

DIRECTORS' ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**Monday, April 19, 2021
555 S. 10th Street
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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VIII. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

1. Discussion of future meetings, public crowd size, and safety requirements for public participation
2. Discussion regarding distribution of proposed Amendments and Motions



Memorandum

Date: ♦ April 13, 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 5, 2021 through April 12, 2021:

Administrative Amendment 21009, to Change of Zone 16038, Terrace Gardens, approved by the Planning Director on April 8, 2021 to revise the lot layout and reduce the front yard setback for Lot 11, Block 2 to 15 feet for garages, and revise the site layout for the commercial area, on property generally located at North 35th Street and Superior Street.

Administrative Amendment 21016, to Use Permit 107E, Firethorn Office Park, approved by the Planning Director on April 5, 2021, to remove Outlot O from the boundary of the use permit so it can be included in the adjacent use permit for Firethorn 84 Use Permit #18005A, on property generally located at South 84th Street and Van Dorn Street.

PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

TO: Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird
Lincoln City Council

FROM: Geri Rorabaugh, Planning

DATE: April 14, 2021

RE: Notice of final action by Planning Commission: April 14, 2021

Please be advised that on April 14, 2021, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution PC-01750, approving USE PERMIT 103C, to allow for up to 250 multi-family dwelling units or 110,500 square feet of commercial floor area on Lot 3, and up to 513,821 square feet of total commercial floor area, on property legally described as Lot 2 and the remaining portion of Lot 1, King Ridge Addition, Outlots A, C, D, E, and F, King Ridge 1st Addition, and portions of vacated right-of-way for N. 27th Street and Enterprise Drive, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 6-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at North 27th Street and Enterprise Drive; and

Resolution PC-01751, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 21011, to allow for a 17-lot CUP (Community Unit Plan), with waivers to setbacks, minimum lot area, sanitary sewer flow opposite street grades, street center line radius, tangent length between curves, tangent length at intersection, depth of sanitary sewer, hammerhead turnaround located in a front-yard setback, and design standards for a private roadway, on property legally described as remaining portion of Outlot A, Joshuas Glen Addition and Lot 178, I.T., all located in the SW 1/4 of Section 16-9-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 6500 South 56th Street.

The Planning Commission action on these applications is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov (search for "PATS"). Click on "Planning Application Tracking Service (PATS)" at the top of the page, click "Selection Screen" under "PATS Tools" on the right side of the screen, type in the application number (i.e. US103C, SP21011), click on "Search", then "Select", and go to "Related Documents".

Angela M. Birkett

From: Robert L. Walla
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Jennifer J. Brinkman
Subject: Prequalification Approval

Good Morning,

Jacobs Engineering has requested to be listed as a pre-qualified firm for Construction Management/Inspection services. Based on their references I recommend they be approved. If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact me. Thank you

Bob Walla

*Robert Walla - CPPB
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Cortni Hansen <cortnihansen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:34 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: Samuel Lyon; Darcy Yocum; Aleksandra Maslowska; aliherrera21@yahoo.com; Britni Myers; Skogie; Jessica Morten; Cory Radenslaben
Subject: Start Planning For The Future Beyond Covid

Dear City Council Members,

As I have stated over the last year the vaccine passport would be introduced in many states and it is my undemanding that you are opposed to these vaccine passports which I am thankful for. I would encourage you to issue an emergency order to stop the possibility of the vaccine passport.

The state of Nebraska is extremely divided. I have had a mask exemption since the beginning of this nonsense because I have a rare condition called MALS. Due to the lack of education regarding that many individuals have exemptions to wearing the mask I get harassed weekly. Shamed for being "careless". I have had enough! The mask mandate which is NOT a law must be stopped in all cities in the state of Nebraska.

The faulty PCR test has been the driver of public hysteria! I have spoke about this before in previous letters. If the test is over cycled and the machine is not recalibrated daily it gives off false positives (I have covered this in previous letters.) Which leads to death being miscalculated. As for the mask they are shown to cause more harm than good.

If this virus is so deadly then why are individuals that test positive being sent home with NO treatment? Why aren't there biohazard bins all over Nebraska to dispose these surgical masks? Is that really how we treat the most "deadly" virus in the world? No it's not. How the public health officials have addressed this epidemic is absurd.

There are many treatments available to the general public BESIDES this NONE FDA approved vaccine. I have attached a video from Dr. Peter McCullough a cardiologist and professor that has a protocol on EARLY treatment for the virus.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQVxSyhJUAo>

Also, Ron DeSantis held a round table with Dr Scott Atlas, Professor Sunetra Gupta, Dr. Jay Bhattachary, and Dr Martin Kulldorff. The topics covered were mask policies, lockdowns, and vaccines. I encourage you to watch it and focus on the loss of trust we the people now have towards public health officials. I myself have never tested as I don't want to be part of a tracking system for a virus I don't have. Asymptomatic transmission is very unlikely.

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/ZRyQq5LxDIR2/>

Lastly, I encourage you to watch a video by Dr. Ryan Cole, a Medical Doctor in Idaho that talks about treatment to the virus that is cheap and effective as well as herd immunity.

<https://thetrue defender.com/breaking-doctor-shares-the-power-of-vitamin-d-exposing-mrna-bioweapon-ivermectin/>

We need to stop the state of emergency and talk about a way to move forward. Protect the elderly and immune compromised. The rest of us want to get back to normal. We have reached herd immunity and those individuals who have had covid have natural immunity and do NOT need the vaccine.

If this mask mandate doesn't end soon I am going to be forced to file ADP complaints against all these companies that are discriminating against me for not being able to wear a mask. I will also contact the none emergency police for anyone who harasses me for not wearing a mask. This is such a waste of resources for our police but it's been a year and I can no longer tolerate being harassed for breathing fresh air. The last thing I will say is its been a year and I haven't worn a mask one day or stayed way from any of my friends and family and I have never been sick. Why? Because I take personal responsibility for myself. I eat right I exercise and I take my daily vitamins these are things that every individual should be doing if they are able.

Thanks for your time.

Cortni Hansen

8760 Fremont Street Apt 134

Lincoln, NE 68507

Registered Voter

Angela M. Birkett

From: Joseph Canny <josephcanny@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: COPS Bond Vote for Pioneers - Citizen Letter of Support

Good Morning Council Members-

Name is Joe and I am a Lincoln Resident and frequent golfer at all five Lincoln Municipal Golf Courses. I saw that you are all voting on the use of COPS bond financing for the Pioneers Golf Course irrigation system. I am still avoiding meetings until I get both COVID shots but wanted to send a note to the council sharing my support for using the bond financing for this purpose.

The golf courses in Lincoln have always been very popular and now are used more than ever after the last year we had and golf being a refuse for many who lost out on other hobbies due to the pandemic. I know a lot of my friends and colleagues played more golf this last year than ever and fell back in love with the game and want to continue playing all the time at our city courses.

The five courses provide excellent layouts that are all unique and for all but Pioneers are in great shape. Pioneers may be the best layout and prettiest course in the city and region but the course conditions are by far the worst. I am sure this is noticeable the last decade as Pioneers has gone from the most popular course to what I am sure now is not even in the top half. I feel awful for the maintenance staff because I know we have the best team working on it but they have out of date and depreciated equipment. It's like we have we have Picasso and you gave him a broken crayon and wet piece of paper to draw on. You can't play 18 holes there without seeing holes dug out in the fairway and a poor maintenance person or two trying to prolong the life of an irrigation system that is well past borrowed time.

I truly think a vote yes on this bond issue is a win-win for the city and its citizens. The city is giving a bond to a favorite recreational area to tens of thousands of city residence, a tourist attraction that brings out-of-county dollars to Lancaster and to a entity that we know can pay it back without issue. The Lincoln City Golf program and golfers win as well as we get back our best golf course which makes me happy as a golfer and have to make the city golf program happy because they have to be missing out on 5,000+ rounds at that course annually they are losing to Crooked Creek, Wilderness Ridge Talon Course, Woodland Hills and others.

I truly appreciate your consideration and service to our community. I look forward to tuning in tomorrow and seeing the results of your vote. Have a great week!

Joe Canny
Household of 5 golfers
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Lincoln, NE 68516

Angela M. Birkett

From: Casey Karges <ckarges@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Request for COPS Bond Funding for Pioneer Golf Course Irrigation System

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to encourage the Lincoln City Council to approve a proposal to approve Certificate of Participation (COPS) bond financing that will include the replacement of the irrigation system at Pioneer golf course.

I have had the honor of serving as an at-large member of the City Golf Committee for a few years now. This committee monthly reviews the finances and financial commitments needed to keep our public golf courses playable and up to date for members of our community. The Pioneer irrigation system and its need for repairs has long been a worry and a problem.

The proposal is that the bond debt would be repaid by repurposing the golf surcharge that has been paying the bond debt for the Holmes Golf clubhouse that will be retired this fall.

As a golfer of our public courses, I hope the City Council feels really good that in the midst of COVID-19 that our community had open spaces, such as our public courses for our community to get some much needed and safe respite. I also hope the Council feel good about the work of our City Golf Committee as we constantly strive to make our courses accessible for men, women, youth and children. This is an asset to Lincoln.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Casey Karges
Member of the Lincoln City Golf Committee
Executive Director of The Mediation Center
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402-441-5740

Angela M. Birkett

From: James Bunch <theguys.unlv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:29 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Inane Approach By Lincoln Roads Rocket Scientists

Dear City Council Members,

I urge you to look at the number of traffic signal issues reported on the UPLNK app. It is routine that people complain about sitting through multiple signal cycles because the useless flashing yellow turn arrow is never green.

Having just returned from an Easter trip to Orange County, California, I was reminded what effective traffic movement looks like. We have nothing of the kind in Lincoln. Here is the traffic 'engineer' canned response that is added to EVERY signal timing complaint:

"The SB left turn at 70th & Vine is not warranted during any time of day plan. We use volume, intersection geometry, sight distances and accident history to determine whether a particular left turn gets a protected interval or not. We strive to move the most traffic we can safely and turning on an unwarranted green arrow means taking time from busier movements and will cause more overall delay. We study and monitor intersection traffic on an ongoing basis and will change the timings as needed as things change."

I've never lived in a city that spends all this money putting up new traffic control devices, then fails to use them. Every major intersection should receive a green left turn arrow, and not for ten seconds. I'm sick and tired of the Midwest passive-aggressive inaction. And yes, council members, it is NOT rocket science.

Sincerely,

Jim Bunch
5042 Knox Street
Lincoln, NE 68504

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kara Renner <kara.renner33@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: AirPark Rec Center

City Council Members,

I live in Hub Hall Heights which is part of the Airpark community. My husband and our family have resided out here for over 10 years. We love this area, the small town feel and the community. However, because we are on the outskirts of Lincoln, and our area is commonly overlooked, our area needs some help. The houses are flying up, a new high school is being built, yet the amenities our area has our few. One of the things our area does have is a rec center. However, as you know, the rec center is old and falling apart. I was over the moon excited to hear that a new rec center is in the plans, but I am begging you, the city council, to agree to get the remaining funds from a bond issue. As I mentioned previously, our area is commonly forgot about, and with the demographics of the Airpark area, raising funds by the community that lives in this area, will be nearly impossible. Please, move forward with a bond issue so our families and our community members can enjoy, and utilize a rec center close to home.

Thank you for your time.

Kara Renner

Angela M. Birkett

From: Khristina Hindmand <khristinahindmand@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: In support of airpark rec center

Hello, I have 4 kids and we live on NW 54th. I've always wondered if a new rec center could go in where the old school was off of Knight st. Regardless of the location I know that we would use it more as well as a larger library. I have used the currant library for studying when I was in collage. It was hard to do that because of the size and there was not really any quiet place to go to get separation. Having a library with private study spaces would be absolutely wonderful. Our community needs these amenities and many people would be appreciative. Thanks for developing all of this. Khristina

Sent from my Galaxy

Angela M. Birkett

From: Debra L. Williams
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Emily Sulzle; Council Packet
Cc: Dayna Krannawitter; Molly Petrick
Subject: RE: Air Park Rec Bond Financing Support

Hi Emily!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your support! This is an amazing letter!

Have a wonderful day!

Debra Williams

Center Director
Air Park Recreation Center
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Lincoln, NE 68524

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From: Emily Sulzle <esulzle@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Dayna Krannawitter <dkranna@lps.org>; Molly Petrick <johnson_mol@yahoo.com>; Debra L. Williams <dwilliams@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Air Park Rec Bond Financing Support

Hello.

I would like to voice my opinion and support for bond financing for the Air Park Rec Center. Notably, Parks & Rec has done an excellent job raising money for the project, but it needs public support (bond financing) to get the much needed project underway.

I have been a resident of Lincoln for almost 12 years, and was pleased to purchase a home in Airpark in March 2018. I value and enjoy our community, and want to see it get even better. My four kids have been able to take advantage of many of the resources here in Airpark, and I anticipate that given the opportunity, we would utilize even more programs, facilities, and services.

I believe Jennifer Brehl will be speaking to the Council about the demographic reasons Airpark needs the Rec Center, so I will simply say that Parks & Rec has done an excellent job making do with the space they have for both the Arnold CLC Program and all the Rec Center programs to serve the area, and that the City should support the good work they do with the facilities necessary to keep those programs running and expand services to meet the growing needs in the community.

I also want to add that community centers are a vital part of developing a sense of community and providing much-needed programming, and as AirPark continues to grow, investing in this project simply makes sense. The new high school and residential development will continue to increase demand on the facilities, and we should be planning for the future - when in fact, in many ways, we're just trying to catch up to right now. Funding this project will help move our city and community forward both now and in the future, and the space and facility will certainly be heavily used and not go to waste.

Please approve the COPS financing to include the Air Park Recreation Center project.

Kindly,

Emily Sulzle

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Emily Sulzle

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Debra L. Williams
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Merrill and Flo; Tammy J. Ward
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: RE: Bond Financing

Hi Merrill and Flo!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! We really appreciate your support! Your Letter Of Recommendation is wonderful!

Have a great day!

Debra Williams

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From: Merrill and Flo <mfcrandall@neb.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Tammy J. Ward <TJWard@lincoln.ne.gov>
Cc: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>; Debra L. Williams <dwilliams@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: Bond Financing

April 15,2021

Lincoln City Council,

We moved to the Hub Hall neighborhood of Air Park in the spring of 2013 following retirement. Shortly after our move we began walking at the Air Park Recreation Center during cold and inclement weather. After a coffee group for seniors was organized there we participated weekly and have found that to be a meaningful support system. While being at the Rec Center so often we observed many activities and services offered to the Air Park neighborhoods from Rock Steady Boxing to pickleball, summer programming for school aged children, Duncan Aviation employees playing basketball during their lunch hour, and the game room being used for pool, foosball and shuffleboard. A computer/meeting room is provided for individuals and for community meetings. A fitness/weight room is also provided. The youth drop-in program provides a supervised and safe setting for this neighborhood population.

In addition to these offerings, the friendly and helpful staff make the Rec Center welcoming, which encourages the social aspect of all activities and sponsored events. The Rec Center's staff participation in the before and after school programs at Arnold Elementary is invaluable in terms of integrating community services. Moving the Rec Center close to the school will only enhance this union.

The downside of all this is that the current Recreational Center is well-used, in disrepair and deserves a respectful retirement. We, therefore, encourage the City Council to add the Air Park Recreational Center construction project into your proposed Certificate of Participation bond financing to be voted upon on 4-19-21.

Respectfully submitted,
Florence and Merrill Crandall

Angela M. Birkett

From: Dayna Krannawitter <dkranna@lps.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:14 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Air Park Recreation Center Bond Approval

Hello City Council Representatives -

I am writing in support of approval for the COPS bond financing to include replacement of the Air Park Recreation Center. This center has been a mainstay for the Air Park community during and before the almost 20 years that I have worked in the area. It is the only indoor recreational facility that directly serves the Air Park neighborhoods, which are quickly expanding to include additional housing and retail developments and a new high school. The current rec center building is not adequate, and hasn't been for a long time, to accommodate this community growth. In my community engagement work over the years, one of the most often mentioned needs by residents is a new rec center facility.

The Air Park Recreation Center is also our contracted program provider for the Arnold Community Learning Center (CLC), operating the licensed before- and after-school program at Arnold Elementary and the summer day camp at the rec center. The before- and after-school program currently shares classroom, cafeteria, and gym space with school day programs at Arnold, which severely limits the flexibility of creating a unique space for the students to use during the out of school hours. The proposed location of the new rec center facility next to the school is ideal for creating this unique space and expanding the learning and recreational opportunities for these students.

Please approve the COPS bond financing to include replacement of the Air Park Recreation Center.

Thank you!
Dayna Krannawitter

Dayna Krannawitter (she/her)
Lincoln Housing Authority
Arnold CLC School Community Coordinator
Family Resource Center Service Coordinator
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***Lincoln Housing Authority is taking measures to respond to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic. These measures include flexible scheduling, reducing in-person appointments, working from home, and office closures to the public. Thank you for your patience and understanding.*

Angela M. Birkett

From: todd Johnson <tjohnso90@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Resident Support for the Pioneers Irrigation System Bond

City Council Members,

I am writing you today to voice my support for the use of COPS bond financing for the replacement of the irrigation system at Pioneers Golf Course. The irrigation system has served the golf course and the community well over the years, but it is time for a new system. The current system has experienced leaks and has cost the city money to fix major repairs. Lincoln City Golf has done a great job of making sure Pioneers Golf Course is in excellent condition for the community to use besides the constraints of an aged irrigation system. Lincoln City Golf has a great plan to repay the Bond back to the City of Lincoln.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter of support.

Todd Johnson
Lincoln, NE Resident