DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, April 2, 2018
555 S. 10TH STREET
BILL LUXFORD STUDIO

I. MINUTES
1. Approval of Directors’ minutes from March 19, 2018
2. No minutes March 26, 2018 due to night meeting

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

IV. MAYOR’S OFFICE

V. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE

URBAN DEVELOPMENT
1. Street and Alley Vacation No. 17012

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1. Action dated March 28, 2018
2. Final Action dated March 28, 2018

VI. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS
1. ILC - Christensen, Eskridge, Shobe (03.26.18)
2. DLA - Gaylor Baird, (Eskridge Absent) (03.27.18)
3. PRT - Lamm (03.29.18)

VII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE
1. Response to the Emerald Ash Borer - Justine Petsch, Growth Is Good Coalition
2. Bump Stocks, opposition - Gregory Hasseler
3. Bump Stocks - William Bruner
4. Bump Stocks, opposition - Wayne Michaels
5. Bump Stocks, opposition - Gregory Hasseler
6. Bump Stocks - Carol McClain
7. School Resource Officers - Kenneth Alber
8. Bump Stocks - Shannon Benson
9. Bump Stocks, opposition - Judy Nissen
10. Bump Stocks - Isabel Bousson
11. Potential Candidate Information Request - Travis Marten
     Staff response provided by Angie Birkett, City Council Office Assistant
12. Bump Stocks - Sam Butterworth
13. Proposed Apartment Building 29th and Pine Lake, opposition - Carol McClain
14. Bump Stocks, opposition - Ed Sackett
15. Pipeline - Ron Raphoon
16. Wheel Tax and Sales Tax, opposition - Gary Powell
17. Update on Save the Horse Trails at Pioneers Park - Walt & Joy Broer
18. Developments in lincoln - Sam Packard

VIII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS
See invitation list.

IX. ADJOURNMENT
A request has been made by the owner of 5401 La Salle Street to vacate the triangular piece of North 54th Street on the west side of 5401 La Salle Street. This street has deviated from the normal street grid system as what was originally platted in order to avoid the house. The East 30 feet of 54th Street was vacated in 1958, and now the owners wish to vacate the triangular portion of the street in association with a proposed final plat called Berges 1st Addition to College View. As a requirement of the plat, a portion of the southwest corner of their lot will be required to be dedicated to create a 60 foot street width. A request was made by Planning staff to offset the dedicated area by the area to be vacated. LES is requesting easements in the part to be vacated and currently has easements in the area to be dedicated to the City.

The adjacent property is currently zoned R-2, and the writer has knowledge of land values from a nearby City project for lots in this vicinity in the $4 to $6/sf range, and will use $5.00/sf as the estimate of value for this parcel. The retention of easements will incur a 40% damage on both parcels. Since this particular transaction will enhance the value of the property by creating a second buildable lot, the estimate of value for the area to be vacated and the part to be dedicated will be calculated as follows:

- Vacated area (underlying land value): 1,802 sf x $5.00 = $9,010
- Less proposed easement area: $9,010 x 40% damage = $3,604
- Residual Value $5,406

- Dedication (underlying land value): 596 sf x $5.00 = $2,980
- Less proposed easement area: $2,980 x 40% damage = $1,192
- Residual Value $1,788

- Amount Due City $3,618

Therefore, if the area is to be vacated and the plat finalized, it is recommended that the area be sold to the applicant for $3,618.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation
Assistance Agent
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, immediately following the regular Planning Commission hearing, in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, Nebraska, to discuss the CIP/TIP Overview.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of “FINAL ACTION”. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018

[Commissioner Scheer absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2018. **APPROVED: 7-0; (Harris abstained; Scheer absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action):

   COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND RELATED ITEM:

   1.1 Comprehensive Plan Conformance No. 18007, to review as to conformance with the 2040 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan for the proposed "Raymond Brothers Redevelopment Project", generally located at 801 O Street. The project involves the redevelopment and rehabilitation of the existing 4 story Raymond Brothers Building, which is expected to include approximately 9,500 square feet of commercial use on the first floor and approximately 28,500 square feet of residential on the upper 3 floors. The Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan area is generally bounded by Salt Creek, Interstate 180 and "R" Street on the north, 17th Street on the east, "G" Street on the south, and Salt Creek, 2nd Street and Sun Valley...
Boulevard on the west.

**PERMITS:**

1.2 Special Permit No. 18009, to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises, on property generally located at 5560 South 48th Street.

**FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated March 15, 2018: 8-0 (Scheer absent). Resolution No. PC-01595.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None.

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND RELATED ITEMS:**

4.1a Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 18001, to revise the Future Land Use Map designations in the 2040 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan for "Commercial" and "Residential Urban Density" on approximately 52 acres, more or less, generally located between Alvo Road and Humphrey Avenue on Centurion Drive.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 8-0 (Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

4.1b Change of Zone No. 18005, from B-2 (Planned Neighborhood Business District) to R-3 (Residential District), on property generally located at Centurion Drive and Humphrey Avenue.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 8-0 (Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m.
4.1c Special Permit No. 04004B, to expand the Stonebridge Creek CUP (Community Unit Plan) by approximately 36 acres, for 121 new dwelling units, on property generally located at Centurion Drive and Humphrey Avenue. **FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the amended conditions of the staff report dated March 20, 2018: 8-0 (Scheer absent). Resolution No. PC-01596.

5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

5.1 County Preliminary Plat No. 18001, to add two commercial lots, on property generally located at 10200 South 158th Street. **FINAL ACTION**

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval

Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the amended conditions of the staff report dated February 1, 2018, as offered by the applicant: 8-0 (Scheer declared a conflict of interest and absent). Resolution No. PC-01597.

AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO

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Adjournment: 3:30 p.m.
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO:          Mayor Chris Beutler
            Lincoln City Council

FROM:       Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE:       March 28, 2018

RE:          Notice of final action by Planning Commission: March 28, 2018

Please be advised that on March 28, 2018, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning
Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01595, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 18009, to allow for the sale of
alcohol for consumption on the premises, on property legally described as Lots 1-2, Block 1,
Rentworth, located in the S 1/2 of Section 8-9-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska,
generally located at 5560 South 48th Street; and

Resolution No. PC-01596, approving SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 04004B, to expand the
Stonebridge Creek CUP (Community Unit Plan) by approximately 36 acres, for 121 new
dwelling units, with waivers to minimum lot area and width, allow double-frontage lots, allow
block length greater than 1,000 feet without a pedestrian way, and reduce the cul-de-sac
radius for private roadways, on property legally described as Lot 23, Block 1; Lot 14, Block 4;
and Outlot "B", Stone Bridge Creek 5th Addition, and Lot 47, I.T., located in the north 1/2 of
Section 36-11-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at Centurion Drive
and Humphrey Avenue.

The Planning Commission action on these applications is final, unless appealed to the City
Council by filing a notice of appeal with the City Clerk within 14 days of the action by the
Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov
(Keyword = PATS). Use the “Search Selection” screen and search by application number
(i.e. SP18009, SP04004B). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the
“Related Documents” under the application number.

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March 26, 2018

Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

City Council Members,


As a coalition of business groups focused on the growth and vitality of Lincoln, we understand the value of healthy, vibrant communities and the role trees play in that landscape. It is of great concern knowing that 14,000 of the city’s ash trees are at risk of total destruction and the resulting $22.8 million cost associated with response and recovery efforts.

We appreciate the efforts that went into the city’s draft EAB Response and Recovery Plan issued to the public on February 1, 2018. We support a cost savings approach to this massive undertaking. It’s great to see many opportunities for the public to be involved from helping volunteers with the city tree effort to learning how to care for the private ash tree population. We encourage as many of these opportunities as possible.

In our recent discussions, we strongly recommend engaging the private sector in an open bid process regarding the removal and or treatment of the city’s 14,000 public ash trees. This would allow private companies with expertise to expand workforce and grow Lincoln.

Public comment and support are important to this effort and we encourage vast public awareness of this plan through all media outlets.

Feel free to contact any of our organizations with questions or concerns.

For direct inquiries regarding the Growth is Good coalition, please contact Justine Petsch, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce at 402-641-8754 or by email jpetsch@lcoc.com

Thank you!
I am writing you to respectfully request that resolution 18-34 regarding bump stocks and "multi-burst" trigger activators NOT be passed. Firstly, comments from council members to the press acknowledge that this would largely be a symbolic resolution, and I agree. The purpose of our Government is not the creation of symbolic laws. Secondly, a number of the resolution's presuppositions are incorrect or misleading. For example, it presupposes that the use of bump stocks made the Las Vegas massacre far deadlier. However, that is misleading because it does not include the fact that the shooter also had some fully automatic weapons--which are not the same as bump stock equipped rifles, and, are largely already illegal. It also does not address the fact that members of law enforcement spoke to the press and stated that they believe bump stocks made the massacre less deadly. Banning bump stocks would therefore have had a negligible effect, if any, in that incident. Another incorrect presupposition of the resolution is that rapid fire can only be achieved through the use of a bump stock or multi-burst trigger activator. However, that is false. An individual can achieve similar fire by anchoring their hand via their thumb through a belt loop and hip firing with a loose grip. This technique allows the gun to buck as though it were in bump stock device. Given this fact, the outlawing of bump stocks will not prevent rapid firing of a gun, and therefore the question must be asked, What specifically will it accomplish, and what evidence makes us think that?

The rush to ban bump stocks is not based on data, evidence, or science. Instead, it is based on the appeal to appear progressive at the cost of individual liberty.

I therefore ask you to not pass resolution 18-34 and instead preserve individual liberty.

Sincerely,

Gregory E. Hasseler
City Council - Contact

Date: 3/26/2018 4:35:11 PM

name: William Bruner
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state: NE
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comments: My background is as follows; I was raised in NE Lincoln (1 block from the Wesleyan Stadium & University). I also have a Bachelor Degree from the University of NE. I worked/lived out of state for approx. 22 years. I moved back to Lincoln when I retired early in 1974 & bought the home at address noted. I was also raised, practice and a strong believer in the "Golden Rule". With the previous said: WE NEED TO BAN/MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO BUY, OR OWN A BUMP STOCK!!! I also STRONGLY believe WE SHOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL TO BUY/OWN/USE A RIFLE IF NOT 21!!!

If you need/want to contact me you can contact me via a letter OR call my on my cell phone noted of; (440) 279-8020. Note; I kept my cellphone & phone # noted when I moved back to Lincoln from Ohio. I am also a registered Republican voter in Nebraska.

Cordially,
William (Bill) Bruner
1026 S. 34th Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68510
cell (440) 279-8020
Angela M. Birkett

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 5:19 PM
To: Cyndi Lamm; Jon Camp; Jane Raybould; Carl B. Eskridge; Leirion Gaylor Baird; Roy A. Christensen; Bennie R. Shobe
Subject: InterLinc - Contact

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City Council - Contact

Date: 3/26/2018 5:18:51 PM

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           Lincoln
state      NE
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comments  Bumpstock ban. I live outside the city limits, if you pass this ban I will be sueing the city of Lincoln.

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Dear Council Members:

I just watched you pass resolution 18-34 and I am absolutely appalled and disappointed. Most of the council members took the time to first state that they recognize this legislation as symbolic only, yet they will be more than happy to send someone to jail for 6 months over it. Will it be some sort of symbolic prison? Or are they really already living in one whose first brick was laid by this council?

Councilwoman Lamm nailed it on the head when she talked about the root causes of violence we are seeing. It is a shame that rather than have the courage to enact some sort of meaningful change addressing some of those causes, the council would rather pass symbolic laws that serve only to diminish liberties of law abiding citizens. That must have taken a "tremendous" amount of courage.

In response to Councilwoman Gaylor Baird, I, too, lost someone close to me at 19. The difference is I lost him to an IED he hit in Iraq while riding gunner in a Humvee fighting for our freedom. You can imagine I am not excited about watching this council move to erode the freedoms he was fighting for. It is completely disgusting and WRONG.

I expect more from this council. I will NOT forget how this council voted come election season.

Sincerely,

Gregory E. Hasseler
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Thank you for listening to your constituents and following through with your convictions by voting in support of the ban on bump stocks. You are all heroes today!
Angela M. Birkett

From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
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name Kenneth Alber
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email mandolin21.ka@gmail.com

comments I attended the City Council meeting on 3/26/18 with plans to speak during the public comment portion of your meeting but had to leave before the mic was open for the public.

I am a member of Parents United for Safer Schools, and wish to also convey my support for more resource officers in our school system.

The safety of our kids during school and school activities could not be in better hands, but Chief Bliemeister and Mr. Joe Wright need more resources available to them to ensure a continued save environment in our schools.

Thank you

Ken Alber

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Councilman Camp,

Thank you for banning bump stocks in Lincoln and for basing your decision solely on facts and statistics, rather than on emotionally-based, vapid, virtue-signaling, cuckold political grandstanding.

"Heute Lincoln, morgen die welt!"

Shannon Benson
I disagree with the decision to ban bump stocks. I would agree with a ban on selling them but forcing a law abiding citizen to get rid of a legal product that they paid for with their hard earned money is wrong. Are you going to reimburse them? What if you decide to ban televisions because you think there's too much violence on TV? Sounds crazy doesn't it? But what would the difference be? I am not an NRA member or a gun enthusiast. Bill Nissen, Raymond, Nebraska
Hello!

My name is Isabel Bousson and this past weekend, I lead the March For Our Lives here in Lincoln. One of our goals is to get stricter gun laws in Nebraska to protect our citizens, but I think starting in Lincoln in a fantastic start.

With that being said, I would like to thank you for banning bump stocks in Lincoln. I heard about this last night on the news and I thought it was fantastic! The fact that the vote was unanimous makes it even better.

Thank you for making Lincoln even safer. It is appreciated so much. If you would like to meet with the teenagers who organized the march sometime, please let me know! I know we’d love to meet you!

Thank you so much!
Isabel Bousson
Good Morning Mr. Marten,

Thank you for contacting the office of the Lincoln City Council. In response to your inquiry, you will need to contact the Election Commission at 402-441-7311. I have also included a link to their website.

https://lancaster.ne.gov/election/index.htm

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Birkett
Office Coordinator
Lincoln City Council
555 South 10th St., Ste 111
Lincoln, NE 68508
Phone 402-441-6867
Fax 402-441-6533
abirkett@lincoln.ne.gov

Hello,
I am interested in becoming much more politically active as I feel a disproportionately large section of our population is not being adequately represented. I would like to enquire about what preparations and paperwork need to be completed, and specific dates and
deadlines if possible, to run for Lincoln city council in the next election. I researched a few sites but would prefer to get information directly from the source. I look forward to your response. Thank you,

Travis Marten
What a group of ignorant, arrogant politicians. You even admit that the bump stock law is only a feel good ordinance. You never even heard of bump stocks until a couple of months ago. The feds are going to outlaw them so why complicate things by having your own version if the ban? Lincoln citizens can legally own a fully automatic rifle with a suppressor if they get a federal permit. So if someone from Hickman with a mental illness decides to get a bump stock and come to Lincoln to do a mass shooting this ordinance has no value although you are probably trying to talk the county commissioners into passing the same ordinance. Or a criminal decides to use one because they don't care about laws, then your new ordinance is worthless.
As a resident of the Porter Ridge neighborhood, I strongly object to approval of the variance that will allow 4-and 5-story apartment buildings to be constructed between the strip mall at 29th and Pine Lake and the existing townhouses. I understand the complex will include an outdoor pool, clubhouse, two retention ponds, and some outdoor parking along with several buildings with retail on the first floor.

The traffic and density in the area is already congested. There are only two city streets that access the neighborhood. Porter Ridge Rd. and So. 30th. In the commercial area there is a daycare, Anytime Fitness, Starbucks, U-Stop, Red Robin, DuTeau's, and numerous other businesses. The two streets mentioned are the primary routes from the north and west to enter all of the residences in Porter Ridge, Grainger-O'Shea, and more.

Please carefully consider the issue of allowing the construction of the proposed apartments given its impact on an established neighborhood.
How could the Lincoln City Council waste hours of time on something as totally and utterly insignificant as banning bump stocks? I was dumbfounded and at a loss for words when I read it. Either the council members are collectively absolutely clueless about firearms or they think the public is. But, this is an election year and you have to act like you’re “doing something”.

For the record, I tried it and I found I can fire my AK-47 as fast without a bump stock as anyone could fire it with one. The limiting factor on rate of fire is the action of the receiver. Same goes for an AR-15. Regardless of how fast a trigger is activated, the receiver can only react as fast as it was designed to.

I suppose some time, maybe 20 years from now, if there’s a mass shooting someone will say, “Man, I’m sure glad they didn’t have a bump stock. It could have been a lot worse” Anyway, you folks gave me my laugh of the month. If you *really* want to do something, you might consider acting on some of the points made in an essay I wrote a couple of years ago after a shooting of some sort:

When I was a Junior in high school in 1951, the Senior class used a fully functional, however obviously unloaded, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol as a prop in a class play—and no one gave it a second thought. It was simply an inanimate object necessary to the plot of the play. Also, back then most of us farm kids carried a rifle or shotgun in our school car, particularly during the hunting season, and occasionally arrived home from school with fresh meat for the table.

Yet mass shootings as we know them today were virtually unheard of and using a firearm against a fellow human being was unthinkable.

So, what has changed?

Sixty five years ago, most all children in the United States, regardless of skin color, were raised in a functional, two parent family by parents who looked at their role as parents as a serious lifelong commitment and responsibility, not as an inconvenience to be shunted off onto someone else.

Sixty five years ago, divorce was obtainable only in the most dire situations, and the divorcees were viewed by society as failures because they had failed to honor the sacred oaths they took at the altar when they were wed. Nowadays, a divorce is as easy to obtain as a loaf of bread, with no stigma attached, regardless of the psychological aftermath to the children involved. A startling number of news articles about a shooter contain the line, “His parents divorced _____ years ago”.

Sixty five years ago, any woman who had a child out of wedlock was an outcast and was ostracized by her peers. The woman was considered “damaged goods” and forever after unmarriageable. Therefore, women avoided having children out of wedlock at all costs. Nowadays, half the babies in this country are born out of
wedlock and nobody gives it a thought.

Sixty five years ago, it was unthinkable for a man and a woman to live together without the benefit of marriage, and if it occurred it was referred to derogatorily as “shacking up”. Nowadays, it’s so commonplace as to become the rule rather than the exception.

Sixty five years ago, there were no Politically Correct child psychologists shielding children from failure. If a child failed a grade in school, they unceremoniously repeated the entire grade until they passed. Children grew up learning to overcome failures and learned that failure is a part of life. Nowadays, psychologists refuse to let a child fail. Then when a child grows up and finds failure actually is a reality of life, they can’t handle it.

Sixty five years ago, attaining adulthood, whatever your educational level, was a serious rite of passage that included obtaining a meaningful job and becoming a contributing member of society. Nowadays, in too many cases if someone does not hand a young adult a job on a platter, they simply withdraw, watch TV, and play video games all day. (And night). And their parents, if they have any functional ones, let them get away with it.

Sixty five years ago, welfare existed for only the most dire situations. People worked at whatever work was available, no matter how menial, if they expected to eat. And at any level, they took pride in doing a job well. As long as people could scrape by, using any means at hand, personal pride kept them from accepting welfare. Nowadays, there’s an entire sub-culture in America that considers welfare an entitlement.

Sixty five years ago, or even fifty, video games did not exist to numb one’s mind to violence and actually glorify violence. Entertainment was wholesome and was not based on the denigration of societal mores. Comedians knew how to be funny without resorting to crude and offensive language. Nowadays, it seems no stand-up comic can be considered funny if his or her routine is not a steady barrage of four letter words and comments on bodily functions. And nothing is simply entertainment anymore. Everything has to have a political agenda injected.

Sixty five years ago, we didn’t have rap musicians (?) glorifying sex and violence, including raping women and murdering policemen. These rap musicians are now teen idols that youngsters look up to as role models.

Sixty five years ago, men were masters of the household and rulers of the country. Men were strong father figures and were positive role models for their children. Nowadays, men are mocked, scoffed at, ridiculed, and made to feel like second class citizens. A women’s rights group has even declared men to be unnecessary in a society. No wonder many young men today are simply adrift with no purpose in life.

Sixty five years ago, we didn’t have TV media going on a 24 hour obsessive blitz giving nut jobs the publicity they craved, repeating the same items over and over and over all day and night. The perpetrators nowadays know they will obtain the notoriety in death that they craved and were unable to receive by legitimate means in life.

Sixty five years ago, we didn’t have Facebook and other social media. If someone had a problem with another person, they confronted them personally, face to face, and resolved it. People weren’t able to bully and snipe at others from behind the cloak of anonymity, saying things they would never ever say to someone in person. Being bullied and not even being able to identify the bully is bound to fill youngsters with rage and frustration to the point of “snapping”.

So what happened? We’ve engendered several generations, parents as well as offspring, who are simply adrift with no real concept of social mores or responsibility, responsibility to society as well as to family and children.
Ladies and gentlemen, we do not have a gun problem in the United States, we have a societal problem of monstrous proportions. And the trend that has evolved over the last sixty-five years or so needs to be reversed. Guns are simply a convenient scapegoat to allow people to avoid responsibility for their own actions in allowing our once great society to deteriorate to its current level of moral and social decay. I don’t consider myself a moralist, but enough is enough!

In seeking a solution, many, many people need look no farther than the mirror and realize that if they don’t have a solution they might be part of the problem. To reiterate an old cliché, guns don’t kill people, people kill people.
Angela M. Birkett

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City Council - Contact
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comments I just read an article that leads me to believe you guys are about to put a major pipeline through a fairly tough installation. Its not too late to make sure it survives the pull so that it lasts for the long run. Usually waterlines aren’t much of a concern, but with something so large, you want to be sure it lasts, especially since it will be inaccessible for repairs.

Take a look over my article, if you’d like my help, we can rally the team to make sure everything goes right.


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Recently I emailed all of you about our extremely high wheel tax and 25% of our police department not living within the city limits of Lincoln. Thank you to those who responded to me, it is greatly appreciated. While reading the Journal Star on line today I see where the mayor wants to put a measure on the ballot to increase sales tax for “infrastructure and safety”. We have had a sales tax which is about to expire for fire stations and I believe more staff for police and fire (I may be incorrect on the latter). If this is the case what is meant by "safety" other than a ploy on the tax payers to get their vote? It was reported back to me that in addition to the 25% of the police that do not live within the city limits that 42% of the fire department employees do not live within the city limits. If this is accurate, and who knows how many other city employees do not live within the city limits, then why does City government continually go after the citizens of Lincoln Nebraska? There is the old adage that "if you want to swim in the pool, you have to pay the dues". If employees who collect their paychecks from the City of Lincoln should reside within the City and pay City taxes.

I apologize for the length of my email, but as you are well aware by now that I strongly oppose this measure. I am retired and this year I received my first increase in income in 4 years which did not begin to cover my medical insurance premium increases.

Thank you for your attention.

Gary Powell
Walts Letter from Advisor Board March 13, 2018

SAVE THE HORSE TRAILS AT PIONEERS PARK UPDATE

This is to inform everyone that the Lincoln Parks and Rec advisory board unanimously approved the Pioneers Park Bridle Paths Action Plan at their Advisory Board meeting Thursday March 8, 2018.

The Parks Department asked that comments be submitted on or before February 9, 2018. Following is a copy of our committees letter. We are giving our support to the plan except for the 2019 schedule. The plans contents are good but the additional trails not shown to be constructed should be included in that time frame also. Granted we still have a lot of work to do to bring the additional trails to fruition. The board and the Parks Department are very supportive. They were very surprised when we announced the following companies including: LeGrande excavating, Brandt excavating, Hansen construction, General excavating, Gana Trucking & excavating will donate some equipment to build the trails. We told them amusingly but seriously that we could start in the "morning" so there were no excuses!

Sue and Rocky May, Walt and Joy Broer, and representatives from the Nebraska Horse Trails committee are providing assistance to construct the trails. We will need a number of volunteers to help us. In addition to new trails running parallel to the western edge of the golf course, Sue suggested another trail in a westerly direction. The board listened with great interest in creating these new trails.

Lynn Johnson, executive director for Parks and Rec, wants us to continue working jointly on all existing and future trails. We thanked Lyn and all his staff involved for making the progress to date.

We appreciate the Lincoln City Council and Mayor Chris Beutler's support in bringing our horse trails back to grandeur of the original trails.

LET'S GO RIDING!

Respectfully submitted,

Walt & Joy Broer, Sue & Rocky May, Carol Wolf, Rick Boucher-Save the Horse Trail Committee

CC: Chris Beutler, Lincoln City Council
Lynn Johnson, Director Lincoln Parks and Recreation
Nancy Hicks, Lincoln Journal Star.
Dear Council Members,
I've been restoring a 1913 house on 26th street in Lincoln, and the project is to make it original, down to the wooden storm windows I've been making. You can see a contest I won for my work on the house on the SRS Traditional Window Supplies blog: https://www.srshardware.com/blog/ search for 'Exterior restoration of a 1913 Prairie box house.'

I'm not writing to gloat about my work and my interest in it, but I read that Lincoln is allowing the renovation of the Raymond Brothers building at 801 O street. I'm concerned that there is too much residential development conglomerating in downtown Lincoln. I was relieved to hear that the area below the overpass would be commercial space. How about a nice grocery store there? That would be nice when the nearest is probably Russ's Market or West O street.

Thanks for keeping the historic integrity of those buildings. To me, they have a quaintness and connect us with Lincoln's past. Please, however, try to not make them dull and boring by just turning them into expensive housing.

Thanks,
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