

Meeting to examine city's 'Vital Signs'

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A further discussion of Lincoln's "Vital Signs" is planned for Monday, 7-8:30 p.m., on the fifth floor of the Lincoln Community Foundation Building, 215 Centennial Mall South.

The public is invited to the meeting, entitled "Leading with the Boldest of Dreams," to look at the vital signs in the Lincoln area and then to help develop ideas for implementing improvements.

Nancy Shank of the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center will provide a presentation on Lincoln's "Vital Signs" derived from her research on the state of the city.

The "Vital Signs" discussion will examine Lincoln employment and living wage issues, its changes in poverty rate over the last several years, the effects of income on students and education in Lincoln, Lincoln's health profile, and its crime rate.

Don Tilley will then present possible projects for Lincoln that might improve the city's vital signs, potential actions whose direction he has learned about from studying the actions of various cities around the world.

Finally, participants will be asked to rate the proposed projects or propose their own possible improvements for the city. Organizers said suggestions will be forwarded to Mayor Chris Beutler and the City Council for consideration.

The meeting is sponsored by Nebraskans for Peace's Lincoln chapter along with The Center for People in Need, The Growing Place and First Plymouth Congregational Church's Peace and Justice Committee.