



## *Directors Meeting Agenda*

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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

- I. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- II. City Clerk Advisories
  - i. Public Comments will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 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. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Correspondence - Online for Review

- I. Directorial Correspondence
  - i. BPC230901 - 1 Urban Design Committee - Shelli Reid
  - ii. BP230906 - 1 Administrative Approvals - Jennifer McDonald
  - iii. BPC230906 - 1 PC Final Action Notice - Shelli Reid
- II. Constituent Correspondence
  - i. Lincoln climate action - my observations - Gehendra Gurung
  - ii. SP1965B and SAV23003 - Corey Woslager
  - iii. Inadequate Housing Conditions Evidence (Pics & Videos) - Darius Herron
  - iv. LED Streetlights May Not Have Received FDA Approval - Mark Baker

The Directors Meeting Agendas and Minutes may be accessed online at:  
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/City-Council/Directors-Minutes-Agendas>

# URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

The Urban Design Committee will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Nebraska in **City Council Chambers** on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. For more information, contact the Planning Department at 402-441-7491.

## AGENDA

1. Approval of UDC meeting record of [August 1, 2023](#).

### DISCUSS AND ADVISE

2. Terminal Parking Design: Discussion on the potential options for parking design and Downtown Design Standards waivers at [139 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street](#).
3. [West Haymarket Streetscape Improvement completion](#): Canopy street, south of O Street- Advisory review.

### MISCELLANEOUS

4. [Text amendments](#) to the chapter 4.36 Urban Design Committee – Title 4 Boards and Commissions under the Lincoln Municipal Code.

*Urban Design Committee's agendas may be accessed on the Internet at*  
<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Planning-Department/Boards-and-Commissions/Urban-Design-Committee>

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# *Memorandum*

**Date:** August 5, 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 29, 2023, through September 4, 2023:

**AA23050** to the West Prairie Preliminary Plat 21003, was approved by the Planning Director on August 28, 2023, to add a blanket height permit generally at SW 49<sup>th</sup> Street and West Van Dorn Street.

## PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

**TO:** Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM:** Shelli Reid, Planning

**DATE:** September 6, 2023

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: September 6, 2023

Please be advised that on September 6, 2023, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution PC-01873**, approving USE PERMIT 05002A, to amend existing Use Permit 05002 Northwoods Office Park to allow for an internal building increase of 4,728 square feet for office use, on property legally described as Lot 1, Northwoods Office Park 1st Addition, located in the NE 1/4 of Section 22-10-7, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, generally located at 1150 North 83rd Street.

The Planning Commission action on this application is final, unless appealed to the City Council by filing a notice of appeal with the Planning Department within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (search for "PATS"). Click on "Planning Application Tracking Service (PATS)" at the top of the page, click "Selection Screen" under "PATS Tools" on the right side of the screen, type in the application number (i.e. UP05002A) click on "Search", then "Select", and go to "Related Documents".

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**From:** [Gehendra Gurung](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Lincoln climate action - my observations  
**Date:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 10:38:34 AM  
**Attachments:** [Lincoln-climate action.docx](#)

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Dear Members of Lincoln City Council, Good morning

I came to Lincoln back in April 2023 and had the opportunity to join the Mayor's Resilience Lincoln Roundtable Team. I also joined Citizen's Climate Lobby, Lincoln chapter. I enjoyed and learnt by being in the teams. I appreciate the climate action efforts that the City of Lincoln has made. Unfortunately I am leaving Lincoln for a new destination. While I was here, I made few observations about climate actions especially around the grassroots level activities. I just wanted to share them with you. Please find it attached.

Warm regards  
Gehendra B. Gurung

August 31, 2023

My observations on Lincoln Climate Action at micro level (mitigation)

Gehendra B. Gurung, Volunteer for Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL), Lincoln Chapter, NE

Hi

I recently came to Lincoln, Nebraska, the beautiful university town. I enjoy walking along the creeks, around the town, and short travelling through the roads. As a person working on climate change, I look things from climate perspectives while walking and traveling. USA being one of the top GHG emitters historically, my interests also get focused on mitigation efforts around. I saw a tremendous opportunities for climate actions at micro level to make Lincoln a climate friendly city for good health and prosperity of both environment and the people.

I usually prefer to use the least possible electricity. But in my flat where I am living now in Lincoln, which I think should have been built for families with below average income, I have to use electric lights in bathroom and kitchen even though there is opportunity for use of natural light because there is no window or opening to get sufficient natural light in these rooms. The lack of an opening in the bathroom further pushes me to use exhaust fan to keep the air dry that further increases the electricity use. Being an Asian, my foods are spicy and sometime smoky. The lack of a window or an opening in the kitchen not only bars from use of natural light, but it also increases accumulation of kitchen smells and emissions inside the rooms.

In addition to light, Sun is a good source of energy for the houses and the buildings. Lincoln has over 200 sunny days a year which can be harnessed for the energy. Nonetheless, my flat lacks a solar porch for the winter from where warm air can be circulated inside the home. Appropriately designed porch may also provide a space for drying laundries to reduce the use of electricity. Lincoln's Climate Action Plan, 2021 – 2027 has an ambitious aim to incentivize the use of renewable energy including solar. However, I can see limited number of residential and commercial buildings around Lincoln have installed photovoltaic solar panels to harness the potentiality of solar energy. It is very important that the housing designs, both for residential and commercial purposes, should be remodeled or redesigned for harvesting the full solar radiation that falls on the surface area of the buildings. As the city heads towards "80x50 emissions goal", harvesting of solar energy at household level for lighting, heating, drying and charging cars can play significant support roles.

The other observation that I have made is extended lighting time of some street/ pole lamps during the daylight time. Some pole lamps get on too early in the evening when the day light is still bright and get off too late in the morning when the day light has become too bright. If these lights are controlled by automatic switch system by using light meters, there is a need to readjust the light meter to appropriate lux. If they are manually operated, the timing could be adjusted in time to the monthly daylight hours. Doing so will help save electricity.

I have also the impression that public transportation, the city fleet, has a huge potentiality for mitigation. However, whenever I ride a city bus, I can see well below 50% seat occupancy despite the service is reliable and comfortable. While the Lincoln city fleet aims for 100% electric, renewable or alternative fuel by 2040, creation of a conducive environment for its use is a need by assessing its

coverage or reach and frequency to meet the expectations of the public to make full use of its potentiality.

As most of the GHG emission is due to use of fossil fuels, there is no doubt that the bulk portion of it comes from privately owned vehicles since the public fleets are not fully used. While The Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan aims to build more recharging centers, it is equally important to install them in the households, parking lots and park ways to enhance the use of privately owned electric vehicles. It seems bicycles in the Lincoln have yet to become part of life. Currently they are primarily used for recreational purpose. But if they were used, even between home and workplace, bicycle carries enormous potential to reduce emission from fossil fuel using cars.

The other observation that I have made is opportunity for planting more trees in public parks, along the creeks, roads and highways. Since Nebraska is one of the US states that have the highest proportion of agricultural land, there is limited scope for wide scale tree plantation unless the farmers see its benefits for them. Furthermore the tree plantation is constrained by the fact that Nebraska is home for grasslands of significance. Ecologically, environmentally, aesthetically and culturally, it will not be logical to convert the grasslands in to tree lands. In this context, the scope of carbon sequestration by trees in Lincoln or Nebraska lies in increasing tree coverage of appropriate species on built-up areas including along inter-state and intra-state motor roads, public parks, along the creek and at appropriate sites inside the private properties and residential areas. Definitely management of trees, especially during winter, will need attentions as snow can break them, and may hurt people and properties and create obstacles in the mobility.

Nature-based agriculture on the vast agricultural land in Nebraska offers the opportunity for sequestration of carbon both in soil and organic matters. This will need a well prepared long vision and action plan with incentives to the farmers. In its Vision for a Climate-Smart Future, Lincoln city has appropriately identified harnessing solar and wind power in the niche areas. They can go side-by-side with agriculture. But yet, they have to be seen on the ground.

People's knowledge and action play vital roles in climate action at micro level. I have not come across to an opportunity to understand the community actions in a little more detail. But based on the limited observations, I can imagine a great need for educating the communities, providing them with technical, financial and institutional supports.

I also scanned through Lincoln's 2021 – 2027 Climate Action Plan from the website which has identified 8 action areas and 118 action points. The plan looks ambitious. The observations I have made seem covered under these action areas and action points. I have the impression that probably there is a need for a mid-term review of the plan to look at to what extent the targets have been achieved and then draw a path forward to achieve them by the end of 2027.

<b>Submitted on</b>	15 July 2023, 3:49PM
<b>Receipt number</b>	495
<b>Related form version</b>	13

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<b>Application Number or Project Name:</b>	SP1965B and SAV23003
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<b>Your Position on the Application:</b>	In Opposition
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<b>Comments:</b>	I am opposed to this permit, one of the best perks of living here is not having a bunch of houses behind our back yard. Also I am opposed to the tree line being destroyed.
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**From:** [Darius Herron](#)  
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**Subject:** Inadequate Housing Conditions Evidence (Pics & Videos)  
**Date:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 12:46:24 PM

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Good Afternoon!

I emailed you yesterday with specific concerns regarding my apartment(#1) at 2635 N. 42nd St. Lincoln, Ne 68504 and to follow-up I've attached visual proof and evidence of the condition via pictures and videos on a Google Drive. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions/concerns or have trouble viewing and/or accessing the files.

Respectfully,  
Darius S. Herron

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**From:** [Mark Baker](#)  
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**Subject:** LED Streetlights May Not Have Received FDA Approval  
**Date:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 11:22:54 PM

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Dear Yohance Christie, City Attorney, Lincoln, Nebraska,

The Food and Drug Administration requires that manufacturers of electronic products that emit electromagnetic radiation apply for and receive approval for their products, as per 21 CFR 1000-1040, and explained by the FDA here: (<https://www.fda.gov/media/88417/download>).

We have strong reason to believe that no manufacturer of LED street lights has applied for or received approval from the FDA for the visible radiation emitted by their LED street lights, and that their LED street lights may be endangering public health. The significance of this is that the utility companies may have been installing LED street lights in the city of Lincoln that lack the required FDA approval to ensure the comfort, health, and safety of the public.

It seems inconceivable that the city of Lincoln could continue operating, or allowing to be operated, LED streetlights if they have not been FDA approved as required. There would simply be too much of a liability risk for the city and too much of a safety risk to the public. I believe that it is imperative that the city of Lincoln contact the manufacturer(s) of the city's LED streetlights and request proof that the LED streetlights were given FDA approval for the emitted visible radiation as required by 21 CFR 1000-1040.

Sincerely,

Mark Baker  
President  
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On Sun, Jul 2, 2023 at 10:24 PM Mark Baker <[mbaker@softlights.org](mailto:mbaker@softlights.org)> wrote:

Dear Yohance Christie, City Attorney, Lincoln, Nebraska,

Please find attached our letter regarding LED streetlights which have not been FDA approved.

Sincerely,

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