IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016

I. MINUTES
1. Directors’ Meeting of December 5, 2016.

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’ CORRESPONDENCE
1. NEWS RELEASE. Sections of Pine Lake Road to close this week.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor chooses Topeka official as new Finance Director, Mr. Brandon Kauffmann.
   a) Brandon Kauffmann photo.
3. NEWS ADVISORY. Aging Partners and Home Instead Senior Care invite the media to attend the Be a Santa to a Senior holiday party Friday, December 23rd, 10:30 a.m., at the Aging Partners Downtown Senior Center, 1005 O Street.

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

FINANCE/BUDGET
1. Memo from Jan Bolin, Budget Office on December Sales Tax Reports.
   a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
   b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (with refunds added back in) 2012-2013 through 2016-2017;
   c) Sales Tax Refunds 2012-2013 through 2016-2017; and

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Administrative approvals by the Planning Director from December 13, 2016 through December 19, 2016.

WEST HAYMARKET JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY
1. The West Haymarket Joint Public Agency will meet Thursday, December 22nd, 3:30 p.m. Amended agenda and attachments available online.

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
(Held over from 12.05.16)
1. Visitors Promotion Committee (11.16.16) - Fellers
2. City Performance Audit (11.18.16) - Fellers, Raybould, Lamm
3. Problem Resolution Team (11.17.16 & 12.22.16) - Lamm
4. Downtown Lincoln Association (11.22.16) - Eskridge, Gaylor Baird
5. Partnership for Economic Development (12.01.16) - Camp, Christensen, Eskridge
6. Telecommunication/Cable TV Board (12.01.16) - Fellers
7. Correctional Facility Joint Public Agency - Gaylor Baird
   (Week of 12.05.16)
8. Railroad Transportation Safety District (12.05.16) - Christensen, Raybould, Lamm
9. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (12.08.16) - Christensen
10. Information Services Policy Committee - (12.05.16) Raybould
    (Week of 12.12.16)
11. Public Building Commission Chair and Mayor Meeting (12.13.16) - Raybould
13. Multicultural Advisory Committee (12.13.16) - Eskridge
14. Board of Health (12.13.16) - Raybould
   (Week of 12.19.16)
15. West Haymarket Joint Public Agency (12.22.16) - Eskridge

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JON CAMP
1. Scott Monroe asking the Costco location be reconsidered, and giving reasons why this location not ideal.
2. Sandra Hilsabeck in favor of the Lamm amendment.
3. Jennifer Schrader asking that the Costco planned for 14th and Pine Lake be approved.
5. Mary J. Cope listing her reasons why she’s in opposition to the proposed Costco.
6. Rebecca and Jerry Hutchison requesting Costco is approved for Lincoln.
7. Email with short explanation of why not to vote for the proposed Costco.

IX. CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE

1. Susie Gessert, memo in opposition to Costco building at 14th and Pine Lake.
2. Tom Campbell in support of Costco at 14th and Pine Lake. Feel concerns have been addressed by Costco’s revised plan, except the concern about property values being lowered.
3. Bill Kubly stating reasons why Costco is a great company, but this is the wrong location for many reasons. Think of the safety of our children.
5. Jennifer Pribil asking Council to vote yes on having a Costco store which she states would be an asset.
6. Chris Lee stating reasons why he is in support of having a Costco store at proposed location.
7. Kirk Laughlin in favor of Costco, with explanation of his neighborhood location.
8. Ron Anderson expressing support of the Costco store being proposed for Lincoln.
9. Michael Calvert supporting the proposed Costco on Pine Lake Road.
10. Tiffany Baugh writing in support of a Costco at the proposed location.
11. Debbie Stuart asking the City to find out if this location is safe and manageable for a Costco store.
12. Rhett Taylor writing in support for the proposed South Lincoln Costco.
15. Bruce Gottsleben asking Council to vote yes on the Costco proposed at 14th Street and Pine Lake Road.
16. Mary J. Copy, InterLinc feedback, explaining why the proposed Costco location is not a good fit.
18. Vickey Cox explaining how the StarTran route 48 change is inconvenient to people using to get to work and home again in the Havelock area.
19. D. McIntosh on gift to Parks Foundation asking why not put on debt?
20. D. McIntosh asking Council to take a hard look at the LRTP and meet with LIBA on concerns.
22. Richard Clark asking for a vote against the Costco proposed location.

X. PRE-COUNCIL SCHEDULE

1. January 23, 2017. Community Health Endowment update, 1:00 p.m.

XI. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

See invitation list.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
SECTIONS OF PINE LAKE ROAD TO CLOSE THIS WEEK

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, December 21, two sections of Pine Lake Road will be partially or completely closed. The two repair projects are being done on short notice to take advantage of warmer weather and the availability of asphalt. The projects are as follows:

- The westbound lane of Pine Lake Road from 66th to 70th streets will be closed Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Traffic will be allowed to travel in both directions under the guidance of City flag crews.

- Both lanes of Pine Lake Road from 70th Street to Highway 2 will be closed, beginning at 9 a.m., all day Thursday, December 22 and Friday, December 23. The street will reopen at approximately 5 p.m. Friday. The recommended detour is 70th Street to Hwy 2.

The Public Works and Utilities Department appreciates the public's patience during this project. For more information, visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: projects) or contact Tim Bryne, Public Works and Utilities Department, at tbryne@lincoln.ne.gov or 402-416-5342.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE  68508, 402-441-7511

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 21, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

MAYOR CHOOSES TOPEKA OFFICIAL AS NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced his appointment of Brandon Kauffman, Director of Finance for the City of Topeka, as Lincoln’s new Finance Director. Kauffman’s confirmation hearing before the City Council is scheduled for January 23, and his starting date is January 30. Kauffman would replace Steve Hubka, who retired September 30. Former Finance Director Don Herz has served as Interim Finance Director.

Prior to being named Topeka’s Finance Director in 2015, Kauffman served as Topeka’s Chief Fiscal Officer. He also worked for Butler County, Kansas as Finance Director from 2009 through 2012 and then as Assistant County Administrator from 2012 through 2014. He has a bachelor’s degree in political science from Kansas State University and a master’s degree in public administration from Wichita State University. He served as President of the Kansas Government Finance Officers Association.

“We were impressed with Brandon’s extensive experience in financial planning, budget development, capital planning, debt financing, information technology and financial policy development,” said Mayor Beutler. “Because of the excellent work of Steve Hubka and Don Herz, our City’s financial condition is excellent, and I look forward to working closely with Brandon to keep the City moving forward.”

“My family and I are excited to move to Lincoln,” Kauffman said. “Lincoln is a thriving and growing community, and I am honored to be a part of such a dynamic team.”

Mayor Beutler said one of Kauffman’s first duties will be to help select a new Budget Officer. Beutler said the budget position is a key to working with the Administration, Department Directors and the City Council on a collaborative budget process. Before his retirement, Hubka served as both Interim Finance Director and Budget Officer. He took on both jobs when Herz retired in August 2011 because of his previous 21 years of experience as Budget Officer.

The City Finance Department handles City funds and investments, prepares City bond issues and helps develop the City’s annual budget. The Department includes Accounting, the City Clerk and the City Treasurer as well as two divisions that also serve Lancaster County – Information Services and Purchasing. More information is available at lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: finance).
DATE: December 22, 2016
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Monica Kuhns, Home Instead Senior Care, 402-525-4167
David Norris, Aging Partners, 402-441-6156

Aging Partners and Home Instead Senior Care invite the media to attend the Be a Santa to a Senior holiday party at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 23 at the Aging Partners Downtown Senior Center, 1005 “O” St.

Santa Claus will distribute presents provided by generous donors through the Be a Santa to a Senior program. The program provides gifts for residents of area senior centers who are alone, isolated or without family and who are on limited incomes during the holidays. This is the 12th year that Home Instead Senior Care has conducted the program in Lincoln.

The program typically receives more than 1,000 gift requests annually from local seniors. The requests are posted on “request bulbs,” which are displayed on Be a Santa to a Senior trees throughout Lincoln. Donors select bulbs from the trees, purchase the gifts and deliver them to Aging Partners and Home Instead staff to be wrapped and delivered to seniors.
Here are the December sales tax reports reflecting October sales. Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 2.41% over projections for the year. However, next month’s refunds will be $294,431. The amount collected for the 1/4 cent sales tax for public safety projects in December is $1,021,396.52

Jan Bolin
City of Lincoln Budget Office
402-441-8306
Actual Compared to
Projected Sales Tax Collections

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## SALES TAX REFUNDS
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Year to date vs. previous year

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NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS  
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Memorandum

Date:        December 20, 2016
To:          City Clerk
From:        Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re:          Administrative Approvals
cc:          Mayor Chris Beutler
              Planning Commission
              Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from December 13, 2016 through December 19, 2016:

**Administrative Amendment No. 16076** to Final Plat 16046, Southlake 8th Addition, approved by the Planning Director on December 14, 2016, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the final plat of Southlake 8th Addition, generally located at S. 98th Street and Andermatt Drive.

**Administrative Amendment No. 16084** to Special Permit No. 15043, Wyuka Vine Street CUP, approved by the Planning Director on December 16, 2016, for boundary adjustment to reflect acquisition of property by Lancaster County to account for a retaining wall encroachment, generally located at 4413 Vine Street.
Subject: Upcoming JPA Meeting - Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

The amended agenda and attachments for the upcoming December 22, 2016, West Haymarket JPA Board Meeting are available online at:
http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/finance/account/jpa-mtgs.htm

Kasey Simonson
City Law Department
555 South 10th St., Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-8801
ksimonson@lincoln.ne.gov
Council Members,

In light of Ms. Raybould and Mr. Christensen needing to recuse themselves from the pending Costco action, I turn to the three of you to advocate for the neighbors that would be potentially impacted by this development.

I live in the Vavrina Meadows neighborhood, and while my property does not directly abut to the planned development, I and my family will be impacted by the traffic flow.

Under our current situation, our travels home from work or school are greatly impacted by the schools and businesses already in the area. If any of you have tried to travel the stretch of roads from 27th to 14th on Pine Lake, 27th from Old Cheney to Yankee Hill, or 14th from Old Cheney to Yankee Hill between the hours of 3 and 3:45 on a school day, you have experienced what we do on a daily basis. Theses roads are already congested, especially in turn lanes which back up either due to the onslaught of oncoming traffic or those trying to pull a U-turn in light of islands preventing them from heading in their desired directions.

Because of this congestion, many of the students/parents cut thru the Vavrina Meadows neighborhood. If you were to check with the police department, you will see we as a neighborhood have many years of asking the police for help in speeding and reckless driving occurring during this 45 minute time block. Our fear is that if we add to the already congested streets, more drivers will see our neighborhood as a thru street instead of a residential, adding to the already dangerous situation.

I am an advocate for Costco, and I believe they would be a value to our city. I DO NOT believe this is the correct location for that to occur.

I believe the developers at Costco are short sighted in thinking South Pointe shoppers are their main clients and have ignored those who may be driving in from Denton, Crete, or even Beatrice. They have focused their traffic studies on those heading from the North and East while ignoring the impact of travel in the opposite direction or the added traffic headed South on 14th from the Hwy 77 interchange.

Adding to these woes will be the proposed LPS school that could be developed at 27th and Yankee Hill. We would then have 4 schools within one square mile, in addition to the 300 cars trying to shop Costco.

Please be forward thinking in regards to the growth of Lincoln and the limits of existing neighborhoods. Please suggest another location for Costco to consider.

The council has been an advocate for the Country Club neighborhood numerous years preventing the 27th street widening. Please be an advocate for us in the same way.

I look forward to hearing from each of you in regards to your plan to represent the neighborhoods affected. While Mr. Camp represents my district, the majority impacted was represented by Ms. Raybould. Someone on the council will need to stand in her place and bring forward our concerns.

Scott Monroe
1611 Vavrina Lane
sgmonroe@inebraska.com
Please vote for Lamms amendment.
Sandra Hilsabeck
Good afternoon,

I am writing to request you vote "Yes" to approve the Costco that is planned for Lincoln at 14th and Pine Lake. Costco would be an asset to our community. They would provide jobs to members of our community, more desirable shopping opportunities and help keep Lincoln attractive and competitive as a place to live. Costco has shown willingness to work with community members to insure any issues of traffic and safety are met. I believe they would be a good fit in Lincoln and I encourage you to vote in favor of the store.

Thank you,
Jennifer Schrader
Mr. Camp,

My name is Rhiannon Marshall, I live at 2001 Ridgeline Dr. Lincoln, NE., only two streets north of the proposed Costco site in Southwest Lincoln. I attended nearly all of the 6+ hour city council meeting held on Monday, December 19th and I regrettably did not speak up in favor of the Costco proposed site. I feel it is important for city council members to hear from, what I believe is the majority, Southwest Lincoln residents who are in favor of this commercial development.

My husband and I moved to Lincoln in July of 2016 with our three children from Colorado Springs, CO. We moved to Lincoln for my husband's job as a radiologist with Advanced Medical Imaging, its wonderful schools and quality of life for our family. During our 7 years in Colorado Springs, Costco entered the community in two different locations in town. One store revitalized a long-forgotten area and the other enhanced an already established commercial and residential neighborhood.

Shopping at Costco was a frequent event for our family. With three growing children, shopping at Costco with its vast selection of organic meats and produce combined with its commitment to quality products was a celebrated choice in our household. It became a destination for young families. Several times throughout the summer we would ride our bikes 3 miles to the nearest Costco to meet other families for a hot dog and lemonade.

Undoubtedly, Costco will add some traffic to the Pine Lake and 14th St. thoroughfares. Southwest Lincoln will have some slight growing pains as we learn to live with a new store along Pine Lake. However, the question before you is not should this land be used for a commercial property as it is already zoned as such, but rather what type of business do you want in this area? I can say from experience that Costco is a tremendous community partner. I was involved in several non-profit organizations in Colorado Springs of which Costco was a supporter. We had but to whisper a need to Costco and it was met with an automatic $25 gift card for food and items for our events, no applications needed.

Costco is a nicer, friendlier big-box store. Its personality fits perfectly with Lincoln, and our Southwest neighborhood. My family would be honored to have Costco as our community partner and back door neighbor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rhiannon Marshall
2001 Ridgeline Dr.
Lincoln, NE 68512
Rhiannon:

Thank you for your insightful email.

Welcome to Lincoln! I am familiar with Colorado Springs as I attended the Air Force Academy. . .all too many years ago. . .but have relatives and close friends there so I return often.

Over the holiday break I am considering all points of view and appreciate your experience in Colorado Springs.

Best regards,

Jon

JON A. CAMP
Lincoln City Council
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808 P Street
P.O. Box 82307
Lincoln, NE  68501-2307

Office:       402.474.1838/402.474.1812
Fax:            402.474.1838
Cell:            402.560.1001

Email: joncamp@lincolnhaymarket.com
Good afternoon,

I Tvo’d the meeting I was unable to attend on Monday evening and I find it disturbing that nearly all of the pictures of the proposed site had my house/back yard in them. The pro-Costco testimony compared an industrial hideously ugly warehouse with gas pumps for sixteen vehicles to South Pointe Pavilions which is no comparison. I cringe at the thought of walking out on my deck of my two-story walkout and seeing fuel trucks and vehicles lining up to sixteen gas pumps for cheap gas and the obvious decline in market value of my property from having the deck of my home looking out at it. My view right now is pretty terrific and one of the best in Lincoln I've been told. This area doesn't need another gas station, there is one on 14th & Pine Lake, South 27th & Pine Lake, 15th & Old Cheney, and 30th & Old Cheney. The walk way proposed to go behind the store is unsafe for children, I wouldn't use it myself; with a docking station for semi-trucks and the amount of traffic behind and around the Costco warehouse proposed.

The tax payers in this area do not need cheaper gas, additional cashier jobs, cheap tires, or cheap hearing aids. We need our property values maintained. Lincoln Southwest and Scott middle school are the nicest schools in Lincoln -- my property taxes are high and the citizens who own property in this area who testified in opposition to having a neighboring Costco have high property taxes as well. If the warehouse is so ugly it has to hide behind a burm -- that is a sign it doesn't fit the character of the neighborhood. I suggest Costco build on 10th and Cornhusker, 27th & I-80, 27th - 48th & Vine area and/or among the concentration of population in need of a cashier job or the cheap products they sell. I want the best -- not the cheapest, that's why I live in this area to begin with.

The city traffic engineer who indicated this warehouse traffic with fuel trucks and freight semi trucks won't pose an issue to the area is not in touch with reality. I was once one of the cars lined up on both sides of the street all the way around Scott middle school to pick up my daughter from school -- are we now saying picking up our children from school safely is of lesser importance than Costco getting their way and expanding their corporate greed? Costco doesn't understand Lincoln, the citizens who testified in opposition know the area -- we live here. I would not patronize a Costco store at 16th & Pine Lake, under any circumstances. One of the things I love most about living in Southwest Lincoln is the ease of getting around, as opposed to North Lincoln - the flow of traffic is much better, because the Engineer thinks we should have it as bad as areas around the North side of Lincoln does not make it a good idea. My neighbor testified she already has traffic from the schools cutting through the Ridge to avoid the traffic lights and I agree with her, Costco would increase the amount of residential traffic for those trying to avoid the traffic lights and added congestion. The Costco representative who couldn't answer questions to the Council woman about anticipated traffic stating it to be "proprietary" information -- that means the information is not favorable. Even their name "Cost - co" implies cheap and it's obvious to me they only care about money, not quality or safety. If you aren't transparent and forthcoming with data -- that to me is a red flag.

I believe the city traffic engineer's testimony isn't valid — how can he indicate the current infrastructure is able to handle the influx of traffic for Costco, if the amount of traffic anticipated is "proprietary" unknown information?

The question was raised, if not Costco, how should the area be developed? By now, I think if Lincoln Memorial sold everyone in opposition a pre-need burial plan -- we would all jump to buy two to keep Costco out of the area. A recreational center for teens, a bicycle shop, a local small business, a medical building with Pediatricians, Orthodontist, photography, coffee house, or something for the families with students living in this area to benefit them and enhance the small businesses currently occupying the area would be most welcomed. Attracting Costco members to our quaint area of town to buy cheap discounted products and fuel isn't good for the people who would patronize the store having to go out of their way to get to it or the people living in this area who are not going to shop there. They will no doubt expect public transportation to get them to the store, another imposition and Council meeting agenda item.

Again, please vote no to this horrible idea. I primarily work from home and spend the majority of my time here and raised my daughter in this beautiful area. We were one of the 1st houses to build in the Ridge South development, we enjoy the birds/wild life, peace and quiet and had to abide by the strict covenants to build a home here. Costco diminishes the value, safety, and integrity of the area. I also think it's a waste of tax money to build schools like Southwest high and Scott middle school, if you're not going to have property surrounding them of similar character. The impact it will have on existing local businesses selling similar or same products should also be considered.
Thank you again for all you do for Lincoln -- after watching that meeting, I have a new appreciation for the amount of time and work you do for our city.

Merry Christmas!

Best,

Mary J. Cope
1919 Southern Light Drive
Lincoln, NE 68512
Jon Camp,

My husband Jerry and I are asking you to vote "yes" to allow Costco to locate in Lincoln. We have been hoping this would happen for quite some time. We prefer Costco over Sam's Club and are anxious for this to happen.

Thank you,

Rebecca (Becky) Hutchison
Jerry Hutchison
From: skinyon@windstream.net
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 5:11 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Vote "NO" on COSCO's build near SWHS. Too busy and too noisy location for that area. Locate it elsewhere, PLEASE!
Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Tiffany Baugh and I live at 2119 Southern Light Dr. My husband and I just moved to Lincoln this past summer and have really enjoyed many things that Lincoln has to offer, but one of the biggest downsides to moving to Lincoln for us was the lack of Costco. When we found out that Costco was proposing building right in our backyard, we were ecstatic! I have five children, and so I have shopped at Costco at least twice a month for the last 15 years. I have always been very impressed at the quality of items I can purchase inexpensively at Costco. I have also been impressed with the kindness of the workers and the way they always treated me and my family with respect. Costco became my happy place (and my kids' happy place as well (who doesn't love free samples? ;))

We tried a Sam's membership when we moved here, but it only took us a month of shopping there to decide to make the drive to Omaha for Costco instead. I would love to bring that business back to Lincoln!

I understand that there are many people (mostly in my neighborhood) who are upset about this proposed location. Having kids that will attend Scott and Southwest, I understand their concerns. However, having attended all of Costco's meetings at Scott middle school (I missed the City Council meeting do to my daughter's preschool Christmas program), I really appreciate the way the representatives from Costco listened to the community and have done all that they can to make this location work well in the area. I especially appreciate the sidewalk behind the store, which my children will use to walk to school and the library. Also, given the hours of operation for the store, I believe that it is the best possible commercial development that could go on a piece of land between two schools! In fact, I am very concerned about what could end up there if Costco gets rejected.

I also know that people are upset about the traffic that already exists with drop off and pick up at the schools, but I do not believe that Costco will make that traffic any worse. It will not be open in the mornings and it is not busy at pick up times (I have been to many Costcos at 3 pm, and they are never busy then on weekdays, unless its a holiday). I appreciate that they have plans to try to improve the flow on Pine Lake.

My husband is a professor at UNL, and he has spoken with his friends in the real estate department from Ohio State (where he got his phd) who believe that a Costco would not negatively affect home prices in the neighborhood, and believe it will most likely raise their value. In all of my years of living near a Costco, I have found that its presence betters the communities that surround it. Also, Costco is a great neighbor who really cares about the community.

I know that there are a lot of people in Lincoln excited about Costco coming. Most of them that I've spoken to recently assumed that it was already coming (they thought that the planning commission approving it meant it was a done deal), so they didn't realize they should still make their voices heard. Hopefully you are aware that while some people are concerned, there are also many of us really hoping that it happens.

Thank you very much for your time and your service to this city.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Baugh
2119 Southern Light Dr.
Thank you for your time on Monday and for allowing all sides to be heard.

I am writing in response to the hypothetical analysis that continues to be presented as an argument in favor of Costco. I have written to you on this topic before but would like to offer a reminder ...

I conducted an informal traffic study of the businesses south of Pine Lake Road. I went door to door and asked those businesses how many people they serve per day. The total (based upon an average number of transactions per day) was approximately 3,700 transactions or 7,400 trips. Significantly less than the 12,000 trips speculated.

This is a perfect example of how generic numbers obtained from a manual are not always an accurate depiction of reality. This makes a very good point pertaining to the traffic studies. I understand the ITE manual is an acceptable industry standard but Costco is its own unique circumstance. This is not the first Costco store and we are not trying to predict the unknown. Anything other than real Costco data minimizes the impact.

I am not referring to one week of door counts from the slowest week of the year in Sioux Falls or West Fargo- both less populated than Lincoln and both drawing from smaller regions. A more suitable comparison might be one or both of the Nebraska based stores. Costco is a regional draw and our projected trade area is apparently quite expansive, extending all the way to the Kansas border. Certainly this information would provide better predictably of the potential impact.

There is a reason Costco and their traffic engineers are presenting only generic discount club data instead of their own. There is a reason they are unwilling to share transactions or trip generation specific to their fuel stations. And there is definitely a reason they are unwilling to provide information specific to the projected trade area they would serve.
Our city planners have determined that the Pine Lake Road location might be a manageable choice for a generic “discount club” store. With 4,000 children and families traveling back and forth along those roads all seven days and evenings of the week, wouldn’t it be better to find out if this location is safe and manageable for a Costco store?

I am hopeful you will consider this.

Thank you

Debbie Stuart

I surveyed the following businesses to determine their average daily traffic:

Hello Lincoln City Council:
I'd like to add my voice to the chorus of my neighbors who oppose Costco building at 14th and Pine Lake.
We have two daughters who attended Scott Middle School and now are at Lincoln Southwest.
Before you vote, I would ask that you sit and observe the traffic at the proposed site at 3 p.m. on a school day. Actually, traffic in that area is congested much of the day, but it is unreal around 3 p.m. There is no way the hundreds of cars going in and out of a Costco can be added to the mix without utter mayhem. It would be extremely ill-advised to cram a big box store on that corner.
Please ask Costco to build in one of the other available sites in the Lincoln area!

Thank you and Happy Holidays to you!
Susie Gessert
6620 S. 19th St.
Lincoln, NE 68512
Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to voice support for the proposed South Lincoln Costco.

As with much of Lincoln’s recent progress (Whole Foods, the South 27th street Walmart, etc.) I believe you are being flooded with “not in my back yard” sentiment from a vocal minority.

I live relatively close to the proposed site. Our house is in the Wilderness Hills area near S. 27th and Yankee Hill Road, and my children attend or will attend both of the adjacent middle and high schools. I cannot think of a more convenient location for a Costco store, nor can I think of a better store to have by those schools. Costco’s late morning opening time and predictable traffic flow would be ideal there, especially if the alternative is another strip mall with stores or cafés opening earlier, during the morning school run.

The addition of a Costco to Lincoln will be a boon to quality of life in our city and a major draw for out-of-town shoppers. I can personally attest that it will also be an enticement for families considering moving to Lincoln. My wife and I graduated from UNL in 1993 and then our careers and Foreign Service diplomatic assignments took us to Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, The Gambia, Germany and the United Kingdom before returning to Lincoln in 2011. One of the biggest concerns we had when contemplating a move back “home” was whether Lincoln’s grocery and culinary scene had evolved since the 1990s. In all honestly, we probably wouldn’t have taken the job offer here in Lincoln if not for Trader Joe’s presence.

Even with Trader Joe’s and Whole Foods in town, we remain Costco fans and make bi-monthly grocery trips to the Omaha location. Looking back at our annual 2% member reward receipts, we have spent over $25,000 at the Omaha Costco since 2011. This does not include other purchases on those bi-monthly trips such as gasoline or dining out. This is significant tax revenue that Lincoln is losing and I don’t believe we are unique in our shopping habits. Costco’s food and produce are superior quality and better value to other grocery stores and wholesale clubs, and “foodies” will gladly drive an hour to shop there.

Thank you very much for your time, and please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Rhett Taylor
The Lincoln, NE city council will vote on whether to approve the 14th and Pine Lake Costco on Jan 9. A vocal minority has expressed disapproval of the Costco. However, the majority of Lincoln residents who approve of the Costco have been silent thus far. This is our chance to voice support for the Costco.

Due to financial conflicts of interest, only 5 of the 7 city council members will be allowed to vote. In order for Costco to be approved, 4 of the 5 city council members must vote in favor.

In addition to signing the petition, please email all of your city council members. I did so this morning, and here’s the response I received from one of them:

Brian,
Thank you for your input. 2 council members have conflicts of interest, leaving 5 to vote. It takes 4 to pass
Dear Mayor Beutler and City Council Members

I am writing you to support Costco coming to Lincoln at the 14th & Pine Lake location. Their goods and services will fill a need for those of us in SW Lincoln.

I live in the neighborhood and currently have children attending school at Adams and Scott. I appreciate the efforts being made by Costco and the city to foster safety for the children walking to and from school.

I also believe that having the large parking lot at Costco available to parents will help alleviate traffic problems rather than add to them. Many of the traffic issues around Scott are due to parents stopping in the middle of the street to drop off/pick up their child. The lot would be a safer place for them to stop and would allow traffic to keep flowing on the streets as intended.

Please vote in support of Costco.

Sincerely
Jill Nelson

Sent from my iPhone
Council members;

Please vote yes for bringing the Costco to 14th and Pinelake Road. Thank you!

Bruce Gottsleben,
2611 Ridgeline Court,
Lincoln, NE 68512

Sent from my iPhone
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The city traffic engineer who indicated this warehouse traffic with fuel trucks and freight semi trucks won't pose an issue to the area; yet the amount of traffic influx is "proprietary" info; so how can the current infrastructure be evaluated, if the influx is kept secret? I sent an email regarding this issue to each of you and the small businesses already in place in the area providing fuel and other goods should be considered, as well as the pedestrian safety issues & negative long-term consequences of approving.
ATTENTION CITY COUNCIL

COSTCO CONS

I present you with some cons that would absolutely apply to the proposed Costco locations. I am sure that no one even thought of these problem areas:

1. The residents of the area will be subjected to parking lot lights shining into their bedrooms, dining rooms, and living rooms all hours of the night.

2. The residents will have to contend with young people making noise flipping kittens in the parking lot with squalling tires.

3. In warmer weather you will have the accumulation of young people parked in the lot after hours with their boom blasters blaring away. How better not to waste fuel and yet can congregate with one another.

4. I don't put a lot of credibility with the statement made by the female member stating that there would not be that much traffic during the operating hours. That like her telling that she does not think is going to rain while the store is open.

5. You will have transients with their cardboard signs saying "HOMELESS, ANYTHING WILL HELP. GOD BLESS YOU. The students will encounter this when walking home from school as the person stands in the median to the store with his sign.

6. I do not believe that store products are going to be dropped off by helicopter to avoid semi tractor trailer traffic. They make deliveries all hours of the day the store is open. Imagine the traffic backup caused by these vehicles trying to turn into the store or trying to exit the store. You will have traffic backed up for blocks with the potential of road rage because of traffic backup.

The only person who will come out of this well endowed will be the property owner who is willing to sell the land. Did anyone ask the Lincoln Police about frequency of traffic citations or warnings issued along Pine Lake Rd or even vehicle non-injury or injury accidents that caused lane closures. I would be greatly concerned about property devaluation with zoning farmland to industrial property.

David Nicholson
NSP INV. (retired)
Hello,

I know I am only 1 person compared to the several people who ride the bus but I need to voice my opinion.

I am looking at the changes that will be taking place on Jan 5, 2017 for Route #48.

During the weeks when there is a Holiday, I have to go to work before 8am. I am a temp with the State of NE and I do not get paid Holidays or vacation. What I work is what I get paid. With the old routes I would get to work at 6:45am. With the Nov 1, 2016 changes I get to work at 7am.

Since the route changes on Nov 1, 2016, I am forced to take other routes besides my normal bus Havelock #41 to get to work before 8am. I, now, currently catch bus #48 at N 48th St and Hartley St (before N 48th St and Adams St) approximately at 6:20 - 6:23am. I get off at N 48th and Holdrege around 6:25 - 6:27am to catch bus #42 Bethany at 6:35am. I arrive at Gold’s at 6:50.

With the change that will take place on Jan 5, 2017, bus #48 does not get to N 48th and Hartley St until approximately 6:30 - 6:32am which will probably arrive after 6:35 - 6:37am at N 48th St and Holdrege St. The #42 Bethany, with the revised schedule from Dec 8, 2016, now arrives at N 48th St and Holdrege St location at 6:34am. NOW, I have missed #42 Bethany bus. The next #42 Bethany arrives at 7:04am then arrives at Golds at 7:20am. NOW, I am late for work.

With all these route changes, Star Tran is making it very difficult for a person to go to work before 8am in the Havelock #41 area.

Yes, I can take the 1st Inbound route on #41 Havelock but I arrive at Golds at 7:05am. Again, this is after I am suppose to be at work at 7am. How many times is a supervisor going to allow this?
Yes, I can stay later at my job but I have to be out of the building by 6pm. Who wants to stay late all the time and get home after 7pm frequently?

RESOLUTION:

PUT THE FIRST ROUTE BACK ONTO THE #41 HAVELOCK ROUTE THAT WAS TAKEN AWAY WITH THE NOV 1, 2016 CHANGE. START IT AT 69th AND BURLINGTON AVE FOR INBOUND SO IT CAN ARRIVE AT GOLDS AT 6:35AM.

As I mentioned at the beginning, I am only 1 person but I am so dumbfounded by the inconvenience this process and bus routed change has made it for people to go to work and to get home in the Havelock area. I am trying to adjust to changes that I have no control over but it is getting overwhelming how many times I have to keep changing to adjust and adapt what I have to work with.

Thank you.

Vickey Cox
4900 Hartley St
Lincoln, NE 68504
402-499-3893
Council,

I read where a 2 million gift from the group that oversees the Pinnacle Bank Arena and West Haymarket Street system was given to the Parks and Rec Foundation.

My concern is if they have the funds to donate why aren’t those funds being used toward the debt that tax payers are paying for every time we go to a restaurant in Lincoln. The taxpayers do not need more tax and the sooner this tax is gone the better.

Thank you,
D McIntosh
Council,

I would ask of you to take a hard look at the LRTP and get with the Lincoln Independent Business Association on their concerns with the program before this is allowed to move forward. I think the Mayor’s office has the priorities of the city a bit confused with what the taxpayers want.

I would also lobby for getting the council more control over the Mayor’s spending, budget and power.

Thank you,
D McIntosh
I wanted to express my desire to have a Costco in Lincoln. I am a member of Costco and monthly go to Omaha to do my shopping and while I am in Omaha I often do the rest of my shopping. So for my family we spend most of our monthly grocery and spending money in Omaha just out of the fact that we are there and I would rather spend my families money here but for us the difference between Sams and Costco is huge and worth the drive. I know that there is more that goes into this decision then just one families thoughts but I know that if Lincoln wants to grow we have to keep getting in new companies and with Verizon leaving there are many constituents out looking for jobs.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and representing our great city

Julie
I'm writing in support of the Costco at 14/Pine Lake. I know there are people who are in vocal opposition to Costco being built at that corner vs. closer to Hwy 77.

Other than the concern about property values being lowered due to having a big box nearby, I feel all of the other concerns have been addressed by Costco's revised plan.
From: Dick Clark <rtclk@windstream.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:35 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: Costco

Dear Mr. Camp:

The Council faces a difficult decision about the proposed location of Costco. As the representative on the City Council for the area in which I live, I ask you to please oppose the proposed location of this large box store complex. The Council did nothing to stop Walmart from coming into this neighborhood and now it is time to step up and oppose another mistake. Costco at least did not sneak through the allies as Walmart did to get approval. But nonetheless this is not a good location. I am in favor of having a Costco in our city but I do not believe the proposed location is wise. I do not live near that location nor do I have school age children or grandchildren that will be affected. I do live close enough that I sometimes drive through that area when school is about to begin or is just getting out. No amount of buffering etc. will reduce the traffic flow that I suspect will increase greatly with this store. It will be the ONLY Costco in Lincoln so it will draw from all parts of town as opposed to the Walmart which just became another site for their operation. So I expect to see 14th, 27th, Pine Lake, Old Cheney, Yankee Hill and many other streets impacted. A quick review of the number of children and young adults directly affected by the increased traffic is large: Adams, Scott and Southwest are all nearby. A YMCA and public library are just north on 14th. I often see young children and older students heading on foot and via bicycle to one of those locations after school. I know Costco would bring jobs and competition to Lincoln. But when I look south of Yankee hill between 56th and 27th streets I see a lot of area that would be better suited for this large box store. Please consider voting against the current proposed location. Thank you.

Richard Clark
December 20, 2016

William Kubly
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To the Lincoln City Council members:

Thank you for your time last night listening to the protest side of the Costco zoning change at 14th and Pine Lake Road. One item that I would like to follow up on was the rebuttal that was afforded to Mark Hunzeker when he spoke about the Lincoln City traffic study that showed that if shops just like those across the street were located in this proposed Costco location that the traffic count would be more than Costco store. I question that study to begin with, but when I attended the Planning Commission meeting on November 30, that is NOT what we were told by the traffic engineer. The engineer stated that if another 80,000 square ft. large box store, in addition to some of the same kind of stores that are located across the street then that would be the projected traffic count. That is a totally different scenario, and my understanding that night was that the second Planning Board member that voted against the zoning change, said she changed her vote to negative because of that fact. This is why I wanted to question Mark Hunzeker at that time.

So much has been said about this zoning change and Costco being located in this location. I could rehash everything that has been said about this being the wrong location for this store, but instead, I believe it boils down to one significant thing and that is the safety of our children. There has NEVER been another Costco located in a situation like this, where it is directly between two schools with major traffic being forced to use a residential street that runs alongside the school. As I mentioned last night, I drive by that school 4-8 times daily and ALWAYS avoid the 2:45-3:15 time slot as this is when the middle school children are exiting the school. The traffic is unbelievable at that time of day and these children are at great risk already. Many traffic engineers have studied the vehicular traffic patterns based on their
expertise; and it is very hard for any of us to question their facts as they are experts in that arena. However, I have not heard from any pedestrian traffic experts, which is where the real dangerous situation can occur.

The children walking west from the school, will now have to walk or ride their bikes across Hazel Scott drive (20th Street) which will now have much increased traffic due to the Costco. The light will have a positive effect on this, but due to the much increased traffic, I believe that it becomes a more dangerous crossing for them. Then, they will need to cross the right in and right out entrance at about 18th street. This would be an entrance that may actually be more dangerous for the children as it is not controlled at all, and much vehicular traffic will be coming in and out at this location to avoid going to 16th street where most of the traffic will be. Then the next crossing for the kids will be at that 16th street entrance that will either be controlled or not depending on the proposed amendment. In either case, it will become a very major crosswalk for these kids and again very dangerous with all of that traffic, both in and out. After that, the children will need to cross 14th street to get to the west side of 14th street to head north to their homes. And then think about the kids that are on their bikes, racing home from school. Let me highlight this for you below:

**Child leaving school headed west proposed crossings:**

#1 crossing---20th Street light with much increased traffic due to Costco exiting gas station and store.

#2 crossing---18th Street. Uncontrolled intersection that could become quite busy, especially at the time school gets out at 3 pm.

#3 crossing---16th Street. Looks like a full-blown 4-way in and out crossing, controlled (amendment pending) very dangerous crossing.

#4 crossing---14th Street. Same that they cross now, but with much added traffic due to Costco.

I think you should all visit the Scott school between 2:45 and 3:15 pm at least one time before you decide on this proposal. School is out on Thursday of this week for the Holidays and does not start until around the time of your decision, but it is imperative that you see this situation for yourself as my photos showed last night during the testimony. As was mentioned last night; then consider all of the shoppers that will be cutting through the Ridge neighborhood north of Scott School to miss 4 stop lights that were mentioned last night. They will ALL drive directly past all of these children that are being loaded into cars. Even if this only adds 5-10 cars per minute past this loading area during this 30 minute time period, it will be terribly dangerous for the children. 99% of the vehicles using this road now are the mothers and fathers picking up their children after school and they already know how dangerous this is and drive accordingly, the shoppers will only be in a hurry to get to Costco.
So as you can see, I have boiled all of the solid complaints that you have been hearing about this proposed Costco location down to only one major problem, THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. It is only a matter of time before one of these children are either hit or killed by a car. I think we all know that it will eventually happen, just consider the odds.

For this reason alone, Costco’s type and size of operation just does not belong at this location. I pray that you will consider this in your final analysis of how you will vote on this issue. The unintended consequences of this development will be enormous. I hope that each of you is ready to shoulder the responsibility of our children’s safety due to your decision, as many people will be watching this closely. It is time for Costco to find another location. COSTCO IS A GREAT COMPANY------THIS IS THE WRONG LOCATION FOR MANY REASONS!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dear City Council,

It seems to me that the people that are opposed to Costco are loud and are demanding they be heard. Many of us are sitting quietly because we don't have anything negative to say. However, you need to know that not everyone is against this project. I have more fear of what else we could get at that location. I think Costco will be a good neighbor and would like you to approve the project. For reference, I live a block south of the proposed location on S 16th St. We currently rent, but we plan to buy a house in this area next summer so our son can stay at Adams Elementary and eventually go to Scott and SW.

Thank you,

Marissa Ayotte
Mary M. Meyer

From: Jenn Pribil <pribilmomma@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 7:31 AM
To: Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Trenton J. Fellers; Mayor
Subject: Costco: Please vote YES

Council members,

I have lived on this side of Lincoln since 08/2001. We have loved that little parcel of land which we called our little part of farming in the city. :) We are a family of four, love this city and our home. I have been a stay at home mom for 16 years this month. We had children both at Cavett, and now at Scott and Southwest. I have given back to my community and schools in various volunteer projects as well as Scouting.

I drive this stretch of road everyday. I drive this stretch 2x's a day and if you count after school activities, errands, or grocery shopping I am out likely 4x's on any given day.

What do I look forward to with this Costco? I absolutely look forward to a store where we can shop. I want those lights up so the cars can no longer do dangerous U turns in the AM and PM school times; the traffic really needs these improvements. I will appreciate a gas station there as well as extra parking to pick up kids. (Parents park at Zesto's and Shopko currently) Finally I'd like to add, I've told my family if this store is built I'd like to go back to work. I'd be close to my kids should they need me, and the hours (10-8) would be good for getting the kids together and out the door.

My husband works for a great company downtown, but it is very small. Currently we are dealing with VERY high insurance premiums and deductibles as they do not get much leeway being so small. I would like to have the opportunity to work for a company that could see us into the future and possibly help offset those costs as we look towards paying for college x's 2.

I think people will adjust and honestly this will be such an asset rather than another business strip that is empty or a used car lot.

Thank you for taking time to read my email. I believe this will benefit our community greatly.

Sent by
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Dear City Council members,

I live in the Vavrina neighborhood immediately south of the proposed location for the new Costco. Both of my children attended Scott Middle School and SW High School with one still attending SW HS. We are very invested in this neighborhood and obviously care about the kids and the schools in the neighborhood. And, we are also in favor of the proposed Costco location.

It is my impression from reading the neighborhood website that many of those opposed have unrealistic expectations for the land just off Pine Lake Road. Expecting this to be developed as a park or trail area to go undeveloped is completely unrealistic. It is also my impression that many in the vocal minority opposing the project don't even have children in the school system currently. The objections about the proximity of schools strikes me as more of a straw man argument for people who are concerned about their land values and neighborhood prestige.

I for one would prefer to have a neighbor like Costco who is motivated to have good neighborhood relations than see a strip mall go in with a constant revolving door of various tenants. I hope the city council will vote "yes". Thank you for your time.

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Hello, I just wanted to leave a brief message expressing my opinion for Costco. I live closer to the Walmart that went up not too long ago at 27th and Yankee Hill. Many in my neighborhood made many claims as to how detrimental this would be. Everything from traffic, noise, pollution and decreased property values. Let me just say that none of this has been experienced by myself and I live 2 blocks from there. People tend to assume the worst and as long as good planning takes place ahead of time these fears rarely come to fruition.

Thank you all for you service and dedication to our wonderful city

Kirk Laughlin
Councilman Fellers,

I'm writing to you today to express my support of the Costco store being proposed for Lincoln. My wife and I are residents of District 3, and our Councilwoman had to excuse herself, so we felt we needed to reach out to the other members of the City Council to voice our support for this store.

Coincidentally, my wife and I just renewed our membership at the West Omaha Costco this past weekend. We don't get there near as much as we'd like, but it would be nice to be able to spend this money in our hometown instead of making shopping trips to Omaha once a month. Usually these trips to Costco result in a general shopping day in Omaha. We would be just as happy cutting down on these trips and increasing our outings to Southpointe and Gateway, but we will not eliminate Costco from our budget just because some people in Lincoln are hostile to large stores in their neighborhood. I'm sure if this was being put right next to our house I may not like it either, but knowing that they provide above average paying jobs, good benefits and quality products, the greater benefit to the City of Lincoln should outweigh my inconvenience.

I sincerely hope you will give this matter careful consideration and vote to expand Lincoln's base of quality shopping experiences.

Sincerely,

Ron Anderson

Sheridan Blvd.
I support the proposed COSTCO development on Pine Lake Road. I believe the sale of the property is inevitable and development unavoidable. I believe COSTCO will be a good neighbor and present fewer problems than alternative developments, such as strip malls or multi family dwellings. I would appreciate your vote of support for COSTCO developing the site in the responsible manner as proposed and amended by the planning commission.