

DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA ADDENDUM

Monday, August 9, 2021

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August 6, 2021

Dear Lincoln City Council Member, James Michael Bowers,

A friend from out of town came to visit her grandson, who was in a very serious car accident. I took her back-and-forth to the hospital.

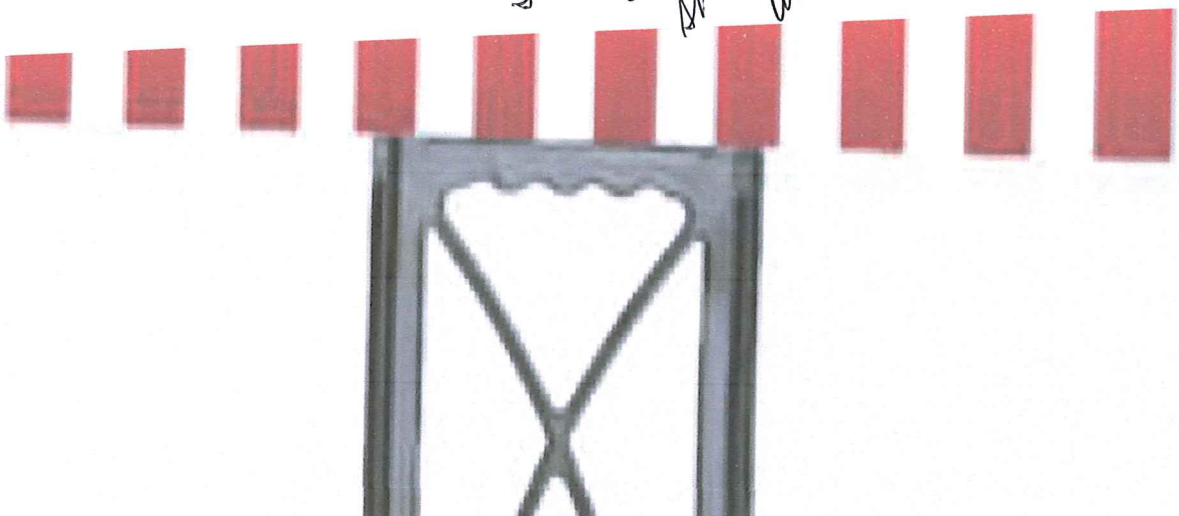
I wanted to show her one of the premier beauty spots in the middle of Lincoln, so we went to Wyuka Lake, where I have taken hundreds of friends & internationals over the years, to enjoy a beautiful lake with swans, geese & ducks swimming on that beautiful lake...

but alas, when we arrived, no fowl on the lake, but foul-smelling it was...grossly dirty and uninviting. We didn't even get out of the car, & it was such a lovely day.

Come on, Lincoln, let's not let this oft-visited former place of delight, visited by many who come to show their respects to loved ones buried at Wyuka, fall into disrepair & a sad destination for the fowl & us.

*Thank
you.*

*Shirley
Anderson*



Angela M. Birkett

From: Tammy J. Ward
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Colten.Zamrzla@hotmail.com
Cc: Angela M. Birkett
Subject: Re: SUPPORT for Sidewalk Café Ordinance

Hi, Colten.

Thank you for writing regarding proposed Sidewalk Cafe ordinance. It is good to hear from you.

I also support this ordinance and will vote for its passage.

You make excellent points as to why this ordinance is important to enact. I also believe it is important, and it is the least the City can do to assist our downtown businesses as they attempt to rebound and work hard to find their way out of the Pandemic.

Again, thank you for writing. I hope you are well, Colten.

Best wishes,
Tammy

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From: Angela M. Birkett <ABirkett@lincoln.ne.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 4:06 PM
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Subject: FW: SUPPORT for Sidewalk Café Ordinance

Please see the email below received through Council email. Thanks.

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From: Colten Zamrzla <Colten.Zamrzla@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2021 2:29 PM
To: Council Packet <CouncilPacket@lincoln.ne.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT for Sidewalk Café Ordinance

Dear Lincoln City Council Members:

I'm writing to you in fervent support of the proposed ordinance by Councilman Bowers that would remove hurdles for businesses to establish 'Sidewalk Cafes'. This ordinance is beneficial for Lincoln in many ways:

1. Increasing the vibrancy of downtown living and for other commercial 'pockets' in our city, which is especially important to Lincoln's young professional population
2. Adding options for social distancing and better ventilation at entertainment venues, especially important now with the delta variant
3. Signaling support and removing burdens for our business community

Please show your support to the growth of Lincoln and its business community by supporting this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Colten Zamrzla
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Vance Christensen <vchristensen7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LPS Mask Mandate / Mandates in General

Regarding LPS' most recent arbitrary decision impacting our kids, the Lincoln Public School District has decided pre-K through 6th grade will be required to wear masks for yet another year; 7-12th graders are exempt. There is no science behind this; there is no justification for it. As elected representatives for our local community, it is incumbent upon you, not unelected bureaucrats or administrators or specially appointed medical czars, to determine policies crafted with the consent of your constituents.

A recent study published by the [Mrxuqddri#kh#p hulfdq# hglfdd#vrfldwlrq#D\\$hgldwlfv#lqglfdwhg#ljqllfdqw# dgyhuvh#iinhfw#r#fkloguhq#ru#surqjhg#p dvn#z hdujqj#vshfldo#lp rqqj#kh#rxqjhw#ri#lgv#p rqlwuhg#k#lv# z dv#lhyddng#r#hdg#r#ndydwng#nyho#r#i#duerqglr{lgh#q#kh#eorg#r#fkloguhq#p#frqglwlrq#qqrz q#lv# k|shufdsqld#r#xrwh#kh#lqglqj#q#k#lv#wxg|=](https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/2781743#p1d210019f1)

"This leads in turn to impairments attributable to hypercapnia. A recent review⁶ concluded that there was ample evidence for adverse effects of wearing such masks. We suggest that decision-makers weigh the hard evidence produced by these experimental measurements accordingly, which suggest that children should not be forced to wear face masks."

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We are human beings and American citizens. We are a republic with representatives deriving their political power from the consent of the governed. Medical doctors may be competent in their field of study, but they cannot possess the knowledge nor the tact for applying broad policies across the population. The unintended consequences of these decisions will be felt for years to come. We routinely seek second opinions for medical care as doctors often get it wrong. Maybe it's time we stop offering absolute deference to unelected practitioners and instead return to the rule of law and the foundational principles of our political structure. Enough with unilateral mandates, executive orders, health directives, and return to freedom, independent choice, and as a last resort, policy. But let that policy come from representatives with popular support behind the policy.

Sincerely,
Vance Christensen

Angela M. Birkett

From: Kiser, Ben <Ben.Kiser@nelnet.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2021 8:23 PM
To: James M. Bowers; Richard W. Meginnis; Jane Raybould; Tammy J. Ward; Sandra J. Washington; Bennie R. Shobe; Tom J. Beckius
Cc: Council Packet
Subject: Nelnet Support for Sidewalk Cafes

Dear Members of the Lincoln City Council,

We write to express our support for the proposed ordinance changes to expand the use of sidewalk cafes throughout Lincoln. With over 3,000 associates located in downtown Lincoln, Nelnet is deeply committed to the vibrancy of the core of our city. In addition, as a recruiter of young professionals into Lincoln, changes that can enhance our urban environment are key to our success.

Nelnet associates frequent the many businesses in downtown Lincoln during and after the business day. Adding outdoor cafes would increase the options for all of us as we strive to make Lincoln more attractive and inviting. Importantly, the proposed ordinance also supports local businesses that are rebounding from the pandemic restrictions.

We urge you to support these changes. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us regarding our support.

Sincerely,

Mike Dunlap, Jeff Noordhoek, Tom Massey, and Ben Kiser



Ben Kiser

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Lindsay Limbach <lindsay.limbach@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 07, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Pro Patios

Hello Council Folks,

I hope you're all doing well! I also hope you will all take this email into consideration as I am not able to be in person for public comment for the upcoming conversation around patios. Thus, I'm writing to share how excited I am that this could be something coming to Lincoln.

Patios will help boost the individual bar and the rest of Lincoln in so many ways:

1. Curb appeal ~ not only will it draw others in who are walking by, but it is an attractive addition to any street and business. It also extends a welcoming and inclusive environment.
2. Safety / Added space ~ with the rise in the virus again, outdoor seating is an amazing option. Both for the bar employees and also for the patrons. More seating also offers space to distance from one another in our current state, but as we get past this, more space as they start to get busy again.
3. Added profits ~ after this year especially, bars are hurting. This is a great way to gain more profits which again, doesn't only benefit the bar itself but the city, as well.

Personal sidenote, I love to walk and take my dogs everywhere with me (as allowed) and having patios would be a great way I could patronize more places.

I know you've already heard all the data and reasonings on both sides, so I let this email remain fairly surface level. I hope you continue to receive enough support for this initiative as it truly will help a lot of our Lincolniters survive and hopefully thrive. Thank you for voting in support!

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Angela M. Birkett

From: Bobby A <txbobbya@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2021 6:58 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Poor workmanship
Attachments: Proof.gif

How do you allow such inaction by Lincoln Police ?? (Officer Felton, Sgr Golden, Captain Wollman more)

Angela M. Birkett

From: Bobby A <txbobbya@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Re: Poor workmanship

Is this why we're getting a "shipper" from SF ??? - I sent the file to the Mayor and the Governor Something has to happen !!!

On Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 6:57 AM Bobby A <txbobbya@gmail.com> wrote:

How do you allow such inaction by Lincoln Police ?? (Officer Felton, Sgr Golden, Captain Wollman more)

I MUST HAVE A SIGN ON MY BACK

A guy, Mr (now scammer) Preble, tried to line his pockets with \$1000 of my money (turned in a false insurance claim) - Problem is, that State Farm raised my insurance rate because of his "low life" action (ain't gonna happen) - Bizarre as it seems, Preble had an accident after July 31st - He used photos of that accident's damages for a State Farm claim against me - What is more bizarre, is that he's getting away with it (so far) -

Except for Nick Davis, State Farm people have been condescending, arrogant, and insulting during all of my phone communications (especially my agent Brenda Henning) - Brenda took over her agency from my friend Dean Goings - Dean and I go back 50 yrs - "Like a good State Farm Is There" is laughable -

Along with State Farm, the Lincoln Police, and the NE State Insurance people have failed miserably ("Don't see where a crime was committed") I didn't "rear end" Preble's vehicle and cause \$1000 worth of damage - I bumped his trailer hitch bar, causing ZERO damage - Here's proof -



Left - Photo source is the police cruiser -



Right - Photo source is Preble's own camera - He messed up (sending State Farm this pic) - Shows damage that wasn't there until after July 31st (the date of our incident)



Separation wasn't there on July 31st

Separation was there sometime after July 31st

Important Note ...
Trailer hitch bar was there on July 31st



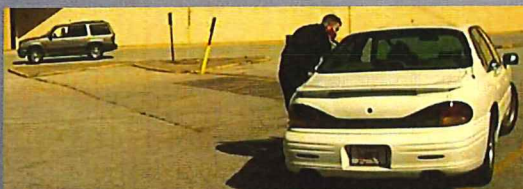
The only driver side picture I could get was as Preble was leaving - Lousy registration (no separation July 31st)

Hitch bar was there (sawed off) for a while after July 31st - ????



The hitch bar was removed before taking body shop pics?
Two possible reasons

1. My car bumped Preble's hitch bar (NOT HIS VEHICLE)
2. A car (maybe passing the rear of Preble's car) missed the bumper, but hit that bar hard, causing the separations ???



Angela M. Birkett

From: Bobby A <txbobbya@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Who is Bobby A ?

:For a few years, the Trump's have used me as one of their paths to the "goings on" our in the "trenches" - President Trump has read my "Poor Workmanship" file (via both Melania and Ivanka) -

Angela M. Birkett

From: Rosalind Kichler <rosalinddk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for Allowing Bars to Have Sidewalk Cafes

Dear Councilpersons,

My name is Rosalind Kichler. I am resident of Lincoln, Nebraska writing to voice my support for the proposed change allowing bars to have sidewalk cafes. At my favorite local bars, the outside seating is always in high demand. Allowing bars to put tables on the sidewalk supports local bars in growing their business. Additionally, as the delta variant ravages the country, outside tables become only more important.

I urge you to support needed changes to local ordinances in order to allow sidewalk cafes for bars.

Best,
Rosalind Kichler

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Angela M. Birkett

From: SaRena Freet <sarenafreet@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 08, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Sidewalk cafe

Greetings Council members,

I'm excited for this ordinance change to be introduced for many reasons. I personally have spent well over 5 years discussing these necessary changes with folks in various agencies in the city. By removing the food component of the ordinance it allows equitable access across businesses. It also places the businesses that have benefitted/currently have a sidewalk cafe but do not meet the 60% food, 40% alcohol requirement back into good graces.

The Hot Mess almost closed permanently in 2020 because of the pandemic, and despite having vaccinations the current trajectory of the pandemic is looking bleak, especially for the service industry. Outside seating can help us safely serve and be in our community. We need this now, even more so than before.

The annual licensing for sidewalk cafes coupled with the expectations/regulations of the liquor control commission allows for the oversight that some members of the council wanted to be certain of. The application process is step one into seeking approval, and it requires your consent on a case by case basis.

At The Hot Mess, we have a beautiful view of the setting sun. I ask for your support in this ordinance change, with great optimism in watching the sun set from 11th Street for many more years to come. By continuing to be a neighborhood bar full of love and gratitude for our neighbors.

Thanks for helping Lincoln take a step in the direction many have been asking for for years.

Cheers,
SaRena Freet
The Hot Mess
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Angela M. Birkett

From: Jared Rector <jared.rector@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Support for Sidewalk Cafe Ordinance Proposal (21-90)

Lincoln City Council,

I am writing to show my support for the removal of certain alcohol-related restrictions related to the sidewalk café ordinance (21-90). To keep this simple, the proposal appears to be a minimal risk, high potential reward amendment that will enable some small business owners to try some new things that can only increase the vibrancy (and stability) of our community over time. A great (and rare) win for all community stakeholders. Thank you for your support!

Regards,

Jared Rector