

Directors Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 18, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

555 S 10th Street – City Chambers

- I. Open Meetings Law Announcement**
- II. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2024**
- III. City Clerk Advisories**
- IV. Mayor's Advisories**
- V. Director's Advisories**
- VI. City Council: Commissions, Committees, and Event Updates**
- VII. Post-Meeting Council Members Calls to City Directors**
- VIII. Adjournment**

Next Directors Meeting – April 1, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

City Correspondence

Katrinka Davis – LES Administrative Board Meeting Agenda – March 15, 2024

Nicole Ramirez – City of Lincoln Winter Operations Update

Angela Quinn – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, March 14

Kristi Nydahl – Street & Alley Vacation No. 24002

Jennifer T. McDonald – BP240312 – 1 Administrative Approvals

Shelli K. Reid – BPC240313 – 1 PC Action

Kristine A. Egan – Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting – Survey

Kristine A. Egan – Code Enforcement Workshop 3/28 (5:30-7pm) & Multi-Model Transfer Station
Open House 3/28 (5:30-7:30pm)

Constituent Correspondence

Erin Peck – Woods Tennis Expansion

Juanita Rice – Woods Tennis Proposal

Joyce McNeil – Woods park meeting

Blaha blaha blaha Lumonitti – No Subject

Everett Neighborhood – ENA Meeting Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, 7PM at Trinity Lutheran Church
(724 S. 12th St.)

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

Tom J. Beckius

From: Katrinka Dicke <kdicke@les.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:04 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: LES Administrative Board Meeting Agenda - March 15, 2024
Attachments: ZLES030724.pdf

Thank you,
Katrinka

**Katrinka Dicke|Executive Assistant
Administration Division**



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AGENDA
LES ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Friday, March 15, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Kevin Wailes Operations Center
9445 Rokeby Road

Virtual Access Information

Virtual access: The meeting may be accessed virtually at the Microsoft Teams link or by phone via the number listed below.

Microsoft Teams Meeting

+1 402-979-7656 United States, Omaha (Toll); Conference ID: **187 412 021#**

9:30 A.M.

- 1. Call to Order & Safety Briefing**
- 2. Introduction of new Board Member**
- 3. *Approval of Minutes of the February 17, 2023, Regular Meeting of the LES Administrative Board**
- 4. Comments from Customers**
- 5. Introduction and Recognition of Staff**
20 Years – 2024: Manny Sanchez, Building Maintenance
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - A. Operations & Power Supply Committee
 - B. Personnel & Organization Committee
 1. *Adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Lincoln Electric System 457(b) -Deferred Compensation Plan – LES Resolution 2024-1
 2. *Adoption of 2024 Discretionary Employer Contribution Policy – LES Resolution 2024-2
 - C. District Energy Corporation Update
- 7. CEO Reports**
 - A. State Legislative Report
 - B. Annual Self-Insured Health & Dental Insurance Review
 - C. Corporate Key Indicators Benchmarking
 - D. *Authorization of Board Attendance at 2024 APPA National Conference, San Diego, California, June 7-12, 2024
- 8. Other Business**
 - A. Monthly Financial Reports Delayed Pending 2023 Audit
 - B. Power Supply Reports – January and February 2024
 - C. Miscellaneous Information

9. Adjournment

***Denotes Action Items**

Next Regular Administrative Board Meeting Friday, April 19, 2023.

Tom J. Beckius

From: Nicole K. Ramirez
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 5:14 AM
Subject: City of Lincoln Winter Operations Update 5:15 a.m. Friday, March 8

City of Lincoln Winter Operations Update

For more information: Nicole Ramirez, LTU Communications, 402-441-8469

Date: Friday, March 8, 2024

Time: 5:15 a.m.

City Operations: Winter operations crews are treating arterial routes with granular salt pre-wet with brine as necessary.

National Weather Service: Rain and snow will taper and end by early this afternoon. Snowfall amounts of generally less than an inch are forecast; however, some slick spots could develop on area roads for the Friday morning commute.

Weather conditions: Overcast

Street conditions: Drivers should be alert for slick conditions.

Please stay informed on the status of winter operations in Lincoln. Additional winter operations information is available at lincoln.ne.gov/snow.

Nicole Ramirez

Public Information Specialist II | Communications and Public Affairs

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Tom J. Beckius

From: Nicole K. Ramirez
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 5:19 AM
Subject: RE: City of Lincoln Winter Operations Update 5:15 a.m. Friday, March 8

CORRECTION:

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For more information: Nicole Ramirez, LTU Communications, 402-441-8469

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Tom J. Beckius

From: Angela Quinn
Sent: Saturday, March 9, 2024 5:12 PM
To: Amanda N. Barker; Bradley Brandt; Brent Dickie; Charity Iromuanya; Council Packet; Doug Marthaler; Heidi; Isabelle Huertas; Jennifer Seacrest; Jessica Boren; Jim Crook; JJ Toczek; Jocelyn W. Golden; Jonathan Petersen; Katie Graf; Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross; Mark Lorenz; Mary Anne Wells; Matt W. Schulte; Richard Bagby; Saige N. Walker; Sandra J. Washington; Sherrie Nelson; Tammy Poe; Tut Kailech
Cc: Angela Quinn; Chris L. Myers; Denise K. Pearce; Holly L. Lewis; JJ Yost; Randy Gordon; Sandra Finn; Sara S. Hartzell; Wade E. Foreman
Subject: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, March 14th
Attachments: 03-14-2024 PRAB Agenda.pdf; Minutes for 02-08-2024.pdf; FS South Haymarket Park MP 3.pdf; Golf Committee Report February.pdf
Importance: High

PRAB will meet on Thursday, March 14th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation office large conference room. Please find attached:

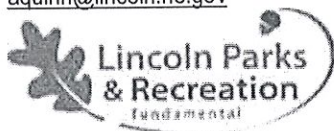
- Agenda for March 14th
- Minutes from February 8th
- Fact sheet for South Haymarket Park master plan update
- February Golf Committee report

If you would, please let me know whether or not you are available to attend the meeting. Thank you!

Enjoy the lovely weather this weekend!

Angela Quinn

Executive Secretary to the Director
Lincoln Parks & Recreation
3131 O Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, NE 68510-1514
Hours – 7:30 am-4:00 pm, M-F
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aquinn@lincoln.ne.gov



NOTICE OF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

TO: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Mayor, City Council, City Clerk, Media
FROM: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, Director, Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department
MEETING DATE & TIME: March 14, 2024 -- 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Woods Park Place, 3131 O Street, Third Floor Conference Room
CHAIR: Jonathan Petersen

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order, Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act'
2. Roll Call of Members Present
3. Introduction of new Board Member:
 - Charity Iromuanya
4. Approval of Minutes: * February 8, 2024
5. Committee Reports –
 - Policies Committee – Katie Graf (Chair)
 - a. No report at this time.
 - Next Policies Committee meeting: 4 pm on Tuesday, April 16th*
 - Facilities / Infrastructure Committee – Bradley Brandt (Chair)
 - a. * South Haymarket Park Master Plan Update
 - Next Facilities/Infrastructure Committee meeting: 4 pm on Wednesday, April 17th*
 - Golf Committee – Sherrie Nelson (Chair)
 - a. Report from February 22nd meeting
 - Next Golf Committee meeting: 12 noon on Thursday, April 25th*
 - Executive Committee – Jonathan Petersen (Chair)
 - a. Lincoln Parks Foundation Report – Randy Gordon
 - Next Executive Committee meeting: 4 pm on Thursday, April 25th*
6. Staff Reports –
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7. Public Comment for Items Not Listed on the Agenda
8. Announcements
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 - Woods Park Usage Survey will be available until March 17 at lincoln.ne.gov/WoodsParkProposal
 - WE'RE STILL HIRING! Spread the word that Lincoln Parks & Recreation is now hiring all seasonal positions – check out all openings at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/lincolnnne/transferjobs>
9. Adjourn ~ Next PRAB meeting: **May 9, 2024, TO BE HELD AT AULD PAVILION**

* Denotes Action Item

ACCOMMODATION NOTICE

The City of Lincoln complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 guidelines. Ensuring the public's access to and participating in public meetings is a priority for the City of Lincoln. In the event you are in need of a reasonable accommodation in order to attend or participate in a public meeting conducted by the City of Lincoln, please contact the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights at 402-441-7624, or the City Ombudsman at 402-441-7511 as soon as possible before the scheduled meeting date in order to make your request.

Tom J. Beckius

From: Kristi K. Nydahl
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:09 AM
To: Mayor; Council Packet; Soulinnee Phan; David R. Cary; Yohance L. Christie; Brandi R. Lehl; Shelli K. Reid; T.J. McDowell, Jr.
Cc: Michelle R. Backemeyer
Subject: Street & Alley Vacation No. 24002
Attachments: BU240312.pdf

Attached is a memo from Michelle Backemeyer regarding Street & Alley Vacation No. 24002, East-West Alley, Between 13th & 14th Street, D and E Streets. Thanks!

Kristi Nydahl
Executive Secretary
City of Lincoln, Urban Development
402-441-8206



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Gaylor Baird
& City Council Members

FROM: Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation
Assistance Agent

DEPARTMENT: City Council Office DEPARTMENT: Urban Development Department

ATTENTION: DATE: March 11, 2024

COPIES TO: Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk SUBJECT: Street & Alley Vacation No.24002
David Cary, Planning East-West Alley, Between 13th &
Yohance Christie, City Attorney 14th Street, D and E Streets
Brandi Lehl, City Clerk Office
Shelli Reid, Planning
T.J. McDowell, Mayor's Office

A request has been made to vacate the western 133 feet of the east-west alley located between E and D Streets, west of 13th Street. The area to be vacated is 16' x 133' feet and approximately 2,148 square feet in size. The writer viewed the property, and the area is currently fenced in because of demolition work and overhead utility lines traverse the alley. A sanitary sewer line resides in the alley, and LES has requested an easement be retained for existing overhead utilities that will be buried in connection with the proposed redevelopment project. According to the staff report, after the vacation the adjacent properties will be replatted, a public access easement will be granted for public and private vehicles to utilize, and the developer will be responsible for maintenance on the remaining portion of the alley. No other utilities appear to be in the affected area.

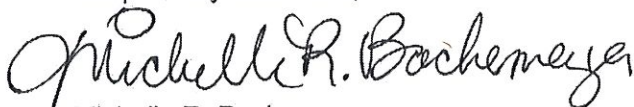
The property will not differ in use after the vacation other than it will be privately and not publicly owned. It is currently adjacent to B-3/R-7 zoning and will assume a similar value to those properties, but because of the access and utility easements to be retained it has limited development potential and a reduced value.

Research of some comparable sales indicates a value range from \$10.33/sf to \$21.06/sf and the writer deems this property could support a value of approximately \$13.00/sf. Because of the retention of the easements, a percentage of the underlying land value is considered appropriate especially for assemblage purposes and a discounted rate of 20% will be used. With that, the area to be vacated is calculated as follows:

$$2,148 \text{ sf} \times \$13.00 \times 20\% = \$5,585$$

Therefore, if the area is to be vacated, it is recommended that the area be sold to the applicant for \$5,585.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle R. Backemeyer
Real Estate & Relocation
Assistance Agent

Tom J. Beckius

From: Jennifer T. McDonald
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 4:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Cc: David R. Cary
Subject: BP240312 - 1 Administrative Approvals
Attachments: BP230312 - 1 Administrative Approvals.pdf

Please see the attached Administrative Approvals for March 5, 2024, through March 11, 2024.

Thank you,

Jennifer McDonald
Administrative Aide II
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department
555 S 10th St, Ste 213
Lincoln, NE 68508
402-441-6365



Memorandum

Date: March 12, 2024
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 March 5, 2024, through March 11, 2024:

Administrative Amendment 24012 to Special Permit 531H, Wilderness View Townhomes Community Unit Plan, was approved by the Planning Director on March 8, 2024, to update the Minimum Opening Elevations for lots within Blocks 2 and 3, generally located southwest of Warlick Boulevard and Creekside Trail.

Tom J. Beckius

From: Shelli K. Reid
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 1:43 PM
To: Council Packet; Commish; Planning_ALL; Chad E. Blahak; David A. Derbin; Elizabeth D. Elliott; John M. Ward; Jon D. Carlson; Michaela A. Sweeney; Pamela L. Dingman; Robert K. Simmering; Ron E. Rehtus; Shelli K. Reid; T.J. McDowell, Jr.; Terry A. Kathe; Tim S. Sieh
Subject: BPC240313 - 1 PC Action
Attachments: BPC240313 - 1 PCAction.pdf

Please see attached.

Thank you!

Shelli Reid
Administrative Officer
Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Dept.
Ph: 402-441-6363
sreid@lincoln.ne.gov

****ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION****

NOTICE: The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 112 on the first floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th 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, March 13, 2024

[Commissioners Ball, Campbell, Ebert, and Feit absent]

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 14, 2024. ****APPROVED: 5-0 (Ball, Campbell, Ebert and Feit absent)****

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

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE

- 1.1 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 24002, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a proposed amendment to the Lincoln Center Redevelopment Plan and South of Downtown Redevelopment & Strategic Plan to add the League of Nebraska Municipalities Redevelopment Project, including construction of a two-story office building and the demolition of existing buildings, on property generally located at the southwest corner of 14th & L Streets.

Staff recommendation: In Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan

Staff Planner: Andrew Thierolf, 402-441-6371, athierolf@lincoln.ne.gov

Planning Commission recommendation: FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 5-0 (Ball, Campbell, Ebert and Feit absent), Public hearing before the City Council is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

- 1.2 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONFORMANCE 24001, to review as to conformance with the 2050 Lincoln Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan, a request for a permanent conservation easement from the National Audubon Society to the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, to preserve, protect and maintain a corridor of native tallgrass prairie, woodlands, and riparian corridor, on property generally located at SW 98th and Kolbrook Road.

FINAL ACTION

This application was removed from the Consent Agenda and had a separate public hearing. Planning Commission "final action": FINDING OF

CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: 5-0 (Ball, Campbell, Ebert and Feit absent); this is a recommendation to the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.

PERMITS

- 1.3 COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT 24002, to allow for an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit), on property generally located at 10260 Waverly Road. ***FINAL ACTION***
Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval
Staff Planner: George Wesselhoft, 402-441-6366, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov
Planning Commission "final action": CONDITIONAL APPROVAL: 5-0 (Ball, Campbell, Ebert and Feit absent), as set forth in the conditions of the staff report dated February 29, 2024, Resolution No. PC-01900.

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL:** None
3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** Item 1,2
(Public Hearing and Administrative Action)
4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:** None
5. **CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:** None

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

Adjournment: 1:13 p.m.

Tom J. Beckius

From: Kristine A. Egan
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 2:22 PM
To: Kristine A. Egan
Subject: Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting - Survey

Good day Neighborhood Presidents and Leaders,

At recent Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meetings there has been discussion about returning to in-person meetings, while some attendees expressed a preference for continuing to meet via zoom. Please indicate your preference by clicking on the link and completing this short 2 question poll: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5S6N8Y8>. **Please respond by Friday, March 22nd**. We will tabulate the responses and let you know the results by the end of the month and whether the April meeting will be in-person or via zoom.

PLEASE NOTE: Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable is for Neighborhood Presidents or their designees.

Thank you,

Kristine Egan

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Tom J. Beckius

From: Kristine A. Egan
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2024 3:43 PM
To: Kristine A. Egan
Subject: Code Enforcement Workshop 3/28 (5:30-7pm) & Multi-Modal Transfer Station Open House 3/28 (5:30-7:30pm)
Attachments: 2024 Housing Advocates Flyer Code Enforcements Workshop.jpg

Good afternoon Neighborhood Presidents and Leaders,

On March 28th, NeighborWorks Lincoln would like to invite you to join LTU or Lincoln Housing Advocates for the following events:

Lincoln Housing Advocate: Residential Code Enforcement Presentation by Sean Stewart with Lincoln Building & Safety at NeighborWorks Lincoln Training Center (2530 Q ST: 1 story building accessible via alleyway) [Facebook Event Page](#)

Join fellow Lincoln Housing Advocates as we learn from Sean Stewart with the Lincoln Building & Safety Department about code enforcement basics, the review process, and questions they frequently receive from the community. A light meal will be provided!

****Please note there is no parking on Q streets. We have some stalls behind our building via the alleyway or on-street parking on 26th Street. Lincoln Housing Advocate's goal is to promote and support systems that provide affordable, accessible, and safe housing for all!**

Contact Chelsea Egenberger with any questions, feedback, & to join our housing advocacy listserv: Chelsea.Egenberger@nwlincoln.org 402-477-7181 (Ext 204). This event is co-hosted by NeighborWorks Lincoln & Collective Impact Lincoln.

StarTran Multi-modal Transportation Center Open House Set for March 28

Lincoln Transportation and Utilities invites residents to an open house Thursday, March 28, regarding StarTran's new Multi-modal Transportation Center project. The event will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the "F" Street Community Center, 1225 "F" Street.

The open house will provide additional information about the preferred location and preliminary designs of the Multi-modal Transportation Center. The Multi-modal Transportation Center will be the permanent home of the StarTran transit system and offer additional amenities including electric scooters, BikeLNK bikes, bathrooms, sitting area for riders and more. Construction is planned for 2025 with completion expected in 2027.

Members of the StarTran team will be available to answer questions and offer information related to the multi-modal transportation center schedule. No formal presentation is planned.

For more information on this public open house or the Multi-modal Transportation Center, visit lincoln.ne.gov/MMTC.

Thank you,

Kristine Egan

Office Specialist

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Tom J. Beckius

From: Erin Peck <peckerinm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Woods Tennis Expansion

Hello!

I live in the 40th and A neighborhood and my family walks to Woods Park frequently. I would like to know your individual stances on the proposed expansion of the tennis courts and parking lot.

Thanks!
Erin Peck
4119 F St

Tom J. Beckius

From: Rice, Juanita <juanitapat@csus.edu>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 4:38 PM
To: Parks Counter Registrations; Council Packet; Mayor
Subject: Woods Tennis Proposal

To: Lincoln Parks and Rec;
Lincoln Public Officials

Date: March 7, 2024

Re: Woods Tennis Assoc proposal & projected impact on natural resources

From: Juanita Rice, PhD

619 S 30th St, Lincoln 68510 (30th & J in Woods Park Area Neighborhood).

I am grateful to Lincoln Parks and Recreation for many many provisions, including prairie native plantings and especially mulch circles around trees to save them from mower damage. But this memo is to call your intention to some inevitable negative consequences if the Woods Tennis proposals to encroach further on Woods Park were to be approved. These consequences are environmental and I have not heard them addressed so far in the debate. I wish I could make them as vivid to you as they are to me. Please lend this memo your thoughtful consideration.

The most fundamental issue is quite simply increasing impermeable surfaces: paving and buildings that cannot absorb water. This describes an essential characteristic of roofs, sidewalks, parking lots, streets, driveways and hard-surfaced tennis and basketball courts. Let me use the word "hardscapes" to refer to all such surfaces. Hardscapes exaggerate whatever weather they inhabit: they reflect and magnify heat or cold, and we know that climate change means more and more weather that is already extreme: hot vs cold, wind vs stale air (heat and smoke inversion), rain vs drought. Living landscapes have the opposite effects: they do us the immense favor of modifying weather.

Moreover, and of critical importance for a dense hilly neighborhood, hardscapes repel water, increasing the volume and intensity and pollution of run-off and its negative impacts. Every SQUARE FOOT OF HARDSCAPE REPELS MORE THAN SIX (6) **GALLONS** of water per **ONE INCH OF RAIN**. For every inch of rainfall there will be an increased run-off of **SIX HUNDRED GALLONS** of water for every 100 square feet, a rectangle only ten feet on a side. Five hundred square feet equals **3,000 gallons**. One acre = **27,154 gallons**. Two acres = **54,308 gallons**. Turning two acres of porous grass-covered soil into hardscape means turning more than 54,000 gallons of water running off downhill into neighborhoods south and west of the park **per inch of rain**.

Suppose we get three inches and more of rain (which is hardly extreme): the proposed 2 acres times ¾ foot equals ½ acre-foot or 195,510.8562; **nearly 200,000 gallons** of water RUN-OFF. This is serious business. And sometimes that three inches comes in an hour or two.

Consequences of such run-off:

1. Flooding basements, eroding gardens and yards. Such property damage is not some "small sacrifice."
2. Increased downhill spill of automotive and human waste (cigarette butts, leaking oil, plastics, etc.) from more parking and driving areas.
3. Thousands of gallons more of what had been fresh water flowing into our sewer systems.
4. Further flooding of downhill (southwest) park areas like the volleyball sandlot and trees in flatter areas. Since the big metal tennis barns were built just a few years ago the southwest downhill area has been flooded regularly, even pooling water on the paved walkways-- run-off that is also eroding the park's grassy slope hill. One of my favorite benches is often situated in a pool up to an inch deep. That can't be good for the trees or grasses down there, or for the metal bench. Or for park users who have to wade through the water.

Green expanses do much more than sequester and preserve water. They cool and humidify the air above them, and actually create small hydrologic cycles. The roots of green plants do "plant" carbon in the soil, thereby extracting it from the atmosphere and sequestering it. Every single tree is a living carbon sequestration. Each tree that dies releases carbon into the atmosphere whether it is burned, chipped, piled up or buried. And the carbon is also in roots, twice the size of the tree we see above ground. A streetside "planter tree" is not even half as effective and does nothing for water cycles and is irrelevant to mention in the same breath as trees in green grassy areas where they belong. Ever sit and read beneath a planter in a parking lot?

And, finally, that which enables all animal life, including human beings: the "green" that is not just a color but a process which seems to be unique in the universe. Earth would have no oxygen for animals to breathe were it not for a small miracle called **photosynthesis**: the process whereby green plants, as living beings, use sunlight to EXTRACT CARBON from the atmosphere and PRODUCE FREE OXYGEN. There is no other atmospheric source of oxygen in air.

This is just science. These facts have no opinion or prejudice about a particular human sport called tennis. The facts persuade me that the more green space on earth and the less impermeable hardscape the better. We need to concentrate our impermeable surfaces in areas of city blight where green space is already impacted: e.g., redevelopment of abandoned buildings where there is already plenty of parking space and traffic and artificial light. Downtown? Near the UNL campus? The Telegraph redevelopment which is already in central traffic area?

When tennis was an outdoor sport, it made sense to build the courts in the open space of a park, but indoor tennis is really an ugly and cruel incursion on the very nature of a park, and taking park space for cars is even more misguided.

It is my considered opinion that we really must not expand environmental blight by killing forty mature and healthy trees (or 38 or 30 or any) and destroying the coherence of rooted grassy expanses. We should not impinge further on the breath-taking and breath-giving presence of green horizon profiles. Our love of nature is not just an aesthetic sense: it may well be the remnant of a wise appreciation of earth's green processes upon which our lives depend.

Opinions about tennis are unimportant and irrelevant when it comes to the costs of the climate disaster already upon us. Two weeks ago, in mid-February in Lincoln we witnessed eighty-degree days and non-freezing nights with the soil already UNFROZEN. Now this first week of March we are running more than ten degrees warmer than average or expected. Climate change is here, now, not in some distant and fuzzy future possibility. All plants are stressed from these irregular extremes: grass, shrubs, and the precious trees of our Historical Bur Oak District. We should not be replacing green parks in town but doing everything we can to preserve that which makes Lincoln a city of trees, one of its most valuable features. Just casually let me throw out a fact which science confirms; that the presence of grass and space and trees leads to a reduction in both violent and property crimes. Maybe it's all that fresh oxygen!

Tom J. Beckius

From: Joyce McNeil <jmcneil5169@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 8:49 AM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Woods park meeting

I attended the meeting and I am against the expansion.

I have learned lots upon attending this meeting.

From what I got out of those who were for it was all about the friends they met there. Well my thoughts is why doesn't the Woods Park organization use there money and put more tennis courts elsewhere and make friends there. We are happy to be the template for such a friendly good place just leave our area as that kind of area alone.

Buildings can be built faster then trees can grow in our park.

The city is quick to build softball and soccer fields all over the city. Like the new area at 1st and corn husker. A perfect opportunity to embrace this area and make a tennis family there.

My granddaughter played soccer at the area clear south and west and I had to travel there.

So if a new place was.built people will go there if want to play somewhere else.

Traffic is terrible on 33rd Street now.

Multiple accidents on 33rd and Randolph.

Please keep our park in the middle of our city a park not a tennis.park.

Where we can escape the concrete and crowd and enjoy the peacefulness.

Thank you

Joyce McNeil

833 South 33

Tom J. Beckius

From: Blaha blaha blaha Lumonitti <chosenlumonitti@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 1:46 PM
To: Council Packet

Emergency. I'm in omaha we have a dangerous emergency we have inhaled a magnetic string like chemical our body's are like we are puppets children have it too .it's flying things around in the air . It's killing g the birds. The poliece don't report it every one think someone is comming to help but no one is here. I can't believe it . I'm scared for my life I have never seen such goofball in my life to not have this on the news . Please come and see this and help us . Please we need help the citizens we need new leaders I mean I'm the only one complaining or what . This shouldn't be connected to our body's. I saw the chemical myself I know who had it and who has it now . Please I beg you I'm Deseret I feel the cops and city might turn on me . I'm kind of famous in omaha.

Please come see down town by cteighton everybody is watching it outside..

Tom J. Beckius

From: Everett Neighborhood <everettneighborhoodassociation@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 1:23 PM
Subject: ENA Meeting, Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, 7PM at Trinity Lutheran Church (724 S 12th St.)
Attachments: 3-19-2024 Agenda.pdf; February 2024 - MMTC Fact Sheet (Eng).pdf; February 2024 - MMTC Handout (Spa).pdf; 1-16-2024 ENA Meeting Minutes.pdf; ENA Projects Document.pdf

Hello, neighbors! We hope you've been enjoying this beautiful weather and spending time outside recently!

Please join us for our next Everett Neighborhood Association meeting! It is on Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 7PM at Trinity Lutheran Church (724 S 12th St.). Please enter using the "Office" door (off the parking lot, the door closest to 12th St.), where you will be directed to the meeting location. Please invite neighbors and try to bring at least one new neighbor to the meeting!

We will be joined at this meeting by Carla Cosier, the Assistant Director of Transit from LTU, who will share plans and answer questions about the development of a new multimodal transportation center.

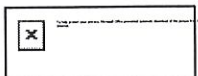
All Everett residents and business owners are invited to attend ENA's bi-monthly meetings.

The meeting agenda, the minutes from our January 2024, and a handout from LTU (in English and Spanish) are attached. Also attached is the ENA Projects list which will be discussed at the meeting.

If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda, please respond to this email with your request.

Note: If you wish to be removed from future ENA Communications, please reply with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.

See you soon!



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**Everett Neighborhood Association Agenda
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7pm - Trinity Lutheran Church, 724 S 12th**

Enter using the "Office" door off the parking lot. Proceed to the library.

Board Members in Attendance

President: Jeff Graham		General: Greg Baker	
Vice President: Vacant		General: Paula Baker	
Treasurer: Sue Landholm		General: Jeff Keidel	
Secretary: Darby Lytle		General: Bill Wood	
Membership and Communication: Bethany Gebers			

Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions - Jeff Graham
2. Police Report
3. Minutes Approval from 1-16-2023
4. Treasurer's Report - Sue Landholm
5. Mayor's Round Table canceled - no report
6. Carla Cosier, Assistant Director of Transit to discuss the new multimodal transportation center
7. 11th Street Resurfacing
8. Meeting with Michele LaBar (ENA member) regarding a plan to help rekindle interest in ENA within the neighborhood - Bethany and Jeff
9. Next Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 724 South 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508