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Monday, August 27, 2018

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IV. ADJOURNMENT
Annexation by Ordinance
S Folsom St & W Old Cheney Rd
Effective: August 28, 2018

Area of Annexation
Ownership Parcels
City Limits Before Annexation
Date: August 22, 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 14, 2018 through August 20, 2018:

Administrative Amendment 18036, to Preliminary Plat 18003, Highland View, approved by the Planning Director on August 16, 2018, to update the Airport Zoning information to reflect specific requirements for height permits, generally located at NW 12th Street and Highway 34.
City Council - Contact

Date: 8/20/2018 2:22:43 PM

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comments I wanted to reach out to each of you about the 13th Street project that will be on your Monday August 27th. I would like you to consider supporting the resolution to leave 13th street as is. I believe we have more pressing road issues then the one on 13th Street. Even if it is being funded by a grant which I believe we have to pay for the work in-advance and then we are reimbursed. If this is the case how long will it take to actual receive the refund. I believe we are still waiting on other government refunds for over 3 years. I welcome further discussion on this topic. Have a nice day.

Cory Hoagstrom

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I would like to voice my support for the 13th Street Project. This project will do so much for the citizens who drive, bike and walk this street. Our number one priority must be the safety of others and this project will do that. I drive this street and neighborhood several times a week and live in the neighborhood South Salt Creek and I have seen the problems with how the street is now. This project to me is a no-brainer to me and a win-win for the neighborhood and those that utilize the street and side streets and businesses.

The research that has been done on this project shows that this plan will be safer for the community.

Please do NOT listen to the opposition which is coming from outside of the neighborhood and are using unsupported claims to say that the road will face gridlock and traffic won't flow easily.

Stephanie Scheffler
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**Those who are without compassion cannot see what is seen with the eyes of compassion**” ~Thich Nhat Hanh, *The Miracle of Mindfulness*
Thanks to all of you on the City Council that voted "Yes" to allowing Krueger Development to build their proposed building in the Porter Ridge neighborhood. Because of your vote many of us will now be attempting to sell our townhome in what was once a quiet and PRIVATE neighborhood. Imagine something like this being built behind your home and people being able to look directly into your home. Sleep well and enjoy your backyard parties and cookouts!!!!
City Council - Contact

Date: 8/21/2018 9:54:32 AM

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comments: I Thank the city council members who voted against the apartment complex near Porter Ridge. My concerns is 29th Street able to handle the cars, trucks and heaver equipment? I watch from my back deck and see many near accidents at 28th and Porter ridge. Please do a study on the numbers at this intersection.

Yours truly
Andrew Hinds
Good evening,

I am a resident of the Near South Neighborhood. I support moving from four lanes to the 2+1 lane project. I use 13th street. Whenever I'm trying to make a left turn across traffic, I wonder if a car is going to hit me.

It's really disheartening to see that this is even up for debate. It's even more disheartening that there is an idea that traffic experts shouldn't be able to make traffic suggestions in our city. The traffic department engaged impacted neighborhoods and sought our input. They should have the autonomy to paint new traffic lines.

Instead, we're wasting time debating this topic, because LIBA thinks that they know better than traffic experts and the people that live in the neighborhoods.

Tax payers, pedestrians (including students), drivers, and cyclists deserve better.

Thank you,
Amy Hochstetler
1316 S 24th Street
Dear Council Members,

I reside near 13th Street and do drive/ride on that road frequently. I strongly SUPPORT the 13th street safety improvements and OPPOSE the resolution to prevent them.

Respectfully,

Kory A Kramer
2222 D Street

Sent from my iPhone
As someone who regularly travels on or across 13th street between the Capital and South Street I personally have experienced the unsafe nature of the street layout and what it is like to cross the street in a vehicle, turn from 13th street onto a neighborhood street and cross 13th St on a bicycle.

We need the improved safety and traffic flow. Please oppose the resolution to prevent these safety improvements. Lincoln needs more safety, not less, and the opposition doesn't make any sense to the 1000s of families who live in this area. And it shouldn't make any sense to the 1000s of Lincoln community members who travel through this area every day.

There are elementary schools and a community center, not to mention churches and so many neighborhoods and parks on either side of 13th street. Our children need the improved safety for their walk to and from school.

Please support the safety improvements and oppose the resolution to prevent these improvements.

Thank you,
Kate Marley
Near South Neighborhood resident
The 13th Street Safety Improvement Project is a must for our city to improve its image as a safe friendly community to walk, bike, drive and live. We as a people need to slow down and enjoy our community. The current leadership in Lincoln is taking us in the right direction making the downtown a center for entertainment, art, business and family life. The 13th Street Safety Improvement Project is the right direction in improving the quality of life for Lincoln.

Take Care

Dean Cole
Dear City Council,

Please support the proposed improvements of 13th Street in the Near South neighborhood. These improvements will improve safety for my neighbors, especially those who walk and bike and drop off children at schools near and around this street.

Thank you for your good service to our city!

Sincerely,
Margaret Hart
1930 B St.
68502
Dear City Council,

I am a resident of the Near South Neighborhood (1812 D St) and am writing to voice my support for the planned changes at 13th Street to improve safety and traffic flow. I am opposed to the resolution that is attempting to halt this project. I hope that the city will continue with its plans to improve 13th Street. Best regards,

Mark Wilson
Dear Council,

I live in the Near South Neighborhood, and shop and eat on 13th Street.

I support the need for the 13th Street Improvement Project. This will make the neighborhood a safer place to live and do business.

The fact that the neighborhood wants it, and that the traffic engineers know it will make it a safer area, should be enough to provide the kind of support needed to make it a winning proposition.

Please work to ensure this change happens for the sake of the neighborhood, its families, children, and businesses.

Thank you.
Mary Sullivan
2535 Washington St. 68502
Lincoln City Council Members:

This email is sent to voice my support for the 13th street safety improvements as proposed by City staff. I understand there is a proposal(s) to prevent these improvements from being implemented. I oppose this resolution. I drive south 13 on occasion when leaving the downtown area and can see the danger in the current 4 lane arrangement. The city staff proposal has the support of many of the current residents and businesses in that area and they should be heard. I urge you to not bend to the heavy hand of outside groups such as LIBA on this matter. Thank you.

Tom Ryan
1737 South 26th
Lincoln, NE 68502
Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I'm writing you today to express my support for the 13th Street Safety Improvement Projection and opposition to the resolution to prevent it. After reading the research, it seems clear to me that this project will improve the safety of everyone who uses 13th Street between Lincoln Mall and South Street, my family included. I hope you agree and will not ignore the data that is clear on the subject.

Sincerely,
Jillian Carter
Good morning,
I am writing in support of the South 13th St safety improvement project and oppose any resolutions to prevent the changes.

I travel down this part of 13th street a few times per week, and many times (as recently as last week) I have witnessed pedestrians attempting to cross the street in ways where their safety is at risk.

Looking at the proposal, I agree that this section of 13th is a good candidate for this change. The proposed lane format is already used on 13th Street South of the proposed area, so considering the proposed section of 13th street has even lower travel volume, travel would not be impeded and safety to all would increase. This neighborhood should have streets that are safer, and this proposal would help address this.

Thank you,
Cindy Elder
City Council - Contact

Date : 8/22/2018 8:34:18 AM

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comments  I am a home owner at Porter Ridge West townhomes. I attended the meeting on Tuesday night. I am disappointed that you did NOT listen to the concerns of the residents. There was not one person, other than the developer who voiced being in favor of this huge apartment complex. It's obvious that you do NOT represent the citizens/tax payers of Lincoln. How do you think that this will benefit our area? I would appreciate a response to my email.

Mary Cox
Hello,

I am a resident of Lincoln, Ne and I fully SUPPORT the proposed changes to 13th St. I commute from downtown just past South St. I commute by bicycle almost everyday with my young children either on seats on my bike or in a bike trailer. We have a need to be able to safely travel from Saratoga Elementary to downtown Lincoln. Kids want the opportunity to ride on their own too. Right now it is not safe. I support Lincoln funding going toward increased pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to increase connectivity and safety.

I would be happy to ride with any city official that would like to see first hand what a biker in this town has to contend with.

Thanks for your time.

Elisha Mackling
2209 S. 8th St. Lincoln, NE 68502
Good morning,

I’m writing to express my husband’s and my support of the S. 13th Street Safety Improvement Project. We recently moved downtown and use S. 13th to go north and south several times per week. I have been surprised by the unsafe conditions the 2 x 2 lanes cause when cars turn left. I read that studies have shown the 2+1, three lane roads do not impede traffic flow. S. 13th between South St and Van Dorn St is a 2+1, three- lane and carries 40% more traffic but has a 65% lower collision rate. We moved from Wilderness Ridge, so we used S. 27th quite a bit prior to our move. It’s a 2+1 in the Country Club neighborhood, and traffic flows well and is much safer than further north where it goes back to 2 x 2 in my opinion.

For the life of me, I cannot figure out why a local business organization is turning this into a political issue. There are traffic engineering studies that clearly show this will improve safety near three schools. Debate the cost all you want, but pretending this is a ploy by the city to decrease downtown traffic is ridiculous. Don’t be distracted by the few, who want to use national political tactics to distract and divide. We are Lincoln, NE. We debate issues based on facts, budgets, studies. We care about our fellow citizens safety and that’s what this project is about.

Thank you for your time.

Kelly and Kevin Winnik
129 N. 10th St, # 209
Lincoln, NE 68508
Dear Council Members,

For safety's sake, I am asking you to vote complete the 13th Street Improvement Project.

Thank you,

Laurie McAdams
948 F Street
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-435-1347

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone
Dear Council Members:

As a walker, biker, and motorist, I strongly support the South 13th Street Safety Improvement Project. Attending an Open House on the project further convinced me of its wisdom and necessity. I urge you to vote for its adoption.

Sincerely,

George E. Wolf
1226 South 25th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
City Council - Contact

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comments  August 22, 2018
This email is in ref. to your vote For the resolution to allow oversized apartment buildings to be constructed at 29th and Pine Lake area. Not only did you vote For the buildings as the zoning permits you voted for even Larger buildings as per the waiver. Your vote For this resolution shows that your concerns for the citizens you represent are misguided and very out of touch. It’s such a shame that you care so little for the people you represent. These people you represent count on you council members to lead and be honest in your decisions/votes on matters that effect the city of Lincoln. I feel that if and when this project is completed there will be Many issues (safety concerns, building size, parking, drainage and traffic congestion) that will reflect badly on your vote. There wasn't a single person other than the builder that spoke in favor of this project. I can't stress enough how Disappointed I am and anyone who knows anything about this issue. I'm taking the high road on this matter and will be praying/hoping that you make better dections in the future for once again the citizens you represent. I have one question for you...what were the reasons you came up with to justify your reason for voting For these oversised buildings?

Gene Kelley
To Whom it May Concern:

I'm sending this message to urge the city council to support the safety improvements on 13th street by opposing the resolution to prevent them.

Research shows the proposed improvements will reduce vehicle problems and not impede traffic flow.

I utilize 13th street daily for my commute home from work downtown so I'm keenly aware of the traffic patterns and flow. The lack of a turn lane is a significant issue for most of the stretch between downtown and South street by causing erratic swerving between lanes to avoid sudden stoppages. The proposed improvements would significantly help this situation.

In addition to safety improvements, I'm excited about the addition of a bike lane and cross-walk improvements. The stretch of road runs right through a lovely part of Lincoln that would benefit greatly from improved pedestrian access.

I urge you to support this conversion and ignore the politically-motivation messages being circulated. I drive into and out of downtown Lincoln daily for work. I know this will improve that experience and continue to make downtown and the neighborhoods surrounding it more vibrant and attractive.

Sincerely,
Jason Schmaderer
2025 Ryons Street
As a regular commuter cyclist and near-by resident concerned for my safety and the safety of others I urge you to support the 13th St.safety improvements and oppose the resolution to prevent them. There is ample evidence to support this grant-funded project. It will improve safety, calm traffic and improve flow. Some in opposition are willfully looking backward and not at the studies and evidence at hand. I believe we are better than that and can move forward with better engineering and planning toward complete streets that work better, are safer, and accommodate more forms of transportation. Yes, bus drivers will need to be educated to give cyclists room and not drive in the bike lanes, but that is desirable anyway. The League of American Bicyclists offers Bicycle Friendly Driver Training, for example. Please don't be partisan with safety, read the studies.

If you ever want a bicycle commuter to show you around the streets of Lincoln from our point of view, drop me a line.

Thanks, Janine Copple
I SUPPORT the 13th street safety improvements and OPPOSE the resolution to prevent them.
Hi,
I wanted to voice my strong support for the conversion of 13th Street from 4 lanes to the 2+1, with bike lanes. I live just off of 13th Street on Garfield, and when I first heard of the conversion I was opposed as I mistakenly believed it would lead to traffic tie-ups and slow downs. However, when I learned about it, I discovered that first impression was incorrect. In fact, I can think of no good reasons not to make the conversion. It will make the street safer for cars, pedestrians (including the children attending the nearby schools) and bikes, without slowing traffic.
I had also originally had similar misgivings about the changes recently made on 16th Street, but found that again, my original misgivings were not well-founded. I hope the council is also able to change opinions when learning of new information, and will listen carefully to the voices of the people who use 13th Street the most – those of us who live near it.

Emily Herrick
Rex,

Thank you for your inquiry in regards to the building of the Pinnacle Bank Arena and the occupation taxes. At the close of the WHJPA fiscal year 2017-2018, the arena debt will still have outstanding principal amount of $325,980,000 the last payment for the arena debt is scheduled to be paid off on December 15, 2045. The occupation taxes, which are the primary revenue source to pay the debt of the arena will also end once the arena bonds are paid off in 2045.

Sincerely

Brandon Kauffman

City Council - Contact

Date : 8/21/2018 7:10:50 AM

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comments  When the pinnacle bank arena was being built, there was an occupational tax that was voted on and passed. It was suppose to stay in place till any outstanding debt was payed for on the arena, the arena has got to be payed for by now with all the tax from restaurants, car rentals, and hotels with the population of Lincoln and people that visit, essentially we r paying that and still are, when is the tax going to removed and we stop paying it. There is a tremendous amount of money coming in over this.
A few years ago David Brooks wrote in a NYT Op Ed, “It’s easy to be cynical, but I really do think most people entered public life with this sense of idealistic calling. When you spend time around government officials you are constantly struck by the fact that they are more impressive in private than in public. Somewhere at the base of their personal story you usually find an earnest desire to serve some vulnerable group.” I find it quite unfortunate that our country’s (world’s?) current state of polarization makes it so difficult for people of different persuasions to collaborate on solving the problems that are common to all of us.

I want to thank you, as a member of our City Council, for hanging in there in the tough conversations and especially for the times you play a role in coming to a strong bipartisan position. Your recent action on DACA was significant and encouraging.

Next week you will have another opportunity to take such a stand. The proposed PACE ordinance you will be discussing is a win-win-win. It lowers risk for lenders, it expands options for builders, and it furthers efficient use of water and energy. All this without raising taxes or creating more regulations!

I hope you will seize this opportunity to act with a united front on behalf of our fine city.
Please listen to the neighborhood on this issue. They want safer routes for their kids and the people living in the area. That should be the most important factor in this decision.

I SUPPORT the plan to add bike lanes to 13th Street.

I NEVER choose to use 13th street as my means of transport in my car. I much prefer the streets designed to MOVE car traffic...like 9th Street or 10th Street.
I would love to use 13th Street if it has bike lanes and would be much likelier to visit the businesses on that route.

Julie Sonderup
Moose’s Tooth Outdoor Co