

# **Directors Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, April 22, 2024, 2:00 p.m.**

**555 S 10th Street – City Chambers**

- I. Open Meetings Law Announcement**
- II. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2024**
- III. City Clerk 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 – May 6, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

## **City Correspondence**

Jennifer T. McDonald –Administrative Approvals

Wynn Hjermstad – Lincoln Emergency Communications Center Open House tomorrow

## **Constituent Correspondence**

Syr Fleur – The Death of George Little Jr.

Maureen Honey – Woods Park Tennis Expansion Proposal

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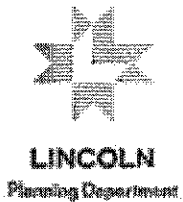
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**From:** Jennifer T. McDonald  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 1:57 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** David R. Cary; Steve S. Henrichsen  
**Subject:** Administrative Approvals

Hello. There were no Administrative Approvals for this week.

Thank you,



**Jennifer McDonald**  
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**From:** Wynn S. Hjermstad  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 5:11 PM  
**To:** Wynn S. Hjermstad  
**Subject:** Lincoln Emergency Communication Center Open House tomorrow  
**Attachments:** LECC Open House 2024.png

Good afternoon, Neighborhood Leaders and Representatives. At the last Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable meeting, LPD Chief Michon Morrow presented on her vision for the Lincoln Police Department. Questions were asked about the Communications Center and if tours are possible (they are!) it is timely that the Lincoln Emergency Communication Center (LECC) is having an open house tomorrow, April 16<sup>th</sup>. See the attached flyer for information about presentations throughout the day. Sorry for the short notice on this, hope many can attend and witness firsthand the amazing work they do!

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Communications Center

# NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, **16** 12:00 PM -  
April, 2024 7:00 PM

Refreshments and Tours with the LECC  
1200-1400

Prepared Live Presentation and Q&A  
1400-1500

CenterPointe Outreach Team Meet and Greet  
1500-1600

LECC Recognition  
1600-1700

Meet your LECC Supervisor Team Ceremony  
1700-1800

Additional Tours  
1800-1900

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**From:** Syr Fleur <Syr.Fleur@proton.me>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 3:51 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** The Death of George Little Jr.

George Little Jr was murdered in downtown Lincoln for being a Black man.

What are we going to do as a city to address gun violence that disproportionately affects Black and Brown bodies?

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**From:** Maureen Honey <mhoney@unl.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:52 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Cc:** Maureen Honey  
**Subject:** Woods Park Tennis Expansion Proposal  
**Attachments:** Letter to City Council, Parks Advisory Board.docx

Dear City Council Members,

Attached please find my letter concerning the proposed Woods Park Tennis Expansion about which I have concerns. I'm a longtime homeowner resident of the East Lincoln-Elm Park Historic Landscape District and have visit the park on a regular basis. It's a short walk away from my home. Thank you very much for reading my letter, and please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Dear Parks Advisory Board and City Council:

I urge you not to adopt the proposed tennis expansion plan unless it's amended to be in compliance with the city's *Plan Forward 2050 Master Plan, approved in 2021*. Woods Park is defined as a Community Park in this Master Plan, and the expansion violates several Policies mandated for a CP. Primary among them is *Community Park Policies (P28), Action Step #4* in Section E5: Parks, Recreation and Open Space. It requires that a Community Park site "provide buffering between Community Park activities and adjacent residential areas to minimize traffic and noise impacts." (page 4.52) The expansion plan eliminates this required buffer zone on "J" and 33<sup>rd</sup> Streets. It eliminates the green space on "J" between the existing parking lot, ball park, pool, outdoor tennis courts and the adjacent Elm Park Historic Landmark District. All of the south buffer zone's well-established trees shading public sidewalks in or next to the park are slated for removal or are endangered by the plan. On the park's east side, the vast majority of trees between the tennis courts, parking lot and 33<sup>rd</sup> Street will also be removed. A total of 44 out of the 54 trees slated for removal or endangerment are in this important buffer zone adjacent to the park's two very large residential areas. A shocking total of 65-70 trees will be removed from the southeast quadrant of Woods Park, all to accommodate the tennis center's desire for a vast new parking lot and 25 courts, a big increase from its current 18.

Secondly, the tennis center cannot host regional tennis tournaments according to Plan Forward 2050, something the expansion plan's supporters say it will allow them to do. Those can only be held in a Regional Park, like Jensen or the new Sports Complex to be built on Cornhusker Highway. I urge you to limit tournament play at the Woods Tennis Center to Lincoln area schools, which is what it hosts now.

If Action Steps for Community Parks and park definitions in the city's master plan are not adequately addressed by the proposed tennis expansion plan, and if City Council and the Parks Advisory Board won't enforce these rules, it will set a bad example for all of our city parks. It will severely impact surrounding neighborhoods. These definitions and Action Steps are there for a reason, one of which is pedestrian and neighborhood safety and well-being. Community Parks are multi-function green spaces that serve our community and adjacent residential neighborhoods in a variety of ways. All of these functions should be balanced with, not against, each other. To allow a privately funded tennis organization to radically transform Woods Park on its most densely populated boundaries, and in violation of Parks & Recreation's own policies, would violate the core purpose of a Community Park: the harmonious blending of green space, neighborhoods, and community activity. The Woods Tennis Center Association could amend its proposed court design in a variety of ways to design a less radical site plan in compliance with Plan Forward 2050. Please ask them to revisit how many courts they most urgently need, how many parking spaces they minimally must have, and where they can best put both to preserve crucial green space adjacent to the park's residential boundaries and its cooperative relationship with residents.

Maureen Honey

Woods Park Homeowner