

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE

Via Zoom Monday, July 10, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions; Volunteer to Take Notes

Tracy Corr, Chair, opened the meeting at 5:30 and led introductions. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

Attendance

Neighborhood Associations:

- Tracy Corr – Chair and 40th & A
- Gloria Eddins - Clinton
- Richard Piersol – Country Club
- Karen Dienstbier - Eastridge
- Paul Johnson - ECCO
- Andy Gueck – Indian Village
- Pat Bracken - Irvingdale
- Geri Cotter – Irvingdale
- Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane
- Mary Furnas – Rolling Hills Park Association
- Theresa Thompson – UPCO
- Fred Freytag - Witherbee
- Julie Flodman – Witherbee
- Randy Smith – Woods Park

Staff:

- Wynn Hjermsstad – Urban Development
- Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office

Additional Attendees:

- Tut Kailech – NeighborWorks Lincoln

Presenters:

- Steve Henrichsen – Planning Department

Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments:

Mayor Gaylor Baird was unable to attend today. Jon Carlson, Mayor's Deputy Chief of Staff, provided comments on her behalf:

- City Council voted to enact Collaborative Living ordinance this afternoon. No changes from original proposal from the Planning Commission.
- Water Conservation – Despite the rain, the City is still in voluntary conservation, not mandatory.

Lincoln Water System has free Conserve Water signs to show neighbors you are helping to conserve water. Please keep reminding people of the voluntary effort. See the banner on the front page of the City website. Fred commented that proper watering & mowing can maintain a healthy lawn. Watering well once a week should be adequate.

- Air Park Project: Grand opening NW 48th next Thursday. New community center and library.
- Resiliency Week is next week. Press releases will highlight local food sources, gardens, and readiness plan.

Planning Department Proposed Zoning Text Amendments – Steve Henrichsen, Development Review Manager, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department: 402-441-7491; shenrichsen@lincoln.ne.gov.
Neighborhood Support Services text amendments

- Neighborhood support services have been in use and allowed by special permit for many years. They include human, social, educational, counseling, health, and other support services provided primarily for the support of persons residing in adjacent residential areas, which occur frequently, and so require facilities in relative proximity to places of residence. They do not include residential or overnight accommodations.
- Currently they can only be located in an existing structure and adjacent to a park, school, religious assembly or neighborhood center. Change would eliminate these requirements due to organizations having problems finding suitable locations.
- Planning Commission voted to approve the change.
- Questions:
 - Special Permit? Still requires a special permit.
 - Providers needs have changed over time with need for specialized buildings to provide services.
 - Specifically prohibits services with overnight stays.
 - In front of City Council next week.

Additional text amendments in other areas of the zoning code being considered to clarify processes, edit outdated language, and improve development review (see attached).

- Early Childhood Care facilities – Changes zoning districts in which a facility can be located.
- Commercial Kitchens – Commercial Kitchens are small businesses that prepare food but do not have sit down/drive through service. No previous regulations.
- Alcohol Crafting zoning – small scale production and distribution of alcoholic beverages.
- Signs amendments and language changes

For more information about the additional text amendments, contact George Wesselhoft, Planner, gwesselhoft@lincoln.ne.gov, 402-441-6366.

Announcements:

- Disability Event - July 22-23 – Antelope Park, 2:00 PM – free sno-cones
- Witherbee – Ice Cream/swim party – August 6, 6 pm, Woods Park
- Eastridge – National Night Out. First Tuesday in August at Antelope Pool – will have a Food Truck.

- Parks and the Libraries have lots of events and activities going on through the summer.
- Streets Alive – UPCO neighborhood in September.
- Send Wynn any changes to neighborhood contacts.
- Lincoln was voted top 6 top-run cities in the United States

Next Meeting / Agenda (Monday, August 7, 2023 @ 5:30PM):

- Updates on street maintenance and water main projects were proposed.

Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Paul Johnson*