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ANTELOPE PARK ROSE GARDEN RENOVATION CAMPAIGN REACHES ITS GOAL

Lincoln's only municipal rose garden will be renovated and reopened in 2008.

The campaign to renovate, restore and modernize the Antelope Park Rose Garden has successfully reached its \$350,000 goal. The campaign was kicked off in April of 2006 with a generous donation from Don Hamann, owner of Sartor Hamann Jewelers and avid rose grower.

Partnering with the Lincoln Parks Foundation and Parks and Recreation Department, the Lincoln Rose Society led the effort.

"It has been a great experience," Normalee Stadler, Lincoln Rose Society President, said, "to see the wonderful support the Lincoln community has given to the project."

Sandra Hilsabeck-Hastings, Lincoln Parks Foundation Board President, was excited to see the campaign completed so quickly. "The people of Lincoln love their public gardens," she said, commenting on their previous support of the Sunken Gardens renovation.

Renovation work has already begun. Last fall, the public was invited to harvest roses from the formal garden. The garden will be renovated this summer and officially reopened in 2008. Once opened, the new garden will boast over 100 varieties of roses in a variety of colors and fragrances, a climbing rose pavilion, black iron gates and ornamental fencing and a central fountain surrounded by pavers in a rose formation.

During construction of the formal rose garden, the informal strolling garden will undergo minor modifications and be replanted to showcase hardy landscape roses best suited for our area with companion plantings of ornamental grasses and perennials. The informal strolling garden will be open in 2007.

For more information about the renovation, visit the Lincoln Parks Foundation website at www.lincolnparks.org.

The Lincoln Parks Foundation was founded in 1992 to enhance the City Parks and Recreation Department by securing, managing and allocating private funding. The mission of the Foundation is to provide funding "over and above" that provided by City tax dollars. For more information on the Lincoln Parks Foundation visit their website at www.lincolnparks.org or call 402.441.8258.

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