

Malone mum on controversy

By Amy Edwards
Senior Reporter

Officials from the Malone Community Center and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have been close-mouthed this summer about an ongoing controversy over Malone-area land.

UNL wants the land to expand the university's boundaries into the eight-block section between 19th and 22nd streets and Vine and S streets. Plans for expansion have posed controversy in the Malone area for residents who feel their land has been threatened.

Former Lincoln Mayor Roland Luedtke appointed a task force last May to explore alternatives on the compatibility of the needs of the Malone

community, the city of Lincoln and UNL.

The task force includes representatives from the Malone Community Center, the Malone Neighborhood Association, the university and the city.

David Sallee, administrative assistant to Mayor Bill Harris, said Harris wants the problem solved in the near future.

"Both the Malone neighborhood and UNL are valuable to the city of Lincoln," Sallee said. "Something must be done."

Christina Godfrey, executive director of the Malone Community Center, said committee members were asked not to comment on the project for the next three months. The committee has

until October to complete the study on the area and reach a decision.

Bert Harris, administrator of economic development for the city of Lincoln, said the committee has concentrated on defining the needs of each interest group and the sources of conflict, trying to "build a foundation for understanding."

"This is not an easy process," Harris said. "It may be resolved in three months. It may never be resolved to everyone's satisfaction."

Members on the committee include Tophers Hansen and Greg Wright the Neighborhood Association, Godfrey and the Rev. Terry Cain of the Malone Community Center; John Goebel and Gary Schwendiman of UNL; and Dallas McGee and Bert Harris of Lincoln.

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AIDS education group to be official

By Kari Hulac
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Although the AIDS Education Task Force still hasn't been officially appointed by the university it met throughout the summer in preparation for fall AIDS education efforts.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said last May he was planning to request that the task force — informally organized more than a year ago — be appointed to develop educational programs for the university community.

Griesen was unavailable for comment, but a spokesperson for his office said it has chosen individuals from the university community to join the task force and will officially appoint the group during the first week of school.

Griesen said in May that the University Health Center's budget will have

\$4,000 earmarked for AIDS education and other funds will be available.

Health Center director Dr. Gerald Fleischli said he was in touch with Griesen throughout the summer, and the delay in the official appointment was caused by Griesen's busy schedule combined with task force members' absences because of summer vacation.

The task force, composed of students, university and state health professionals, and state and county health department representatives, is working to educate students and faculty to reduce risk of developing AIDS.

Dr. Margaret Nellis, University Health Center community health coordinator and task force member, attended an AIDS workshop at the American College Health Associations' national meeting in Chicago this summer.

Nellis said speakers at the convention stressed that although college

students are getting the message that AIDS is a serious disease, they are not changing their behavior.

Nellis said the workshop dealt with using the classroom and media to reach various groups.

"University faculty and educators must be comfortable and knowledgeable in talking about condoms and AIDS," she said. Nellis said the task force hopes to bring guest speakers to preorganized groups such as fraternities and sororities that already are obligated to meet in order to expose individuals to information on AIDS in a comfortable atmosphere.

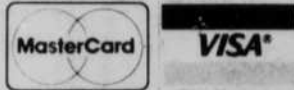
"There are a lot of problems in putting together materials and programs that will reach everyone," Nellis said. "It is such an emotional subject. I don't think it is possible to make everyone happy."

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