



## *Directors Meeting In Lieu*

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

- I. The following content is in lieu of the Directors Meeting.
- II. Next Directors Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

### Correspondence – Online for Review

- I. Directors Correspondence
  - i. BP231212 – 1 AA Weekly Approvals City – Jennifer McDonald
- II. Constituent Correspondence
  - i. Van Dorn Park Material Storage – Megan Grimes
  - ii. Public Comment on the 10yr Facility Plan – Rosina Paolini
  - iii. Way to rank high in the wrong way – Tom Amen
  - iv. Public Records Request (for balanced election “checkbook”) – Robert Borer
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# *Memorandum*

**Date:** December 12, 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 December 5, 2023, through December 11, 2023:

Administrative Amendment 23068, to Special Permit 1222A, Hillcrest Country Club, was approved by the Planning Director on December 6, 2023, for a proposed golf cart storage facility and equipment pad, generally located at S. 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and A Street.

Administrative Amendment 23073, to rescind Special Permit 1972, The Reserve, was approved by the Planning Director on December 5, 2023, generally located at the northwest corner of S. 112<sup>th</sup> Street and Old Cheney Road.

Administrative Amendment 23071, to revise Special Permit 391A was approved by the Planning Director on December 11, 2023; for a residential healthcare facility with up to 158 beds, with 45 beds permitted in the first phase; and to rescind Special Permit 12040 for a veterinary facility at 3220 N 14th Street.

Administrative Special Permit 23002 was approved by the Planning Director on December 6, 2023, with conditions, to install personal wireless services facilities consisting of roof-mounted antennas, on property generally located at 301 South 70<sup>th</sup> Street.

**From:** [Megan Grimes](#)  
**Subject:** Van Dorn Park Material Storage  
**Date:** Friday, December 8, 2023 2:55:04 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to ask that moving Lincoln Parks and Recreation storage materials from Van Dorn Park be a larger priority.

The unfortunate use of a significant portion of Van Dorn Park as a storage area by the Lincoln Parks & Recreation (LPR) has long been overlooked.

For years, a substantial area within Van Dorn Park has been inaccessible to the public due to its occupation as a materials storage site by LPR. Initially starting in 2010 with the storage of wood chips, manure, and soil in the west parking lot, this practice expanded, encroaching upon the southwest part of the park.

Van Dorn Park has seen significant improvements and revitalization in recent years particularly with neighborhood and partner organization involvement, yet still these materials are stored there.

I have submitted comments for the LPR 10-Year Facility Plan asking that this issue be moved from a C priority (the lowest priority) to an A priority. The storage of the materials in Van Dorn Park has been going on for 13 years. The public shouldn't have to wait another 10 years to access the public space.

Thank you,  
Megan Grimes  
Indian Village Neighborhood  
Lincoln, NE

**From:** [Rosina Paolini](#)  
**To:** [Parks Counter Registrations](#); [JJ Yost](#); [Chris L. Myers](#); [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on the 10yr Facility Plan  
**Date:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 7:02:16 AM  
**Attachments:** [10\\_yrfacVDP.docx](#)

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Greetings,

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plan.

Sadly, we know surveys tell the story of the affluent rather than the whole community due to the method of outreach. The outreach you seek is limited and not accurate due to its limitations.

Congratulations to the hard working staff and volunteers that continually demonstrate their talents with the national recognition they receive. Lincoln is ranked 8th nationally for their parks this year.

There are issues that need to be resolved for Lincoln Parks and Recreation to function without biases to their private stakeholders and insure the public's needs are put before private businesses' wants and for public space in parks to be of the highest priority.

I provide some solutions in the attached document.

I feel privileged to be a part of this important discussion!

I know how to find you, have working broadband, and have familiarity with how a 10-year facility plan works and how important the plan is to establish budgets.

You reach such a small, privileged sect of Lincoln when outreach is conducted via your website, comment sections and surveys. I am glad the city's intention is to broaden their outreach methods to actually invite those who are not at the table. When we meet the people where they congregate to seek their input, we are inclusive in our outreach and the outcome is best because of the buy-in with our community.

I compare the funding sources of our city services, LPD, LFR and Libraries funded by Lincoln taxpayers with some expected fees or fines that are charged to the public to how LPR is funded.

It is illogical to think that LPR can be sustainable and grow with our city with volatile, inconsistent funds like sliding fee-based programs, grants, fundraising, KENO and NET disbursements that are as unpredictable as our reliance on sales tax. Lincoln ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in the nation for their parks. Imagine what LPR can accomplish when the department is funded sustainably.

Contracts with Pinnacle Arena for Pinewood Bowl events, leases with Tennis LLC and the zoo are inequitable and limit how the public can use public lands.

Lincoln residents tout their parks, trails and schools as the reason people move to Lincoln. LPR needs to be funded equitably like LPD and LFR!

Reclaim green space with removal of the material storage area now Priority C - Upgrade to Priority "A".

For over a decade, approximately an acre swath within Van Dorn Park is inaccessible to the public due to a materials storage site managed by LPR. In 2010 the storage of wood chips, manure, and soil in the west parking lot expanded, encroaching the southwest part of the park. Trees were removed and replaced with heaps of materials in a public area where big machinery operates around park visitors who share the same public space. The stone rental shelter is currently used for storage and needs to be reclaimed for rental or modified into an outdoor shelter. Removal of the storage dump needs to be upgraded to Priority "A" to improve safe play in the area without the threat of machinery

in their play area.

Priority "B" - Develop concept plan for the connection from 17th & Burnham to 10th & Van Dorn.

Upgrade to Priority "A"

The Van Dorn re-development plan has identified and prioritized the need for appropriate traffic management to connect the Boosalis Trail to the Bison Trail now that Nebraska Highway belongs to the city.

While the city traffic engineers state the traffic numbers don't support improved traffic management, many safety issues including vehicle speed, visibility and the number of cars entering onto the highway need to be addressed. Connecting Boosalis and Bison

trails is an efficient way to create a safe pedestrian access into Van Dorn Park with a signalized crossing.

Nearby residents have to drive to Van Dorn Park due to the danger of walking or riding their bike to the park. The city needs to implement the appropriate measure to insure safe crossing per the Comprehensive Plan and Plan Forward. A walk audit is a start.

Rather than promises and discussions with LPR and LTU, the safety of the children crossing the 10th and High intersection needs to dictate immediate change to prevent further incidents. History demonstrates when the need is great and the voice is loud, funds seem to be found as has been for many LPR projects.

The completion of the South Beltway and new city ownership of Nebraska Highway / 10th Street and the Van Dorn TIF redevelopment plan progressing, now is the time for ACTION before someone else gets killed.

**From:** [Tom Amen](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Way to rank high in the wrong way  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 9:45:33 AM

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### Fewest emergency medical technicians per 100,000 residents

1. Lincoln, NE
2. Salinas, CA
3. Santa Fe, NM
4. Yakima, WA
5. Bakersfield, CA

**From:** [Robert Borer](#)  
**To:** [Todd Wiltgen](#); [Terry T. Wagner](#); [Commish](#); [Council Packet](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Public Records Request (for balanced election "checkbook")  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 10:49:58 AM

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Robert J. Borer

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December 11th, 2023

Todd Wiltgen  
Lancaster County  
601 N 46th St Lincoln, NE 68503

Mr. Wiltgen,

I'm interested in "auditing," as much as possible, the May 2023 General Election. I want to verify that the number of people who voted is equal to the number of ballots that were cast.

To that end, I am hereby requesting the following, pursuant to Nebraska Public Records Law § 84-712 et seq.:

| —a list of names of everyone who voted in the May 2023 General Election

To be clear, I'm *not* asking for the voter rolls. because, according to Wayne Bena, "the voter file is a living breathing document in which people are taken off and on the rolls each and every day..." See video here; [16:52](#)

Again, I am only looking for a **list of names** of everyone who voted (in May). The people count going in should equal the ballot count coming out. This is basic election book balancing.

Election book balancing is far more important than checkbook balancing.

Robert J. Borer



P.S.

There's no reason for secret vote counts other than to manipulate results. Manipulating results, or allowing results to be manipulated, is a very serious crime. Failure by government servants to exercise due diligence in securing open, honest, transparent and verifiable results on behalf of We the People, from private, secret, vote-count-manipulating companies constitutes treason, because it constitutes the overthrowing of the true sovereigns of our Constitutional Republic—We the People.

The blame for secret vote counts falls on county and state officials.

**From:** [Nic Mizeur](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Hawley Hamlet  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 11:11:13 AM

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Dear Lincoln city council,

I was extremely disappointed to see you all making the front page of the Journal Star, and not for good reasons. Your reversal of the Planning Commissions decision regarding the new town homes across from Hawley Hamlet is egregious and dangerous. It shows me 2 things: 1. You don't actually trust your planning commission. Why bother having a planning commission if you're just going to override their decisions? Heck, even Neighborworks, a beloved non-profit in Lincoln was against this decision as it stands and you didn't listen to them either. For shame. 2. You all don't seem to be motivated by actually making Lincoln a better place and listening to the people your decision impacts. There is little about this town home project that is beneficial. It's just a greedy developer trying to piggyback on a project that actually cares about that neighborhood and creating beauty and food via an urban garden. He should be required to follow zoning regulations. What's the point of people trying to improve their neighborhoods and care for their neighbors if you all ignore them and don't listen to them and instead side with developers who are just in it for the money? I can guarantee that if this was your own neighborhood you would think differently. Your decision is desecrating their vision. 30 years that vision has been slowly enacted and you all are working to ruin it in 30 minutes. Very disappointing.

I hope you take some time to do some soul-searching, question your motives, even why you're on the city council, and then change your decision, or modify it (require some of the town homes to be affordable housing. Be creative) because as it stands this decision is a bad one.

Sincerely,  
A disappointed citizen

**From:** [charles sadler](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** gas price in Lincoln  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 1:39:12 PM

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Dear Council: Why in Lincoln do we have to pay 40 cents a gal. more for gas than as close as Gretna ?  
Even less in Omaha !  
Thank You Charles Sadler Lincoln, Ne.