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**Please share any comments you have regarding the general appearance and attractiveness of Lincoln.**

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Need to make the entryways into the City more pleasing. Why would you want to venture further into a City if nothing peaks your interest to do so? West O street off the interstate is a prime example of alot of blah and closed businesses and no flowers or welcoming mat or anything. Can't wait for the I-180 entrance look once the arena and the "Lincoln" crosswalk are finished.

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West O is a major eyesore and could use extensive improvements.

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I think that if we are cutting budgets for lawn care, etc., in parks and leaving areas unmown, which is a logical way to deal with some of the budget crunch, it would be good to spend a little more money at the start and seed a wider mix of things in that area. The parking plantings near the parking lot by the old train station are a great example, the wildflower/prairie mixes you have used their are hardy, require little watering, and look gorgeous.

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Some areas are particularly good certain times of year. It's nice to see some variation in architecture, i.e. new block of buildings west of the Arbor Day Foundation building downtown.

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The West O Street entrance to Lincoln is phenomenally unattractive, though the arena is giving everything downtown new life and perspective. I do hope we can focus on that aspect of attractiveness soon.

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I really like the new Lincoln look with the arrow. Time to plaster that everywhere downtown! I think the downtown is super important to giving Lincoln a unique look and feel. Also, the suburban residential areas are sad looking. They all look the same. Suburbia. But I'm biased, I'll never live in a house newer than the 50s, but some people love that McMansion look.

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The city as a whole is very dingy, cluttered, and unkempt. I think that there is a lack of pride by many of the residents of the city. There are not enough waste bins along routes of travel. It is clear from the actions of the people in Lincoln that there is absolutely no enforcement of any litter laws. On a daily basis I regularly see people tossing cigaret butts onto the roads, sidewalks, parks, etc.. And this shouldn't be. I would love to see more tickets being given for this kind of gross negligence, no tax dollars should be wasted on developing a more attractive city when the people are actively destroying that. An aesthetically pleasant city is something to be treasured, as of now Lincoln is not aesthetically pleasing.

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There are no entryway improvements into Lincoln/Lancaster County. The entry from the airport and I-80 is pathetic. Downtown has been kept up pretty well and redevelopment has and is occurring (kudos to DLA and Urban Dev.), keep it up. Keep the street sweepers working, they add value to the overall appearance in addition to complying with EPA NPDES Permit.

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West O and N. 27th street as far as entryways to the city look like crap. West O is better than a decade ago but that N 27th...bad! Get West O tree-lined at least. Rarely rarely do I travel out to N 27th because it is sooo congested and unappealing to the eye. You know what North 27th street looks like to me? It looks like a city that just flat didn't care what an area looked like and told every business to put up a big ugly sign on a steel pole and your business should also have very unappealing colors. Think about it when you go on vacation and your entering a city, we've all come into ugly cities and it colors our impression right off the bat. North 27th street in my opinion is really a huge failure on the city of Lincolns part.

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North 27th has improved drastically over the years. Very good work on this area.

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A beautiful city will always attract people who want to live there. One place to improve on (entry-way wise) is the east and West Cornhusker Hwy. areas - big entryways for the city from I-80... lacking!

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Although the I understand the business communities want to build newer more eye pleasing developments to replace their current location, read Hyvee, and that those new developments bring construction business to the city. I do feel that there should be a comprehensive plan in place to renew their current locations prior to the approval of the new development. This has happened too often and we are now having to look at empty shopping locations and future blight areas.

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As I stated before don't over do the green space and city park areas we can't afford the cost of maintenance.

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Lincoln places much emphasis on attractiveness of its commercial areas and entryway corridors. Lincoln should provide opportunities for business owners and neighborhoods to create their own well kept and attractive neighborhood which includes that neighborhood's personality instead of imposing a city vision on an area.

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Good job keeping University Place, Bethany, and College View retailers small, retro, and attractive. Gateway Mall is ugly, but it's too late to do anything about it. South Point is better with its landscaping. O Street is okay, Centennial Mall is going to be nice. The newer bridges leading into downtown look good. Antelope Valley is attractive. The Haymarket will be nice. Industrial areas will never look good, so hide them with trees and natural shelter belts. My main complaint is that new apartment complexes are too big and have no trees or green space around them, and too many homes are being packed into neighborhoods, using duplexes instead of single-family houses on smaller lots. Even people with less money deserve a tranquil, green area in which to live. It reduces stress, it increases neighborhood pride, and it reduces crime.

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Just keep it clean. I volunteer with my children to clean up an area of downtown Lincoln. Clean is attractive. Fancy expensive modern looking ideas only show how shallow our leadership is when there are homeless people begging for change. Take care of our people before remodeling an office or city sign or anything that isn't starving and/or freezing.

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While some of the older shopping areas (i.e., 48th and O, College View, Havelock, 11th and G) are being revived, others are falling into disrepair (i.e., Piedmont, Indian Village, Bethany, 70th and O). The appearance of the shopping areas can have a dramatic impact on the adjacent residential areas and neighborhood QOL.

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Again, aesthetics, for the most part, should be left to the market.

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Driving into Lincoln from the south is good. Driving into Lincoln from the West is 50/50...good for the arena and stadium but bad for the industrial. Driving in from the east is horrible. Hello Cornhusker Industrial and ugliness? 13th and South area is wonderful! Downtown needs a facelift between 17th and 27th desperately~!

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I really believe that developing the historic areas of town is so important to a vibrant and successful town. Investing more in these historic areas is much more important than putting up more corporate shopping centers and malls. Please put a focus on local small businesses and help them to grow by enhancing the smaller neighborhoods and communities in Lincoln.

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Again the developer is spending the money to create attractive homes and shopping. The city needs to make growth simple by accommodation of developers.

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More trees & greenery in general would be great. Also parking lots feel numerous and far too visible. Having parking located behind businesses and residential buildings helps cities feel more pedestrian and encourages people to walk and take public transportation.

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Attractiveness is important in all areas, but I would mention there is a little personal preference involved in determining what is considered attractive. Is this lush gardens, grass/weeds mowed, streets/sidewalks swept, buildings well kept, entertainment districts, amusement parks or a petting zoo?????????

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Some buildings are getting run down. It is better to help spruce them up than to tear them down and replace them with big box stores.

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Older neighborhoods are in need of better maintenance on the part of owners.

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You can put lipstick on a pig and it is still a pig. Stop worrying about looks and bring in some damn jobs!

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I simply don't see the City having or providing much impact on any of these issues. The City could have a major impact, particularly on Major Entryways if the "powers that be" choose to. Just what has the City actually done to make our Major Entryways more attractive? Talk is cheap! Coming from the Airport to downtown via Cornhusker Hwy and then 9th Street has always been like coming in the "back door". Just like O Street, from 27th to 16th St. mega-blight! It sometimes seems that the City powers that be are more concerned with what some ignorant (not stupid, just ignorant) writers at the LJS like Nancy Hicks might criticize, like TIF. She has no realization how backwards and anti-progressive her ignorant, anti-TIF rhetoric is.

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More buffers and landscaping is needed around industrial areas such as Cornhusker, West P Street, Yolande Street, N. 70th Street etc. come to mind.

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Shopping center not attractive at all because it is too far to access from downtown.

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Lincoln needs its entryways improved. Commissioned public art would help, but what is really needed is improved funding for Parks & Recreation. Native grasses are great, if they are actually planted. Too many areas are weedy and not maintained by the City. This detracts from the city's beauty. Cornhusker HWY needs to be cleaned up. It's an eyesore and definitely not welcoming! Downtown is improving. Shopping centers surrounded by oceans of ground parking are an eyesore, ruin efforts for stormwater management, create heat islands, and generally need to be transformed into green areas with multi-level parking.

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What better way to ruin the attractiveness of a residential area, especially one that has 342 homes with an average value of over \$300 000 than to stick a 130 000 square foot Wal-Mart in the neighborhood.

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Functionality should also be considered along with attractiveness. The shopping development on 27th and Pine Lake would work in California or Florida. But is not accommodating to Cold Weather because you have to go outside the buildings to get from one store to another. Gateway/Westfield is dated and unattractive, but is far more functional in Nebraska weather than the mall located on Pine Lake.

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The entryways and downtown are critical in my mind. Attention to make the entryways inviting statements of our quality of life is desirable. Downtown is getting better, but there are still areas needing to be improved.

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when I took the train 8years ago I could not believe how bad the area's look on the train downtown. bulidings sitting empty and run down and no one taken care of them . Andpeople are looking at that and wonder is this how the town looks all over?

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It is obvious there is a constant tension between expectations for newer areas to be attractive but a limited budget to maintain older areas of Lincoln. Streets, sewers and sidewalks are first impressions.

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My brother-in-law lived in Lincoln 40 years ago. Each time he visits he comments on how shabby the town looks, especially O Street (which is the main "drag" many visitors use at one time or another). I am personally unaware of any particular design to any of the "entryways" to the city. I think attractiveness overall has improved in the past 13 years, but overall the town is uninviting.

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Really could use some work on Cornhusker Highway from the airport exit to I180. the center islands have curbing falling apart all along that section. and the two intersections at the Airport could use alot of sprucing up. Downtown has really imporved over the last several years.

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Entering Lincoln is an eye-sore from multiple directions. Cornhusker is a prime example. Residential areas need to bring back the alley and put the garages back into the alley. There's nothing attractive about the garage doors on the street view. N. 27th has improved a lot, and has a lot left to do - but it's getting there.

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How do you define "attractiveness"? Some would say perfectly manicured green spaces and brand new buildings. I'm happier with salvaging the beauty in older buildings and filling our green spaces with diverse plant life or vegetable gardens. Regarding the items voted on above, I think Lincoln's doing a relatively good job at appearing attractive, although there are definitely areas that are more beautiful than others. Industrial areas along Cornhusker Highway and west of downtown are two areas that come to mind that could use some work.

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Again who is Lincoln and Lancaster County?

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I don't consider strange art or flags, etc. to make an area attractive. I prefer natural plantings and areas to sit a bit while shopping, a clean area that is litter-free, well-maintained storefronts, etc. to be much more likely to make me wish to shop in an area. 'Sterile' surroundings do not make me want to visit. Safety is also important.

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We waste way too much time, energy and emotion over "the look" of things. No two people can agree on what that look ought to be. Let's start getting simple, practical solutions out there, and quit fretting about whether they'll be pretty enough.

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I don't think city or county government can regulate the "attractiveness" of shopping centers--which are privately owned. They can regulate safety issues, but beauty is in the eye of the beholder. For example, I find Gateway ugly/gaudy. Government can control the appearance of land around the entrances to Lincoln, and is doing a fairly good job with land that is always under development. The downtown is also always under development, but the focus on facilitating auto traffic limits options for what I consider attractive.

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Attractiveness is fine, but we need real quality--not just superficial appearance.

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The gateways to the city, at least up north where I live, e.g., from the east from I-80 on Cornhusker east or west and down 27th St. are really ugly and embarrassing. When I direct visitors how to come I'm always ashamed of how things look.

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In general, attractiveness of entries into Lincoln are not addressed. Seems like they are moving targets that are dependent on commercial development, but without any focus on aesthetics. Shopping areas seem rather non-descript with the exception of SouthPointe. I don't think Downtown has much of a cohesive quality. Aesthetics seem dictated by the initiative of the enterprise.

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The development of S 27th Street WalMart is a poor decision. The zoning laws in Lincoln are horrible. Please take a look at Omaha and Kansas City to see how it should be done. WalMart in the middle of a neighborhood is so ghetto and I feel greatly for the neighborhood residents.

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I would like to see improvements to the entrance to the city from the southwest (eg. hwy 77 and old chenev area up through 9th, 10th and 13th streets up to south street area)

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I think Lincoln need to crack down on homeowners who have vacant homes or homes that are not being taken care of. Also, I think they need to crack down on the junk in the yards of some neighborhoods.

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Too many bars. Downtown is college kids. Not a successful, professional business image to visitors.

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I believe the City does a poor job of managing land use between commercial and residential areas. The Walmart in the 27th and Grainger area is an example.

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City should not meddle much in most of these areas.

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Except for city Owned property the city government should not be telling a land owner what they think is attractive. Excluding the point of keeping areas up to code.

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Lincoln only gives to Downtown and already run down areas. Planning tools are not progressive for areas starting to age. Need for larger retail shops, more parking around older office spaces. The ability for commercial projects to easily take over residential ground to support new commercial space needs is paramount to keeping the older areas vital

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Entrances into the city are terrible. Downtown should look nice, but spending money on lamp post flags??? bike lanes??? I'd prefer some green areas.

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As a citizen of Lincoln, I would prefer that all areas are attractive. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. With the exception of blighted areas that are a detriment to property values, the city does not have much business running someone else's business.

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Other than a few older shopping area facelifts with little incentive to fill empty storefronts, older neighborhoods have little identity, or effective associations. Older industrial areas are poorly landscaped or screened, with several salvage yards posing as "car lots" except the junk cars never move or sell.

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"Older" neighborhoods without specific covenants are suffering. We have laws on the books about junk cars in drive ways and tall weeds between the sidewalk and the street but it continues to be an issue.

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I want to be proud of my City. I do not like the negative talk about smoking or not. It should be a choice. BUT why can't the City put in receptacles to put out the cigarettes downtown instead of having the people throw them on the sidewalk and it makes our Downtown area look like garbage.

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Please the first thing you see when you come into downtown is a large stainless toilet bowl oops you call it an arena, for a very losing college team maybe the girls will at least enjoy it. The first thing I do not want to see is round about it makes the city seem like you are going in circles, oh, again, we all ready are....

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Some of the entry points into the city are very dated/industrial and make the city look tired and old

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I want to live in a growing vibrant community. That would include new area of opportunity. Which would create more jobs

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Again, most of these things are things the city should stay out of. Downtown - and by association the Haymarket - I can see. As for residential and commercial and industrial developments, leave that to the developers. It's fine how it is.

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Focus on keeping downtown attractive should be maintained.

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Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and his pocketbook.

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I don't believe it is the city's role to determine the attractiveness of these areas. What is beauty to one person may be an eyesore to another - such as the large brick head on Antelope Valley downtown.

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In some newer areas of the City, it looks just like any other city in the country. There is also poor design of shopping centers with big boxes in particular with large parking lots separating the street from the building and no good way to walk from point to point. Some people might think South Pointe is nice, but in terms of walking around the center or from one side to another, it has hardly any sidewalks and is really meant to be driven to and then the walking is "inside" the mall between the buildings. Poor design.

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The city/county should get the heck out of the way. Forcing ICLEI software cookie cutter plans on us will only result in less choice.

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If you are looking at malls, they are doing well, but some of the strip malls in town are in very poor condition.

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Lincoln does not have much appeal coming into the City from the various directions.

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Currently, major entryways are not attractive. I also find new developments sterile, unimaginative, and not working with the landscape (why don't all new houses have a significant southern exposure to take advantage of solar energy??). I worry about the new Haymarket area. I found the old area funky and attractive, a place I want to go. The new area sounds like it's going to be bar and chain restaurant heavy. I guess it will attract young people, but I consider it a loss, with local business perhaps unable to bear the rising rents in the area.

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Of course, attractive and appealing is always better. It is more of a factor in housing than in other areas, in my opinion.

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City appears to be doing a good job at revitalizing existing areas (e.g. Centennial Mall, Antelope Valley, P Street - 11th to 17th, etc)

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"Attractiveness" is so subjective as to be meaningless. If the intent here is to imply that government ought to be in the business of requiring/judging/approving or otherwise reviewing projects based on "attractiveness", it is a bad idea. Government is responsible for many of the ugliest buildings in Lincoln.

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More emphasis should be placed on placing more attractive business at our entry points. As businesses come and go, perhaps encouragement should be placed with a new business to incent more attractive buildings.

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The 56th street exit off the interstate is just a dumpster fire of an entrance into a major city. 84th is meh ok, 27th is by far the best but as a street 27th is impossible to use if you want to get across town quickly. 9th st has a chance especially with the sporting venues in place and all the attractive green space along that route.

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Generally pretty good, although West O and Cornhusker highway need a lot of improvements. The city should help "old" shopping areas like Havelock and College View with more than just banners to enhance attractiveness.

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Blighted areas remain a big negative to our general appearance and attractiveness, particularly areas close to or abutting downtown. Lincoln should support efforts to improve blighted areas.

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Would really like to see the city continue to focus money on older areas of the city. Great job with 48th and O!! There are many other spots like that, both shopping/commercial as well as residential, there are many areas that are unattractive/under utilized, etc.

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New shopping developments are not enough. Current sites of business need rejuvenation as well, particularly businesses downtown. Downtown will make or break Lincoln in the twenty-first century! That is where young people want to live and settle. That is where Lincoln's creative class will thrive.

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You could be dropped out of an airplane into Lincoln and not know what city you are in everywhere but downtown. Shopping centers have no character. Downtown is not attractive either. Neighborhoods should have signage to identify the neighborhood and instill pride. The only areas that get funding for improvements are handpicked by people who work in the Mayor's office.

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There should be a too well option. I see a lot of wasted tax dollars in Lincoln on just stupid stuff that should not even be addressed with the economy being what it is these days. Stop planning and wasting monies on bike paths, etc. we live in a city where if one is lucky, you can be outside and use these items maybe five months out of the year. Concentrate on indoor, affordable options.

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If by older shopping areas, meaning old main street building districts, preservation is important and the attractiveness. If you mean older shopping strips malls, once they've aged past their use, tear them down and put a better mixed use building that will last a long time. No one will miss a deteriorating strip mall.

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Lincoln is being allowed to go down hill, especially the center of the city. Downtown is becoming nothing but ugly parking garages, office buildings, and bars. Shopping centers are simply ugly parking lots with big ugly boxes set in the middle of them. Too many of the new housing developments are not designed to create neighborhoods, but rather become places for people to park their cars, and hide from the world. We are beginning to see the type of problems associated with larger cities, and if the present policies continue, these problems are only going to get worse. There is still time to change our course, and maintain both a desirable rate of growth, and a positive community based environment.

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We need to continue to work on the above issues in Lincoln.

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I ranked attractiveness of older shopping area lower because much more revitalization could be happening. Lots of design effort and money have been put into Antelope Valley project, however it is litter strewn in the area around O Street because there are no garbage cans. I think the type of garbage cans that they have on the the posts on corners downtown need to be extended further to the East. I walk on O from about 20th st to 24th street to the bus stop after work and there is litter strewn the entire way, but there is no where to pick it up and

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Overall, okay. I know it's very difficult to put covenants in place retroactively, but boy it sure could pay good dividends.

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Rosa parks is a mess and needs to be resurfaced at a minimum.

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I think Lincoln has done a good job of keeping the downtown area vibrant and relatively attractive. The planters on the downtown corners usually look very nice, both winter and summer. I do think the sidewalks could be maintained a bit better--there are so many cigarette butts (and this from a former smoker . . . ), and, frankly, I've never been in a downtown area that has more vomit on the sidewalks. Gross, I know, but seriously! When I walk from my parking garage to my office, I can plan on avoiding at least three places where, well, you know. I live near the 27th Street corridor, and I think the area looks somewhat better than it has in previous years. There have been improvements, especially the area surrounding the pedestrian overpass. I do think shop owners and businesses in both the downtown area and in older shopping areas could be encouraged (one way or another) to keep their storefronts and sidewalks cleaner.

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I don't think it's the job of government or proper use of tax money to make areas "attractive " a very subjective judgment call. I am oppose to spending a nickel in making any major entryways to the city "attractive " as has been proposed. Let the Chamber of Commerce to it if somebody thinks it matters to visitors. When I visit another city, it matters to me not at all.

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It's important to keep the older shopping areas updated and looking fresh perhaps by removing excess concrete/asphalt and planting trees, and refreshing area lighting and image.

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some of the older neighborhoods in Lincoln look like they have been forgotten. When core neighborhoods are not maintained, they become breeding grounds for crime and violence. Most people find it easier to move away from these areas and forget about them but at some point in time you wont be able to build fences big enough to contain the problems that will develop.

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I believe there should be more foliage, gardens, and even rooftop gardens that could supply the buildings below with food. Lincoln should be looking to become a greener city and these are certainly direct ways to do so.

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Much could be done to improve the attractiveness of Cornhusker Highway.

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Again, it is awful what we do to the trees lining the streets. Better to cut them down and put in smaller ones that would not interfere with the electrical lines or, better, bury the lines. The residential developments in Lincoln appear to be "all made out of ticky tacky and they all look just the same" i.e. plastic "Barbie Houses" and no trees. Whatever happened to brick housing? or stucco? And why the continuation of extending the city and butchering or ignoring the interior?

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There are industrial areas near downtown (such as in Clinton neighborhood) that detract from the downtown surroundings

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It is easy to grouse, and I think there are attempts at addressing the aesthetics of our city. I am not impressed by the new Larson building which seems out of scale. The Williamsburg development is a little difficult to negotiate as it appears so many of the buildings look the same, but I suppose you get used to it.

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Sidewalks - streets need repair just not around government areas!

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Mostly plain

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Lincoln is generally well-maintained. Again, many run down even dangerously so homes in downtown/near

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Not bird friendly. No variety. No bushes

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There are a lot of poorly kept up developments, strip malls and industrial areas in Lincoln. The entryways to Lincoln are nothing special.

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Good city for tourism

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