

Directors Meeting Agenda Monday, May 6, 2024, 2:00 p.m. 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE Bill Luxford Studio

- I. Open Meetings Law Announcement
- II. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from April 22, 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 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

City Correspondence

Jennifer T. McDonald – Administrative Approvals Peter D. Hind – Final 2023 TIF Report

Constituent Correspondence

D'Arcy Blosser – Upcoming Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Robert Borer – say what?? Robert Borer – Re: Bena lies??

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From:

Jennifer T. McDonald

Sent:

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:59 AM

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

Administrative Aide II | Administration

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From:

Peter D. Hind

Sent:

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:49 PM

To:

Mayor; T.J. McDowell, Jr.; Jon D. Carlson; Council Packet

Cc:

Hallie E. Salem

Subject:

Final 2023 TIF Report

Attachments:

Final 2023 TIF Report 5.1.24.pdf

Good afternoon:

Please see the attached 2023 TIF Report. Hard copies have been sent to related governing bodies.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Peter



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Urban Development

Peter Hind, AIA

Director of Urban Development

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May 1, 2024

RE: 2023 Tax Increment Financing Report for the City of Lincoln

Dear Lincoln/Lancaster County Taxing Jurisdiction Member:

In March of 2018, Governor Ricketts signed into law an amendment to the Nebraska Community Development Law (Neb. Rev. Stat. 18-2101 et. seq.), which governs municipal tax increment financing ("TIF"). Neb. Rev. Stat 18-2117.02 now requires redevelopment authorities to make an annual report regarding TIF projects on or before May 1 of each year.

You are receiving this report because of your position as an official of a political subdivision for which taxes are being divided. The governing bodies receiving this report include:

- Lincoln/Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
- Lincoln Public Schools
- Education Service Unit #18
- University of Nebraska Lincoln
- Southeast Community College
- Lower Platte South Natural Resource District
- Lancaster County Assessor

For further information about TIF and how it is used in the City of Lincoln, please contact Peter Hind, Director of Urban Development, at 402-441-7126 or urbandev@lincoln.ne.gov.

Sincerely,

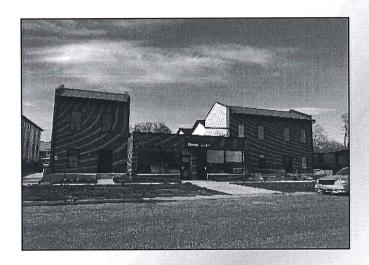
Peter Hind Director

Urban Development



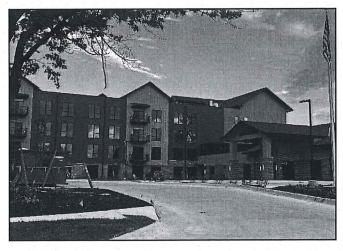
2023 Annual TIF Report

Prepared by City of Lincoln, Urban Development Department May 1, 2024









Introduction

The City of Lincoln Urban Development Department serves as Lincoln's Community Redevelopment Authority. Developers seeking the use of Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") are guided by Urban Development Department staff through an extensive process of review involving multiple City departments, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission, City Council, and the Mayor. In addition to being evaluated based on zoning regulations, land utilization, and compliance with *PlanForward: 2050 Comprehensive Plan*, TIF projects must meet criteria stated in the Nebraska Community Development Law and the *City of Lincoln TIF Policy*. The City of Lincoln TIF Policy divides projects into Core and Outer areas, each of which have additional requirements.

Core TIF Requirements

In addition to being in an area declared blighted and substandard, all Core Area TIF Projects must be located inside the 1970 Lincoln corporate boundaries. Areas outside the 1970 boundaries must be declared extremely blighted to qualify as Core Area TIF. The Project must achieve *at least one* of the following goals:

- Benefit low and moderate-income people or areas.
- Redevelop a building or site that displays a preponderance of substandard conditions or blight as defined by Nebraska state law.
- Redevelop a site that has displayed a pattern of declining real property assessments, as measured by the Lancaster County Assessor's Office.
- Rehabilitate a designated city landmark, a building listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or a building located within a local landmark district.
- Show exceptional potential to attract additional reinvestment in adjacent blighted or substandard areas.
- Substantially improves the energy efficiency of an existing building.
- Develop new housing opportunities, including affordable housing.
- Relocate an existing business from an area where it is incompatible with existing or proposed zoning, improves traffic flow, and/or, addresses other conflicts that require relocation.
- Supports the location of a new business or the expansion of an existing business that adds to Lincoln's existing tax base.
- Contributes to the solution of a unique public problem that may not otherwise be resolved within the timeframe or in the manner necessary to meet a public service or public facility need.

If the project is in an area designated extremely blighted, projects may be eligible to use the extended repayment period of up to 20 years, if the project meets certain goals, including providing additional support toward access to affordable housing and improving floodplain resiliency of the redevelopment site.

Outer TIF Requirements

All Outer Area TIF projects are located in blighted and substandard areas outside the 1970 Lincoln corporate boundary and not classified as extremely blighted. Outer TIF projects are generally located near the City's perimeter and are usually unimproved areas that lack infrastructure, which stymies private redevelopment. Outer Area TIF Projects should achieve *at least one* of the following goals:

- The project involves a new business or the expansion of businesses that increase Lincoln's existing tax base by generating new primary employment. (Primary employers are businesses that have out-of-county sales greater than 50% of their total sales and will have a median wage for its new employees equal to or in excess of 105% of the average starting wage for Lancaster County.) The City, in furtherance of appropriate growth, may include adjacent or nearby sites in a project area in addition to the primary employer's site.
- The project relocates an existing business from an area which is incompatible with existing or proposed zoning, improves traffic flow, or addresses other conflicts that require relocation.
- The project extends public infrastructure and/or public services identified in an approved City Plan, but for which funding has not been identified.
- The project improves the availability of affordable housing.
- Contributes to the solution of a unique public problem that may not otherwise be resolved within the timeframe or in the manner necessary to meet a public service or public facility need.

Four Phases

To successfully comply with Nebraska Community Development Law and City process, both Core and Outer Area projects generally move through four phases:

Phase One: Be located in an area officially designated as blighted and substandard.

Phase Two: Be part of an officially approved redevelopment plan, which includes acknowledgement that the project would not be feasible without the use of TIF.

Phase Three: Complete an officially approved redevelopment agreement that delineates the public improvements to be funded using TIF.

Phase Four: Upon substantial completion of the redevelopment project, Urban Development staff send a "Notice to Divide" to the Lancaster County Assessor who then begins to separate the TIF funds from the property taxes paid.

In Lincoln, Phases One and Two include notice to the public and to taxing authorities, review by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission, and approval by City Council and the Mayor. Phase Three is reviewed and approved by City Council and the Mayor.

To meet statutory requirements outlined in the Nebraska Community Development Law, this report includes information on the following: percentage of the City designated as

blighted/substandard, current redevelopment projects for which an agreement has been approved, and submitted notices to divide. For additional information, please review a similar report completed by the Nebraska Department of Revenue.

2023 TIF Activity

Blight and Substandard Designation: City Council adopted three new blighted and substandard areas in 2023: Industrial Avenue Redevelopment Area; 56th, 70th, and Fletcher Redevelopment Area; and, College View Redevelopment Area. The Kinney Industrial District Redevelopment Project is located in the Industrial Avenue Redevelopment Area; all other 2023 proposed redevelopment projects were in areas already designated as blighted and substandard. Within Lincoln's city limits, approximately 7.36% of the area is designated as blighted and substandard (not also extremely blighted) and counts towards our maximum cap of 35%. Nebraska Revised Statutes section 182103 states that areas which have been designated as extremely blighted do not count toward a city's maximum blight percentage.

Redevelopment Projects: In 2023, nine redevelopment agreements were approved.

- Lincoln Logistics
- Foxtail Meadows Phase I
- Lincoln Bold
- Union at Antelope Valley
- 27th and Starr
- NW 48th and Holdrege
- North Haymarket Arts and Humanities Center Phase III
- Epworth Church
- Kinney Industrial District

2023 Notices to Divide: In 2023, 15 Notices to Divide were processed.

- Cotswold Building
- Sharp Building
- 2 Landmark Centre
- Central Lumber
- Antelope Square Apartments
- Revolution Wraps
- Instinct
- 23rd and Y
- Sky Park Apartments
- CenterPointe South Street
- Pedestrian Crossing and Van Dorn Park Enhancement
- Atrium

- Hepburn Square
- Tabitha
- Telegraph Lofts West

Completed TIF Collections

The collection on five projects were completed in 2023: Turbine Flats, Sawmill Building, Rosewood Hotel, Perot Systems, and Lincoln Flats/Bank of the West.

Overview of Active TIF Projects

As of December 31, 2023, there were 111 active TIF projects in the City of Lincoln, 95 of which are collecting divided taxes. See the attached table for details on active projects, including approved TIF investment, private investment, total project costs, estimated value, and 2023 TIF district assessed value for each TIF district, as applicable.

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From:

D'Arcy Blosser <darcy.blosser@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 26, 2024 9:42 AM

To:

Council Packet

Subject:

Upcoming Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Attachments:

One World, One Song 2024 Poster.pdf

Hello Council Members!

In the last couple of weeks you should have received an invitation to attend the 40th Annual Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast which is coming up May 2, 2024 - doors open at 7:30 a.m. for a vegetarian breakfast, program begins at 8 a.m. and should conclude by 9 a.m. I just want to follow up the mailers with a personal invitation to be part of this event that brings folks together from diverse faith groups in Lincoln to celebrate our oneness as humankind.

Reservations can be made on Eventbrite, accessed through <u>lancasterfaith.org</u> the website of the Faith Coalition of Lancaster County. The cost is \$30 per person. This 40th anniversary breakfast will feature the debut of a new musical composition, "Love For All" and will highlight how music can bring us together. I believe it will be a powerful message.

I hope to see many of you there! Thanks! D'Arcy Blosser 402-429-6902

Attachment: Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Poster

ONE WORLD, ONE SONG

Mayor's Interfaith Prayer BREAKFAST 40th Anniversary Pove For All

"Lincoln has a legacy of coming together to put the "unity" in community. Our Interfaith Prayer Breakfast is one of the most enduring. Please join in this exclamation of our commitment to peace, love, reconciliation and community."

Mayor Leirion Gaylor Baird

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Thursday, May 2, 2024

Doors Open & Breakfast served: 7:30 a.m. Program: 8:00 a.m. Adjourn: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel

Lancaster Ballroom

333 S 13th St. Lincoln, NE 68508

REGISTER AT: www.lancasterfaith.org



Come and revel in the world premiere of "Love for All." This new original composition captures the deep tradition of every culture and faith throughout history to express themselves in chants, melodies and hymns. "Love for All" was Commissioned for our 40th Anniversary celebration. Sullivan Dutra, the composer, has brought to life the vision of our Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. He is a celebrated Brazilian composer of Portuguese ancestry who is Minister of Music at Union College. "Love for All" is sure to fill you with

hope and joy!!

From:

Robert Borer <robertjborer@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 29, 2024 9:43 AM

To:

secrecy.and.lies.hide.corruption@ne.sos.gov

Subject:

say what??

Dear Friends,

Quoting:

~"... there are two electronic folders inside Dominion (and ES&S) software that electronic ballot images can be placed into. Votes are counted off these digital images, not off the paper ballots. Once converted to digital 1's and 0's, it is easy to change votes [and hence, the results]."

Vote-counting is a simple third grade process of addition. Software that is written to read ballot timing marks and voter selection marks, and perform simple addition on those voter selection marks, is not sophisticated software. Anyone who calls it "proprietary" is a snake oil salesman, i.e., someone engaging in deceptive marketing.

There is only one reason for shrouding cheap tabulator software and hardware in secrecy—to rig elections.

There is only one reason for preventing voters from accessing all ballots so they can verify an election—to protect a rigged election.

The wizard behind the curtain is a con man. It doesn't take but a small "Toto" to pull the curtain back.

Rigging elections is treason.

A nationwide, irrefutable exposé on the secret, fraudulent process we call "elections" is coming this year.

The MDM (misinformation/disinformation/malinformation) campaign of the deep state won't survive it.

Stay tuned.

Yours Truly

P.S. Every computerized tabulator has a backdoor.

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From:

Robert Borer <robertjborer@gmail.com>

Sent: To: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 3:31 PM lies@ne.sos.gov; sos@ne.sos.gov

Subject:

Re: Bena lies??

Attachments:

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Friends,

Someone sent me a typical Bena (deputy sos) response. See the attachment.

In that response, Bena claims it is against Nebraska law to hand count votes *unless the machines aren't working.* That is laughable and absurd. Bena is selling legal fiction. He's engaging in lawfare. His answer depends on his audience, and who he thinks he can intimidate. I was there a mere two years ago in a private meeting when he told a handful of senators that we did not have to use the machines.

That's the short answer to Bena's response.

The longer and more rigorous answer is below.

- 1) Unless someone is part of a scheme to commit election fraud, no state or County election officials can know for a fact *when* the computerized tabulators are working *properly* and *when* they aren't. Not without a full manual audit. Herein is the problem with computers. They can easily be programmed to work honestly in one precinct and/or race, and dishonestly in another precinct and/or race. And given that no one is allowed access to the secret tabulator software except the private vendor, no one in Nebraska state or County government can say with any authority when they are being used honestly and when they aren't. (And even if they could, things could change in a heartbeat with a hidden connectivity device or a thumb drive with hidden malware.)
- **2)** L&A testing proves nothing. As I said above, software can easily be written to commit fraud <u>after</u> the L&A testing. Software can easily be written to compartmentalize fraud by precinct or race. Again, the only way to know if a computerized tabulator has worked properly is to count all the votes by hand, and compare the hand count results with the computer count results.
- **3)** The tabulators have internal audit features that show the tabulator's work, but Bena refuses to allow Voters access to it. This is prima facie evidence that the machines are being abused to manipulate election results. There's no other reason for the secrecy. Vote-counting is a simple third grade process of addition. Software that is written to read ballot timing marks and voter selection marks, and perform simple addition on those voter selection marks, is not sophisticated software. Anyone who calls it "proprietary" is a snake oil salesman, engaging in deceptive marketing. So again, we have no way of knowing if the tabulator has worked properly or not, because the NIST-prescribed audit data that is meant for public consumption is not allowed to be reviewed by the owners of Nebraska's elections, i.e., Nebraska Voter-Taxpayers!! (Thanks, Bena. You should quit before you bury yourself any deeper.)

Note: Bena whines that election integrity advocates (which should be all of us, as who can say they

don't want verifiably accurate election results?) won't show him proof of fraud, but then he refuses to show us proof of accurate results. Bena is a one-man, sleight-of-hand clown show. He shrouds everything in secrecy. Again, there's only one reason for that secrecy—to hide fraud.

4) County election officials (commissioners and clerks alike) were elected (presumably) by the People of the County to administer "fair and open elections free from outside influence," on behalf of the People of the County, who pay their wages and benefits. They work for the People of the County. They took an oath to the People of the County when they took an oath to our Constitution. They don't work for Bena.

County election officials *have no way of knowing* if a private vendor with secret software and hardware is influencing/manipulating election results or not, unless they conduct a full manual audit. County election officials would be wise to exercise due diligence. Allowing election results to be rigged is a very serious crime. The only solution is to make certain that they are NOT rigged. There's only one way to do that. Hand count.

Secret software from a private corporation must be considered outside influence.

5) Nebraska law states that the Election Act "shall be <u>liberally construed</u> so that the will of the registered Voters is not defeated by . . . the conducting of any election or the certifying of the results of the election."

The will of all honest Voters is verifiably accurate results. Elections don't belong to the SoS office. They belong to the People.

- **6)** Our Nebraska State Constitution, the Supreme law of Nebraska, states that ". . . <u>there shall be no hindrance or impediment to the RIGHT of a qualified voter to exercise the elective franchise</u>." That RIGHT to exercise the elective franchise includes the RIGHT to cast votes AND the RIGHT to ensure that those votes are counted accurately.
- **7)** Bena tries, after every election, to gaslight (i.e., deceive) Voters with his fake precinct audits, which he calls "Mandatory Manual Audits." During these precinct "audits," a few races are selected to be counted manually. (If it's legal for Bena and County election officials to count votes manually, it's legal for We the People to do so as well. Bena and County election officials sit BELOW the People, in the Constitutional hierarchy.)

But again, counting three races in one or two precincts means nothing, as it is very easy to write software to compartmentalize election cheating.

Conclusion

Bena can't be trusted. The machines can't be trusted. Elections belong to our Counties.

The People demand a return to transparent and verifiable (hand-counted and video-recorded) constitutional elections before the general election.

The will of the People and our Constitution transcend the will of our rogue SoS office and Legislature.

"We, the people, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom," are standing up and taking back the right (and rights) that usurpers have hijacked (while we were busy working and paying their bills), namely the right to self-government (through verifiable elections).

To our Counties

Get ready. Hand counting is easy. It only takes third grade math. We have plenty of time. And we'll be happy to help.

Don't worry about the SoS office. Their job was never to micromanage, but simply to ensure that our county elections were honest and verifiably accurate, which they have failed miserably to do. We'll be glad to show them how it's done **and to show all our work.**

In the Cause of Liberty and Justice for ALL,

Yours Truly

Bcc'd: SoS Office, Hamilton County Clerk, misc "friends"

Subject: Hally Coull

Date: March 14, 2022 at 12:29:05 PM CDT **To:** "Gregg Kremer" <<u>gk@hamilton.net</u>>

Gregg,

unless the counting machine is not working. Even It is against state law to hand count the ballots in that even we would send in a technician or another scanner to complete the count.

Hope this helps

Deputy Secretary of State of Nebraska Ploations Division Wayne Bena