Directors Meeting In Lieu

Monday, July 31st, 2023

Next Directors Meeting – Aug. 7th, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Correspondence – Online for Review

I. Directorial Correspondence
   i. BP230725 – 2 AA Weekly Approvals City – Jennifer McDonald

II. Constituent Correspondence
   i. parking lot requirements – Bob Reeves
   ii. Resolution 23R-304 – Isaac Remboldt
   iii. Woods Parks Development Plan – Sue Harrold

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Memorandum

Date: July 25, 2023

To: City Clerk

From: Clara McCully, Planning Dept.

Re: Administrative Approvals

cc: Shelli Reid, Planning Dept.

This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from July 18, 2023, through July 24, 2023:

Administrative Amendment 23035 to Change of Zone 05054F, Prairie Village North PUD, was approved by the Planning Director on July 18, 2023, to show a revised layout for single-family attached lots, and to add a waiver to Section 27.72.030 to allow an enclosed patio or covered deck up to 10 feet into rear yard setbacks.

Administrative Amendment 23034 to Change of Zone 05061F, Southwest Village PUD, was approved by the Planning Director on July 21, 2023, to update the Casino Area phasing plan to show the final layout and to include modifications to parking lot design standards.

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From:	Bob Reeves
To:	Mayor; Council Packet; James M. Bowers; msuarez@lincoln.ne.gov; rmeginnis@lincoln.ne.gov; Tammy J. Ward; Sandra J. Washington; Bennie R. Shobe; Tom J. Beckius
Subject:	parking lot requirements
Date:	Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11:02:26 AM

To reduce risks of flooding and pollution of our streams, we need to require that all new parking lots in the city of Lincoln be built using permeable pavement that allows runoff to percolate into the ground; and also rain gardens to catch runoff to relieve pressure on the storm sewer system. I'm attaching photos of the two signs at the parking lot in Antelope Park at the recycling drop-off site. The entire lot doesn't have to be permeable material, it just needs to be designed so the water will drain into the permeable portion. They also have a portion of the lot with grass paving, which would be a good option on small lots.

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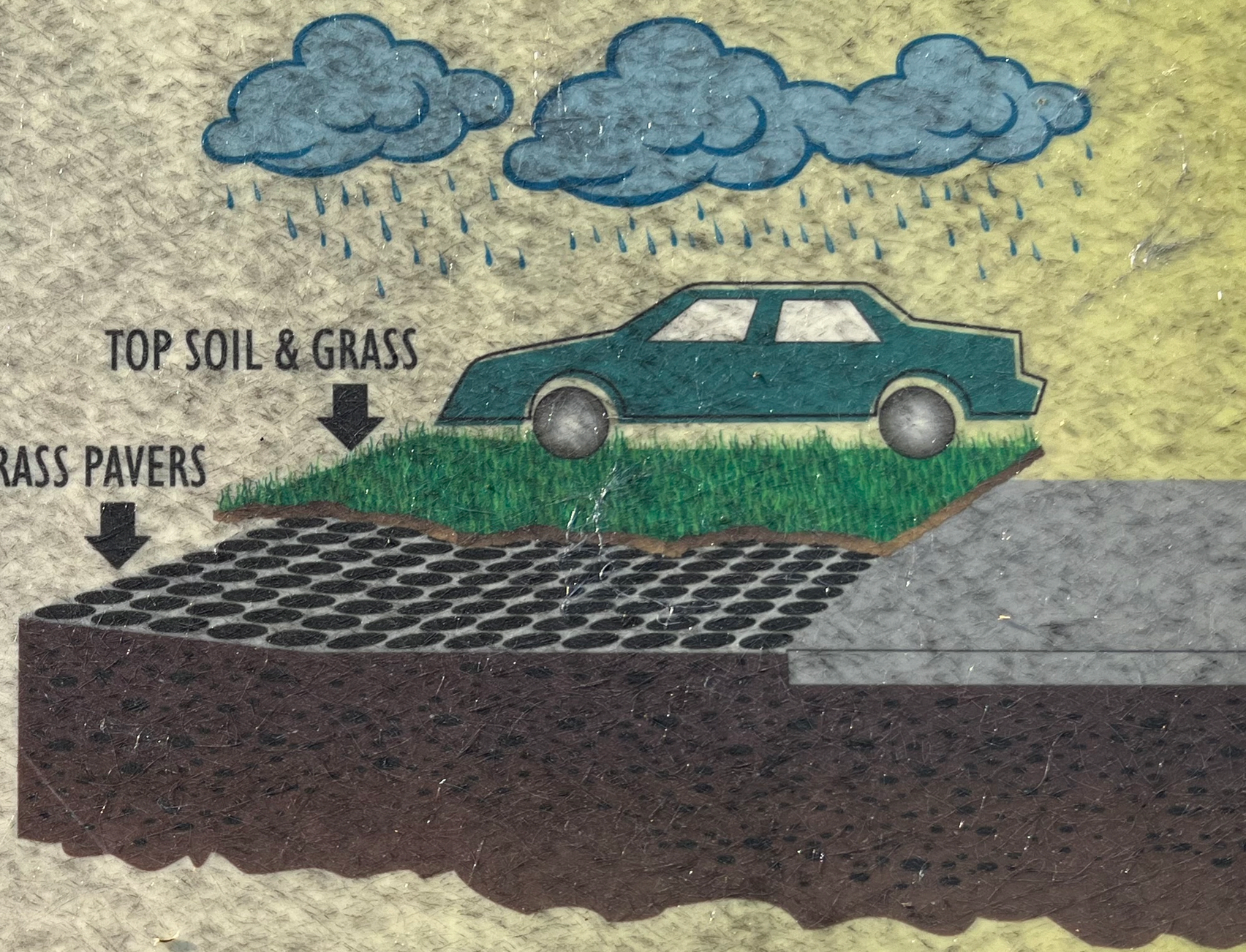
GRASS PAVER PARKING LOT



The southeast portion of the parking lot is paved with **grass pavers** made from recycled plastic called Geoblock®. This provides a durable surface to support vehicles while providing a medium for grass to grow. A hardy grass has been established over this area. The **grass pavers** allow **stormwater runoff** to soak into the soil reducing the amount of runoff that carries pollutants to Antelope Creek.

Since **grass pavers** are not as strong as regular concrete, they are usually used in areas with less traffic and light weight vehicles such as driveways and parking lots.

Advantages

- Reduces stormwater runoff
- Reduces surface heat from th
- Provides pollutant filtering

Stormwater Runoff *- Water from a rainfall event which does not soak into the soil but flows on top of the soil or through storm drain pipes to the nearest stream or lake.*

Grass Pavers *- Hollow pavers used for the construction of permeable pavement. They are installed using plastic or concrete grid systems in a honeycomb pattern. The hollow cells are then filled with soil to support turf or with a porous material such as pea gravel.*

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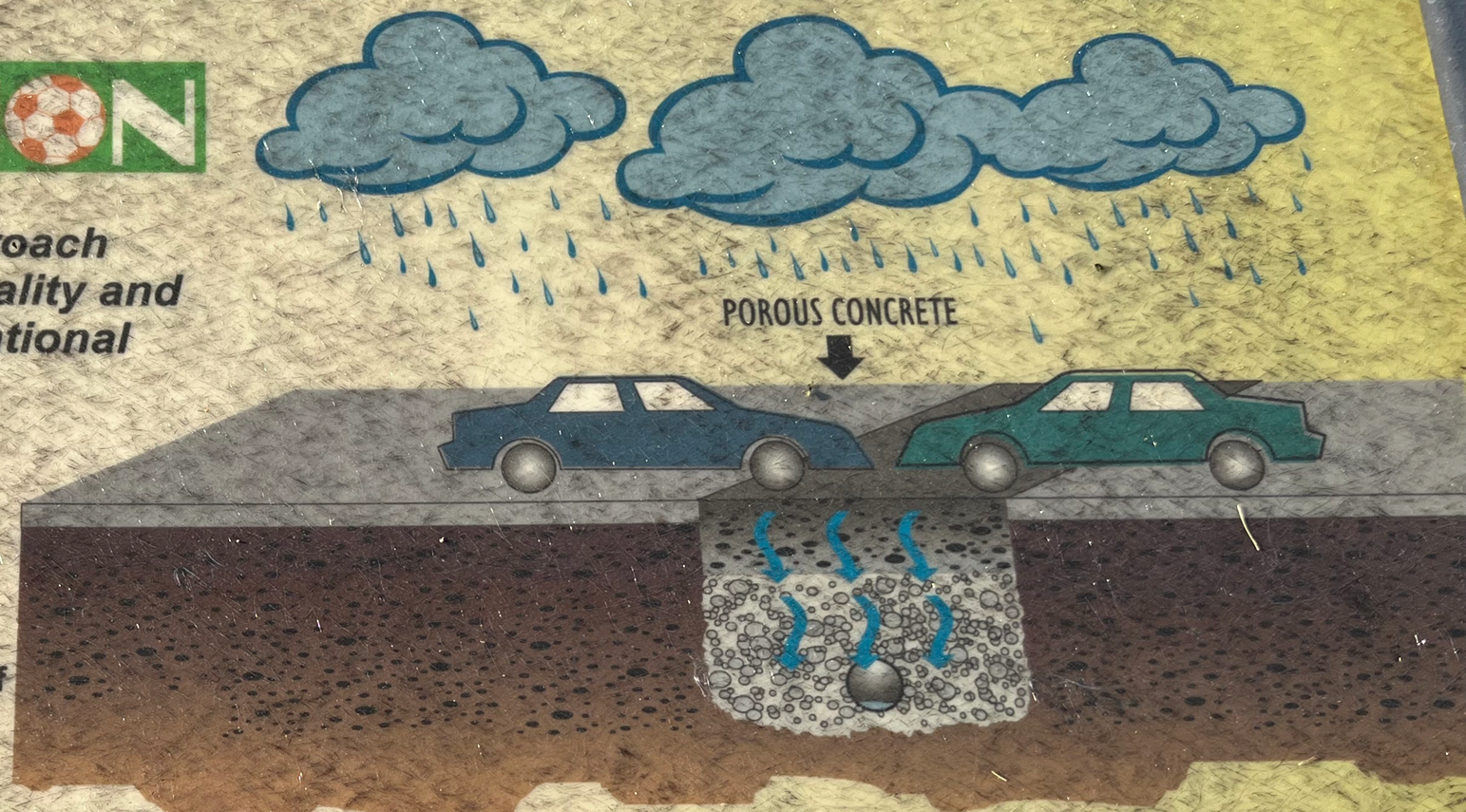

Portions of this parking lot are built from a special concrete which allows some of the ***stormwater runoff*** *from the parking lot to be absorbed into the ground instead of flowing into Antelope Creek. Regular concrete was used in the driving lanes and* ***porous concrete*** *in the center parking spaces.* ***Porous concrete*** *allows rain water to drain through the concrete into an underlying crushed rock layer. The crushed rock will temporarily hold the rainwater and break down pollutants through biological activity as the water soaks into the soil. A drain pipe system, under the* ***porous concrete****, prevents standing water.*

Since ***porous concrete*** *is not as strong as regular concrete, it is usually used in areas with less traffic and light weight vehicles such as driveways and parking lots.*

Advantages

- Reduces stormwater runoff
- Reduces impervious surface
- Provides pollutant filtering

Stormwater Runoff *- Water from a rainfall event which does not soak into the soil but flows on top of the soil or through storm drain pipes to the nearest stream or lake.*

Porous Concrete *- Concrete containing a lot of pore space which allows stormwater to drain through the concrete to the crushed rock layer below.*

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From: Isaac Remboldt
To: Council Packet
Subject: Resolution 23R-304
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 9:21:06 AM

Good day,

I wasn't present at the council meeting Monday, but managed to watch it. I would like to comment on the 23R-304 resolution.
I used to work in the state floodplain management department, and am pretty familiar with development in the floodplain. I am curious what the city's policy on FEMA's floodplain buyback program is, as this area seems like a good candidate. Generally, I support the city taking a stance similar to Beatrice, who used the buyback program extensively to create parks and green spaces, as well as greatly reducing the cost of damages caused by flooding in their city. Especially with a trail running adjacent to this property.
I would second the individual who spoke at the meeting about the use of farmland to absorb water in that area, as well as the fear that raising that area would push water further downstream. Based on modeling data, those are both valid points and important long term considerations for developing in a floodplain. Generally in the floodplain management community, any development/structures in a floodplain is not considered good floodplain management.

Thanks,
Isaac

From: Sue Harrold
To: Council Packet; Parks Counter Registrations
Subject: Woods Parks Development Plan
Date: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 4:46:15 PM

I am concerned about plans to significantly decrease green space in Woods Park by adding more tennis courts and buildings and expanding parking. First, let me say that I am always concerned when we have a master plan that we do not follow! I wonder why, then, do we bother with master plans at all?!? Second, these are significant changes that will greatly alter the park.

Woods Park is at the center of an older part of the city that is becomingly increasingly dense and congested. We will need to increasingly rely on parks to relieve the concrete and city heat that surrounds them. I have lived (and worked) in this area of town for years and see many people walking in the parks since it is one of a few green spaces left to them. I see many more children, dogs and neighbors out in the park year-round that I see tennis players.

Woods Park is a relatively small park that already has a large swimming pool, baseball field and tennis courts. It also hosts soccer teams and football practice in the fall. Could not more tennis courts be located elsewhere? Tennis will consume the majority of Woods Park and we Lincolnites will be less with little actual park to enjoy.

Woods Park is an important part of Lincoln - hopefully, it is able to stay intact for Lincolnites to enjoy and not been destroyed by overdevelopment. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.