

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Monday, May 10, 2021
555 S. 10th Street
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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1. Administrative Approvals from April 27, 2021 through May 3, 2021

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1. Public Health Update provided by Pat Lopez, Director, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

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Suspended until further notice

VII. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Police Chief Search – Met Gallagher
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Memorandum

Date: ♦ May 4, 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 April 27, 2021 through May 3, 2021:

Administrative Amendment 21017, to Change of Zone 04075H, Village Gardens PUD, approved by the Planning Director on April 27, 2021, to add General Site Note #61 regarding the use and purpose of Outlot I to clarify that it is unbuildable and to allow a structure on an adjacent lot to be constructed with 10' of the outlot's lot line to meet required Fire Code separation, on property generally located at South 56th Street and Pine Lake Road.

Angela M. Birkett

From: Met Shafer Gallagher <metshafergallagher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Fwd: Police Chief search

Good afternoon members,

I sent this to the mayors office today but would also like to get answers to these questions from you all.

Thank you in advance and I appreciate your time and service to our community.

Met Gallagher

Begin forwarded message:

From: Met Shafer Gallagher <metshafergallagher@gmail.com>
Date: May 3, 2021 at 1:48:07 PM CDT
To: mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
Subject: Police Chief search

Dear Mayor,

It is my understanding that Lincoln only received two applications for this position. Is that accurate? If so, what are we doing to expand that search to ensure we have an adequate number of qualified applicants to choose from? This is a major decision for the future of our city.

Secondly, my understanding is that our seriously understaffed police department only received approximately 40 applications for the last recruit class. That is a monumental decrease in applicants from the past several years. If that is accurate, what are we doing as a city to increase the number of qualified recruits? We have serious issues of staff retention issues and numerous officers getting hired here then transferring to Omaha as they pay MUCH higher salaries as well as ride in two officer cars which is MUCH safer. Additionally, what are we doing as a city to address this completely unacceptable staffing shortage that is not new news but is a situation that has been allowed to continue, not be aggressively addressed and rectified?

What is the mayor doing to address all of these very concerning issues in our city?

Thank you for your time and anticipated answers,

Met Gallagher

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert Borer <robert.borer@doane.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 2:06 PM
To: Pat D. Lopez; Pat D. Lopez; Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Tearing apart the tyrannical DHM of Lopez and Baird to expose their criminal activity...

Friends-

See responses to various quotes from Lopez's latest DHM, which you can find here:
<https://app.lincoln.ne.gov/city/covid19/pdf/directed-health-measures-2021-21.pdf>

Quote 1:

WHEREAS, The Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") has impacted and continues to dramatically impact the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County, Nebraska; and...

Response 1:

First, the alleged novel coronavirus is not called COVID-19. It's called SARS-CoV-2. COVID-19 is the alleged disease allegedly caused by an alleged SARS-CoV-2 virus.

But more importantly, the assertion that a novel coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2 "has impacted and continues to dramatically impact" our community has never been proven. Lopez has NOT been able to provide one shred of evidence that SARS-CoV-2 even exists. The tests being used to detect the alleged novel virus are experimental. That means they are untrustworthy. The inventor of the PCR test said it wasn't designed to be a diagnostic tool.

As for the nature of this "impact," keep reading.

Quote 2:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 71-1630(4)(d)(iii), the Health Director is authorized to investigate the existence of any contagious or infectious disease and adopt measures to arrest the progress of the disease; and..

Response 2:

There is no evidence that Lopez conducted, either on her own, or by proxy, any local independent investigation into the local existence of a novel contagious or infectious disease called COVID-19. She simply followed the herd. She simply relied upon authorities with conflicting interests. And that's exactly what Baird is paying her to do. That Lopez doesn't have the critical thinking skillset to conduct or manage such an investigation is beside the point.

Quote 3:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Lincoln Municipal Code § 8.18.140 and Lancaster County Resolution No. R-07-0035, the Health Director may order the closure of, or restrict access to, any business, office, healthcare facility, school, or government agency or department for the purpose of controlling the spread of disease or for any activity related to controlling the spread of disease, and the Health Director may adopt any other control measures which are consistent with applicable guidelines of a

public sector partner, emergency management agency, and any other applicable laws and regulations; and,

Response 3:

Lopez has now been issuing unjustified city- and county-wide restrictions for over a year. She has ordered the closure of businesses where there was no evidence of infectious disease in that business. She has restricted business capacity when there was no evidence of infectious disease within that business. She effectively declared the entire county a deadly infectious disease zone, again, without evidence. The "flu" is alleged to be an infectious disease that kills people as well, but we have never shut down businesses over it.

Quote 4:

2. Exposure to COVID-19 presents a risk of death or serious long-term disabilities; the exposure is wide-spread and poses a significant risk of harm (including death) to people in the general population; there is a particular subset of the population that is more vulnerable to the threat and thus at increased risk; and the threat is from a novel infectious disease.

Response 4:

Vague terms and assertions. "Risk" and "significant risk" are both meaningless. What is the "particular subset of the population that is more vulnerable to the [alleged] threat and thus at increased risk," and *how* was that "subset" determined? By inherent implication, there must be a subset that is less vulnerable, and/or not vulnerable at all? What are those subsets??

Why weren't the restrictions focused on the "vulnerable" and "more vulnerable" subsets only??

Quote 5:

3. Directed Health Measures ("DHM") exist to effectively prevent, limit, and slow the spread of COVID-19 amongst the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County and implementation will continue to curtail unnecessary in-person interaction, which is the main means of transmission of COVID-19.
4. The continued enforcement of DHM is necessary due to the threat posed to members of the public if people gather in large numbers, in close proximity to each other, and in enclosed spaces, thereby increasing the danger to public health.

Response 5:

When and where was it ever proven that simple "proximity" causes and constitutes transmission of a disease called COVID-19? **When and where was the ambient air ever tested and proven to contain a deadly pathogen called SARS-CoV-2?** Pray tell.

This is truly fairy tail stuff. When Harvard Medical School and Public Health Service doctors had to concede, in a 1919 JAMA article, that they couldn't demonstrate contagiousness of the "Spanish Flu," I'm not going to buy a SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 narrative without seeing the actual science for myself. Lopez has been served FOIA requests, as has Anthonie (NE DHHS), and neither one could produce one scientific paper.

What they are calling a novel contagious viral pathogen isn't a living microbe. It doesn't have a nervous system. It doesn't have a circulatory system. It doesn't have a brain. It doesn't have an agenda. It doesn't have instinct. It doesn't have feelings. It doesn't have locomotive power. It doesn't have any interest in, or ability to, hijack a cell. It's just a displaced stand of genetic material from a

dying cell that is only dying because it's been removed from its natural environment (the body), and poisoned by some dumb virologist who never took a course in logic or critical thinking and doesn't know the first thing about how to conduct a systematic scientific experiment with parallel control experiments to make sure he/she isn't causing the effect he/she is trying to find a cause for. The cause is staring them in the face and they can't see it because they've been blinded by the indoctrination that was supposed to be their higher education.

Quote 6:

5. The manner in which the spread of COVID-19 cases in Lincoln and Lancaster County has occurred poses unacceptable risks to the health and welfare of the citizens of Lincoln and Lancaster County and continued DHMs are necessary to continue to prevent or limit the transmission of COVID-19.
6. Not having effective DHM targeted at current circumstances would significantly jeopardize the ability to prevent or limit the transmission of COVID-19 or pose unacceptable risks to members of the Lincoln and Lancaster County community.

Response 6:

Nothing gives Lopez the right to determine what is acceptable and unacceptable risk for everyone else. Nothing gives her the right to suspend our inherent and inalienable God-given rights. These rights pre-date our Constitution and provide their foundation, and there is no emergency exception clause in either our State or National Constitution, barring rebellion or invasion, that allows anyone to suspend those rights.

Quote 7:

7. Maintaining practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 including, but not limited to, reducing occupancy and wearing face coverings which cover the mouth and nose, are necessary to continue slowing the spread of COVID-19.
8. Dr. Rochelle Walensky, Director of the CDC squarely recommends routine masking to combat the spread of COVID-19; Additionally, the Lancaster County Medical Society Board has concluded the wearing of face coverings by every individual while in public is one of the best methods to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19.
9. The American Academy of Pediatrics has determined education is fundamental to child and adolescent development and well-being and strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school, and to be able to open schools safely, it is vitally important that communities take all necessary measures to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Response 7:

Mask mandates are pure silliness, and nothing more than a very poor exercise in tyrannical control, as they are completely unenforceable. Again, Lopez offers no science, just opinions and recommendations, which vary among so-called experts. Lopez doesn't get to dictate our level of "risk." Life itself is a risk. Liberty itself is a risk. And the risk varies with time. "TRAVEL AT YOUR OWN RISK," says a sign I recently saw in the Black Hills.

Quote 8:

10. Nebraska's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gary Anthonie, had previously indicated the State of Nebraska had increases in hospitalizations related to COVID-19 which had the potential of stressing the state's healthcare workforce and facilities.
11. Notwithstanding the current COVID-19 emergency hospital capacity, as defined by both available

inpatient beds and adequate staffing, within Lincoln and Lancaster County remains finite.

Response 8:

No one has a right to a hospital bed. And no one has a right to restrict the liberty of others under the guise of protecting hospital capacity. Hospitalizations increase every "flu" and pneumonia season. Lopez is being a tyrannical nanny.

Quote 9:

12. The CDC has identified multiple mutations in the COVID-19 virus (Variants) which cause the virus to act in different ways that are significant to public health including, but not limited to, more severe disease, easier transmission amongst individuals, requiring different treatments, and reduced efficacy of currently available vaccines.

13. Three different COVID-19 Variants of Concern have been confirmed in Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Response 9:

As there has been no original isolation and characterization of the alleged SARS-CoV-2 (let alone proof of its pathogenicity and contagiousness), there can be no variants. Fragments of genetic material abound in the natural and unnatural (forced) breakdown of cells. All of this talk of variants is just more pseudo-science. The only variants are the variants to the pandemic narrative.

Quote 10:

14. The CDC considers people to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 [equal to or greater than] 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or [equal to or greater than] weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen), and those vaccines are effective at protecting people from getting sick as a result of COVID-19.

15. In Lancaster County over 40% of the total eligible population and over 75% of individuals age 65 and older (those most at risk from death due to COVID-19) have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Response 10:

These alleged vaccines are highly experimental and carry significant risks to health and life. See the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System, USA: <https://www.openvaers.com/covid-data> . Many doctors advise against them.

Also, check out this article entitled: Federal law prohibits employers and others from requiring vaccination with a Covid-19 vaccine distributed under an EUA (linked below)...

<https://www.statnews.com/2021/02/23/federal-law-prohibits-employers-and-others-from-requiring-vaccination-with-a-covid-19-vaccine-distributed-under-an-eua/>

Conclusion:

The remaining part of the DHM proceeds to tell us what we can and can't do, under the guise of a county-wide "pandemic," which she presumes to have complete and ultimate authority for managing. The funny thing is, she obviously can't enforce any of it, as evidenced by how many people are breaking her silly rules, without consequence. You should have seen the Railyard Saturday. No different than a normal fall football Saturday. Literally wall-to-wall people, indoors and out, with no

masks. And Memorial Stadium? It was half full or more, with very few masks and [anti-]social distancing. You can't wear masks in heat like that...and who wants to, except the most brainwashed.

I have two remaining responses:

Quoting 11:

11) Any individual who has been confirmed as having COVID-19 by a laboratory test, or who is determined to be exposed to an individual diagnosed with having COVID-19 by a laboratory test, shall cooperate with the LLCHD Communicable Disease Division contact tracing and abide by all instructions provided, including but not limited to isolation or quarantine as contemplated by Lincoln Municipal Code 8.18 and Lancaster County Resolution No. R-07-0035.

Response 11:

Do NOT get tested. They can't force you to get tested, due to the emergency use only conditions of the test. And if there's no test, there can be no positive test result. And if there no positive test result, there can be no SARS-CoV-2 infection, no COVID-19 disease and no quarantine. You're either your same 'ol good asymptomatic self, or you're sick with the same symptoms people always get (when they overindulge, or indulge wrongly). The test is the basis for the whole scam. There is no standardized clinical diagnostic criteria, so if you don't get tested, they can't say you have "covid," period.

The whole alleged pandemic has been nothing but the hijacking of normal illness and morbidity with a fraudulent test and nonstop fearmongering. A positive test turns you into a leper and the result is very poor medical care, because you are deemed contagious. Medical malpractice is now the leading cause of death.

If it wasn't for the emergency declaration, the test wouldn't even be legal, as it has never been FDA approved and is authorized for emergency use (EUA) only. So the emergency" part of the equation was fabricated out of thin air by a few very rich and powerful people (Bill Gates and Co) who have worked for years to lay the foundation. Key pawns had to be put in place, like Fauci. Very few people really know the science, so "everyone" else just went along. Lopez doesn't have a clue about the science. She just goes along with Baird, who gets her marching orders from above. Little does she know what the leaders of communist revolutions do to their useful idiots.

Baird bought off nurse Lopez (for \$160K/yr) to do just exactly what she is doing. It was all set-up. And everyone who gets tested is only buying into and prolonging the devastation being caused by these two subversives and their fake health measures.

Quoting 12:

This DHM shall not apply to courts of law, meetings or sessions of the Nebraska Legislature; public utilities or essential federal, state, county, and city operations; congregate living settings; group homes and residential drug and/or mental health treatment facilities; shelters; airport travel; election offices; polling places on an election day; or to residences and dwelling units.

Response 12:

Very interesting. I guess SARS-CoV-2 doesn't like to go to courts of law. If that's the case, why don't we just add the words "court of law" to every busy name"

In other words, there's no pandemic. No where close. I've been to the Capitol numerous times. Only "liberal" legislators walk around with silly masks on.

Okay. That's it for the DHM. Just remember, case numbers are a function of the pure manipulation of test numbers and cycle thresholds on PCR tests.

I'll leave you with this bonus.

This is the CDC flu and pneumonia mortality thru 12 weeks for both 2020 and 2021 (I cut it off at 12 weeks because there's always lag time in reporting...we're at 17 weeks right now, so there shouldn't be much lag left for '21). I wanted, as I always do, to compare apples to apples.

For NE:

2020 - 51

2021 - 0

For the nation:

2020 - 18425

2021 - 9809

Sincerely,

Robert J. Borer

Angela M. Birkett

From: russell bartholow <russelleebartholow@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2021 11:40 PM
To: royforlincoln@gmail.com; Council Packet
Subject: No on AirB&B fees and costs

Roy, city council,

I am Against your Air BB amendment. I recommend you kill the idea and allow business owners and property owners the ability to operate freely without additional fees, taxes, penalties etc...!

Thank you
Russell Bartholow

Sent from my iPhone

Angela M. Birkett

From: James Bunch <theguys.unlv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 06, 2021 6:22 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Recurring Situation Ignored By City Traffic Employees

Once again, the lack of a green turn arrow at 40th and Pioneers has been reported by a citizen. There are MANY major intersections that fail to use the green arrow and people are left to play Russian Roulette with their automobiles. The standard city employee response from whoever responds to these issues is that the intersection has been studied and since there are not a sufficient number of accidents at that location, it doesn't warrant a protected turn signal. It doesn't matter the intersection, that's the response. I invite you to look at the many complaints about traffic signals reported on UPLNK. This specific report is

Issue ID:
9842740

Submitted To:
[City of Lincoln](#)

The unacceptable canned response by whoever this employee is that routinely responds to these complaints brings out the sarcasm in me. Here is my comment on this one: "This is a recurring complaint at this intersection. The rocket scientist who works this issue will tell you it has been studied and may again post his many screen shots of videos. Instead of constantly telling us why the worthless green arrows are not utilized at major intersections in Lincoln, they should drive to work with me for a week in La Vista and observe what it looks like in a municipality that actually does a great job moving traffic and giving commuters plenty of green arrow time in turn lanes. I hope you enjoy reading this before it's censored and removed because Heaven forbid that we become critical of unresponsive civil servants."

Yes, I work in La Vista and five days a week I drive from my home near Wesleyan, braving the stretch of 48th Street from the intersection of 48th and Fallujah to 48th and Mogadishu before the arduous journey along Hwy. 6 to get on the freeway at the Waverly interchange. This first six miles of my 42-mile drive (and the last six on the commute home) are the most stressful of my journey. Once on I-80 I get in the right lane, set the cruise on 75, and enjoy the ride. The last three miles from Cabela's to my place of employment three miles later along Sarpy County roads effectively managed for traffic flow are also stress-free. It is a real head-shaker why Sarpy County communities such as La Vista, Papillion, and Bellevue have figured out how to effectively use the left turn arrow and effectively move traffic that allows more than 2-3 cars through protected because here in Lincoln it seems to be a conundrum.

Something in the city traffic department needs to be addressed. Either the employee needs a change of perspective or they need to find a job where they are more suited to be out of the sightline of disgruntled citizens. Rome isn't burning, but as someone who has driven on five continents, I can tell you it's a pretty sad situation when I can transit across the major Asian capital city of Ankara, Turkey faster than I can get from NE Lincoln to the Pine Lake and 14th area.

Now, off to my relaxing commute to the Omaha metropolitan area.

Sincerely,

Jim Bunch