

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING, ROOM 112
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Advance public notice of the Board of Commissioners meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, web site and emailed to the media on July 10, 2020.

Commissioners present: Sean Flowerday, Chair; Rick Vest, Vice Chair; Roma Amundson; Deb Schorr; and Christa Yoakum

Others present: David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Jenifer Holloway, Deputy County Attorney; Dan Nolte, County Clerk, and Monét McCullen, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was announced.

1) **MINUTES:**

- A. **Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.**

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the minutes. Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2) **CLAIMS:**

- A. **Review of vouchers 689124 through 689135 payable to Candice Wooster in the total amount of \$19,388.30 for services performed in Juvenile Court in 2018 and 2019. (These claims are beyond the 90-day time period (see Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-135.)**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded denial of the claims (vouchers 689124 through 689135).

Candace Wooster said the total amount of the claims is around \$19,000, but the late amount is around \$7,000. She stated she was under the impression that she was able to submit her claims between three and six months. The total amount of the claims that are within the correct timeframe to submit is \$11,763 and asked that amount not be denied.

Schorr said she knows the claims were all submitted as one and asked what the procedure would be to approve the portion of the claim that was submitted within the proper timeframe. Kevin Nelson, Lancaster County Accounting Operations Manager, said it was his understanding that the portion of the claim that was submitted within the 90-days has been paid out. Wooster said she has not received payment. Nelson said he would look further into it.

Schorr withdrew her motion as she felt if there were submissions within the 90-days that those should be paid.

In response to Flowerday's questions, David Derbin, Chief Administrative Officer, said the Board may make a motion to deny all claims past the 90-days and that would clean up the motion.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded to deny all claims submitted past 90-days.

Wooster clarified there was a three to six month timeframe to submit claims through juvenile court as she felt she had claims paid out that have been submitted past the 90-days. Derbin said State Statute §23-135 states there is a 90-day claim procedure for the County.

Flowerday said the Board has not approved any claim submitted that were past 90-days. Amundson felt the 90-day procedure needs to be abide by as approving anything outside of that timeframe could set a precedent. Schorr also noted this request dates back two fiscal years and she is not comfortable approving anything that far back.

Vest clarified the motion is to deny all claims submitted outside of 90-days.

ROLL CALL: Vest, Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of all claims processed through July 14, 2020.

MOTION: Vest moved and Amundson seconded approval of the claims. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr, Amundson, and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are routine business items that are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. **Grant contract with Rabble Mill for the All-Access Pass program (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Juvenile Services Grant. The term of the grant contract is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) in the amount of \$64,025. (C-20-0418)**

B. **Subawards with the following (funded by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Juvenile Services Grant. The terms of the subawards are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.):**

1. **Asian Community & Cultural Center for the Serving Immigrant & Refugee Youth program in the amount of \$48,500. (C-20-0412)**
2. **Big Brothers Big Sisters Lincoln for the Community Based Mentoring program in the amount of \$36,286. (C-20-0413)**
3. **Boys & Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster County for the Great Futures Initiative program, in the amount of \$24,390. (C-20-0414)**
4. **The HUB Central Access Point for Young Adults for the Back on Track program, in the amount of \$27,100. (C-20-0415)**
5. **Lighthouse, Inc. for the Strengthsfinder Coaching program, in the amount of \$31,050. (C-20-0416)**
6. **Rabble Mill for the All-Access Pass program, in the amount of \$64,025. (C-20-0417)**

- C. Amendments to the following County contracts:
1. C-19-0225 with Production Creek Specialty Advertising (Production Creek, LLC) for Annual Supply - Clothing, Screen Printed and/or Embroidered Apparel. (Bid No. 19-067. The estimated expenditures for this contract will be increased by \$9,000 for the remainder of the contract term with a revised total amount of \$10,000.) (C-20-0419)
 2. C-19-0401 with Hamilton Equipment Co., for Annual Supply – Skid Steer Loader Rental. (Bid No. 19-088. The amendment renews the contract with a price increase from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$6,675.) (C-20-0425)
- D. Amendment to the following County contracts for Annual Supply - Ice Melt (Bid No. 19-153. The amendments renew the contracts from August 12, 2020 through August 11, 2021.):
1. C-19-0621 with Egan Supply. (The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$2,100.) (C-20-0426)
 2. C-19-0622 with Helena Chemical Company. (The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$1,500.) (C-20-0427)
 3. C-19-0620 with Nebraska Landscape Solutions, Inc. (The estimated cost to the County is not to exceed \$5,000.) (C-20-0428)
- E. Utility Permits with no cost to the County for the following:
1. No. 2003 allowing Windstream to reinstall communication lines due to County project 19-20 for the removal and replacement of structure H-115. (C-20-0420)
 2. No. 1998 allowing Windstream to install service to 5220 Northwest 105th Street. (C-20-0422)
- F. Right-of-way contract with John G. and Charlotte A. Huck, North 14th Street and Branched Oak Road in the amount of \$1,609. (C-20-0424)
- G. Received and placed on file the following:
1. County Attorney Office and the County Sheriff's Office quarterly reports.
 2. County Clerk and the Assessor/Register of Deeds reports for June, 2020.
- H. Setting a public hearing on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, regarding the proposed sale of property generally located at 300 Tyler Street in the City of Bennet, Lancaster County, Nebraska (which includes declaring that the property no longer serves a County purpose, determining fair market value and setting the date for sale of the property).

MOTION: Amundson moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the consent items. Amundson, Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4) PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. County Text Amendment 19007 to amend the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution, Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13 and 17, related to large and small solar facilities. (See correlating item 5A)

Steve Henrichsen, Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, was administered the oath and said he was available for questions.

Dan Nolte, Lancaster County Clerk, said 39 emails have been received in support (Exhibit 1) and one email was received in the neutral position (Exhibit 2). Note: The County Clerk's office received two additional emails in support following the meeting (Exhibit 3).

David Levy, Baird Holm Law Firm, 625 S. 14th Street, was administered the oath and discussed concerns with the regulation regarding screening of nonparticipating residences (Exhibit 4).

Schorr asked if it would be better to approve the regulations as planned and in unique situations allow the applicant to ask for a waiver of the setbacks. Levy said there might still be waiver requests for screenings as these come forward. However, as a matter of drafting policies, it is his opinion that it is better to not rely on waivers and he encouraged the Commissioners to approve the regulations with clear direction.

In response to Vest's question, Levy said for screening purposes, he believes the trees would need to be planted 25 feet apart. Fencing and berming are also acceptable, but the preferred method is planting trees.

Amundson asked what the height of the solar panels would be. Levy said the typical solar panels installed are usually around 12 feet off the ground when at their maximum tilt position and when flat, they are usually around six to eight feet off the ground (Exhibit 5).

John Hansan, Nebraska Farmer's Union President, was administered the oath and came forward in support.

No one appeared in opposition or in the neutral position.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution in the matter of County Text Amendment 19007 to amend the Lancaster County Zoning Resolution, Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13 and 17, related to large and small solar facilities, as provided in Exhibit A. (R-20-0037)**

MOTION: Amundson moved approval.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

MOTION: Yoakum moved and Vest seconded approval of the resolution as amended.

Flowerday provided a printout of the proposed amendment (Exhibit 6).

Jen Holloway, Deputy County Attorney, discussed the amendments (Exhibit 7).

ROLL CALL: Yoakum, Vest, Schorr, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

- B. Agreement with the Child Advocacy Center to conduct interviews and medical examinations of child abuse victims to aid law enforcement and prosecutors in their investigations of child abuse. The term of the agreement is October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The County will pay \$30,000 for the services. (C-20-0429)**

MOTION: Vest moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the agreement. Vest, Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Nebraska Crime Commission grant award for Operation Tipping Point for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, in the amount of \$89,115. (C-20-0431)

Sara Hoyle, Human Services Director, said this is a State grant that funds the gang outreach program.

MOTION: Schorr moved and Amundson seconded approval of the grant award. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Contract with Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., to provide Annual Supply Compact Track Loader Rental (Bid No. 20-136). The term of the contract is four years from the date of execution with the option to renew for an additional four-year renewal term. The cost to the County is not to exceed \$246,240. (C-20-0421)

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the contract. Amundson, Yoakum, Vest, Schorr and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Agreement with The Schemmer Associates, Inc., for professional engineering services for the replacement of County Bridge D-88 (Project 21-40). The work will begin upon notice to proceed by the County and all work shall be completed on or before January 8, 2021. The cost shall not exceed \$138,488. (C-20-0430)

Pam Dingman, Lancaster County Engineer, said Bridge D-88 is on Agnew Road and was damaged in the flood of 2015 and subsequently damaged multiple times after that. This has required three stabilization projects, but the bridge was not able to be stabilized long-term. There will need to be a new design for a bridge in this corridor to prevent an extended closure in the area.

MOTION: Amundson moved and Vest seconded approval of the agreement. Schorr, Amundson, Yoakum, Vest and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.

6) UPDATE ON COVID-19 AND LANCASTER COUNTY RESPONSE:

Schorr mentioned discussions with Rachel Garver, County Treasurer, regarding the DMV facility on 46th Street. Schorr expressed concerns with exposure at the entrance door.

Garver said the worst exposure is at the front door when employees attempt to assist patrons and help the flow of traffic to prevent individuals from congregating in one area. There are masks available for those that do not have one on, but most people do not take one.

In response to Schorr's question, Garver said the facility can have between 1,200 and 1,500 patrons per day. This is based on the number of registrations and titles that need to be renewed.

Vest asked what percentage of individuals are wearing masks. Garver said they are lucky to have 50% wearing masks.

Garver confirmed there is one employee who has tested positive for COVID. She also discussed the number of phone calls and the amount of work in comparison to the same time last year. Garver noted she is aware that requiring masks would affect certain funding, but she feels it is necessary for the safety of the employees and public.

Schorr asked if a sign could be posted on the front doors asking patrons to wear masks. Then the Commissioners would send a letter to the Governor to request permission to temporarily require masks at this location. Amundson agreed with this approach.

Flowerday said in the Governor's guidance he specifically mentioned DMV's and County buildings could not require masks. He felt the Governor will not make the exception, but it would still be worth trying.

It was suggested that the Governor's office be contacted before placing a sign on the building about requiring masks.

Yoakum expressed her concern regarding not just the current risks, but the extended risks. Garver noted the second half of real estate tax payments will be due at the end of July. This will cause an increase in traffic for the Treasurer's Office in the County-City Building. Options were discussed regarding providing a drop box for payments.

Flowerday suggested working with the Health Department in an attempt to provide additional safety equipment for staff while the Board attempts to meet with the Governor.

- 7) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Those wishing to speak on items relating to County business not on the agenda may do so at this time.

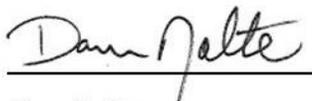
No one appeared for public comment.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a special staff meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., or immediately following the Board of Commissioners meeting in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- B. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold a staff meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln).
- C. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., in Room 112 of the County-City Building (555 S. 10th Street, Lincoln) with the Board of Equalization immediately following.
- D. County Commissioners can be reached at 402-441-7447 or commish@lancaster.ne.gov.
- E. The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting is broadcast live on LNKTV City. For the rebroadcast schedule visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: LNKTV). Meetings are also streamed live on LNKTV and can be viewed on YouTube (LNKTVcity).

9) **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Schorr moved and Vest seconded to adjourn the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:15 a.m. Yoakum, Vest, Schorr, Amundson and Flowerday voted yes. Motion carried 5-0.



Dan Nolte
Lancaster County Clerk



Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:59 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Support for Text Amendment # 19007
Attachments: NeIPL Support Solar Amend 7-20.docx

From: kwinston@inebraska.com <kwinston@inebraska.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:02 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Support for Text Amendment # 19007

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Commissioners

I have attached a letter of support for Text Amendment # 19007 on behalf of Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light. Please incorporate this letter into the record of the hearing on this proposed text amendment.

Sincerely

Kenneth C. Winston

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:52 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: Ruth Thompson <guarosipper@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:43 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My husband and I installed solar panels at our home several years ago. They have been very sturdy and reliable, even surviving a severe hail storm last fall without a scratch (car windshields and house windows were broken). Our county is growing and energy needs will also. Renewable energy is the best solution for additional energy sources. I encourage you to have a permit system in place to accommodate and regulate future solar expansion in our county. The tax revenue generated could help offset increases in property taxes which may be considered in the wake of the pandemic.

Regards,
Ruth Thompson

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: George Wolf <gwolf1226@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

The subject heading says it all: now is the time to expand solar energy development in Lancaster County. Please support all reasonable efforts to do so.

George E. Wolf
1226 South 25th Street
Lincoln, NE 68502

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:54 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: christinagrosshans@yahoo.com <christinagrosshans@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:25 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Hi!

I don't want to attend a public meeting during a pandemic, but I want you to know that I support expanding solar development in Lancaster County! Thank you for expanding clean and renewable energy!

Christina Grosshans
Roca, Ne 68430

Sent from my iPhone

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Yes! Expand Solar in Lancaster County

From: Andrew Borakove <andrewborakove@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:22 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Yes! Expand Solar in Lancaster County

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We need all kinds of alternative energy
and this is much better than the damn chicken factories!

More solar, less chickens!

Monet J. McCullen

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Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Michaela O'Neill <Michaela-Ann@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lanaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Greetings,

As a resident of Lincoln, I support expanding solar development in Lancaster county. I am originally from Kearney, NE and they have a new, within the past couple of years, solar farm northeast of town and the town greatly benefits from the solar energy produced there. "The University of Nebraska at Kearney bought 52 percent of the shares — enough to provide about 25 percent of the campus' electrical needs. Central Community College's Kearney Center went online with 350 shares. That's 5 percent of the solar farm's capacity and enough power to cover all of the electrical needs at CCC's \$23 million, ultra-energy efficient facility in southwest Kearney."

Lincoln and Lancaster County need something like this as well, or multiple solar farms for the greater size and need of Lincoln and Lancaster County. As a member of Lancaster County and a mother, I urge you to vote in favor of expanding solar, for our communities, environment, and future generations.

Thank you,
Michaela O'Neill

https://www.kearneyhub.com/news/local/small-as-energy-maker-solar-farm-generates-big-interest/article_c19b64d0-660e-11e8-b4bf-df33926b676e.html

<https://www.nebraskansforsolar.org/tag/kearney-solar-farm/>

Kearney Solar Farm | Nebraskans for Solar

By Melanie Wilkinson, York News-Times York is ready to go green. A proposed solar site to generate electrical power in York will show the city is utilizing renewable energy and it will provide consumers an option for going green if they so choose.

www.nebraskansforsolar.org

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To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Support for Text Amendment 19007

From: Marilyn McNabb <dropseed3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:07 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Support for Text Amendment 19007

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lancaster County Commissioners:

Thank you for looking ahead and considering Text Amendment 19007. I am writing to support this amendment. I think it strikes a good balance between the benefits of solar energy and the rights of landowners.

As you know, Lincoln's 2016 Update of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan for Lincoln and Lancaster County lists as a guiding principle for energy, "Promote renewable energy resources." (p. 11.2).

The Plan says, "Local government entities, . . . should strive to increase utilization of renewable energy sources such as wind power, hydropower, solar energy, biomass, and geothermal energy. (p. 11.7) (emphasis added)

I believe passing the Text Amendment furthers these goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

Thank you for considering my views.

Marilyn McNabb
1701 W. Rose St.
Lincoln NE 68522
402-476-7463
dropseed3@gmail.com

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Expanding Solar Development

From: Ingrid Kirst <ikirst2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:47 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Expanding Solar Development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Dear Lancaster County Commissioners,

I am excited to see the interest locally in expanding solar projects. I encourage you to vote to approve the zoning change to allow large scale solar development in Lancaster County.

Solar projects reduce pollution, are cost-effective, and keep our energy production local.

Thank you.

Ingrid Kirst
1666 Burr St, Lincoln, NE 68502
ikirst2@gmail.com
(402) 730-2532

Monet J. McCullen

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To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Goodrich <susangoodrich2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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It makes sense to get regulations in place before proposed projects. Thank you for your support of solar development in Lancaster County.

Susan Goodrich
4020 South 35th
Lincoln NE 68506

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:51 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Delmar Williams <delmar8041@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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From: Delmar E. Williams
8041 Nob Hill Rd, Lincoln, NE 68516

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

I didn't get this to you when I sent it to the Board.

Thanks,
Ann

From: Adam Rhoads <adamerhoads@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Hello,

I live at 5111 W Sumner Cir 68522, and I support expanded solar development in Lancaster county.

Thanks, Adam Rhoads

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: LORI BLUM <loriblum@me.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

I am in support of expanding solar development in Lancaster County. It's a valuable resource that is underused and will reduce the harm to our environment by other energy sources. I need to learn more about solar farms as I think it would be better to have solar panels on existing structures or at least on structures used for other purposes. I think we need to keep our landscape as natural as possible.

Thank you,
Lori Blum
Lincoln, NE

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Yvonne N Leung <ynortonleung@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Greetings

I respectfully request that you fully support solar development in Lancaster County and at state level if required.

As a former City/County Planning Commissioner, I am aware of a range of environmental and power issues. My husband and I were among the first to pay the surcharge for wind power here years ago and fully support solar as a viable, economic option in this area. We are in our eighties and also support added tax funding potential.

Thank you.

Yvonne Norton Leung & KamChing Leung
139 N 11 St, Lincoln, Ne 68508

***"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."
Abraham Lincoln.***

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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From: John Yohe <yohayso@inebraska.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

My family and I support expanded solar development. Why not! There will always be negative and positive facts, reasons, opinions on this earth for anything that human beings create to care for ourselves. Solar is to me, least harmful of our resources for now, in this time.

Sincerely,

John Yohe and family

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Edith Matteson <dnstrans@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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With temperatures in the 90s, this should be a no-brainer. Please expand solar power here in Lancaster County.

Thanks for listening!
Edith Matteson
dnstrans@gmail.com

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Sarah Corey <segraham21@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners,

I am all in favor of your unanimous vote to expand local solar.

My husband and I have recently talked to a local solar installation provider and would greatly appreciate an extra incentive to do so on the local level.

Thank you,
Sarah Corey

4030 S 39th Street
Lincoln, NE 68506

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Lynn Pepperd <lynpep@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Please do all that you can to support and expand solar power in Lancaster County. The welfare of our children and grandchildren is depending on you.

Please do the right thing. I shouldn't have to beg for this, and neither should our children.

Thank you..

Yours truly,
Lynn Pepperd
6735 South 88th Street
Lincoln, NE 68526

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:46 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Daharsh <mdaharsh5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Solar

From: Mike Malloy <sugargoat4life@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Solar

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please do whatever you can to expand the use of solar energy in our county. It is safe, clean, and 100 percent renewable.

Mike Malloy
461 N 44th St.
Lincoln

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:45 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: julie walker <jw9095@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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To whom it may concern,
I highly support to expand Solar Development in Lancaster County.
The better future for us all. More jobs can be created.
Thank you
Julie Walker

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: solar development expansion

From: Mike Hillis <hillisevents@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: solar development expansion

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commissioners,

I am writing in favor of the expansion of solar development in Lancaster county. After years of having solar panels on our property in Sonoma County California and working with PG&E I know that it is totally "doable" resulting in productive private/corporate partnerships. I would prefer to be in person at your Tuesday meeting but due to circumstances I feel this quick note might be best. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Mike Hillis

3001 s. 20th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska 68502

402.304.2986

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Please note, new email: hillisevents@gmail.com

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Mike Hillis

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Monet J. McCullen

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Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Emily Mellon <elmellon317@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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This is so important!! Now more then ever! Please, go green!!

Monet J. McCullen

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Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: vote to expand solar development

From: Peggy Shorney <the2shorneys@huskers.unl.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: vote to expand solar development

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TO the Lancaster County Commissioners,

Solar energy is clean energy and we in Nebraska have plenty of sunny days. Please support expanded solar development in Lancaster County.

Peggy Shorney
4331 Antelope Creek Road
Lincoln, NE 68506

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: :Please vote to expand solar development

From: Sitaram Jaswal <jaswal@unl.edu>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Cc: Sitaram Jaswal <jaswal@unl.edu>
Subject: :Please vote to expand solar development

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Dear Commissioners:

Sun and wind are the most ideal sources of critical energy needs of the world to replace carbon gushing fossil fuel which is endangering the very existence of life on earth. Technology developments have made harnessing of these sources for the production of energy quite economical. We are one of the most favorite locations in the country for these sources. Therefore I most sincerely urge your to vote for solar energy development in our county.

Thanks for listening,
Sitaram Jaswal
3325 Grimsby Lane
Lincoln NE 68502

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Jean Barker <jbarkershouse@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Nebraska can be a leader in solar research and expansion. Vote in favor of expansion.

Monet J. McCullen

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To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: Petronela Radu <petroradu@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Hi,

We are residents of Lancaster County and we strongly support the development of solar energy in Nebraska! We drive several times a year through Iowa and we see the huge discrepancy between the work they have done in this direction, compared to us in NE. We should not fall behind for economic reasons, and also for our environment's protection.

Thank you!

Petronela Radu and Mikil Foss
2765 Rathbone Road
Lincoln NE 68502

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Charles Yost <yoyost41@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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We need to do everything we can to move our energy production away from fossil fuels and toward completely renewable sources.

Charles Yost, Lincoln resident

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Glenda Dietrich Moore <creationenergy@windstream.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:16 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Dear Lancaster County Board of Commissioners Yoakum, Flowerday, Vest, Schorr and Amundson,

I want you to know I do support expanded solar development in Lancaster county. Please vote for it's expansion at your July 14 meeting.

Sincerely,

Glenda Dietrich Moore

Glenda Dietrich Moore

creationenergy@windstream.net

402.483.5308

Website: www.GlendaDietrich.com

Creation Energy Art Studio, Lincoln NE

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:42 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Dave Steen <latersville@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Dear Lancaster County Commissioners,

No long speeches here. It's simply time for us to focus on sustainable / renewable energy resources. We can no longer put this off until a later date; time continues to pass and we need significant action NOW.

Please vote to expand solar development!

Regards,
David R. Steen

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Please Approve More Solar Development!

From: Joe Shaw <joesha@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lanaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Please Approve More Solar Development!

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Honorable Commissioners,

I urge you to approve the proposals before you to expand solar development in Lancaster County.

More of our energy needs should be supplied by non-fossil fuel sources. Allowing solar (and wind) projects will enable us to be prepared for the future, promote smart climate and carbon neutral energy sources.

Residents of Lancaster County should be able to meet their energy needs through solar and other means.

Please support solar power and these proposals in particular.

Joe Shaw
2311 Q St.
Lincoln NE
68503
714-858-0599

Monet J. McCullen

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Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Earthlink <laroja45@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lanaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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It is so very important to expand solar development for the good of the city and its people.
Please allow for solar development expansion.

Best,
Dr. Amelia Montes



Amelia Montes

Associate Professor
2017/2018 Fulbright Scholar
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Department of English UNL
The Institute for Ethnic Studies
ANDR 211, UNL, 68588-0333
ameliamontes.com
4024723191

"El mundo que queremos es uno donde quepan muchos mundos."

Monet J. McCullen

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Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: Jodene Roeker <jroeker@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Yes, yes, yes! Expand solar development. Also, expand all forms of alternative energy. We must eliminate use of fossil fuels as quickly as possible.

Harold & Jodene Roeker
324 Prestwick Road
Lincoln, NE. 68505

Sent from my iPhone

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Lilly Blase <lillyblase@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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Carefully sited, solar is the way to go. Think outside the box. Can some low growth crops or food crops be planted in the ground under solar? Can our biggest roof tops host solar - big box stores, school gyms, confined chicken houses?

Lilly Blase
1735 Euclid Ave.
Lincoln, NE

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Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Solar Zoning Standards

From: NebraskaWildlife@Windstream.net <NebraskaWildlife@Windstream.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Solar Zoning Standards

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The Nebraska Wildlife Federation (NEWF) is in support of these proposed Solar Zoning Regulations for Lancaster County. Please share this at the Commissioners meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, July 14. Thank you.

James JJ Johnson, Interim Executive Director
Nebraska Wildlife Federation

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Solar standards

From: Administrator <dcorbin@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Solar standards

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On behalf of the Sierra Club's hundreds of members in Lancaster County, we support the proposed solar standards (Text Amendment 19007). As more and more communities move toward zero carbon energy, solar energy is an important part of the solution to the climate crisis.

David Corbin, Energy Committee Chair
Nebraska Sierra Club
dcorbin@me.com
402-690-9134

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: GC ReVolt's Comments on Text Amendment on 19007
Attachments: Lancaster County Solar Letter.docx

From: Edison McDonald <edison@gcrevolt.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: GC ReVolt's Comments on Text Amendment on 19007

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Please see attached comments regarding Text Amendment 19007 on behalf of GC ReVolt. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 402-802-1109

Edison McDonald
Director of Government Relations and Development
(402) 802-1109
edison@gcrevolt.com



July 13th, 2020

RE: Support for Text Amendment 19007 Solar Zoning

Dear Lancaster County Commissioners:

We urge you to support Text Amendment 19007 as we believe these are reasonable standards for solar development that protect county residents while sending a positive pro-business signal to alternative energy development companies like GC ReVOLT LLC. Having well thought out standards in place prior to project development will help ensure a more transparent and thorough review process for new solar energy facilities as Nebraska continues to grow into a leader in alternative energy development.

We appreciate the thoughtful policy guidance following standards from similar projects like Special Permit 19036. The threshold of 100 kilowatts for a large system is sensible and will be particularly helpful in allowing small businesses and farmers to meet their net-zero emissions goals.

Thank you for your forward-thinking vision on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graham P. Christensen".

Graham P. Christensen
President and Founder, GC ReVOLT LLC
402-217-5217
gcrevolt.com

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Please vote to expand solar development

-----Original Message-----

From: Miriam McFadden <miriam_mcfadden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:15 AM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Please vote to expand solar development

[CAUTION] This email comes from a sender outside your organization.

Please vote to expand solar development in Lancaster County, and while you're on the subject of renewable energy, please do all you can to encourage wind generated energy. Thanks for all you do for our community.

Sincerely, Miriam McFadden
Waverly, NE

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Vote to expand solar in Lancaster County

From: Loyal Park <lp94238@windstream.net>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 12:44 AM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Vote to expand solar in Lancaster County

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Please consider the positive economic benefits that expanding solar and wind in Lancaster County will provide for the county. We need to take advantage of these sources for more renewable energy especially since we have a large electric utility (LES) right here to purchase the power.

Please vote to expand solar power in Lancaster County.

Sincerely,
Loyal C. Park
7200 Van Dorn Street, Apt. 263
Lincoln, NE 68506

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

From: Carita Baker <caritabaker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 11:10 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: I urge you to vote to expand solar development

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I am strongly in favor of expanding solar development, and in keeping our power publicly owned.



Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 7:51 PM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Solar Systems Regulations in Lancaster County

-----Original Message-----
From: Susan and Troy Kash-Brown <kash-brown@inebraska.com>
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Solar Systems Regulations in Lancaster County

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Greetings Commissioners:

We live on 36 acres organic farm, with a house, on West Van Dorn St; on October 15 will mark 30 years of buying this land on the beach of the ocean called City of Lincoln.

As this topic is being brought up for discussion, I am finishing preparing the site for our 9.6 KW Solar System which will be ground level installed on frames less than 80 feet from our Norris Public Power District meter & pole. My wife suggested the purchase of an electric vehicle as a retirement gift, but I felt a Solar System would be more beneficial in the long term & being so close to the grid!

Of course, 2019 being the last year to receive the 30% Tax Credit, was also a benefit. The only detail to make it even better, would be in LES District.

I have mixed feeling about promoting Solar Farms & requiring permitting fees for small systems like ours. The tax credits are currently decreasing & will soon run out which help pay for the systems & installation.

I am also opposed to incentives for outside companies to be brought in over cultivating from within the rate payers. I feel it would be more worth while to allow local residence to purchase shares over time, similar to the local phone & power companies. Why allow large corporate & Foreign interest to own our system? After all we rely on using the power.

The Pandemic has show the reliability of placing too much power & money in Nebraska's Livestock processing system & the Lack of a local healthy supply of food for our security. Let's not make the same mistake with our electric green energy; which I believe is solar.

According to a Professor at UNL; of all the food eaten by Nebraskan's, only 10% is grown in the State! "Who Grows Your Food & How?".

Take care,

Troy Kash-Brown

8350 West Van Dorn St.

Lincoln, NE 68532

Phone: 402-202-5686, text or please leave a message.

Monet J. McCullen

From: Commish
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Deb E. Schorr; Roma B. Amundson; Rick W. Vest; Sean H. Flowerday; Christa G. Yoakum; David A. Derbin
Cc: Monet J. McCullen
Subject: FW: Solar neighbors' property values--little to no impact

From: Marilyn McNabb <dropseed3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Commish <Commish@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Solar neighbors' property values--little to no impact

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Dear Commissioners:

This story appeared just today and is pretty long, so I'm going to jump to the reporter's conclusion:

"When it comes to solar farms, there is little data to support the assumption that merely being close to one drags down home values.

There is, however, considerable data that suggests solar farms have little to no impact on nearby property values."

From "Homeowners often oppose nearby solar. But do projects really hurt property values" by Lisa Prevost, 7/14/20 Energy News Network.

Marilyn McNabb dropseed3@gmail.com

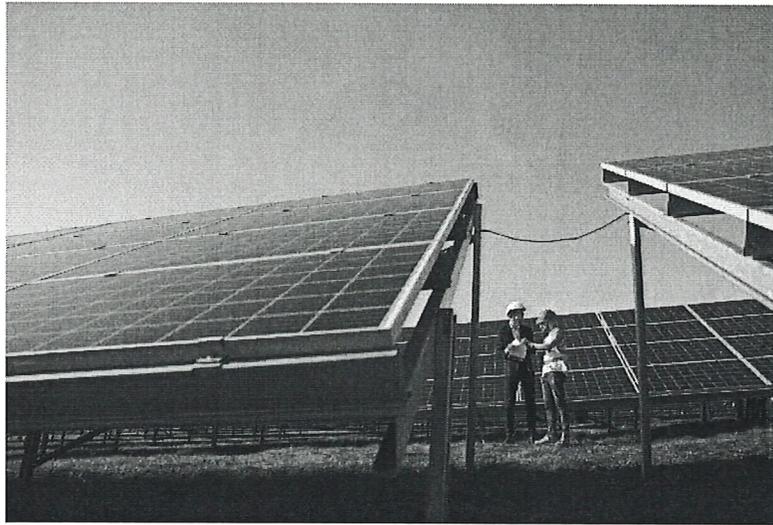
Here's the link: https://energynews.us/2020/07/14/northeast/homeowners-often-oppose-nearby-solar-but-do-projects-really-hurt-property-values/?utm_source=Energy+News+Network+daily+email+digests&utm_campaign=45c94a7a5f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_11_11_46_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_724b1f01f5-45c94a7a5f-89250127

SOLAR

Homeowners often oppose nearby solar. But do projects really hurt property values?



Lisa Prevost | July 14, 2020



Gustavo Fring (<https://www.pexels.com/photo/engineer-interacting-with-colleague-standing-near-solar-panels-in-countryside-4254172/>) / Creative Commons

A Connecticut proposal exemplifies residents' common complaints over solar developments in their neighborhoods.

Proposals for large solar facilities routinely come under scrutiny for their potential to cause erosion and runoff, but for property owners who live nearby, concerns about the impact on their home values often loom just as large.

An application (https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/3_Petitions-MediaLibrary/Petitions_MediaLibrary/MediaPetitionNos1401-1410/PE1410/PetitionerSubmissions/petition/02-Greenskies-Clean-Energy-LLC-Petition-for-a-Declaratory-Ruling--Elmridge-Rd--Stonington.pdf) before the Connecticut Siting Council to build a 3-megawatt solar facility in Stonington is a case in point. Greenskies Clean Energy, a North Haven-based solar developer, wants to build the facility on a portion of the Elmridge Golf Course. The course's owners have said (https://www.facebook.com/ElmridgeGolfCourse/posts/3207908815908063?__tn__=K-R) they plan to reconfigure the course down from 27 holes to 18 due to a decline in use.

At least three neighbors have let Greenskies know that they are concerned about the visibility of the project and “the possibility of depreciating property values,” according to the application. And one neighbor, Douglas Hanson, who owns a four-bedroom home on property abutting the proposed site, has requested (https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/CSC/3_Petitions-medialibrary/Petitions_MediaLibrary/MediaPetitionNos1401-1410/PE1410/HansonSubmissions/PE1410-20200702-Hanson-Party-Status-Request.pdf) party status in the proceeding because of the “substantial adverse impact” the project could have on his home value.

Such concerns are the norm when any major new development is proposed in a neighborhood. When it comes to solar farms, there is little data to support the assumption that merely being close to one drags down home values.

There is, however, considerable data that suggests solar farms have little to no impact on nearby property values. But because those findings come from appraisers hired by solar developers to provide reports or testimony for regulatory proceedings, some question their thoroughness.

Jeff Hintzke, Greenskies’ vice president for policy and new markets, said the company has not commissioned any appraisal reports on property value impacts. But of the ones he’s reviewed, “the general conclusion is that, unless you might be right next door to a project and there are no mitigation efforts, like fencing or vegetation, there seems to be no impact when they look at actual resale values.”

The only widely circulated independent study of the issue appears to be a 2018 survey (https://emp.lbl.gov/sites/default/files/property-value_impacts_near_utility-scale_solar_installations.pdf) of home appraisers conducted by researchers at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas.

The majority of respondents said it was their opinion that proximity to a solar installation had either no impact (66%) or a positive impact (11%) on home values. Those respondents who hadn’t actually ever appraised a home near a solar facility were more likely to assign a negative impact than those with experience in such appraisals, the survey found.

The appraisers tended to associate higher panels, larger installations and new power lines with a negative impact, and viewed screening with trees or hedges and reduced traffic flow as positives.

Richard Klein runs Community and Environmental Defense Services, a Maryland-based firm that advises residents seeking help in fighting various kinds of development around the country. In his discussions with people opposing solar farms, Klein has found that their core concerns are almost always how it will look and the impact on their property values.

“In just about all cases, the concern can usually be resolved with decent visual shielding — arborvitae or cedar that will grow tall enough to block the sightline from peoples’ homes,” Klein said.

As to whether that also eliminates any negative impact on home values, Klein said there’s just not enough “hard data” to say for sure.

"Somebody needs to independently fund an appraisal group" to compare sales prices of homes close to solar farms with similar homes farther away, he said. Ideally such a study would identify factors that tend to have a negative impact, and recommend solutions for those issues, he said.

Klein said he questions the validity of the sales comparison studies conducted by appraisers on behalf of project applicants.

"You can find holes in them," he said.

Kern G. Slucter, a principal in the Gannon Group appraisal firm in Michigan, said he finds the insinuation that an appraiser would tailor their findings to suit a developer's interests "insulting."

"Ethically and legally ... I am bound to be unbiased," said Slucter, who has worked in the profession for more than 30 years and also teaches ethics. "It doesn't matter who's writing the check. By and large, the appraisers out there take their role pretty seriously."

Slucter said he's prepared two studies on solar farms and their impact on market values. He looked at home sales "reasonably proximate" to solar farm sites, then compared those to the sale prices of several similar homes farther away.

"You try to get apples to apples as much as you can," he said. "I found that the impact on value was negligible. I'm talking about less than a half of a percent."

Marketing a very high-end home next to a solar farm might be "a bit of a struggle," but in the median price range, "I'm going to suggest to you that people have greater priorities," like the number of bathrooms or the size of the yard, Slucter said.

Rich Kirkland, owner of Kirkland Appraisals, in Raleigh, North Carolina, has prepared appraisal reports for solar developers for nine years. He's looked at solar farms of varying sizes in 17 states, and compiled data on 84 "matched pairs," meaning sales of homes abutting solar farms matched with similar homes farther away.

The difference in per-square-foot sale prices for 70 of those comparisons was between -5% and 5%, a range he views as statistically insignificant.

"When you take all 84 and average them out, it works out to a difference of 1%, which really suggests no impact," he said.

Asked whether a solar developer had ever declined to use his findings because they weren't favorable, Kirkland said no. However, he said he has refused requests for his expert testimony in proceedings concerning projects he felt were being built too close to homes to not have an impact.

Renée Healion, an appraiser who works throughout eastern Connecticut, said it's certainly possible that a home that suddenly has a utility access road running by it would suffer a reduced value as the result of a solar farm. But otherwise, the next round of buyers for a property near a solar farm is not likely to feel the same "sense of loss" about the change as the existing owner.

And further down the road, when the installation's useful life comes to an end, "the next development of that parcel could upset people who had grown accustomed to a quiet solar farm," Healion said.

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Dear County Board of Commissioners -

I'm an old history & geography teacher. In spite of that, I'll try to keep this short.

See the attachment GEN 200714.pdf for more.

Kind regards,

Greg Nelson
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Dear County Commissioner members -

I'm an old history & geography teacher. In spite of that, I'll try to keep this short.

My maternal grandmother's parents homesteaded in Howard County in the 1870s. They were innovative farmers, educators and community leaders. I knew my grandmother for about fifteen years. I mention this because I'm old enough to hang out with a young relative, Clayton, the sixth generation I've known in our family. We've tried to do right with our family, community and the environment.



Jabez & Lizzie

I've just watched the testimony re Item 5A New Business re to amend Lanc. County Zoning Res. Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, & 17, re large and small solar facilities as provided in Exhibit A (R20-0037).

The off-set discussion re viewing shield was interesting.

Thanks for voting in favor of the new zoning regs for solar installations.

My wife & I have had solar panels on our property since 1983. It's a 12 volt system and provides power for lighting, C-PAP machine, weather radio, AM/FM CD player, etc.

In 2016 a larger PV array was installed on a new storage shed, designed with PV in mind. We now sell electricity back to LES, which is a good thing.

My wife and I are pipeline fighters, with the goal of keeping our soil, water and air free of toxic tar sand, etc.

We support alternate energy production in Nebraska, including hydro from lakes and streams, solar panels and wind farms, among others. We are mindful of those who find these energy harvesting devices as unsightly or dangerous to wildlife. OTOH, I believe that these sources of energy production are better than toxic tar sand production (which has no positive economic, environmental nor cultural value to Nebraskans), coal nor nuclear.

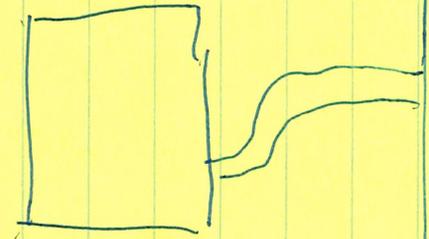
Thanks for giving alternative energy the opportunity to keep our environment clean for the next seven generations, for Clayton's kids and beyond.

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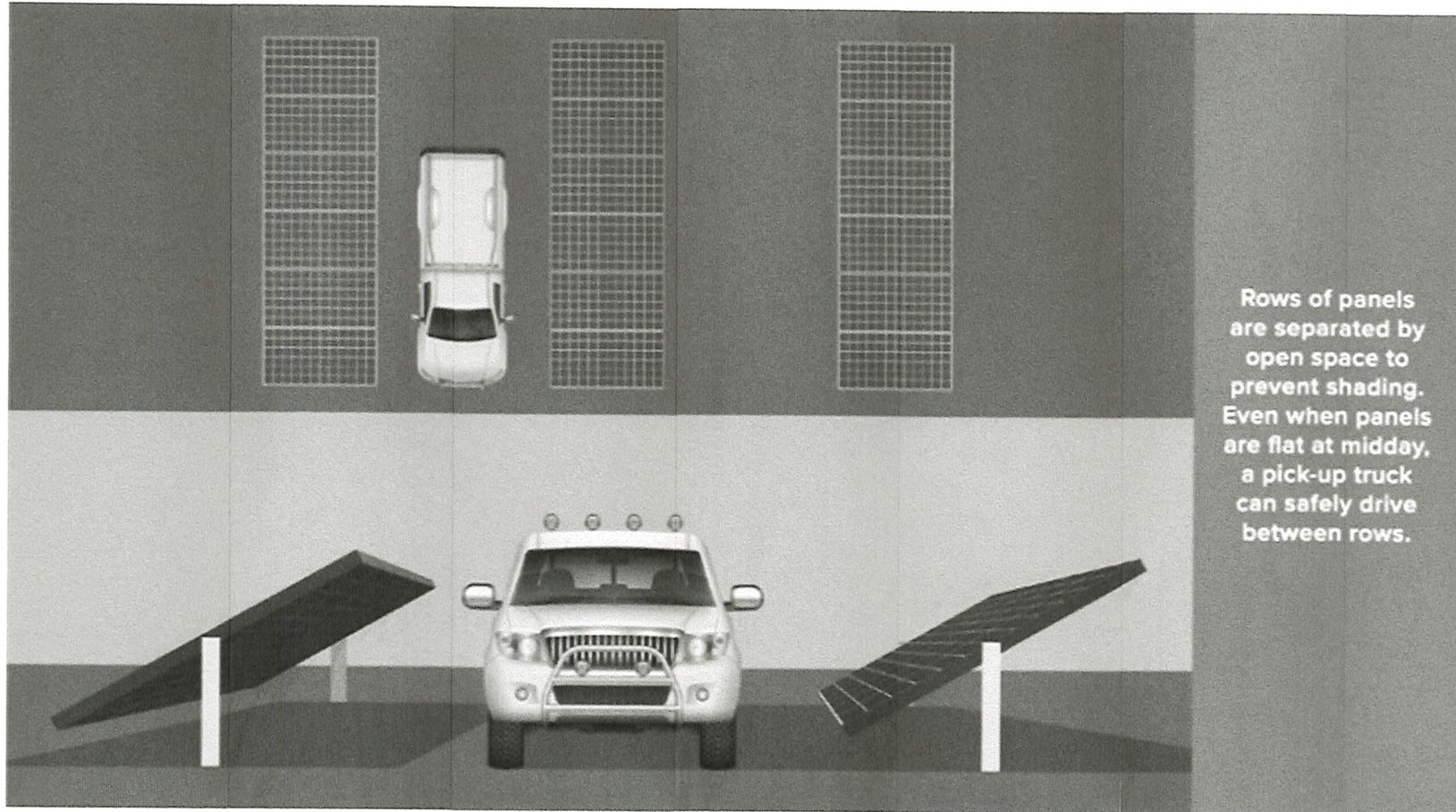
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Distance Between Panel Rows



Proposed Amendment to Proposed Amendment to Section 13.051(a)(iv)

The Large Solar Facility shall provide visual screening for adjacent non-participating residential uses, public park uses, or school uses, through setbacks as otherwise required in the Lancaster County Zoning Regulations and/or other techniques to address the site-related impacts of the Large Solar Facility on adjacent non-participating properties as further described below.

1. The applicant may use fences, walls, berming, vegetation, or some combination thereof to provide visual screening. Fencing or berming may be used to supplement other screening methods, but shall not account for over fifty percent (50%) of the screening. The screen shall cover at least seventy percent (70%) of the surface area of a vertical plane extending along the property line from the ground to a height of at least eight (8) feet above the adjacent ground, provided, however, that existing natural features, topography and vegetation shall count toward this requirement.

2. If the visual screening is for adjacent non-participating residential uses it shall be provided as follows:

a. it shall only be required if a primary wall of the non-participating residential structure is within 300 feet of the closest line of a participating property with solar panels.

b. if required, it shall only be required along the line of such participating property parallel to the non-participating residential structure in the area adjacent to the closest primary wall of such non-participating residential structure plus 75 feet extending along a parallel line in either direction or until it reaches a public road right-of-way, whichever comes first.

[Renumber the following sections accordingly.]

iv. The Large Solar Facility shall provide visual screening for adjacent non-participating residential uses, public park uses, and/or school uses, through setbacks as otherwise required in the Lancaster County Zoning Regulations and/or other techniques to address the site-related impacts of the Large Solar Facility on adjacent non-participating properties.

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a. If the visual screening is for adjacent non-participating residential uses, it shall be provided as follows:

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i. The screen shall only be required if the closest exterior wall of the dwelling is within three hundred (300) feet of the property line adjacent to the Large Solar Facility.

ii. If the screen is required, the screen shall cover one hundred percent (100%) of the surface area of a vertical plane extending along the property line adjacent to the Large Solar Facility at an amount equal to or greater than the surface area of the dwelling to be visually screened, plus seventy five (75) feet in both directions or until it reaches a public road right-of-way, whichever comes first, and from the ground to a height of at least eight (8) feet above the adjacent ground.

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b. If the visual screening is for adjacent non-participating public park or school uses, it shall be provided as follows:

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~~iv.~~ i. The screen shall cover at least seventy percent (70%) of the surface area of a vertical plane extending along the entire property line from the ground to a height of at least eight (8) feet above the adjacent ground.

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~~1-2.~~ If the visual screening is achieved through a fence or wall, it shall be provided along the property line as follows:

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a. Acceptable fence and wall materials for visual screening include masonry, stone, and wood, but exclude chain link fences (with or without slats). Alternative fence materials being used for screening must be approved by the Planning Director.

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~~2-3.~~ If the visual screening is achieved through berming, it shall be provided along the property line as follows:

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a. The side slopes shall not exceed three to one (3 to 1), horizontal to vertical.

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b. The mounded ground surface shall be protected to prevent erosion through the use of turf lawn or other alternative groundcovers.

~~3-4.~~ If the visual screening is achieved through vegetation, it shall be provided along the property line as follows:

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- a. At a rate of at least four (4) trees every one hundred (100) linear feet. Of the four (4) trees every one hundred (100) linear feet, at least one (1) shall be a deciduous shade tree and three (3) shall be evergreen or ornamental trees. The trees shall be evenly distributed within each one hundred (100) linear feet section.
- b. At least two-thirds (2/3), but no more than three-quarters (3/4) of the total ornamental/evergreen trees along the property line shall be made up of evergreen trees.
- c. Each tree shall have a minimum mature height of fifteen (15) feet.

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4.5. Visual screening is not required along the property line adjacent to a Participating Property.

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