

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY

November 4, 2019

Tracy Corr opened the meeting on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, City/County Building, Lincoln, NE.

Attendance

Sixteen residents and seven City staff attended:

Tracy Corr – 40 th & A NA	Jeff Schwebke – Arnold Heights NA\
Jennifer Powell – Country Club NA	Paul Johnson – East Campus CO
Karen Dienstbier – Eastridge NA	Sue Burkey – Hartley NA
Andy Gueck – Indian Village NA	Dennis Hecht – Meadowlane Area RA
Mike DeKalb – University Place CO	Keith Roland – University Place CO
Bill Vocasek – West A NA	Fred Freytag – Witherbee NA
Russell Miller – Witherbee NA	Randy Smith – Woods Park NA
James Michael Bowers – City Council	Tammy Ward – City Council
Sarah Mason – Keep Lincoln-Lanc. Co. Beautiful	Lin Quenzer – Mayor's Office
Jon Carlson – Mayor's Office	Wynn Hjermstad – Urban Development Dept
Dessie Redmond – Planning Dept	Chief Mike Despain – Lincoln Fire & Rescue
Mayor Gaylor Baird	

Welcome & Introductions

Tracy Corr welcomed everyone and asked for introductions. Paul Johnson volunteered to take notes.

Mayor Gaylor Baird Comments

The ***Lincoln on the Move*** street project is under way. The Committee has prioritized this year's arterial & residential street repairs and construction.

The Mayor also talked about ***Lincoln Forward***, her initiative to encourage Lincoln's growth while maintain our quality of life.

Lincoln Fire & Rescue Updates

Chief Mike Despain, 402-441-7363; mdespain@lincoln.ne.gov

Chief Despain told the Roundtable about Lincoln's five new fire stations. The new stations (funded through a voter-approved bond issue) were built over the past eighteen months. The last station to be built, at 98th & O Street, is not quite ready, but the other four are. Thanks to the new stations, LF&R has decreased the time it takes them to reach service points, which improves their effectiveness and public safety.

The old, replaced stations would have required significant maintenance and renovation. Those properties will now be declared surplus and sold.

Q: At the time of the bond issue, it was stated that no new equipment would be purchased, but now new equipment is being acquired. Why?

A: Currently LF&R has 15 engines in the city, but only seven medical units. Medical units are revenue supported, not tax funded, and those are the units being purchased. The large engines get emergency personnel to the site more quickly. Eventually, two additional engines will be added to fully equip the new stations.

Q: Why do both engine & medical units respond to calls?

A: It takes four to six people to properly treat & transport a patient.

Q: How useful is PulsePoint?

FYI, from Wikipedia: "PulsePoint is a mobile phone application that allows users to view and receive alerts on calls being responded to by fire departments and emergency medical services. The app's main feature, and where its name comes from, is that it sends alerts to users at the same time that dispatchers are sending the call to emergency crews. The goal is to increase the possibility that a victim in cardiac arrest will receive CPR quickly."

A: If people are willing to help, it is a tool that helps them do so. Any CPR, no matter how effective, is better than none. Once heart compressions start, it takes about 40 seconds to get proper blood flow again. CPR training is available many places, including through the City website: lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: **CPR**. LFR has a few mechanical compression machines, but the machines are quite expensive.

Q: What is the Fire Department's policy on attending events?

A: LFR crews typically attend major events and school activities. Even while attending an event, the crews are still on call. Event planners need to remember that the engine may have to leave and accept that as a possibility. Some requested events are being denied due to training requirements. Each request is examined on a case by case basis. Requests to attend events are increasing about 3% per year although there is no specific public education funding.

A Roundtable attendee reported that, from their experience, LFR is currently refusing event invitations with no explanation. Chief Despain said he would look into that.

Minimum Residential Lots Amendment

Dessie Redmond, City Planner, Lincoln-Lancaster Co. Planning Department: 402-441-6373;
dredmond@lincoln.ne.gov

Dessie Redmond reviewed a proposed text amendment to the **Lincoln Municipal Code Section 27.72.020(c) Exceptions to the Minimum Lot Requirements Residential**. Where a vacant lot or tract of land is at least 40 feet wide and was final platted prior to November 2, 1953, the amendment would allow it to be used for a single-family dwelling; providing for certain stipulations and repealing Section 27.72.020 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

See Attachment 1. She noted some key points:

- The proposed text amendment is for currently platted lots, not new lots.
- Lots that formerly were owned by the same owner & had a house built overlapping the lot line are already currently allowed.
- The proposed change would remove a previous common ownership stipulation.
- The idea is that some older lots will become buildable. This primarily applies to older neighborhoods since time of the platting is limited to 1953 or earlier.

Question: Why is the proposed lot width minimum 40 feet rather than some other number?

A: Planning Department is seeking public comment which will help to determine the minimum lot width in the final proposal. Building setbacks and other requirements will not be changed.

Question: What was the reason for seeking a text amendment rather than a waiver?

A: Waivers only affect a particular project, but text amendments affect the entire city.

Announcements

- **Downtown Entryway Improvement Project Open House** – Property and business owners in and around O Street from 9th to 28th and 9th Street from K to the south end of the I-180 bridge are invited to an open house on Tuesday, November 12, at the Bourbon Theatre, 1415 O Street, at 3:00-5:30 pm. There will be a presentation at 3:30 pm. An additional meeting will be scheduled in December for residents in the area. **See Attachment 2.**
- **Prosper Lincoln 2019 Breakfast Summit** will be on Tuesday, December 17, 7:30 – 9:00 am, at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. Cost is \$10 per person/\$100 for a table of 10. Please register at my.lcf.org/summit2019 by December 1st. **See Attachment 3.**

- **Christmas Tea at Whitehall Mansion** will be on Saturday, December 14th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. This is a fundraiser to help preserve the mansion and its history. Donate \$25 and enjoy teas & treats and a tour.
See Attachment 4.
- **Neighborhood bylaw samples online** for neighborhood associations working on their bylaws – see “Neighborhood Association How To’s” at lincoln.ne.gov/city/urban/reports/pdf/NAHow2.pdf.
- **Safe disposal of household hazardous waste and unused medications** are concerns for every household, but especially important for seniors. For resources, schedules, and other information, see the Health Department website -- lincoln.ne.gov, keyword: *waste*.

Next Meeting/Agenda

- Next meeting will be December 9th, topic to be determined.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Johnson

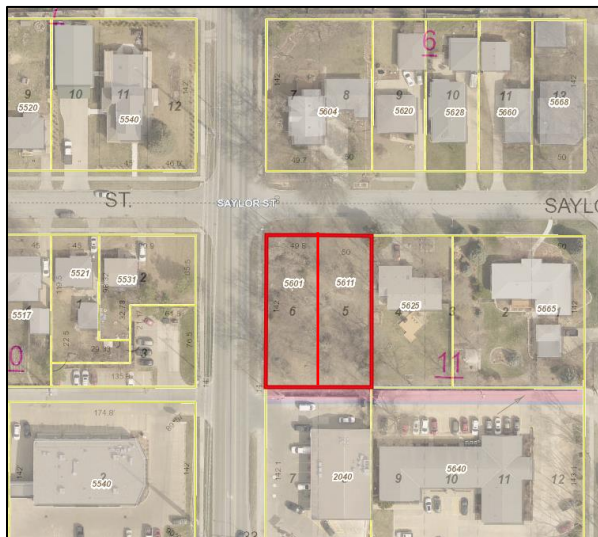
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LMC 27.72.020(c) Exceptions to the Minimum Lot Requirements Residential

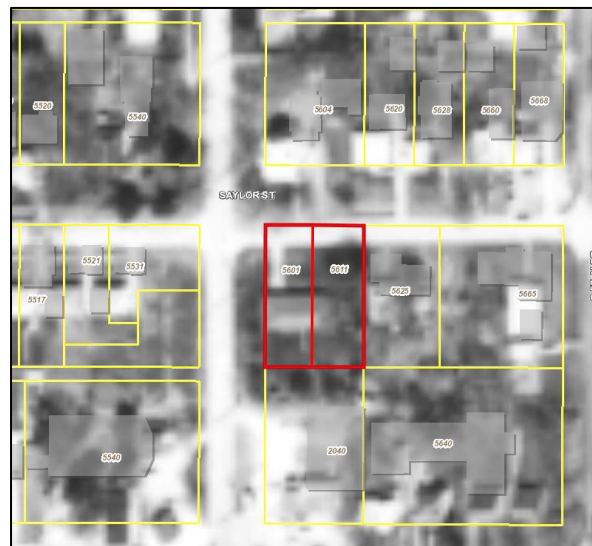
1. In the R-1 through R-4 zoning districts if a vacant lot or tract of land has less area or width or both less area and width than herein required, and is at least 40' wide and was final platted prior to November 2, 1953, such lot or tract of land may be used for a single-family dwelling provided that:
 - i. A side yard of at least five feet shall be provided when located in the R-1 district.
 - ii. Is at least 40' wide
 - iii. In addition, such lot or tract of land may be used for a two-family dwelling in the R-4 district.
2. In the R-5 through R-8 where a vacant lot or tract of land has less area or width or both less area and width than herein required, and is at least 40' wide and was final platted prior to November 2, 1953, and, the lot or tract of land may be used for a single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or for any non-dwelling use permitted in this chapter.

5605 Saylor St example

R-2 requires 50' minimum lot width. 5601 Saylor Street is 49.8' wide and was at one time under (1964) was under common ownership – therefore, it's an unbuildable lot.



1990s – Today: vacant



1964: existing residence over lot line

As currently written

c. Exceptions to the Minimum Lot Requirements Residential.

1. In the R-1 through R-4 zoning districts if a vacant lot or tract of land has less area or width or both less area and width than herein required and its boundary lines along their entire length abutted lands under other ownership on November 2, 1953, and have not since been changed, such lot or tract of land may be used for a single-family dwelling provided that:
 - i. A side yard of at least five feet shall be provided when located in the R-1 district.
 - ii. If the vacant lot or tract of land has less width than herein required and its boundary lines along their entire length abutted lands under other ownership on November 2, 1953, and have not since been changed, such lot or tract of land may be used for a two-family dwelling in the R-4 district.
2. In the R-5 through R-8 where a vacant lot or tract of land has less area or width or both less area and width than herein required and its boundary lines along their entire length abutted lands under other ownership on November 2, 1953, and have not since been changed, the lot or tract of land may be used for a single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling, or for any nondwelling use permitted in this chapter.

Chapter 27.72 HEIGHT AND LOT REGULATIONS

27.72.020 Height and Lot Regulations R-1 through R-8 Zoning Districts.

The maximum height and minimum lot requirements within the R-1 through R-8 Districts shall be as follows:

a. R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4 General Requirements. See Table 27.72.020(a) below:

Table 27.72.020(a) Maximum Height and Minimum Lot Requirements for the R-1 through R-4 Districts					
		R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4
Single-family Dwelling	Lot Area (sq. ft.)	9,000	6,000	6,000	5,000
	Avg. Lot Width	60'	50'	50'	50'
	Front Yard	30'	25'	20'	25'
	Side Yard	10'	5'	5'	5'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 20' or 20% of the lot depth			
	Height	35'	35'	35'	35'
Two-family Dwelling	Lot Area per Family (sq. ft.)	7,200	5,000	5,000	2,500
	Avg. Lot Width per Family	48'	40'	40'	25'
	Front Yard	30'	25'	20'	25'
	Side Yard (0' if party wall)	20'	10'	5'	5'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 20' or 20% of the lot depth			
	Height	35'	35'	35'	35'
Other Allowed Uses	Lot Area (sq. ft.)	9,000	6,000	6,000	5,000
	Avg. Lot Width	60'	50'	50'	50'
	Front Yard	30'	25'	20'	25'
	Side Yard	10'	5'	5'	5'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 30' or 20% of the lot depth			
	Height	35'	35'	35'	35'

b. R-5, R-6, R-7, and R-8 General Requirements. See Table 27.72.020(b) below:

Table 27.72.020(b) Maximum Height and Minimum Lot Requirements for the R-5 through R-8 Districts					
		R-5	R-6	R-7	R-8
Single-family Dwelling	Lot Area (sq. ft.)	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
	Avg. Lot Width	50'	50'	50'	50'
	Front Yard	20'	20'	20'	10'
	Side Yard	5'	5'	5'	10'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 30' or 20% of the lot depth			20'
	Height	35'	35'	35'	35'
Two-family Dwelling	Lot Area per Family (sq. ft.)	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,000
	Avg. Lot Width per Family	25'	25'	25'	25'
	Front Yard	20'	20'	20'	10'
	Side Yard (0' if party wall)	5'	5'	5'	10'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 30' or 20% of the lot depth			20'
	Height	35'	35'	35'	35'
Townhouses	Lot Area per Family (sq. ft.)	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,000
	Avg. Lot Width per Family	20'	20'	20'	20'
	Front Yard	20'	20'	20'	10'
	Side Yard (0' if party wall)	10'	5'	5'	10'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 30' or 20% of the lot depth			20'
	Height	35'	35'	35'	35'
Multiple-Family Dwellings and Apartment Hotels	Lot Area per Unit (sq. ft.)	1,500	1,100	700	550
	Avg. Lot Width	50'	50'	50'	50'
	Front Yard	20'	20'	20'	10'
	Side Yard (0' if party wall)	7' or 10' if over 20' in ht.		Total 15'; minimum 7' per side	10'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 30' or 20% of the lot depth			20'
	Height	35'	35'	45'	75'
Multiple-Family Dwellings and Apartment Hotels	Lot Area per Unit (sq. ft.)	1,500	1,100	700	550
	Avg. Lot Width	50'	50'	50'	50'
	Front Yard	20'	20'	20'	10'
	Side Yard (0' if party wall)	7' or 10' if over 20' in ht.		Total 15'; minimum 7' per side	10'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 30' or 20% of the lot depth			20'
	Height	35'	35'	45'	75'
Other Allowed Uses	Lot Area (sq. ft.)	5,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
	Avg. Lot Width	50'	50'	50'	50'
	Front Yard	20'	20'	20'	10'
	Side Yard	5'	5'	5'	10'
	Rear Yard	Smaller of 30' or 20% of the lot depth			20'
	Height	35'	35'	35'	35'



YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
**DOWNTOWN LINCOLN
ENTRYWAYS PRESENTATION**

TUESDAY, NOV. 12 • 13th & O • BOURBON THEATRE

OPEN HOUSE FROM 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM
(Formal Presentation @ 3:30 PM)

The City of Lincoln and DLA are developing a plan for improvements to the Downtown Entryways District on O Street and its adjacent blocks from 9th to 28th and on 9th and 10th from K Street to the start of the I-180 bridge.

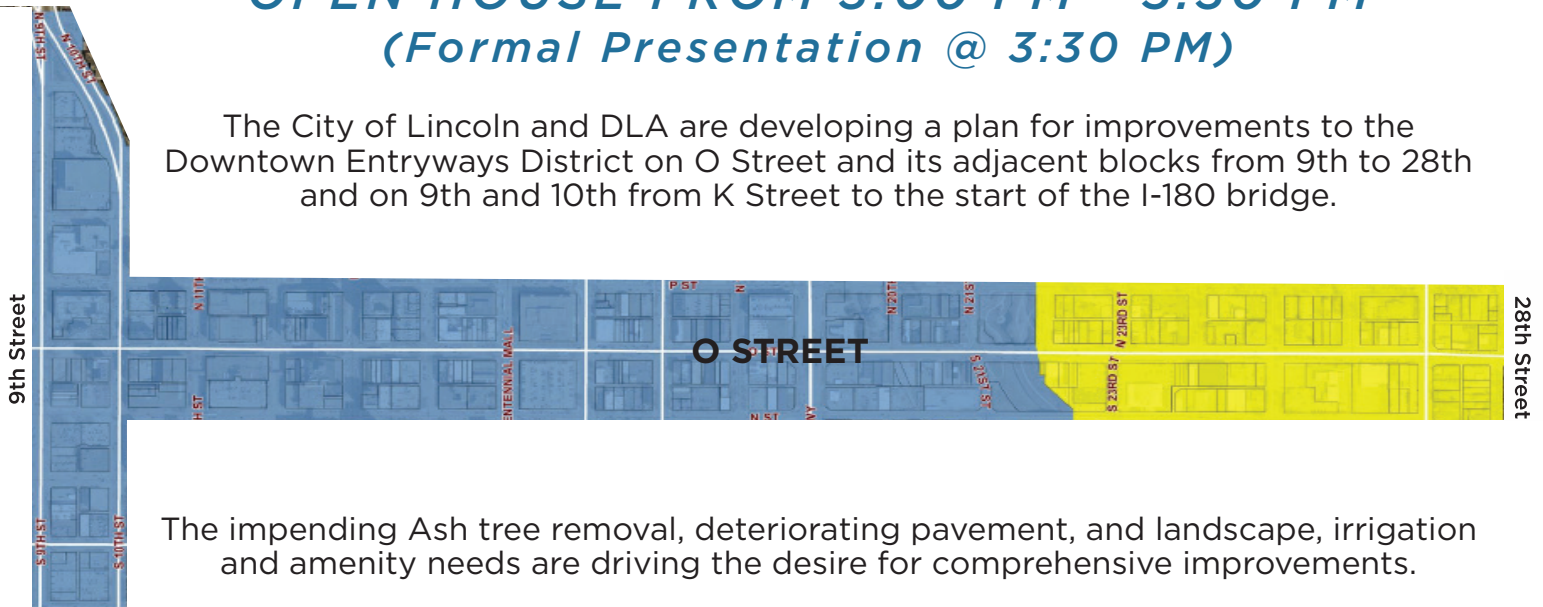
The impending Ash tree removal, deteriorating pavement, and landscape, irrigation and amenity needs are driving the desire for comprehensive improvements.

The City is looking to create a TIF district to help fund these improvements, and want to invite those located in and around the area to learn more and discuss priorities.

The 2018 Downtown Lincoln Master Plan, and the Antelope Valley Redevelopment Plan highlight several key catalyst projects, which this process could help bring to reality.

For more info email Hallie Salem at hsalem@lincoln.ne.gov -or- visit

www.EnterDowntown.com





Drum Roll Please...

Prosper Lincoln is about to embark on the next phase! **Join us for breakfast on Tuesday, December 17, 7:30-9:00 am** at Pinnacle Bank Arena for the Prosper Lincoln Summit and the release of the 2019 Lincoln Vital Signs.

Register at my.lcf.org/summit2019

What started as 2,100 ideas to address the 2014 Lincoln Vital Signs findings, turned into a focused community agenda to lift Lincoln higher. People from all sectors of our city have stepped up to make Lincoln even better. Much has been accomplished. The next phase deepens our focus on prosperity for all Lincolniters.

When we band together, amazing things are possible.

Prosper Lincoln Summit breakfast is \$10 per person or, if you want to sit with your friends, family and co-workers, \$100 for reserved tables of ten. Doors open at 7:00 am. **Please register by December 1.**





Join us for a
Christmas Tea
at the historic
Whitehall Mansion
Saturday, December 14, 2019
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a relaxing afternoon while supporting the Friends of Whitehall Mansion. Your tax deductible donation of \$25.00 per person includes a selection of teas and treats, and a tour of the mansion. Tea begins at 1:00 and the tour begins at 2:00.

**The Whitehall Mansion at 5903 Walker Ave. in Lincoln
is on the National Register of Historic Places.**

Seating is limited. Make your reservation at
WhitehallMansion.org/events or
call or text Stacey at 402-890-3193 by Dec. 13.

Friends of Whitehall Mansion is a non-profit organization interested in the architecture and history of the mansion, and of the people who have lived, learned and worked on Whitehall Campus.