

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, August 3, 2020

555 S. 10TH STREET

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1. Approval of Directors' Minutes from July 20, 2020

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

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LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

1. Weekly Administrative Approvals from July 21, 2020 through July 27, 2020

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6. ILC - Christensen, Shobe, Washington (07.27.20)

VII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE

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VIII. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

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IX. ADJOURNMENT



Memorandum

Date: ♦ July 28, 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 21, 2020 through July 27, 2020:

Administrative Amendment 19074 to Change of Zone 07060B, Wilderness Heights PUD, approved by the Planning Director on July 22, 2020, to amend the lot lines for Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 18 and revise the layout for the apartments, generally located at South 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Administrative Amendment 20034 to Change of Zone 07060B, Wilderness Heights PUD approved by the Planning Director on July 23, 2020, to change single family lots to attached single family lots for Lots 7-14, Block 16; Lots 6-14, Block 17 and Lots 1-13 and 17-25, Block 18 and to delete Note #20, generally located at South 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Nancy Larimer <larimernk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for our LPD

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Please continue to support our excellent city law enforcement men and women. Lincoln is very fortunate to have a quality department who has continued to learn and strive for excellence. Chief Bliemeister has handled the incredible situations that have arisen in the last few months. He is articulate, willing to listen to all concerned, and has the best interests of ALL of Lincoln's citizenry.

Thank you for continuing to lead our city sensibly and not buckling under to outside forces who have agendas that are not in everyone's best interests.

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Nancy Larimer

Angela M. Birkett

From: Gillett, Bryce <bryce.gillett@trimarkusa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Jane Raybould
Cc: Angela M. Birkett; Richard W. Meginnis
Subject: RE: Community Coronavirus Update #33

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Thanks for the reply Jane. Because I have sent 2 separate emails to the City Council, and a separate email today to LPS, I'm unsure as to which email you are replying to. Since you are on the City Council, I thought it was in regard to one of those, but since you are including "recommended" guidelines for schools, that you might be replying back in regard to that email as well.

Please let me know which email your response is referencing.

And regardless of which, the concern I have about the over reach of government is unintentionally mentioned on page 6 of the 1st attachment you included. "New Normal" is mentioned, and that is not ok. This is not normal, and it should become normal. When did we decide (or have decided for us) that the number one priority of everyone in the USA is to avoid catching Covid. While I don't necessarily want to be sick, I'm not going to stop living my life, or alter it in ways that include constant daily mask wearing. Thankfully since Covid is not transmissible while an individual is eating or drinking, or while working out, masks don't have to be worn then. And since Covid obviously does not transfer amongst family members, you don't need to wear a mask at home. Yes, a bit of sarcasm there, but it's really ridiculous to think that wearing a mask while ordering my coffee like I did this morning, protects everyone from me, but when I sit down and drink my coffee and work on my laptop, that somehow I'm no longer at risk to others. The social experiment of wear a mask because you care, as the forwarded email from Bob Rauner states in his signature line, somehow indicates that if I don't wear a mask that I must not care. It's quite the opposite actually. There is so much misinformation out there that we truly don't know what could or will come from this. But how long to we mandate masks and change everything about how we go about life? It's scary to think that at the drop of a hat, everything shut down and we all just said "Yes Sir (or Ma'am to be PC- or They to be really PC), whatever you say. Stay home? Okay! Wear a mask? Okay! What else can I do for you Sir/Ma'am/They?"

Myself and many others like me in this city and state and in other states throughout the US are tired of having our rights and freedoms compromised. Take away this, add this, do that, soon we'll be asking Kim Jong Un for advice on our day to day life. I heard they had zero cases of Covid- he must be on to something. I know that's extreme, but it seems more and more likely every day that government, and/or government agencies like our school systems, tell us how it's going to be, and we no longer have a choice.



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From: Jane Raybould <JRaybould@lincoln.ne.gov>
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To: Gillett, Bryce <bryce.gillett@trimarkusa.com>
Cc: Angela M. Birkett <ABirkett@lincoln.ne.gov>; Richard W. Meginnis <RMeginnis@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Fw: Community Coronavirus Update #33

Hi Bryce. This is Jane Raybould with the Lincoln City Council. I apologize for not responding sooner but I'm really swamped this week at work. I wanted to share with you this link to Dr. Bob Rauner's summaries on how we all get thru this pandemic in the best way we can. If you listen to his latest update # 33 per the link provided I think many of your concerns and questions can be answered. If you would like to discuss this further with me please feel free to contact me on my city council cell and that is (531) 207-2930. Kindly leave me a voicemail message on how best to return your call as I am typically on my other two phones.

Stay well.

Jane

From: Bob Rauner <brauner@healthylincoln.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 12:01 PM
Subject: Community Coronavirus Update #33

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FYI, Community Coronavirus Update #33 - <https://youtu.be/8S4doKVh3z4>

The main themes today are safely opening schools, the 2 guidance documents released by UNMC College of Public Health and the Harvard Safra coalition last week (attached), and a few other things we've learned about Coronavirus.

Resources and Article References:

UNMC College of Public Health K-12 Back to School Playbook -
https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/news/UNMC_COPH_K-12_Playbookv1.pdf

Harvard Safra Joint Opening Schools Briefing - https://globalepidemics.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/pandemic_resilient_schools_briefing_72020.pdf

Outbreaks Sources Israel - <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium-data-shows-where-israelis-contract-the-coronavirus-1.9005504?v=1595646784843>

Harvard Public Health Institute Tracking with County Level Search - <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>

New York Times Contagiousness in Children - <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/18/health/coronavirus-children-schools.html>

WaPo Perspective US Botched the Job and Parents are Furious -
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/07/24/remote-school-parents-rage/?arc404=true>

Douglas County Board of Health Unanimous Vote for Mask Mandate - https://omaha.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/douglas-county-board-of-health-votes-unanimously-to-support-mask-mandate/article_0820e4e8-17a0-5e66-96f0-51a2510a5785.html#tracking-source=home-breaking

Prolonged Illness Common Even in Young CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6930e1.htm>

Pediatric Guidance on Return to Sports - <https://www.acc.org/latest-in-cardiology/articles/2020/07/13/13/37/returning-to-play-after-coronavirus-infection>

NEJM Study Dexamethasone & Mortality - <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2021436?query=TOC>

Tony Blair Institute Individual Guidance - https://institute.global/policy/learning-live-alongside-covid-19?fbclid=IwAR3YA268_iDCFjb7M2MdeoCeh3YsY0W-81Z1Sqr-DRd2e4RdQaW6MEO6_gI

Key Performance Measure Not Being Tracked, Test Turn Around Time - <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/07/21/coronavirus-states-data/>

21 CEOs ask governors to require masks - https://www.cnn.com/2020/07/17/perspectives/masks-shopping-retail-ceos/index.html?utm_term=link&utm_source=fbCNN&utm_medium=social&utm_content=2020-07-18T01%3A01%3A06&fbclid=IwAR17uHYtY7wMR120qukXsrsGXYiwjROIRc1bHVxJsk5GfnekDbuMvHTSG-Y

Challenges in Calculating Infection Fatality Rate Infection Fatality Rate - <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-07-deadly-coronavirus-true-fatality-tricky.html>

Systematic Review of COVID 19 Infection Fatality Rates - <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.05.03.20089854v4>

CDC Projections on COVID 19 Fatality Rate and Hospitalizations - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/planning-scenarios.html>

Meridian Vaccine Trials Launching in 3 Nebraska Communities - <https://www.mcrmed.com/covid/>

Johns Hopkins Podcast with Dr. Casadevall on Convalescent Serum, Monoclonal Antibodies, and Vaccines - <https://podcasts.google.com/feed/aHR0cHM6Ly9qb2huc2hvcGtpbnNzcGgubGlic3luLmNvbS9yc3M/episode/NmY0OTk0NmUtNzE3OS00YzlhLTJhNDItYjg3YTlZy2UxNjg3?hl=en&ved=2ahUKewibi4HvwNzqAhUiAZ0JHZJ9DhIQieUEegQIChAE&ep=6>

ZDoggMD on Masks - <https://www.facebook.com/docvadermd/videos/315933976111867>

Nebraska County Specific Rates with UNMC risk thresholds (rates per 100,000) – www.healthynebraska.org

Country & State Specific Rates of Community Spread (rates/million) - <http://91-divoc.com/pages/covid-visualization/>

Bob

From: Bob Rauner

Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:16 AM

Subject: Community Coronavirus Update #32

FYI, Community Coronavirus Update #32 - <https://youtu.be/a-q63uT2dBQ>

Themes today are Coronavirus Key Performance Indicators, Promising Treatments, and LPS Graduation Thoughts.

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Deaths by Age Group - <https://www.acsh.org/news/2020/06/23/coronavirus-covid-deaths-us-age-race-14863>

Wall Street Journal COVID 19 Fatality Rate - <https://www.wsj.com/articles/how-deadly-is-covid-19-researchers-are-getting-closer-to-an-answer-11595323801>

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Lancet Article on Promising Vaccine - [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31604-4/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)31604-4/fulltext)

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ZDoggMD on Masks - <https://www.facebook.com/docvadermd/videos/315933976111867>

Target & CVS to Require Masks - https://omaha.com/business/target-cvs-the-latest-businesses-to-announce-mask-requirement/article_005bf874-c2fc-50e4-8665-5c9202eb8f16.html

Walmart & Sam's to Require Masks – <https://www.foxbusiness.com/lifestyle/coronavirus-walmart-sams-club-face-mask-shop>

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Also, in his video, he references not listening to viral videos from people without credentials, but those videos or postings from people WITH credentials tend to get taken down by the Google/Facebook/Twitter Police. Somehow or another I guess the people within those organizations have zeroed in on what truth is- as long as you agree with them.

He also says this is not the end all be all word of God- but then goes on to say that LPS has it right and that the surrounding areas do not and the private schools do not. Essentially saying that Lincoln may still have problems, but it won't be because of LPS. Sounds kind of like the end all be all word of Rauner.

Interesting too that he said Game Days won't be happening in NE this fall.

Also Blaming Ricketts for the "mess" we're in. What exactly would that mess be? Hospital numbers are minimal, deaths are essentially non-existent. But wear a mask just in case.

Rauner sounds like an irritated left guy who clearly doesn't care for Trump and/or Ricketts. I would expect the Dr. to keep his political garbage to himself. Basically everything he said is now negated because of his commitment to trash the Republicans he doesn't care for.

How is it safe to be without a mask with your social group? Does your social group have to sign a waiver saying that they're only a part of your social group? Not sure about you or Dr. Rauner, but lots of the people in my social group also have other social groups, and those people also have other social groups. This is just more of the misinformation, or mixed information that comes out. He can wear a mask when and where he feels necessary because he is a Dr. But no masks for K-5 children because they exhale less vigorously and at waist high, so we're all safe.

It's these types of things that add to my frustration, but also completely confirms and affirms my point. Thank you for the link though.



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Subject: Mask Mandate

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Dear Council Members,

I am an employee at Christ Lincoln Childcare and Preschool. With your new mask mandate even though we are a private daycare/school that is attached to a church we are required to have all children 5+ and teachers wear a mask while in the building. I urge you to consider what the ramifications are to having this one size fits all mandate. While I believe you are putting this mandate into effect because you believe it will help slow the spread of Covid-19, the science is showing that children are far less susceptible to the virus and are not leading cause of spreading it either. Because of your mandate my 4-5 year old preschool class will have some children required to wear masks while others are not. Please consider what it is like to have to tell a 5 year old to stop playing with their mask constantly. There are already so many restrictions on schools and childcare centers because of Covid that adding this into the mix causes just one more distraction from teaching. Most 5 year old's are not capable of properly wearing a mask, they constantly touch it and in turn render the mask useless and possibly make it even more likely that they will contract some sort of virus because of it. I URGE you to reconsider the age limit on these masks. Truly, young children elementary age and below can not responsibly use a mask. We have children dropping out of our preschool and childcare because of this mandate. Please also consider how hard it is as an early education teacher who is working with children learning how to speak properly and understand such things as facial expressions when the teachers are wearing a mask. Think about the babies in the childcare centers that need to see facial expressions to feel comfort and learn. Because the risk to children is so incredibly low please adjust your mask policy to exempt childcare centers and reconsider the age to which children are required to wear a mask in public settings.

Thank you,
Sara Alishouse