

**City of Lincoln**  
**Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Date:** February 12, 2024

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** Zoom

**Welcome and Introductions; Volunteer to Take Notes**

Chair Tracy Corr opened the meeting with introductions. Mary Unger volunteered to take notes.

**Attendees:**

- Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
- Tracy Corr, Chair and 40th & A

**Neighborhood Reps:**

- Gloria Eddins – Clinton NO
- Richard Piersol – Country Club NA
- Karen Dienstbier – Eastridge NA
- Pat Steer – Hartley
- Andy Gueck – Indian Village NA
- Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane NA
- Mary Unger – Prescott Area NA
- Crystal Bock-Thiessen – South Salt Creek
- Teresa Thompson – University Place Community Organization
- Julie Flodman – Witherbee
- Fred Frytag – Witherbee

**Staff:**

- Jon Carlson, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff
- Peter Hind, Director of Urban Development
- Wynn Hjermsstad, Community Development Manager, Urban Development

**Others present:**

- Tut Kailech – NeighborWorks Lincoln

**Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments**

- I. The city is actively filling the potholes in Lincoln's streets. 14,000 potholes were filled in January and February.
- II. Lincoln on the Move - \$98 million for the next two years for road repair/improvement. Residents are urged to report short-term repair word to Uplink:  
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/Payments-Services/UPLNK>
- III. Parks - Between Lincoln and the Game and Parks commission, Lincoln received a \$600,000 grant from the improving parks in Lincoln.

- IV. Recycling - Through the State Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE), the City of Lincoln received a grant of \$1.7 million for the Outreach and Recycle Educational Campaign for waste reduction. This will go to reduce food waste from Lincoln's landfill.
- V. Bison - Six new bison have taken up residence at Pioneers Park.
- VI. Urban Development - A grant was awarded for \$300,000 for the permanent supportive housing project for providing services.
- VII. Questions
  - A. Eastridge crosswalk safety concerns for students walking to school at 56th and Sunrise
  - B. Plastic Recycling: Is Lincoln recycling plastics as it is difficult to do? Keep recycling plastics as the recycling facility works to get the plastics where they need to go to be recycled.

**Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Lincoln:** Kim Morrow, Chief Sustainability Officer, Office of Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird: 402-441-5633; [kcmorrow@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:kcmorrow@lincoln.ne.gov).

- I. Lincoln's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (**See attached PowerPoint**)
  - A. Lincoln's Greenhouse Gases Reduction Measures goal: Reduce Lincoln's greenhouse gasses by 80% by 2050.
  - B. Lincoln is in the planning phase for the grant to help fund the plan. The next step will be to apply for the grant monies.
  - C. Lincoln captures biogases in its landfill. The City is looking to see if it would be a good use of funds and outcomes to expand the program.
  - D. Lincoln residents are encouraged to complete the greenhouse gas reduction survey. Reminder: The survey closes on February 18th.  
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Projects-Programs-Initiatives/Resilient-Lincoln>
  - E. If there are any questions, please contact Kim Morrow at [kcmorrow@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:kcmorrow@lincoln.ne.gov).

**Discussion: interest in returning Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable to in-person meetings beginning in March.**

- I. Some individuals prefer in-person.
- II. Can meetings during the winter be held via zoom?
- III. Several like zoom because have meetings before and it is hard to get there with travel time.
- IV. Some like hybrid, both zoom and in-person, some do not.
- V. Those with disabilities find in-person more difficult; could another location be found?
- VI. A survey will be sent to vote on preference.

## **Announcements**

- I. **Lincoln Housing Advocates Potluck - 2/22/2024 - Bennett Martin Library 5:30-7pm -** connect with other advocates around Lincoln over a shared meal to explore ways to use collective power to strengthen Lincoln. A food item is NOT required for attendance! Questions contact Tut at NeighborWorks, [tut.kailech@nwlincoln.org](mailto:tut.kailech@nwlincoln.org).

- II. **Aging Partners Survey** - The City of Lincoln invites residents of Lancaster County to participate in the Age-Friendly Community Survey at [AARP.org/NE](https://survey.cmix.com/2CC3030B/G10DF6LT/en-US). This survey is a vital tool to understand and address the specific needs and wants of our community. It's a great opportunity for residents of all ages to contribute to shaping a community that reflects their aspirations. Take part in this important survey and add your voice to the future of Lincoln. <https://survey.cmix.com/2CC3030B/G10DF6LT/en-US>
  
- III. **Indian Village** – Presentation by Stephanie Rouse, Planning Department, on a walk audit: safe and secure crossing from the neighborhood into Van Dorn Park, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Irving Rec Center.

### **Next Meeting / Agenda**

- I. Ideas:
  - A. Neglected properties process, status.
  - B. UPLNK update, process.
  - C. City arborist, plans, limitations.
  - D. Number of people living together unrelated.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted:*  
*Mary Unger*