



## *Directors Meeting*

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

555 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Luxford Studio

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**From:** [charles struble](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Wilderness park  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 6:22:34 PM

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Dear City Council and Mayor,

Attached are a few examples of why allowing any type of development near Wilderness should not be allowed. These are photos I took today as I walked the Mopac trail from 84th out to Walton where there are developments being built on both sides of the trail. This is just a small sample. When we walk the trail we try to pick up as much trash along the way as we can. Today I would have needed a dump truck. This is all construction trash. And nobody will be held accountable and it will be concerned trail users that will eventually pick it up. This is exactly what Wilderness Park will look like.











































“Author, lecturer, traveler, philanthropist, occasional hero and... US MARINE EXTRAORDINAIRE!”  
Charles E. Struble III



**From:** [Jayne L. Sebbby](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Electronic Notification to Landlords and Property Owners  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 27, 2022 9:34:15 PM

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Dear Council Members,

It currently takes about 3 weeks for the city to follow up on a complaint against a residential property. 1 week for the City to check to see if the complaint is accurate and something the city has the authority to address, 1 week for the appropriate department to produce and send a snail mail letter to the property owner, three to five days for the letter to be delivered, and another 7 to 10 days (more in more serious cases) for the property owner to address the situation. So a pile of rotting garbage with the associated bugs and vermin can sit at a house or an apartment building for 25 or more days before it gets picked up/removed. And that's if the owner cooperates. If not, it's at least another week before the department gets out to see if the problem has been resolved and several more days/weeks before cleanup if the City has to hire someone to clean up the problem.

The world works electronically now. Both personal and business information, communications, and notifications are sent almost exclusively via electronic means now. Even the pokey old Nebraska Supreme Court has finally switched to mandatory electronic submissions, responses, and crucial communications.

But the City of Lincoln still requires that notice of complaints against a property be sent by USPS. This is inconvenient, inefficient, and gives slum lords additional weeks to avoid being responsible for keeping their properties up to Code. Meanwhile, the property deteriorates and the neighborhood gets a reputation for being less than desirable.

The City keeps track of the name, address, and phone number of almost all of its citizens and businesses. It would be a minor policy shift at best to require an electronic means of contact as well. And it would speed up the means by which residential and other problems could be addressed.

The worst maintained properties in my neighborhood are almost exclusively owned by non-residents (slum lords, often located out of town and even out of state). If the City had an email address or other form of electronic communications on file, the length of time to get problems fixed could be reduced by at least 1/3. Delivery by email is so much faster than by USPS that even if the first email didn't get sent or arrive properly, a second email could be delivered well before the snail mail letter would arrive. The City could clear out the backlog of complaints in half the time it usually takes now. The human effort required to send an email is also much less than typing up a paper letter, addressing a paper envelope, adding a stamp, and putting it into the mail bin.

Certainly, all other records of any given property are kept electronically (and have been for nearly a decade). It's time to switch the notification system to electronics as well.

So please pass a motion to require City Departments to collect email or other electronic means of communications along with the name, address, and phone number of each owner. Follow that with a requirement that notification of complaints about a property be delivered via

electronic means rather than the USPS>

Thank you,

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**Subject:** Fwd: HISTORY OF MONEY  
**Date:** Thursday, April 28, 2022 10:20:01 AM

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From: **Jimi Light** <[hextheestablishment@gmail.com](mailto:hextheestablishment@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 6:33 AM  
Subject: HISTORY OF MONEY  
To: <[info@robertjborer.com](mailto:info@robertjborer.com)>

**“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”**

**-MARCUS MOSIAH GARVEY**

Your service to humanity is unrivaled and I'm proud to call you my neighbor.

The public servants/citizens who fully understand the legality of the monetary system  
ARE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD AND WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO  
THEIR ACTION TOWARDS THE MATTER.

ex- councilman CHRISTENSEN was audited and confronted with this knowledge and was  
already well aware when contact was made.

His gifted ability to comprehend and to know and then to keep silent earned him an  
undignified early retirement.

EVERY COUNCIL SERVANT HAS RECEIVED THIS PDF AND HAS BEEN  
DELIVERED A CEASE AND DESIST WITH A FOLLOW UP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiPL95cDIJE&t=1128s>

**WRITE IN CANDIDATE = 'JAMES R KALITA'**

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**From:** [kit romjue](#)  
**To:** [Tom J. Beckius](#); [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Wilderness Park  
**Date:** Friday, April 29, 2022 1:38:13 PM

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Tom, I greatly appreciate your response.

The Wilderness Park Master Plan identified areas adjacent to the park for acquisition or protection, and some of those parcels have been acquired or have had easements placed on them. The parcel in question was not identified as area necessary to be preserved or protected. O.K., but this parcel is adjacent to Wilderness Park. An area worthy of an environmental impact study. The City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation department does not believe allowing the development of Wilderness Crossing would negatively impact Wilderness Park. Furthermore, Parks and Recreation felt the fence to be built on the east side of the development and relocating S. 1st St. further west offer the necessary protections to the nearby Sandstone outcropping. This seems just silly. Lincoln Parks and Rec. cannot even maintain city trees or parks properly. Do they have some environmental impact credential? The Planned Unit Development process allows for broad review of a development plan, but all watershed impacts, grading impacts, etc. must still be addressed in the future. If the impacts are not adequately addressed, the development will not proceed forward. The developer is already using NOAA Atlas 14 rainfall calculations in their studies, which is the most up-to-date data we have, although they are not required to do so. To be clear, you are relying on the developer (whom has much to gain) to tell you what's what? Also, what year were those NOAA studies done in?

On a personal note, my husband and I use Wilderness Park regularly. At the height of the pandemic, we would often go there daily to walk and sort out our thoughts. I also live by Wilderness Park and always am thoughtful that Wilderness Park is a green space within a growing city, next to houses like mine but also businesses, schools, train tracks and highways, and because of those facts Wilderness Park will never have the same characteristics as a rural park. I care for the park just as you do and would not do anything that would negatively impact the park. With all due respect, Tom, if you cared as much as you profess to, I think you would have had no issues with allowing time for a proper study.

I do understand the anxiety being experienced in our community but want you to know that this development will not ruin Wilderness Park. The protective measures placed by the City and developer to ensure the sanctity and heritage of the park as well as other surrounding areas are adequate and supported by our City's professional staff and best scientific data. This, again is highly questionable. It is because of those protective measures and data that Wilderness Park will continue to be enjoyed for years to come. I believe housing and park ground can co-exist peacefully, and with measures in place to protect Wilderness Park, harmoniously.

Respectfully, Kit Romjue





**From:** [Peter Booth](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Gender Identity Ordinance  
**Date:** Saturday, April 30, 2022 7:27:15 AM

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Hello, my name is Angela Gough , and I live in Lincoln. I am contacting you to ask that you oppose the proposed ordinance redefining sex to include sexual orientation and gender identity in Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

We can all agree that everyone should be treated with dignity and respect regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Where enacted, these policies have been used to violate bodily privacy and safety and coerce uniformity of thought.

Men who self-identify as female should not have unfettered access to private spaces designated specifically for biological women, such as restrooms and locker rooms.

Disagreement is not discrimination. These policies take away constitutionally guaranteed freedoms and provoke intolerance toward people who have beliefs different from those in political power.

Rather than being used as a shield against actual discrimination, these gender identity policies have been used as a sword against people who don't conform to one particular view on sex and gender.

First Amendment freedoms and the privacy and safety of women should not be compromised by policies that empower the government to unfairly coerce those with whom it disagrees.

I respectfully urge you not to redefine sex in Title 11 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. Thank you for your time and for considering my request.

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Michael Farrell](#)  
**To:** [Adam Hintz](#); [Foster Collins](#); [Leirion Gaylor Baird](#); [Council Packet](#); [Kevin Abourezk](#); [Lynn Johnson](#); [solidago@lincolnparks.org](mailto:solidago@lincolnparks.org)  
**Cc:** [Mike Forsberg](#)  
**Subject:** The Future of Public Parks  
**Date:** Sunday, May 1, 2022 12:45:42 PM

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As we consider the future of our parks in Lincoln it might be good to consult with one or two of the folks mentioned in this article.

[https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/the-future-of-public-parks?utm\\_source=onsite-share&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=onsite-share&utm\\_brand=the-new-yorker](https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/the-future-of-public-parks?utm_source=onsite-share&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=the-new-yorker)

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**From:** [Niskithe Prayer Camp](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [Richard W. Meginnis](#); [Jane Raybould](#); [Tammy J. Ward](#); [Sandra J. Washington](#); [Bennie R. Shobe](#)  
**Subject:** Official Statement from Niskithe Prayer Camp - Urgent  
**Date:** Monday, May 2, 2022 7:00:21 AM  
**Attachments:** [Statement to the City Council.pdf](#)

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Good Morning,

We write to formally engage you from the Niskithe Prayer Camp, located between Hwy 77 and S. 1st Street. We have prepared a letter and a statement to you. We ask that you read it and reach out to us immediately.

Sincerely,  
Niskithe Prayer Camp



5/2/22

Office of the Lincoln City Council  
555 South 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear City Council Members,

We have established a prayer camp on the land you signed away to development one week ago today. We felt moved to occupy this land because we felt there was no other way to get you to see us, acknowledge our existence, or protect our right to pray.

We have drafted a statement and we invite you to read it very carefully. We offer this to you in a prayerful way. We pray that you will receive it with compassionate hearts and open minds. We pray that you will receive it and feel moved to act with courage to right the wrongs your governing body perpetuated.

We ask you to please reach out to us when you are ready to meaningfully engage with us on these matters.

Sincerely,

The people of the Niskithe Prayer Camp

(Statement Below)

## **Niskithe Prayer Camp Statement**

Today, we are here holding prayer space in a peaceful manner in an attempt to bring light to our cultural and spiritual practices.

We are here today so that those who attempted to erase our voice, erase our history, erase our identity will know that they will never win.

We are here because we won't be forgotten. We are here because we won't be pushed back into the history books. We are here because we won't be erased. We will not accept the actions of the Manzito Brothers, the Catholic Church, the City of Lincoln Planning Commission to decide the fate of sacred ceremonial land without any engagement of the Native community who worships there. And we will not silently accept the act of erasure and cultural genocide that occurred in the Lincoln City Council on April 25th, 2022.

For centuries, the Indigenous Peoples of many nations converged on this part of Lancaster County to gather the salt here in the Salt Creek Basin. The UMÓNHO<sup>n</sup> (Omaha) called this land "Niskithe," or salt water. Their women used eagle feathers to collect the salt, which their people used to cure buffalo meat. To this day, this land remains a place of intertribal gatherings.

In the 1970s Chief Leonard Crow Dog, a revered Sicangu Lakota spiritual leader, established the sweat lodge that would become known as the Fish Farm. For generations, people of many nations have come here to hold their traditional ceremonies, to pray, and to heal. Thousands of Lincoln's Native Community consider this lodge, this land, and these waters as their spiritual home, their sanctuary, and a life-sustaining place.

Last week, the Lincoln City Council approved several ordinances that put that lodge and the sacred land on which it stands, in danger. A megadevelopment proposed by the development company Manzitto, and condoned by the Lincoln Catholic Diocese, were formally greenlit by the Lincoln Planning Commission and the Lincoln City Council directly across the street from the Fish Farm sweat lodge and Oyate Lodge. The natural and agricultural environment that currently surrounds these lodges will be developed into a densely packed urban residential area, disrupting and displacing the ceremonies at the Fish Farm.

It will cause irreparable harm to the land, water, and non-human relatives; and to the mental, physical, and spiritual well-being of the people who pray there. Though there was a huge community outpouring of support for the Native Community and the



Fish Farm sweat lodge, the City council failed to even mention the word Sweat Lodge or Ceremony when deciding the fate of that land. They failed to acknowledge the Native Elders and community members present at the meeting, and they passed a series of devastating ordinances without formal, meaningful engagement with the Native Community. They pointed to the need to provide more housing for the people of Lincoln, which we understand deeply and respect, but not at any cost. Not if the price is cultural Genocide. And especially when the proposed development will not offer any affordable housing whatsoever.

We rise because we have been guided by Spirit to rise. We rise to acknowledge that the genocidal acts of the 19th century that violently removed Indigenous peoples from their homelands and criminalized Native ceremonies, have not stopped, they have simply evolved. We rise to honor our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives because settler colonial land development has always been synonymous with violence and murder. We rise with the spirit of the Land Back movement within us, because we know that if land were rematriated to Native stewardship, the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous people would end, mass extinction of our non-human relatives would end, biodiversity would be protected, and ecological balance would be restored. We rise to advocate for the rights of Nature, and for the right of Salt Creek to exist unharmed by degradation and pollution caused by rushed, urban development.

There are still ways to mitigate the harmful impact this development will have on Wilderness Park and our sacred purification lodge, or inipi.

We the people and community of Niskithe Prayer Camp formally submit the following asks:

#### **We ask**

- **to be seen.**
- **for respect.**
- **for our city leaders to acknowledge our existence.**
- **for the land, our ceremonies, and our religious rights to be protected.**

#### **We ask**

- **for the Mayor to veto the City Council's decisions related to the lands in proximity to the sweat lodges known as the Fish Farm and Oyate Lodge.**
- **for the City Council to be held accountable for their actions by:**
  - **Apologizing for their failure to acknowledge the concerns of the local Native American community at the City Council meeting on April 25th, 2022;**
  - **agreeing to engage in a process of transformative and restorative justice with members of the Native community and their allies.**

- **Reading into the public record that the City Council perpetuated Indigenous erasure, knowingly approved policy that would desecrate sacred ceremonial grounds and facilitate the displacement of the only two sweat lodges within the city of Lincoln, which thereby perpetuated the legacy of cultural genocide against Indigenous Peoples.**

#### **We Ask**

- **for structural change to occur across all city of Lincoln offices so this never happens again. This should include but not be limited to**
  - **The creation of an Native Advisory Committee for the City of Lincoln, chosen by the Lincoln Native American Community to include Elders, youth, and adults, which would be required by municipal code to be engaged with for any issues that impact the Native Community.**
  - **The appointment of members of the Native Advisory Committee to specific departments, such as the Planning Commission, and involved in such efforts as comprehensive planning for the city.**
- **For the Catholic Church to apologize for and acknowledge the harm they committed by excluding Native people from conversations about land use and sale.**
- **For the Catholic Church to reconsider the contract with the Manzitto and meaningfully engage with the Native Community to identify a better solution.**
- **For the developer, Manzitto, to withdraw from the sales contract.**
- **For Manzitto to invite the Niskithe Prayer Camp leaders to a meeting to discuss solutions to the issues caused by their proposed development.**
- **For all development companies in this community to commit to good-faith engagement with the Native Community when a development has the potential to disrupt the cultural, spiritual, mental, and physical wellbeing of Native Americans in Lincoln.**
- **For the County Board of Commissioners to enact policy that protects and mandates special religious protections for Indigenous ceremonial sites.**
- **For changes to the City of Lincoln governing documents that mandate special religious protections for Indigenous ceremonial sites.**

We plan to prayerfully occupy this land until we have been meaningfully engaged by city officials, the Catholic Diocese, and Manzitto. We humbly make ourselves available to them and ask that they call us 402-370-5770, or email us at [niskitheprayercamp@gmail.com](mailto:niskitheprayercamp@gmail.com) to begin to engage with us in good faith.



We believe that our spiritual values, and guidance from Creator will help us stay focused in prayer as we occupy this land, and as we strive to protect our ceremonies and Mother Earth, who sustains us, for the generations to come.

We are here. We will remain. We are strong.

WibthahoN. Pilamayaye/Pilamaya yelo.

**From:** [Amantha Dickman](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** KZUM Newsroom  
**Date:** Monday, May 2, 2022 12:37:46 PM

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Good morning,

I wanted to take a moment to reach out and introduce myself. My name is Amantha Dickman. I am the recently hired News Director for KZUM News, where we are currently building our news program from the ground up.

As part of this process, we are asking that you add us to your mailing list so we can keep apprised of noteworthy events and updates. We would also appreciate you keeping us in mind when preparing press releases and public service announcements!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me!

Thank you,

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**Amantha Dickman**  
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**From:** [Maud Thiele](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#); [David R. Cary](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Niskithe Prayer Camp.  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 9:58:11 AM

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I am forwarding my concerns about your proposed development. Please reconsider!

Sincerely

Mrs Maureen Thiele.

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From: **Maud Thiele** <[ukmaud@gmail.com](mailto:ukmaud@gmail.com)>  
Date: Tue, May 3, 2022, 9:08 AM  
Subject: Niskithe Prayer Camp.  
To: <[mayor@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mayor@lincoln.ne.gov)>

Dear Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird,

Please consider a veto and relocating the development that is being proposed by the Lincoln City Council, Lincoln Planning Commission, Lincoln Catholic Diocese and the Manzitto Brothers.

You would be endangering a vital Indigenous piece of American History. I cannot stand by and let this happen and will be reaching out to others to stress how important this is to Nebraska and the United States of America. We should be lifting these people up not eradicating them and their ancient roots in this, their land and country.

I ask you as a woman in power to reach out to the Niskithe Prayer Camp as well as all the Lincoln departments involved in this, Catholic Diocese and the Manzitto Brothers and either resolve or relocate this proposed development.

Lincoln has other areas these proposed developments could be built on. Please veto and uplift our indigenous peoples.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maureen Thiele.



**From:** [Joan](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Appointment of Pat Lopez  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 4:09:47 PM

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Thank you for your support of Pat Lopez. I think Pat's doing a marvelous job and am thrilled that you agree to the point of appointing her as the director. I'm proud of you for standing up to a vocal minority. Some people don't apparently don't understand the term "public health."

Again, thank you!

Joan Anderson  
Lincoln NE

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [del.nowski@gmail.com](mailto:del.nowski@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Wilderness crossing development  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 3, 2022 10:08:53 PM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing tonight from Niskithe Prayer Camp to give some more ideas why this land should not be in development. I've witnessed in the past week unbelievable unity from this community, unity based on humble service and love. It has been truly transformative and restorative to be in prayerful resistance. My ask is that this land be held in trust for the Indigenous community as a spiritual sanctuary; a place for natives and non-natives to reconnect to their culture and the land, both as a natural area and a refuge for those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction and mental illnesses.

Leonard Yankton, a venerable and young warrior for his community, before he passed, envisioned a treatment center in the town of White Clay, on the border of the Pine Ridge Reservation. This dream was meant to reverse years of suffering that the predatory alcohol sales in that town created. Perhaps on this land in question, along with community gardens and conservation land for medicines, could also house a similar treatment center; a treatment center in close proximity to the sweat lodge. People with big money such as Joe Ricketts created a sanctuary by Gretna for well offs perhaps that should be done here; a sanctuary for one of the most underserved and traumatized communities in the country; the people that welcomed the European and were subsequently slaughtered and beaten down by true genocide.

If we don't start to hold spaces like this sacred we will never. It must start NOW. This is a perfect opportunity to exercise RESPECT AND RECONCILIATION.

Mitakuye Oyasin, All my Relations,

Delan Lonowski

**From:** [Tim Ahmann](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Internet search company privacy  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2022 2:22:29 PM

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I'd like to talk to someone in hopes of creating a system or law that would hide/make invisible any and all personal information for city, state and federal employees that would normally show up on any people search website. Example being [USPhonebook.com](#). There are dozens out there.

My girlfriend and mother to my beautiful child works for LPD. She recently had a very disturbing incident with a known federally indicted cocaine dealer that she knew from highschool and is extremely anti-police and government.

What's to say he has an issue with her and decides to look up her address? Sites like USPhonebook make people like her an easy target. Could be a judge, could be one of you, could be a jail guard, attorney etc...

I am not ok with her information being so easily accessible, her address, phone number and email all right out in the open. We have children and don't want to prevent any type of harassment just because of her job. I myself am interested in corrections, an inmate could also track me down if so inclined when released.

Who would I speak with in regards to hiding this information from the internet for local, state and federal employees?

I understand it's most likely not something that currently exists, let's make it exist. The world is in a different place right now, on the opposite side of sane, rational and safe.

402 902 8388

-Tim Ahmann