IN LIEU OF
DIRECTORS’ ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Monday, November 23, 2020

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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III. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE IN OPPOSITION OF CHANGES TO CPAB
See attached items
Memorandum

Date: ♦ November 17, 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 November 10, 2020 through November 16, 2020:

Administrative Amendment 20063, to Special Permit 04009A, Anderson Place, approved by the Planning Director on November 9, 2020, to increase the allowable floor area on Lot 5 by 3,000 square feet from 21,760 square feet to 24,760 square feet on property generally located at North 86th Street & Garland Street.
NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 18, 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.

The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in the City Council Chambers immediately following the Regular Planning Commission meeting, for a post briefing on 33rd & Cornhusker Subarea Plan. **Please Note** Planning Commission briefings are for informational purposes only and no public testimony will be taken.

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.

**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.

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, NOVEMBER 18, 2020
Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held October 28, 2020. **APPROVED: 5-0; (Ball abstained; Finnegan, Joy, and Ryman Yost absent)**

1. CONSENT AGENDA:
   (Public Hearing and Administrative Action);

   CHANGE OF ZONE:

   1.1 CHANGE OF ZONE 20031, from R-2 (Residential District) to R-4 (Residential District), on property generally located at 131 NW 22nd Street.

   Staff recommendation: Approval
   Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
   Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 5-0 (Finnegan, Edgerton, Joy, and Ryman Yost absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020, 3:00 p.m.

   SPECIAL PERMITS:

   1.2 SPECIAL PERMIT 20009A, to allow a propane tank(s) for up to 36,000 gallons of propane on generally located at 1305 Broad Street. ***FINAL ACTION***

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Tom Cajka, 402-441-5662, tcajka@lincoln.ne.gov
   This application was removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate public hearing. Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 2, 2020: 5-0 (Finnegan, Edgerton, Joy, and Ryman Yost absent). Resolution No. PC-01734.

   1.3 SPECIAL PERMIT 20039, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, on generally located at 1000 West Bond Street. ***FINAL ACTION***

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

   1.4 SPECIAL PERMIT 20040, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, on property generally located at 1101 West Commerce Way. ***FINAL ACTION***

   Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
   Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov
1.5 SPECIAL PERMIT 20043, to allow for outdoor drive-in movie events, on property generally located at 3801 NW 34th Street. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Rachel Jones, 402-441-7603, rjones@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission ‘final action’: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 6, 2020: 5-0 (Finnegan, Edgerton, Joy, and Ryman Yost absent). Resolution No. PC-01737.

1.6 SPECIAL PERMIT 20044, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, on property generally located at 4640 Bair Avenue. *** FINAL ACTION ***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: Brian Will, 402-441-6362, bwill@lincoln.ne.gov

2. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.

3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: See Item 1.2.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:
(*** 1:30 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: ***)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT:

4.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT 20001, to amend the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to include the "Lincoln Affordable Housing Coordinated Action Plan".
Staff recommendation: Approval
Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE: 6-0 (Finnegan, Joy, and Ryman Yost absent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE SUSPENDING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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Adjournment 1:53 p.m.
PENDING LIST:

CHANGE OF ZONE 20029, from R-3 (Residential District) to H-3 (Highway Commercial District), on property generally located west of North 33rd Street and Schworer Drive.

PRELIMINARY PLAT 20004, for a new preliminary plat consisting of two lots, on property generally located West of North 33rd Street and Schworer Drive.
TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird  
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: November 18, 2020

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: November 18, 2020

Please be advised that on November 18, 2020, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

Resolution PC-01735, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 20039, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, on property legally described as Lot 2, Union Pacific 8th Addition, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 10-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 1000 West Bond Street;

Resolution PC-01736, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 20040, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption on and off the premises, on property legally described as Lot 1, Union Pacific 8th Addition, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 10-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 1101 West Commerce Way;

Resolution PC-01737, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 20043, to allow for outdoor drive-in movie events, on property legally described as the NW 1/4 of Section 8-10-6, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 3801 NW 34th Street; and

Resolution PC-01738, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 20044, to allow for the sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, on property legally described as Lots 1 and 2, Superior Pointe, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 6-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 4640 Bair Avenue.

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 (Keyword = PATS). Use the Search “Selection” screen and search by application number (i.e. SP20039, SP20040, etc.). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in “Related Documents” under the application number.
Dear City Council,

Can you please review and repeal the draconian cancellation of Youth Sports programs in Lincoln and Lancaster Counties. These restrictions make no sense given the relative low impact the "pandemic" virus makes on young people, and the fact that it is not young people utilizing hospitals. The restrictions should be targeted to vulnerable populations.

Please act now to rescind the cancellation of youth sports activities.

Sincerely, Ron Lawson
2511 Jane Lane, Lincoln, NE 68512
Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird, Director Lopez, Council Chair Meginnis and the Lincoln City Council,

Please see the attached .pdf letter regarding my concerns with the Lincoln-Lancaster County DHM 2020-12.

Thank you,

Edwin K Aasen III (Owner)
Pioneer Gymnastics Academy
Nebraska Cheer Center
Lincoln, NE
Dear Mayor Gaylor Baird, Director Lopez, Council Chair Meginnis and the Lincoln City Council,

I want to preface this letter by first stating that I do believe Covid-19 is real and is a serious threat to our community. I believe that masks, social distancing and cleaning are vital to the fight against Covid-19. The physical and mental health of my students, employee’s and my family are my first concern. With this being said, I have serious concerns regarding shutting down all youth sports in Lincoln and Lancaster County.

My name is Ed Aasen and I am the owner of both Pioneer Gymnastics Academy and Nebraska Cheer Center located in Lincoln Nebraska. At Pioneer Gymnastics Academy we have been teaching and coaching the youth of Lincoln for over 30 years. We teach and coach children between the ages of 18 mos. and 18 years. We teach all levels from Pre-School to Level 10 boys and girls. Nebraska Cheer Center has been teaching and coaching cheer and tumbling for the past 11 years and is home to recreational tumbling and cheer students as well as all levels of competitive cheerleading.

Both of my gyms were shut down from March 15, 2020 until June 1, 2020. During this time our competitive athletes lost the last few competitions of their 2020 season as well as their State, Regional and National Championships. This was very difficult for them as they had been training hard all year long. Both gymnastics and cheer are sports that require year-round training to compete at the highest levels. Taking three months off is very detrimental to their training as they can not just start back where they left off. These athletes have been training hard since we re-opened in June and are now almost back to competitive form. Our seasons start in mid-January. Telling them that we now need to be closed again was devastating to them. They all know how hard it is to come back from an extended time off. This shut down may prevent many of them from maintaining the skills
they need to compete at the levels we were working for. It may also put us in a position to have to
cancel the entire 2021 competitive season. This is especially difficult for our highest-level gymnasts
who are working hard to obtain college scholarships.

Pioneer Gymnastics as well as Nebraska Cheer Center have done everything we’ve been asked to do.
We limit parent viewing, take everyone’s temperatures upon entering our gyms, we require the use of
hand sanitizer / washing hands upon entering, everyone is required to wear a mask while in our
building, we do our best to keep everyone 6’ apart from each other, we’ve reduced our teaching
ratio’s and are cleaning / sanitizing hands and equipment constantly. We are also limiting the number
of people in our buildings. These actions have created an increase in monthly payroll while
decreasing monthly income. Despite all of this, we are now being told that we have to shut down for
all students K-12 which is the majority of our students.

My gyms are small businesses with over 30 employees’. We are not the same as the YMCA’s or
Parks and Rec programs. I pay rent, properties taxes and CAM fees for three buildings as well as
utilities and other expenses. We rely on parents paying monthly tuition. If we can’t offer our
services, I can’t require my clients to pay. As I stated earlier, we are small business with Because of
the timing of the first shut down we had to end our school year session early. We ended up starting
our summer registrations later than normal and ended up with 20% of our normal enrollments. We
survived the spring because we were able to obtain PPP funding however that was only intended to
sustain us for 8 weeks. We are now into 8 months of zero to limited income. Without another
stimulus package I fear that my businesses will not survive.

After reading through the DHM multiple times it appears to me to be inconsistent with itself. On
page 4 of section 1, paragraph 2 it states:

Any organization (public or private) conducting sporting events for
school aged children in grades K-12 ("K-12 children"), including
but not limited to activities, practices, games or competitions,
("Sporting Activity") shall submit a K-12 Sporting Activity Plan to
the LLCHD.

Yet the following paragraph on the same page states:

No indoor team Contact Sports, Limited-Contact Sports, or Non-Contact Sports
(as classified by the Nebraska Department of Health
and Human Services Statewide Sports Reopening Guidelines
updated June 19, 2020) activities, practices, games, or competitions
for K-12 children, including but not limited to school and club
sponsored events, shall be allowed until December 7, 2020 unless
circumstances dictate a change in date.

The most confusion stems from page six, section 5. Gymnastics and Martial Arts are specifically
mentioned along with gyms, fitness centers health clubs... This has since been clarified to me as
meaning “adult gymnastics and martial arts” however it is not stated that way.
5) Gyms, fitness centers/clubs, health clubs, health spas, martial arts studios, and gymnastics gyms will be limited to the greater of ten (10) people (excluding staff) or 50% of rated occupancy as established by the City of Lincoln Building and Safety Department. Any facility or business referred to in this paragraph shall ensure a minimum distance of six (6) feet be maintained between all Patrons at all times.

From this you can surely see where my frustration and confusion comes from. I have spoken to city officials and had this explained to me and I will be closing my gyms as per the mandate. Today, I have been inundated by calls, texts and emails from upset parents asking why I am closing and none of the other gyms are closing. I’ve explained it to them the best I can but the calls keep coming. I am beyond frustrated and stressed. I am now risking losing families to gyms who are choosing to interpret the DHM differently. Please clarify this DHM for me so I know I am doing the right thing for my athletes and my community.

As a parent, coach, concerned citizen, taxpayer and business owner, I implore you to re-consider this latest DHM in regards to the youth of Lincoln and Lancaster County. Essentially you are locking up the children of our community by taking away the activities they love while still allowing the adults to go out and play. From what I understand, there is no evidence of COVID spread related to private club youth sports and activities. Our children are our future and we must do everything we can to protect both their physical and emotional well-being. Taking away their sports only hurts them.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me I may be reached by email pioneergym@aol.com or by phone (402)730-1304.

Sincerely,

Edwin K Aasen III (Owner)
Pioneer Gymnastics Academy
Nebraska Cheer Center
Hello, I am Corey Krueger. I am a senior at Lincoln Southeast High School. I do not know for sure if anyone will even read this email but I can’t keep sitting around without trying to be heard. Myself like many other kids in the city, is struggling quite a lot right now due to this three week break from sports. I find it hard to understand why youth activities that are productive for kids and keep them in a controlled environment rather than having free time to do who knows what is being cancelled when I have found little to no data relating covid cases to school related activities. It angers me that I may not be able to showcase my talents to college coaches one last year and this could maybe have a major impact on my future with the sport I love. It angers me that harmless things like that are being restricted, yet bars and other businesses in downtown Lincoln get to stay open. I understand that is for the economy but you can probably understand where I am coming from.

Now, I’m not trying to send a hateful email because I have nothing but respect for what you people do for our city. I just have been struggling a lot with the anxiety of wondering if I won’t get to play basketball again, the thought that maybe i’ve been working on getting better and lifting for 4-5 hours a day for no reason, the fact that other schools in our state get to start practicing while we don’t. I know whoever reading this may not know me, but let me dive a little deeper. (even though it may not matter, this is just one of thousands of stories that could be told) When 2020 started, I went through a lot of painful things. Some included losing family members, bad fights with my family, losing friends, and then to add to all that... Covid-19. I won’t go into my whole life story but let’s just say I fell into a deep depression. There were some nights that I can tell you I am glad to be here today after making it through some of those nights. I began seeing a therapist, getting help from leaders, mentors, and friends. But nothing turned me back around like the news that we could begin basketball workouts again. It gave me a reason to be here. A way to prove myself to those who I don’t think take me seriously. I want to play college basketball more than anything in my life. Unfortunately I have no offers and no interests, so I got one shot this year. Hearing this news devastated me and has given me the same type of anxiety and worrying thoughts wondering if at the end of the three weeks it’ll all be cancelled for good. I know i’m just a 17 year old kid. I know this email probably won’t even be read. But to whoever does read this, there are many peoples’ lives that are being effected for the negative due to the decisions made. I ask with all my heart that when the next one is made that you guys take stories like mine into consideration. Sorry for the long email, just am having a bad night and wanted to try to be heard. Thank you for reading.

Corey Krueger

Sent from my iPhone
Corey,
Let me assure you that we all have read your e-mail and appreciate the heartfelt words. I can’t imagine the disappointment that you are feeling. As a past Knight and athlete I can at least know a little on how angry I would have felt. Mostly because I wouldn’t believe it is being fair. I wish I had a way to make you feel more optimistic but I am not that good with words (maybe because I didn’t pay attention in my English classes). Please keep the faith and I know you will have a great season. I will be following you. And all the Southeast sports.

Richard Meginnis
Class of 76
State and Local Officials (including members of the Legislature)-

When there is no pandemic, does pushing a pandemic narrative constitute fraud?

When there is no pandemic, does taking advantage of billions of federal taxpayer dollars intended for pandemic relief constitute fraud?

If businesses were told to shut down, that's not on them. But what of those who told them to shut down?

The questions above hinge, of course, upon the question, Are we in a pandemic? Or, more coarsely, are we stepping over an unusual number of dead bodies?

All the metrics say, "No, we are not."

- Not by All Cause Hospitalizations
- Not by All Cause Mortality
- Not by Case Fatality Rate
- Not by "Covid" Deaths

Let's examine each one:

All Cause Hospitalizations for the state averaged 3280 for the three year period of 2016 to 2018. Compare that with current all cause hospitalizations which stand at 2,958 (per the State Dashboard: https://experience.arcgis.com/.../ece0db09da4d4ca68252c39... ). No pandemic here.

All Cause Mortality for the state currently stands at 14131 (at 41 weeks). Compare with previous years at 41 weeks:
2014-12442
2015-13413
2016-12639
2017-13372
2018-13521
2019-13438
No pandemic here.

The current Case Fatality Rate (CFR) for this alleged killer pathogen stands at ~.78% (assuming accurate test results), per the state dashboard. No pandemic here.

Alleged Covid Deaths in the state currently stand at 797 (two days ago). Here's how they break out:

Ages 0-19: one person—a young child who was a multiple organ transplant patient...obviously severe prior morbidities
Ages 20-54: 67 people
Ages 55 and above: 729 people

Obviously, the vast majority of "covid deaths" occur in an age group where multiple morbidities are common (and death is inevitable). But those morbidities are not exclusive to that age group. Younger people experience them as well. It depends on how you take care of yourself. People can destroy their health in a hundred different ways through poverty of character, squalor of behavior, ignorance, bad advice, etc.
Keep in mind these "covid deaths" are already included in the all cause mortality stats above. I just isolated them to show the age breakdown. So again, no pandemic here.

Conclusion:
There is no excess death in Nebraska.
There is no abnormal death (or abnormal illness) in Nebraska. (Symptoms have been reassigned/reclassified. It's a common big pharma trick.)
There is no health emergency in Nebraska.
There is no pandemic in Nebraska.
Nothing is going on in Nebraska that warrants the wholesale suspension of our inalienable rights to freely assemble and make an honest living for ourselves.

But if there's no pandemic, what then do we have??

That's easy. We have a test-demic. Followed by an overtreatment-demic, of alleged covid patients (based on a positive test result that isn't reliable), because medical staff are inclined, out of fear, to treat the diagnosis rather than the patient.

Just because someone dies who tested positive to a covid test does not mean they died of covid. Granted, it might well mean a hospital gets paid more, but it doesn't mean "covid" actually killed the patient.

Let's look at one other metric...the "story" told in the image from Rancourt below.

The vertical gray line represents the declaration of the "pandemic" by the W.H.O. What follows, in the colored vertical lines, is the high number of "cases" of alleged corona infection that blew up simultaneously around the world soon after.

As Rancourt states, "it is difficult to interpret the synchronicity of the WHO declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic and the onset of the observed [simultaneous global] surge in reported COVID-19 cases and deaths as being the product of either coincidence or extraordinary forecasting ability of the global health-monitoring system.... Instead, in light of past epidemics, it is more likely that this remarkable synchronicity phenomenon arises from biased reporting, in the flexible context of using urgently manufactured laboratory tests that are not validated, clinical assessments of a generic array of symptoms, and tentative cause-of-death assignations of complex comorbidity circumstances."

In other words, a disease characterized as contagious doesn't flare up everywhere around the world all at once, as depicted by the graph. (But a false test can make it look that way, as it does here.)

In other words, all the excess death (there is a corresponding death graph—see article by Rancourt linked below) that simultaneously happened in a sharp narrow spike in certain places around the world immediately after the declaration, took place IN RESPONSE TO the declaration, and not as a result of infection by a novel contagion.

That excess death involved abusing our elderly population, by isolating them and failing to provide proper care...because everyone was afraid. Again, see Rancourt.

Here's the lesson for us. If the contagion traveled around the world in a matter of days, as the graph implies (but doesn't prove), then how in the world do we expect to avoid the boogeyman now?? Especially by wearing masks and standing six feet apart. It's absurd.

Many places around the world have resumed normal lives, while others are still (allegedly) trying to fight the invisible enemy with lockdowns. It makes no sense.

At nearly 62, I remain maskless and socially active. I don't avoid people. I've traveled widely these past few months. I've continued to live a normal life (as much as possible given everything that's going on around me), and I have yet to experience so much as a sniffle this year. Please tell me where the boogeyman is.

My plea is this. Since our executive officials (Ricketts, Baird et al.) can't control themselves, we need to take their fake state of emergency away from them. The Legislature has the power to do that.

Ricketts and Baird may think they are King and Queen in their respective offices, but they are not.
They are perpetuating a scam so they can play economic gods and choose economic winners and losers. We need to stop them, and stop them now.

Check out the Nebraska Coronavirus Relief Fund Dashboard. (link provided below). Nebraskans have received billions of dollars in taxpayer-funded pandemic "relief" funds for a pandemic that doesn't exist.

You don't think there's fraud going on here??? ...that our Legislature can be deemed complicit in, if they don't stop it, or at least go on the record as opposing???

"Our conclusion, in brief, is that science bears little resemblance to its conventional portrait. We believe that the logical structure discernible in scientific knowledge says nothing about the process by which the structure was built or the mentality of the builders. In the acquisition of knowledge, scientists are not guided by logic and objectivity alone, but also by such nonrational factors as rhetoric, propaganda, and personal prejudice. Scientists do not depend solely on rational thought, and have no monopoly on it." —Betrayers of the Truth: Fraud and Deceit in the Halls of Science

Context is everything. Sickness and death numbers are meaningless (outside of stating the obvious fact that people get sick all the time and die all the time) without context. Respectfully-

Robert J. Borer

References:
https://www.researchgate.net/.../341832637_All-cause...
https://coronavirus.nebraska.gov/relief-fund
https://rationalground.com/
I’m wondering why this is allowed every night there are people drag racing speeding on O street every night till 2 am I get to listen to this nightly cause its never enforced. Most are not wearing mask at up to 6 teens in a car circling in Don and Millies and then back again. I have talked to the traffic sergeant who is well aware of the problem and is great to talk too. That being said I hear this every night how can you guys allow this to go on?? I’m to the point of listing my house and being done with Lincoln after 63 years here, I have videos but really just go watch any Friday Saturday etc terrible and never a cop there to give tickets clearly I’m suppose to just take it right?

Stephan Harris
Why Lancaster County?

I have attempted to wrap my head around the latest Lancaster County DHM alienating all extracurricular activities at the high school level this week. With the state mandate in place for all youth sports to be placed on hold when hospital capacity is at 25% I feel isolating the High School youth of Lancaster County is nothing more than a political power struggle and our youth are stuck in the middle. From basketball to FFA everything is shut down, in LANCASTER COUNTY. The impact this is having on our youth's mental health is on the verge of debilitating. These kids have followed all mandates, respected the stay at home orders and have made conscious efforts everyday to stay within their circle and make choices that will keep them in their activity. This means something to them, they are being accountable to each other and themselves. These activities are a part of their lives, it is something they have given years to, created a family around and ultimately a sense of self.

As a psychotherapist I work with adolescents every day to identify what is within their control to make change and what we have to accept. All of the mandates to this point they have accepted. They have changed their routine and created a new normal. They have worn masks, they have quarantined, they have accepted the loss of traditions and prior privileges that are not considered safe for the health of others. They chose to not go out, question who they are around to protect the health of the team. The fall seasons had numbers that were non-existent to minimal within activities, because they knew what was at stake, they were within a controlled setting in school and working within the guidelines. They were allowed to have ownership of their choices. Alienating them, ONLY Lancaster county, is punishing them for things that are NOT theirs to own. Creating a community of isolation rather than bonding, hopelessness of the unknown rather than allowing them to make the right choice. Living with guidelines is our new normal, understanding the risks, but at this point the greater risk is that of these students' mental and physical health from being sidelined with no viable data provided while all other students 19 miles away are in full swing into their activities. I believe in our schools to set great standards, I believe in our students to make the right choices, I am losing belief in the adults who are unable to set their own agenda aside.

Please know that I understand the severity of Covid, the struggle to understand who it impacts and the life toll it has taken. This is not to question or dismiss the impact and devastation it has had and ultimately will.

My struggle is how stopping high school activities in Lancaster County is relevant when athletes or groups are just heading to gyms and coffee shops that are open. They are being shut out of a safe and monitored area to utilize resources that are not shut down. If it is a concern of competition then delay that and let them continue to meet in their buildings. If it is a State emergency then identifying the virus is widespread and shutting down all activities in schools statewide, region wide, conference wide. ONLY Lancaster county students is not stopping the spread from the rest of the state, the bars, the gyms, tailgates, etc. I am trying to get an understanding of what evidence based method of reduction is being utilized to isolate them. Please ask questions, look at the plans in place, assess what risk this mandate is curbing and help us to understand the evidence based data that backs it. Sincerely, Ami Heffelfinger Marx
There is absolutely no good reason to expand the Police Advisory Board.
Mike Higgins

Sent from my iPhone
Mayor Baird & City Council,

This past Monday mayor's office went before the city council and requested the Citizen Police Advisory Board be expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members. What is the reason for this? Lincoln is NOT a city in Pacific Northwest! We do not want to become one by appeasing the fascist elements from the Seattle or Portland that are traveling through out this country to loot and spread anarchy! I am outraged that at the time when we are all in need of support of law enforcement, the Mayor of this city is concentrating on dividing us! There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions. I expect a response from your office, Ms. Baird, as you work for me as the citizen and taxpayer of Lincoln, NE.

Emma Barborka,
Lincoln, NE
ebarborka7@gmail.com

sent from my SamsungGalaxy9 Note
I am completely against the Mayor of Lincoln's request to expend the Citizen Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 members. There are already three member positions open and these additional two members will bring that total to 5. This will get the Major of Lincoln power to appoint more than half of the board. With this power she would have both the Health Department and the Citizen Police Advisory Board under her control. I feel that this was done purposely around the holidays where people are distracted with the increasing COVID cases and LPS school board decisions to cancel two more days of school. The timing of this is suspicious and will put too much control in her hands. She is already up for recall due to her actions and this is over the top. If additional members are needed they should be based in other years so that no Mayor has control over appointing the majority. Additionally, the public should be informed on costs to the taxpayer at a time when people are losing jobs/money and the government should not be increasing spending for unnecessary new positions.

This board is working just fine with 7 members and should not be increased due to the whims of the Mayor.

Deborah Moore
Lincoln, NE Citizen/Nebraska Native/Veteran/Mom with kids in all levels of public schools
From: jennifer manning <mspurple81@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: CPAB

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To both attached recipients,
I am emailing to show my opposition to any changes to the CPAB! The current board is working. There is absolutely no reason to add members. Our own Chief has stated the board is working as it stands. To make changes is to undermine our Police Chief.

Signed,
Jennifer Ziemer

Sent from my iPhone
I would oppose the addition of two members to the Police Advisory Committee. In fact I oppose the Advisory Committee. I have had some interactions with the LPD and feel that the administration and oversight is responsible for the excellent performance of the department. Let the LPD do its job and quite trying to demonize them with outside committees.

Paul Haith
2010 S. 80th
402-489-0093
To All Council members,
Please vote against the above issue that adds three members to the Board increasing its side. This is a strategy for BLM to obtain power in our community.
They are a dangerous organization that has vowed to "destroy America as we know it". They want to do the same to the family system, which is a bedrock of society.
Thank you.
Jane Kinsey, Spokesperson for Watchdogs of Lincoln Government
From: Carol Cotton <tessiesmama@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Police advisory board

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To all council members:
I am against adding more members to the Advisory Police Board.
Thank you. Carol Cotton

Sent from my iPad
I am writing to go on record that I am not in favor of expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven members to nine members.

I am a long time Lincoln resident and know that our police force is truly top notch. If there was a legitimate reason to make this particular committee so large that would be different. Larger government does not serve the people best. If the current Citizen Police Advisory Board is not getting the job done it is time to make meaningful changes to the Boards mission NOT increase the number of people on the board. If there are problems with our police department those problems need to be brought to light to the citizens not a small group sitting on a board the mayor selected. Our police are here to ensure the safety of our citizens – criminals will not like that and will want a lot less of that. Criminals will not feel good about getting arrested nor will they recognize the role they played in that.

The timing is also quite disturbing; 3 positions currently open, adding two more which would allow the current mayor to fill five of the spots with anyone of her choice during the beginning stages of a citizen recall of her position is not in the best interest of this city. Our current mayor has lost the support of this city.

Do not expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

I support our police.
Wanted to send an email to oppose the Mayor’s attempt to add 3 more members to the Police advisory board. This Mayor seems to think she can change the rules to suit her, and at the very least there is no need to add members I believe there is enough oversight on our Police Department. Please council back our wonderful Police and show them they are appreciated.

Sent from my iPhone
I am Richard Veik a citizen of our city, Lincoln Nebraska

I oppose changes to the composition of the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Our current board is able to handle the few complaints that are submitted. We do not need to fix what is not broken.

Richard Veik

Oremus pro invicem
I am LaVonne Veik a citizen of our city, Lincoln Nebraska

I oppose changes to the composition of the Citizen Police Advisory Board. Our current board is able to handle the few complaints that are submitted. We do not need to fix that which is not broken.

LaVonne Veik
I adamantly oppose the mayor's proposed expansion of the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Joan Kinsey
Dear City Council members:

Our current Citizen Police Advisory Board with five members is functioning well and sufficiently diverse according to Police Chief Bliemeister. Please do not add an additional two members. Listen to the experts. When things are working well, leave them alone.

Thanks for your consideration.

Carolyn Gregorius
2220 The Knolls
Lincoln, NE 68512
From: jerry hart <jerbear6670@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Advisory board

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Please do not expand the advisory board

Get Outlook for iOS
The best this board could do is to give a warm fuzzy feeling to those who think diversity is the key to everything. It won’t matter what the racial or political background of board members are if they don’t use common sense and data to drive their decisions and instead try to level a playing field that will never be level. Actually, the more diversity we have, the harder it seems to get anything done. If this board is like other boards and task forces our mayors have created, the city won’t follow their advice anyway. Leave it alone, or get rid of it, or put me on it. You probably don’t have any older white male conservatives on the board, so this would be a step toward diversity.

Steve Holman
Dear Members of the City Council,

I hope you're all well this afternoon!

I'm writing to ask for more information about a Lincoln City Ordinance amendment proposal to expand the number of persons who serve on the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven (7) to nine (9). Friends and acquaintances of mine, also residents of Lincoln, have expressed alarm at the proposed change, particularly because it apparently coincides with the expiration of the terms of three sitting members of the Advisory Board. This (if true) would allow the Mayor to appoint 5 of the (now 9) members of the Advisory Board at once, constituting a majority. The natural allusion to "court packing" (and the reason for why the Mayor and/or City Council finds it necessary or expedient to do so) has inevitably followed.

I wanted to ask for your explanation before I judge the merits of the proposal. If you would help me understand what's going on and the reasons for the proposed change, I would be appreciative.

Best,

Marion

Marion Miner
Angela M. Birkett

From: David Stempson <davidstempson1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: CPAB

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I am totally against adding two more persons to the Board. The seven number has been working perfectly and why do we want to add two more when it works perfectly and nine members is much more unwieldy as is seven. Again please keep the number at seven as it is working just fine. DWS

Sent from my iPad
Re: Citizen Police Advisory Board

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I strongly oppose the expansion of members on Citizen Police Advisory Board. I think the Police chief and the Police Dept. have done an excellent job in reaching out to the community and compromising, even at the expense of officers of not being able to fully defend themselves in threatening situations, due to a new political agenda that seems to have emerged. As a citizen, I expect all Lincoln’s leaders to fully support our Lincoln Police and Police Chief. Therefore, there is truly no need to expand this Board.

Respectfully,
Carol Wirth

Sent from my iPhone
Regarding the Mayor's proposed changes to the Citizen Police Advisory Board:

That board functions well as it is. I believe the mayor's desire to add more members (from 7 to 9) is not only an attempt to stack the board with members of her own persuasion and influence, but would also have a negative impact, taking away from the true functionality of the police force.

The board is functioning just fine as it is and we do not need the board becoming more 'radical'.

Please stand against the Mayor's proposed changes to the board.

Respectfully,

Bill Hubbell billjhubbell@gmail.com 402-719-4149
I see no reason to change the number of people on the Police Advisory Board from 7 to 9 I am asking that you reject this motion

Kathie Ellerbeck

Sent from my iPad
I wanted to reach out to both Mayor Baird and our Lincoln City council as a citizen of Lincoln. I heard that you were considering adding seats to the police advisory board. I strongly am against this for a couple reasons. First, 7 seats is plenty. When you have too many “representatives” you get voices drowned out. Adding more seats serves no purpose. Police need to be monitored to avoid a police state, they don’t need to be knit picked for everything they do. Second, There are three seats up for renewal, if there is an issue with them then don’t reappoint. It’s simple. If you have issue with another member wait for their appointment to be up and appoint someone else. They only reason to bypass this to make the council political. We don’t need activists on the council, We need representatives of all members of Lincoln. This seems to be a ploy to push some anti police activists added to the board and try to limit the power of the police making them ineffective. How about pushing political goals we focus on what you claim to want, safety and freedom in our city.

Corenia Bierbaum
To Mayor & Council,

I oppose the change from 7 to 9 members on the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Thank you,
Christy Sullivan

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

The Citizen Police Advisory Board does not need be expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members. When working groups get too large, they become slow and ineffective. Seven, is the right number for this board. It also removes the perception of "board packing" for political reasons.

Vote no on expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board in Lincoln.

Sincerely,
Drew Borske
Lincoln, NE
Dear City Council,

It’s my understanding the Mayor has proposed expanding the Citizen Police Advisory Board from seven to nine members. I also understand there are three positions currently open on this board. Obviously, if the board is increased to nine members and the Mayor selects five positions, then her selections will control the board. This feels like the Mayor is trying to “pack” the board. With all of the concerns with defunding the police etc, I am very uncomfortable with the Mayor’s proposal. I urge you to vote NO, and not approve the Mayor’s proposal to increase the number of positions on this board.

Thank you.
Britt Weiser
6148 S. 94th St
Lincoln
I oppose the expansion of this board and stand with Chief Bliemeister and support our current board and it's function. The board is already diverse and functioning well. There is no reason to change that would impact police resources from their core functions.
The current board of 5 is all that is needed. The Chief and department of police view this as enough oversight. If the force expands it could be considered. Until that time, don't fix what's working great.
A concerned citizen of Lincoln.
Marilyn Strahm
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android
Dear City Council,

I appose the Citizen Police Advisory Board being expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members.

This Advisory Board is already diverse and functioning well.

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Mike Davis
402-480-0404 cell
Holy Spirit, tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." (Mt. 7:21)
Dear City Council Members:

We SUPPORT our Lincoln Police Department and know that they do an excellent job of protecting our city. We do NOT see the need to expand the Citizen Police Advisory Board by adding members. The Board is already diverse and functioning well. There is NO reason to change the number of Citizen Policy Advisory Board and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core function.

Sincerely,

Ron and Lynette Nash
1110 Cottonwood Drive
Lincoln, NE 68510
Mayor / City Council of Lincoln:
Please do not add members to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The Citizen Police Advisory Board functions well given the current workload. The board has had a consistent caseload over the past decade with an average of 10 complaints a year, and none has provided any sound justification to raise the headcount. There is no need to add board members. As you are all aware, we're a state with a unicameral and low unemployment rate we know that sometimes less is more!
Respectfully,

Robert Putt
Please vote NO to extending the "Citizen Police Advisory Board" from 7 to 9.

Patricia Eiche
1501 West Manor Drive
Lincoln, NE 68506

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Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing today to oppose the changes with the Citizen Policing Advisory Board (CPAB). I have reviewed the CPAB’s Incidents Summaries and Case Reviews from year ending 2019 and for three quarters of 2020. After reviewing these reports, there is not a need to add two additional members to the board. Mayor, if you want to select two other people to take the place of two of the three members who terms are ending, that is what you should consider instead of adding two more members. The CPAB is operating efficiently and effectively the way it stands with seven members. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Tricia Hiltgen
City Council Members,

I would like to request that you choose to deny Mayor Baird's request to add 2 additional members to the Citizens Police Advisory Board.

It is currently working well, as Chief Bliemeister, Lincoln’s Chief of Police testified on Monday. It seems to me that a Board that has been a well-oiled machine for 45 years should not be so drastically changed. Why do this to something that does what it was meant to do in what seems to be an efficient way? The CPAB is nearly universally respected by citizen's and LPD alike.

My greatest fear is that Mayor Baird’s actions are politicizing the Citizens Police Advisory Board. Prior to this, I was only vaguely aware of the CPAB. Now? I am very aware of it and what Mayor Baird is doing with it. This seems to be an enormous misstep for Lincoln. If you enable Mayor Baird to politicize this group, the public will lose trust in it. If we lose trust in it, all the good that it does is for nothing. Is this a direction you as a City Council want to take?

If you vote to allow Mayor Baird to do this, it will be an attack on the police who serve us well and the many voices pleading with you to stop enabling Mayor Baird's grip of more and more power to the enormous detriment of Lincoln’s citizens.

You are our voice and our last stand. I implore you to speak for us!

Many thanks for your time in reading this,
Nicole Lyon
District 2
Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

In response to the Mayor going to the city council requesting the Citizen Police Advisory Board be expanded from seven (7) to nine (9) members is nothing more than a request to appease BLM and anti-police supporters. The board is already diverse and functioning well, we do not need the board becoming more radical. There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions. Chief Bliemeister supports the current board and its function. I strongly oppose this change.

Thank you, Kyle

Kyle Holt-Stanard
402-432-8594 Cell
Dear Councilmembers,

I heard that the Mayor would like to increase the number of members on the Citizen Police Advisory Board, and I would ask you to oppose this change. We need to support our police and not put on the face that they are not doing a good job and need more oversight here in Lincoln. They do a fine job and the Citizen Police Advisory Board works just fine with seven members. We don't need to fall into that "defund the police" rant that is so popular right now, and we don't need to "follow the crowd" in looking down our noses at them. I, for one, appreciate the police and the service they render to our community, and I think they are very responsible. We do not need to expand the bureaucracy with more mayoral appointments.

Thank you for your time,

Alice Brown
1025 N 63rd St #A109
Lincoln NE 68508
To the Lincoln Mayor and Members of the Lincoln City Council

I strongly support the Lincoln Police Department and the current Citizens Police Advisory Board and its functions. The board is already diverse and functioning well. We do not need the board membership changed. There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Please vote NO to any proposed changes to the Citizens Police Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Ann Johnson
6409 Tanglewood Ln
Lincoln, NE 68516
To the Lincoln Mayor and Members of the Lincoln City Council

I strongly support the Lincoln Police Department and the current Citizens Police Advisory Board and its functions. The board is already diverse and functioning well. We do not need the board membership changed. There is no reason to change and potentially impact and distract police resources from their core functions.

Please vote NO to any proposed changes to the Citizens Police Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Rod Johnson
6409 Tanglewood LN
Lincoln, NE. 68516
Fanchonblythe@gmail.com
Dear Council members,

Please reject the efforts of the mayor to further distract the local police department by adding two New members to the current advisory board. Our police chief believes that the current board is operating well. Adding additional members is unnecessary and a waist of policing resources when so few issues reach the current advisor board.

The community backs the men in blue. Our police chief is very responsive to citizen concerns. We are not a community with glaring race issues.

Thank you for listening to our concerns,
Larry and Betty Peters
| From: | Nancy Russell <nancymarierussell@gmail.com> |
| Sent: | Wednesday, November 18, 2020 9:41 PM |
| To: | Council Packet |
| Subject: | Citizen Police Advisory Board |

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Dear Council: Too many cooks spoil the broth. Since the Police Chief is comfortable with current makeup, you can rest assured that you are on the right path with the current numbers. Who names the replacements? Best Wishes, Nancy Russell
There is no good reason to expand the Board of Police! Vote against expansion of the Police Board. We must always fully support our excellent police—they are absolutely necessary to keep law and order. We do need laws to protect the police and punish those who are out to harm the police.
Dear council members,

The current Citizens Police Advisory Board is functioning well. There is no need to expand the board from 7-9 members. Trust your Chief Bliemeister. If it isn’t broken / leave it alone.

Thank you,
Christine Moran
Lincoln City Council
Please do not change the structure or make up of the Citizen Police Advisory Board. The Board is functioning well and does not need changed. The proposed changes are not necessary.

Matt Tasler
875 South 37th St.
Lincoln, NE 68510
Dear City Council Members,
I am writing to voice concerns about changing the Citizen Policing Advisory Board (CPAB). Many law enforcement officers believe that the CPAB is working very well in its current status and there is no need for the proposed changes.

I am concerned that formal complaints could be filed through email and that the time to file complaints would be extended with the proposed changes. These changes seem unnecessary and may even lead to more unforeseen problems.

Please listen to the citizens of Lincoln and do not change the Citizen Policing Advisory Board guidelines and operation.

Sincerely,
Anne Hubbell
I oppose the mayor's attempt to undermine this board, and give an opportunity to the radical police haters and rioters to manufacture numerous complaints against the police. Please oppose any changes to the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Tony Oberley
Please do not allow complaints against our police officers to be completed by email. In our current anti police climate you will definitely see the amount of false claims go up quite a bit. You cannot honestly tell me that some of the anti police people in our city, or not from our city, wouldn't just sit down one night and write it 30 easily.

There is no need to add more members to the adviser board as actually complaints has not risen in over a decade. This is a waste of tax payer money.
To the City Council Members,

In regards to your vote on Monday the 23rd for changes proposed to the Citizen Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) - I am asking that you all vote AGAINST the proposed changes the mayor has noted. As you serve we the people of Lincoln - me and my family are saying NO and please vote AGAINST the proposed changes. WE do not appreciate the mayor thinking that she can take over our Police department by packing “her people” to the board. This is very dis-hearting to hear of her miss-use of her position.

Again -please vote AGAINST the mayor's proposed changes.

Thank you! A Lincolnite and Nebraska born citizen!
Debbie Struwe
City Council of Lincoln:

There is no need to change the size of the CPAB. Please keep it the same size. Seven is more efficient. As a state with a unicameral and low unemployment rate we know that sometimes less is more!

Sincerely,

Tom Dierks
Dear City Council Members,

As a resident of Lincoln for forty years and a former business owner (Licorice International), I object to the proposed changes to the Citizen Police Advisory Board. From what I understand, the process of making a formal complaint has been working well. If that is the case, why tinker with it? Or, as the old saying goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I appreciate your commitment to keeping Lincoln the great safe city that it is. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Erlandson
8017 Lowell Avenue
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 770-0405
erlandsone@gmail.com
Dear Sirs:

There is no need whatsoever to change the character of the Citizen Police Advisory Board, unless of course you are looking to "pack" the board with those who are aligned with the destructive agenda of our Mayor.

I oppose ANY changes to the Citizen Police Advisory Board.

Sincerely,
Rev. David F. Wiegand
5311 Greenwood Street
Lincoln, NE 68504
402-432-5689
City Council of Lincoln:

There is no need to change the size of the council. Please keep it the same size. As a state with a unicameral and low unemployment rate we know that sometimes less is more!

If people need to file a complaint, they should at least call. Filing complaints via email is too impersonal and could be abused.

Thanks,
Mark Ruhl
Dear City Council,

I am writing to let you know that I OPPOSE any changes to the structure or rules of the Citizen Police Advisory Board (CPAB). The system we have in place is perfectly capable of handling any issues that come up in regards to police complaints, and the new rules are solely designed to politicize the system, opening it to unsubstantiated complaints (via the email submission of complaints) and allowing for the stacking of the commission with members who are anti-police in political position.

Sincerely, Ron Lawson

2511 Jane Lane, Lincoln, NE 68512