DIRECTORS’/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
ADDENDUM
Monday, March 8, 2021

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Annexation by Ordinance
N 70th St & Interstate 80
Effective: March 9, 2021

Area of Annexation
Tax Parcels
City Limits Before Annexation

0  312.5  625  1,250
Feet
NIMBY – Not In My Backyard is an often used label applied to those complaining about changes in their local area.

Recently, the Lincoln Planning Commission approved plans for a 98-unit affordable housing complex at the end of Q, R, and S streets on the western edge of the Wyuka Cemetery.

It is worth noting that the cemetery is on the National Registry of Historic Places; the proposed location is currently a dead-end; zoning did not allow for such a project, until the zoning was changed; and density regulations did not allow for the proposed number of units until the density regulations were ignored.

Prior applications (for 48 and 80 units) fell through. The Hartley Neighborhood Association Board now recommends 54 units. The applying developer insists that it is “98 units or nothing,” essentially blackmailing the city into getting its way.

The association estimates an increase in car traffic by 700 trips per day on roads not engineered to handle such a load.

None of those approving the plan, or benefiting from it, live in this neighborhood. The mayor is intent on meeting a political promise – at all costs. The developers want a project big enough to make money.

How much of a negative impact on the lives of those living near this project should be accepted in order for those goals to be met?

As for NIMBY? There isn't enough backyard to accommodate this project.

Gayleen Hayes

3534 R Street
Dear City Council members:

Please carefully consider all of the potential negative impacts of the proposed 98-unit apartment complex proposed along S. 36th St. in the Hartley neighborhood. After looking at the plans and hearing concerns of Hartley Neighborhood residents, I'm convinced that the project needs to be scaled down. Cutting it in half, to 54 units, would be the best alternative--but even a 1/3 reduction would help.

The project will funnel a huge amount of traffic on to residential streets, which were not designed to carry such a load. This will cause congestion and safety problems for both the current residents of the area and the tenants who will live in the new development.

I'm also concerned about the closeness of this development to the creek which runs along the west side of Wyuka Cemetery. I believe they've positioned the housing units in a row with minimal setbacks from 36th St., in order to try to keep them out of the floodway. However, with anticipated larger rainfalls due to climate change, some reconsideration is necessary. It would be a shame if all these new buildings would be flooded out.

Another major problem is that the parking has been reduced from 2 cars per unit to 1 and a half cars. I believe the apartments, because of their location, are likely to attract families--most of whom will have two vehicles. That means the excess vehicles will have to park on nearby streets.

Access to public transportation would be good, but because the development fronts on neither O St. nor Vine street, there needs to be a safe, paved walkway from the apartment area to the nearest bus stops. The plan also calls for greenspace, but much of that space appears to be on the other side of the creek, so it's not very accessible. Currently many Hartley area residents walk through this area to get to the cemetery, which serves as a quiet place for strolling and getting close to nature. I don't live in that neighborhood, but I frequently have come there for my morning stroll. I hope this new development won't disrupt the beauty and peace of the cemetery grounds.

I also am concerned about concentrating a large number of affordable housing units in a single area. Do we want to create a low-income ghetto? I understand the goal is to create 5,000 new units of affordable housing within five years. They should be spread around the city, not concentrated in the inner city only. I also wonder at an estimated $750/mo. base rent, how affordable these new units really will be.

Those are some of my concerns about this project. I hope you will take them into consideration and require amendments to the plan to make it more friendly to current residents before you approve it.

Thank you,

Bob Reeves
3236 Dudley Street
Lincoln, NE 68503
Clinton Neighborhood resident
Dear Council Members,
I am concerned about the proposed development of the former Wyuka property that will have 98 residential units.
There are several issues that I feel make this proposed plan detrimental to the Hartley neighborhood and to the city as a whole.

1. Putting that many units in such a small space goes against a study that was done by the city of Lincoln, NeighborWorks, several banks and NiFA, which established guidelines for reasonable densities and this does not follow these guidelines.

2. The parking of 1 1/4 vehicles per apartment is not adequate. If you have even one bedroom apartments which most likely will have a married couple there will be need for two parking places, and there is not room in this plan for that many cars. Maybe in the future we may not need that many spaces for family cars, but I do not foresee in the next 5 or more years that cars will be no longer needed.

3. Having 98 units does not allow for usable open space and setbacks which are required by zoning standards.

4. The area is in a flood plain and our continual unusual weather may cause the creek to overflow and damage the residences. As the creek is on the east side of the development.

5. The green space is across the creek from the residences. No bridge across the creek was shown on the map of the development and I wonder how residents will be able to access it. The distance from the edge of the creek to the bottom and up is too steep to climb easily.

6. If this becomes the standard for developing affordable housing it will violate the density rules established previously. As I said in my first point.

7. I know that we need affordable housing and I want the 5000 units to exist. Lastly, I believe that affordable housing needs to be in all areas of the city. If it is only put in the inner city then these areas will be labelled "undesirable" and will result in a ghetto. Lincoln is trying to become a better city than that.

Mary Reeves
3236 Dudley St
Clinton Neighborhood
Hi. My name is Meagan Neely and I live at 3318 S Street, Lincoln NE.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the approval to build apartment buildings on the surplus wyuka land.

The apartment complexes would create a huge surplus to our neighborhood, with minimal outlets to the main roads, causing major issues.

The land should be used for single family homes and duplexes, building housing that is in line with the area. Building the apartments in this area, goes against the character, and density of our neighborhood.

Again, as a homeowner in the neighborhood, I vehemently OPPOSE the approval of building 98 NEW APARTMENTS in the area.

The new apartments would overpopulate the lot size, increase traffic flow without a proper main outlet for the need, and create different character of housing in our historical single family home neighborhood. More appropriate housing that will provide relief to the housing demand, without diminishing the quality of our neighborhood, should be utilized.

Meagan Neely
Hartley Neighborhood Homeowner
To members of the Lincoln City Council,

First, we want to thank you for all your work during this most challenging time. Our Green Sanctuary Committee is part of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska. Unitarian Universalists affirm and promote seven principles that guide our action. One of these principles is respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. The Unitarian Universalist Association recognizes the threat of climate change as a pressing moral issue of our time, one that is closely tied to another of our principles: justice, equity and compassion in human relations.

We understand that the negative impacts of climate change affect everyone, but fall most severely on vulnerable populations. Action is urgently required both to plan for the adaptations necessary and to reduce carbon emissions, mitigating the worst effects of what has been prolonged inaction.

Therefore, we strongly support the 2021-2027 Lincoln Climate Action Plan and urge the City Council to do likewise. We know that in the last decade we have experienced both drought and floods, rising temperatures and most recently, severe cold. It is only prudent to plan to meet these increasing challenges. What is proposed is both reasonable and comprehensive. We would like to see our city lead the way in Nebraska as so many other cities and businesses have done elsewhere.

The plan also makes economic sense. In 2011 the Unitarian Church of Lincoln undertook a renovation project, adding nearly two-thirds more square feet to our existing building. We worked to include as many green features as possible within a limited budget. These included added insulation, new thermopane windows, LED light fixtures, a geothermal system, a 98-panel photovoltaic system, a water retention pond for rainwater mitigation, and drought resistant, low maintenance and pollinator plantings. We utilized renewable energy rebates from LES and funding from the LPSNRD. We have our baseline energy use data from 2011 thanks to a city ReEnergize program and so can report per square foot cost reductions in 2019: 47% less in energy costs (electricity and natural gas) and 17% less in annual greenhouse gas emissions. The lesson we learned is that we could both exercise our religious values and save money going forward.

We request you to affirm the 2021-2027 Climate Action Plan and be as aggressive as you can within economic restraints to be prepared for the challenges climate change is bringing to our community.

Thank you, Green Sanctuary Committee, Unitarian Church of Lincoln
Dear City Council Members,

The Lincoln Chapter of Citizens’ Climate Lobby strongly supports the 2021-2027 Lincoln Climate Action Plan. We are a nonpartisan volunteer organization with approximately 700 supporters in the Lincoln area. Our primary focus is to build political will for federal legislation that is effective in reducing greenhouse gas emissions predictably, gradually, but quickly enough to combat the climate crisis, while protecting the most vulnerable of our population. We support placing a fee on fossil fuels at their source with revenue going back to households.

We also realize that political will for the necessary action on climate change must be built locally. Therefore, we are most grateful for the thoughtful work that went into “Lincoln’s Vision for a Climate-Smart Future” and the careful prioritization that went into the Climate Action Plan. We celebrate the fact that this is a comprehensive plan that looks at the large range of actions necessary for Lincoln to thrive in the face of the challenges of climate change that have begun and are sure to continue. Hundreds of other cities are now or already have adopted similar plans. We hope that our community can have the foresight to take these necessary and reasonable steps toward a resilient future.

We request the city clerk make this letter part of the official record. Thank You!

The Volunteers of Citizens’ Climate Lobby, Lincoln Chapter
[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am contacting you to express my disappointment with the proposed apartments to be built on Wyuka land. My biggest concern is the extra traffic that this will bring in and out of the neighborhood. Most if not all of the streets have cars that park on both sides of the street, which means only one car can get through at a time. How will we ever get thru with that much extra traffic? How, God forbid, will a fire truck or ambulance get through? Also there are school buses that bring kids to and from school and it will be harder for them to do their job. That also brings up the fact of kids walking to and from school and their safety crossing streets. I don’t even want to think about winter time and how that will work. The winter storm this year we didn’t get our street and the surrounding streets plowed until late Thursday afternoon; 4 days after the storm! Can you guarantee that won’t happen again? Some planning needs to be done for traffic flow because if these apartments have even one vehicle and I am assuming some will have multiple vehicles, that is at over an extra 100 to 200 plus vehicles going through the neighborhood. How will we get in and out of our driveways? This will drastically change our neighborhood and I don’t feel in a good way.

Please consider my concerns for the safety of all in the neighborhood.

Kathy Halada
3424 R St

Sent from my iPad
Dear mayor and city council,

I think this idea for the apartments in my neighborhood is a bad and stupid idea. We have a lot of kids in the neighborhood and how would you like to increase traffic flow in your by neighborhood by 64%. I don’t know Fred Hoppe but I think with all his money he could build this somewhere else. We have people parking on both sides of the street already and the other day a fire truck and ambulance barely could make it through. All the neighborhood people think the same if this stupid thing goes through and don’t give any tax incentives to Hoppe or Wyuka. I have lived here for 30 years, please don’t ruin our quiet neighborhood. Thank you, I hope i my made my point.

Dave Halada
3424 R St

Sent from my iPad
Dear City Council Members,

It’s been almost a full year that people have been listening to the same brain washing message on the tv, radio, in schools, at work, at the grocery stores, and from politicians from around the world. Pushing fear onto the American people for a virus that has a 99.997 to 94.6% recovery rate. [1]

As I have mentioned in previous emails the PCR test is meaningless and should not be used for diagnostic testing. If you politicians insist on using the PCR test you should be in contact with EVERY facility that uses it to confirm 1. The cycle threshold is not over 35 and 2. The machine is recalibrated every day. If the test is cycled over 35 it is just picking up dead nucleotides which does not mean you are Covid positive.[2]

In the beginning of this pandemic the FDA approved the PCR test to be cycled at 40-45 causing 90% change of false positives. Your Coronavirus Test Is Positive. Maybe It Shouldn’t Be.

I find it very suspicious that on inauguration day the WHO changed the guidelines for the PCR test lowering the cycles. This is why the case numbers had dropped Sure looks like a good way to say “look the vaccine is working.”[3]

https://www.bitchute.com/video/euRaGvI101h0/
Every politician and medical personnel that is pushing the mask mandate is making perfectly healthy people sick. Mask mandates in America were responsible for less than a 2% decrease in COVID case over 100 days. Numbers In The New CDC Report DESTROY The Case For Mask Mandates

The general public should not be wearing masks. Viruses like SARS-CoV-2 are too small to be filtered by cloth or surgical mask. Surgical mask are meant to stop the spread of bacteria (as well as other debris during surgery,) NOT viruses. Only N95 mask are made to prevent around 95% of viruses from passing through, and only when fitted correctly to the person, worn with other personal protective equipment like gown, gloves, and goggles, AND replaced daily.

Improper use of face mask leads to increased spread of covid-19. Surgical masks are meant to be thrown away after every use, and cloths mask should be washed each day. Yet, no one is following these important safety protocols. Constant touching of the face and mask along with repeated use of the SAME mask not only eliminates any possible benefit from wearing it, but also increases the risk of transmission as a result.

I’m disappointed I have to take time away from my family to fight the medical tyranny you and many other politicians have placed on the people of Nebraska. In closing I would like to say the death rate for 2020 is no worse than it has been in previous years. The death was 2.8 million. The only difference is heart disease, cancer numbers have gone down, and the flu has magically disappeared. Mostly likely because those disease along with the flu were replaced with the word Covid-19. It's time to take back the emergency powers from the Mayor.
Sincerely,

Cortni J. Hansen

8760 Fremont Street

Lincoln, NE 68507
City Council workers

She like visiting guy and seeking info
She is injured person ... being done ....
Have you heard of her incidents from other gov workers ?
This action has been having long yrs ...

Someone called police officers passing around Lucy
Someone called 911 passing around Lucy
Someone called firefighters passing around lucy

From Lucy
PLEASE come and look at the narrow area that is being planned for 98 apartments with only three neighborhood streets to get to them. 
With 38 apartments to be built in a one block area from Q to R with only a 10 foot set back. There is a drainage ditch behind where they are to be built so that is unusable land. Across the street to the west has 6 duplexes and a house. Where do you get parking for that many cars in a one block area. One garage may be available on the first floor. ( A duplex was built at 35 and S with garage between for two cars. They have never been parked in. Six cars park on the narrow cement parking from house to sidewalk. If there are 7 or 8 people living there the other two cars park in the street. ( Please consider this when voting.)
That leaves 60 apartments to be built from north of the gate house between S and U also a narrow 2 block area with a drainage ditch running along the east side of it. A retention pond is to be built from U to Vine for water to run into before going through narrow culverts under Vine Street. All that traffic has to come down S street. The second floor one bedroom apartments are to have OUTSIDE stairs.(one way in one way out). IMAGINE getting yourself and your possessions up them in all kinds of weather.
If each apartment has 2 cars (which is normal) that is 76 cars from Q to R and 120 cars from S to U. 
PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS.
BETTY HUNTER 
3501 S