IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, July 27, 2020

I. DIRECTORS CORRESPONDENCE
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   1. Weekly Administrative Approvals from July 14, 2020 through July 20, 2020
   2. Action dated July 22, 2020
   3. Final Action dated July 22, 2020

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
   1. July 2020 Sales Tax Report reflecting May 2020 sales

II. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE
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   2. Opposition to SP20005 - Jose Soto
   3. Support for SP20005 - SaRena Freet
   4. SP20005 - Peggy Olson
   5. LPD Grant Money - Gina King
      Staff response provided by Chief Bliemeister, LPD and Angie Birkett, City Council Secretary
   6. SP20005 - Angela Barber
   7. Request to defund LPD - Kate Michael
   8. Mayors Mask Mandate - Bryce Gillette
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   10. Please review and respond - Russell Morgan
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   16. SP20016 - Bruce Prenda
      Staff response provided by Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Department
   17. SP20005 - Marguerite Longsine
Memorandum

Date:    ✦    July 21, 2020

To:    ✦    City Clerk

From:    ✦    Rhonda Haas, Planning Dept.

Re:    ✦    Administrative Approvals

cc:    ✦    Geri Rorabaugh, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 14, 2020 through July 20, 2020:

Administrative Amendment 20036 to Special Permit 2046B, Appian Way Phase II Regional Shopping Center, approved by the Planning Director on July 16, 2020, to reduce the width of Outlot C from 50’ to 20’ adjacent to Lot 6, Block 2, and to add Note #25 specifically stating the screening that will be applied to Lot 6, Block 2, generally located at South 91st Street and Highway 2.
**ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 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.

In order to limit the number of people gathering at any one time and our effort to adhere to required “social distancing” protocols, we are staggering the times of various hearings over several hours. These times are identified in () next to each agenda item. We are encouraging attendees to arrive no more than 15 minutes before their scheduled hearing. An agenda item will not begin before the time posted.

For the protection of all those involved, the Planning Commission will be allowing testimony on agenda items by videoconferencing. For those who wish to testify by video, you must register with the Planning Department Office to participate by calling 402-441-7491 or emailing Plan@lincoln.ne.gov by 10:00 a.m. the day of the meeting. You will be asked to provide your name, address, phone number and the agenda item(s) you wish to speak on, and your position on this item. On the day of the hearing, you will receive a link via email, which will be needed to join the hearing to provide your testimony.

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

[Commissioner Finnegan absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held July 8, 2020. **APPROVED: 7-0; (Finnegan absent)**

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

1.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 20011, to review as to conformance with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a request to declare 2.38 acres of City of Lincoln-owned property as surplus, on property generally located at 635 J Street.

Staff recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 6-0 (Finnegan and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

ANNEXATION AND RELATED CHANGE OF ZONE:

1.2a ANNEXATION 20011, to annex approximately 24.65 acres, more or less, on property generally located at South 84th Street and Yankee Woods Drive.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated July 9, 2020: 6-0 (Finnegan and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

1.2b CHANGE OF ZONE 05068G, from AG (Agricultural District) to R 3 (Residential District PUD), to expand the existing PUD (Planned Unit Development) by 24.65 acres, for an additional 80 single-family and attached single-family dwelling units, with waivers to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, on property generally located at South 84th Street and Yankee Woods Drive.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated July 9, 2020: 6-0 (Finnegan and Scheer absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PERMITS:

1.3 SPECIAL PERMIT 17030A, to allow for a medical clinic space in addition to a combination of office space and dwelling units, associated with a designated landmark, on property generally located at 2202 South 11th Street.

Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Stacey Hageman, 402-441-6361, slhageman@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated July 8, 2020: 6-0 (Scheer declared a conflict of interest; Finnegan absent). Resolution No. PC-01714.
1.4 SPECIAL PERMIT 20023, to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, on property generally located at 945 South 27th Street. ***FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated July 8, 2020: 6-0 (Finnegan and Scheer absent). Resolution No. PC-01715.

1.5 SPECIAL PERMIT 20024, to allow for the expansion of a nonstandard use, with waivers to the front and rear yard setbacks, on property generally located at 2200 Winthrop Road. ***FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated July 9, 2020: 6-0 (Finnegan and Scheer absent). Resolution No. PC-01716.

WAIVER:

1.6 WAIVER 20003, to waive Subdivision Ordinance requirement pertaining to block length and for permanent dead end streets not ending in a cul-de-sac, on property generally located at 235 SW 32nd Street. ***FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated July 8, 2020: 6-0 (Finnegan and Scheer absent). Resolution No. PC-01717.

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

(*** 1:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS: ***)

ANNEXATION AND RELATED ITEMS:

4.2a ANNEXATION 20006, to annex an area southeast of SW 56th Street and West O Street, on property generally located at SW 56th and O Streets.
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 11, 2020: 7-0 (Finnegan absent). Public hearing before the City Council is currently pending.
4.2b CHANGE OF ZONE 20011, from AG (Agricultural District) to H-3 (Highway Commercial District) and from AG (Agricultural District) to I-1 (Industrial District), on property generally located at SW 56th and O Streets.

**Staff recommendation:** Conditional Approval

**Staff Planner:** Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov

**Planning Commission recommendation:** CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated June 11, 2020: 7-0 (Finnegan absent). Public hearing before the City Council is currently pending.

4.2c PRELIMINARY PLAT 20002, for 55 commercial lots with associated waivers on property located south of West O Street and SW 56th Street, on property generally located at SW 56th and O Streets. **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 conditions of the staff report dated June 15, 2020: 7-0 (Finnegan absent). Resolution No. PC-01718.

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FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA, THIS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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Adjournment  1:25 p.m.

PENDING LIST:  None.
PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
    Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: July 22, 2020

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: July 22, 2020

Please be advised that on July 22, 2020, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution PC-01714, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 17030A, to allow for a medical clinic space, in addition to a combination of office space and dwelling units, associated with a designated landmark, on property legally described as Lot 3, Saint Francis 1st Addition, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 35-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 2202 South 11th Street;

Resolution PC-01715, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 20023, to allow the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, on property legally described as Lot 1, Pauley Addition, located in the SE 1/4 of Section 25-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 945 South 27th Street;

Resolution PC-01716, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 20024, to allow for the expansion of a nonstandard use, with waivers to the front and rear yard setbacks, on property legally described as the South 33 feet of Lot 5 and Lots 6-13, Block 1, Rathbone Village, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 31-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 2200 Winthrop Road;

Resolution PC-01717, approving WAIVER 20003, to waive Subdivision Ordinance requirement pertaining to block length and for permanent dead end streets not ending in a cul-de-sac, on property legally described as Lot 11, I.T., and Lot 1, EDM Industrial Center First Addition, located in the N 1/2 of Section 29-10-6, Lincoln Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 235 SW 32nd Street; and

Resolution PC-01718, approving PRELIMINARY PLAT 20002, for 55 commercial lots with associated waivers on property located south of West O Street and SW 56th Street, on property legally described as Lots 17 and 53, I.T., located in the NW 1/4 of Section 30-10-6, Lots 5 and 29, I.T., located in the NE 1/4 of Section 25-10-5, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at SW 56th and O Streets.

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](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the Search “Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP17030A, SP20023, SP20024, WVR20003, PP20002). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in “Related Documents” under the application number.

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FY 2019-20 Projected vs Actual Net Sales Tax

- 2019-20 PROJECTED
- 2019-20 ACTUAL
## Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections

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**TOTAL**  
$79,516,488  
$72,782,130  
$314,767  
$1,408,877  
1.97%  

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 0.43% over projections for the year.
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Year to date vs. previous year
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1) It is unconscionable to rescind online participation in future Lincoln City Council meetings. For the sake of accessibility and government transparency, adopt the practice of virtual attendance and comment submission as standard operating procedure. The technology is available and has been for ages. It’s a shame it took a deadly global pandemic to implement such basic advances to remote accessibility. Even when utilization declines it is imperative that the option remain available to the public who otherwise are unable to attend meetings. It should have been practiced prior to the pandemic and needs to be implemented from here on out.

2) I implore you to fill the empty seat on the City County Planning Commission exclusively with an individual with as much experience in life as Shams Al-Badry. It is critical to the entire population that minority representatives who have the most oppressed individuals at the forefront of their minds. The only way to ensure this is to add on those selected have personal experience being marginalized AND imperative that they don’t have economic interests that conflict with the most marginalized. As a community our shared success is dependent on reducing destitution which needs to be the primary objective of all elected officials.

I am a Lincoln High graduate and resident of the city for all but my college career. A chain is only as strong as it’s weakest Link. I will never leave a fallen comrade into the hands of the enemy. To rescind access to meetings and to appoint self-interested individuals is to betray your authority.
Members of the Lincoln City Council:

I have attached my testimony in opposition of SP20005, a proposal that will be considered by the Council this afternoon. I have also attached two of the documents I referenced in the testimony.

I am hopeful the Council will pause the approval process to give everyone time to give sober consideration to the operation of AIFs in general, and the operation proposed for 420 S. 28th Street, specifically.

Jose J. Soto
509 S. 28th Street
Greeting council members,

As you have continued to expand funding and size of LPD, you are all responsible for the over population of prisons and jails.

Supporting transitional housing, is the minimum of what you can do to begin repairing those harms.

Thank you,
SaRena Freet
I apologize for the late arrival. I thought I was scheduled to provide testimony opposing SP20005, item 4 H.

Hello. My name is Peggy Olson. I live at 509 S 28th Street. Thank you, City Council Members, for this opportunity to testify in opposition to SP20005 the permit to allow an Alternative to Incarceration Facility at 420 S 28th, just down the block from me. You have received ample information in opposition. I’d like to acknowledge Tom Kiefer’s research on how other communities have implemented these programs and Jayne Sebby’s letter to Chief Justice Mike Heavican which she presented, in part, to the Planning Commission that outlined some issues women have already faced specifically at 420 S 28th Street.

I chose to add my voice after the Planning Commission Hearing. Testimony in support centered around the need for these facilities and the need to support people transitioning out of incarceration facilities. I fully agree, which is precisely why I oppose AIFs in their current amorphic and unaccountable state. As Dick Campbell noted during the Planning Commission meeting: We do not have the parameters in place with which to handle these.

The facility operating at 420 S 28th has 4 exterior cameras and no onsite staff. The women are being surveilled as they enter and exit, not supported.

I have 20 years of experience providing educational programming at various facilities within the Nebraska State Prison system, at drug and alcohol treatment facilities including those that treat coexisting conditions and provide both day and residential treatment programs. If Fresh Start, Houses of Hope, St Monica’s, or Centerpointe - all places I provided programing for - were requesting this permit I would be testifying in full support, albeit still advocating for enforceable rules and requirements. They all have full time staff and an array of programming that provides actual support around the clock. The operator at 420 S 28th has said she would provide 24-hour staffing if she is allowed to double the zoning limit of 3 people to 6 people, otherwise camera surveillance is the plan. As you look to establishing guidelines, I would encourage input from those organizations as well as Voices of Hope and Friendship Home. These nonprofits do the work and have been doing the work. Again, even though these organizations have a proven track record of providing housing and support, I’d still be advocating advocate for enforceable rules and regulations.
Additionally, I wanted to speak to the house itself. Twenty years ago the Arsiaga’s purchased a beautifully cared for and well maintained home with a brand new boiler for the radiator heating system complete with gorgeous vintage radiator covers that were a great find for the previous owner. When Arsiaga’s tried to sell it approximately 6 years later I walked through the open house to be greeted by porch floor boards that weren’t connected to joists on both end, wires coming out of walls where a light fixtures or switches should be, holes in the floor where the radiators had been connected, original base board and crown molding cut through to sloppily accommodate a forced air/ac system. It was no surprise when the house did not sell even though listed at an affordable price. Compare that to a house that just sold across the street from 420. That house sold, even under covid, because it was carefully and professionally done with an eye to the character of the house. Remodeling with a sawsall, glued exposed pink foam board and fiberboard does not add value or safety. 420 S 28th has been a problem property under the Arsiaga’s ownership. At the Planning Commission meeting Tina Arsiaga stated they wanted to put the profits from the AIF back into the house to preserve its historical value. I’m inclined to say too late. If this plan is indeed genuine it represents a direction polar opposite to the last 20 years of ownership.

There is a problem of over incarceration and overcrowding in facilities. The solution isn’t to create a for profit alternative to prisons. It invites profiteering with no recourse for anyone harmed, including those allegedly being served.

I own a duplex at 521 S 28th next door to our home. It provides affordable housing. I hire professionals, licensed electricians, plumbers because, while I can assume the risk for work/repairs I do in my own home, that is not a risk the people living in our duplex should be forced to assume. Now, instead of providing affordable housing for our long-term tenants I could have 6 people (it is actually a duplex not somehow magically being “considered as a duplex” to allow more people be profited off of). I would have the rent I currently receive per month for both units together every two days. Every two days. I’ve actually worked with juvenile probations twice. Two times I have had a young person released to me from LCYSC (Lancaster County Youth Services Center/juvenile detention), once at the request of the young person’s family and once as a foster child – there are specific protocols/processes to become a foster family. These young people lived with us and were directly supported to get caught up with school and reintegrate into their lives. I want to give a shout out to LPS staff and administrators who were instrumental in their successes. Four families on our block either are currently or have been foster families.

People who have been incarcerated should not carry the burden of stigma, perhaps those who want to profit off them should.

Zoning matters. I like to think of our neighborhood as a re-established neighborhood. We purchased our home 30 years ago next month. The house I’ve lived in the last 30 years would be a 4 plex had Woods Park Neighborhood Association and many others not worked diligently to down zone to R2. We bought the house from someone who felt they could not make
enough money from a duplex to make it worth their while. Our neighborhood was used as a piggy bank by owners who provided substandard housing and reaped the benefits of “depreciation.” Other neighborhoods ended up losing housing as roads cut directly through them, dividing the neighborhood/community. I would expect the same inequities to be manifested in AIF placement. The Arsiaga’s have just purchased a house on 13th Street in an R4 zone. How many people will be placed there if the initial plan for 420 South 28th Street was 8 or 10 in a single family dwelling? We don’t know. What we should know is what the rules, regulations, recourse options, guidelines and limits govern these properties.

Now you will have to consider where for-profit AIF’s fit with affordable housing. We need to look for comprehensive solutions to overcrowding in incarceration facilities. AIFs, as they currently stand aren’t a solution, they are a bigger problem.

Thank you so very much for your time and consideration. Please contact me with any questions, concerns, clarifications.

Peggy Olson, 509 S 28th Street, 402.730.4557

Sent from my iPhone
Good Afternoon Ms. King,

Thank you for contacting the office of the Lincoln City Council. I received your email requesting additional information pertaining to a recent Journal Star article and the COPS grant. I forwarded your email directly to Chief Bliemeister of the Lincoln police department. Please see his comments to each of your questions in red.

Again, thank you for reaching out to the Lincoln City Council. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Jeffrey Bliemeister
Chief of Police
Lincoln Police Department
575 South 10th
Lincoln, NE 68508
402.441.7238
From: Angela M. Birkett  
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:27 AM  
To: Jeffrey Bliemeister <lpd1782@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>; JJ Mayer-Adams <LPD1178@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>  
Cc: Richard W. Meginnis <RMeginnis@lincoln.ne.gov>; 'royforlincoln@gmail.com' <royforlincoln@gmail.com>; Bennie R. Shobe <BShobe@lincoln.ne.gov>; Tammy J. Ward <TJWard@lincoln.ne.gov>; James M. Bowers <JBowers@lincoln.ne.gov>; Jane Raybould <JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov>; Sandra J. Washington <SWashington@lincoln.ne.gov>; 'Richard Meginnis' <RMeginnis@NAIFMA.com>; Roy A. Christensen <RChristensen@lincoln.ne.gov>  
Subject: FW: LPD grant money

Good Morning Chief Bliemeister,

Below is an email from Gina King inquiring about the use of the COPS grant. She has asked three specific question to the use of the funds. Can you assist in responding to Ms. King's inquiry.

Thanks,

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

From: Rae King [mailto:rking529@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 2:33 PM  
To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>  
Subject: LPD grant money

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Good afternoon:

As per the LJS article reporting that grant money has been accepted to increase LPD police force, I would appreciate additional information.

1. Will this grant money be used solely to hire "street" cops? – No. The grant money will be used to hire five officers that will be dedicated to mitigating gun violence in Lincoln. The focus areas of the five officers will be

- Improve community partnerships to educate the residents about gun safety and ways to reduce gun violence
- Assess threats to prevent mass shootings
- Utilize ballistics technology to solve crimes and prevent future offenses. Prevent firearms from entering the black market. Identify, deter, and arrest the small number of offenders who are responsible for most gun violence.
- Prevent people who are legally prohibited from owning guns from obtaining them
- Increase the time and distance between a mentally ill or suicidal individual and their ability to obtain a firearm.

2. Will the accepted funds allow LPD to enhance any programs with a diversity/community unity focus?
Yes. One of the core reduction strategies listed above is to improve community partnerships to educate the residents about gun safety and ways to reduce gun violence. In addition, the complex investigative steps currently being performed by street officers, many of whom have ancillary duties supporting our current efforts to mitigate gun violence will be directed to the five officers hired with the COPS hiring grant funds. We believe this will allow street officers to spend more time working towards engagement of our citizens in the neighborhoods. In calendar year 2019, LPD Officer gave 554 total presentations for 41,792 minutes (approx. 700 hours) that reached 36,616 community members. A quick glance at recent presentations include the F Street Rec Center, Air Park Rec Center, Malone Center, Clinton Elementary School, etc. In calendar year 2019, LPD Officers spent 34,086 minutes (approx. 568 hours) at community events.

3. What specific actions are in place to address police brutality concerns locally; specifically, dialogue with citizens? (forums not specific to Malone) – See answer to question #2. Participation in the citizens police advisory board, making citizens part of our decision making, promotional processes and numerous formal and informal listening sessions. In addition, we address police brutality by where we recruit, requiring a detailed personal history statements, a two hour directed interview, psychological interview, polygraph, financial background, criminal background, prior employment and housing investigations, drug testing, training, policies, technology oversight, proactive review of those recordings and the formalized procedures in our internal affairs. In addition, we must meet the rigors of accreditation through CALEA.

Thank you

Gina King
340 S. 54th
Lincoln

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
Hello Council,

I'm not sure if I'm too late to respond to this item or not. I forgot to sign up to attend the meeting on Zoom, and can't attend in person today.

I reviewed many of the letters of opposition and support in order to understand more of what is going on with the appeal. I live in this neighborhood at 29th and J, so this issue is in my backyard. I support having a transition house for women leaving the correctional system. I've witnessed in a miniature way the lack of care present in jail. I don't imagine it's much better in prison. As always, there are kind people everywhere, but in my short time there, it felt like the purpose is to demoralize you so that you don't want to be there again. When I left jail, my first instinct was to create care packages for people as they left jail, so they would know they are cared for with real food, water, gift certificates for massage or acupuncture, bath salts, in short, healing items.

It's hard work to have an open heart and good boundaries. It's hard work to recover from trauma. But until we start practicing the hard work of being with each other and giving people safe, supportive spaces to do the work, how can we heal?

My dad is a recovering alcoholic who has been sober for 27 years or so. He ran three halfway houses in Nashville. It started with one in an old house in a rundown neighborhood. He worked to fix up the house, welcomed people in who sometimes succeeded and sometimes stole from him, and in a few years that house increased property values in the neighborhood. (I understand that Woods Park is already established and well cared for neighborhood, so it's not an equal comparison.) One house grew to three that were managed by people who succeeded in remaining sober and open to growing and sharing with others. The key was good boundaries and a person who believed in moving forward despite human set-backs. Everyone deserves a safe space to grow. With the support of the community and accountability of the staff with the community and the women moving through, this can happen. If it's not given the chance to succeed, it can't succeed.

Some of the fears also regarded worrying that many houses like this would sprout up to make money in the neighborhood. This is a valid concern, but one that you can make guidelines for as houses like this flourish or not. But I hope communities will open their hearts to spaces like this and be caring neighbors.

Thank you,

Angela Barber
620 S 29th St.
Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird and Members of City Council,

My name is Kate Michael and I am a resident of The Near South in Lincoln. I write this letter to urge you to begin defunding and demilitarizing the Lincoln Police Department. LPD’s budget has increased by 14% since the 2017-2018 budget. For the 2019-2020 year, the portion of the general fund spent on LPD was just under 25%. LPD’s increased funding is a direct harm to other necessary and more needed services in our city. Other services including parks and recreation, transportation and utilities, and urban development take much less out of the general cost for the city: 9.8%, 1.3%, and 0.5% respectively (Source: 2018-2020 Council Adopted Biennial Operating Budget). LPD is a direct cost to other services this city desperately needs.

As Lincoln residents, we therefore demand that you take immediate action to ensure the following:

* Reduce LPD's allocation from the General Fund.
* Reallocate those funds into housing, jobs, youth programs, restorative justice, mental health workers, and community development programs to keep the community safe.
* Disallow unauthorized overtime by LPD.
* Discontinue use of General Fund dollars to pay for settlements due to police murder, misconduct, and negligence.

Lincoln cannot wait any longer for a budget that meets the needs of its residents. The only way to achieve this is to take immediate steps to defund LPD.

Thank you,

Kate Michael
1645 S 22nd Street Apt 2
Katemich@live.com
4027704788

Sent from my iPhone
Good afternoon, I am writing to let you know of my extreme frustration with the Mayor’s decision to impose a mask mandate on businesses and facilities in Lancaster County, thereby causing them to have to enforce this on the citizens and patrons of those businesses. It’s an overreach of government and it’s incredibly irritating to think that at the drop of a hat the Mayor can force this on us. The fear mongering media that propagate the death and destruction everywhere caused by Covid is simply not true- certainly not true in Nebraska, and definitely not the case in Lincoln/Lancaster.

Nationwide and in Nebraska, roughly 1% of the population has tested supposedly positive. The majority of those that are or were positive are now deemed to have been “recovered”, and from my understanding, those that test positive with little or no symptoms don’t ever make it on to the “recovered” list because they had nothing to recover from. The deaths in Nebraska are minimal and total far less than 1% of the total of supposed positive cases, and the deaths in Lancaster county are even less.

It's infuriating that 100% of a population is supposed to lay down and do what we’re told, when related to something that is only affecting 1% of the population as a whole. The divide because of masks has become increasingly political. There’s a segment of the population that believe in freedom and choice, and then there are people like the Mayor. People say- “It’s just a mask, it’s no big deal, just wear it to keep other’s safe”. What’s next? What’s the next power grab overreach on the agenda?

On a personal common sense level, when do you ever stay home because you found out you were around someone that was sick, even though you yourself are not sick? When do you ever do something just in case on the extreme level that this is? Wear a mask to protect others from me, even though I’m not sick, haven’t been around anyone that is or was? There’s nothing to compare this to except fear pushing insanity and it seems to be working. People are scared to death to go out because of people like our Mayor and other’s on the wrong side of this. People are eating up the narrative that makes us think that if we get Covid it’s going to be immediate certain death. If the Mayor’s goal is to continue to push people out of work, keep incomes stagnate, create mental health issues that stretch far beyond Covid, and ultimately ensure that no one will vote for her again, then to that I say Well Done!
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Hello Everyone,

What are you all doing about the unlawful mandate by the Mayor? This is what the Lincoln people want to know and know now.

You all need to vote against that immediately please, so that she cannot do this!

We the People DO NOT CONSENT!!!!

Stand strong and tell her Hell NO!!!!!!!

Thanks
Denise Arnold and the Lincoln People!
718-974-9474
City Council Members of Lincoln, NE:
I am writing to you today to address an opportunity for our community to make a change. Civil and human rights progress have come in small increments over long periods of time, but the moment our country and this community are in provides a rare opportunity for grand-scale change.

I would like to draw your attention to section C of the latest available city budget:

- Police expenditures are by far the highest specific expenditures on the budget, with only Fire being comparable and City Unassigned ahead.
- The Police operating budget for 2019-2020 is $42,562,961.
  - The operating budget for Parks and Recreation is $16,802,963.
  - The operating budget for Libraries is $10,032,343.
  - The operating budget for Law and Human Rights is $3,435,647.
  - The operating budget for Transportation and Utilities is $2,276,639.
  - The operating budget for City Planning is $1,974,024.
  - The operating budget for Urban Development is $939,742.
  - Within Police expenditures from Grants-In-Aid Funds, the operating budget for addressing Domestic Violence and Youth Community Outreach are $92,483 and $81,073 respectively.

We are experiencing the largest Civil Rights Movement in history and the problems being addressed are reflected in this imbalance seen in our very own community budget. Communities, including our own, face a variety of challenges that require a variety of tools and resources. This nearly sole reliance on police to solve community challenges has proven inadequate and even harmful in every community that supports the overuse of what is a blunt object on a large number of very sharp problems.

Divest from the police and invest in our community’s well-being. Please understand that the changes being proposed are being resisted by those for whom change would be inconvenient and propelled by those for whom change is critical to their livelihood.

Sincerely,
Russell Morgan
Republicans have not got it all right as well, this is where the 2 parties are to work together to improve our country, not a stale mate as we all are now in, this won’t change without leadership from both sides. The Democrat party that run cities & states in USA need to improve their way of dealing with problems that arise in these places, and not just refusing to move forward with our government & doing their jobs as they have voted in to do. The Democrat party will never have our support moving forward, due to the lack strength of their movement over history.

Democrats: By making people more dependent on the government such as: Free college, Free heath care, section 8 housing, (good idea, but hasn’t worked and should be disbanded), free phones, etc., Nothing is FREE, someone will always pay that bill, and should not be from people whom don’t approve of such programs & the programs become criminal, we should be able to opt out of supporting such programs, and let those who support it pay for it.

Democrats believe all non-democrats or white people are raciest: Not all people of any race are raciest as a lot of people claim. This only hurts us as a whole moving forward with all people, and only divides all of us even more. Just because someone doesn’t support your beliefs, doesn’t merit racism. Our police (law enforcement as a whole and 1st responders) must be supported, not blame them for the cause of crime, these people are left to be cleaned up by them. A flag is not racism, nor is monument, or our history, it is those people that believe it is. I never thought that some what has come up as racism, ever was, and still don’t believe that it is now. If our leadership in government offices such as law enforcement, mayors, senators, governors, etc. knowingly do not enforce rights for all, then they should be removed as well. But for many years the BUDDY SYSTEM is the way we have dealt with this and still do, it is a way of life in this country, race doesn’t matter, I have watch it happen. (Republicans & Democrats are great examples of this)

Democrats: Immigration by illegals (I support legal immigration) and entering this country is criminal behavior, and then receiving support from the government makes our country weaker than it has ever been. We don’t like the Covid 19, murders, rapist, thieves, but yet we harbor illegals in our cities and states. By not enforcing our laws that are clear, that in its self is criminal. Those that support this should remove themselves from any leadership role in America. I don’t believe all immigrants are criminals, as well as all people are not raciest.

Protest by people: This is our right as United States citizens, as a way to address differences, (key word CITIZEN & PEACEFUL). When these protests become criminal in any way and violent & destructive activity become threaten and threaten the safety of any citizen as a result of the protest, it then is not a protest, it has turned criminal. We have in place laws which address this at every corner. If the leadership (governor, mayor, senator, etc.) makes a choice not to enforce our laws that are a part of our country, that then is criminal, and such be dealt with accordingly by our system, it should not be done in the cities and streets. There are legal ways to make change in this country.

I would expect our president as a leader to send in the Federal Government and do what the leadership of the cities & states should have done as soon as these things become criminal, but are more fearful of doing the right thing, should remove themselves for failure to keep people safe in these places, and not protecting the citizens from criminals.
I was raised by a WWII veteran, who fought for our freedoms, for all people, not certain groups as we now think we should. I was taught to be honest & always do the right thing, and he expected that we do this. People don’t have less rights than someone else as a citizen, some people seem to have more rights than others.

There are a lot of different reason that now people want more rights than someone has, the family structure is broken. We should not make changes in this country to fit the broken in this country. The very lack fathers & mothers as a family unit in this country has a lot more to do with our failures, that we now face and we as a whole don’t give credit to the right cause of these problems. That is a very early lack of leadership at the beginning of all of our lives. We should read the bible for leadership, not look to our shelves & culture that now is trying lead us in way that will clearly make thing worse. We need parents of our children that lead them by example more so than words, stay involved, and make the correction as are needed when bringing them to adulthood. Not to wait until it is to late.

We now want to support the way people choose to be that go against God, and now we reward such differences. If we don’t or ae not willing to recognizes these things, than we are as lost as culture is, and people we always follow leadership, good or bad, that is what history has proven.

David Foxworth
Oklahoma.
Dear City Council,

I'm writing to you today about potential violation of the Nebraska Opening Meetings Act.

This is a section pulled from the statute:

(3) Videoconferencing means conducting a meeting involving participants at two or more locations through the use of audio-video equipment which allows participants at each location to hear and see each meeting participant at each other location, including public input. Interaction between meeting participants shall be possible at all meeting locations.

Source: Laws 1975, LB 325, § 2; Laws 1983, LB 43, § 1; Laws 1

I'm not a lawyer, but I know a few. One happens to be the Attorney General of the State of Nebraska.

As the citizens testifying are doing so from private homes, residences, and other non-public places. These places would have to be open and accessible for meeting participants to have interaction.

I therefore believe that you would have to confirm and announce every zoom location that is sending video teleconference testimony or information.

I eagerly await a written legal opinion (within 24 hours) from a city or state attorney on the potential violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Vernon J
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City Council members

My name is Rich Hester and I live at 4425 High st. I’m a proud home owner and have lived at this address for 7+ years. I am writing you today with my concerns about a project that Phil Euhler 20R-245 or special permit # 20013.

I do not agree with this project for a number of reason! The grounds where he is Proposing to build on is a very Beautiful place as it sits now. I have seen a number of wild life in this area. Just recently a family of foxes were spotted running and playing along with a few deer. That place is a great place to just take a walk and clear your head without leaving your neighborhood which is very hard to find in the city these days. I was born in a small SW Nebraska town and it was very easy to find spots like this out there. I moved to Lincoln for the chance to better myself and start a family.

When I found this area and seen that spot I knew it was for me. I have had a few run ins with Phil Euhler myself. The first time I met Phil he was driving his John deer tractor down 46th street he knew I was behind him but didn’t move over so I could go around him. I stop to ask him what he was doing. He told me “nobody in this neighborhood takes care of these streets so someone has to do it” in a very rude and smartass kind of way! The second run in I had he was cutting trees down in this area he wants to build on. My understanding of the laws is you must be an arborist in order to do this in the city limits?

I have made many of friends with in this neighborhood and heard nothing but bad things about Phil. I know he has damaged people’s property and promised to fix it and never has. There was a fence post on the property of 3214 South 46th that was hit by his riding lawn mower about a month ago Phil promised he would fix it or replace it and to this day it is not fixed or replaced. I personally seen the damage and heard the conversation.

I won’t go into the things that I’ve been told do to I personally did not hear it or see it from Phil. I do know he try’s to intimidate people to get what he wants and in my book that’s not cool!

I believe that if anything should be built on this Beautiful place it should be a small neighborhood park so we can take are children to play and admire this fine piece of property! 250,000 dollar homes do not belong there. The flooding alone would make it a nightmare for the people buying this homes. It needs to stay the way it is! To many places like this are being destroyed just so one person can make a buck. I have come to see that money has taken over something’s that can’t be replaced and this is one of them places. So I’m asking all of you to come take a look get out of your cars a go for a walk you will see why so many people want this to stay the way it is. I honestly believe you would fall in love with this as we have!

Thank you for taken the time and giving me this opportunity.

Thank you
Rich Hester
Home owner 4425 High st
Sent from my iPhone
Dear City Council members,

We are excited to share with you that the New Americans Task Force CareerLadder project has been selected as a finalist in the Google.org Impact Challenge!! This means that CareerLadder received $175,000 with the possibility to win an additional $125,000 through a public vote. Votes can be cast today through next Thursday, July 30 at g.co/NebraskaChallenge.

You can vote for CareerLadder here!

CareerLadder connects skilled immigrants and refugees to career pathways, digital resources, and a professional network while fostering economic opportunity and restoring dignity through work. The tools developed by CareerLadder are applicable statewide and will be shared by partner agencies with communities across Nebraska.

In the next phase of the Challenge, we have the opportunity to nearly double our funding if we are selected as the community’s favorite nonprofit. We need your help in generating as many votes as possible! By sharing information about CareerLadder through email and social media with partner organizations, supporters, and followers, you can help the New Americans Task Force generate as many votes as possible for CareerLadder. Your support will allow us to provide substantially more services to skilled immigrant professionals across the state of Nebraska! Here are tools that you can use to spread the word:

- CareerLadder infographic
- Google.org vote graphic
- Quote graphic Mayor Gaylor Baird
- CareerLadder fact sheet
- Social media engagement ideas

We've also attached a checklist with suggestions for how to use these tools!

We're excited for the opportunity to invest further in economic opportunity in our community! Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dorsey Vinton
Executive Director/CEO
Individualization | Learner | Arranger | Activator | Ideation

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Lincoln, NE 68503
402-477-3446
Check out our website!
www.lincolnasiancenter.org
We are Paul and Sarah Frink. We live at 2716 south 13th. We found out 2 days ago about the property at 2740 south 13th becoming a halfway house. We heard 6-10 men is the goal of the owner. I would like all of you to know where we live on 13th street the alley is our only access to our home and garage. We maintain the alley. we have no snow removal etc. The home at 2740 should stay a single family home. More than 2-3 people living there will make the alley to congested, to much traffic. We can not ever have alley block by vehicles. I really am concerned about safety of the facility. What are the regulations for this business. Why would the owner buy as a single family home and try to sneak a facility into a neighborhood. I would at least have liked her to have the common courtesy of being told about what was happening with this property. I feel it is very unethical of this person to do what they are doing. Please drive to the area and look. Drive down the alley, thats my only way to get to my house.
Please consider what i have said. We don’t have the resources that this person does. We need your help and guidance.
Thank you Paul and Sarah Frink
Mr. Prenda,

I am in receipt of your email which is primarily directed to the City Council. I am forwarding this transmittal to the Council Secretary who will ensure that it is shared appropriately.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Geri Rorabaugh
Administrative Officer
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Dept.
402 441-6365

Ms. Rorabaugh,

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. You have been very helpful.

I am not sure whether it is appropriate to directly email council members but if they can receive this additional information, would you please forward this email to them?

I want to extend my apologies to council members for not being able to personally appear at the hearing Monday evening. But I submitted written comments and I hope the council members have had an opportunity to review them. During Monday’s hearings on permits, I noted Councilmember Christensen’s emphasis on "predictability" for property owners and buyers, and Councilmember Raybould’s attention to the "scarcity of details" and other "commitments" from developers. The same things are true on this permit request.

I did finally hear from Lincoln Federal on Monday at 11:30 a.m. and a dialogue was started. The bottom line is that more time may resolve our differences to assure the proposal is going to have the least negative impact on existing property values and tax base. With a 30-day delay in vote, I’m confident the parties can meet and address concerns, and the City Council can have additional time and information available to make the most informed decision possible.

Thank you for your time and sincere commitment to the fairness of this process. BP
To all on City Council

I am writing in regards to the “special Permit” that the Planning Commission approved for the house on 420 S 28th St. First of all I am not opposed to anyone coming out of prison not having a chance at rehabilitation. It is in the best interest of ALL in our community for these people to have a chance at reentering society successfully and able to contribute positively to our communities.

I personally feel that all that is being done in this situation is everyone passing the buck. No one seems to want to touch the much needed attention this needs. The Parole board just wants them out of prison, the planning commission then passes it to City Council. I feel before this permit is granted there needs to be more attention to licensing, 24 hour on site supervision, regulations, inspections, and renewals of licenses at a minimum of every two years. Group homes and foster care both have guidelines and regulations for the landlords and the tenants. I personally see this case and others like it as a “Profit Business” more than a service to individuals or the neighborhood.

It would be best if a committee or board were to be in charge of regulating and overseeing these properties. As it stands now once the permit is granted nothing can or does change for that property and it can continue to be that indefinitely.

I also do not think it fair to put these facilities in older established neighborhoods only. How many of these are there in the newer developments and the elite areas of town. Probably not one. Also statistics show 53% of the offenders will re offend. I understand there is one being allowed close to a school and park. What stops these facilities from housing sex offenders. Also the people living in these homes do not have vested interest in the neighborhoods as those of us who own our homes. I have lived in my home for 44 years.

I am not saying I do not want this in my neighborhood I am asking for a hold on the permit until guidelines, regulations, licensing, 24 hour in house supervision, and frequent inspections can be made. There is no safety net at this time for the neighbors or the housed individuals. I also have issue with 6 individuals in the facility at a time. This already violates the more than three unrelated people in the house.

Please give more thought to getting something concrete written up for these facilities before they can be in operation.

Marguerite Longsine

512 S 29th

[Signature]

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