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Memorandum

Date: December 10, 2019

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 December 3, 2019 through December 10, 2019:

Administrative Amendment 19065 to UP 24A, The Meadows, approved by the Planning Director on November 27, 2019, to revise the lot layout for Lot 47 (site of Runza Drive-in), generally located southeast of South 70th and Van Dorn Streets.

Administrative Amendment 19066 to UP 05003, Vintage Heights Retail Center, approved by the Planning Director on November 27, 2019, to revise the lot layout to split Lot 4, Block 2 into Lots 4A, 4B, 4C and Outlot A, generally located at South 84th Street and Old Cheney Road.
Honorable members of the City Council of Lincoln,

I write to you today with a simple suggestion. I do understand that the passage of Ordinance 19-118 today will have little actual impact, because the legal age to purchase tobacco products and electronic nicotine delivery systems has been changed to 19 at the state level. However, by passing this ordinance the city would be implicitly endorsing this policy change by the state, and while there is nothing inherently wrong with that, there is a problem of different levels of government ascribing vastly different levels of responsibility to persons between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one years. Failing to address this, while living under the protection which many of these persons provide for you and for all of us, would be hypocritical. I don't want my city to be carrying out hypocritical public policy.

I would encourage you to introduce a resolution formally requesting that the Congress of the United States raise the age of enlistment or commission into the Armed Forces to 19 - or better yet, to 21. Surely, if young people are not mature enough to decide for themselves to accept the risks of the long-term health implications of tobacco use, they are by no means mature enough to bear witness to the horrors of armed conflict, nor to decide for themselves whether to put themselves at risk of being in armed conflict. The same is true of alcohol and those under 21.

Passing such a resolution would show that the City of Lincoln takes intellectual consistency seriously, and that we do not subscribe to the ludicrous proposition that the young man with whom I shared a bunker in Parwan Province in Afghanistan in 2014, who stood stoic with the rest of us as mortars and rockets rained down around us and then carried on with the mission, as we all did day in and day out in the same conditions, who saw the mangled human corpses of our fellow American servicemembers, who celebrated his 19th birthday after we returned to the United States, should absolutely have been in that place at that time, and simultaneously should in no way have been permitted to have the far, far worse and more horrific experience of having access to tobacco and alcoholic products.

Thank you for your commitment to serving your communities by taking on the often thankless job you all have. I know that each of you makes many difficult and unpopular decisions during your term, and that you get a lot more attention from those who are upset than from those who are satisfied. Your gift of time and talent to your neighbors should be cherished by us all. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Boone
Resident of Lincoln (SW District 3)
Honorably City Council Members,

I apologize for being too eager to hit “send” on my previous email. After reaching out to my friend, it seems that he actually turned 19 while we were in country, not after we returned home. However, that does not change my argument nor my advocacy for consistency in public policy toward what is appropriate and what is inappropriate for young people. Please remember, when voting today, that you are implicitly telling the world through ordinance and through silence, what Lincoln thinks is appropriate and inappropriate for persons who are over 18 but under 19.

As one last piece of context to replace my anecdote, below please find the number of Americans who gave their lives, or were seriously injured in the Global War on Terror while being under 22 years of age (more detailed data is not available). Most of these men and women were under 21 at the time, and some were just 18 years old when they lost their lives, limbs, eyesight, or physical ability in service of our country and your freedom to enact public policy. It is hypocritical to pass policies endorsing state and federal tobacco and alcohol policy while maintaining silence on military policy - all while sleeping peacefully under the blanket of freedom for which the young men and women listed below paid dearly.

ALL BELOW STATISTICS <22 YEARS OF AGE (Data from the Congressional Research Service, accurate as of 24 September 2019):

Operation Enduring Freedom Killed In Action (KIA) : 512
Operation Enduring Freedom Wounded In Action (WIA): 4,928

Operation Iraqi Freedom KIA: 1,283
Operation Iraqi Freedom WIA: 8,896

Operation New Dawn KIA: 12
Operation New Dawn WIA: 62

Operation Inherent Resolve KIA: 15
Operation Inherent Resolve WIA: 11

Operation Freedom’s Sentinel KIA: 7
Operation Freedom’s Sentinel WIA: 39

TOTAL KIA: 1,829
TOTAL WIA: 13,936

Respectfully,

Edward Boone
Yay for city hall finally doing the *right* thing and postponing that ridiculous roundabout. The cost was prohibitive when it was first introduced at the initial open house I attended. Yes, the intersection has issues but these issues are caused by entitled STUPID drivers who ignore rules of the road and common sense/courtesy. Drive that intersection a lot on different days/times and it always comes back to when there's traffic there, most drivers adopt a 'me first because I'm in a hurry' attitude.

Now - please STOP with the idiotic, continuous tax & spend attitude. While Lincoln has real issues to face that need SMART solutions many of the issues currently being discussed and reported on are NOTHING more than the current party-line talking points. Please focus on LINCOLN and what it needs and NOT on what's party driven.

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Dear Council Members:

I beseech you to reconsider the plans for inserting a multi-level apartment building on the former Home Realty property between N.Cotner and N.56th.

I live in this area, and can attest to the tight fit for such an endeavor. The surrounding streets are not constructed to be able to handle the increased traffic load this would bring. There most certainly will be traffic jams on N.56th between O and Holdrege Streets, as traffic currently is backed up there between 3-5pm. Surrounding streets and intersections will also be negatively impacted, especially since the city (before your tenures) changed parts of N.Cotner, and N.56th to one-way. I have witnessed countless near-accidents, for example, with traffic turning south from R onto N.56th where drivers have less than one block to change lanes to the west in an attempt to turn right onto O Street.

Without greater traffic changes, inserting a multi-occupancy structure in this situation is a major disaster waiting to happen. After hearing the plan to insert a new school near 48th and Holdrege (not a site provided to the LPS Infrastructure Committe, correct Bennie?), this would exacerbate traffic in our neighborhood beyond any range of acceptability by most anyone's standards.

Please, there must be better locations for the housing unit you so collectively, desperately, seem to be seeking.

Sincerely,
Kristin Grosskopf
12-10-19

To Whom It May Concern:

We, Chelsea and Christina, co-owners of Doodlebug Development and Faith Center LLC, are writing this letter to inform you of our opposition to have our next door neighbor, Family Dollar, obtain a liquor license.

We are a licensed childcare center located at 2541 N 11th Street Suite A9 Lincoln, NE 68521 in the Belmont Shopping Center and we are directly attached to Family Dollar’s building. We feel that if they obtain a liquor license that more people will be drawn to purchase alcohol there and sit outside and/or in their vehicle to drink it, which would be a danger to our families that are picking up and dropping off their children. We already have an increasing number of loiters and people asking our clients and us for money and we feel that selling liquor would increase the number of people directly by our door.

We also feel that Schmick’s, Shell Gas Station and Amen’s Liquor store are all easily accessible businesses that sell alcohol for people who feel the need to purchase in this area.

Bottom line, we feel that the safety of our staff, clients, their children and us will be at increased risk for injury and/or subjected to people that are intoxicated.

We appreciate you time in reviewing this letter of opposition and hope that we can come to an agreement to keep the children and families of the Belmont area safe.

If you have any questions or concerns please call at 402-470-0257 or email us at doodlebugdevelopmentandfaith@gmail.com

Thank you,

Chelsea Bouwens and Christina Born
Co-Owners of Doodlebug Development and Faith Center LLC