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From: Russ Meyer <russ.meyer@nebhomesales.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 9:18 PM
To: George J. Wesselhoft
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Christs Place Parking, Waiver 19003

George Wesselhoft,

I will not be able to attend this meeting, but thanks for sending!

My question: Will the church need to address run-off of water from such a large paved surface? In developments next door, ie. Roose Haven, "overland flow" from a paved driveway was not permissible, and it was necessary to install drainage systems / culvert on a much smaller paved area. With the proposed area for the church parking being much larger than any in the area, what type of water control will be needed to protect the bank of Antelope Creek?

Thank you!

Russ
Russ Meyer
Realtor, Associate Broker
402-310-8262

*Nebraska Home Sales*
[See current listings here](#)
Our national, state, and municipal gun-safety policies are shamefully weak. Given this weekend’s carnage, I urge you to end your inaction and pass a safe storage ordinance in Lincoln.

George E. Wolf
1226 South 25th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502
Hello city council,

I've emailed about this before and now I have a child heading to preschool and with the gun violence that's happening all over it's even more urgent that we have a safe storage ordinance in Lincoln.

It's time to take action. It's time to protect our kids.

Thanks,
Gina Frank
Resident of district 3
Councilman Meginnis,
I'm wondering if I have an incorrect email for you. I'm CCing the council packet in the hopes that someone sees this and lets you know that I'd like to reach you.

Thank you,
Melody

Melody Vaccaro (she/her/hers)
Nebraskans Against Gun Violence
Learn More about NAGV

On Mon, Aug 5, 2019 at 4:21 PM Melody Vaccaro <melody.vaccaro@gmail.com> wrote:
Councilman Meginnis,
This is my fourth attempt to reach you. I am your constituent as well as a person who just completed a task force on behalf of the city. Is there a better way to reach you?

I'd like to meet up and discuss the task force findings. Please let me know when you're available.

Melody Vaccaro (she/her/hers)
Nebraskans Against Gun Violence
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On Tue, Jul 30, 2019 at 7:33 PM Melody Vaccaro <melody.vaccaro@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Councilman Meginnis,
I hear you've been sick! I hope you're feeling better ASAP.

When you're able, please let me know when we can schedule a time to discuss the safe storage task force report.
Best,
Melody

Melody Vaccaro (she/her/hers)
Nebraskans Against Gun Violence
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On Mon, Jul 22, 2019 at 2:02 PM Melody Vaccaro <melody.vaccaro@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Councilman Meginnis,
I wanted to reach out again and see if you're available to chat about the city's report on intersections between guns and children in Lincoln and the task force's report.

Best,
Melody

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Nebraskans Against Gun Violence
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-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Melody Vaccaro <melody.vaccaro@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 16, 2019 at 12:41 PM
Subject: Meeting Request - Safe Storage of Firearms
To: <rmeginnis@lincoln.ne.gov>

Dear Councilman Meginnis,

Congratulations on your election this year. Thank you for serving on the city council. I'm emailing you today wearing two hats, a) your constituent in the district and b)on behalf of Nebraskans Against Gun Violence

For the past 6 months, I've been serving on a mayor's task studying intersections in the city between firearms and children. Hopefully, you've had a chance to read our report on “Child Access to Firearms”. I’d like to meet with you on behalf of Nebraskans Against Gun Violence to discuss any questions you may have on the report and how we can move forward together on the policy solutions, specifically the safe storage ordinance, proposed within the report.

Do you have any availability this week on Wednesday or Friday between 10am and 3pm? Or perhaps next week within the same times?

Best,
Melody

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Nebraskans Against Gun Violence
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Attached to this email is a letter from the Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth D. Elliott.

Also attached is the police report for the accident and pictures of the incident.

On 5/8/2018 the Parks and Rec were cutting down limbs on the 1400 block of Idylwild Dr, when one of the limbs they cut down landed on our CBU unit and 2 other vehicles. I sent in a letter of Demand on July 29th, 2019 for payment of $496.45 for the damages that the tree limb cause. Your letter states that there is no evidence of negligence from the City of Lincoln. See the pictures attached and the police report of said incident in which the City of Lincoln is fully responsible for the damages.

Please advise

Thanks
August 1, 2019

Jeanette Myers
United States Postal Service
P.O. Box 199503
Omaha, NE 68119-9503

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE
USPS Claim No.: 18-00388913a
Date of Loss: 5/08/2018

Dear Ms. Myers:

This office is in receipt of the above-referenced claim against the City of Lincoln on July 31, 2019, for damage incurred to USPS property as the result of a fallen tree branch in the 1400 block of Idylwild Drive in Lincoln, NE on May 8, 2018.

It is this office's responsibility to investigate claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council. In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that the City failed to act or acted in a negligent manner, or in this case, that the City should have acted to remove or treat the subject tree and failed to do so. If there is no evidence of negligence, the mere occurrence of an incident resulting in claimed damages, in and of itself, is not a sufficient basis upon which a claim may be pursued against a property owner. Prior to May 8, 2018, the City had no notice that the subject tree was in need of treatment or trimming and an inspection of the subject tree by the Forestry Department indicated that the tree was not diseased.

The City of Lincoln does understand the financial impact incurred as the result of this incident, however, because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend to the City Council payment of claims in which there exists a legal basis for authorization. Since it does not appear that the City or its employees failed to act or acted in a negligent manner and because the statute of limitations on filing a tort claim is one year from the date of the incident, I must inform you that this claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider this claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 12, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss this claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at council@lincoln.ne.gov. If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to August 12, 2019, by phone at 402-441-7281.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth D. Elliott
Assistant City Attorney

EDE/skb
Lincoln Police Department  
575 So. 10th  
Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508

Case: **B8-039699**  
Incident Report - Public Copy  
Reported: **1604, 05-08-2018**

**PROPERTY DAMAGE - NON-CRIMINAL**  
Status: **CLEARED**

Occurred at: **001400 BLK IDYLWILD DR**
bet: **1500 TUE 05-08-2018** and **1510 TUE 05-08-2018**

**TREE FELL ON MAILBOX**


**PERSONS INVOLVED**

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Investigating Officer: **1218 BRODD**

**TOTAL THEFT LOSS VALUE: $0.00**  
**TOTAL DMG AMT: $0.00**
City of Lincoln
Nebraska

Lincoln Police Department

Tax: 402-464-6027
402-441-7204
Lincoln, NE 68508
575 South 10th Street
Team Station: 4834 Huntington

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

The attachment is very helpful in outlining the effects of gun violence--and the effects make the case for safe storage in Lincoln (and throughout the US). Here are some highlights.

**Armed Violence and Sustainable Development Awareness for Schools**

International Youth Day on August 12 is an opportunity to reflect on the impact of gun and gender-based violence on youth and children around the world. For this day, IANSA has developed three signs that can be printed and placed in schools and other learning centers all year round.

**10 Facts about Armed Violence and Youth**

1. Children exposed to gun violence often suffer from both short-term and long-term psychological effects.
2. The proliferation of armed conflict has led to an increase in youth recruitment by violent extremist groups. This means that more and more children are exposed to GBV, gun violence, and war.
3. Young males aged 15-29 bear the greatest risk of death and injury by gunshot. 73% of direct conflict deaths among persons aged 0-29 were from this group.
4. Children are indirectly affected by armed violence through displacement, death or injuries in their family, and reduced access to social services such as hospitals and schools.
5. Nearly 2,900 American children and teens are shot and killed each year, while an additional 15,600 are shot and injured annually. In the United States, firearms are the second-leading cause of death for children and teens.
6. Keeping a gun in the home increases the risk of suicide among adolescents. A gun in the home is 43 times more likely to kill a friend or family member than a burglar or other criminal.
7. According to the Center for Disease Control, there was a 7% increase in
the rate of nonfatal gunfire injuries among American youth aged 12-17 between 2001 and 2014, and an 8% increase for American youth aged 18-24.

9. Different stages of adolescence (early, middle, and late) affect the impact of gun violence on both girls and boys in different ways.
10. Schools and universities are often abandoned and repurposed for military use in times of armed conflict, leaving children and adolescents without a place to receive an education during and after conflict.

Thanks for your continuing work in keeping Lincoln safe.

Mary K. Stillwell
Armed Violence and Sustainable Development Awareness for Schools

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Gun violence and young people
Gun violence can be present in every stage of childhood, and affects emotional, cognitive, and physical development, as well as family and community environments. During the pre-natal period and early and middle childhood, the presence of a gun in households, schools, or community spaces put children at risk of injury or death from accidental discharge. In adolescence, children can suffer intentional or unintentional gun injuries or death, as well as direct gun violence or threat of violence towards to gain respect and assert independence. Moreover, gender roles and social norms link masculinity with physical force and violence, putting both adolescent boys and girls at risk. The UN MOSAIC Module 06.20, “Children, adolescents, youth and small arms and light weapons” has more background on the impact of gun violence on youth.

The Sustainable Development Goals
In 2015, all United Nations Member States adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2030 Agenda provides a shared blueprint for peace for people, now and into the future. The Agenda contains 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. Each goal has a set of targets to reach by the year 2030.

Here are some of the goals and targets:

• **SDG 4** concerns quality education. Target 4.A calls for the provision of safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all.

    Armed violence—whether in the context of conflict or crime—disrupts learning environments around the world and puts students and educators at risk.

• **SDG 5** seeks to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, and Target 5.2 aims to eliminate all forms of all violence against all women and girls. Guns are commonly used in acts of violence and intimidation against women and girls, in both the context of conflict and crime.

    Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals requires the involvement of all people, including educators, students, parents.

What schools can do:
• Post a “Gun Free Zone” sign inside your school that asserts the right of children to have a peaceful future and present.
• Post an SDG 5.2 sign inside your school to help raise awareness of the global goal of ending violence against women and girls, and to show your school’s support for this goal.
• Post an SDG 4.A sign inside your school to help raise awareness of the global goal of fostering learning environments that are safe and free of violence.
• Hold a small training for all school faculty members to ensure that they are aware of the Sustainable Development Goals, and aware of how gun violence affects children.

Contact:
For additional information about the SDGs or gun violence, please contact Rose Welsch of the International Action Network on Small Arms (IANSA) at rose.welsch@iansa.org.

International Action Network on Small Arms
777 United Nations Plaza 3E, New York New York, USA
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