



## *Directors Meeting Agenda*

Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

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

- I. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- II. City Clerk Advisories
- 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 - January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

### Correspondence - Online for Review

- I. Directorial Correspondence
  - i. BPC240103 - 1 PC Final Action Notice - Shelli Reid
  - ii. BPC240103 - 2 PC Action - Shelli Reid
- II. Constituent Correspondence
  - i. Yard decor laws - Holly Firebaugh

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

## PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION NOTIFICATION

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

**FROM:** Shelli Reid, Planning

**DATE:** January 3, 2024

**RE:** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: January 3, 2024

Please be advised that on January 3, 2024, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

**Resolution PC-01894**, approving SPECIAL PERMIT 23046, to allow for residential and office uses in the Southminster Church, on property legally described as Lots 1-2, Block 4, Knob Hill Addition, located in the NW 1/4 of Section 1-9-6, generally located at 2915 S. 16th 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 Resolutions 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. SP23046) click on "Search", then "Select", and go to "Related Documents".

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## **\*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of **\*FINAL ACTION\***. Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

### **AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024**

**[Commissioner Campbell absent; 1 vacant seat]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2023. **\*\*APPROVED: 7-0 (Campbell absent; 1 vacant seat)\*\***

**1. CONSENT AGENDA:  
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)**

- 1.1a CHANGE OF ZONE 23073, for a Local Landmark Designation, for the Southminster Church, on property generally located at 2915 S. 16th Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner:** Stephanie Rouse, 402-441-6373, [srouse@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:srouse@lincoln.ne.gov)  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-0 (Cambell absent; 1 vacant sent). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**
- 1.1b SPECIAL PERMIT 23046, to allow for residential and office uses in the Southminster Church, on generally located at 2915 S. 16th Street. **\*FINAL ACTION\***  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner:** Stephanie Rouse, 402-441-6373, [srouse@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:srouse@lincoln.ne.gov)  
**Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated December 18, 2023: 7-0 (Campbell absent; 1 vacant seat) Resolution No. PC-01894.**

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

1.2 MISCELLANEOUS 23010, to review the proposed determination that the College View Blight Area meets the statutory definition of Extremely Blighted as defined in the Nebraska Community Development Law. The study area is approximately 73 acres, generally located between S 46th Street on the west, Hillside Street on the north, S 49th Street on the east, and Linden Street on the south.

**Staff recommendation:** Finding of Extremely Blighted Conditions

**Staff Planner:** Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, [athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov)

**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL: 7-0 (Campbell absent; 1 vacant seat). Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None  
**(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:** None

5. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

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AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM  
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO.

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Adjournment: 1:05 p.m.

**From:** [Holly Firebaugh](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Yard decor laws  
**Date:** Thursday, January 4, 2024 8:14:06 AM

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Dear City Council Members,

I would like to get the city of Lincoln Yard Decor laws. Could they be mailed or is there a specific site. I haven't found a cite that encompasses all that I need.

I what to make my house the prettiest in Lincoln. I have had some teaching in art. I have done my yard work for 40 years in the same house. It was such a cute little house for 30 of those years and in four more years and I'm eligible for Homestead Exemption (considering that my properties taxes take 2 months of my Social Sec ever year, that will be a relief. Actually, not so much since they will find another way to take those savings. I NEVER win.

It's a crappy way to live. If I had always been poor, it might not affect me so much but I used to work and/or own a business. I can't seem to get used to not being able to do necessary things. I don't like, literally, wear rags with holes in them because my neighbor kids are getting older and will see things they shouldn't.

That's neither here nor there. I want to thank Lincoln, though, for taking my taxes and doing such great things with them. I don't know what those things are because I'm not a sports fan and I can't afford to go anywhere.

But Lincoln has redecorated my house and continues to do so and that's why I want to give the population something to look at, just like I look at what Lincoln has given me every day. Who knew that when the house behind me, when it was turn into a multi-unit dwelling, would give me so much inspiration!

I tried going the normal route so I could have a yard and house like everyone else but I was quoted \$10,000-14,000! That's US \$. I know. What a happy surprise! To think I never would've experienced such joy had a simple culvert be installed!

Then, since that was way out of my price range, I tried to contact all the charity programs. I learned if I didn't live in Lincoln, I could get help. Isn't that weird. If I didn't pay the higher taxes to live in the city, I could get help. Wow.

I called Waste Water many times. I called 211 and Aging Partners. I called programs that I don't even remember. I called Habitat just recently. You know what they said? "You don't make enough to get help". I tried the NHAF.

Guess? I was told I don't make enough. They would help me if I made \$90k a year and live in a \$200,000 house. I bet that would surprise a lot of people. Poor people can't get help because they don't make enough money. Good on those rich people. Well, maybe not rich but I see myself looking at that kind if money like Tiny Tim at that big juicy turkey.

Good on all of you. I hope you stay healthy.

I have no where else to turn because I am tired. I am sick. Sick and tired. I can't do much. I can't get a chore provider because nothing works in my house. They would not have like Victorian England. I have not had a hot meal in 10 years. Since a contractor destroyed my kitchen and my sink and dishwasher won't drain. I have that problem all over the house. The toilet overflows and all the excrement seeps into the basement and covers the entire bathroom and laundry room down there. I can hardly clean anything.

I have been on edge for 10 years because of the unique water feature Lincoln gave me but I am going to fix that. I am going to take all the rusted tools out of my water rotted shed to help me in my endeavors.

About that wonderful water feature. It isn't reliable. I don't know when it will happen. I don't know how much will happen. I just watch, wait and worry every time it rains. It needs to go a ways for me to get the full effect. First, it starts at the driveway to that multi-unit dwelling I mentioned. It was so nice they weren't mean and put in that culvert. I just can't imagine how my life would be if they had. My basement would still have that gold carpet I hated and all the orange furniture I hated. It would have my entertainment center with my stereo and I couldn't use it now, anyway. My ears hurt too much. And to top it off, but not the end, I would not have the pretty garden of mold I love watching grow.

The problem is that I have been fighting all the water in my yard which then enters my basement. I have been Shop-Vaccing it up every time. I can no longer do that due to my health so I am going to turn my backyard into a Georgia swamp and I'll delight in the waterfall, instead of having stark raving fear. And I am going to learn to love having a pool in my basement. It's not water I'd want to swim in but what body of water is these days? I wish I could swim in it. It might help the full body pain I have but I might drown because I can't seem to stay awake.

Then, and this is the good part, I will used those rusted tools in my project for Lincoln. I want to make The Island of Dead Dolls look like a training stop for my yard. I go to a lot of auctions and I have done the figures. I could do it cheap. I just need to buy the lime green, light olive, mustard yellow, salmon, lilac and pepto pink paint for the

background of my painting, so to speak. The rest will be cheap, unless I find a something I can't live without. I would love to find out where the people on 35th and Q or R streets got the fat naked man statue. I would love to have 4 or 5 of them only bigger. The rest isn't planned out. I have ideas. I used to collect dolls when I wasn't so poor. I won't be able to use those dolls because they were nice. I will use the ones that usually don't sell. I can get boxes for a buck. I can get a lot of stuff that way. It will be a bargain compared to the \$20,000-\$30,000 (not including the cost to keep the alley water from getting here in the first place) it would take to fix everything the regular, boring way. The biggest cost will be paying the delivery guy. I can't do that anymore. I haven't been anywhere, but the doctor, in years. I'm not that old but my body thinks it is. I might be able to find free stuff online. Do you have the imagination to picture my creation? I can't wait to put my thoughts and ideas out in the world or everyone to see. I don't want to break any laws and that's why I need the regulations. My washer and don't work so I will even be able to add my own painted clothing to the permanent exhibit. The washer won't drain like the rest of my house. I have tons and tons of cardboard I can use as I have to order things online now days. I have also seen quite a few couches on porches so it must not be illegal anymore. I have a bed that is falling apart. It's hard to keep my dog from going under it anyway and with it's broken off leg, I am afraid it will kill her. I don't want to sleep on the floor because another contractor from HUD left a big whole were mice come in. I need to learn soldering and carpentry but how hard can it be? I have seen how they do things and I could do better and make it much more artistic. Of course, beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Sincerely, Holly Firebaugh  
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