



Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday, August 21st, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

555 S 10th Street Luxford Studio

- I. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from August 14th, 2023
- II. City Clerk Advisories
 - i. Public Comments will be on August 28th.
 - ii. There will be no meeting on September 4th, Observing Labor Day
- III. Mayor's Advisories
- IV. Director's Advisories
- V. City Council: Commissions, Committees, and Event Updates
- VI. Post-Meeting Council Members Calls to City Directors
- VII. Adjournment – Next Directors Meeting – Sept. 11th, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Correspondence – Online for Review

- I. Directorial Correspondence
 - i. BP230816-1 AA Weekly Approvals – Jennifer McDonald
- II. Constituent Correspondence
 - i. Lincoln Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet September 9, 2023 – Dewayne Mays
 - ii. Letter in Support of the Harbor House – Will Sleddens
 - iii. citizen concerns – Lynn & Jane Kaufmann
 - iv. Map: 23% of Lincoln is Dedicated to Parking Lots – Marcus Batson
 - v. No tax increases – Jon Zvolanek
 - vi. Fwd: Concerns for SP23005 at 3737 Calvert Street – Dan Klein Jr.
 - vii. Non-Responsive LTU – James Bunch
 - viii. Ugly Posts! – Kent Zaiger

The Directors Meeting Agendas and Minutes may be accessed online at:

<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/City-Council/Directors-Minutes-Agendas>

Memorandum

Date: August 15, 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 August 8, 2023, through August 14, 2023:

AA23042 to Use Permit 126G, Wilderness Woods Office Park, was approved by the Planning Director on August 10, 2023, to update the allowed use on Lot 3, which includes a conversion of 16 units to 18,200 square feet of office space, and now allows up to 103 dwelling units and 18,200 square feet of office space on Lot 3, generally located at the southwest corner of Wilderness Ridge Road and Yankee Hill Road.

AA23047 to Special Permit 1560, was approved by the Planning Director on August 9, 2023, to rescind the special permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages, generally located at 5501 Superior Street.

AA23048 to Pre-Existing Special Permits 31 and 31A, was approved by the Planning Director on August 9, 2023, to rescind the Pre-Existing Special Permits for the sale of alcoholic beverages, generally located at 5551 Superior Street.

AA23040 to Special Permit 23038, The Knolls Community Unit Plan, was approved by the Planning Director on August 11, 2023, to reduce the front yard setback to 20 feet and corner front yard setback to 10 feet on Lots 1-32; and to reduce the number of lots from 35 to 32 total single family lots.

From: [Dewayne Mays](#)
To: [Tyrone Robinson](#); [Tyrone Boone](#); [Bob Rauner](#); [John Harris](#); [Charles Richardson](#); [Charlene Maxey-Harris](#); [Charlie Foster](#); [Darrell King, Jr.](#); [Dawn Mazzie](#); [Deirdre Cooper Owens](#); [Djuana Frank](#); [Daniel Draper](#); [Erin Poor](#); [Georgia Jones](#); [Gregory Rutledge](#); [Hassan Ramzah](#); [Jack Douglas](#); [Jessie Myles](#); [Juan Carlos Huertas](#); [Kara Viesca](#); [Sharilyn Bullock](#); [Rose McWilliams](#); [Ronald Todd-Meyer](#); [Karen Dienstbier](#); [Kathy Danek](#); [Kenji Madison](#); [Kitty A. Amaya](#); [Lawrence Chatters](#); [Council Packet](#); [Lory Dance](#); [Marcus Larivaux](#); [Marilyn Johnson Farr](#); [Martha Mamo](#); [Marcy Haas](#); [Marthaellen Florence](#); [Micaela fikar](#); [Patricia Saldana](#); [Patsy Koch Johns](#); [Paul Turner](#); [Pete Ferguson](#); [Rev. John Goldrich](#); [tai pleasant](#); [Tami Soper](#)
Subject: Lincoln Branch NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet September 9, 2023
Date: Friday, August 11, 2023 9:43:05 PM
Attachments: [Membership and Well Wishers 2023.doc](#)

Attached is information about our 2023 Freedom Fund Banquet. Please share as appropriate. If you have questions, please let me know.

Dewayne Mays



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August 16, 2023

Dear Members and Well Wishers,

Lincoln Branch NAACP's 2023 annual Freedom Fund Banquet is fast approaching. This year's event will be September 9, 2023, at the Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The social hour is from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and the program begins at 6:00 PM. Our speaker will be Preston Love, Jr., a community activist and leader, writer for Omaha World Herald, adjunct Black History and Political Science Professor at UNO, and author of several books. Your support of this year's banquet will help to provide scholarships for deserving Lincoln students who will attend college, and support other goals of the Lincoln Branch NAACP. We hope that you will continue to assure that our Branch remains viable in our community.

If you have not made arrangements to purchase your tickets, please do so soon. For your convenience we are offering the electronic option of Eventbrite for ticket purchase (there is a fee for the electronic tickets, see attachment). If you need an alternative to our electronic option, please contact Jareldine Mays at 402-429-4477 or jmays1213@yahoo.com.

Alternative or additional options are included on the attachment. Also, we want to remind you that this year we have open seating, that is, no table assignment. This will provide you an opportunity to sit with friends and meet and network with other supporters. If you are unable to attend, we welcome your donation.

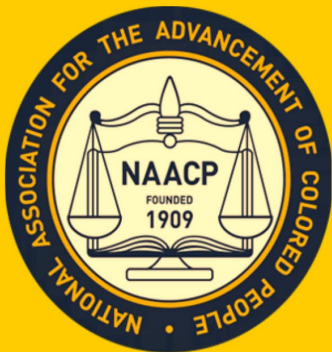
Thank you in advance for your support. Please follow us on our website at <http://www.naacplincolnbranch.org/events/>.

Sincerely,

Thomas Christie
Banquet Co-Chair

Jareldine Mays
Banquet Co-Chair

Attachment



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Freedom Fund Banquet:

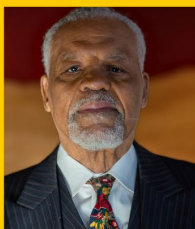
Thriving Together

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

5pm - 9pm

Cornhusker Marriott

333 S. 13th Street
Lincoln, NE



Preston Love, Jr
Keynote Speaker

Adults \$65

Students K-12 \$45

(Includes fees)

<http://bit.ly/naacpfreedom-fund>





NAACP

2023 NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

September 9, 2023

Theme: "Thriving Together"

Ticket Reservation Form

Social and Seating: 5:00 PM, Dinner/Program: 6:00 PM

The Marriott Cornhusker, 333 South 13th St., Lincoln, NE

Keynote Speaker: Preston Love, Jr., Community Activist/Community Organizer

You are encouraged to purchase tickets electronically through "Eventbrite".

The eventbrite link can be accessed: <http://naacplincolnbranch.org/events/> A service fee is applied. If this is not an option for you please use the form below.

To reserve tickets please fill out the information requested below and email this form to: jmays1213@yahoo.com (NAACP Lincoln Branch, P.O. Box 81322, Lincoln, NE 68501-1322).

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Organization/Department: _____

Complete Address: _____

Table Sponsorship: \$700.00 -- Includes 10 Tickets _____ Table Tent for your Organization

Banquet Tickets: Adults - \$60.00 Students (K-12) - \$45.00

Number of individual adult tickets: _____ x \$60.00 = \$ _____

Number of individual student tickets: _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

We will not be able to attend this year's banquet;
please accept our donation in the amount of: \$ _____

Payment:

Check enclosed for the amount of \$ _____

Number of vegetarian meals requested _____

Please send ticket reservation form and payment by August 28, 2023 to:

NAACP Lincoln Branch
P.O. Box 81322
Lincoln, NE 68501-1322

For more information please contact Jareldine Mays (402 429-4477).

From: [Wilhelm Sleddens](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of the Harbor House
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 5:48:54 PM
Attachments: [City Council Letter.pdf](#)

Dear Council,

Attached, you'll find a letter in support of the Harbor House on their proposed new facility. I urge you to allow them to continue their important work with memory care patients.

-Will Sleddens

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Council Members,

I write you to urge your support for the proposed new Harbor House facility. As the grandson of a dementia patient, I've seen firsthand the importance of providing a comfortable home for these vulnerable individuals— like my grandmother, Arline.

Arline is a resident at the Harbor House. She suffers from dementia. For the past few years, she has lived in larger senior living facilities. These places were so huge that they were difficult for Arline to navigate. To her, they felt more like an institution than a home. The large number of residents and staff made it impossible for her to recognize or identify anyone. She was frequently confused or lost *in her own home*. Despite regular visits from family, she felt isolated in her day-to-day life, due to the difficulty of navigating the facility and socializing outside of her apartment.

Since moving to the Harbor House, we've noticed an overwhelmingly positive shift in Arline's attitude. The home-like layout helps her find her way around easily and comfortably interact with others. The small population and neighborhood setting of the Harbor House feels familiar to her. She recognizes the other residents and small staff. The staff know her well. They chat, joke with her, and provide personalized care. The Harbor House has become her home— something which everyone deserves.

I understand some neighbors are concerned about potential negative impacts on the neighborhood— increased traffic, noise, or lowered property values. However, these concerns are unfounded. The residents are elderly and homebound. They do not come and go— likely creating less traffic than even a single-family home would. Nor do they do not engage in loud/disruptive activities. The Harbor House is clean, quiet, and well-maintained, with a capable staff who can address any concerns that might arise.

I implore you to remember that the Harbor House is not just a care facility. It is a *home* designed to meet the unique needs of memory care patients. Unlike larger senior living facilities, the Harbor House fosters a sense of community and belonging. It provides a safe and comfortable environment that allows residents to feel more at home and improve their quality of life.

I urge you to support the proposed Harbor House facility and help provide a better quality of care for these vulnerable individuals. Everyone deserves a safe and comfortable home, including and especially those elderly persons suffering from dementia. Do not allow unfounded fear or prejudice to stand in the way of providing care to those who need it most.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Will Sleddens

From: [Lynn & Jane Kaufmann](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: citizen concerns
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 9:11:31 PM

I have a couple of concerns for the council to think about.

1. Now that the San Francisco police chief has decided to go another route, I want to say that is the BEST thing to happen to Lincoln in the last 3 years. She came in here and the first thing she did away with the traffic enforcement officers. Ever since that happened, the street we live on has become a race track!!!! When the traffic team was active, we usually saw an officer standing along the street at the bottom of the hill using radar to clock speeders coming down the hill. We have NOT seen anything like that for years. She said that all officers can do traffic enforcement. I have not see a radar unit anyplace in this time since she took over. Drivers drive down our street so fast they are blur when they go by. Plus the race cars take a drag run heading east down our street and who knows how fast they are going!!! All the years of teaching Drivers Ed, there was a radar unit many times a month on Vine street just east of 33rd street and I saw many a speeder stopped by the officer. Along with that there a tons of drivers today that have ZERO respect for a red light, stop sign, don't know how to yield to the other drivers, drive down center turn lanes for blocks so they can get to the turn lane while the rest of us wait our turn and so on and so on. **BRING BACK THE TRAFFIC OFFICERS!!!**

The next item with this is she got rid of the motorcycle team and said Lincoln did not need them. All I can say is they were a great help when there were big traffic events like UNL game days. The motorcycles could get to accidents, crimes being committed, etc. a LOT faster than a cruiser could. The cycles can go between rows of cars, down the side of the road, or even sidewalks to quickly respond to a call for help.

2. The second item is the traffic lights in this town are TERRIBLE!! We were at 27th and Vine turning left onto 27th street last week at 5:10 in the evening. We were the 6th car back and at least 10 more behind me. The green arrow came on and the cars ahead of us started moving right away. THREE cars made it through the traffic light before the light when to red and two others went through the red. I ended up with a flashing yellow and had to wait. Then when the green arrow came to me another car going south turned right in front of me!!! I laid on the horn to the driver and he just ignored me!!!! Also we have many friends that come into Lincoln from other cities, like Kansas City, and all of them complain about the traffic lights and how poorly the lights are timed or on the turn arrows how few people get to turn on them. If I decided to run for Mayor, my platform would be to fire every one in the department who work with the traffic signals and hire someone who KNOWS how to program the lights correctly. I remember many years ago

Lincoln bought a new software system and said traffic would really flow great with it. All the years of doing Driver Ed and driving, I have never seen any improvement. Supposedly the lights were to adjust when traffic backed up and stay on longer to help clear out traffic. That has never happened. Turn lanes remain over filled with cars, vehicles back up for blocks. So to summarize here, all these cars sit in line waiting to go or turn, wasting gas, polluting the air and causing drivers to get anxious (angry) and run lights.

From: [Marcus Batson](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Cc: thomascarpenito@parkingreform.org
Subject: Map: 23% of Lincoln is Dedicated to Parking Lots
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 8:11:06 AM
Attachments: [parking lot map update press release.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to share some fascinating insights about parking in Lincoln that I believe could interest your readers.

Lincoln has recently been added to an interactive parking lot map and has revealed that 23% of downtown Lincoln is dedicated solely to car parking.

The map, created by Parking Reform Network, studied a number of factors, including percent of downtowns devoted to parking to reveal insights around the cities that have the most and least amount of land taken up by empty parking lots.

You can explore the full map and findings here: [Parking Lot Map](#)

The research found that the 5 city centers with the least parking are:

New York City, NY: 1%

Washington DC: 3%

Chicago, IL: 4%

San Francisco, CA: 4%

Boston: 7%

And the 5 city centers with the most parking are:

San Bernardino, CA: 49%

Arlington, TX: 42%

Lexington, KY: 38%

Wichita, KS: 35%

Virginia Beach, VA: 35%

I thought this could fit well with your viewers.

If you'd like to include expert insights or quotes in your coverage, I would be more than happy to provide them.

Sincerely,

Thomas Carpenito

PRESS RELEASE

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parking Reform Network
Tony Jordan, president
media@parkingreform.org



RELEASE DATE:

08/14/2023

PRN Announces Major Update to Parking Lot Map

Revised map now showcases cities with more than 300,000 people and metros exceeding one million

The Parking Reform Network (PRN), a leading advocate for urban development and sustainable transportation solutions, is thrilled to announce a significant update to its widely cited Parking Lot Map. The map now features all cities in the United States with populations exceeding 300,000 people, as well as metros with over one million residents.

Parking Lot Map cited in prominent publications

The Parking Lot Map has garnered widespread recognition, with journalists, researchers and urban planning experts referencing it often. Here are a few of their articles, showcasing the map's relevance to understanding urban development and parking policies:

- Bloomberg News: **MapLab: How Much Space Does Your City Dedicate to Parking?**
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2023-03-29/maplab-parking-occupies-vast-swaths-of-space-in-city-centers>
- Big Think: **These maps provide graphic evidence of how parking lots “eat” U.S. cities**
<https://bigthink.com/strange-maps/parking-lots-eat-american-cities/>
- Costar: **Here Are the Cities Where Parking Lots Have Disrupted Urban Landscapes**
<https://www.costar.com/article/331864665/here-are-the-cities-where-parking-lots-have-disrupted-urban-landscapes>

On average, PRN's research indicates that 21% of land within city centers is dedicated solely to parking. This allocation exhibits a notable correlation with the percent of residents who walk, bike, or utilize public transit on their commutes, leading to a reduction in land dedicated to parking.

PRN encourages people to provide feedback on the map and to use it as a resource for promoting parking reform in their communities. The organization has also released a series of resources and tools for parking reform advocates and policymakers, including case studies, research papers and policy recommendations. PRN raises awareness of the importance of parking reform and promotes policies that reduce the negative impact of parking on urban environments.

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From: [Jon Zvolanek](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: No tax increases
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 10:27:10 AM

I support this person's position and the lowest increased spending.
Do not spend any windfalls and increase my property taxes due to increase value.
From LJS's news article.

"Instead, I hope the council will just reduce the levy to the level required to fund the 2023-2024 budget already passed," wrote Kris Thompson.

Jon Zvolanek
6946 Ash Hollow Ln
Lincoln, NE 68516

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dan Klein Jr](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Cc: [Dan Klein Jr](#)
Subject: Fwd: Concerns for SP23005 at 3737 Calvert Street
Date: Monday, August 14, 2023 10:12:05 AM

Council Members:

Thank you for your time in this matter of ours. I do not support SP23026.

I would like to recognize and thank Council member Duden for reaching out to us to gain our perspective on this special permit as an adjoining property owner.

We bought and remodeled our home at 3745 Calvert St, and raised our family here. We first loved the area for the oversized lots and mature trees of this quiet, established single-family neighborhood. It has been great for our kids to safely ride bikes to both elementary and high school, and also a convenient location while attending college.

Here are some of our concerns:

1. This is the first of this size business of this type being proposed on a non-arterial street in a quiet neighborhood.
 1. The Planning Commission present at the March 8th public hearing almost acted like this special permit was pre-approved and it didn't matter what was brought up by testifiers as concerns based on the dialogue between the Council, and very few questions of the neighborhood testifiers.
 2. Is the intent of the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan for this zoning at 3737 Calvert to have commercial-like business operations with 15 + occupants in a residential home in a quiet established single-family neighborhood?
 1. The special permit allows for alternate residential healthcare uses (other group home types) that could be even more disruptive or negative to the neighborhood at this location if the applicant were to sell the property or change use.
 2. If approved, this home will likely never be a single-family home again.
2. Traffic and safety concerns
 1. The Planning Commission was not very curious about or even questioned the traffic load details from the applicant of a proposed commercial business that supports 15 daily occupants of the home.
 2. Traffic was grossly understated at the Planning meeting by the applicant who testified that there will only be 3 employees during the day as if these are the only vehicles coming and going. The applicant went on to infer that his personal driveway was busier from their family activity than this business location will be. Both should have been scrutinized by the Planning Commission or Staff on what it takes to operate and support 12 residents and 3 plus employees (management, lab services, doctors [MD, dentists, podiatrist, eyecare], nurses, hospice care, therapists [OT, PT, mental health, music], pastoral/church, maintenance, commercial refuse containers & service, recycling, lawn care, snow care, deliveries [of food, pharmacy, oxygen, hospital beds, healthcare supplies, housekeeping supplies, office supplies, dining supplies, maintenance supplies], service contractors, inspectors, residents moving in and out, visitors of residents,

Doordash/Uber eats for employees, hair salon people, entertainment for residents, social and shopping outings, medical transport for some doctor visits and for EMS 911). This list is not exhaustive and does not account for multiple visits by the same person per week or that the same delivery or service could be done by a different professional or provider further increasing the traffic count.

3. Current stormwater issues made worse with increased paving at 3737 Calvert
 1. With heavy rains, our side and back yard (downhill from 3737) currently turns into a small river which then extends several properties to the East and then continues South as it accumulates affecting and causing property damage at times all the way to Prescott and beyond. There are continual erosion problems and it is difficult in some areas to get established ground covering and landscape.
4. Our home value and appeal for future sale
 1. When a buyer is selecting a home to purchase comparing our home next to a busy commercial operation it will definitely have a negative impact on their choice and the value of our property.

Please consider denying this special permit as if this residential healthcare business bought the home next to yours and 15 people and their support of them will be coming and going every day.

Sincerely,

Lisa and Dan Klein, Jr.
3745 Calvert Street, Lincoln, NE 68506
402-477-8862

From: [James Bunch](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: Non-Responsive LTU
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 5:28:18 PM

This is my latest report to UPLNK. The first was ignored...
"SECOND complaint (well, first one was a complaint). NO protected left turn west onto Adams Street from N. 56th Street. Right now, traffic headed south on N. 56th is backed up to Judson. It is nearly impossible to turn onto Adams due to this. And today, when I decided to continue north to turn west into my neighborhood from Greenwood Street, the dilspanks have the intersection blocked, so now all other northbound traffic is stopped behind me, including in the intersection of N. 56th and Adams. You have THE major north/south arterial in University Park closed, N. 48th Street, which is pushing a great deal of volume over to N. 56th Street. What is the problem with the dysfunctional LTU people?"

While I have your attention, the newly-paved section of N. 48th Street between Fremont Street and U.S. 6 is poorly done, not graded properly, a real roller-coaster experience. Someone needs to hold the contractor to a higher standard.

Sincerely,

Jim Bunch
5042 Knox Street
68504
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)





From: [Kent Zaiger](#)
To: [Council Packet](#)
Subject: Ugly Posts!
Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 10:22:02 AM

Why is Lincoln putting ugly galvanized street sign post all over Colonial Hills? Colonial Hills already has perfectly good street signs attached to designer street light poles that are attractive. Were using tax payer money wastefully to make the neighborhood ugly!

Kent Zaiger
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