

MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE SUMMARY
May 14, 2012

Tracy Corr started the meeting at 5:33 P.M. Monday, May 14, 2012, in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Twenty-one citizens and four staff attended:

Tracy Corr	40 th & A St NA	Jeff Schwebke	Arnold Heights NA
Bob Reeves	Clinton NO	Ann Bleed	East Campus CO
Carolyn Brandle	Eastridge NA	Pat Anderson-Sifuentez	Everett NA
Ruth Johnson	Hartley NA	Dianna Wright	Highlands NA
Scott Richert	Indian Village NA	Larry Evermann	Irvingdale NA
Dennis Hecht	Meadowlane RA	William Carver	Near South NA
Steve Larrick	S. Salt Creek CO	Scott Zager	Southwood NA
Kent Prier	Taylor Park NA	Luci Prier	Taylor Park NA
Bill Vocasek	West A NA	Fred Freytag	Witherbee NA
Jayne Sebbby	Woods Park NA	Russell Miller	Lincoln N-hood Alliance
Tami Soukup	UNICO Insurance	Meghan Sullivan	Stronger, Safer
Jon Carlson	Mayor's Office	Megan McGuffey	Mayor's Office

Mayor Beutler

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tracy Corr opened the meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves. Attendees checked in on the sign-in sheet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Megan McGuffey encouraged Roundtable members to take the latest online survey as part of the City's "Taking Charge" budget initiative.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/050812a.htm>

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/takingcharge/>

Tracy Corr announced:

– a proposed text amendment regarding alcoholic beverage sales before the Planning Commission, Wednesday, May 16, 2012, 1:00 P.M.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/2012/051612.htm>

<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/asp/city/plan/permapp.asp?cmd=Search%20Application%20Number&AppNum=CZ12010> See Attachment A

– Nick Hernandez, “Community Conversation on Leadership,” Saturday, June 2, 2012. 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Victor E. Anderson Branch Library, 3635 Touzalin Avenue.

Steve Larrick announced:

reEnergize Lincoln energy-conservation program has been updated to include all neighborhoods and all incomes for single-family houses and duplexes. This is the new Lincoln Energy Challenge. 402-441-7376 or 402-444-6731

<http://www.reenergizeprogram.org/> **See Attachment B**

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Beutler mentioned May is Bike Month. He announced the fourth annual **BIKETACULAR!** Saturday, May 19, 2012, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., south of the capitol on Goodhue Boulevard. Contact Jon to volunteer (402-441-7224) or jcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/051412.htm> **See Attachment C**

The Mayor also announced Bike to Work activities including an ice-cream social 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, May 18, at the Jayne Snyder Trail Center, 250 North 21st Street in Union Plaza. This event features refreshments from the UNL Dairy Store and prize drawings.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/050812b.htm>

Mayor Beutler encouraged Roundtable members to take the latest online survey as part of the City's "Taking Charge" budget initiative. The survey at lincoln.ne.gov is available through June 9. Those who take the survey will again have the opportunity to sign up for a Community Conversation between City Department Directors and Managers and members of the public Saturday, June 2.

<http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/mayor/media/2012/050812a.htm>

The Mayor spent two days this week working on the Community Learning Centers (CLCs). He led a discussion with the Roundtable asking what contact they have with CLCs? What program(s) they participate in? How can CLCs and neighborhood organizations collaborate?

The Mayor fielded questions and comments from the Roundtable.

LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

Tami Soukup, Account Executive, UNICO Group, Inc. presented information on neighborhood organization liability insurance. Neighborhood organizations might need liability insurance for the following: ownership of real property, a parade, an ice cream social, and other special events. A general liability policy would encompass special events year round. Neighborhood organizations can purchase coverage on an individual event basis - a special event policy. Organizations should look to cover any liability exposure under a general liability policy or a special event liability policy.

A special event liability policy for a typical neighborhood event might cost about \$200. A general liability policy providing year-round coverage of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate might cost about \$500. Historically, neighborhood organizations do not purchase general liability coverage unless they have an ongoing, year-round liability exposure. More often, they purchase director's and officers' liability coverage to protect

the organization's board members against a lawsuit. Each member of the board bears responsibility for the organization's funds and the work done in the name of the organization. A director's and officers' liability policy might cost between \$750.00 and \$850. The Roundtable discussed pros and cons of obtaining liability insurance.

Tami fielded questions and comments from the Roundtable.

Contact Tami at 402-434-7209 or tsoukup@unicogroup.com

SET JUNE AGENDA

The next meeting of the Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable is Monday, June 11, 2012, 5:30 P.M., in the Mayor's Conference Room, County/City Building, 555 South 10th Street, **3rd floor**. Next month's agenda will include a presentation on the Nebraska Community Foundation.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6.33 P.M.

LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING STAFF REPORT

for May 16, 2012 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

- PROJECT #:** Change of Zone No. 12010
- PROPOSAL:** To amend the special permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises to provide a certain set of circumstances under which the City Council is allowed to waive the 100 foot separation requirement between the licensed premises and a day care facility, park, church, state mental health facility, or residential zoning district.
- TEXT AMENDED:** Section 27.63.685 - Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption Off the Premises
- CONCLUSION:** The proposed conditions are so narrowly written as to apply to very small number of sites in Lincoln, perhaps only two. Amending the Zoning Ordinance in such a way as to exempt specific sites raises a question of equity for those remaining sites which do not meet the requirements. Also, the language is vague by using the term "significant vertical grade difference", which is intended to serve in lieu of the required 100 foot horizontal separation. It is otherwise without definition, and therefore entirely subjective and will be difficult to administer fairly. Additionally, the provisions allowing a reduced separation between the licensed premises and a park or park area used as roadway, parking lot, or not an active play area separated by a six foot-tall privacy fence assumes that the people and activities typically found in a park would not be found in these selected areas. The list of exceptions lack commonality with regard to proposing a set of conditions where the intent is to address either a flaw in the ordinance, or some larger problem caused by the current text when applied to the city as whole. Since the provisions regulating both on and off-sale alcohol were adopted in 1994, both special permits have been amended multiple times, probably more than any others in Lincoln Municipal Code. Some of the changes have served to relax the standards, others have served to make them more restrictive. One practical reality is that with each amendment, the permits become more difficult to interpret and administer, and the opportunity for error is compounded.

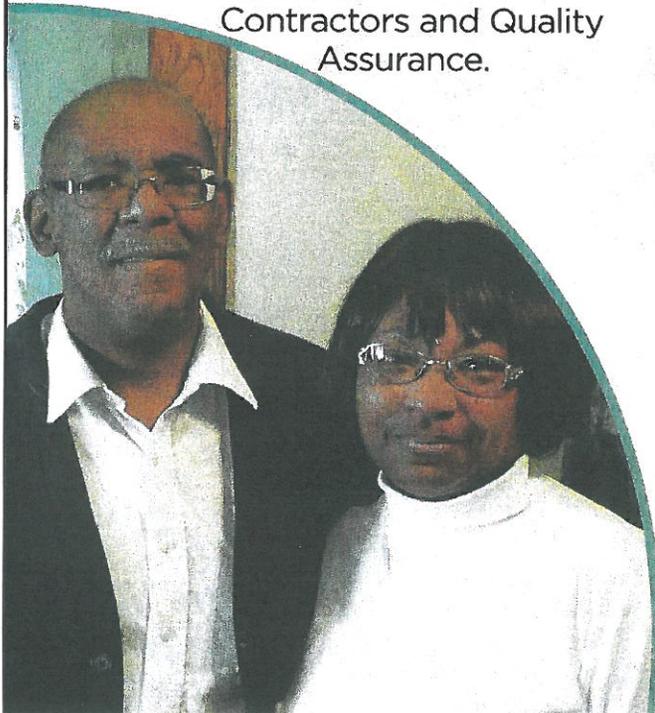
RECOMMENDATION:

Denial



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See What the Program Offers

- **\$100** off a reEnergize Energy Evaluation
- The cost of your evaluation is credited to the upgrade costs when you agree to implement
- **\$100 per percentage** point of annual energy savings achieved (i.e., 25% = \$2,500). Up to **half the total cost of your upgrades**
- Screened and qualified contractors
- Quality assurance at the end of the job
 - Calculation of energy savings and how quickly your investment will pay off



What does this mean for you?

- Increased **Comfort**
- Increased energy savings
- Improved **Air Quality & Home Health**
- A chance to build an energy-smart community

Qualifications

- Property must be within the city limits of Omaha or Lincoln
- Cannot be a City of Omaha Employee
- Participant must be a US Citizen or a Lawful US



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reEnergizeProgram.org

How It Works....

The reEnergize Program has developed a streamlined path focused on getting the job done and done well. Let's look at an example:

Meet the Greens, a family of four living in a 1,800 square foot house, built in the 1920s. The Greens spend an average of \$200/month on electricity and natural gas. They want to reduce their energy costs. They learn about the reEnergize Program and go to the website to sign-up.



There, they find a list of qualified energy evaluators who are trained to analyze a home's energy performance. They call an energy evaluator, request a reEnergize Energy Evaluation, and schedule a time for their in-home evaluation. The evaluator gives them a \$100 discount on the cost of the evaluation.

After the energy evaluation is complete, the Greens receive a report that identifies the most cost-effective upgrades for their home, along with price ranges and energy savings. They discuss these results with their evaluator and select their energy upgrades.

Next, they request cost-estimates from qualified contractors via the reEnergize Program bidding service or directly from a preferred contractor on the qualified contractor list.

Total Upgrade Value.....	\$4,500
Minus evaluation cost.....	-\$300
20% Energy savings @ \$100 per percent.....	-\$2000
Participant Cost (will vary).....	\$2,200

Upon receiving the results, they select their contractor, identify their financing options, and schedule their upgrades. They will pay the contractor their portion of the project cost (i.e. \$2,200) upon selection as a down-payment on the work.

After the upgrade is complete, the evaluator comes back to perform a "check-out", confirming that the work was done well and using the right materials. Everyone, including the Greens, sign off on the work and the incentive payment is issued to the contractor. The Greens will now enjoy 20% energy savings and a more comfortable and healthy home. Plus, they should be able to recoup their cost in just under 4 years based on energy savings alone!

About reEnergize

The reEnergize Program is a partnership between the Cities of **Omaha** and **Lincoln** to build energy smart communities. reEnergize, provides grant money, screens evaluators and contractors for qualifications and provides bidding assistance and assurance on a job well done.



The program is designed to jumpstart the market for energy evaluations and energy upgrades by boosting consumer demand. Our goal is to reduce energy usage locally, while creating a healthy environment and more comfortable places to live, work, and play.

Learn more and sign up today at www.reEnergizeProgram.org

Contractors

Find a qualified contractor at:
reEnergizeProgram.org/residents/contractor
or ask your contractor if they know how to use reEnergize to save you money



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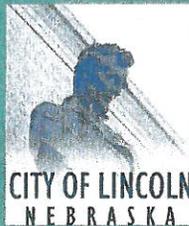
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Web: www.reEnergizeProgram.org

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NOTE: Not all participants will receive the same incentives or incur the same costs. Incentives go toward energy upgrade work and are not awarded in cash.

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Save Money



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South Capitol BIKETACULAR

MAY 19th, 2012

WHAT:

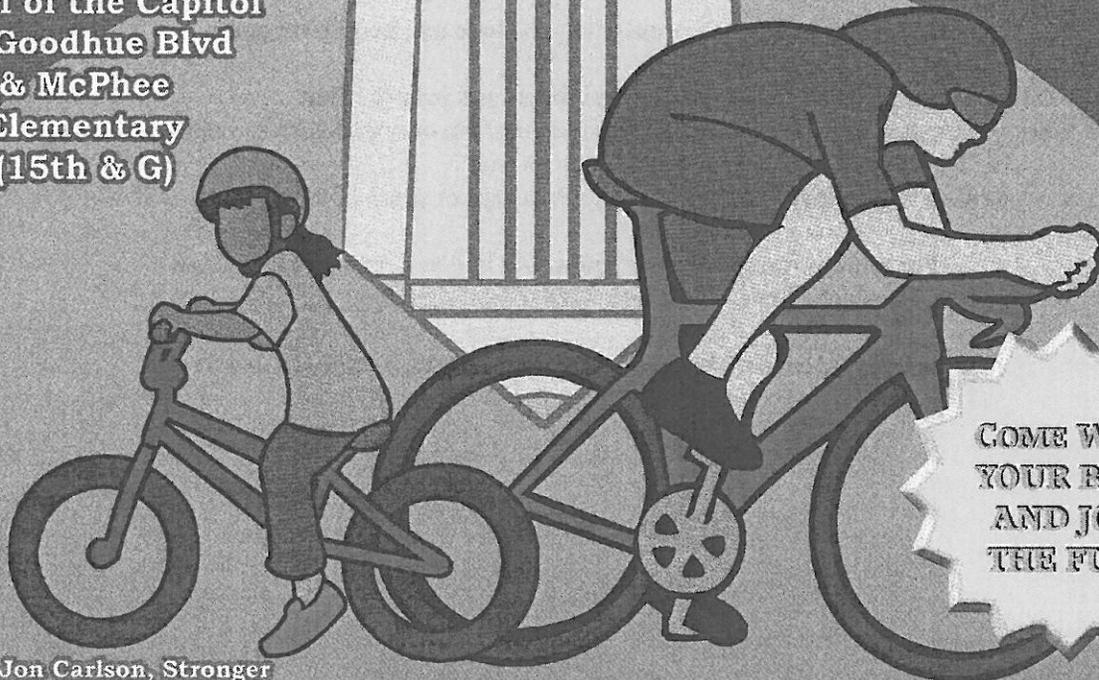
- Family fun for all!
- bicycling information
- maintenance training
- decorating
- kid's parade
- kid's safety rodeo
- 10am-12pm

WHERE:

South of the Capitol
on Goodhue Blvd
& McPhee
Elementary
(15th & G)

2012 Capital City Criterium Races
Presented by Lincoln Industries
(Pro/Am bike racing)
9am-6pm
Hosted By
Flatwater Cycling

Race for the Place 5k Run
8am - 9am
Brought to You By
The Gathering Place
(Must Pre-Register for Races)
Parking available at State lot -
enter from 16th Street.



COME WITH
YOUR BIKE
AND JOIN
THE FUN!

Contact Jon Carlson, Stronger
Safer Neighborhoods 441-7224
jcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov

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Details on the 4th Annual

BIKETACULAR!

Saturday, May 19, 2012 8 am to 5 pm

Last year was a smash success & we have another great day planned!
The schedule for the day includes the following:

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| 8:00am to 9:00am | 5k Fun Run on Goodhue Blvd *
* Pre-registration required |
| 9:30am to 12:00pm | Pro/semi-pro bike racing on Goodhue Blvd*
* Pre-registration required |
| 10:00am to 12:00pm | Kid's safety training & bike rodeo, maintenance station, bike
decorating, info tables & more |
| 12:00pm | Kids' races along Goodhue Blvd |
| 12:30pm | Kids' bike parade up and down the Mall

Announce prize winners |
| 12:45pm to 5:00pm | Pro/semi-pro bike racing on Goodhue Blvd*

Food and Drinks available |

Want to help showcase why we love our neighborhood?

Tell your friends and family to bring their bikes and **join the fun!**
Mark your calendars and **be patient** with the guests in our neighborhood during the event
– we'll need to **move our cars** for the races and
parking will be available in the State Parking Lot south of the Capitol.

For more information or if you would like to help volunteer please
contact: Jon Carlson 441-7224 jcarlson@lincoln.ne.gov

Co-sponsored by Near South and Everett Neighborhoods



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**Attachment D
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not discussed**

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May 14, 2012

Mr. Jon Carlson
Mayor Office/Mayor's Roundtable
City of Lincoln /Lancaster County
555 South 10th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: A proposed Text Amendment the LMC to add a provision for allowing administrative amendments to CUPs and PUDs by the Planning Director to allow for a waiver of height of multi-family buildings of up to 10 additional feet with conditions; and to allow a percentage of parking spaces located on a driveway behind a garage attached to a dwelling unit to be considered as required parking stalls.

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Per our discussions, I wanted to summarize the two items above that are being presented to Planning Commission and City Council for a text amendment to existing Community Unit Plans (CUPs) and Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) as they relate to the height of multi-family buildings. Please route this information the members of the neighborhood roundtable and ask they contact me with questions.

In working with Planning Staff it was determined that it was important to add this language only to CUPs and PUDs that already are in existence. As a result, these text amendments would not apply to those areas of town that contain multi-family buildings that are in residentially zoned districts that are not covered by an overlaid CUP or PUD. This provides some protection for existing neighborhoods as the CUP zoning text requires at least five acres of land to be included in the creation of a CUP.

This amendment is the result of trends our firm is seeing with multi-family buildings that are exceeding the current height limits of 35' in their respective previously approved CUPs and PUDs. This trend in increased heights is the direct result of several market and construction changes. They include: the elimination of garden level units due to ADA access regulations, increased construction spacing between floors for fire protection systems and the market desire for 9' interior ceilings. The text amendment would allow for administrative amendments to existing PUDs and CUPs by the Planning Director under the following conditions:

- Multi-family buildings can be approved for height increase of up to 10' provided that the multi-family buildings maintain a setback from adjacent single family homes equal to the height of the building.
- That the setback area to single family homes may contain parking stalls or drive aisles provided that additional landscape screening is provided to the satisfaction of the Planning Director.

Additionally, a second design trend we are witnessing is garages attached to multi-family buildings with a conforming parking stall in the driveway behind the garage. Currently, in a CUP, the Planning Commission has the sole authority to allow these types of parking stalls to count toward the required parking total. Therefore, we are requesting a text amendment to

allow the Planning Director to administratively approve the inclusion of these parking stalls in the number of required parking stalls for multi-family complexes, with the following condition

- That parking stalls located on a driveway behind a garage attached to a dwelling unit may be considered for a percentage of required parking spaces so long as the stalls maintain a length of 22' feet from the front face of the garage to the sidewalk and the percentage of these stalls does not exceed 50% of the total required parking.

If the members of the roundtable have questions about this text amendment, please have them contact me at the following address/phone number/email:

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Thank you for your review of this material and for disseminating it to the Mayor's Roundtable.

Sincerely,



Mike Eckert, AICP