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  23. Proposed PACE - Marj Willeke
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  26. Proposed Krueger Development, opposition - Melissa Lewis
  27. Proposed 13th Street Project - Jordan Messerer
  28. Proposed 13th Street Project, opposition - Julie Delp
  29. Proposed Krueger Development, opposition - Mary Rotherham
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Memorandum

Date: ♦ August 7, 2018
To: ♦ City Clerk
From: ♦ Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: ♦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ♦ Planning Commission
   ♦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 31, 2018 through August 6, 2018:

Administrative Amendment No. 18051, to Pre-existing Use Permit 3AH, Gateway Shopping Center, approved by the Planning Director on August 1, 2018, to remove the existing sign “F” located on the south side of Q Street and to install a new sign “F” on the northeast side of the mall building, and to correct the designation for sign “H”, generally located at N. 66th Street and O Street.
Memorandum

Date: ✦ August 14, 2018
To: ✦ City Clerk
From: ✦ Amy Huffman, Planning Dept.
Re: ✦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ✦ Planning Commission
    ✦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of the administrative approvals by the Planning Director from August 7, 2018 through August 13, 2018:

Administrative Amendment 18011, to Final Plat 15111, Wilderness Creek Addition, approved by the Planning Director on August 8, 2018, to accept the Affidavit of Surveyor to correct typographical errors on the final plat, generally located at S. 33rd Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Administrative Amendment 18004, to Preliminary Plat 06004, Wilderness Hills 1st Addition, approved by the Planning Director on August 9, 2018, to update the site plan to show single-family lots, a conceptual school site, single-family attached lots, a standard 4-way intersection with future roundabout at S. 34th & Tree Line Drive, and updated culvert crossings and street profiles, generally located at S. 27th Street and Wilderness Hills Boulevard.
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 15, 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.

**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, AUGUST 15, 2018

[All Commissioners present]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held August 15, 2018. **APPROVED: 7-0, Harris and Washington abstained**

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

   **ANNEXATION:**

   1.1 Annexation No. 18005, to annex approximately 9.97 acres, more or less, on property generally located at 9080 Van Dorn Street.

   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 9-0. Public hearing before the City Council is pending finalization of an associated agreement.
SPECIAL PERMITS:

1.2 Special Permit No. 1968A, allow a new site plan for the Community Unit Plan (CUP), to include a build thru layout, on property generally located at South 112th Street and Pioneers Boulevard. **FINAL ACTION**
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

1.3 County Special Permit No. 18028, allow for an addition to an existing structure, on property generally located at 6400 West Denton Road. **FINAL ACTION**
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

2. REQUESTS AND FOR DEFERRAL:

2.1a Annexation No. 18003, to annex approximately 24.1 acres, more or less, on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission granted the applicant’s request to place this application on indefinite pending until further notice.

2.1b Change of Zone No. 18015, from AGR (Agricultural Residential District) to R-3 (Residential District), on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road.
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission granted the applicant’s request to place this application on indefinite pending until further notice.

2.1c Special Permit No. 18022, for a 55 lot CUP (Community Unit Plan), with waivers to allow sanitary sewer to flow opposite street grades, block length, pedestrian easements, lot lines radial to streets, 2 to 1 side slope for detention embankments, and sidewalks along one side of a street, on property generally located at 7420 Yankee Hill Road. **FINAL ACTION**
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission granted the applicant’s request to place this application on indefinite pending until further notice.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:
5. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

CHANGE OF ZONE AND RELATED USE PERMIT:

5.1a Change of Zone No. 18013, from AGR (Agricultural Residential) to O-3 (Office Park District) and R-3 (Residential), on property generally located at 8435 Firethorn Lane.

Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL; 9-0. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

5.1b Use Permit No. 18005, for an approximately 2.74 acre use permit for up to 26,400 square feet of commercial floor area, with waivers to setbacks, lighting design standards, and access off the end of a private roadway, on property generally located at 8435 Firethorn Lane.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL; 9-0, as set forth in the amended conditions of the staff report dated July 12, 2018, as offered by the applicant and amended by staff. Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT:

6.1 Special Permit No. 18025, for the construction of a commercial feedlot, on property generally located at 13350 West Wittstruck Road. **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 revised staff report dated June 8, 2018: 6-3, Edgerton, Hove and Washington dissenting. Resolution No. PC-01614. Note: It is anticipated that this application will be appealed to the County Board of Commissioners. No appeal has been filed as of this time.

The Planning Commission made a motion recommending that the County Board of Commissioners discuss the need for broader evaluation of commercial feedlots and the related impacts; APPROVAL: 9-0.

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

Adjournment: 2:30 p.m.
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION
NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Chris Beutler
    Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: August 16, 2018

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: August 15, 2018

Please be advised that on August 15, 2018, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. PC-01612, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 1968A, allow a new site plan for the Community Unit Plan (CUP), to include a build-thru layout, on property legally described as Lots 33, 35, 36, 37 and 39, I.T., located in the NE1/4 of Section 12-9-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at South 112th Street and Pioneers Boulevard.

The Planning Commission action on this application is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department 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. SP1968A). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the “Related Documents” under the application number.

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Lincoln City Council,

In this day and age of misleading commentary in social media & fake media, I felt compelled to respond to the August 12 letter “Lincoln Fire and Rescue’s exorbitant pay hamstrings city”

When comparing employee pay it is critical to use a method that reflects an “apples to apples” comparison. The only fair way to make this comparison is to use hourly pay rates, not annual income. Hourly rate comparison is the method used under state law by the Commission on Industrial Relations, the arbitrator of wage and benefit disputes between public employers and employees in Nebraska.

Normal pay in most work places is based upon a 40-hour work week for 52 weeks which is 2,080 hours annually. LPD compensates its employees based upon this norm. On the other hand, LF&R emergency services employees are scheduled to be in the work place **2,912 hours** annually (56 hours a week for 52 weeks).

In a fair comparison using the current total salary budget divided by the number of employees in each department, the average hourly rate for LPD is $38.02 and LF&R is $34.91. In the proposed budget for FY18-19 LPD will be $39.04 and LF&R $36.61. In the proposed budget for FY9-20 it will be LPD $40.73 and LF&R $39.58. In this comparison, you can see that pay is similar in both departments with LPD having a slight advantage over LF&R in the final fiscal year, not the huge gaps indicated by unfair comparisons.

If you visit the city of Lincoln Salaries link on the LJS web site https://journalstar.com/data/salaries/city/lincoln/ you can browse by name each employee’s pay last year. The median pay for LF&R is $72,332.97 with the average salary of $69,925.85. For LPD the median pay was $65,012.55 while the average was $66,860.56. Once again, these annual comparisons discount the fact that LF&R employees are scheduled in the work place 832 hours more.

Using this on-line link, one can also see that LPD paid $1,251,536.82 in overtime, while LF&R paid $2,218,940.14. But a closer look at the budget will show that in the current year the funding source for LPD was primarily city tax dollars, while LF&R received funding from the EMS fund (fee for service) and the FEMA US&R program (federal funds) to prepare for national disaster response. The funding sources are not identified on https://journalstar.com/data/salaries/city/lincoln/.

On August 1, 2018 in an LJS article “Councilman: 82 firefighters in Lincoln made more than $100,000”. Mr. Camp stated, “he’s just giving the facts”, but included conveniently only those facts which supported his continuing attacks upon LF&R, again misleading the public. Of these 82 employees a significant portion of their pay is due to overtime to meet the mission of LF&R.

It is unfair to the hard-working men and women at LF&R and LPD to pit them in this “us vs them” type of dialogue. It is unfair to the citizens of Lincoln to be misled in this manner. Both departments deserve our support and respect, and when we make comparisons, do so in an accurate manner.

As a lifelong resident of Lincoln and a more than 40-year veteran of LF&R, I felt it necessary to provide an “apples to apples” way to make a fair comparison.
Respectfully,

John Huff
Fire Chief (retired) LF&R
From: Sue Lukasiewicz <sueluke12@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Council Packet; jpeek45@gmail.com; janejanielou@gmail.com
Subject: City Council meeting

To Council Members respectfully,

I am contacting you to strongly oppose the special permits No 1629H and No100C that Rick Krueger is requesting to waive parking requirements, building height ,and set backs on South 27 & Pine Lake Road. I live in Porter Ridge Townhouses at 2844 Lawson Dr and this proposed apartment complex will be a monster in our back yards, on a space that is way too small for the building he is proposing! Besides the inappropriate aesthetics for our area, parking will take over the other businesses there, and spill onto a very busy Porter Ridge Rd , our street/driveways.

When questioned at his information meeting Aug 9 , if he would want this in his backyard, his comment was, “he would use our properties for rentals”! These are beautiful two & three bedroom homes, with lovely landscape & well manicured properties, for 40 plus varied age Lincoln residents. His implied meaning- that our homes are appropriate mostly for rental properties - a rude comment & put down to a well established neighborhood!

His proposed mixed use building is exactly what he built on 48th & Holdrege & and as of yet- not one office/commercial space is rented ( please drive by to see for yourself).
He stated in his presentation to the planning board in May, there is not enough commercial space available- which is totally not true! Immediately across the street from this proposed building are numerous empty office spaces right now - & have been vacant for months. His plan for mixed use is for the tax breaks he incurs , don't be fooled!

Please take the time to drive by this property and our townhomes to appreciate the inappropriate site this is for a building of this height - & over-run parking problems for businesses already there and our neighborhood.

Kindly,
Susan Lukasiewicz
2844 Lawson Dr

Sent from my iPad
From: Chelsey Pounds <cp444410@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: 13th Street Road Diet

Dear Councilmembers,

My daily commute is from 18th and Van Dorn to 11th and H. I’ve taken every street between 10th and 17th headed north for this commute, and have found that 10th is the fastest and most efficient for traffic.

13th street is dangerous. Many mornings I have been met with angry drivers for turning left onto H and holding up traffic in the center lane. We desperately need turn lanes to keep the flow of traffic efficient for 13th street. The stoppage of center lanes for turning left, and having to wait for the other lane of traffic, causes traffic jams. Though they are only a few cars deep, these stoppages are a danger to drivers because of the rapid stop required and lack of attention many driver pay to the cars in front of them. This is something I experience daily when commuting along 13th Street, and because of it, I take 10th.

10th Street is efficient, safe, and has a higher capacity of cars travelling north at any given time. 13th street's 4 lanes are obnoxiously unnecessary. I've never experienced congested lanes along 13th street between L and South Streets, even at peak traffic hours getting to and from work.

The design of 13th street is similar to 27th, as it cuts into smaller lanes past South Street. Because 13th turns off at K and ends for northbound traffic, I do not consider this a vital commuting street for many residents. Drivers should instead be encouraged to use 9th and 10th streets, as they are much better equipped for commuters between North and south. 13th Street is a residential road, not a link between the north and south.

It is also difficult to cross 13th street with 4 lanes at H street as a pedestrian during peak hours. The 4 lanes make it impossible to pass, as one lane will have a car turn into it after another lane is freed up. Restricting the lanes to 2 and adding designated bike lanes will enable better traffic flow and easier pedestrian crossing, similar to 12th and 11th streets.

While not everyone may use a bicycle in the neighborhood, the increasing use of Bcycle's bike share and increasing desire from residents for walkable, bikeable areas only sends encouragement for more bike lanes in the city. As Bcycle could later expand further into the south of downtown area, and as there is no sensible bike lane in the area, let 13th street become an example for others in opening up commuting possibilities.

Road diets have been proven throughout the world to increase walkability and bikeability, and therefore increase public health. Having visited two college towns, Laramie, Wyoming (population ~33,000) and Fort Collins, Colorado (population ~160,000) every year for the past several years, the development of bike lanes has improved travel in the area and encouraged people to use bikes instead of cars--an environmental and public health issue we should all be focused on as public servants.

Lincoln is ready for more bike lanes. Please support this endeavor, and please continue supporting the creative growth of Lincoln.

Thank you,
Chelsey Pounds
Greetings,

I am writing to express my support for the 13th Street Project.

LIBA and their affiliated micro-site "Stop Lincoln's War on Cars" are spreading half-truths and even some downright lies.

The disrespect of cyclists and those who do not have the means or wants to use a car is not Nebraska nice, nor within logical reason.

Thank you,

Samantha Bauman
1117 H Street
Apt B4
Lincoln, NE 68508
From: WebForm <none@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Jon Camp
Subject: InterLinc - Contact

City Council - Contact

Date: 8/13/2018 5:50:38 PM

name Janice Jones
address 6706 s 91st st
      city Lincoln
      state NE
      zip 68526
      email janice0427@gmail.com
comments Don't let them remove driving lanes on 13th Street. Such a move defies logic!!!
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IP: 104.218.67.246
Form: http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/contact.htm
User Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/68.0.3440.106 Safari/537.36
Dear Lincoln City Council members,

An anonymously published website attacking a proposed change to 13th Street between downtown and A Streets suggested I write to you about it. In the spirit of weighing in, I'd like to do just that by commending the proposed push for increased and improved alternative transit options for Lincoln that include special focuses on safety as well as the consideration of affected neighborhoods.

As a resident of the Near South who has frequently used 13th Street for a commute over the years, I have regarded the street as nothing short of a gauntlet to be run each time I drive it. Right now every lane is a prospective turning lane. Pedestrians, with no easy crossing points, are forced to make risky jaywalks just to do routine business. And the neighborhood feels like something to be gotten through, rather than a viable community and business hub in its own right like the main streets in Havelock, College View, or even a few blocks over in Everett.

As someone who is forced to contend with the limited (and pricey) parking options downtown, I applaud anything that increases accessibility to the area by other means. Bicycles are a start. Further expansions to bus service, including service seven days a week, would be another step I would encourage.

While driving through more suburban-esque neighborhoods of Lincoln earlier today (the ones from which many of the voices primarily opposing the 13th Street project originate), I couldn't help but notice the tall, thickly constructed fences and long lot setbacks from the streets that were in front of virtually every home. I couldn't help but notice that these residents too, just like those in the Near South, don't find major throughways attractive places next to which to live. And yet residents of the south of downtown area have their neighborhoods bisected and bordered by 9th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 17th, and 27th Streets (six north/south streets for a single region south of downtown). Commuters do not have to contend with this mess to run errands, connect with neighbors, and generally live life in a community. Residents, constantly and by sheer definition, do.

I applaud this push to make Lincoln a safer and better place in which to live, and I strongly encourage you to support the proposal's timely adoption.

Sincerely,

Tim Burge
This is such a terrible idea. Please drive this route yourselves for a week at different times of the day. Then tell me if you think it’s a good idea.

It’s time to do what really needs to be done and make 27th 4 lanes from hwy 2 to South street. While you’re doing that, add the million dollar bike lane to it.

Thanks
This is to support the proposed changes to South 13th Street from 4 lanes to 3 with bicycle lanes & a reduced speed limit. I don't believe the extra time it will take to travel on that road will be significant. Most importantly these improvements should make the neighborhood safer for motorists, pedestrians & bicyclists. These changes may also help reduce the number of rear end collisions of cars making left turns off of 13th Street thus having a positive impact on safety in that regard as well.

Thank you all for the contributions you regularly make to improve the quality of life in our city!
Please leave south 13 as is. We go downtown often but have to drive since we live on the NW edge of Lincoln. Traffic is a mess as it is. We're older and wouldn't darn ride a bike, either to hot or cold. Then there's rain and snow.

Pat Mellen

Sent from my iPhone
Angela M. Birkett

From: Peter Ringsmuth <pete@newslink.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 9:18 AM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Against 13TH Street proposal

Dear Mayor Beutler and Lincoln City Council:

I prefer 13TH Street to remain four lane.

Even where bike lanes have been defined on other Lincoln streets, a study of biker’s actual riding habits would show that a majority of them ride wherever they please, regardless of lanes. That’s the advantage of a bike. You can ride wherever you please. Who’s going to stop you when your destination is in the middle of a block on the other side of the street? You just shoot across on your bike and go there.

Driving on N Street since installation of the bike lane is confusing, especially when attempting to turn left, crossing the lane. What light governs car traffic? It is confusing and risky. Seldom is there even a biker. I thought I had a green light, only to realize that my light was red, and the green light was for some biker who wasn’t there.

It’s raining.

Please do not shame us for our cars.

Thank you.

Peter Ringsmuth
7601 SAN MATEO LN
LINCOLN NE 68516-5837

402-421-6619
As a lifetime Lincoln resident and downtown professional, I strongly urge your support of the 13th Street 3 lane road update project. It increases safety for ALL users of the road design and benefits the community as a whole. Many studies and real world implementation show that this design is superior to the current 4 lane design in use today. This 3 lane change is an upgrade produced by simple road markings and signage, no modifications to the road structure concrete or asphalt is necessary, making this a total win/win for the City for costs v benefit! Please vote to approve this update to an aging and unsafe road design currently in use by your constituents. We ALL want safer and better designed streets. Let’s make Lincoln greater, together!
Dear City Council,

As a motorist, cyclist, downtown employee, and Indian Village home owner, I STRONGLY SUPPORT the proposed road diet on 13th St.

My family and I want to belong to a community that embraces change and seeks to be on front end of infrastructure trends. This is a chance for Lincoln to take a step forward, and I hope we do.

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Scott Speicher
Department of Civil Engineering
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Ph: 402.719.0289
E: speicher.scott@gmail.com
We DO NOT need a bike lane on 13th Street!
Eleventh Street has a bike lane, if bike riders can’t pedal 2 blocks over for a bike lane maybe they aren’t in good enough shape to bike.
If you want to spend money badly
FIX THE STREETS!
The streets is this city are abysmal, I’ve had 6 spinal fusions and every time I drive on our streets I go home with my back hurting.
The repair you did on O Street Bridge over Salt Creek is a joke, cars back end are in the air when they go over it. I reported it and so have other people. Oh wait there is a football game in a few weeks I bet it will be better by then.
Stop wasting taxpayer money on bike lanes, alleys, sculptures, and FIX THE STREETS!
Taxpayer Susan Scheidt
Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I am writing to share my support for improvements that increase safety and accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists and automobile drivers on 13th street.

I was raised and live in Lincoln, and have spent most of the past 10 years living and working in the area (near south, south salt creek and everett neighborhoods) that is in close proximity to 13th street.

13th street in its current state is dangerous. The lack of pedestrian crosswalks, bike and turning lanes, and the speed limit make it very difficult to navigate safely. I have witnessed multiple near accidents involving automobiles and pedestrians. As a cyclist, I avoid 13th because of the level of traffic and speed. I would use the street more as a cyclist if I felt confident that automobiles wouldn’t hit me.

I support the proposed 13th street changes, and I hope that the City Council will support them too. In supporting these changes you are supporting the health, safety and quality of life of your fellow Lincolnites.

In addition to the proposed changes, please also consider adding more cross walks. School kids, park goers, employees and people who live in the area should be prioritized - not car commuters looking to shave a couple minutes off of their drive time.

Sincerely,

Margaret Milligan

2455 S.8th Lincoln Nebraska, 68502
Council Members and Mr. Mayor:

NO!! Absolutely a strong No! Leave 13th as is.

Respectfully,

Barbara Haith
402-489-0093
Where is the concern regarding traffic flow on 27th St between South Street and Hwy 2? It is the only bottleneck on the length of 27th from I-80 to Yankee Hill Rd.

If this segment was made 4 lane, south & southeast Lincoln would have easy access to downtown via Capitol Parkway. This would provide an east to west access and relieve the mainly south to north access provided now and would relieve the pressure on 9th, 10th and 13th.

Bill Thomas
bt64311@windstream.net
Hi, Lincoln City Council Members -

I want to express my resounding support of the proposed 13th Street Road diet. The plan would make the roadway safer for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. It would also improve traffic flow. The improved safety and traffic flow is evidence based and the right choice for Lincoln.

Thank you,

Corey Godfrey
BicycLincoln Board Member
Great Plains Trails Network Board Member Gravel Worlds, Executive Director

1910 Pawnee Street
Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

Please excuse any grammatical or spelling errors as this email was sent from my phone.
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Good Afternoon:

I am writing today to address the proposed 13th Street Improvements. I will start out by saying that I fully support the proposed plan. LIBA has alleged that there is a “war on cars”. The state recently raised the speed limit on highways even though it has been proven to increase accidents and deaths. Lincoln has 2.3 miles of bike lanes and 1.3 miles of cycle track compared to 2,760 lane miles of street. It’s concerning that LIBA and members of the City Council are fighting against adding another 1.3 miles even though it is proven to increase safety of all road users. I don’t see a war on cars. I see cars waging a war on our cities, neighborhoods and on the most vulnerable road users.

The LIBA propaganda (https://www.savelincolnstreets.com/) says “The City doesn’t know how this shutdown will affect your quality of life, or the devastating impact it will have on local businesses.”, but the Public Works representatives have done an excellent job of supporting their plan with facts, statistics and studies that describe all the benefits this plan has to offer. What I don’t see is any evidence provided by LIBA to support their claims. I can only hope that the City Council listens to facts rather than close-minded scare tactics.

Not everyone in this city travels by car. As the city adds more options to ride bikes, such the N Street cycle track and the bike share program, actual usage has exceeded expectations. This is a trend that shows no sign of stopping. I work in the Near South and every day I see people walking, skate boarding and riding bikes around the neighborhood. I see this as a good thing. It helps to bring the community together and it’s a big part of the reason why I stay in Lincoln.

Once again, I fully support the plan to improve 13th Street since it will benefit everyone, including those that choose to drive their cars. I hope that City Council chooses to consider the safety and well-being of the families that live near 13th Street, the kids who walk across it to get to and from school, and all the people that are outside of a car on a daily basis when they vote to support the improvements.

Thank you for your support.

Sarah Janiak
I have already sent a very long detailed email to Roy Christensen about this topic. I will say it again though. Do not take one of very few main arterials that runs north and south through the city and downtown area and reduce it to 2 lanes. Makes no sense. Of course you have neighborhood "buy-in". That's a no-brainer. Every neighborhood would say the same thing. But it's not practical unless your intent is to "cripple" the road infrastructure.

Extend the existing bike paths on 11th street and 14th street to the south and leave 13th street alone. There is no need to have 11th, 13th, and 14th street set up with bike paths.

Lana Brox.
Today I want to write in SUPPORT of the 13th Street Improvement Plan. As a Nebraska transplant from Massachusetts, a large part of the reason why I stayed in Lincoln after finishing my Masters as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was because of the support I saw for biking in the community.

When I was getting my Masters, I lived without a car and commuted up and down 11th street to and from the University every day. In the winter, 11th street is often neglected by plows or any sort of ice management. On days when the roads were particularly icy or snowy I would utilize 13th street. I didn't use it more regularly, even though it would have provided a faster route from campus, because of the speed at which the cars go down 13th street.

After being a cyclist in Boston for five years, no much can phase me, and I feel confident navigating 13th street but I know of many cyclists and bike commuters who wouldn't dare bike on that street as is currently stands. The community that 13th Street cuts through from South St to K St is a community of people who are often dependent on bikes as their primary mode of transportation, whether that be due to their socioeconomic status or their commitment to environmentally friendly transportation or just because they love it. It would do the city good to make the street better for the community that lives there.

I often find myself caught waiting trying to cross 13th street on bike or foot. Cars don't stop for the crosswalks that don't have lights, I see people sprinting across the street to beat out cars that don't slow down. I see children do this. There are several schools that children walk to every day, the ones that cross 13th street are in particular danger because of how the street is currently set up. These days I do have a car and when I do drive up 13th Street to downtown I am mostly worried for those children trying to cross, even when the lights are flashing 25mph for the school zone, I see cars going much faster.

The 13th Street Improvements would bolster community. The F Street Community Center would be safer to get to by people who live on the other side of 13th. Children would be able to walk to school safer. The road would not only safely transport car commuters but cyclists and pedestrians into downtown as well.

As someone who does drive up 13th street when heading to work when I do commute by car, I do not
think my commute will my hindered in any means by the improvements. I think I will be able to take safer left turns, feel better about the traffic around me, and be excited to see all the improved pedestrian and cycling traffic as well as get to my destination in the same amount of time.

Please make sure to do the right thing for the Lincoln community. I am the well-educated, young, hopeful transplant Lincoln is trying to attract every year. Improvements like this one will show Lincoln’s commitment to community and entice UNL grads to stay. Neglecting the needs of a neighborhood because some residents who do not live there want to use it as a throughway shows disrespect for the vibrant city you are trying to build.

Thank you for your time and all the hard work you put into making Lincoln a better place!

-Jes Slavin
City Council - Contact

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**comments** It may be helpful for you to check out the Next Door Porter Ridge public email chain to get a good sense of the opinions of the residents of Porter Ridge and the surrounding area of the proposed apartments in South Ridge Village. nextdoor.com/news_feed/

Thank you for your consideration.

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I want to throw my name in the ring in favor of the 13th street bike lane. I live in South Lincoln and commute both via car and bike through the neighborhoods surrounding 13th St where the Boosalis trail terminates. The idea that a lane would cause congestion is pure nonsense and as a cyclist the bike lane would provide me with additional safety. I hope that the council will stop playing politics and listen to the experts on staff who echo what I have experienced first hand.

Please vote yes on the 13th St. bike lane.

-Bill Udell
I am writing to request your support for the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) ordinance that will come before the City Council on August 27, 2018. As Nancy Hicks stated in a Lincoln Journal Star article (6/17/18), PACE is “a new financing tool that combines promoting energy savings with economic development.” Undoubtedly, you already know that PACE is a financing tool for upfront costs for energy and water efficiency or renewable energy projects. Long-term loans are made to owners of commercial businesses. The loans are provided by a private financier. Each loan is attached to the property’s title (not the owner/borrower). If the property is sold before the loan is paid off, the obligation to pay continues. Most importantly, no part of the loan comes from public funds.

This proposed ordinance is a ‘win-win’ for all. These are the reasons I support PACE:

(1) One of the most critical problems of our time is climate change. It effects our economy, our health, and national security. PACE addresses climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Energy efficiency is the least expensive way to reduce energy use.

(2) We need climate change action that is long-lasting. We can only get long-term solutions if ordinances/laws are supported by both political parties. PACE respects the values of both parties; it is supported by both Democrats and Republicans. In Lincoln, the initiative for PACE came from Roy Christiansen. I hope both Republicans and Democrats on the City Council and the mayor will support this proposal.

(3) PACE has been proven effective in other cities. To date, PACE has been approved by 34 states. It may seem like PACE is a ‘solution’ that will have little impact when compared to the size of the climate change challenge. However, we must take every opportunity to address climate change. Actions are needed at the local level, as well as state, national, and international levels.

Thank you for your dedicated work on behalf of the fine city of Lincoln.
Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to express my concern with regard to the development plan being proposed by Mr. Krueger for Porter Ridge Village. While development of this area is to be expected, I am deeply concerned about the nature of the development that is being proposed and strongly believe that the plan is inconsistent with the current layout of the area comprised of residential structures (single family homes) and existing businesses. This is evidenced by the fact that Mr. Krueger is seeking multiple exceptions to current regulations and is basically seeking to change the zoning rules to construct buildings that will have a significant negative impact on the quality of life in this part of town. The city of Lincoln should not agree to such a proposal because this is a flourishing part of town, with high property values, a large number of successful businesses and a community that has invested in this area based on a set of conditions that they reasonably expect to continue being met over an extended period of time. This fact was brought out during the Planning Commission meeting in May when one of the members raised the question as to why such an exception was even being considered, since it violates all existing guidelines. The number of exceptions being sought by Mr. Krueger in my opinion by itself constitutes a significant red flag.

I hope the City Council will consider all relevant facts and the concerns of residents of the area that will be most impacted by the proposed development, before they arrive at a decision. While, the idea of developing the open area even within existing guidelines may be profitable commercially, I would go so far as to suggest to the city a more dramatic solution: that they consider taking over this area and build a park or an arboretum. There has been extensive development of this area over more than a decade that I have lived here, but there is little in the way of actually beautifying the area. The plot of land is quite small, there are large areas of open land further south for future building needs, so it is not unreasonable to request the city to consider something that is more green.

Regards

Sudeep Banerjee
Hello,

I must go on record saying this idea for changing 13th Street is a horrible idea. With so many other traffic issues in Lincoln, we are only left to wonder exactly what the priorities are for the substandard traffic patterns that already exist in Lincoln. Somebody please stop this!

Still....the roads in Lincoln are in terrible condition and in the off chance we decide to do some road construction; somebody decides to close down entire sections of the city at a time.

Stop the insanity...please!

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela M. Birkett

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comments Dear Representatives of the Lincoln City Council,

I am submitting formal comments in opposition to the proposed rezoning just south of the South Ridge Village shopping center. I am deeply concerned about the negative effects that this four-story apartment building project is going to bring to everyone in the neighborhood and I strongly oppose it!

Below are my reasons for opposing this rezoning:

1. Two fifty feet high buildings would not keep with the scale of the neighborhood. The site is zoned for office buildings with max 35 feet height and should stay that way! Ultimately, adding a fifty-foot building in this location will negatively affect all the property values in the neighborhood. This is exactly why we have zoning rules and regulations to ensure smart growth and development that makes sense in the context of the surrounding area. If an exception is made to every project then why have the rules in the first place?

2. Traffic on 29th and Pine Lake and 27th and Porter Ridge is already bad. There is not a turning light off 27th to Porter Ridge. This development would take the traffic and congestion in the area from bad to unbearable. Further clogging our already bumper to bumper traffic for school drop off and pick up and threatening the safety and sanity of everyone in the area. This proposal is going to endanger not only the existing residents but also the very residents that it could bring in. Has a recent traffic study been done in the area?

3. There will not be enough room for parking with the proposed building plan. Krueger Development is not planning enough parking for the residence of the apartments let alone the patrons of the businesses that will be built there. If retail space will be on one floor of the development and apartments on the other three, where will all these people park? The parking issue will spill out onto the surrounding areas causing parking issues for those that own property in the community.

For the reasons outlined above, I am strongly opposed to the rezoning and sincerely hope you will consider the impacts to the surrounding community including property values, parking, traffic congestion, the safety of children heading to and from school when you evaluate the application and ultimately make a decision on this extremely important matter. All in all, this is a really bad idea and will negatively impact
everyone in the area.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lewis
This letter is in support of the improvement suggested by the City of Lincoln for 13th Street.

I'm embarrassed by the half-truths and playing to the lowest common dominator that is seen be two City Council Members and their support of LIBA website to "SaveLincolnStreet". Do you really believe that seven home football games traffic will be effective by improvements suggested by The City? I the City Council agreed we need to improve the City Streets no save them?

I believe the safety of all users and data should drive improvements to our streets and not personal opinions.

No need for those voting for these improvements to respond, others I expect to hear clear reasoning why you disagree with science and data.

Jordan Messerer
714 Elmwood Ave
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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to let you know that I am vehemently opposed to the plan to shut down S 13th Street. Being a business owner and tax payer in Lincoln as well as having my home in NW Lincoln area, closing this street would have a significant impact on our ability to traverse the city in a timely fashion.

With rush hour already backed up for significant periods of time in the downtown area, I cannot imagine the impact this closure would have on the businesses, families, and campuses it would affect. I see absolutely no pros to outweigh the cons.

Again, I am saying NO to the S 13th Street Shutdown.

Respectfully,

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Apartments would be too tall and not enough space for parking. Would greatly effect my property. Please do not allow this here. Thanks Sent from my iPad
Please consider stopping plans of changing traffic patterns on 13th Street in downtown Lincoln, for a number of reasons.  
13th Street is a major corridor carrying people between downtown and south Lincoln. If 13th street traffic is decreased people will begin utilizing more residential streets such as 11th, 14th, etc...to get between downtown/south. These residential streets are more narrow and are lined with vehicles from neighborhood residents. This decreases visibility between traffic/residents getting into cars/crossing streets/children playing, increasing the likelihood of pedestrian/vehicle traffic.
Additionally, there is a solid and safe north/south bike lane on 11th street, utilized regularly. Therefore there is no need for increased bike traffic on 13th.
Finally, if there is concern about the safety of pedestrians crossing 13th street, reintroduce the stop light that existed for many years, and up until just a few years ago, on 13th and D. This would recreate a convenient and safe crossing area for the neighborhood.
And finally again, the South Downtown Community Development Organization does not represent the wants and needs of the south of downtown community as a whole. Rather it represents the wealthier inhabitants of the neighborhood who have time to attend meetings and make their voices heard, as well as businessmen and investors looking to increase their revenue.
Thanks for your concern!
A 10 year resident of Everett, Renee Langan.
Hello Mayor and City Council!

I hear there's a war on cars in Lincoln, and I want to say: yay!

As I'm sure you know, cycling is great and very healthy both for individuals and their communities. Cars are expensive, dangerous, bad for the environment, and decrease quality of life. Making Lincoln more cycle, pedestrian, and public transportation-friendly is a huge draw for me, an environmentally conscious resident of the downtown area.

Please keep up the great work. I love the changes I am seeing in our city, and the work you all are doing is the reason why I stay here. The future of the downtown area, and indeed, of the world, is not in cars. It's in people-centric policies that strengthen communities. Let's build that 13th street cycle lane!

Thanks again for all you do,

Cait Naberhaus
Lincolnite and Cyclist
One of the things that make Lincoln a great city is that we work together to resolve differences.

That is why I am extremely disappointed that two City Council Members offered their support of LIBA's website to "SaveLincolnStreets". The half-truths and inflammatory language is appalling and I expect more from our elected leaders.

We elected City Council members to improve the City Streets not to "save" them.

Safety of all users and data should drive improvements to our streets and not personal beliefs.

For those that are against the project, I would like to hear a response with evidence why you disagree with the technical data.

Gary and Cara Bentrup

3936 Dudley Street

Lincoln, NE 68503
Stephanie,

I was surprised to see your email this morning because you only reached out to me 2 days ago and we were to speak by phone about the issue only yesterday. I’m sorry something came up, but I did reach out to you by personal message (fb), a fb post letting you know I left a pm, and I left a phone message for your just this morning. Hopefully, if you would like, we can talk soon.

I can see you are quite frustrated by the situation around Northeast High School and I understand your concerns. In fact, I, too, visited with the principal of Northeast High and with law enforcement during the last school year. Also, there was a team meeting involving several officials during last school year who brainstormed in hopes of solving the neighborhood problem. It was my understanding that the situation had improved. Did it not?

School there has only been in session this year since Monday (Freshmen) and Tuesday for upper classmen. Is the neighborhood already seeing negative activity?

In your email, you reached out to my colleagues, which I applaud. Residents should always feel free to reach out to all elected officials. Although four (4) of us are elected to districts and three (3) are elected at-large, we are all aware that our decisions affect all areas of the city and welcome contact by residents accordingly.

If you wish to work with someone other than me, I understand. If you or your neighbors still wish to visit with me about the issue, I welcome your call. Please feel free to leave a message if I am unable to answer.

Sincerely,

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comments We wish that our city council woman would help the area she is supposed to represent. Neighbors needed her and she blew them off. I am very sorry I voted for her along with every neighbor that is involved in this situation that we begged her to help with. If she runs again she will not get our votes. Would someone else on the City Council be willing to help a neighborhood take it back to help make it safer (from property being damaged, drugs being sold on our corners and verbal threats that keep us in our homes) and to help the neighbors from moving out of the neighborhood because of the problems? I am the Neighborhood Coordinator for Northeast High School area, please, contact me if you are willing to help! TIA!

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