

**Community Services Committee Meeting**  
**Douglas County, Nebraska**  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The meeting convened at 12:33 P.M. in Room 903, Omaha-Douglas Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street, Omaha, NE. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the wall near the entrance of the room. A notice of the meeting was published in the June 10, 2019, issue of *The Daily Record*. County Commissioners present at the meeting were Marc Kraft, Clare Duda and P.J. Morgan. Others present included Joe Lorenz, Diane Carlson, Patrick Bloomingdale and Catherine Hall, Administration; Kent Holm, Environmental Services; Larry Storer, Alex McLoon; and Kim Bollow, Clerk/Comptroller's office. Commissioner Kraft chairs the committee.

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Douglas County Website:  
<http://commissioners.douglascounty-ne.gov/board-meetings/videos>.

*Time markers for when each topic/item occurs during the video are in parentheses.*

**Introduction** (0:00 to 1:15) Commissioner Kraft opened the meeting, asked for introductions and for Commissioners to review applications.

**1. Zoning Board of Adjustment appointments** (1:15 to 5:42)

Commissioner Kraft: relayed that he had interviewed all applicants; gave time for all to review applications; provided thoughts on some; suggested Gary Nachman and Tracy Hightower-Henne. Announced the decision is for Mr. Nachman and Ms. Hightower-Henne.

Patrick Bloomingdale, Administration: provided feedback on an applicant.

Commissioners Duda and Morgan: asked for Kraft's recommendation; agreed with them.

**2. Visitors Promotion Council appointments** (5:42 to 9:00)

Commissioner Duda: gave feedback on some applicants, gave recommendation.

Commissioner Morgan: gave feedback on some applicants, relayed possible conflict.

Commissioner Kraft: gave feedback on all applicants; gave recommendation, relayed Commissioner Borgeson had a recommendation. Todd Simon was the decision.

**3. Environmental Services discussion items** (9:25 to 38:20)

- **Follow up from the Waste Management Contract annual review**
- **Update on other sold waste-related items**

Kent Holm, Environmental Services: provided background on the Nebraska Integrated Solid Waste Management Act including task force, Heartland 2050 group, types of waste management; gave City of Omaha waste contract update. He provided an update about landfill tip fees that offset county taxes, plastic recycling, solid waste reporting, LB1101 correlation, LB580, and addressed disposal of dead horses/animals.

Commissioner Morgan: asked about city waste collection with trees, alleys & parkways.

Joe Lorenz, Administration: relayed thoughts on current city waste collection.

Larry Storer, citizen: spoke of Eastern Omaha issues with trees, alleyways, large vehicles; problems with new City of Omaha proposal.

Mr. Holm and Commissioner Morgan: addressed Mr. Storer's concerns.

Commissioner Kraft: asked about waste pickup and processes regarding animal disposal.

Commissioner Duda: asked about animal disposal laws.

- ***Update on department flood response***

Mr. Holm: provided response history including original assessment, notices posted, analysis & assessment process.

Commissioner Kraft: asked about building access processes.

- ***Landscape management update***

Mr. Holm: provided images and updates at the Health Center and West Campus including flowers, renovation, shade, storm water, walking path plans, goal for less mowing and more visual interest; provided grant sources.

Commissioner Kraft asked about trees plans and grant eligibility.

- ***Other Environmental Services department information updates***

Mr. Holm reviewed the DC Comprehensive Development Plan, to be coming to Board & Planning Commissioner in future.

#### ***4. Other business***

None.

The meeting adjourned at 1:12 P.M.