SUPPORT

ITEM NO. 6.1b: COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06051
(p.127 - Public Hearing - 10/11/06)

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To plan@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Lincoln Needs

Asking For Some Support for Jobs for the Community

I would like to address some more benefits of building a Racing Facility in the Lincoln, area. I am in the construction field; there is always a need for the construction jobs.

I would hope that the local government will consider the construction of the racing facility for employment possibilities. There will be many phases that will go into the building of this.

It will provide work for many different construction areas. Including the construction the actual track to the restroom facilities, stands, concession areas, entrances, exits, and parking to name a few.

After construction and this begins to serve the community there will be jobs available to many youth employment. These are the opportunities which have proven to be a rare and competitive. These jobs would be available in concession, program sales, raffle sales, face painting, t-shirt sales, and many other possibilities.

I visited the State Fair on the racing events and there were many people enjoying themselves at the family events. Did anyone get a census on the amount of money the racing events profits? I supported the Nebraska State Fair through the car events. I believe that we need more of these family oriented opportunities for entertainment.

This could be an available site for many things as mentioned before in the Journal Star story. The swap meets, which I have attended that the admission is a can of food sponsoring food drives. Car shows, Special events, many that have had charitable functions sharing the location and the attention of the community. Fire fighters fund drives, Blood drives, Bake Sales, Lottery Ticket sales the list could go on and on. Let's get something near Lincoln to relieve the burden of our needs on the tax payers. I have heard a quote most recently. Referring to our local the local government I would hope to change the outlook of it. "Their intentions are not to plan to fail , but they may be failing to plan" Interesting when you think about it.

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Subject Support for a Drag Strip

I ask that you support the efforts to get a drag strip facility built in the Lincoln area. I understand that the city council and mayor's office don't have responsibility for approval of the permit to build the drag strip north of Lincoln. I ask that you look into the subject. The city of Lincoln is one of the biggest beneficiaries of this project through expanded sales tax collections and expanded opportunity for the residents of the city.

I am in support of the great opportunity that this development brings to the Lincoln area. The benefits to communities that have this type of facility is well documented. It brings in visitors, and encourages economic activity in the area. Racers buy parts and machine work at local businesses. Out of state racers stay in our hotels and restaurants, buy gas and shop in our stores.

I read that the Americruise event had about a $2,000,000 impact to the Lincoln economy. The drag strip that is proposed for Lancaster County could have 4 or 5 events of a size similar to and larger than Americruise, in addition to weekly racing for local enthusiasts. The impact for Topeka from their racetrack has been mentioned to be $34 million or more. The city developed that track, and has worked to expand the facility. The potential is enormous.

Economic development and local opportunities are big issues this election year. I ask that you look at this project and express your support to the County Board for building this Drag Strip facility.

Local business groups have expressed support. Lincoln has a very strong motor sports heritage and a large population of enthusiasts. This project can help set Lincoln apart from similar size cities.

We keep hearing about the need for a convention center. Do we need spend tax dollars to copy what others already have? Maybe. I also think Lincoln needs unique facilities that other communities can't offer. This Racing Facility is being built with private investment and will give Lincoln something to set it apart.

Encouraging projects such as this in the community can have ripple effects in Lincoln for economic development, business and job growth, and expanded entertainment opportunities.

Please show your support for this project to the Lancaster County Board.

Thank you,

Joel Ludwig
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Subject Comparison of track locations: Google Maps of Drag Strips in Urban areas

Here is an interesting comparison. I listed some links from Google Maps with satellite photos of other drag strips around the country. There are a couple more added on the nemotorplex.com website.

Copy the link to your Internet Explorer and click GO. Then zoom out to see the track location relative to the community around it.

Notice how close they tracks are to the city. Many are similar to the location north of Lincoln. There are also tracks that are basically at the city limits or surrounded by the city. An example is the first two in New Jersey and California. None of the tracks have hurt other development in the area. You can see the proximity of the neighboring cities.

All of these tracks are very successful, and have been welcome and operating in the communities for years, and even decades.

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This is the similar view for the track location north of Lincoln.
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It is similar to Gainesville, Brainerd and Joliet in distance from the city, and a little more rural than the others.

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Subject Support for Drag strip in Lancaster County Letter to Bob Workman

Bob Workman
District #5

Bob

Thank you for taking the time to visit with me about your position against building a NHRA drag racing facility on Friday July 28th. You had indicated to me that we were wasting our time on trying to promote and build such a facility at this location in Lancaster county. I would beg to differ, and would like to offer you some insight on why you should be in total support of this facility and what it could provide to Lincoln, Lancaster County and the state of Nebraska. This would be a facility that would benefit thousands of people and generate the much needed dollars that our state needs.

TOURISM DOLLARS NHRA Drag racing brings in millions of dollars to cities and local economies throughout the year. Racers and fans will travel long distances to attend such facilities. For documentation on this, one only needs to talk to our neighbors in Topeka KS and visit with their Chamber of Commerce and they will tell you how Heartland Park Topeka has brought millions of in and out of state dollars to their county. Bob, you yourself in a recent commissioners staff meeting on promoting economic growth had talked about Tulsa OK and Topeka KS on looking at what they are doing to sustain and promote economic growth.

BUSINESS/ECONOMIC GROWTH A drag racing facility would increase economic growth and create new businesses and job opportunities. The facility itself would require staff to operate the facililty which creates jobs, fans and racers attending the event would spend their dollars at hotels, auto stores, restaurants etc, local businesses would advertise more with sponsorship for the facility on radio, newspaper etc which creates more dollars (a lot of multi-state business advertising dollars comes from corporate which would bring dollars in to our state). Business growth would be huge, again as an example, look at Topeka and also the Kansas City Speedway, and look at the growth after it was built, retail giants Cabelas, Ne Furniture Mart and The Legends shopping mall with over 80 stores and restaurants were built after the track was put in.

ENTERTAINMENT A drag racing facility would provide an entertainment venue for a vast variety of people. This facility would be sanctioned by the NHRA and they have lots of marketing and information to document what their facilities provide. Drag racing is a very fan friendly sport and family orientated sport. Programs such at the JR dragster involving kids from ages 8 to 17 to provide young people an opportunity to compete with a small dragster in a

competitive controlled environment. Bob, I understand you have attended a NHRA race in Scribner NE and have witnessed the families and people that are involved with this sport and have commented on the benefits the facility was providing. What an opportunity for Lincoln to have this entertainment venue.

Bob, you and your fellow commissioners need to become very aware of the growing support to have such a facility here and the thousands of people it could benefit and the millions of dollars of revenue it could bring to our county. Yes, it will affect some of the neighbors in the area, it will affect someone anytime something else new is built in an area. I live in the area and know of a lot of people within 2 miles of the proposed site that are for the facility and know the benefits it could provide. This is the best site yet in relation to a recreational drag racing facility for access to major 4 lane road which is adjacent to I-80 which connects Lincoln and Omaha . All of your major retail, lodging and commercial areas are building along I-80 and having a track here would bring in new lodging and businesses to this developing area.

Bob, you really need to take a hard look at this issue and talk to businesses in Lincoln , especially businesses that are related to lodging, restaurants, north 27th businesses such as Husker Auto Group, and Ceresco businesses and you will find the growing support for this facility. I would also like to encourage you to talk to Greg Sanford about the facility that he is planning on building. You and your fellow commissioners just had a staff meeting on economic development on August 3rd, this is one issue that you all really need to look at. Bob, you mentioned Topeka KS and Tulsa Ok in this staff meeting, both of these localities have drag racing facilities, contact their local chamber of commerce and find out what their cities drag racing facilities have done for their counties.

Thanks again Bob for visiting with me on this opportunity and my hope would be for our communities sake that you will look in to how this facility could make a huge impact on bringing the much needed revenue into our state and how little it will cost if any to our local government. Again, I suggest you talk to Greg and find out what he has to offer. You and your fellow commissioners can make a difference in helping the community in building this race track. Feel free to contact me with any questions, don't miss this opportunity as our representative to the people to provide them with this facility.

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Subject Greg Sandford's request to build a local track.

I am writing to ask your support in building a ¼ mile Drag Strip near Lincoln.

I am an ordinary citizen, not a professional race car driver.

I am also a 47 year old man, not a teenager.
I enjoy having an area where I can legally drive my ordinary factory equipped Chevrolet Camaro to it's full performance potential.
I have been doing this since July 2000.
Since the local track at Scribner, NE closed last year, I have been traveling to Kansas City, MO or Kearney, NE or Pacific Junction, IA.

I would very much like to again enjoy a track closer to home.

Please lend your support and give Greg Sanford an opportunity to create a venue that we all can use and enjoy safely right here in Lincoln.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Comment or Question:
I am writing to let you know about how I feel about special permit SP06051 - Proposed Drag Strip in Northern Lancaster County.

First let me tell you that I am IN FAVOR of the drag strip.

I live 3 miles east of the Proposed Drag Strip. I am not concerned with the minimal noise that this strip will cause during the summer months. I have 2 boys that love cars. I would hope there will be a place for my kids to enjoy their summer nights instead of getting into trouble. In this day in age I would rather see my kids race cars at a sanctioned controlled event instead of illegal street racing or getting into drugs or other illegal activities.

My family heritage dates back to the 1800's where I live. I live here and would really like to see the construction of this! MY FAMILY SUPPORTS THIS -PLEASE SUPPORT THIS!

PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE DRAG STRIP!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject Proposed Drag Racing Facility in Lancaster county

I would like to express my support for building of an NHRA (National Hot Rod Association) sanctioned facility in Lancaster county. The benefits of building such a facility far outweigh any potential negatives. The income generated by the facility alone would be a great boost to the economy of the city, county, and state. If Nebraska and the city/county area is truly serious about promoting Nebraska and bringing new visitors to our state, then this opportunity must be recognized for the potential gold mine that it could become. The benfits include:

1) Increased tax revenues from events at the track which could include non-racing events such as car shows. An NHRA Division 5 major event usually brings between 300 to 400 cars to a two ro three day event. The entries will include Top Alcohol dragster and funny car teams that comprise 5 to 8 members that live off of the local economy for the event duration. If Top fuel teams show up, there will be a commensurate increase in spectator attendance. If an NHRA National event could be attracted to the area, that could bring thousands of visitors to the area for up to four days.

2) Local businesses that support the racing will potentially see increased revenues and new businesses will be encouraged to open. New racers will choose to enter the sport and will need to support the business infrastructure. Local business will be able to sponsor racers and advertise at the track. Check with Bandimere Speedway in Morrison, CO or O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis for the amount of revenues the realize.

3) Having a place to race will encourage people to go to the track instead of using the streets of Lincoln or the county roads to street race. The NHRA mandates a safe and controlled racing atmosphere and safety equipment for vehicles that attain certain levels of speed and elapsed times.

4) Noise can be controlled by muffling the cars and controlling racing times as is done in other locations. The racers will work to keep their track going.

Thank you,

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Subject Lincoln Needs a Motorsports Facility

Dear City Council Members

WOW, what an opportunity we have here with a private investor willing to build a NHRA Drag Racing Facility in Lincoln NE.

This individual has successfully operated the Nebraska Motorplex in Scribner NE and is now looking at our great town of Lincoln NE to finally bring a motorsports facilty to provide the economic impact that Lincoln, Lancaster and the State of Nebraska needs.

You council members are all aware of budget issues and programs being cut and right now we have a terrific opportunity to bring the much needed revenue to our area. We need to encourage any opportunity that can bring this much needed economic growth.

Motorsports is one of the fastest growing sports, one only needs to look at what Topeka has with Heartland Park Topeka with NHRA drag racing and what it brings to their local economy. Kansas Speedway is another example with retail giants Cabela's and Nebraska Furniture Mart and The Legends shopping mall with over 80 retail stores building next to the Speedway after it was built. Contact their local chamber of commerce to see what impact it has had to their communities. In fact the Kansas Speedway and its surrounding area is one of Kansas's top tourist attractions. Hasn't our local community grown tired of going to other states to enjoy themselves?

According to Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, Americruise has brought in over 2 million to the local economy for a 3 day event this past July. There are many more of these types of events that would even bring of this same dollar amount and more revenue for a week or weekend event if this facility was built. If the Nebraska Motorplex was built in our community, it could bring in these types of events that would bring revenue to our area. Events like Super Chevy, NMCA racing, NHRA divisional events, NHRA Jr dragster events for young folks 8-17 years old, National Tractor Pull events, and other events such as farmers markets, swap meets , car shows and other local and regional drag racing events.

Economic development and local opportunities are big issues this election year and having an opportunity that presents itself is to good to pass by. I encourage that you research this by contacting chamber of commerces in Topeka KS with Heartland Park Topeka, Kansas City with the Kansas Speedway and Brainard MN. Lets keep entertainment and tourism dollars here and bring in the much need outside tourism dollars to Nebraska.

I ask that you look into what a NHRA facility could do to our local economy, talk to our Lincoln

Chamber of commerce and business leaders and ESPECIALLY express your support to our County Board of Commissioners that we need this facility in Lincoln Ne before it is too late and the opportunity will be gone.

Local business groups and community leaders have already shown support for this, it is about time for you folks to do this as well.
Thank you for your time and consideration for looking into this great opportunity and please show your support to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners.

Thanks again and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject Future Proposal

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am writing to you to encourage you to support the drag racing facility being proposed by Greg Sanford of Lincoln. This is a facility we need and can benefit from. I am the past President of the Missouri Valley Timing Association and my organization built the original facility Scribner Raceway, now known as the closed Nebraska Motorplex. A new facility located near Lincoln will benefit all of the competitors and drag racing fans in eastern Nebraska and western Iowa. Our old facility regularly drew people from a 4 state region for our events and from all over the country for special events. Nebraska and Lincoln desperately needs those tourism dollars for our local economy for successful business and lower taxes. We now lose those dollars to other states with facilities located in Pacific Junction Iowa and Topeka Kansas. Nebraska now has only one operating drag racing facility located in Kearney. That facility does not have the resources to compete with the larger and newer operations in Iowa and Kansas. We have an opportunity to have a new competitive facility that will generate tourism dollars with out the need for tax payer dollars to be spent to develop and maintain it. Please support Mr. Sanford's proposal.

Thank you.
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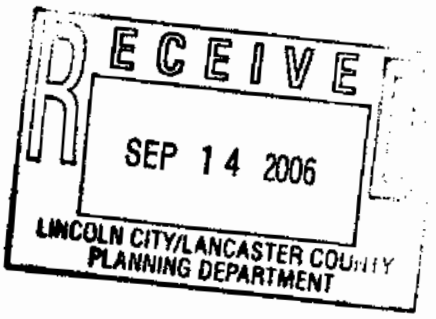

To whom it may concern:

I AM behind the construction of the motor-sport complex 100%!

Lincoln Nebraska and the surrounding Area Needs this privately funded facility desperately!

Noise concerns can be addressed by designing Dirt berms or barriers, as well as planting trees and or shrubs.

Look at the Southeast area of I-80 and I-180, where the Duncan residence is. They "Isolated" themselves from practically ALL traffic noise.

Motorsports Activities are Huge in Participation and Dollar Revenue generated, i.e. Heartland Park Topeka Kansas!

Will Be looking forward to your approval!

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I will be at the public hearing regarding this permit.

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To <pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov>, <jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov>, <jcook@lincoln.ne.gov>, <amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov>, <reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov>, <ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov>,
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Subject motorsport facility in Lancaster County

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I will be at the public hearing regarding this permit.

Sincerely

David Newman

1120 Salisbury CT #16

Lincoln, NE 68505

Justin Pfeiffer
<ljpfarms@yahoo.com>
09/15/2006 12:37 PM

To pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov, jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov, jcook@lincoln.ne.gov, amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov, reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov, ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov,
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Subject motorsport complex

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Sincerely

Justin Pfeiffer
4407 R Rd
Talmage Ne 68448
Technician

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To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>, <council@lincoln.ne.gov>, <commish@lincoln.ne.gov>, <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Please also forward to all planning commissioners...

Dear City Officials,

I am writing this email to show my support for Mr. Greg Sanford and the building of a NHRA drag strip. I am the owner of a automotive performance business, and was just wanting to email you all to let you know that on a business level as well as a personal level think something like this would be very great for our community and state. I believe this track would bring tax revenue into the town/state. Through the revenue from resturants, hotels, gas stations, and other local businesses. I would also like to tell you that my business ships out thousands of dollars in performance/race parts to surrounding states and citys that have such establishments and is continually growing due to the rapidly growing rate of the automotive racing sports industry. I am sure this establishment would help increase local business for other automotive businesses also which in turn would once again bring more tax revenue into the community. If any of you would like to contact me i have listed my personal cell phone number as well as personal email below. Please respond to this email when you have time to let me know that you have recieved it. Thanks for your time and consideration...

Sincerly,

Joshua Ekstrum

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"Bryan Bettey"
<bryanb1@gmail.com>
09/20/2006 03:31 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Drag strip

History: This message has been replied to.

I would like to express my support for building of an NHRA (National Hot Rod Association) sanctioned facility in Lancaster county. The benefits of building such a facility far outweigh any potential negatives. The income generated by the facility alone would be a great boost to the economy of the city, county, and state. If Nebraska and the city/county area is truly serious about promoting Nebraska and bringing new visitors to our state, then this opportunity must be recognized for the potential gold mine that it could become. The benfits include:

1) Increased tax revenues from events at the track which could include non-racing events such as car shows. An NHRA Division 5 major event usually brings between 300 to 400 cars to a two ro three day event. The entries will include Top Alcohol dragster and funny car teams that comprise 5 to 8 members that live off of the local economy for the event duration. If Top fuel teams show up, there will be a commensurate increase in spectator attendance. If an NHRA National event could be attracted to the area, that could bring thousands of visitors to the area for up to four days.

2) Local businesses that support the racing will potentially see increased revenues and new businesses will be encouraged to open. New racers will choose to enter the sport and will need to support the business infrastructure. Local business will be able to sponsor racers and advertise at the track. Check with Bandimere Speedway in Morrison, CO or O'Reilly Raceway Park in Indianapolis for the amount of revenues the realize.

3) Having a place to race will encourage people to go to the track instead of using the streets of Lincoln or the county roads to street race. The NHRA mandates a safe and controlled racing atmosphere and safety equipment for vehicles that attain certain levels of speed and elapsed times.

4) Noise can be controlled by muffling the cars and controlling racing times as is done in other locations. The racers will work to keep their track going.

Thank you,

Bryan Bettey
2418 Calumet CT
Lincoln, NE 68502
402-805-4009

"Ben Schiltz"
<ben.schiltz@gmail.com>
09/20/2006 09:08 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
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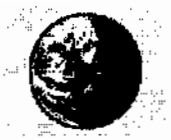
Subject Nebraska Motorplex race track

Hello,
My name is Ben Schiltz and I am writing this letter for show my support for the proposed racetrack north of Lincoln. As a youth I sometimes have a hard time finding safe, legal, and affordable activities to fill my free time outside school and work, especially on the weekends. I often find myself sitting with several friends in one of our basements' doing nothing and wishing there were more activities for youth in Lincoln.
One of the major issues surround the proposed racetrack is illegal street racing. While I've never raced on the streets, I know several of my peers have and do. When I asked them why, most of them said it's because they have nowhere else to go to race, especially with the close of the racetrack in Scribner, NE. I believe opening this track would greatly reduce the organized street racing in Lincoln by offering a safe and legal place for people to compete.
I believe this track would offer a safe, legal, and exciting place for the youth and adults of Lancaster county and ask you to approve Greg Sanford's application for a racetrack near Lincoln.
Thank you for your time,
Ben Schiltz



brad schuch
<bdschuch@yahoo.com>
09/21/2006 08:44 PM

To To=plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject drag strip

i'm in favor, i would visit your city and spend my money there. please concider the income for the other local businesses. This is also a family sport !!

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Get on board. You're invited to try the new Yahoo! Mail.

"Vicki" <vickim86@cox.net>

09/21/2006 07:39 PM

Please respond to <vickim86@cox.net>

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>

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Subject Proposed dragsrtip in Northern Lancaster County - SP06051

I am e-mailing in support of the proposed dragsrtip in northern Lancaster County - SP06051. I am a member of the NHRA and a drag racing participant living in Omaha. NHRA drag racing is a well organized family activity. In addition to organized racing, dragstrips hold "test and tund - street" events that allow anyone whose car passes a safety inspection to run their car in a safe environment. Association withe the NHRA is a key element in the proposal. The NHRA is a long standing organization (50 years +) dedicated to safe participant motorsports. The NHRA has inititiated classes and activities for younger enthusiasts including Jr dragster for pre-teens and teens to participate with their family and for the "Tuner" type vehicles to actively solicit them to race at the strip and not on the the street. Also, because motorsports is one of the fastesest growing sports in the country and drag racing is growing along with the other forms of racing, this facility will be an ecomonic boon to the area. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of this proposal.

"Kelvin Blessing"
<kelvin.blessing@gmail.com>

09/22/2006 08:19 AM

To pnewman@lincoln.ne.gov, jcamp@lincoln.ne.gov, jcook@lincoln.ne.gov, amcroy@lincoln.ne.gov, reschliman@lincoln.ne.gov, ksvoboda@lincoln.ne.gov,

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I will be at the public hearing regarding this permit.

Sincerely

Kelvin Blessing

"Corey Petska" <corey.petska.pgxp@statefarm.com>

09/22/2006 10:52 AM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Drag strip

Hello,

My name is Corey Petska and I am a supporter of the drag strip, just wanted to put in my two cents worth, I don't see any problem with the proposed drag strip, beings Greg S. has the backing to build the facility with his own money, none from tax payers, but yet it has the potential to help taxpayers with no repercussions if it fails, except a piece of concrete on some ground directly next to the interstate that I am sure could be used for something productive. Bottom line is all the risk is taken by Mr. Sanford and none by the taxpayer, and everybody to gain, short of a handful of people scared of some noise that apparently live near the interstate and HW 77 .

Corey Petska
Lincoln Operations Center
Estimatics Inspector

Troy Kinnamon
<tkinnamo@yahoo.com>
09/22/2006 11:44 AM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Proposed drag strip for Lancaster County Nebraksa

Please forward to the Planning Commissioners

I am in full support for the building of the proposed race way. There exists a huge community of people that enjoy this hobby locally and nationally. We need a complex that will drive business in the area and create a presence nationally.

Pleaes move this forward and approve.

Thank you.

Troy Kinnamon

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

4-20-06

Lancaster County Planning Dept:

I am writing in support of special permit #SP06051, the proposed Drag strip motorplex facility in northeastern Lancaster County.

I urge the planning department to contact the chambers of commerce of Topeka Kansas in reference to the Heartland park motorsport complex there, and the chamber of commerce for Brainerd Minnesota for the facility there.

Mr. Sanford intends to model his facility after these, which are huge successes. The ~~Motor~~ Motor sport industry and business will Bring Large Tourism dollars to a revenue starved county. It will be a tremendous boost for business such as motels, gas/convenience stores, restaurants, Auto Parts stores ect.

Not to mention bringing mom & dad and the Kids together as a family function. Lets see who can get the quickest E.T. out of the family sedan or S.U.V.!

I believe any noise problems can be solved by landscaping Dirt berms, trees, and Shrubbery. Also traffic congestion can be held to a minimum.

I'll be looking forward to seeing the results of your Dept allowing this to go forward, as will many of my friends. Thanks Doug Alms, Box 51 Malcolm Ne 68402

402-540-7502

"P.D. Gropp"
<pdgropp@hotmail.com>
09/22/2006 03:17 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject Please forward to Planning Commissioner

Dear Commissioner(s),

I am writting this in support of Nebraska Motorplex wanting to build a race facility north of Lincoln.

On Sept. 28 through Oct 1, I will be traveling to Wichita International Raceway in Wichita, Kansas for an event involving our Buick club. There will be over 30 Buicks' from the Midwest traveling from several states to attend this event. Our club has a block of 25 hotel rooms in Wichita for this event. The track has informed our club organizer that they are expecting 150-200 cars for this event alone. Our club was unable to hold our annual Buick event in Kearney at the dragstrip this year because the management/owners increased the track rental for the day. Therefore, there will be 12 Buick owner's and their money leaving Nebraska for that weekend and spending that money in Kansas.

I hope that you can understand the need for a facility that Nebraska Motorplex is proposing to build. I have been to Mr. Sanford's track in Scribner and it was a very professionally run facility. I hope you know how many people in Lancaster and surrounding areas travel to Kearney each weekend during the summer to race at that facility. I hope you have read the articles in The Journal Star that has documented the revenue that is brought in by other dragstrip facilities such as Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Sanford has established himself as an excellent owner/operator/promoter of NATIONAL points' events recognized by the International Hot Rod Association (IHRA). I think that it would be beneficial to Lancaster county and its' taxpayers to have a facility that can produce that revenue for the county.

I look forward to attending the next meeting when Mr. Sandford and his supporters will be able to voice their support. Thank you for your time.

P.D. Gropp
Milford, Nebraska

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To <commish@lancaster.ne.gov>, <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>

cc <krutledge@journalstar.com>, <jsmith@lcoc.com>, <richard.baier@ded.ne.gov>

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Subject Special Permit #SP06051, Proposed drag strip in northern Lancaster County

I wanted to send a quick note to show my support for the development of a drag strip in northern Lancaster County. The economic benefits to Lincoln, Lancaster County and the state of Nebraska of having such a facility which will bring in national, regional and local events in an easy to access and attractive location are almost boundless.

As the president of a local car club, Heartland Chevelle Club, we, along with a large number of automotive enthusiasts, are always looking for automotive related activities to patronize in our own area and such a facility would provide numerous opportunities to residents and non-residents alike. The added benefit of reducing street racing and other dangerous and illegal activities which unfortunately do now occur cannot be ignored. By providing a safe a legal venue within which enthusiasts can enjoy the performance aspects of their investments and hard work, such a facility will be providing an incredible public service aside from the economic boon.

Myself and many of my automotive friends patronized the drag strip near Scribner, Nebraska Motorplex, when it was in operation and are thrilled at the prospect of an even better facility with ready highway access near a large metropolitan area and run by the same folks.

I hope you all will join me in supporting this incredibly positive development. I plan to attend the October Lancaster County Planning Commission hearing on the associated permit and hope to see many of you there.

Sincerely,
Rich Cummings
President, Heartland Chevelle Club ,http://heartland.chevelles.net
Waverly, NE

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<mike@mrbuick.com>
09/22/2006 02:47 PM
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mike@mrbuick.com

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject proposed Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County

Good day,

My name is Michael Garrison, I reside in Topeka Kansas and own a company called High Torque Racing Inc. I have interest in this project you are all concidering (proposed Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County). I am a big drag race fan and go to as many races in my area (500 miles) as I can each year. The thought of your community getting a track to race at excites my wife and I as we bring 2 cars to race every time we show up. I am also part of a national Buick Performance Group, I am one of the Board of Directors. As a part of the BOD I get to help choose events throughout the year to attend. Your track once built will be another centrally located place for us to attend.

Another thought here is that just using my situation for example, I show up with 2 cars and crew. WE have to eat so restraunts get our money and then we need a place to sleep so the motels get our money also. Not to mention the fuel, pop, ice, other grocery items we buy to attend the race. So inclosing you should be able to see the benefit of the track being built, as the revenue from all of the things I listed above. I also see that there will be more jobs as the track wont run itself.

I hope the Goverment here will see past all the negitivity and sign up to allow this facility to be built. Thanks for taking the time to read this email.

Michael Garrison
High Torque Racing
Auto Body & Paint Inc.
Topeka Kansas
www.mrbuick.com

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http://mail2web.com/ .

"jeff wecker"
<jeffwecker81@hotmail.com>

09/25/2006 10:55 AM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov

cc

bcc

Subject proposed Motorsports Facility in Lancaster County

I am writing in support of the proposed facility.
I feel it would be a wonderful asset to the area,as it would bring racers and revenue from surrounding states
I hope that you all will approve the request, and make this a reality.

"Chris Northup"
<anorthup@microlnk.com>
09/25/2006 08:36 PM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Drag Strip

Dear, Planning department

My family and I would love to have this drag strip built. We would love to have it built because we will have more places to drag our car around Lincoln and Omaha.
Many of our friends would also love to have this drag strip built to watch us race with out going 40 miles or more out of Lincoln.

Sincerely,
The Northup Family

"Gayla Hausman" <gayla_hausman@hotmail.com>

09/26/2006 02:47 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov

cc deltia69@hotmail.com

bcc

Subject motorplex

Our family is in support of a Drag Strip in the Lincoln area. It is a sport we love and would support. Please, please, please support a drag strip. It will bring a lot of revenue to the city of Lincoln, and give a lot of pleasure to our friends and family. Thank you!

"GTPROKOP"
<GTPROKOP@cox.net>

09/28/2006 08:21 PM

To "lincoln planning" <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>, "lincoln mayor" <mayor@lincoln.ne.gov>, "lincoln commishiner" <commish@lincoln.ne.gov>, "lincoln city council"

cc

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Subject New proposed drag strip

Does Lancaster county have something against revenue dollars?
Whether people want to believe it or not there is a lot of interest in motorsport activities, and to be closed minded about it in this day and age is not a wise thing to do, we need to look at every avenue for revenue dollars don't leave any stone unturned. Maybe some people don't think this is such a wise idea, but why is it only there decision? There are a lot of people that spend every Friday and Saturday night in Glenwood Iowa at that motor sports facility, and if you don't think there is any interest in this I invite you to spend a Saturday night down there and see how much money is being spent, and it's all money being spent in a different state.There are a lot of people with vested interest in some form of motorsports that travel to a different state every weekend to race there cars at other facilities and if there were one here we could keep more revenue right here in our own state. It's also a great way to keep street racing down and keep our streets safe, when kids have somewhere to go and race it helps city streets stay a safer place, and it's not just Lincoln, streets in Omaha and all surrounding communities would benefit from less street racing. We have to at least consider the economic growth we would all stand to gain.

Thanks for reading this e-mail
Local Dragracer

"brian paul"
<huskerfan25@alltel.net>
10/01/2006 03:12 PM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject special permit sp06051

my husband and i would like to encourage the constuction of the proposed motorplex. this would attract visitors from all over the country, increase revenues for the area. drag racing is a nationally respected and recognized sport, family orientated and has many extreme safety measures.

"Todd Moore"
<Todd.Moore@exmark.com>
10/02/2006 02:26 PM

To <plan@lincoln.ne.gov>
cc
bcc
Subject Special Permit No: SP06051 - Proposed Drag Strip in Northern Lancaster County

To whom it may concern:

Please consider some of the facts and advantages to having an NHRA nationally sanctioned Drag Strip near (not in) Lincoln. An annual NHRA event will generate millions of dollars of revenue for local businesses from Motel / Hotels even 50 miles away to convenience stores. My wife and I ourselves spent $500 dollars at Topeka, KS at the Oreilly Nationals last memorial weekend. And 10-12 of our friends do the same. We do this every year, and thousands of people do the same.

I know the people living nearby the proposed site are concerned with the noise generated by drag races, and believe me, I don't blame them a bit. I'm 51 yrs. old and live in the country and enjoy peace & quiet also. But, the amount of noise is limited to two cars running at the same time for less than 15 seconds. This is nothing compared to sprint car or other circle track racing which is 20+ cars for 30 minutes or more non-stop, or even the Lincoln Airport. And as far as dirt or dust, it's pretty obvious a "dirt track" generates clouds of dust for miles during a single race, where a drag race is on pavement only. No dirt.

In the past 20yrs. I have gone to Nebraska Motorplex at Scribner to race and enjoy the local street race nights at least twice a year. My sons both love to race and watch races. The Friday Night and Saturday street races were great family nights, and local kids can come out and settle a grudge safely at the track, and not on the streets around our children or grandchildren.

We will not drive to Kearney or Topeka to race. It's just too far to trailer our cars. We would definetly come to a Lincoln area track.

PLEASE , PLEASE consider Greg Sanford's application seriously, and have **all** the facts, not just complaints from the people who don't race or enjoy watching races or don't understand the **HUGE** economic gold mine this could be for Lancaster Co. and businesses.

Thank you,

Todd Moore
6808 W. Lilac Rd.
Beatrice, NE 68310

John Schlumberger
<john_schlumberger@yahoo.com>
10/02/2006 10:24 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
bcc
Subject SP06051 Proposed Drag Strip in Northern Lancaster County

To Whom it may Concern,

I, John Schlumberger, am writing this e-mail to ask for your support regarding the proposed drag-racing facility in Northern Lancaster County. I support the construction of this facility in the proposed location for the following reasons:

#1 My friends and family enjoy attending and participating in safe and organized racing events, as well as car shows and other motorsport events.

#2 The vast majority of the population in Nebraska is in the Lincoln and Omaha area. There is a very large amount of potential for economic growth in the motorsports sector in this area because the next closest 1/4 mile drag-racing facility is currently located in Kearney.

#3 Get the racers off the streets and back onto the racetrack. Street racing is dangerous and stupid; we should have a safe and suitable place for that type of behavior.

#4 All of the smaller benefits, such as: out of state visitors (racers and spectators), hotels and restaurants, sales tax revenue, jobs, etc....

This project will benefit the community as a whole, not just the drag racers and car nuts. I hope that the Planning committee will consider that when making their decision. Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,
John Schlumberger

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JEFF ATKINSON
<jladavey@yahoo.com>
10/02/2006 10:41 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, mkrout@ci.lincoln.ne.us, mdekalb@lincoln.ne.gov
cc
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Subject Drag Strip will benefit New Industrial Park PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear Planning Commissioners and Planning Dept Members,

I sincerely hope that you are aware of the tremendous opportunity with what a NHRA drag strip could provide to our community and with the new Industrial Park approved north of I-80 and 56th street, what it could do to promote this new area to bring the much needed new businesses into Lincoln.

This was an excellent decision on approving economic commercial, industrial, tourism and residential development at I-80 and Hwy 77. Lincoln's report card just went from D- on an Industrial Park to a B+.

Know how to get that A+??? Provide your support to your fellow planning commissioners and the county commissioners to build the NHRA motorsports facility north of this development area. This facility along with the commercial, tourism, lodging and restaurants will "feed" off each other for the future growth out in this area. Look at what the Kansas Speedway did for businesses in that area as well as Heartland Park in Topeka. In five short years, the Kansas Speedway has developed into one of Kansas's top tourist attractions with Cabela's, Nebraska Furniture Mart and The Legends shopping mall with over 80 restuarants and stores being built after the speedway was built. You have to ask yourself...Why cant Nebraska do this?

Developers of hotels and restaurants will realize the huge business potential with a Motorsports Park being planned in the area and will look to this area for building such businesses. Hotels and restaurants will enjoy visitors dollars from I-80 travelers, local residential dwellers and a huge people impact of a multi-use racing facility.

This is the huge step for bringing people and jobs to Lincoln, now it is YOUR JOB planning commissioners to help this area even more with pledging support for building this motorsports facility.

Hotels, restaurants, and other toursism businesses need facilities like this to bring people in AND this would bring people in.

Kudo's to the City Council Members for a job well done, and please again show your support planning commissioners and members for a NHRA motorsports facility in Lincoln.

Lincoln and the surrounding area has a rich motorsports history which is why this facility is so important because it could cater to so many people . Street rodding, Division races, and the Jr dragster program which is huge and Greg has turned this event down several times before

because Scribner did not have the lodging to support the kids, parents, grandparents and friends that would have attended. He already has national car shows interested in coming here because of a new proven market.

If this facility went in, one can only imagine what it can do for our community.

Why do we let facilities like this go to Kansas and Iowa? Des Moines IA was chosen for the new Rusty Wallace track because Omaha wasnt interested...what a loss AGAIN for Nebraska... for the communities sake, we hope you realize what a loss this would be to lose yet another major motorsports opportunity.

Links on the new Iowa Speedway.
http://www.rustywallace.com/schedule/2003/jun_22_news2.html
http://www.rustywallace.com/schedule/2003/jun_22_news2.html

We are centrally located in the United States and right off I-80, lets take advantage of these opportunities which will bring motorsports enthusiasts to Nebraska. This facility will benefit our community by keeping dollars in Nebraska and more importantly bring revenue from surrounding states.

People of Lincoln, Lancaster County and Nebraska are watching, lets not lose another opportunity to surrounding states. The taxpayers need a much needed break, let this facility bring in the much outside tourism dollars to help our community.

The decision is yours planning commissioners and planning commission members, are you all prepared to tell our community that we don't need this facility and say no to the economic impact and entertainment venue it could bring....again, it's your decision, the people of Nebraska are watching.

Jeff Atkinson
1800 Branched Oak Rd
Davey NE 68336

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MTMCHEVY@aol.com
10/03/2006 07:55 AM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov
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Subject Motorsports facility

I strongly urge you to consider the application for the motorsports facility in Lancaster county.
This could be a world class track that would bring national events to Nebraska.
With a centralized location and easy access from I-80, I truly believe it would be great for Nebraska and the surrounding communities.
As a drag racer myself I would much rather spend my money at a Nebraska track then drive over to the track just south of Council Bluffs Iowa.

Thank you,

Mitch Misek

"shannon mcgovern" <midwestminichoppers@hotmail.com>

09/15/2006 08:46 PM

To plan@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov

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Subject Please forward to: Planning Commissioners

Hello, I was born and raised hear in Lincoln Nebraska. I own my property work very hard and pay my taxes. I believe that the proposed site for a Dragstrip in Lancaster county is hands down the perfect location.
If this location will not work. Will you have other locations to present at the pubic hearing on Octorer 11th?
I would be willing to do the research on other possible locations if you would like.
Please let me know thankyou.

"shannon mcgovern" <midwestminichoppers@hotmail.com>

09/16/2006 07:40 PM

To cpr.life@yahoo.com, commish@lancaster.ne.gov, commish@lincoln.ne.gov, council@lincoln.ne.gov, mayor@lincoln.ne.gov, plan@lincoln.ne.gov,

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Subject Permit#SP06051Dragstrip

Please forward to Planning Commissioners

Kansas has three (3) NHRA drag strips. Iowa has two (2). Nebraska has one (1) in Kearney the western part of our state. Please feel free to contact the tracks or people from the surrounding areas. To find out what great things the tracks have done for there communities. Im sure you will find that buisnesses are thriving, Families have come together and people have passion and love there towns! I beleive The proposed area is ideal! The track can be put in lower and burms built up the sides. Trees will be planted and the sound levels will be very low. Please let us have our track. Thankyou local supporter

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Subject What is a drag race?

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Please visit this site. It is very educational. There are links to all nhra drag race tracks and there web sites. You can see there schedule of events to get an idea of what goes on at a drag strip.

Some of the permits needed for drag strip:
*Special Use permit : Lancaster County Planning Department
*Ground water appropriation: Lancaster County Health Department
*Septic permit: Lancaster County Health Department
*Storm water pollution prevention plan: NDEQ, NRD
*Highway 77 Access permit : Nebraska Dept of Roads
*County road maintenance agreements: Lancaster County
*Building code/electrical/health: state/local agencies
*NHRA drag strip requirements

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Subject Dragstrip info

Please visit my page. I am just a local drag race lover that dreams of a track close to home. http://www.myspace.com/sm427

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Subject Drag strip

Hello . Our son has 2 drag cars and anytime he wants to go he has to drive at least a 100 miles 1 way to enjoy sport or go out and do it illigal somewhere . We wander how other state can continue to grow and Nebraska is so afraid to let anything new come in .Can you image all money that goes to other states and Cities just cause we Nebraska are afraid of change . Example . we went to the races Sunday NASCAR in KC and there were 150,000 seat and they were all sold out and there talking of expanding to another 150,000. Our seats were in the middle range which were 125.00 for 1 add that really adds up Please open your eye's to what will help our state .Those people that are against it shouldn't be the whole voice for our state and what is good for everyone . If one of their children were hurt or killed doing racing on back roads I think they would have a different frame of mind . Please go into this with an open mind and do what is best for our children and the state
We hear people complaining and saying they can't wait to move to Missouri Maybe we need to ask our self is it really the good old Nebraska we were taught when we were young
see you at the meeting Oct 11

Thanks Gene , Georgia
and Jason Wit
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Subject support NHRA strip

If Lincoln put a drag racing track outside of town it would do so much for this town. I go to the O'Reilly summer Nationals

in Topeka, KS every year and I see more vehicles there from NE and IA than I do KS and MO. It is unbelievable how popular

the sport is. Businesses would be happier b/c the track would bring so many people to town. Put trust in the race fans
if you think they want the track here just b/c they love the sport, that's not true. It's b/c they know how much business race

tracks like that and nascar tracks bring in.

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Subject Race track

To whom this may concern,

I live in Waverly and would make it to Scribner 1-2 times per year, it is to far to trailer the car. I usually take my car out to a local paved road and run it for fun. I don't street race other cars but have witnessed on many occasions, the street races around town on certain roads. These races happen every weekend and I think the track would help eliminate allot of this. If we had a track nearby I would probably be there at least twice a month. Any doubts to the street racing around Lincoln and Omaha? Then check out WWW.1320video.com.

Sincerely yours,
Rick Featherstone

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Subject Drag Strip in Lancaster County

All I ask is to watch a race on ESPN 2 on just about any Sunday. Look at how many people show up for a NHRA event. That many people would bring alot of money into Lancaster County in hotel, food, shopping etc. You think a three day boys basketball tournement brings in a lot to Lincoln, just think what a four day event with that many people would do for Lincoln. Not to mention the people and money the other events that would be held there would do for Lincoln and Lancaster County.

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Subject Fw: Denied ?????????

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Subject Denied ?????????

Mike,
I would like to know how you can stamp the denied stamp on a project before it's even in front of you with the support that this Drag Strip has and is gowning like a Hurricane and it will be know that you and this city will just as soon TAX us VOTERS then bring in economic growth! Good Luck in the FUTURE! Kent Wells

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Subject Dragstrip Support

Lancaster County Planning Commissioners,

My husband and I are in disbelief after reading letters of support and opposition with regard to the drag strip proposal submitted by Greg Sanford.

I have to start by asking, has anyone that wrote a letter in opposition ever even attended a drag race? The answer to this question is clearly apparent by their letters of opposition, and the answer is NO! Not only do they oppose this facility while not knowing what they are talking about, it is simple fear of the unknown and nothing more. I cannot believe that a community such as this would allow themselves to be influenced by fear, and not what is in the best economic benefit of a city, in particular the board members that are elected to help support and create opportunities for Lincoln. A track such as the one proposed by Mr. Sanford carries an unbelievable amount of potential to this city and fear of the unknown is just not a valid reason to reject such a proposed economic and family orientated activity and attraction for Lincoln. We have never heard of any community deny a proposal for the greater good and development of said city, be denied due to "the right to farm". I come from a farming background and still find this laughable, Lincoln is Nebraska's city capitol and should have a goal of becoming a thriving city, not a farming one. And I would also ask, does this mean that you are not going to allow growth in any direction around Lincoln, or is this simply an excuse. Again, the answer to this is clear, we all know growth will continue outside of Lincoln as it sits now, and future proposals will not be denied because of the right to farm.

My husband and I, along with our 7 children and grandchild, attended many races in Scribner and it was sorely missed by us this past year. We are excited by the proposal of a track closer to us. I would ask that you not forget, this is a family activity and not the drunken braul portrayed by opposes. I would also ask that the opponents take the initiative and ask to sit down with Greg Sanford if they would like a question/answer session. Mr. Sanford is a highly intelligent and articulate man that believes in and loves drag racing, and his plans for this track are very well thought out (due to experience, pro and con from Scribner). An NHRA sanctioned facility is run by very strict guidelines, and can be a real attribute to Lincoln.

Please do not let fear of the unknown guide you in this decision making process. It is an incredible opportunity for Lincoln to have Mr. Sanford build this facility near Lincoln, Nebraska.

Thank you,

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood

Hastings, NE

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Subject Drag Strip Support

Dear Commissioners,

The actions of the planning department are very disappointing. Many of the actions of the department in recent weeks appear to have been directed to create extra hurdles to the development of a great facility in our community. Rumors of behind the scenes arm twisting to squash economic development should be disturbing to all the residents of the Lincoln metro area. I've looked at information that the planners say the applicant didn't supply, but in reality did. The seemed to have created new rules and new requirements as the process went along. How do you expect to encourage anyone to develop new business in the Lincoln Area with government practices such as this?

The emotional reactions of the opposition, in trying to make the impact of the facility into something much worse than reality, is both disturbing and a little amusing when you consider their ranting. I certainly hope you don't fall into the trap. The facts are very clear. This is a good location at Hwy 77 and Davey Road, it will bring great benefits to the Lincoln metro area, and this is the right time.

I have spent over 30 years of my life living less than ½ mile from the UP main line in Columbus and Fremont. A little noise from the trains didn't hurt the quality of life. The trains and whistles are louder than the race track would be, and we still enjoyed our BBQ and back yard. I still slept with my windows open. It was not a big deal. Do you want to kick Burlington Northern out of Lincoln for the same reason? They run everyday. As far as the drag strip goes, the noise is only during events. The statement by a person in the opposition that the design and construction of the track won't make a difference is just factually false. The design features that help to the impact are valid and real. The ability to hear a sound in the distance doesn't mean it is loud enough to cause you nuisance. If it doesn't even register above the ambient noise at your location, you can't honestly call it a nuisance. It is just a different sound.

Please don't let your opinion be swayed by a group of emotional, irrational people. Look at the whole picture. This is a great opportunity for our community, and I encourage you to vote for approval of the permit to build the drag strip. Look at the facts, and recognize that the process has been twisted at many turns to block this project before it gets an honest hearing with the supporters present.

The wishes of a few people that want to keep the outside world from their closed little world can't stop progress. They have a right to their life and faith. Does that mean we have to live by it also? This racetrack won't stop them from raising their families as they wish. It won't stop the neighbors from enjoying their backyard, or stop them from planting all the trees they want. The noise won't hurt any animals. It doesn't seem to affect all the wildlife that live along the railroad tracks in our state. Birds still flock around airports, so the noise doesn't appear to bother them. Just look at all the bird strikes every year around airports.

The issues of rain runoff would get handled in the final designs, and I'm sure that concerns in that area can get addressed. Bringing up the pollution boogeyman and the beetles is just another attempt to strike an emotional cord. Do the People of Lancaster County want economic growth and development along Highway 77 and near the I-80 interchange? I believe they would say yes. Will it stop because of the reasons they bring against the drag strip? NO. The development will happen. Growth or death is the fact of life. The community is saying they want growth. This race track is one example of that growth.

Regarding the cemetery, I can be pretty certain you won't get any calls from the residents of the cemetery lodging any complaints. This item, and many of those items in the draft ordinance were clearly crafted at the request of the opposition. It is pathetic when a government agency is used to go to such lengths to

discourage a person from investing in our community. Are you going to be so accommodating when you have to tell people where you will build the new jail? You know there won't be many happy neighbors where the jail will be. What do you tell them then?

You can see in the response you get from the opposition that they can only try to make the racers and Mr. Sanford into some great big bad boogeyman. They have to stoop to slander and insults because they can't win on the facts. Please consider reality. Mr. Sanford is the only one who appears willing to take the investment risk, and he has expressed willingness to work with the neighbors to address concerns. The opposition are the only people who appear inflexible.

This is a facility that will bring in visitors and business to the community. It will generate business for other people in Lincoln such as auto parts stores, gas stations, hotels and restaurants. There are not many developments like this that can be a well spring of business to other enterprises. This drag strip is one of those opportunities. Don't let it pass the community by.

Economic development is a big issue in Lincoln. You can be a part of it and vote to approve the drag strip, or you can explain to the entire county and city why you've decided not to bring new business into the community.

Approve the permit to build the drag strip.

Joel Ludwig
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Subject Additional information

http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/reports/101106/addinfo.pdf

It appears from the planning department's own information that Mr. Sanford did provide the additional information that was requested. As a concerned citizen, I want to express my concern that the process appears stacked against the applicant. The rules keep changing as this progresses. I see the applicant working to comply with the requests. I also see the process getting steered to discourage support for this racing facility.

In my past experience, I've been involved in the racing parts business. They typical participant will have from $10,000 to $50,000 invested in their car. The top level sportsman racers will have $40,000 or more in support vehicles such as a truck and trailer to tow to the races. The casual participant may go once or twice per year, while the serious racers will compete for the entire season. They will spend $200 or more per race just for expenses. A serious racer may spend $5,000 to $10,000 or more per year in expenses for parts, gas, tires and travel expenses.

The participants are blue collar workers, farmers, engineers, doctors, lawyers, and any walk of life you can imagine. Drag racing is the most socially integrated motor sport. There are many minority and female racers at all levels, including championship level professionals. These are people that have good income levels, are technically savvy and will travel to enjoy their sport.

The events that this type of track will bring to the community will bring a lot of out of town participants. The scheduling of events for Friday and Saturday will encourage out of town participants to stay in Lincoln motels, and eat in Lincoln restaurants. This give them time to experience Lincoln. They can shop or enjoy the other activities in the city.

Many of the special events this facility can host will be similar to the Americruise event. Organizations such as Super Chevy, Goodguys street rod association, National Street Rod Association, NHRA, National Muscle Car Association, and many more can bring events with the same or greater impact when compared to Americruise.

An event such as Americruise will bring1 participant, and one person to accompany them. A racing event will bring the participant and 3 to 5 extra persons. They bring their family and friends for help and support. The impact of a racing weekend will be larger than the same impact of Americruise.

I read that Americruise had a $2,000,000 impact for the one weekend. How about 6 or 7 such weekends per year? That impact and the local economic activity from the local racers who buy parts and service from local business demonstrates the great benefit to the local community.

I urge each of you to recognize the poor advice of the planning department and make your own judgment. Approve the permit to build this facility, and do you part to help development of the local economy.

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Subject Realistic Analysis: Look at the facts, not the emotions.

I was reviewing the opposition comments and one conclusion is clear. They can't win the debate based on facts, so they must try to push their point based on personal emotional justification.

Facts:

Facilities such as the drag strip proposal are operating in communities all over the country. Several have been built in recent years, and all of them were built in areas coexisting with acreages and rural activities.

A rural area is exactly the right place for a facility such as this to be developed. The ideal places are close to metropolitan areas, but in a rural location. This site is ideal.

The noise won't interfere with animal health. There was livestock living right at the end of the facility in Scribner. The main UP rail line runs right along the horse track in Columbus. I worked 3 summers there when I was in high school. Those horses weren't affected by the noise of the worlds busiest freight line. To claim the noise will affect the horses or an equine facility in the area is demonstrated to not be true.

The herbicides and pesticides that agriculture uses will have more effect on the Rock Creek drainage than any race track could ever have. This could actually make the case that since the pesticides won't be used at the track, that it will improve the conditions of runoff in that area.

The pollution boogeyman and the tiger beetle will be raised any time you have any development in the area. Land fills, commercial, residential. All of these will be targeted. The fact is the city must grow, and it needs to grow in a balanced way. The city has grown too much to the south and southeast. It is due to grow north now.

This boils down to the fact that some (but definitely not all) of the local people have their own preference that the track not be built there. That is their right, but it is only their opinion, and their objections are based on emotions, not facts. The facts are that the location is ideal for a race track, it can exist with the current and future activities of the area, and this facility will benefit the community.

To criticize the applicant regarding whether he will hire a manager to run the facility really has no bearing on the permit to build the track. Don't a lot of business have managers hired to operate a business? Again, that criticism from the opponents only illustrates the fact that they must rely on emotion to plead their case. The old facility in Scribner was operated successfully, but the time has come to relocate, and Lincoln will benefit.

If you look at a real analysis of the situation, you can come to only one conclusion.

Build the drag strip.

Joel Ludwig
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Subject VOTER

History: This message has been forwarded.

Jean,

My name is Kent Wells and I'm a voter in this county and an avid Drag Race that spends $10,000 - $20,000 a year on Drag Racing and I have to travel to Missouri & Iowa & ILL & Kansas to spend my money when this County and City are always telling our community that your working on the economic growth and I hear the BULL that is going on behind closed doors by your planning board and county commissars, This will all come to light next Wednesday 1 PM and I will be there front and center, I know that there are big hitters and big shots in this town and community that ARE in FAVOR of this so let's drop the behind the act lies and shenanigans and put this Drag Strip in to action, There will be TONS of VOTERS there front and center on the meeting date so lets come together!!
Kent Wells 7600 Rutledge Ave PH; 580-1116

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OPPOSITION

(p.121 & 127 - Public Hearing - 10/11/06)
ITEM NO. 6.1a&b: COUNTY CHANGE OF ZONE NO. 06065
COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06051

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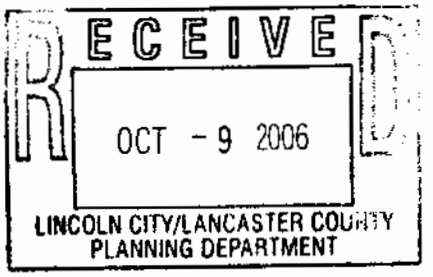

Re: Proposed Zoning Amendment and Drag Strip Application
County Change of Zone No. 06065
County Special Permit No. 06051

Dear Mr. DeKalb:

I represent a group of citizens who live and own land near the site of the proposed drag strip east of Davey. I write to address the draft proposal to amend Lancaster County's zoning ordinance to allow motor sport facilities such as race tracks and drag strips. I also write to address the application to build and operate such a facility that has been filed by GS Motorsports, Inc. d/b/a Nebraska Motorplex and its owner, Greg Sanford. Please forward this letter to members of the Planning Commission prior to the upcoming hearing on October 11, 2006.

I. THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

A number of my clients believe that Lancaster County should not amend its zoning ordinance to permit drag strips under any conditions. A drag strip is certain to interfere with the use of other property, to depress property values, and to adversely affect future development in the vicinity of the drag strip, and the applicant has not produced any studies to show that the economic benefits of a drag strip would outweigh these negative effects.

However, if the Planning Commission decides that the zoning ordinance should be amended, we believe the draft language prepared by the Planning Department staff provides a good start for considering applications.

A. Strengths of the Draft Zoning Ordinance

In our view, the draft amendment has five key strengths. First, it requires applicants to provide detailed information about proposed drag strips and other motor sport facilities. Second, in setting a maximum threshold for decibel levels, it attempts to limit the extent to which a drag strip will interfere with residents' right to the quiet enjoyment of their property. Third, in requiring applicants to provide information on expected noise levels, the draft ordinance allows the County to assess the extent to which noise from the facility will adversely affect neighboring residents and landowners. Fourth, in requiring that motor sport facilities be located at least one mile away from existing churches and cemeteries, the draft amendment respects the First Amendment rights of individuals to practice their religion and pay respect to their deceased loved ones in peace. Fifth, the draft ordinance places a reasonable limit on the operation of such facilities by prohibiting events between the hours of 10 P.M. and 10 A.M.

B. Proposed Amendments to the Draft Zoning Ordinance

Despite these strengths of the draft zoning ordinance, we believe its language could be improved by amendments in several key ways —

1. Changing the location from which decibel levels are measured, depending upon the shape of the track;

2. Establishing an absolute maximum decibel level for events at the facility, in addition to a maximum average decibel level;

3. Adopting common sense standards, in addition to maximum decibel levels, in order to judge whether a facility will unduly annoy its neighbors;

4. Respecting the right to farm by requiring consideration of whether a proposed facility could be located on non-agricultural land or land that is adjacent to an existing industrial or recreational use;

5. Requiring a finding by the County that the proposed facility will not unduly burden the resources of local fire and rescue departments;

6. Prohibiting the sale and consumption of alcohol at the motor sport facility;

7. Making clear that "events" prohibited between 10 P.M. and 10 A.M. include non-race activities such as "test and tune" and the operation of sound systems that produce noise levels similar to racing; and

8. Requiring lights illuminating the racetrack at the facility to be turned off by 10 P.M. and at any time after dark when events are not taking place.

Each of these proposed changes to the draft amendment is discussed in the text below.

1. Change the location from which sound is measured, depending on the shape of the track.

The City of Lincoln ordinance on which the draft amendment is modeled provides that noise levels shall be measured from the center of the race track. In approving the language of the draft amendment, the County Board recognized that language was written for circular and oval tracks, and does not neatly fit the situation of a drag strip. In order to deal with the fact that a drag strip does not have a center, in the same way that a circular or an oval track does, the County Board provided that noise levels would be measured from the property boundary.

We agree that the point from which noise should be measured depends upon the shape of the race track in question. However, we disagree that the property boundary is the appropriate point of reference. Noise should be measured from its source. In a circular or oval track, the center of the track is an appropriate reference point for the source of the noise. On a drag strip, the source

of the loudest noise is the starting line. Accordingly, we believe that the draft amendment should be modified to provide that noise levels will be measured one mile from the starting line of any drag strip.

2. Establish a maximum decibel level for noise generated by the facility.

The draft amendment establishes a maximum average decibel level for motor sport facilities. We believe this is appropriate. However, the ordinance should also establish an absolute maximum for noise generated by the facility. Such a provision is particularly important in the case of a drag strip, where the actual racing times are short, and race cars generate very loud noise at the beginning of a race.

3. Adopt common sense standards, in addition to maximum decibel levels, in order to judge whether a facility will unduly annoy its neighbors.

Decibel levels are an important measure of whether a race track will unduly annoy its neighbors. However, it is also important to include common sense standards for Lancaster County to evaluate in considering an application to operate a motor sport facility. Cass County already includes these sorts of standards in its own zoning ordinance. Some of the relevant considerations in Cass County's zoning ordinance are as follows:

- That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, not substantially diminish and impair property values within the area of the County.

- That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses.

- That the use shall not include noises which are objectionable due to volume, frequency or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled.

- That the use shall not include vibration which is discernible without instruments on adjoining lot or property.

- That the use shall not involve any direct or reflected glare which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road or highway. In addition, the conditional use is not injurious to the visual appearance of the adjoining property.

A copy of the relevant provisions of the Zoning Regulations of Cass County, Nebraska is enclosed with this letter.

We believe that Lancaster County should adopt these same standards, in addition to the decibel standards that are already present in the draft amendment, in order to protect the interests of the neighbors of any proposed motor sport facility.

4. Respect the right to farm by requiring consideration of whether a proposed facility could be located on non-agricultural land or land that is adjacent to an existing industrial or recreational use.

In approving the language of the draft amendment, the County Board removed language that referenced "prime agricultural land." We do believe that it is relevant and important for the County to consider whether there are other available sites for a motor sport facility that are not located on agricultural land or are located next to existing industrial or recreational uses. Locating a race track away from existing industrial or recreational uses will not only depress the property values of landowners near the facility who have used and developed their land in reliance on continuing agricultural and residential uses, but it will also create the potential for haphazard and unplanned development in Lancaster County. Accordingly, we believe the County should consider the nature of the land on which the proposed facility would be built, even if this issue is not dispositive.

5. Require a finding by the County that the proposed facility will not unduly burden the resources of local fire and rescue departments.

As indicated by Mr. Sanford's application, as well as the draft amendment, it is important to know whether a proposed motor sport facility will unduly burden the existing fire and rescue services in its area. Important questions include not only whether the existing fire and rescue departments are equipped to handle crashes and other emergencies at the race track, but also whether spectators and participants driving to and from the race track will impose additional burdens on local fire and rescue departments. These concerns will obviously be even more acute if the motor sport facility sells or permits the consumption of alcohol on its premises.

6. Prohibit the sale and consumption of alcohol at motor sports facilities.

Alcohol sales should be prohibited at any drag strip in Lancaster County, and in particular at the proposed facility near Davey. The proposed drag strip would be located next to Highway 77, which is a four-lane road. In order to turn left (to drive back to Lincoln), a driver must drive across two lanes of traffic, cross the median, and turn left into two additional lanes of traffic. Driving on Highway 77 is dangerous enough without adding the additional hazard of drivers who are leaving the drag strip after an afternoon and evening spent drinking beer (or other alcoholic beverages), watching cars race, and possibly racing themselves.

7. Make clear that "events" include all activities that are likely to generate substantial noise at the facility.

The racing and driving of vehicles at a motor sport facility are not the only events that are likely to annoy neighbors of the facility. An activity commonly conducted at drag strips, for example, is the "test and tune," which involves revving engines and produces loud noise levels. In addition, a motor sport facility can also generate noise in ways that do not involve driving or testing vehicles, such as the operation of loud speakers or public address systems. The draft ordinance should make clear that all of these events, in addition to racing and driving on the track, are prohibited between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M.

8. Require that lights illuminating the race track will be turned off after 10:00 P.M. and anytime when events are not taking place.

In addition to noise generated by a race track, neighbors will also be annoyed by overhead flood lights or stadium lights. One of the reasons people live in the country, and areas that are zoned for residential and agricultural purposes, is to see the night sky. Obviously, lights from a race track will interfere with that use of residents' property.

The applicant has submitted supplemental information that suggests he is considering using special lights to reduce glare and light pollution. That is a step in the right direction. However, there is no reason why the lights at the race track need to be turned on when events are not taking place.

II. THE DRAG STRIP APPLICATION

We believe that the drag strip application that has been filed by Mr. Sanford's company should be denied under the language of the existing draft ordinance, the language we have proposed to improve the draft ordinance, and any other reasonable standards for a permit to operate such facilities. There are numerous reasons why a special use permit should not be issued to Mr. Sanford and his company. These reasons can be divided into at least five areas:

1. Residents' right to the quiet enjoyment of their property;

2. The absence of any demonstrated economic benefit to Lancaster County, and the certainty of economic harm to residents and landowners near the proposed drag strip;

3. The existence of a cemetery directly across the road from the proposed site of the drag strip;

4. The danger to drivers proposed by the facility and the burden it will place on local fire and rescue departments; and

5. The applicant's failure to provide information on important issues raised by his proposal to operate a drag strip.

I expect that the Planning Commission will hear testimony on each of these topics by individuals who oppose the proposed drag strip, including several of my clients, at the meeting on October 11.

III. CONCLUSION

We respectfully request that the Planning Commission carefully consider whether or not it should adopt any amendment to permit the operation of a drag strip in Lancaster County. If the Planning Commission does decide to adopt such an amendment, we ask that they maintain the provisions of the draft amendment that have been prepared by the staff of the Planning Department, and that they add the proposed modifications that are outlined in this letter.

In addition, regardless of what action is taken on the proposed amendment, we ask that the Planning Commission deny the application for a special permit to operate a drag strip that has been filed by GS Motor Sports, Inc.

Very truly yours,

Andre R. Barry
For the Firm

ARTICLE 6: CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

Section 6.01 General Provisions. The County Board may, by conditional permit after a public hearing and referral to and recommendation from the Planning Commission, authorize and permit conditional uses as designated in the district use regulations. Approval shall be based on findings that the location and characteristics of the use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the county.
Allowable uses may be permitted, enlarged or altered upon application for a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with the rules and procedures of this regulation. The County Board may grant or deny a conditional use permit in accordance with the intent and purpose of this regulation. In granting a conditional use permit, the County Board will authorize the issuance of a conditional use permit and shall prescribe and impose appropriate conditions, safeguards and may establish a specified time limit for the performance of the conditional use permit.

Section 6.02 Application for Conditional Use Permits. A request for a conditional use permit or modification of a conditional use permit may be initiated by a property owner or his authorized agent by filing an application with the County upon forms prescribed for the purpose. The application shall be accompanied by a drawing or site plan and other such plans and data showing the dimensions, arrangements, description data and other materials constituting a record essential to an understanding of the proposed use and proposed modifications in relation to the provisions set forth herein. A plan as to the operation and maintenance of the proposed use shall also be submitted. The application shall be accompanied with a non-refundable fee.

Section 6.03 Public Hearing Before issuance of any conditional use permit, the County Board will consider the application for the Conditional Use Permit together with the recommendations of the Planning Commission at a public hearing after prior notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing has been given by publication in a legal paper of general circulation in Cass County one time at lease 10 days prior to such hearing.

Section 6.04 Decisions The concurring vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the County Board shall be necessary to grant a conditional use permit.

Section 6.05 Standards No conditional use permit shall be granted unless the Planning Commission or County Board has considered, among other things, such purposes as:

A. Developing both urban and non-urban areas;
B. Reducing the waste of excessive amounts of roads;
C. Securing safety from fire and other dangers;
D. Lessening or avoiding the accumulation of runoff of storm or flood waters
E. Providing adequate light and air;
F. Preventing excessive concentration of population and excessive wasteful scattering of population or settlement;
G. Promoting such distribution of population, such classification of land uses, and such distribution of land development as will assure adequate provision for transportation, water flowage, water supply, drainage, sanitation, recreation, soil fertility, food supply and other public requirements;
H. Protecting the tax base
I. Protecting property against blight and depreciation;
J. Securing economy in government expenditures
K. Fostering the state's agricultural, recreation and other industries
L. Encouraging the most appropriate use of land in the county; and
M. Preserving, protecting, and enhancing historic buildings, places and districts

Section 6.06 Consideration Examples. In considering the issues set out in Section 6.05 of this code, the County Board may consider the following issues which are listed as examples and not as an extensive list:

A. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, moral, comfort, or general welfare of the County.
B. That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, not substantially diminish and impair property values within the area of the County

C. That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses
D. That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or are being provided
E. The use shall not include noise which are objectionable due to volume, frequency or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled
F. The use shall not include vibration which is discernible without instruments on adjoining lot or property
G. The use shall not involve any pollution of the air by fly-ash, dust vapors or other substance which is harmful to health, animals, vegetation or other property or which can cause soiling, discomfort or irritation
H. The use shall not involve any malodorous gas or matter which is discernible on and adjoining lot or property
I. The use shall not involve any direct or reflected glare which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road or highway. In addition, the conditional use is not injurious to the visual appearance of the adjoining property
J. The use shall not involve any activity substantially increasing the movement of traffic on public streets unless procedures are instituted to limit traffic hazards and congestion
K. The use shall not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for any necessary adjustments
L. The use shall not include any activity involving the use or storage of flammable or explosive material unless protected by adequate fire fighting suppression equipment and by such safety devices as are normally used in the handling of any such material
M. The intended use will not adversely affect the health, safety and welfare of the people in the County
N. The intended use will demonstrate a reasonable necessity for the convenience of the County residents
O. That the applicant of the Conditional Use Permit in the event such intended use may overburden county services for the maintenance of access road for the use the County Board may require the applicant to assume to costs for the necessary improvements and maintenance of the access roads by an agreement with the County.

OPPOSITION

ITEM NO. 6.1b: COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06051
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Subject Race track on Hwy.77-no please

Please do not allow a race track to be built at Hwy. 77 and Davey Rd.

We live in the area and feel that it would severely damage our peace of mind and the relative tranquility that we have found in the area. Not only would it destroy wildlife habitat in the area, but it could seriously affect the ground, air quality, and groundwater. Once something of that magnitude is developed the whole area for a few miles around would be diversely affected.

If the city grows in that direction, which it likely will, having a race track there would make it very unappealing to individuals wanting to build. We hope that it remains agricultural land for many years. Please do not let Mr. Sanford ruin the beautiful land out there. Have you driven out to Scribner lately to see how he's left that? Would you want a race track built near your house? Do you enjoy being out doors, listening to the sounds of the birds? Please do not allow this to proceed.

We do not want the probablility of having more trash by the side of the road, nor the likelihood of more people around that could result in having prowlers, thefts, and vandalism. More traffic would also contribute to air pollution, not to mention the toxins put into the air by the dragsters. Please put this appeal to an end. Let him look for another spot that is more welcoming to his business.

How low will we go? Check out Yahoo! Messenger's low PC-to-Phone call rates.

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Subject Proposed Drag Strip

Dear Planning Commission and Lancaster County Commissioners,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed drag strip north of Lincoln. I'm not opposed to drag racing or any other motor sports activity but I'm opposed to this activity taking place in a rural setting and neighborhood. I too live in the country next to Denton, Ne. I moved out here to escape the noises of the city and chose a peaceful quiet setting. We too are burdened with noise in our backyard due to Dr. Samani's motocross track. No matter how much these developers tell you how good of an economic deal this will be for Lincoln and Lancaster Co. I don't see any of them living next door to the tracks. All of those in favor of these tracks also don't live next door to the noise but they are more than willing to sacrifice those of us living in the country for their pleasures.

I would recommend that this track or Samani's motocross track go where people choose to live next door to the noise like the airport or Abbott fields. I would also recommend that the noise levels proposed at a distance of 1 mile from these types of tracks be reduced to even lower levels below 40 db. I live 1 mile north from Samani's track and it sounds as if the cycles are in my back yard especially with prevalent south winds. If the builders of these tracks are serious, then they can find a way to get this done.

Please vote against these types of tracks in rural areas regardless of any proposed county zoning regulations.

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Subject Greg Sanford Drag Strip

Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commissions
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

I Linda Hubsch along with my fellow neighbors of Davey, NE, and within a 5-mile radius of Highway 77 and Branched Oak road, **do oppose** the planning of the Drag Strip on Highway 77 and Branched Oak road. Not merely because we want to preserve our way of living, however because the following issues have not been addressed, and are of great concern for our community and surrounding farms.

1. **Water**-currently, the city of Davey & Raymond NE share the same water rights or well. If approved, our two towns do not have enough well water to share. We would not be able to allow anyone to truck water from our wells.

2. **Garbage**-the city of Davey currently would not be able to allow garbage to be dumped at our site, we currently have a problem with others dumping garbage in our dumpster, and the citizens paying for that. Oil disposal; etc... Needs to be addressed along with how that will affect the land and wild life in the area.

3. **Waste Disposal**-If the water issue is not addressed; then how does one propose the disposal of human waste? Port-a-poties were mention, however; will these be disposed of after each race or let to stand and invite unwanted odors, and animals to the area that currently are not an issue. This would also affect the neighbors who have farm animals in the area.

4. **Fire-Rescue-Police-Traffic:** whose taxes are going to pay for this drag strip protection? Ceresco or Lincoln? Traffic is a great concern. I believe this will cause a more hazardous area along Highway 77 or access used on Davey road. If some type of wall is not erected, then you will experience traffic hazards.

5. **Noise Control-Air Pollution**: this is a great concern for the farm animals along with our community being able to hold Church services on Sunday against the noise, our ability to sleep at night as well. I believe that more than a 12-foot sound bearing wall needs to be used, and not trees.

6. **Grant Money**-currently the last amount of grant money awarded to his last drag strip for grand stands, are now wasted tax money. I do not believe any additional money ought to be awarded for waste.

7. **Land Values**: we as a community are concerned about our home and land values being diminished to such an extent, that when ready to sell our homes for retirement, that we would not be able to obtain such value with the drag strip on highway 77 and Branched Oak road.

I respect the idea that one would like an area to have such access for this type of entertainment, however more research needs to be completed along with an area that will not directly or indirectly affect small town living or acreages in the area.

I have a nephew in California that has participated in "big boy" racing, which involves using different types of gasoline and alcohol uses in these races, and I have been informed that; the drag strip in California has a five or 10-mile radius away from homes.

Providing access to a small number of persons who want to participate in this type of racing is not an improvement for the city of Lincoln, when the city of Lincoln does not live out in our area. I am sure that not anyone of you would approve of this if it were in "your back yard".

If you want this type of entertainment, then work in finding an area that will not be affected by all the above issues. The all might dollar is not the most important issue here, human life and living are.

I want to thank you for taking all these issues to heart.

Sincerely,

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OPPOSITION

ITEM NO. 6.1b: COUNTY SPECIAL PERMIT NO. 06051
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Subject forward to the planning commissioners-AGAINST THE DRAG STRIP

Planning commissioners,

I have lived in Lancaster County for around 16 years and have invested in real estate in Lincoln and the county. I live on land I purchased outside of Lincoln by 40th and Mill Road. I am surrounded by farmers, hobby farmers, horse men, retirees and people who enjoy the country. I would be classified as a mix of a horseman, hobby farmer and person who enjoys the country.

My wife and I decided to build in this area of town due to the good schools and proximity to the interstate and Highway 77. The area also was beautiful, quiet (even though the airport is fairly close, I notice very few planes), and the good neighbors.

The problems that I foresee that will impact me due to the construction of the drag strip are the following. (These are not in any specific order).

1) There will be a decrease in the value of surrounding land that was to be used for residential construction. And the area will not be developed as a commercial area in the near future due its distance from utilities. I will be incrementally impacted because as long as the drag strip can be heard, potential buyers of property for homes will be deterred from buying property. The decrease in residential values will impact property values and hence property taxes received. This area will be marked by the proximity to the drag strip which will delay its short term development and possibly future development.

2) After the races some of those who want to get to Lincoln will choose to take North 40th street. Why will they take North 40th? If they are drinking or just wanting a fun ride, or perhaps they stop off in Davey for a few drinks 40th street will be one of the alternative routes.

3) Noise, I have gone to the races and I do know they are very loud. I also know that drag races tend to be even louder than the races I used to attend (late model and sprints). I am fairly far away, but I don't believe any will contest that the noise will travel this far.

Thank you for your time,
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