



## *Directors Meeting Agenda*

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

555 S 10<sup>th</sup> Street Luxford Studio

- I. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from June 12<sup>th</sup> 2023
- II. City Clerk: Agenda Advisories
  - i. Mayor's Award of Excellence for the month of February 2023 to be presented.
  - ii. Public Comments will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- III. Mayor's Presentation
- IV. Director Presentations and Advisories
- V. City Council: Commissions, Committees, and Event Updates
- VI. Post-Meeting Council Members Calls to Directors
- VII. Adjournment

Next Directors Meeting – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Correspondence – Online for Review

- I. Directorial Correspondence
- II. Constituent Correspondence
  - i. The Supreme Court's Blow to Anti-Discrimination Law – George Wolf
  - ii. LED Streetlights Are Not FDA Approved – Mark Baker
  - iii. Fire works – Susan Rutledge
  - iv. A Letter from a Lincoln 5th Grader – Jessica McMullen
  - v. Woods Park-Preserve Remaining Green Space – Michael McDannel
  - vi. Thanks to you!!! – Rosina Paolini

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<https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/City-Council/Directors-Minutes-Agendas>

**From:** [George Wolf](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/d2qPC0R729FJ836DIwIkBi?domain=nytimes.com> The Supreme Court's Blow to Anti-Discrimination Law Hurts Families Like Mine  
**Date:** Saturday, July 1, 2023 5:39:46 PM

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Check out this article from The New York Times. Because I'm a subscriber, you can read it through this gift link without a subscription.

The Supreme Court's Blow to Anti-Discrimination Law Hurts Families Like Mine

The decision in 303 Creative potentially allows a wide range of businesses to discriminate in the name of expression.

[https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/30/opinion/supreme-court-303-creative-lgbtq.html?unlocked\\_article\\_code=Q0PSwIV8hzwnfvnAW25Kjv4aQxeVh7KfOavg6GCR4IeyaPk-3nLyAYXKMGL76EmyRMhw7ZMBzQCZkqxJM\\_eIPDQ\\_2F16QovVDgpk0s7r0PhMNG7S9zZCsyIrYECpAoDo5HquB04gxmG0cQS5jzbA799wPWkuLxNatUAQ4n737c6Ak7MHISjtO5qHjWGjAzGoGU1zUw71K\\_rGh2yEPaDjtktYMWreAxjvKxUUp7BkODorrpmzfcX3IZMjndQ42HdzJdaGkejAZum0CIBISqVYg56woX3gG1RinGz3dvaRg4aknT-Mu5g79zXPEXNIY1pRFEwtp5aqUnG0u1JZiuMt78WCtMbodSHFI&smid=em-share](https://www.nytimes.com/2023/06/30/opinion/supreme-court-303-creative-lgbtq.html?unlocked_article_code=Q0PSwIV8hzwnfvnAW25Kjv4aQxeVh7KfOavg6GCR4IeyaPk-3nLyAYXKMGL76EmyRMhw7ZMBzQCZkqxJM_eIPDQ_2F16QovVDgpk0s7r0PhMNG7S9zZCsyIrYECpAoDo5HquB04gxmG0cQS5jzbA799wPWkuLxNatUAQ4n737c6Ak7MHISjtO5qHjWGjAzGoGU1zUw71K_rGh2yEPaDjtktYMWreAxjvKxUUp7BkODorrpmzfcX3IZMjndQ42HdzJdaGkejAZum0CIBISqVYg56woX3gG1RinGz3dvaRg4aknT-Mu5g79zXPEXNIY1pRFEwtp5aqUnG0u1JZiuMt78WCtMbodSHFI&smid=em-share)

George Wolf  
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**From:** [Mark Baker](#)  
**To:** [JCA Attorney](#)  
**Cc:** [Council Packet](#); [Health](#); [dbundy@journalstar.com](mailto:dbundy@journalstar.com); [dwalton@journalstar.com](mailto:dwalton@journalstar.com)  
**Subject:** LED Streetlights Are Not FDA Approved  
**Date:** Monday, July 3, 2023 12:24:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [Unapproved LED Streetlights.pdf](#)

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Dear Yohance Christie, City Attorney, Lincoln, Nebraska,

Please find attached our letter regarding LED streetlights which have not been FDA approved.

Sincerely,

Mark Baker  
President  
Soft Lights Foundation  
[www.softlights.org](http://www.softlights.org)  
[mbaker@softlights.org](mailto:mbaker@softlights.org)

July 2, 2023

**BY EMAIL**

Yohance Christie, City Attorney  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
attorney@lincoln.ne.gov

**Re: LED Streetlights Lack FDA Approval**

Dear Yohance Christie,

An LED streetlight is an electronic product which is regulated by the US Food and Drug Administration. The FDA presentation “How to Get Your Electronic Product on the U.S. Market” details the authority of the FDA to regulate the radiation from electronic products and the requirements of manufacturers to receive FDA approval for their electronic products that emit radiation.<sup>1</sup>

The city of Lincoln, Nebraska has installed or is considering installing LED streetlights. However, the FDA has not approved any LED streetlight products to ensure the comfort, health, and safety of the public. The FDA is mandated by the 1968 Radiation Control for Health and Safety Act (21 U.S.C. 360ii) to publish performance standards for electronic products that emit radiation, and yet the FDA has failed to comply with 21 U.S.C. 360ii for LED products, including LED streetlights.

LED streetlights are a human health hazard which have been documented to cause seizures, migraines, anxiety, and eye injury. In addition, artificial light at night has been documented to cause significant increases in risk for mood disorders, diabetes, heart disease, breast cancer, and early mortality. The contact person at the FDA is Robert Ochs, Director, FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health, OHT8 (robert.ochs@fda.hhs.gov).

It is negligent for a city to install and operate an electronic product that has no FDA approval, and which is known to put the public at risk of harm. To protect the public from LED visible radiation, LED streetlights must not be operated in public spaces. To recover expenses related to the removal of any existing LED streetlights, the Soft Lights Foundation recommends that Lincoln sue the FDA and the DOE for failing to comply with 21 U.S.C 360ii and publish the required performance standards for LED streetlights and for failing to disclose to Lincoln that LED products are a human health hazard.

In any case, Lincoln cannot install and operate LED streetlights knowing that the LED streetlights have not been FDA approved and knowing that the LED streetlights are causing serious adverse health impacts and creating discriminatory barriers for the citizens of Lincoln.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/media/88417/download>

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Baker

President

Soft Lights Foundation

[mbaker@softlights.org](mailto:mbaker@softlights.org)

**From:** [S Ru](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Fire works  
**Date:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 10:10:03 AM

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I am writing concerning the noise associated with all the fireworks going off around the city the last 4 nights. There are more and more very, very loud illegal fireworks going off at all hours of the day and night.

Literally, everyone I talk to HATES them. I know there are some obviously that like the noise, but the vast majority of the citizens do not. I was at my wits end the last 3 nights.

Could we put something like this on the ballot? Let the people decide if they want individuals to set off fireworks, or those that want the city or some other entity to be in charge of a firework display, so we would have so many constant very loud bangs.

It has gotten completely out of control and is an extreme disservice to our veterans, refugees and others that have had to relive life in the war environment.

Thank you  
Susan Rutledge

**From:** [Jessica McMullen](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** A Letter from a Lincoln 5th Grader  
**Date:** Thursday, July 6, 2023 7:44:09 PM

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Dear City Council Members,

My name is Finnley McMullen. I live in south Lincoln and I will be a fifth grader at Adams Elementary this fall.

I am writing to you today to ask you to change the rule about fireworks after the fourth of July.

I believe that if it rains on the fourth of July you should allow the citizens of Lincoln to set off fireworks on the fifth of July. This will allow citizens to set off fireworks and celebrate their independence since we couldn't celebrate it on the fourth of July.

Thank you for considering my request,

Finnley McMullen

**From:** [Michael McDannel](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Woods Park-Preserve Remaining Green Space  
**Date:** Friday, July 7, 2023 10:02:55 AM

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Dear City Council Member:

There is a proposal to build more tennis courts and a new tennis building at Woods Park. That is a bad idea.

Woods Park and its neighbors have accepted numerous developments and changes to the park over the past many years. The cost of these “developments” has always been a loss of green space.

Many Woods Park neighbors, like me, are now saying “Please stop removing green space from Woods Park. We need green space. We need a park, not more concrete.”

Woods Park developments have been numerous and include establishing the park’s main baseball field (however, that ball field is closed for general public use), the Woods Park tennis complex added a rather large indoor space a few years ago and used additional green space in the process, the courtyard outside of the tennis complex was enhanced and expanded, Parks and Recreation needed additional parking spaces a few years ago—they took park land, AARP built a small exercise area in the park in the past few years, and years ago the City of Lincoln used some of Woods Park for its “O” Street office building. The park keeps giving and giving and giving up green space. It’s past time to protect and preserve the park’s remaining green space.

Now tennis’ planned impact is huge, with the loss of over fifty (50!) mature trees. And much more green space would be eliminated. Quite simply: The park needs to be a park and not a concrete and asphalt eyesore.

If more city tennis courts are truly needed in Lincoln then tennis folks should follow the example set by our municipal golf courses and city libraries. We don’t have one golf course that has all the city’s golf holes on it and we don’t have one library that houses all of our library books. Put the proposed tennis facility in another part of town, where players live—if tennis is truly that popular.

In conclusion, allow Woods Park to be a park with the grass and trees it has remaining. Let people play soccer in the commons area, let kids fly kites unencumbered, let folks like me have a place to walk our dog. Let Woods Park be a park.

Sincerely,

Mike McDannel  
3300 J Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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**From:** [Rosina Paolini](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Thanks to you!!!  
**Date:** Monday, July 10, 2023 7:11:44 AM

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May you be well today, thank you service,

Thank you Sandra Washington and others who were committed to establishing boundaries for Collaborative Residential Living.

I am thankful to Tim Zach and Planning to develop #23006 development in a manner that actually protects the Salt Creek drainage. The adherence to the Comprehensive Plan is duly noted.

Sincerely,  
\*rosina