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Mayors' Institute on City Design public events in Lincoln, Nebraska: August 19th & 20th

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Mayor Chris Beutler invites you to join him as he hosts the Mayors' Institute on City Design (MICD) Tuesday, August 19, and Wednesday, August 20, as part of the MICD's "Alumni Technical Assistance Institute."

Members of the Institute will be in Lincoln to offer their professional views on the latest conceptual West Haymarket site plans. Lincoln is one of only four communities selected from over a hundred cities across the nation to participate in this program. The Mayor's Institute on City Design is a partnership of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the American Architectural Foundation. The Institute was founded in 1985 as a way to aid mayors in finding solutions to critical urban design challenges facing their cities.

During their two day stay in Lincoln, members of the Institute will hold two major public events you are invited to attend:

Tuesday, August 19, Lincoln Station, 6:00 p.m.

"Views From the Field: National Design Experts Present Best Practices in Sustainable Development"

Design professionals from the Institute will offer their thoughts on how communities can address contemporary urban design challenges. This lively event will feature brief opening remarks by each member of the MICD's Design Team to be followed by questions and comments from the public.

Wednesday, August 20, Council Chambers (County-City Bldg), 1:00 p.m.

"West Haymarket Conceptual Plans: A Perspective from the Mayors' Institute's Design Professionals"

After spending time with local public and private officials, the Institute design professionals will present their thoughts on the conceptual West Haymarket plans - what they like, don't like, and ideas of what Lincoln might want to consider to enhance the conceptual plans.

The members of the Mayors' Institute who will be in Lincoln to assist our community in crafting a new plan for the West Haymarket are:

Maurice Cox, Director of Design for the National Endowment for the Arts. Mr. Cox is an architectural educator, urban designer and former Mayor of the City of Charlottesville, VA. He currently teaches in the University of Virginia's School of Architecture.

Ray S. 'Rip' Farris III, Tuscan Development. Mr Farris is a real estate developer and urban designer. He is also a visiting professor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Charnelle Hicks, Founder and Principal of CHPlanning, Ltd. Ms. Hicks's firm specializes in land use, environmental justice, and environmental planning in Philadelphia, PA.

Paul Okamoto, Okamoto-Saijo Architecture. Mr. Okamoto is an expert in sustainable design with a strong emphasis on architecture and neighborhood planning.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kent Morgan or Michele Abendroth in the Lincoln Planning Department at 402.441.6164.

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