

MEETING RECORD

NAME OF GROUP:

PLANNING COMMISSION

DATE, TIME AND

Wednesday, January 18, 2006, 1:00 p.m., City

PLACE OF MEETING:

Council Chambers, First Floor, County-City Building, 555
S. 10th

ATTENDANCE:

Roger Larson, held January 4, 2006. Motion for approval made by Strand
by Carroll and carried 8-0: Carlson, Carroll, Esseks, Krieser, Larson, Strand, Su
Taylor voting 'yes'; Pearson absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARING & ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:

**CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 05078,
TO AMEND TITLE 27 OF THE
LINCOLN MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING
TO THE THEATER POLICY.
PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

January 18, 2006

Members present: Taylor, Esseks, Sunderman, Strand, Carroll, Larson and Carlson;
Pearson absent.

Staff recommendation _____: Denial

Ex Parte Communications: None.

Additional information submitted for the record: Brian Will of Planning staff submitted a letter in opposition from the Near South Neighborhood Association, and a corrected ordinance to adjust the effective dates and other corrections to make the ordinance language consistent, i.e., the definition of “theaters” has been changed to “indoor movie theaters”.

Proponents

1. **Jon Camp**, member of the **Lincoln City Council**, appeared as the applicant. He stated that he comes with mixed feelings because last summer there was an issue before the Council in regard to the expansion of multi-plexes. Based upon the discussion at that time, Based uupn the discussion at that time,

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would change. In that manner we, as a city, reaffirm our current policy for seven years to promote and assist Downtown Lincoln to help it continue to revitalize itself. At that time, he believes the existing polic

As far as allowing potential developers to make their plans in advance, Larson asked Camp whether he was referring to the multi-plex or six-plex. Camp indicated he was talking about both. He would like to see a six-plex built in north Lincoln. If there is no definite policy, he believes the site in north Lincoln becomes subject to an annual challenge, and he believes that will tend to “chill” private investment in some six-plex complex.

If this is approved, Larson thinks it appears that someone who was planning a six-plex might back off because he knew there could be multi-plexes anywhere. Camp suggested that the result might

Taylor inquired as to how that would help the Downtown. Camp suggested that we need to

Carroll asked

Theatre. Future tax assessment on the Grand Theatre would then go to the variety of taxing authorities. That schedule has nothing to do with the Downtown theater policy; however, the language read into the record also ~~the effect~~

Esseks is pleased that Camp brought this issue to the Planning Commission. Whenever a business or a particular interest has a privileged position, the benefits to the community should be evaluated. But he feels he has to vote to deny because the evidence is not before the Planning Commission that this

pedestrian sidewalk requirement running between the back yards of four lots. Some of the

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Strand stated that she supports the waiver because these pedestrian easements are not popular. They are typically on cul-de-sac type streets where the property owners do not want them and they continue to ask