



## *Directors Meeting Agenda*

Monday, October 23rd, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

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

- I. Approval of Directors Meeting Minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- II. City Clerk Advisories
- III. Mayor's Advisories
- IV. Director's Advisories
- V. City Council: Commissions, Committees, and Event Updates
- VI. Post-Meeting Council Members Calls to City Directors
- VII. **Adjournment** - Next Directors Meeting - November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 2:00 p.m.

Correspondence - Online for Review

- I. Directorial Correspondence
- II. Constituent Correspondence
  - i. Eastridge Annual Meeting Oct. 22 - Nathan Putens
  - ii. Woods Park-Keep It Green - Patti Nielsen
  - iii. Power of bldg.and safety should have more oversight - Stephanie Newman

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**From:** [Eastridge Editor](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Eastridge Annual Meeting Oct. 22  
**Date:** Friday, October 13, 2023 11:04:55 AM

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Hello,

I would like to invite the representatives for our neighborhood from the City Council to our Neighborhood Annual Meeting:  
3:00–5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22nd at  
First Evangelical Covenant Church 6024 L St

This year will feature a guest speaker from Stephanie Rouse from Planning to present information about the historic district beginning around 3:00 with discussion to follow. We have had Council members at previous meetings attend, including representatives for District 2 and at large members, a small portion of our boundary also includes District 1.

The Eastridge Neighborhood area encompasses the area extending from A Street to O Street between 56th Street to the 6300 block of A Street. More information about the event is available on our website or Facebook page in the links below.

Thank you,  
Nathan

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**Nathan Putens** | Eastridge Board, Secretary, Newsletter Editor  
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**From:** [Patti Nielsen](#)  
**To:** [Mayor](#); [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Woods Park—Keep It Green  
**Date:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 3:35:12 PM

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It has been suggested that instead of expanding within the bounds of Woods Park, that Woods Tennis think outside this box and brainstorm how to use other existing courts for bigger tournaments. Courts that come to mind are: UNL, NWU, Union College and Lincoln high school courts.

*Another alternative plan to consider, would be to build courts on the outskirts of Lincoln, where there is room to expand and grow to become a true tennis complex.*

Omaha has done this. Koch Family Tennis Center at Tranquility Park in Omaha, has 27 outdoor courts. These courts are spaced so that there are two courts within the same footprint of 3 courts at Woods. This spacing helps to minimize wayward tennis balls affecting other play on adjacent courts. Koch Tennis Center had/have the acres to spread out without encroaching on valuable city park space. Tranquility hosts many state and regional tournaments. The easy access to their local restaurants, shops and hotels is an added bonus.

In the next two years, this tennis complex will resurface all of their courts. Woods Tennis will host Class A state tournaments during this two year time frame. After Tranquility's revamping project is complete, there is a strong likelihood that the Class A championships will return there.

If Woods Tennis wants to compete with Koch Family Tennis, they need to look for a larger area to develop more courts. Woods Park should not be the place for this expansion.

Looking to the future, does the city want a tennis complex in the middle of Lincoln, serving a small percentage of Lincolnitites? Or will the city preserve the green space that is enjoyed by three neighborhoods of the Woods Park Community?

Thanks you.

Patti Nielsen  
3348 Woods Ave.

Lincoln, NE. 68510

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**Date:** Sunday, October 15, 2023 3:53:25 PM

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I AM SO SORRY TO HAVE SENT THIS AGAIN! I was attempting to correct an error and print for my own records and I sent it again!  
Please delete the previous two emails.

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**From:** [Newman](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#)  
**Subject:** Power of bldg.and safety should have more oversight  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 17, 2023 9:38:52 PM

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It has come to my realization bldg and Safety needs additional oversight by the council especially with accessory bldg next to resident. They do not take the intent of the ordinances into consideration and are not required to and therefore they do not have everyone's best interests or the city in mind and they are not transparent. My experience comes from being in a residential area next to a business which is Mead Lumber. They say the zoning allowed them to approve an outdoor lumber accessory bldg in 2020 just 54 feet from residential properties which increased the Outdoor nuisance of noise next to residents. The effect on people was not taken into consideration but only cite the zoning laws and then acknowledge zoning laws were downgraded from industrial to business in the past which shows the laws were aimed to help prevent nuisances but they approved an outdoor bldg that caused more industrial noise than before. The same accessory bldg installed lights at heights that cause light trespass and glare into my windows and house but they cited that the ordinances require readings from the property line which is 5 feet below Meads property on an 18 foot structure of Mead and refused to take readings at Meads height which the light plan is based on in the first place and therefore is further away from the source and it is an obvious nuisance see attachment. I would like the Council to consider approving all accessory bldgs. especially next to residential zones. With of course advice from them but they should not be the decision makers to determine accessory building permits solely since they only look at the laws and know the loopholes and do not consider the overall impact. And in addition they are not transparent. They would not provide a picture showing when they took readings on lights that are impacted by the sun so I have no idea how many lights were on or the weather conditions. There should be oversight and they should be required to attempt to contact residents and tell them how their complaint was addressed and take pictures of the lights or complaint and use full disclosure. They approved a light plan without considering the glare on the properties affected by the light even though they knew glare can be an issue and it had potential glare. And refused to measure the glare from anywhere but the property line again 5 feet below. Other cities have city council approve accessory builds and I think this would be very beneficial since bldg. And safety are not required to consider everyone's well being and the laws are not always written perfect. Thank you for considering this suggestion, Stephanie Newman



