

'Country Place' supporters pack council meeting

By Debora Hemminger

More than half of the 140 people attending the Lincoln City Council meeting Monday were present to support "Country Place," a proposed addition near 56th Street and Old Cheney Road.

According to representatives of the developing company, Townhouser, Inc., the addition would include a utility district, a residential district, an industrial area and a park.

About a dozen of the 140 opposed the development. The meeting drew a large crowd, as average attendance at an afternoon meeting is about 50.

According to the developers, common complaints

regarding the addition are that the city would have to place the sewer and additional utility outlets to the area, increasing residents' taxes and utility payments.

However, in answer to the complaint, the developers declared that they would provide any utility that is needed. The only thing that the developers would like is to hook up to the city's water and sewer systems after the developers establish the pipes.

Council chairman John Robinson worried that the meeting would last "into the dark hours of the night" because of the large number of citizens present to discuss the development.

He asked the audience to indicate what side they favored in the discussion, and later asked that discussion on both sides be limited to 45 minutes.

Even though the developers argued that the 15 minutes allotted for discussion would be too short, they were

through with their presentation before the time was finished.

Council member Donna Frohardt asked Robinson if a sheet could be sent around the audience for citizens to write their names and addresses on it. There was general agreement to this suggestion. Robinson said the procedure was extraordinary. Family Acres, a neighborhood development in the area, is opposed to the new development, according to Roy Peck, a representative of the neighborhood group. He submitted a petition to the council opposing the development.

Peck cited reasons such as cost to neighboring residents because of increased utilities, contradiction with the city's comprehensive plan, concerns with flooding, excessive problems to the Lincoln Police Department, fear of changing the existing "acreage type of living and farming which began 18 years ago" in the area.

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However, there are many people around who will offer support for the woman, who will assert that abortion is a woman's right to do what she wants with her own body. The life within the womb is of no value, unless the mother decides that it is. Where is the logic in this assertion that this is a woman's right?

How long will we sit idly back, tolerating the mass media's perpetuation of the abortion ethic, i.e., that taking life in some cases is justified, or that we need not alarm ourselves with details of just what the abortion procedures involve?

How long will we close our eyes to the exploitation of women that accompanies the pro-abortion stance?

Celebrate? huh? I see no reason to celebrate this anniversary. When we can guarantee the right to life to every one, when we can humanely deal with society's problems without killing our tiniest brothers and sisters, then and not until, will we have a real reason to celebrate.

Dorothy Dobesh
Biology, Senior

Director's apology

On behalf of Campus Crusade for Christ and other Christians who are sponsoring Josh McDowell's visit to UNL, I would like to apologize to the professors who received letters concerning Josh through the campus mail.

We were not aware that we were in violation of university policy until we were notified by the university on Friday, January 18. I hope that our error would not influence your opinion of Josh McDowell nor deter you from attending his lectures.

Sincerely,
Dave Eggert
Director, Campus Crusade for Christ

Editorial endorsed

This is to tell you we are in full agreement with your thinking on raising the drinking age to 21... and extremely pleased that one as young as you are, would share our views.

One day we were discussing the drinking problems of so many—especially college students, two commented that we must have been very "pious" in college because there was no drinking in the dorms or sorority house and we never went to the bars. Someone quickly pointed out that we couldn't drink legally then until age 21. (and a lot of us graduated at 21).

The problem is, many start on actively before it is legal. This puts drinking into the high schools. Most high school students have close friends who are 19 and buy. Age 21 is starting into another era of life, hopefully more responsible.

Thanks for listening.

Jean Sehnert
McCook

Iowa trick...

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But if Reagan had lost to George Bush, you'd say: The tortoise beat the hare in Iowa, as the former congressman-ambassador-CIA director-and-party chairman proved again what Jimmy Carter had shown in 1976—there is no substitute for an early start and days of person-to-person campaigning in a caucus state. Reagan's decision to cold-shoulder Iowans contributed to his downfall and goes into the books as a classic political blunder.

If Howard Baker had won over Bush and Reagan, you'd say: If ever there was proof of the power of political advertising and an effective mass-media personality, the Baker victory is it. Barely six weeks ago, Baker was dead in the water in Iowa, with no organization and no prospects. But with timely backstage help from popular Gov. Robert D. Ray (now a likely choice as the Tennessean's running mate) and a marvelous TV campaign by wizard Doug Bailey, Baker zoomed past everyone in the closing days.

Finally, if Jerry Brown, John Connally, Phil Crane, Bob Dole, John Anderson or Uncommitted had come up winners, do not bother with any explanations. Just catch the first plane to Uruguay. That's where I will be.

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