

Zoning . . .

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character (ugly) houses or apartments is a major threat and a top goal of WNA is to seek a zoning change to prevent any further damage to our neighborhood.

The topic of the Feb. 2nd WNA monthly meeting is down zoning. In other words, "Does the zoning in your area protect the investment you've made in your home?" Come learn what zoning your home is located in, learn what level of protection that zoning may or may not be providing you and learn if you need to help your neighbors and WNA seek greater protection for the homes on your street. There will be zoning maps and people to explain the zoning situation on your street. There will be photos to show construction blight that has occurred in areas where residents weren't paying attention to greedy developers.

We have several speakers on this topic at the February WNA meeting and it will be our main focus. Marvin Krout, Director of City of Lincoln and Lancaster County Planning Department will be on hand to explain possible changes to the downzoning applications and answer any questions in regard to Zoning. Jon Carlson, chair of the Planning Commission, and resident of Near South Neighborhood took part in the downzoning effort of sections in their neighborhood. Dave Witters, also a resident of Near South will share what strategy and effort it took to accomplish their goal. Jonathan Cook, City Council member, resident of the Country Club neighborhood will also be on hand and share their efforts.

The WNA board encourages you to mark Thursday, February 2nd on your calendar and plan to attend the 7:00 p.m. meeting at Tabitha's Life Quest Center (48th & O).

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ers get assistance with their purchase and all WNA residents benefit from properties being repaired and from an increased number of homeowners with a vested interest in the neighborhood. In turn, lenders and other businesses in the area benefit from having a stable neighborhood with which to conduct business. The city benefits from increased property tax revenues. Finally, non-profit organizations fulfill their missions by assisting the process.

Terry Uland, executive director of NeighborWorks, will be the featured speaker at the March WNA meeting. NeighborWorks Lincoln is a resident-led nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping Lincoln a safe and prosperous community by revitalizing neighborhoods and promoting homeownership. Its work focuses on four program areas: Homeownership, Housing Construction & Repair, Neighborhood Resources, and Planning & Development. More information can also be found at www.nwlincoln.org.

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