

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, March 15, 2021

555 S. 10th Street

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Memorandum

Date: ♦ March 9, 2021

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 March 2, 2021 through March 8, 2021:

Administrative Amendment 21005, to Use Permit 123E, Landmark Corporate Center, approved by the Planning Director on March 5, 2021, to increase the overall floor area from 915,000 to 920,000 square feet and to revise the floor area allocation among several lots, including transferring 20,000 square feet from unallocated space, on property generally located at North 33rd Street and Salt Creek.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Mary Reves <reevesmary34@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: comprehensive Plan amendment 21001

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Council members,

I encourage you to approve the Climate Action Plan amendment to the Lincoln-Lancaster county comprehensive Plan. I believe it is the time to have a plan and begin working on our climate problems. I have read it and agree with its provisions.

It is vital that we do this before waiting any longer.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Mary Reeves
3236 Dudley St., Lincoln NE 68503
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Author CS Lewis described true leadership as having the courage to be the first into battle and the last to retreat. Regarding the mask mandate, I am here today with Dr. Rauner to also thank you for being true leaders. As a physician and scientist, I remain like minded with Dr. Rauner who has shown you solid data in how your leadership decision saved lives, kept businesses open, and kept people employed.

I will always remember where I was and what I was doing last July when some of you called me to ask me questions about my observations as a front line Covid worker. You listened to me and you were candid about your concerns in mandating something like a mask mandate.

When I was in residency, one of my toughest attending physicians told me that, "Laws are only made for people without a moral compass." Over time I realized the truth of what he said. As I worked with tens of thousands of patients this year I can absolutely say that based on the moral compass of humanity, had you not stood firm on this, the death toll would have been much higher.

I know for a while, you had concerns. Gubernatorial pressure, the cries of the anti mask followers, and other insanities gave you pause to consider if you were doing the right thing. You need to know you did.

Although I worked as a front line physician with direct contact to covid patients every single day for nearly a year and can say I am now vaccinated, the pandemic took a very painful and personal toll. In another state, my father lived in a large county with a mask mandate. However due to massive pressure from the anti mask followers, there was no enforcement of the mandate. My father was in a public building and despite following all of my instructions was forced to sit in a public hallway for hours while patients known to have covid walked by him without masks. Two weeks later like clock work, he began running fevers from covid. Three days before Christmas, on the day I received my first vaccine, he died from Covid. 24 hours later, one of my best friends here in Lincoln also died from Covid.

As true leaders, you had a duty to protect the vulnerable from being culled by foolishness.

So on behalf of the hundreds who don't even realize they are alive today because of you, I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Don Rice, M.D.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Brad Marshall <bmarshall@olsson.com>
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2021 4:39 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: CZ07060C Question

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Members of the City Council –

I am writing to answer Council member Jane Reybold's question about who is responsibility for the intersection improvements (including signalization) at S. 40th Street & Hohensee. Per the Annexation Agreement (Resolution A85189) and Amendment 1 (Resolution A91227), the City of Lincoln assumed the obligation to construct S. 40th Street improvements from Yankee Hill Road to Rokeby Road. As part of the same agreement, the owners would construct the intersection improvements of S. 40th and Wilderness Hills Boulevard (under construction).

The City is currently designing the S. 40th Street improvements and the intersection of S. 40th & Hohensee is tentatively scheduled for construction in the year 2023.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions.

Brad J. Marshall, PE, LEED AP

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Bennie R. Shobe
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Angela M. Birkett
Subject: Re: The Hiring of a New Police Chief

Good afternoon Ms. Bondi,

Thank you for taking the time to email me and for sharing your thoughts and points of concern regarding the Lincoln's next police chief.

bennie

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Bondi [<mailto:bondist@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 5:38 AM
To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>; Mayor <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>; Police Public Access <LPD@cjis.lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: The Hiring of a New Police Chief

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From: Change Now LNK & Stephanie Bondi District 3

To Whom it may concern,

We, the community members of Lincoln Nebraska, are calling to the elected officials whose duty it is to serve this city; to prioritize the lives, safety, and needs of Black, Brown, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC's) that make up and contribute so much to this city. We are aware that the city is looking to hire a new police chief upon the resignation of former Chief, Jeff Bleimeister. Chief Bleimeister was responsible for beginning discussions around and attempting to take steps within the department that would hopefully foster a more inclusive, unbiased, police department that would protect and serve all members of this community. He did a good job at introducing what reform could look like within the department to ensure that the BIPOC community here in Lincoln would be prioritized by doing things like working with the T.R.A.C.E initiative and Hold Cops Accountable.

We ask that when conducting interviews and offering recommendations as to who will be LPD's next police chief, you keep in mind the citizens of this community who too often go forgotten, unheard, and underrepresented. With a new transition happening, we are committed to ensuring that when a decision is made for a permanent replacement, that the decision made is in this community's best interest, specifically the best interest of marginalized populations. For far too long, BIPOC communities have been mistreated, misunderstood, and pushed off to the side by the current systems in place. In return, BIPOC communities have been overpoliced, putting their lives and safety at risk. We ask that the new chief has the following attributes to ensure the protection of everyone's rights and safety here in Lincoln:

Commitment to working with and for communities most impacted by policing (i.e., Black, Indigenous, working class and low-income, people with disabilities or mental illness, Latino/a/x and Hispanic people)

Priority for community safety, especially communities most impacted by policing.

Demonstrated understanding of systemic oppression and how it manifests in policing.

Ability to articulate how systemic oppression shapes policing in Lincoln.

Experience and priority for dismantling systemic racism, heterosexism, sexism, cisgenderism, and classism in policing. Demonstrated experience putting in the work to create change to reduce surveillance, control of, and violence towards BIPOC.

Demonstrated success recruiting and leading diverse teams

Demonstrated priorities of listening to the public and responding by changing police practices and policies to better meet public needs.

Demonstrated commitment to advocating, agitating and working for change

BIPOC representation or deep investment in the BIPOC community

Education or significant understanding of mental health and/or human services

Demonstrated support for transparency in policing and accountability to the public.

Support for more power being given to the Citizens Police Advisory Board to subpoena during investigations and sanction officers who use excessive force.

Intercultural competence and experience, demonstrated by learning the ways of various communities and respectfully interacting based on those values and cultures.

Demonstrated commitment to prioritizing de-escalation language, training techniques, and limits to excessive force including clear and transparent definitions of excessive force.

Support for anti-bias training led by local experts

We also challenge those involved in the hiring process to reconsider the process itself. As it stands, the public has no say in the appointing of police chief. We would like to challenge the city to not only consider public input in a more formal way when making decisions that affect the citizens' lives, safety, and well being directly, but to re-evaluate the hiring process to include a means of the community having a hand in making the final decision. If the police exist to serve and protect communities then the community should be more involved.

We believe that everyone responsible for the hiring of the new chief (Mayor Gaylor-Baird and City Council Members) will make the right decision that is in Lincoln's best interest. We ask you to think of the community members mentioned in this letter when making a decision, as they are the ones who are affected most by decisions like these.

Sincerely,

Change Now LNK & Lincoln Constituent, Stephanie Bondi

Stephanie Bondi
2718 S 12th St
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she/her/hers

Dear City Council,

The Mayor's vision for a climate smart future is very inclusive. As far as garbage, the plan (pages 152-155) addresses such things as creating a composting program, creating a way to use recycled concrete and asphalt, reducing single-use plastics which are all important. We are proud of the reduction in corrugated cardboard waste in Lincoln.

One difficult area that has not been tackled is the garbage haulers. We know reducing 80% of the Green House Gases emissions by 2050 as well as a 50% reduction by 2030, is truly important to our future. Lincoln has five-six garbage haulers who go up and down the streets to pick up garbage on the SAME street. Empty, a garbage truck weighs about 33,000 pounds. These trucks, with an average consumption of 5 miles per gallon efficiency, constantly stop and go while on their routes, burning fuel and gaining weight as they collect. Creating an organized collection system would be easier on our roads, help trucks keep an extended life, and save on Green Huse Gas. (GHG)

An organized system could put money in our pockets and be better on the environment. Certainly, the garbage owners could get together and divide up the city with a mediator. I hope you will consider this additional goal and include it in Lincoln's climate plan for the future.

Barbara Hoppe

254 W. Lakeshore Drive

Lincoln, Ne 68528

Angela M. Birkett

From: Pam Baker <pam@ygm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:28 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Please Support Lincoln's Climate Action Plan!

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

Dear members of the City Council:

I am writing to ask you to support Lincoln's Climate Action Plan. All eight key initiatives are important and will improve our community and the world we live in if they are implemented..but I hope you will pay particular attention to "Maximizing Natural Climate Solutions, Reducing Waste, Engaging Residents in Co-Creating a Climate Smart Future." The Plan is a great starting point...and the community can become involved in fleshing out each of the initiatives and implementing them. The outline is there for us...please adopt the Plan and get us started on leading the way to a healthier Lincoln and a thriving world.

Sincerely,

Pam Baker

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Shawn Trucke <trucks1975@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: End Lincoln Mask Mandate

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This is what proper city governance looks like: https://www.dakotane.wsnow.com/2021/03/10/mayor-tenhaken-casts-tiebreaking-vote-allowing-the-citys-mask-mandate-to-expire/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=snd&utm_content=ksfy&fbclid=IwAR3RPU5VCZzT5hSZkMOuLzvPmo4_apPKM30Q3gPLTI3TN6Fy1nMFDGmXeK0

Notice the city council actually votes on such things after listening to the people. In Lincoln, the council cedes their rightful authority to the mayor and health dept, and does NOT listen to the citizens. In SF, emails to the council were 10:1 against the mandate.

These mask mandates are falling everywhere and it is unconscionable that Lincoln's has been extended until mid April.

Do your job and end this madness. The citizens of Lincoln deserve so much better. This is an election issue as well now and I personally will be working to elect candidates that won't behave as many on this council have. Enough is enough.

Shawn Trucke

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Essink, Scott <Scott.Essink@nebraska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Recent Public Open Mic Sessions...

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- 1) *In a time where Dr. Seuss is being criticized for not being appropriate (written many, many years ago mind you...) we have a CHAIRPERSON of the City Council that all of you sit on being heard ON MIC stating (not exact wording) “Dang, I didn’t get my gavel down fast enough”... WHAT???*

To any of you who question the truth to this...please go to the effort of listening, listen again, have your staff listen, and bring in City I.T. to enhance it so you have no doubts what was said. This is NOT appropriate for any elected official to say such things about the citizens he/she is representing when the citizen was within his rights to speak at that time! How can this not be addressed publicly? Shame on Mr. Meginnis for leading the Council and having the distain for those you represent to say such a thing...please fall on your sword and remove yourself from the Council sir...you are not fit to serve...as a public elected official you are DOUBLY accountable for what you say...A public apology is in order Mr. Meginnis.

- 2) *Ms. Raybould (and all Council Members who allow her to disrupt the public forum)...shame on you for your “Point of Order” ramrodding of the public’s opportunity to speak! It is becoming more clear to those in your district who supported you in the past that your efforts as of late do not reflect the citizens of your community. Trying to adjourn the meeting when you weren’t getting your way shows how much respect of the Lincoln citizens you lack. We have watched citizens ramble*

during open mic sessions in the past, saying who knows what,...they received their 5 minutes to speak. Mr. Christensen's own son was allowed to speak on boneless chicken wings without interruption...Sam and Dan were frequently interrupted to the point where I believe Sam's testimony took around 20 minutes to get 5 minutes of speaking time in. Please Council...do not silence the public you swore to serve. Remember why you decided to step into public service? If it was for political or publicity reasons then I guess some of you are on the path you desired. If it was to SERVE your city, STRENGTHEN your city, and SUPPORT the voice of the citizen...please change course or remove yourself from office and let someone who DOES want to make a positive impact serve in your seat.

Scott P. Essink

Angela M. Birkett

From: Sue Burkey <sueburkey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Wyuka Project

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

Hello,

My name is Sue Burkey and I live at the corner of 36th and Q street with my 87 year old father.

I fully support our city's goals of providing affordable housing in Lincoln, and understand that the need is critical right now.

The Gate House Row-Wyuka apartment complex proposal, as it currently stands, is NOT a viable way to achieve those goals.

The Hoppe plain is simply too dense for this site. Far too dense. The Hartley neighborhood is already one of the most densely populated, racially and ethnically diverse, and lowest in come neighborhoods in the city of Lincoln. The narrow strip of buildable land on the proposed site simply cannot support this many units. The proposed density of 98 units, or alternatively 80 units as suggested by Planning staff, is far too dense for that site.

As a part of the proposal, the builders have requested zoning changes, as well as numerous waivers. Included in these waivers is a change in the required parking from 2.0 stalls per unit to 1.4 per unit. Not only would this force residents to use on-street parking for some of their personal vehicles, but it would guarantee any visitor parking be relegated to the already crowded adjacent street. Increased traffic will inevitably reduce the safety of the neighboring streets, and increase congestion. Watching our neighbors have to navigate thru this winter's snowy conditions, with a great number of streets remaining impassable for days at a time, has highlighted how ill equipped the infrastructure is to handle 700-800 additional trips that would be generated by the proposal.

The requested waiver for reduced set-backs, as well as the planned 3 story configuration of the apartments, will completely cut off any visual or meaningful access to the green space of Wyuka. The potential damage to the historic site, as well as negative impact to its connection to the neighborhood would be a true loss.

I am also concerned with the lack of affordable ownership options being offered in this proposal. A path to home ownership is a powerful tool to a lower income individual or family, and I think this would be an excellent site for such properties to be intergrated into. The addition of some Lease-To-Own properties, such as the CROWN Program which is detailed of the Hoppe Homes website, would be an ideal way to enhance both the neighborhood and the city's goals of serving lower-income individuals.

Over the past months, I have heard from many passionate neighbors, and the opposition to the current proposal has been universal. This site cannot support 98 units. It cannot support 80 units. But with appropriate changes, it could potentially support a reduced number of rental/lease-to-own properties that would respect the current character of the neighborhood, address resident concerns, support the mission of the city of Lincoln, and serve our lower-income community in a lasting and substantive way.

The parcel of land under consideration has been described as unique, as is the opportunity to utilize it to further our goal of better serving some of our most vulnerable community members. We can, and we MUST, do better than this. I say lets go back to the drawing board and find a solution that does not cause more problems than it solves.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your service on the City Council.

Sue Burkey

Sent from my iPad

Angela M. Birkett

From: Beyond Vision LNK <office@beyondvisionlnk.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:33 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

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

Dear Council Members,

I would like to thank you for your dedication to the Lincoln community, and the large importance of addressing community impact on our natural resources.

I have made a personal business decision to work with companies that have implemented programs to counter pollution and protect our water, land, and families. I understand that costs can increase when choosing this route. As a new business owner within the last 1.5 years in Lincoln, I have had to account for those budget changes that can make start-up difficult but I believe I'm making an impact for my children and for other businesses to model.

As a small business owner, who rents in Lincoln, I do have some concerns about the current plan. First, and foremost, in order to get financing I had to have a well laid out budget plan showing costs and expenses. The current plan does not lay out specifics so that I could even predict how this would affect me as a homeowner or business owner. My initial model of business and the pandemic have already required me to stretch finances, I need to have more concrete numbers to sustain viability.

Secondly, my office was shut down during the blackout. I have equipment that is temperature sensitive and procedures, such as foreign body removal, that would be detrimental if I were shut down without a more specific idea of a shut down of power. I cannot afford, nor house a generator as larger hospital and clinic settings can for this type of outage. Placing all our reliability on renewable energy in Nebraska where ice storms, tornadoes, and high heat and wind are common seems reckless. The unpredictability in factors that can decrease production of wind, solar, and even natural gas to less than full capacity could bring pollution to Lincoln by forcing homes and businesses to find back up power from different sources.

I want you to answer: 1) What are the financial costs to families and businesses? 2) Can we quantify the pollution decrease?

I do not want to leave more debt to the next Lincoln generation with an ideal of action. I can see and quantify the environmental benefits of actions to protect our natural resources that I have been a part of recently. NPPD needs oversight, and this Climate Action Plan should have answers to those questions I proposed for the benefit of all.

Dr. Carla Ericksen
Beyond Vision LNK

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tom Armstrong <tomarmstrong007@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Gate House Row Development

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

City Council Members and to whom this may concern,

I'm writing you with concern for the 98 unit apartment complex that has been proposed by Hoppe Construction. A similar large project was proposed by Mr. Hoppe two years ago under and was quickly rejected by the Planning Committee after the Harley Neighborhood rejected it. Today we face this same situation only with welcoming results by the PC. It would appear that the Mayor's 5000 units for the Low Income has brought the PC to the point of disregarding neighborhood and street safety, as well as allowing building permits waived that would normally be denied. All in the effort to satisfy an arbitrary number set forth by the Mayor.

The Hartley Neighborhood has no issue with the effort to increase Low Income Housing, but this approach to squeeze a 98 unit complex into a small neighborhood with few exits to main arterials is just planning for trouble. Adding 200 plus extra vehicles to this 12 block area will increase the danger to pedestrians, children, cyclists, and auto accidents. Not to mention the construction nightmares that the local residents will have to endure as the complex is being constructed. What this neighborhood needs rather than a warehouse of transient neighbors, is housing designed for ownership by the Low Income residents. This location along 36th Street is perfect for such a project as Condo's of duplex's, which will allow families to become owners in a community. This will strengthen the neighborhood and keep the culture alive and thriving. To build a 98 unit warehouse of residents that come and go with the beginning and end of each month can only destroy the community of this neighborhood. This project will dominate the neighbor in a negative manner causing home owners to move out and renters to move, in creating a more blighted area of Lincoln. As the City's Council isn't it a more important mission for you to protect the community neighborhoods for becoming more dangerously congested and unsafe. After all, who of you would like this project built in your neighborhood or across the street from your home of 20 - 30 years. If this project goes through as designed there will be much remorse down the road, as I see the current family neighborhood that exists now will be replaced with a more transient community where more crime and lack of safety will be the norm.

A more logical location for such a mega complex as this would be on 43rd and Vine St. area, where shopping and employment is within walking distance. Parking and traffic would not be an issue. A bicycle and bus route is at the front door. This is the winning formula to create 5000 Units that will benefit the Low Income of our community. The location at 36th St is very likely the worst place to house individuals that may need public transportation, as the closest bus stop is four blocks away. This area should be saved for when the right design for home ownership for Low Income families is brought to your table. There are other places better suited for such a huge project as this that will not disrupt a neighborhood as much as this project certainly will. Help save our neighborhood from what could very likely finish it.

I'm asking you members of the City Council to vote no on this 98 Unit project, as a NIFA funded study showed five years ago that 45 is the most units this neighborhood could safely handle. Help our community succeed by focusing on Home Ownership for Low Income Families in our neighborhood by building properties where families can put down roots. This makes Lincoln Stronger.

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the meeting on the 15th as work prevents me from being there.
Thank You for lending an ear to what I have to say.

Thomas J Armstrong
Hartley Board Member

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rebecca Hruby Seth <becky_seth@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:32 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Letter of support of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan
Attachments: GS to the City Council final. .docx

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

On behalf of the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Church of Lincoln I submitted the attached letter supporting the Lincoln Climate Action Plan earlier. However, I did not specify that we want it to be part of the official record. Please file it where necessary.

Thank you, Rebecca Seth

Dear 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

Angela M. Birkett

From: Tony Rodriguez <hartleyneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Mayor
Subject: Gatehouse Rows development project

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

Hello,

My name is Tony Rodriguez, President of the Hartley Neighborhood Association. I write this letter to voice the neighborhood's concerns regarding the proposed Gatehouse Rows development project. The HNA supports the city's needs to develop more low income housing. We at no point have opposed the development of such housing. In fact we are already one of the most affordable neighborhoods within the city of Lincoln. We simply have concerns regarding the size and density of the project. The following are points that support our position.

- All traffic from this project will have to funnel out through the neighborhood. The traffic study that was done estimated that the development would bring a 64% increase in traffic, generating an estimated 717 trips DAILY from the development alone.
- All of the closest restaurants, grocery stores, retail stores and other businesses lie directly East of the project. Most residents will funnel out to 35th and Vine Streets to head East in order to avoid the lights at 33rd and O and 33rd and Vine Streets. 35th Street is also the first street that you can access the neighborhood as well when heading West on either O or Vine Streets.
- The traffic study that was completed is NOT a true reflection of the traffic congestion the neighborhood usually sees. The study the developer had done was completed in December of 2020. In the middle of winter during a NATIONAL PANDEMIC. Previous studies dating prior to the pandemic showed considerably higher traffic volumes than what is currently being shown. The study also focused mostly on R street instead of the worst intersection in ALL of Hartley which is at 35th and Vine Streets. There are numerous accidents at that intersection on an annual basis. These accidents will inevitably increase with any development of the proposed site.
- 35th Street is also a designated bike route. Many bikers, walkers, and runners cross 35th and Vine daily to reach the Mopac Trail.
- The proposed 1.4 parking spots per unit will inevitably push overflow parking onto residential streets also.
- In 2015 the City, Hartley, and Clinton Neighborhoods conducted a study that focused on the very land that is being proposed for development. That study, again which the city participated in, recommended allowing 48 units on that site due to the restricted nature of the site.
- The developer shows the site as being a 8 acre parcel. However only HALF of that land is actually buildable due to the unique position of it, AND the drainage way that runs the entire length of the property.

- With climate change being at the forefront these days it is of great concern of the future potential flooding that will occur along the project site. Building directly next to a major flood ditch greatly increases the chance of then flooding. Especially with the intense storms we have faced in recent years.

- Hartley neighborhood residents have no available green space available to them without crossing one or two major streets. Many residents use the cemetery for walking and jogging. Especially during this Covid Pandemic with people concerned about going to gyms. Building a project of this size will further isolate the neighborhood residents from it's closest green space.

- The HNA fully supports the development of low income housing. However the number we support is 54. This would be the max units allowable for a R4 zone with no exemptions. This number is above the 48 proposed by the study that the city participated in 5 years ago in 2015.

- The planning department recommended allowing 80 units. However the Planning Commission voted to allow the entire 98. Mr. Hoppe has expressed that if he cannot build the entire 98 units that he cannot proceed with the project. The neighborhood should not have to suffer indefinitely with an immense increase in traffic and density simply because the builder cannot make a lower number of units "work".

We respectfully ask that the city council consider lowering the number of units that can be built on that site. Even the planning departments recommendation of 80 units will help with traffic and density issues this project will FOREVER cause. Even then there will still be major concerns due to the unique layout, location, and above points made regarding the development site, Please do not sacrifice the safety and quality of life within the Hartley neighborhood simply for an additional 20 to 40 units, and a wealthy developers stance that he cannot budge on number of units. No developer will EVER tell you they can build less when asked.

I appreciate your time, thought, and consideration of these and all concerns brought forth not only by the HNA, but other neighborhoods and neighbors across the city.

Thank You
Tony Rodriguez
President, HNA

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From: Jim & Deanna McClintick <jdmcc@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Climate Action Plan

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Hello, Council Members,

Thank you for your service. I know my comments will not really influence the out come of your vote, but I want to express my fears. I know much time and effort has gone into this plan and I am especially grateful for the concern about water supply.

One fear is concern about not diversifying enough--it should include ALL forms of energy supply. It is fearful to think that wind and sun will help to provide enough energy.

Another fear is that our country may not be self reliant which is a national security issue. We must not have any dependence on any other country for our any energy supplies (solar panel, etc)

Another fear is that we keep adding to the power grid--electric cars, electric houses, etc causing blackouts if we cannot keep up.

Another fear is if the power grids can't keep up, we are rationed and become like a 3rd world country-like CA.

The fear of not being able to afford this new energy and expanded use of electricity and current gas for my current car as gas prices increase due to the treatment or lack there of -of oil as if it is totally evil.

I see that looking to 2050 with a 31 days of heat wave in the summer--causing fear like it was the first time in history due to climate change--which has always changed.

Thank you for listening to my fears and fears for my grand children.

Deanna McClintick
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LINCOLN ALL-TIME RECORDS: Highest temperature on record: 113 degrees on July 15, 1936. Lowest temperature on record: 34 degrees below zero on January 15, 1927

1936; A Year of Extremes

The climatological summer (June-August) of 1936 was the warmest nationwide on record (since 1895) with an average temperature of 74.6° (2nd warmest summer was that of 2006 with an average of 74.4°) and July of 1936 was the single warmest month ever measured with an average of 77.4° (beating out July 2006 by .1°). Ironically, February of 1936 was the coldest such on record with an average nationwide temperature of 26.0° (single coldest month on record was January 1977 with a 23.6° average). In February of 1936 temperatures fell as low as -60° in North Dakota, an all-time state record and Turtle Lake, North Dakota averaged -19.4° for the entire month, the coldest average

monthly temperature ever recorded in the United States outside of Alaska. One town in North Dakota, Langdon, went for 41 consecutive days below zero (from January 11 to February 20), the longest stretch of below zero (including maximum temperatures) ever endured at any site in the lower 48.

With this in mind, it is truly astonishing what occurred the following summer. The temperature in North Dakota that had reached -60° on February 15 at Parshall rose to 121° at Steele by July 6, 1936. The two towns are just 110 miles from one another!

Lincoln City Council

The Hartley Board is APPEALING this to the city Council, we are members of the Hartley Neighborhood Association and have lived in our home at 3511 T. Street for 35 years. We have always been forthcoming with Affordable housing in our neighborhood with have shared neighbors from Housing Authority the entire time we lived here, We clearly state our support for infill development that is more compatible with the density and character of our neighborhood.

★ The council needs to know that this is a very dense project for Hartley. For example on the block on N. 36th street between Q and R, there are now 6 duplexes and one house on the Westside. The developer is proposing to build 38 units facing them on the east side with front yard setbacks reduced from 20 to 10 feet. That's three times our established density. The rest of the project is also crowded onto half of the land that's actually buildable.

★ Our concerns about increased traffic should be noted for the record. Unlike other larger ^{apartment} developments, this has no direct connection to an arterial.

Concerns Special permit No 21003

resolution No: PC-01744

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#7 (Line 8) b sidewalks

#7 (Line 10) c public water distribution system

#7 (Line 12-13) d. public wastewater collection system

#7 (Line 14-15) complete enclosed public drainage facilities

#7 (Line 17-18) F. street lights

#7 (Line 19-20) G. 19-20 street trees

#7 (Line 3-4) Page 8 K. to complete any other public or private improvements or facility required by Chapter 26.23 (Development Standards) of the Land Subdivision Ordinance in a timely manner

page 7 #7 (Line 7-89) L. Stabilize all graded land for approval.

How long will this take?

page 7 (Line 23-24-page 8 1-2-3) f.

recognize there will be additional maintenance issues of costs associated with proper functioning of storm water detention/retention as they were designed and construction within the development and these additional maintenance issues or costs are the responsibility of the Permittee

We have concerns on Permittee #8970-11
Lines 1-15. also

Please send reply to Billie and Robert Mertz
3511 T. Street Lincoln Ne 68503
concerning Lincoln City Council public
hearing Room 112 March 15, 2021 at 3:00 pm

March 9, 2021 Billie J Mertz

March 9, 2021 Robert P. Mertz

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From: Lorrie Benson <lorriebenson2@gmail.com>
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Subject: resubmitted comments for official record on Climate Action plan

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Members of the Lincoln City Council:

The First-Plymouth Church Climate Action Team supports the proposed City of Lincoln Climate Action Plan. Climate change is the largest threat the city faces because it impacts every aspect of our community, including public health and safety, businesses and the local economy, infrastructure, fairness and justice, and overall quality of life.

Because we believe God calls us to protect all God's creation, including people and planet, we encourage you to be bold and ambitious and vote to approve the Climate Action Plan. We are optimistic we can address climate change and improve quality of life for all Lincoln citizens if we work together.

Please make our comments part of the official record. Thank you for considering our comments.

For the First-Plymouth Church Climate Action Team

Lorrie Benson, Chair

Angela M. Birkett

From: Lorrie Benson <lorriebenson2@gmail.com>
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City Council Members,

I strongly support the proposed Climate Action Plan. Climate change is the single largest threat to Lincoln's present and future, and must be addressed now with bold and ambitious plans.

I know it will be challenging, but I'm confident of three things: Lincolnites can do what's required, you'll have many willing hands to help get the job done, and the results will make Lincoln a more attractive place to live and do business. This is a moral and spiritual imperative. Thank you for considering my comments. Please make them part of the official record.

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