IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR
1. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor presents August Award of Excellence to Captain Bret Davis of Lincoln Fire and Rescue.

III. DIRECTORS

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
1. Agenda for Commission on Human Rights meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., at 555 S. 10th Street

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. September sales tax reports reflecting July activity:
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collection;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with Refunds Added Back In) 2208-2009 through 2012-2013;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2008-2009 through 2012-2013; and

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
1. NEWS RELEASE. Health Department vaccines no longer available to privately insured children.

PLANNING COMMISSION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative Amendment No. 12042 approved by the Planning Director on September 13, 2012.

PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES/ENGINEERING
1. ADVISORY. Business Open House. Yolande Avenue; Cornhusker Highway - 20th Street. 20th Street; Yolande Avenue - Cornhusker Highway. Project No. 540619.

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

V. MISCELLANEOUS

VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
1. Letter from Scott Sullivan, Erickson Sullivan Architects, expressing extreme disappointment in the new N Street right of way. Giving reasons why the design fails, and an alternative design solution to improve several aspects of the current design.
2. Letter from Dave White, Baker Hardware President, stating his dissatisfaction and concern over the ultimate design of N Street between 7th and 9th Streets. Reconsider this design. This concept evolved into a ridiculous, and confusing, mess.

3. Amended LES Administrative Board meeting agenda for September 21, 2012. Full agenda and support materials can be found at www.les.com

VII. ADJOURNMENT
MAYOR PRESENTS AUGUST AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Mayor Chris Beutler today presented the Mayor’s Award of Excellence for August to Captain Bret Davis of Lincoln Fire and Rescue (LFR). The monthly award recognizes City employees who consistently provide exemplary service and work that demonstrates personal commitment to the City. The award was presented at the beginning of today’s City Council meeting.

Davis has worked for the City since 1979. Fire Apparatus Operator William Hershberger nominated Davis in the categories of customer relations and productivity for his work as the CPR program manager for LFR.

Davis has volunteered for the position of CPR Program Manager for 20 years and has been an instructor for the American Heart Association for more than 25 years. For the past 20 years, Davis also has been the Regional Instructor Facilitator Trainer. He keeps all LFR employees as well as 24 CPR instructors current on their CPR certifications. In addition, Davis trains instructors for the Lincoln Police Department, 911 Dispatchers, Southeast Fire and Rescue and Pfizer. Hershberger says Captain Davis has easily trained more than 1,000 students on this life-saving skill.

Along with his duties as an instructor, Davis also maintains all of the equipment and records for all CPR classes. Davis spends a lot of his own personal time to keep the CPR program running successfully. In his nomination, Hershberger wrote: “He always has a positive attitude, even with all of the changes throughout the years in CPR. He is a valuable asset and needs to be recognized as such.”

The other categories in which employees can be nominated are loss prevention, safety and valor. Consideration also may be given to nominations that demonstrate self-initiated accomplishments or those completed outside of the nominee’s job description. All City employees are eligible for the Mayor’s Award of Excellence except for elected and appointed officials. Individuals or teams can be nominated by supervisors, peers, subordinates and the general public. Nomination forms are available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: personnel) or from department heads, employee bulletin boards or the Personnel Department, which oversees the awards program.

All nominations are considered by the Mayor’s Award of Excellence Committee, which includes a representative with each union and a non-union representative appointed by the Mayor. Award winners receive a $50 gift certificate, a day off with pay and a plaque. All monthly winners and nominees are eligible to receive the annual award, which comes with a $250 gift certificate, two days off with pay and a plaque.
CITY OF LINCOLN
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday, September 27, 2012,
4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes for August 30, 2012 Commission Meeting

III. Approval of Agenda for September 27, 2012 Commission Meeting

IV. Case Dispositions
   A. Reasonable Cause/ No Reasonable Cause
      1. LCHR No.: 12-0315-011-E-R
      2. LCHR No.: 12-0410-014-E-R
      3. LCHR No.: 12-0502-021-E-R
      4. LCHR No.: 12-0502-022-E-R

   B. Pre-Determination Settlement Agreements
      1. LCHR No.: 12-0725-017-H (To be handed out)

V. Old Business

VI. New Business
   A. HUD Contract

VII. Public Comment**

VIII. Adjournment

**Public comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public may address any item of interest to the LCHR during this open session with the exception of LCHR cases. Also, no member of the public who wishes to address the Commission will be allowed to examine any individual Commissioner or staff member on any item/question before the Commission unless invited to do so by the Chairperson.
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT VACCINES NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO PRIVately INSURED CHILDREN

Parents encouraged to seek vaccines for insured children at primary care providers

Beginning October 1, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD) will no longer provide vaccines (immunizations) to children who are fully covered for recommended vaccines by a private health insurance plan.

Those who will continue to remain eligible to receive vaccinations from the Health Department include the following:

- Children with private health insurance who do not have coverage for vaccines
- Children who have met a cap on their vaccine coverage (considered under-insured)
- Privately insured children who do not have coverage for a particular vaccine recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Children through age 18 with Medicaid coverage
- Those who are uninsured (have no insurance) or under-insured (not enough insurance)
- Those of American Indian and/or Alaskan Native descent.

LLCHD officials encourage all children to seek medical care, including vaccinations, through their primary care provider or medical home. “Obviously, this change may be confusing for parents who have privately insured children, so Health Department nurses will be available to answer questions about eligibility,” said Andrea Haberman, LLCHD Community Health Services Manager. Parents may call the Information and Referral line to speak to a nurse at 402-441-8065, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. They also should consult their private insurance company regarding vaccine coverage.

Vaccination is a critical component of health care for everyone. Starting vaccines on time and keeping them up-to-date is especially important for children who are not immune and therefore vulnerable to the serious illnesses vaccines prevent.

More information on vaccines is available at health.lincoln.ne.gov.
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

September 19, 2012

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

[Commissioner Lust absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 5, 2012. **APPROVED, 7-0 (Lust absent)**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action)

   PERMITS:

   1.1 Special Permit No. 12031, for the expansion of a nonconforming use to allow alcohol for consumption on the premises in an outdoor seating area on property generally located at W. Fletcher Avenue and NW 1st Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated September 5, 2012, 7-0 (Lust absent).
   Resolution No. PC-01301.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None.
3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE WITH RELATED ITEMS:

4.1a Change of Zone No. 12028, from R-2 Residential District to R-4 Residential District, on property generally located at 720 West C Street.
Staff Recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Lust absent).
Scheduling the Public Hearing before City Council pending.

4.1b Special Permit No. 1733E, an amendment to the Muff 3rd Addition Community Unit Plan, to add a 1.41 acre parcel to allow an additional 24 multiple-family dwelling units, on property generally located at 720 West C Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated August 9, 2012, 7-0 (Lust absent).
Resolution No. PC-01302.

MISCELLANEOUS:

4.2 Waiver No. 12016, to waive the requirement of the Land Subdivision Ordinance to construct sidewalks, on property generally located at N. 48th Street and Doris Bair Circle. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: APPROVAL, 7-0 (Lust absent).
Resolution No. PC-01303.

4.3 Waiver No. 12017, to waive the requirement of the Land Subdivision Ordinance to construct sidewalks, on property generally located at N. 48th Street and Superior Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Denial
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Had public hearing.
Planning Commission ‘final action’: DENIED, 6-1 (Francis dissenting; Lust absent).
** AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO **

** PENDING LIST:**

1a. Annexation No. 12004, to annex approximately 5 acres, more or less, generally located at S. 84th Street and Amber Hill Road.
   (9-5-12: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on October 3, 2012, at the request of the applicant.)

1b. Change of Zone No. 12027, from AGR Agricultural Residential District to R-3 Residential District, on property generally located at S. 84th Street and Amber Hill Road.
   (9-5-12: Planning Commission voted 8-0 to continue public hearing on October 3, 2012, at the request of the applicant.)

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The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at
http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm
TO : Mayor Chris Beutler
Lincoln City Council

FROM : Jean Preister, Planning

DATE : September 20, 2012

RE : Notice of final action by Planning Commission: September 19, 2012

Please be advised that on September 19, 2012, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution No. PC-01301**, approving Special Permit No. 12031, requested by G & C Investments, for authority to expand a nonconforming use to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises in an expanded outdoor beer garden on the premises of The Hylander Bar located at 110 West Fletcher Avenue.

**Resolution No. PC-01302**, approving Special Permit No. 1733E, requested by Park Ridge Apartments Too, LLC, for authority to amend the Muff 3rd Addition Community Unit Plan to add 1.41 acres and up to 24 additional dwelling units, on property generally located at South Folsom Street and West C Street.

**Resolution No. PC-01303**, approving Waiver No. 12016, requested by Donald Linscott on behalf of LPR Partnership, to waive the required sidewalks along North 48th Street abutting Doris Bair Park 2nd Addition, generally located at North 48th Street and Doris Bair Circle, until such time as North 48th Street is improved to City standards, at which time the sidewalk shall be installed at the Subdivider’s expense.

Please also be advised that on September 19, 2012, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission voted 6-1 to **deny** the following waiver request:

**Waiver No. 12017**, requested by Donald Linscott on behalf of the David L. Gyhra Revocable Trust, to waive the required sidewalks along North 48th Street abutting the 48th and Superior Addition, generally located at North 48th Street and Superior Street.

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP12031, SP1733E, WVR12016, WVR12017). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.
Memorandum

Date: September 18, 2012
To: City Clerk

From: Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.

Re: Administrative Approvals

cc: Jean Preister, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from September 11, 2012 thru September 17, 2012:

**Administrative Amendment No. 12042** to Pre-Existing Use Permit No. 9S, Edgewood Shopping Center, approved by the Planning Director on September 13, 2012, requested by Orange Development Inc., to amend the site plan to show a revised lot layout to accommodate a proposed pharmacy, on property generally located near S. 56th St. and Highway 2.
September 17, 2012

Chairman, Lincoln City Council
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508
Councilpacket@lincoln.ne.gov
Mayor@lincoln.ne.gov

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment in the newly constructed N Street right-of-way, from 7th to 9th Street. As an architect that has been involved in several streetscape beautification projects in Lincoln over the past 20 years, as well as a Lincoln native, I consider the results along N Street an eyesore for our community, and a hindrance to the success of local businesses!

Our business, Erickson Sullivan Architects, is located adjacent to this N Street development, at the southwest corner of 9th and N. Although I appreciate the City's desire to provide ample drive lanes for the upcoming opening of the arena, it is very disappointing that the result we see today was obviously completed without adequate public and design professional input. Regrettably, I believe this is the result of Public Works' engineering focused only on moving traffic, and political pressures focused only on the goal to have an open roadway to the arena, regardless of the results.

In my professional design opinion, the current solution failed in several aspects, as follows:

1. It eliminated numerous parking stalls, despite the public's desire to maintain as much on-street parking as possible in the downtown area. I don't believe parking along the south side must be parallel, given N Street is not intended to be a major exit from the arena.
2. It created a public right-of-way that is void of trees and planting beds. Although I have heard rumors that the landscaping will eventually be installed, I have seen no current plans reflecting the intention to beautify the area anytime soon.
3. It created sidewalks that are wider than necessary, at the expense of parking and the potential larger planting beds.
4. It created a bike path that is wider than necessary, and only protected from traffic by unsightly reflector posts.
5. It created a confusing perception for motorists. I have personally witnessed motorists continuing eastward at 9th Street despite the one-way west street pattern east of 9th Street.

Although I have not been involved in planning meetings for this project, except for one public presentation regarding bike routes in general, I have included a preliminary drawing concept for an alternative design solution which I hope raises discussion for what "could have been". I think this proposal improves several aspects of the current design, as follows:

1. Given N Street is not intended to be a major exit from the arena, it provides diagonal parking on the south side of N, thereby maintaining more parking stalls in the area.
2. Given pedestrian traffic is not as intense in this area as compared to other downtown areas, it reduces the sidewalk width to provide additional area for the bike path, planting beds and diagonal parking.
3. This scheme provides the room for a raised median between the parking and bike lane, providing better safety and room for parking meters, regardless of the type of meters. This is more consistent with what Crandall Aramubla presented in a public meeting.
4. Consistent with typical Parks Department bike lanes, it reduces the bike lane width to 8', which allows more room for the median and parking areas.
Although this concept is certainly subject to further discussion regarding specific details, I believe this is an example of a solution that considers all aspects of design; including merchant needs, bicycle safety, street beautification, traffic, pedestrian and parking needs. I only hope that the City Council and City officials will take a second look at the current results and consider alternative solutions. I strongly feel the current solution only considers the movement of motorists, and fails to consider many other design aspects that can make our downtown streets and businesses more successful.

Thank you,

Scott Sullivan
Erickson Sullivan Architects
September 18, 2012

Chairman, Lincoln City Council  
Lincoln City Council  
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Lincoln, NE 68508  
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I'm writing to register my dissatisfaction and concern over the ultimate design of "N" St. between 7th and 9th Streets.

First of all, it has changed a lot from the official (1st) bid map.

The concept has evolved into a ridiculous, and confusing, mess:

1) The sidewalks, at least on the south, don't need to be anywhere near as wide as they are. Neither Baker Hardware, Midwest Steel, Perry Demma, Erickson-Sullivan rely on much foot traffic.

2) The Bike Lanes were not part of the plan, as I was told numerous times. In my opinion, there will never be much Bike Traffic on "N" St.

3) The loss of all the Angle Parking spots in front of my store will be devastating. Even with our Customer Parking to the east of our building, which is routinely full numerous times daily, our customers will not have many good options. To place 3 parallel parking spots to the north of the bike lane, so far from the curb, is absurd. I have already noticed that when those spots are occupied, traffic going East pulls up behind the parked cars and stops, thinking that they are in a traffic lane.

4) The loss of angle parking creates even more congestion as Demma's, Erickson-Sullivan's, and Iasan & Sebastians customers will have no places to park, except in our lot. This further compounds our Customer Parking problem. (Not to mention hurt feelings all around when we have cars towed if they are not our Customers.)

5) At the sake of belaboring the essential point, Motorists are very confused, our parking and our neighbor's parking are lost - all for the sake of Bike Lanes (and I'm a biker)

This is NOT the best use of "N" St.

Please reconsider this design and Give Us Back What We, And Haymarket, Customers Want!!!!--ON STREET PARKING!!!

Sincerely, Dave White President-Baker Hdwe. Co. Inc.
AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
Friday, September 21, 2012 – 9:30 A.M.
LES Board Room
1040 “O” Street

9:30 A.M. TAB
1. Call to Order

2. Approve Amended Minutes of the August 17, 2012 Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board

3. Comments from Customers

4. Committee Reports
   A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
      *1. Approval of Southwest Reliability Project (SRP) Transmission Line Route – LES Resolution 2012-13 ................................................. 1
      
   B. Budget & Rates Committee
      
   C. Personnel & Organization Committee
      
   D. Communications & Marketing Committee

5. Recognition of Matt McNair – LES Resolution 2012-14 ........................................... 1a

6. Administrator & CEO Reports
   A. 2013 Proposed Budget Overview ............................................................... 2
   B. Report on 2012 LES/IBEW 1536 United Way/Community Health Charities/Community Services Fund Pacesetter Campaign ....................... 3

7. Chief Operating Officer’s Reports
   A. 2012 Weather Adjusted to Peak Loads Report................................. 4
   B. Central Lincoln Reliability Project (CLRP) Update............................. 5
   C. Wellness Program Update ................................................................. 6

8. Other Business
   A. Monthly Financial and Power Supply Reports ....................................... 7
   B. Miscellaneous Information .................................................................... 8

9. Adjournment

* Denotes Action Items

Next Administrative Board meeting Friday, October 19, 2012.
I. CITY CLERK

II. MAYOR & DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

MAYOR
1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler’s public schedule for the week of September 22nd through September 28, 2012.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Library Exhibit tells of wartime escape of “Curious George” creators.

III. DIRECTORS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS

CARL ESKRIDGE
1. Letter from Annette Murrell in support of renaming 14th Street from O to P as Larry Boehmer Boulevard.

V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS
Date: September 21, 2012  
Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

**Mayor Beutler’s Public Schedule**  
**Week of September 22 through 28, 2012**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Saturday, September 22  
• Lincoln Arts Festival Patron Sponsor Breakfast, remarks - 9:30 a.m., near Barnes and Noble Booksellers, SouthPointe Pavilions, 2910 Pine Lake Road

Sunday, September 23  
• Kloefkorn Elementary School dedication - 2 p.m., 6601 Glass Ridge Dr.  
• Tastes in the Tallgrass - 4 p.m., Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, Denton, NE

Tuesday, September 25  
• Corrections Joint Public Agency (JPA) - 9 a.m., Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.  
• KFOR - 12:30 p.m. (*previously recorded*)

Thursday, September 27  
• KFOR - 7:45 a.m.  
• Gateway Senior Living Center groundbreaking, remarks - 10 a.m., 225 N. 56th St.  
• Mayor’s Commission on Women 35th anniversary luncheon, remarks - 11:30 a.m., Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St.  
• Capital Humane Society annual celebration and recognition, remarks - 6:30 p.m., Cornhusker Hotel

Friday, September 28  
• Confucius Institute celebration of National Day of the People’s Republic of China and fifth anniversary of the Confucius Institute - 5:30 p.m., Van Brunt Visitors Center, 313 N. 13th St.
LIBRARY EXHIBIT TELLS OF WARTIME ESCAPE
OF “CURIOUS GEORGE” CREATORS

A free exhibit telling the story of the creators of the “Curious George” series opens October 17 at the Bennett Martin Public Library, 136 S. 14th Street in Lincoln. The Wartime Escape: Margret and H.A. Rey’s Journey from France tells of the Reys escape from the Nazi invasion of Paris at the start of World War II. Lincoln City Libraries also is planning several events in connection with the exhibit, which will be on display through November 21.

The exhibit is based in part on the 2005 publication, The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey, written by Louise Borden and illustrated by Allan Drummond (Houghton Mifflin Company, New York). The Jewish couple stashed a few belongings and manuscripts in their knapsacks and bicycle baskets and fled Paris in June 1940, starting a five month odyssey by bike, train and boat that would eventually bring them to the U.S. A month after their arrival, they received a new contract from Houghton Mifflin for “The Adventures of Fifi,” later re-titled “The Adventures of Curious George,” a series about an irrepressible brown monkey enjoyed by children for decades.

The exhibit features 27 framed art prints by Drummond and archival images from the DeGrummond Collection of Children’s Literature at the University of Southern Mississippi. It is being toured by ExhibitsUSA, a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Events scheduled at the Bennett Martin Public Library during the exhibit include:

- **A free workshop for educators** is scheduled from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m., Thursday, October 4. It features Beth Seldin Dotan, Director of the Institute for Holocaust Education in Omaha, who organized and curated the exhibit. She will train educators to better understand Borden’s book and its illustrations. The first 30 individuals to sign up will receive a free book. Educators are required to pre-register by calling 402-441-8512.

- Dr. Lou Leviticus, a Holocaust survivor from Lincoln, will speak at the John H. Ames Reading Series at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 21. Leviticus has written a book about his personal World War II experiences and his escape from the Nazis in the Netherlands.

- The exhibit will be open for a First Friday Art Walk Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, November 2. Refreshments will be served.

- **more**
• **Lunch at the Library** at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, November 7 will feature Donna Walter, Education Coordinator for the Institute for Holocaust Education. The event is sponsored by the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association, and participants are invited to bring their lunches.

For more information on the exhibit and events, visit lincolnlibraries.org or call 402-441-8500.

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*More about the exhibit:*
The *Wartime Escape* begins in the years prior to World War II, explores the couple’s early creative collaborations and traces how the story of George himself spanned the wartime period. The monkey emerged as a character in one of their pre-World War II stories, and the manuscript that became “Curious George” was already in progress by 1939. However, wartime constraints on printing as well as the general turmoil of the period prevented the original contract from being fulfilled. When the Reys were forced to flee Paris along with thousands of other refugees in advance of the German occupation, the manuscript and illustrations for the book were among the few personal possessions they managed to take with them. Escaping via Spain and Portugal, then across the Atlantic to Brazil, the Reys reached the U.S. in October 1940.

*About ExhibitsUSA and Mid-America Arts Alliance:*
ExhibitsUSA sends more than 20 exhibitions on tour to more than 100 small- and mid-sized communities every year. Mid-America is the oldest nonprofit regional arts organization in the U.S. More information is available at www.maaa.org and [www.eusa.org](http://www.eusa.org).
The Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission will hold a scheduled public meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2012. The meeting will convene at 8:00 a.m. in Development Services Center Room 214, 2nd Floor, County-City Building, 555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, to consider the following agenda. For more information, please contact the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department at (402) 441-7491.

**Agenda of September 27, 2012**

1. Approval of meeting notes of [August 23, 2012](#)
   
   * Memo from Ed Zimmer

**Public Hearing & Action**

2. Certificate of Appropriateness for the Scottish Rite Temple for work at 332 Centennial Mall South in the Capitol Environs District.
3. Certificate of Appropriateness for work on Block 120 in the Original Plat of Lincoln, bounded by Lincoln Mall and S. 11th, S. 12th, K Streets in the Capitol Environs District.
4. Certificate of Appropriateness for McMaster Enterprise Inc. for demolition at 1236 H Street in the Capitol Environs District.

**Discussion**

5. Update and Miscellaneous
September 18, 2012

Councilman Carl Eskridge
555 South 10th St., Room 111
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Councilman Eskridge:

As a longtime resident of Lincoln, I want to join the chorus of voices who propose naming 14th Street from "O" to "P" Streets "Larry Bochmer Boulevard."

Not only did Larry make Lincoln, Nebraska a musical landmark that all great blues musicians and enthusiasts know and love, he also supported local artists, like me. Today, the Zoo Bar carries on Larry's legacy, so it is fitting to pay homage to the man who began it all.

I humbly ask you to approve this lasting tribute for a great man who deserves more than we, as a community, can ever bestow upon him.

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

[Signature]

Annette Louise Murrell, Ph.D., CPSWS