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Memorandum

Date: ✦ June 4, 2019
To: ✦ City Clerk
From: ✦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.
Re: ✦ Administrative Approvals
cc: ✦ Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from May 28, 2019 through June 3, 2019:

Administrative Amendment 19028 to Special Permit 1740, View Pointe West Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on May 28, 2019, to clarify the Airport Zoning height permit requirements for the remaining future lots and designate areas to be covered under blanket height permit(s), generally located at NW. 56th St. and W. Adams St.

Administrative Amendment 19032 to Special Permit 228A, Capitol Beach Community Unit Plan, approved by the Planning Director on May 29, 2019, to reduce the front yard setback to 2 feet 6 inches for a carport located at 312 W. Lakeshore Dr.

Administrative Amendment 19038 to Change of Zone 05054E, Prairie Village North Planned Unit Development, approved by the Planning Director on May 31, 2019, to allow parking and buildings in the internal setbacks within the apartment complex in the R-5 zoning area, generally located at N. 84th St. an Adams St.

Administrative Amendment 19029 to Special Permit 1982, Sun Shine Hills Community Unit Plan, to allow residences and outbuildings to follow the Zoning Ordinance regulations for 1 acre lots in the AG Agricultural District, generally located at N. 40th St. and Bluff Rd.
Lincoln City Council Members:

I recently received a letter advising that I contact this office to further discuss our claim. We were advised by the Mayor's Office to submit pictures, receipts, and a synopsis of the situation. We did so, and then were advised that the City Attorney's Office was recommending to decline our claim to you. We are very disappointed that the City Attorney's Office came to this conclusion. I hit a very large pothole near 84th and Rockledge Road this early Spring. There was no avoiding this pothole if you were driving in this lane. I blew two tires and bent the rim on my vehicle. I had to be towed to the local dealership and paid over $1,200.00 for the necessary repairs. I was informed that numerous vehicles blew out their tires at this exact location and there were four (4) additional vehicles with flat tires in the same parking lot that I had to pull into.

This is a major safety concern for the residents of Lincoln, Nebraska. One concern is hitting a pothole, like I did, and blowing your tires out. I was very fortunate that I didn't lose control of my vehicle and cause a serious accident in the busy traffic. The second concern is drivers swerving all over the public roadways in an effort to avoid the thousands of potholes within the city limits. I have witnessed two (2) accidents this Spring because of this. We have had the opportunity to live all over the United States and we have never experienced such poor road conditions anywhere else. This is a major problem/concern that we hope gets addressed very soon.

The City Attorney's Office advised that they were aware of the significant pothole at this location, but yet nothing was done to warn drivers of the pothole. I was advised that conditions were not favorable to repair the roadway at that time, so nothing was done. This seems to be a negligent act on behalf of the City. The City was aware of the massive pothole and made no good faith effort to warn the citizens of the public roadway hazard. A simple sign, orange cone, lane blockade, warning device, etc., etc. could have prevented these incidents on the City of Lincoln streets. I respectfully ask that you review my claim.

Thank you for your time and assistance!

Sincerely,

Tara Cooley
Dear Lincoln City Council Members,

I am writing to recommend you consider appointing Tom Beckius to the open seat on the Lincoln City Council. Tom and I served together on the Lincoln Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees. The Board has responsibility for oversight of the 62 million dollar endowment fund, balancing income and expenditures of about 2 million dollars annually. Tom was a dedicated and thoughtful member of our board, which included service on the Finance and Investment Committee and the Administration Committee. Tom took service on our Board very seriously, and was always responsible, cordial and easy to work with.

As you may know, Tom has also had extensive involvement in many other important activities in our community. This has included serving as a commissioner on the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission, Lincoln Commission on Human Rights, Lincoln City Library Board, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce board, and many other important positions. His experiences in our community will provide a strong background for service on the Lincoln City Council. I hope you will give serious consideration to appointing him to serve on the Council.

Respectfully,

Chuck Wilson
All,

It is with excitement, I email you to encourage the consideration and hopeful consensus vote of Tom Beckius to the at-large City Council seat. I have known Tom for nearly seven years, first through the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals group and then as a friend. Tom was one of the first people I met when my husband and I moved to Lincoln and to this day, I have not met someone as engaged and excited about our community.

One thing I have always appreciated about Tom is, while on opposite sides of the political spectrum, we can always have thoughtful discussions and often times join at a middle ground. I find that to be rare in our political climate and I greatly value such a friend.

As someone who invests in Lincoln, considers the Lincoln community my home, and works in this great city, I truly hope Tom is selected to help an already strong team lead us to continued success.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Of note, if needed, I can be reached at ashlea.allberry@gmail.com.

Respectfully,
AshLea Allberry

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Dear Members of Lincoln City Council,

I am writing in support of Tom Beckius being appointed to the open seat on the Lincoln City Council.

I have known Tom for 20 years and have had the great fortune to serve with him on various committees and councils through the years. He is always prepared, thoughtful and passionate about the work he does. This was best demonstrated when he was the Chair of Lincoln’s Young Professional Group (YPG). The work he did with our group was nothing short of transformative. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight two initiatives he lead that made a great impact for the young professionals in our community.

When the fairness amendment passed the City Council in the summer of 2012, it was also discussed and debated within YPG. However, at that time we did not yet have a stance on policy issues. We had previously supported and advocated for the arena but did not yet have the framework in place to address issues that would have an effect on Lincoln’s young professionals. Tom spearheaded an effort to create a public policy statement which guides us in which topics and issues we engage. In addition, he created the public policy group which is a bi-partisan group of young professionals who discuss the issues at the city and state level most impacting Lincoln’s young professionals and make recommendations on actions to our Leadership Council. While Tom no longer serves on the YPG Leadership Council he remains a committed member of our policy group.

Tom's vision, hard work and commitment helped shape Lincoln's Young Professional Week. This series of events is held every year in September and provides programming for young professionals including a keynote, workshops, discussion groups, and philanthropic activities. The first year of YP Week had 2,000 attendees with year over year attendance continually increasing.

I know there are several worthy candidates you are considering for this seat but Tom has proven his innovative thought and commitment to the city of Lincoln.

Thank you,

Nikki Archer
Lincoln City Council,

It is my honor to provide a recommendation for my friend Tom Beckius for the vacant City Council seat. I have known Tom for several years as we have served in leadership roles for community organizations, most recently being the Leadership Council for Lincoln’s Young Professionals Group.

Tom is a driven and intelligent person, which is displayed in his resume. In particular, he has in-depth knowledge of both residential and commercial real estate which will bode him well as a member of the City Council. In addition, he is a natural born leader as he has been a founding member of successful non-profit organizations and serves in leadership roles on boards for non-profits, all while working full-time and owning his own businesses. Tom has shown that he has a diverse and in-depth background. It is evident that he is a civic minded individual and is 100% dedicated to making Lincoln a better place for all citizens of our community.

Finally, with City Council being non-partisan, I firmly believe in Tom’s ability to look at issues from multiple perspectives, and not through just one lens. That is one of the many reasons as to why I am recommending Tom Beckius for the vacant City Council seat.

Please let me know of any questions you have.

Thank you.

Matt
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Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to recommend Tom Beckius for the open at-large position on the Lincoln City Council. I have known Tom since we both became members of the Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees in 2011. Tom was a highly respected and influential trustee during his 6 years on the board. He left the board as required by CHE Board bylaws to become a member of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission. I worked directly with him on the CHE Funding Committee that reviewed all grant applications, first as a co-member of the committee and later as chair of the committee. I was impressed with his knowledge of the city and of the populations involved in grant applications. He was always diligent in his review of grants and of background information related to grants and was well prepared for all meetings of the committee (6 or more 3 hour meetings/year). He showed very good judgement in his assessment of grant applications and was clear and concise in his comments before the committee.

I gained a great deal of respect for Tom as a result of his work on the CHE Board. I am aware of his many community service activities in Lincoln and view him as a caring individual of high character. I consider him to be very well qualified in terms of background and demeanor for the position on the Lincoln City Council and recommend him without any reservation.

Sincerely,
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Retired Asst Dean of the UNMC College of Dentistry
Former Member and Chair of the Lincoln Community Health Endowment
June 4, 2019

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RE: Tom Beckius for City Council

Dear City Council,

I am honored to submit this letter in support of Tom Beckius’s application for the open at-large seat on the Lincoln City Council. I will start by explaining a little about myself, how I am familiar with Tom, and why he will make a great addition to the Council.

I was born and raised in Lincoln. I attended Sheridan elementary school, followed by Irving Junior High, and finally East High as a graduate in the class of 2002. I enjoyed my time in Lincoln but knew that I needed to get away so I headed north to Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. While at Gustavus, I spent a month studying in Amsterdam and interned with Rep. Jeff Fortenberry as a member of his first summer intern class after being elected to the U.S. House. Following graduation, I interned for 3 months in the Republic of Armenia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I then moved to Minneapolis where I worked for a family foundation dedicated to Armenian interests. After four years, I left Minneapolis to attend the University of Iowa College of Law. During my time in law school, I spend a summer with the Cook County State’s Attorney’s office and another summer with a law firm in Lincoln. After many long hours in the library, I graduated with my JD in 2013.

During my 20s I fell in love with big cities. The passion and politics in DC, the history and culture of Amsterdam, my family heritage in Armenia, the bustle of Chicago, and the hip vibe emanating from Minneapolis. I did not consider coming back to Lincoln because to me, Lincoln was simply a collection of buildings and some decent public schools. The best compliment I would give about Lincoln during this time was that “It’s a nice place.” Lincoln lacked the kind of feeling that seemed to give life to the other, bigger cities in which I spent time. But then I spent the summer of 2012 in Lincoln and took notice of change. PBA, The Railyard, P Street development in downtown were all being planned or built and I thought maybe Lincoln would prove me wrong…that it is not just a collection of buildings.

With that in mind, I took a risk and moved back after taking the Illinois Bar Exam. At the end of 2013, I was fortunate to be hired by Berry Law firm and I am still with the firm. It was
during my first few months in Lincoln that I became familiar with Lincoln Young Professionals Group and one of its leaders, Tom Beckius. I recall from those first meetings (which he will undoubtedly not remember) that he was kind, welcoming, and genuinely interested in my story. Not long after, I found out about NextGen Lincoln, a philanthropic group aimed at engaging young professionals in philanthropy. Tom was on the board of NextGen and helped get it off the ground, chosen no doubt because of his history of leadership and experience in Lincoln. I joined him on the board around 2014 or 2015 and was impressed by the way he led the group. He helped move and guide the organization but was not pushy or overbearing. He did this by using an uncanny ability to listen to all ideas and when it was necessary, put them together in the way that would work best. NextGen is still going strong today in large part because of Tom’s early leadership.

I appreciated his friendship when I first joined YPG and NextGen and I have enjoyed seeing him at various functions throughout Lincoln. That brings up perhaps what I appreciate most about Tom: he seems to understand not only what makes Lincoln attractive to young professionals and where Lincoln is headed, but also understands the friendly, hard-working culture that made Lincoln what it is today. With continued growth in the Haymarket area, South of Downtown, south Lincoln and the proliferation of new hotels, lofts, galleries, and restaurants, I can see Lincoln growing into the type of city that will not only retain young adults, but will also attract those from other parts of the country. Tom understands that.

I bring up my experiences only because I have spent time in some great cities but chose to come back to Lincoln because of impressive transformation and growth. Tom is the perfect person to help guide that growth. First and foremost, he is a young professional himself, but, importantly, he is a proven consensus-building leader with a calming demeanor. In a time of increasingly divisive rhetoric, I have no doubt that Tom can be the type of Council member that will be able to connect people of all backgrounds while helping to ensure civility and inclusiveness in our city administration. I whole-heartedly support Tom’s appointment to the City Council.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions

Justin Kalemkiarian
Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

Tom Beckius reached out to me last week to ask for me to give you some background on my working experience with him. Tom served as Founding Chair of NextGen when I was a member and we worked together to launch one of Lincoln's first young professionals giving circles. When I met Tom at our first NextGen meeting, I knew immediately he was a rising star. He is intelligent, diplomatic, well connected, authentic, kind, pragmatic, honest, dependable, and an all around well rounded individual. Tom is forward thinking and also has won the hearts and minds of the business community. He is the kind of person who has many friends and very few, if any, enemies. I highly doubt there is one person in Lincoln who does not respect him because he is able to work with a diverse group of people. Last but not least, he is a person that is genuinely fun to be around, even in high stakes situations.

I know you have many, many great candidates to consider to join your team on the city council. Well done to all of you for being a city council that inspires so many to want to join public service. I'm not surprised because there is an energy and excitement right now in Lincoln as we continue to grow and prosper. I wish you luck in your deliberation and know there are a number of applicants that you could not go wrong with choosing, and Tom Beckius is on of them.

Sincerely,

Senator Anna Wishart