



individual and the community. Too often, the city runs from fire to fire, not stepping back to look at the larger picture.

"Lincoln is a wonderful place to raise a family," Fortenberry said, but the pressures of growth can produce social decay. "I'm worried about that. I want Lincoln to stay a safe, secure, well-managed community."

The city should take such steps as identifying major arterial streets at the edge of town and anticipating their future high traffic levels. But older neighborhoods in the interior must not be left behind, Fortenberry said.

Carol McShane said her candidacy sprang from concern about the proposed sale of the city-owned Lincoln General Hospital to the private Bryan Memorial Hospital.

"I find it amazing," McShane said, referring to how quickly the mayor and council reached this de-

LIBA and its interest in an organization in government restructuring, consolidation and privatization where possible. His campaign theme of prudent stewardship of public resources is consistent with LIBA's philosophy, he said.

Michael Floyd also touched on the Lincoln General sale, saying if the city has a good case to make for its proposal, it should sell that to the public and let the people decide.

Floyd also talked of managing Lincoln's growth, saying good management demands better public transportation.

"Can you start a business by expecting people to come in before you open the doors?" he asked LIBA members, adding that that is the city's attitude toward StarTran.

Floyd said he thinks the city is wrong in how it is handling the firefighters' pay issue. The council voted Monday to appeal state-ordered firefighter pay raises to the Nebraska Supreme Court. He also

Johnson recalled how LIBA members have challenged her and held her accountable while in office. "You are all part of the last four years," she said.

One of her priorities is more economic development, including bringing more jobs to Lincoln and broadening the tax base. "We've got to do something that allows us to be more business-friendly," Johnson said. "This city is hungry for economic development."

She noted that the amount Lincoln homeowners are paying in property taxes to support city government has declined in recent years and the importance of consistency to capitalize on that.

"You have had a progressive mayor and a progressive council," Johnson said.

Candidates Jack Schebel Jr., Dominic Sumner, Corkey Ford, Mike Edgar and Randy Nelsen did not attend.

Man who leaped off building leaves hospital

The man who survived a plunge from the roof of the seven-story Crossroads House downtown on March 6 has been released from Lincoln General Hospital.

Adrian Martinez, 23, plunged 86

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many contract workers. Another union member, Karen Girch of Beatrice, said she has seen cuts in support areas while layers of management increased.

Robin Smith, an employee with

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