

Birectors Meeting Monday. October 17th. 2022

555 S 10th Street. Luxford Studio

I. Approval of Directors Minutes from October 3rd, 2022

II. City Council Agenda & City Clerk Advisories

- i. Public Comments will be held tonight
- ii. City Council Meeting on October 24th will start at 5:30 with Public Comments
- iii. City Council Meeting on October 31st will start at 3:00pm
- III. Mayoral Advisories

IV. Directorial Advisories

V. Boards, Committees, and Commission Reports

i. City Attorney - Performance Audit Committee Report

VI. Constituent Correspondence

- i. Preserving Woods Park Jane Holt & The Woods Park: Keep it Green Committee
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- iii. suggestion to help the less fortunate Beva-Jean Stroud

VII. Adjournment

October 7, 2022 To The City Council,

Over the years, Lincoln's community leaders have emphasized the importance of maintaining the quality of our neighborhoods, a vision that includes our older and historic neighborhoods. Lincoln's aspirational thinking regarding these values is commendable and wise.

At the same time, we sometimes face a conflicting definition of quality and liveability. Case in point: Woods Park.

The Woods Park Tennis Center is once again preparing a proposal that would expand the tennis complex into the precious open space so dear to this community park. This expansion – like previous ones – will destroy more valuable park green space with additional facilities, tennis courts and parking lots. This destructive expansion would continue an incremental downsizing of green space in the park, a space that serves not only surrounding neighborhoods but our community at large.

Located in one of Lincoln's densest and most culturally diverse areas, Woods Park is valuable to the health of surrounding neighborhoods as well as to the health of the city. When Woods Park was created in 1948, the population of Lincoln was around 98,000. With the present population three times that number, the remaining green space of this park is more valuable now than ever. In fact, the number of citizens who surround and utilize this park far exceeds the number of tennis players in the city of Lincoln.

Our concern is that the city of Lincoln would allow a private and well-connected special interest to again expand their presence and eat into the well utilized green space of this public park.

Our contention is not with the tennis center's overall mission or its current footprint. Our concern is that Woods Park has sacrificed more than its share of valuable green space. That is why our committee is adamantly opposed to any further destruction of green space, whether it be for the tennis center or another entity.

We are counting on the support of our city's leadership to preserve Woods Park now and into the future. Enough is enough.

Signed,

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City Council Members,

I am writing to all of you because I have thought of a way to possibly generate income to help the less fortunate population of Lincoln Nebraska.

As you know, there is a tax for the Pinnacle Bank Arena applied to the bill, in all restaurants when people go out to eat.

My suggestion is to give a percentage back to the city, of the price of a ticket to any event in the city to help the less fortunate. It could be 5% or 10% of the cost of a ticket for a concert or sporting event at the Arena or any other complex in the city. This percentage could be set aside in an City account and ONLY used for the benefit of the less fortunate. Maybe to help the City Mission, the Friendship Home, Matt Talbot or any other organization. Or used to help with repairs on homes in the poor parts of the community. I know that thousands of people go to lots of concerts, sporting events, musicals etcetera. Just think of how much money this would generate for the City of Lincoln.

For example: If a ticket cost 50.00, 5% of 50.00 is 2.50, and if three thousand tickets were sold that would generate 7,500.00. So if this were to also apply to the tickets sold at the University of Nebraska's football games: The stadium holds approximately 90,000 people for a sold out game. Not sure what the going rate is now for a ticket, say 75.00, 5% of 75.00 is 3.75, and 3.75 x 90,000 =337,500.00. This is only one game!

I would like to discuss this further with all of you if possible. I could attend a City Council Meeting if this is where a decision like this would be made. Please let me know how I get this idea started.

Thank you for your time, Beva-Jean Stroud 402-432-1477