

# Speakers: Ecology needed in successful urban plans

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Ecologically minded speakers Saturday stressed the importance of zoning and urban planning for city land development.

In the second of three lectures at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, developers and environmentalists discussed better ways to build at the Planning With Vision conference.

The conference, sponsored by the Lincoln Wachiska Audubon Society, focused on productive methods of land use.

Stephen Apfelbaum, a research and consulting ecologist with Applied Ecological Services in Wisconsin, emphasized the need for holistic planning by city councils and developers.

"You must weave together ecology, economy and culture when you make planning decisions," he said. "They cannot be considered separately."

Apfelbaum walked the crowd of 50 through Prairie Home, a model community he'd worked on a few miles

north of Chicago.

The town incorporated ecological elements including low water runoff, native grasses instead of lawns and numerous communal gathering places.

"People want open space," he said. "They want to feel connected, both to each other and to the natural world around them. In most of the suburbs around the country, people stay for only three to five years. Here they've been staying 10 or more."

He also showed the audience ways holistic planning can actually end up saving cities money.

"Developers also find that environmentally conscious designs are actually cheaper and more profitable," Apfelbaum said.

Speaker, Jeffrey Johnson, director of planning at HDR Inc., brought a local perspective to the conference. He discussed several current projects around the state, including the rapidly developing Lower Platte River area.

All of Johnson's designs incorporated the principle of mixed land use—the idea that varying types of construction should be placed side by side.

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"Zoning is a core principle of orthodox urban planning," he said. "But our job should be to show them that there is a better way."

Johnson's remarks seemed to unintentionally echo Apfelbaum's ideas.

"Urban planning should harmonize with the social, political and cultural aspects of life," he said.

This was the second of three conferences on community and regional planning co-sponsored by the UNL College of Architecture. The third, which will deal with environmental catastrophes, will be held in November.

# City to appeal ruling on picketing ordinance

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"The nature of the ordinance was a little different, but the issues were similar," Klaus said.

Klaus said the court probably won't decide whether to review the ordinance for another 30 to 45 days.

The City Council's decision to ask the appeals court to review the ordinance is the latest part of a long effort by the council to defend the ordinance.

Former Mayor Mike Johanns tried unsuccessfully to veto the ordinance just after the City Council approved it.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf of Lincoln then ruled the city ordinance was unconstitutional in November 1998, triggering an appeal by the City Council.

On Monday, council members Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Cindy Johnson, Annette McRoy and Seng voted to ask the court to review the ordinance.

Council members Jeff Fortenberry and Jerry Shoecraft voted against the appeal. The pair also voted against the ordinance when it was approved in September 1998 and against overriding a veto attempt by then-mayor Johanns.

# Parking committee rejects permit fee plan for garage

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"We're going to have a mass exodus (of faculty members)," she said. "What are you going to do when nobody's here anymore?"

The cost of building a garage at 17th and R streets would be about \$18 million. Myers was quick to point out the large sum at the meeting, saying using revenue from permit fees was not the way to fund the project. "That's ridiculous that the university should be making that kind of expectation and assumption," he said.

Some of the members said the university's staff should be categorized into the same price bracket as its students. The average income of a UNL staff member is about \$20,000 per year, committee members said.

Keith Zaborowski, serving as the chancellor's appointee at the meeting, said he felt placing the staff into the same bracket as students would have been a better idea.

"Students control a good chunk of the parking," Zaborowski said. "Yet it's faculty and staff being asked to pay for the parking at a much higher burden. The staff are just as poor as our students are poor."

Jim Main, assistant vice chancellor for business and finance, said the permit rates could climb higher if other ways for funding were not found.

Lineberry said that would be unfair to students, faculty and staff.

"People aren't going to stand for it," Lineberry said. "I don't think we should be the sole means of funding this garage."

# IBM takes PC sales online

NEW YORK (AP)—Big Blue is giving itself the Big Boot.

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PCs to both consumers and businesses, lost about \$150 million in the second quarter and nearly \$1 billion last year.

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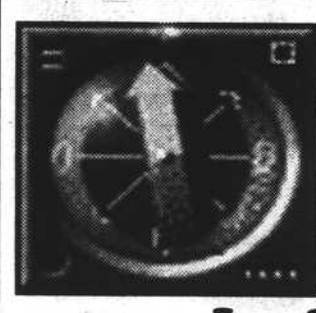
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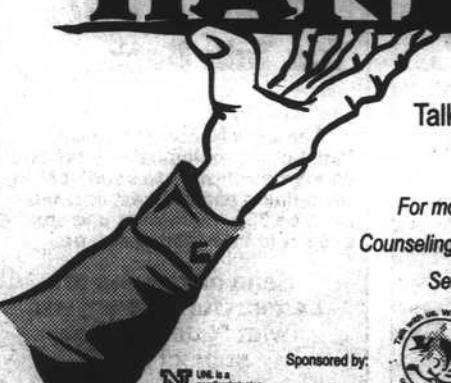
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