

# MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

June 10, 2019

Tracy Corr opened the meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City/County/Building, Lincoln, NE.

## **Attendance**

Twenty-six residents and seven City staff attended:

Mayor Gaylor Baird	
Tracy Corr – 40 <sup>th</sup> & A NA	Jeff Schwebke – Arnold Heights NA
Gloria Eddins – Clinton NO	Jennifer Powell – Country Club NA
Karen Dienstbier – Eastridge NA	Paula Rhian – Everett NA
Myrna Coleman – Highlands NA	Andy Gueck – Indian Village NA
Liz Cody – Indian Village NA	Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane Area RA
Karen Houseman – Near Oak Lake NA	Mike DeKalb – University Place CO
Keith Roland – University Place CO	Fred Freytag – Witherbee NA
Russell Miller – Witherbee NA	Randy Smith – Woods Park NA
Mike Renken – NeighborWorks-Lincoln	Marti Lee – NeighborWorks-Lincoln
Bennie Shobe – City Council	James Michael Bowers – City Council
Tammy Ward – City Council	Sarah Mason – Health Dept, KLLCB
Barb Baier – Lincoln Board of Education	Shawn Ryba – South of Downtown CDO
Isabel Solas – South of Downtown CDO	Andrea Gebhart – Northern Lights HOA
Lin Quenzer – Mayor's Office	Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office
Adelle Burk – Mayor's Office	Kevin Cass – Mayor's Office
Wynn Hjermstad – Urban Development Dept	Dan Marvin – Urban Development Dept

## **Welcome & Introductions**

Tracy Corr welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Karen Dienstbier volunteered to take notes.

## **Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird spoke for a few minutes, but had to leave the meeting soon after arriving to celebrate her son's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with the family. She introduced her staff before leaving. She also introduced two new City Council members, James Michael Bowers and Tammy Ward. In her remarks, she said that she looks forward to our monthly meetings.

The Mayoral staff includes:

- Jennifer Brinkman, Chief of Staff – Jennifer can be reached through the Mayor's Office.
- Adelle Burk – Mayor's Aide
- John Carlson will continue his work for the City as Mayor's Aide
- Kevin Cass – Mayor's Aide
- Lynn Quenzer, City Ombudsperson, will continue in her position.

Dan Marvin returns to City government as Director of the Urban Development Department. He is replacing Dave Landis.

Each of those taking their positions gave us an overview of their work in government and their expertise.

**Urban Development Department Update** – Dan Marvin, Director: 402-441-7126;  
[dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:dmarvin@lincoln.ne.gov)

Dan provided an update on the Urban Development Department, which will be focusing on two areas: affordable housing, and Livable Neighborhoods including providing services in small neighborhood commercial areas. Wynn and Dan Marvin discussed the fact that there are not enough quality affordable rentals in Lincoln. They took questions from those of us at the meeting.

**Announcements**

- **From the Planning Department:** Text Amendment 19003, proposed by RR & T, LLC, would create a special parking requirement of 1 stall per 600 square feet of retail for businesses that primarily sell large goods such as furniture, mattresses, carpet, and large appliances. “Large item retail sales” would be a separate category from other retail sales for purposes of parking calculation and would result in a reduced parking requirement in most zoning districts. The text amendment is tentatively scheduled for Planning Commission public hearing on June 26, 2019. Questions can be directed to Rachel Jones at (402) 441-7603 or [rjones@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjones@lincoln.ne.gov)
- **The FY 2019-20 Annual Action Plan for HUD Entitlement Programs** is available for review on the Urban Development website: [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov). The plan outlines the use of federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) in the next fiscal year. Use of funds continues to focus on housing assistance. New this year is Emerald Ash Tree removal assistance for low-income homeowners. Urban Development is working with the Parks and Recreation Department to implement the EAB Plan but still needs HUD approval for this new program. Comments on the Action Plan can be directed to Wynn Hjermstad at [whjermstad@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:whjermstad@lincoln.ne.gov). The Plan will be at City Council for public hearing on June 17, 2019 at 3:00.
- **How do NA’s want to be notified:** There is a State of Nebraska legislative mandate for the City to notify registered neighborhood associations of redevelopment efforts including blight studies, redevelopment plans and redevelopment agreements identifying projects that use Tax Increment Financing. Part of the mandate requires neighborhood associations to identify the best way for the City to contact their organization. The first step is to develop a definition for neighborhood associations to become registered, then Urban Development will reach out to ask their preference for notification. It was noted that all neighborhoods will continue to receive notice but registered neighborhoods can choose how to be notified, i.e., snail mail, e-mail or certified letter. All neighborhood associations need to send Wynn a reply ([whjermstad@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:whjermstad@lincoln.ne.gov)) with their thoughts on defining “registered”. This is the second request. Only a few neighborhood groups replied to the first request. The group decided to make this an agenda item next month for further discussion.
- **Uncle Sam Jam** will be Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Oak Lake Park. Flyers were distributed. The Health Department is offering neighborhoods the opportunity to pick up signs that ask people to pick up spent fireworks from the streets and sidewalks in Lincoln. To find out where to pick up the signs, to volunteer to help with Uncle Sam cleanup, contact KLLCB at 402-441-8035 or [kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:kllcb@lincoln.ne.gov). **Attachment 1**
- **Trail Trek 2019** will be held on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Haymarket Park, 403 Line Drive Circle. See the Great Plains Trail Network website for further details -- [www.gptn.org/about\\_gptn/](http://www.gptn.org/about_gptn/). **Attachment 2**
- **Juneteenth** celebrations will be held Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at Trago Park, near the Malone Center.

**Next Meeting/Agenda**

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable will be July 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Several possible topics were discussed, including: environmental health, newly formed road repair committees, and current/future City water sources.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at about 6:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Dienstbier.*

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# Uncle Sam Jam!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3 • OAK LAKE PARK  
1ST & CHARLESTON • LINCOLN, NE



Join us for Lincoln's FREE, official Independence Day Celebration at Oak Lake Park, Wednesday, July 3.

The party starts at 4 p.m. and refreshments from food vendors will be for sale throughout the afternoon.

• 4 PM •

FAMILY ACTIVITIES BEGIN

• 6 TO 9:30 PM •

LIVE MUSIC BY SOUL DAWG

• 8:30 PM •

FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY BY VFW POST 3606

• 10 PM •

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CARNIVAL GAMES, FACE PAINTING, INFLATABLE ARCHERY AND MUCH MORE!

Visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (keyword: Uncle Sam Jam) for more information.

Rain date: Friday, July 5, same location and time.



# GREAT PLAINS TRAILS NETWORK TRAIL TREK

A BENEFIT BIKE RIDE FOR LINCOLN'S TRAILS

SUNDAY • JUNE 23 • HAYMARKET PARK

The Great Plains Trails Network invites you on a family-focused bike ride that includes bike giveaways, food, fun and a performance by the NoWear Freestyle BMX Stunt Team. Join us and hundreds of our cycling friends **Sunday, June 23** at Haymarket Park, 403 Line Drive Circle. Each rider receives a t-shirt, water bottle (first 1,000 riders), on-trail snacks and lunch. All proceeds benefit trail building in the Lincoln area.

**VISIT GPTN.ORG FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION**

Register by June 16 to receive the early bird discount.  
QUESTIONS? Email [infogptn@gmail.com](mailto:infogptn@gmail.com) or call 402-500-0850.



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