

MINUTES
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING
2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006
7:30 P.M.

LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Deb Schorr, Chair; Larry Hudkins, Ray Stevens; ABSENT: Bernie Heier, Bob Workman.

CITY OF LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Patte Newman, Chair; Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman, Dan Marvin, Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda; Absent: Jon Camp.

CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Meeting of the Lancaster County Board and the Lincoln City Council was convened at 7:45 p.m.

Lancaster County Board Chair Deb Schorr made introductions and called the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners to order.

Lincoln City Council Chair Patte Newman made introductions and called the Lincoln City Council Members to order.

ELECTION OF JOINT BODY CHAIR

A motion was made by Cook, seconded by Stevens to nominate Dan Marvin to serve as Chair of the Joint Bodies for this public hearing. With no further nominations being brought forward, the call for nominations was closed.

County Commissioners: AYES: Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens. NAYS: None; ABSENT: Heier, Workman. Motion carried.

City Council: AYES: Cook, Eschliman, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda. NAYS: None; ABSENT: Camp. Motion carried.

OPENING STATEMENT

Chair Dan Marvin made brief introductory remarks regarding the public hearing procedures and protocol. Chair Marvin invited those wishing to provide testimony to come forward, indicating that a five minute time limit would be utilized for comments.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Steve Henrichsen, Planning Department Special Projects Manner, appeared and provided a brief summary of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan. Henrichsen indicated that this proposed plan included a great deal of public input in the changes. A letter from Kent Seacrest, Seacrest & Kalkowski, PC, LLO was submitted for the official record (Exhibit A).

Peter Katt, 1045 Lincoln Mall, appeared representing the redevelopment of the North Forty Golf Course. Katt testified briefly and indicated he would be open to questions on the project. Katt indicated that the project would be back in front of the City Council in the near future.

Mike Eckert with the Civil Design Group, 3901 Normal Blvd., Suite 203, appeared to answer any questions regarding the Prairie Village North Development project at 84th and Adams Streets. The project will request

a shift to consolidate the commercial space to the north side of Adams street and integrate the 'town center', getting the commercial uses on the north side of Adams.

Ed Schneider, 7641 Leighton Avenue, appeared representing the Lincoln/Lancaster County Board of Health and Co-Chair of the Committee on Land Use Planning.

Schneider indicated he was here to answer any questions relating to public health and land use principles.

Eschliman inquired why Schneider had put forward proposal number fourteen. She expressed curiosity regarding the proposal and whether it had evolved from a suspected death around a gas line and if this was the impetus for the new proposal.

Schneider briefly provided background on the issue and indicated that certain land uses could have a detrimental effect on health. A joint land use committee was formed to study hazardous materials, including gas line locations, some general principles evolved from this discussion. Discussion was held on the issue of public notification of potential hazards.

Cook requested information from Marvin Krout, Planning Director, regarding a truck route plan located on page A-56 of the plan. Cook inquired as to whether the map should be deleted at this time (MTA #B). Krout concurred that the map could be deleted from the plan since it had not been adequately reviewed. Cook distributed a copy of two proposed amendments (MTA #A), including:

(1). "Delete from the Mobility and Transportation section, from the list of Proposed Studies, on page 112, the "Study east-west locations for additional 2 + 1 roads in Northeast Lincoln."

(2). "Delete from the Mobility and Transportation section, from the list of overall objectives on page 87, the statement "Encouraging new development to increase connectivity."

Krout indicated he concurred with the recommendation to delete those two statements.

Eschliman questioned the plans defined sizes of neighborhood centers. She indicated the square footage range for each center not previously defined was now a part of the plan however it appeared that an adequate definition for retail centers in the 175,000 to 250,000 square feet was lacking. Henrichsen indicated that there was not a category missing and the plan now will allow for an increase in neighborhood and community centers. Discussion was held on the concept of mixed use options. Cook stated that this was the result of a lengthy process and had received a great deal of Planning Commission attention and developer consensus.

Krout indicated that this plan is a guide only and not an ordinance and would allow for flexibility if a proposal were brought forward that fit the general spirit of the comprehensive plan.

VOTING SESSION

COOK Moved to approve the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan Update. The motion was seconded by McRoy.

STEVENS Moved to approve the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan Update. The motion was seconded by Schorr.

Marvin called for any amendments to the motions prior to a vote on acceptance.

COOK Moved, seconded by McRoy, to amend the October 25th edition of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan removing the following statements (MTA#A):

(1) "Delete from the Mobility and Transportation section, from the list of Proposed Studies, on page 112, the "Study east-west locations for additional 2 + 1 roads in Northeast Lincoln."

(2) "Delete from the Mobility and Transportation section, from the list of overall objectives on page 87, the statement "Encouraging new development to increase connectivity."

City Council: AYES: Cook, Eschliman, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: Camp. Motion carried.

SCHORR Moved, seconded by Hudkins, to amend the October 25th edition of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan removing the following statements (MTA#A):

(1) "Delete from the Mobility and Transportation section, from the list of Proposed Studies, on page 112, the "Study east-west locations for additional 2 + 1 roads in Northeast Lincoln."

(2) "Delete from the Mobility and Transportation section, from the list of overall objectives on page 87, the statement "Encouraging new development to increase connectivity."

County Commissioners: AYES: Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens; NAYS: None;
ABSENT: Heier, Workman. Motion carried.

COOK Moved, seconded by McRoy to delete the map relating to "Truck Routes and Major Generators" on page 56 of the plan. (MTA #B)

City Council: AYES: Cook, Eschliman, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: Camp. Motion carried.

SCHORR Moved, seconded by Stevens to delete the map relating to "Truck Routes and Major Generators" on page 56 of the plan. (MTA #B)

County Commissioners: AYES: Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens; NAYS: None;
ABSENT: Heier, Workman. Motion carried.

ESCHLIMAN Moved, seconded by Svoboda, to amend the first bullet paragraph on page 29, "The Economy", Guiding Principles to state: "Lincoln will nurture the environment for existing businesses, pro-actively attract high impact industries, welcome a broad variety of businesses, develop its entrepreneurial capacity through public and private partnerships, while leveraging its unique strengths in quality-of-life and education. (MTA #1)

City Council: AYES: Cook, Eschliman, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: Camp. Motion carried.

STEVENS Moved, seconded by Hudkins, to amend the first bullet paragraph on page 29, "The Economy", Guiding Principles to state: "Lincoln will nurture the environment for existing businesses, pro-actively attract high impact industries, welcome a broad variety of businesses, develop its entrepreneurial capacity through public and private partnerships, while leveraging its unique strengths in quality-of-life and education. (MTA #1)

County Commissioners: AYES: Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens; NAYS: None;
ABSENT: Heier, Workman. Motion carried.

ESCHLIMAN Moved, seconded by Svoboda to amend page 29, "The Economy", Guiding Principles, adding a bullet paragraph to state: "The City and County shall recognize the valuable role that sales tax contributes to the community, which provides a substantial portion of the City budget funds; and to that end it shall work to preserve, protect, and promote retailing for the community, particularly retailers that bring out-of-town business and tourism to Lincoln." (MTA #2) (Exact placement of the new paragraph to be determined.)

City Council: AYES: Cook, Eschliman, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: Camp. Motion carried.

SCHORR Moved, seconded by Hudkins, to amend page 29, "The Economy", Guiding Principles, adding a bullet paragraph to state: "The City and County, shall recognize the valuable role that sales tax contributes to the community, which provides a substantial portion of the City budget funds; and to that end it shall work to preserve, protect, and promote retailing for the community, particularly retailers that bring out-of-town business and tourism to Lincoln." (MTA #2) (Exact placement of the new paragraph to be determined.)

County Commissioners: AYES: Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Heier, Workman. Motion carried.

ESCHLIMAN Moved, seconded by McRoy to amend page 45, "Neighborhood Centers" (MTA #3) stating that staff will need to re-draft later, however the essence is, "The size parameters of Regional Centers, Community Centers and Neighborhood Centers leave us without provision in the Comprehensive Plan for shopping centers in the size range of 175,000 to 250,000 square feet."

Eschliman indicated that the exiting motion's language needs revision by staff prior to adoption. Newman indicated she would not support this language revision as this issue had been resolved and consensus with the developers had already taken place.

Cook indicated the broad ranges that have been identified are the most common, but does not preclude a developer from proposing a development that does not exactly fit a category. Cook also indicated he would not support a motion to revise this section.

Marvin stated that he also would not support the revision, indicating that a balanced approach had already been applied.

City Council: AYES: Eschliman; NAYS: Cook, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda. ABSENT: Camp. Motion failed.

Vote on the main motion to adopt the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan as amended.

City Council: AYES: Cook, Eschliman, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Camp. Motion carried.

County Commissioners: AYES: Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Heier, Workman. Motion carried.

The City Council resolution is numbered: **A-84127**

CALL TO ADJOURNMENT

STEVENS Moved, Hudkins seconded to adjourn the public hearing on the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan.

County Commissioners: AYES: Hudkins, Schorr, Stevens; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Heier, Workman. Motion carried.

COOK Moved, Svoboda seconded to adjourn the public hearing on the 2030 Comprehensive Plan/Long Range Transportation Plan.

City Council: AYES: Cook, Eschliman, Marvin, McRoy, Newman, Svoboda; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Camp. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Joint City/County meeting adjourned at **8:55 p.m.**

Prepared by:
Patricia Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Reviewed by: Joan E. Ross, CMC, City Clerk

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