Individual Citizen**

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an award, nominees must have been instrumental in identifying, reducing, or solving an environmental problem and/or promoting public awareness and active concern for the enhancement and protection of the environment. Additionally, nominees must demonstrate one or more of the following environmental practices:

- **Pollution Prevention/Risk Reduction:** Eliminate or significantly reduce the use of toxic products or harmful air emissions; reduce risk posed by hazardous materials through design, engineering, or other practices. Engage in integrated pest management.
- **Waste Reduction and Recycling:** Reduce the amount of waste discarded and use sound recycling approaches.
- **Water Conservation:** Reduce water use, increase reuse of water resources, increase use of rainwater and runoff or utilizing land use designs that reduce runoff or use drought tolerant plants.
- **Soil Conservation:** Reduce soil runoff or erosion and engage in practices that eliminate soil depletion.
- **Energy Conservation:** Reduce the use of electricity or fossil fuels by using energy-efficient products; using solar or passive heating and cooling systems; or engaging in other energy efficient practices.
- **Cleanup and Beautification:** Create or improve an area or neighborhood's visual quality through approaches such as: litter pickup; neighborhood clean-ups; removal of junk cars, tires, or appliances; and cleanup of streams, ponds, lakes, or shorelines.
- **Residential and Commercial Development:** Projects that use SMART growth principles; result in carbon impact reductions; use "green building" design principles; use environmentally friendly and recycled content products; use energy efficient and water conserving designs; maintain or restore natural features; or reduce construction waste.
- **Other environmental practices**

WRITTEN SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT

Submit a written summary describing how the nominee's efforts and achievements fulfill the eligibility as defined above. Please explain the following three items in the summary including specific environmental practices and quantify results:

- Description of environmental activity.
- Degree and length of involvement in environmental activity.
- Impact on public health, the environment or environmental awareness.

Letters of endorsement, photos, charts, or other supporting materials are encouraged.

DEADLINE

Please submit the Nomination Form and Summary of Achievement online by **June 5, 2014** at:
www.lincoln.ne.gov keyword: awards

Although submitting the nomination electronically is preferred, hard copies of the Nomination Form and Summary of Achievement may also be submitted to:

Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
Environmental Public Health Division
3140 N Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

QUESTIONS?

Call 402-441-4602

CEREMONY

The City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held in the Fall. Award recipients will be contacted prior to the ceremony. This awards program is funded primarily through private donations and sponsors.



DETACH AND RETURN WITH THE WRITTEN SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENT

NOMINEE INFORMATION

DATE SUBMITTED: _____

Nominee Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Check one category:

- Business/Industry
- Education
- Community/Nonprofit Organization
- Government
- Agriculture
- Individual Citizen

NOMINATED BY

Name _____ Address _____

E-mail _____ Daytime Phone _____

Written summary of achievement attached?