

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

February, 6, 2008, 9:15 AM to 12:00 noon CT

Videoconference Locations:

Lincoln-Executive: Lincoln Executive Bldg.-Suite 103, 521 S 14th St.

Columbus: Columbus Public Library-Columbus Rm., 2nd Fl., 2504 14th St.

Kearney: Public Library and Info. Center-2nd Fl., 2020 First Avenue

Norfolk: NECC (Northeast Community College) MaClay Bldg.-Rm. 122, 801 East Benjamin Ave.

Omaha-SOB: State Office Bldg.-Rm. 207 (2nd Fl.), 1313 Farnam St.

Wayne: Wayne State College, Conn Library, Rm. 15, 1111 Main St.

Scottsbluff: Panhandle Research & Extension Center High Plains Rm., 4502 Avenue

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rod Armstrong, Alt. for Brad McPeak, AIM Institute
Jason Barelman, Wayne State College
Don Costello, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Norene Fitzgerald, Economic Development Professional
Dean Folkers, Department of Education
Darla Heggem, Twin Cities Development, Scottsbluff-Gering
John Jordison, Great Plains Communications
Lynn Manhart, Central City Public Library
Caleb T. Pollard, Nebraska Department of Economic Development;
Angie Ramaekers, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Dan Shundoff, Intellicom
Ted Smith, Norfolk Public Library
Jerry Vap, Public Service Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Anderson, City of Central City; Mitch Arnold, Preferred Partners, LLC; Scott W. Bovick, City of Nebraska City; Linda Fettig, Rural Development Commission; Bethanne Kunz, Valley County Economic Development; Joan Modrell, Department of Labor; Michael Nolan, City of Norfolk; Rivkah Sass, Omaha Public Library

ROLL CALL, NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA, NOTICE OF NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT POSTING

Meeting announcement posted on the Nebraska Public Meeting Calendar and NITC Web site on Jan. 11, 2008. The agenda was posted on January 17, 2008. A copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available on the door and at the table near the door with the meeting materials.

APPROVAL OF JULY 16, 2007 MINUTES*, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007*, AND NOVEMBER 5, 2007 MINUTES*

Mr. Jordison moved to approve the [July 16, 2007](#), [September 24, 2007](#), and the [November 5, 2007](#) minutes as presented. Mr. Vap seconded. Roll call vote: [Barelman-Yes](#), [Fitzgerald-Yes](#), [Folkers-Yes](#), [Heggem-Yes](#), [Jordison-Yes](#), [Armstrong-Yes](#), [Smith-Yes](#), [Pollard-Yes](#), [Ramaekers-Yes](#), [Shundoff-Yes](#), and [Vap-Yes](#). Results: Yes-11, No-0. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roger Hahn, Nebraska Information Network, informed the council about a Web site called [Speed Matters](#), using a diagram of connection points and transport tiers. The Web site is hosted by the [Communications Workers of America](#). Congestion along any of the connection points can impact the connection speed reported. Lynn Manhart and Don Costello joined the meeting via phone.

SOCIAL NETWORKING AND OTHER NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR COMMUNITIES

Caleb Pollard and Tim O'Brien, Department of Economic Development

Mr. Pollard and Mr. O'Brien highlighted information on demographics of Internet users, Web site content, design and management. (Click on presentation link for more detailed information and charts.) Their presentation emphasized the importance of technology to small and medium-sized communities. Population is the biggest challenge facing small and medium-sized communities. Technology and marketing can help communities attract talent. Of the top 30 fastest growing occupations in the U.S., 23 are technology and health care related.

Nebraska success stories include:

- ◆ www.dorchesterimes.blogspot.com
- ◆ www.growneb.com
- ◆ www.wehavejobs.net
- ◆ www.calamusoutfitters.com
- ◆ www.ordturfpro.com
- ◆ www.nanonation.com
- ◆ www.norfolkarea.org
- ◆ www.journalstar.com/blogs
- ◆ www.cabelas.com
- ◆ www.polkacatalog.com
- ◆ www.thegoodoldsdays.com

UPDATES

Legislative Update. The NITC Web site has information on legislation dealing with technology (http://www.nitc.ne.gov/itc/sg/legislation.html#2008_Bills). LB 823 would strengthen the NITC's authority to monitor enterprise I.T. projects. An amendment would add two additional advisory groups under the NITC - the GIS (Geospatial Information Systems) Steering Committee and NIDCAC. Mr. Vap noted that LB 815, LB 829, and LB 755 were introduced on behalf of the Public Service Commission.

LB 1208 Update. Phase 1 is completed. Phase 2 bidding went out but had to be reopened. Several of the participants in Phase 2 have opted to wait until phase 3 which will begin in 2009. Dr. Costello asked if the Department of Defense standards for course compliance to share courseware has been addressed yet. If not, Dr. Costello has information that he could provide the Distance Education Council. If members had more questions about LB 1208, they were asked to contact Tom Rolfes of the OCIO.

MEMBERSHIP

Election of Co-Chair. The floor opened for nominations. Mr. Jordison nominated Noreen Fitzgerald. Mr. Folkers seconded the nomination. The nominations ceased.

Roll call vote: Barelman-Yes, Costello-Yes, Fitzgerald-Abstain, Folkers-Yes, Heggem-Yes, Jordison-Yes, Manhart-Yes, Armstrong-Yes, Smith-Yes, Pollard-Yes, Ramaekers-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, and Vap-Yes. Results: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-1. Motion carried.

Brad McPeak resignation & Rod Armstrong nomination. Mr. McPeak has resigned and nominated Rod Armstrong as his replacement. Mr. Armstrong is currently Mr. McPeak's alternate on the council. Mr. Armstrong had worked for the State of Nebraska for 20 years and is currently working with AIM.

Mr. Jordison moved to approve the nomination of Rod Armstrong as Mr. Peak's replacement. Mr. Vap seconded.

Roll call vote: Barelman-Yes, Costello-Yes, Fitzgerald-Yes, Folkers-Yes, Heggem-Yes, Jordison-Yes, Manhart-Yes, Armstrong-Abstain, Smith-Yes, Pollard-Yes, Ramaekers-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, and Vap-Yes. Results: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-1. Motion carried.

Mr. Pollard will talk to Tim O'Brien about serving on the council.

Mr. Costello left the meeting due to a teaching commitment.

ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The [proposed action plans](#) were reviewed. Council members provided recommended changes. There were no major changes.

Mr. Vap moved to approve the Community Council's action plans with the recommended changes. Mr. Pollard seconded.

Roll call vote: Fitzgerald-Yes, Folkers-Yes, Heggem-Yes, Jordison-Not Present, Manhart- Yes, Armstrong-Yes, Smith-Yes, Pollard-Yes, Ramaekers-Yes, Shundoff-Yes, Vap-Yes, Barelman-Yes, and Costello-Not Present. Results: Yes-11, No-0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURN

Ms. Byers will poll members regarding their availability for the next meeting.

With no further business, Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.