



Directors' Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 9, 2024

Council Present: Sändra Washington, Tom Beckius, Justin Carlson, Bennie Shobe, Brodey Weber, Tom Duden, James Michael Bowers

Others Present: Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary; Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk; Michon Morrow, LPD; Liz Elliott, LTU; Yohance Christie, Law; Randy Jones, Aging Partners; Jon Carlson, Mayor's Office; Peter Hind, Urban Development; David Cary, Planning; Barb McIntyre, HR; Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Recreation; Ryan Wieber, Libraries; Steve Hubka, Finance; Abby Eccher, I.S.; Margaret Reist, Lincoln Journal Star

Council Chair Washington opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

Minutes from August 19 meeting were accepted as posted.

City Clerk Advisories

- The following items will be called together:
 - 4.a. & 4.b.
 - 4.c. & 4.d.
 - 6.b, 6.c. & 6.d.
- Councilman Beckius noted his recusal for items 4.a. and 4.b. due to conflict of interest

Director Advisories

- Maggie Stuckey Ross, Parks & Recreation:
 - The Fall 2024 Program Guide is now published and available
 - Public activities are available daily throughout the season
 - Program highlights include:
 - Tree Givaway
 - Bird Identification
 - Yoga Days
 - F Street Art Jam
 - Bali Dance Classes

Councilmember Committee & Commission Updates

- Beckius reported on West Haymarket JPA:
 - Passed \$9.3 million budget, including Pinnacle Bank Arena improvements:
 - New 28' x 32' scoreboard
 - New metal detector service
 - Enhanced wi-fi systems

- Shobe reported:
 - Attended subcommittee meeting for Co-responder Program
 - Brief meeting with little to share, will have more robust meeting soon
 - Program will hold press conference on Wednesday
 - Will attend Mayor's Advisory Commission meeting on Tuesday

- Washington reported:
 - Malone Center held groundbreaking ceremony this morning
 - PBC Committee will meet Tuesday
 - Parks & Rec Advisory Board will meet Thursday
 - Shared highlights from Hunt Institute's Early Childhood Learning Summit:
 - Attended by representatives from all 50 states, including 7 from NE
 - Institutional research presentations and discussions focused on:
 - Challenges of parental workforce participation, esp. for women
 - The importance of development during ages 0-3 for success from kindergarten through high school and beyond

- Carlson reported:
 - RTSD will meet Tuesday
 - Attended 33rd & Cornhusker meeting with Councilman Bowers
 - Well attended by public
 - Area business leaders noted concerns over design standards

Public Comment

- None

Council Chair Washington adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.