

# Vision Planning Underway in South Downtown

New Initiative to Continue Downtown Lincoln Growth



Community leaders announced a new initiative to continue the progress occurring in Lincoln’s downtown. Focused on the South Downtown district (SoDo), the new initiative blends community involvement and planning to develop the next chapter in the exciting story unfolding in and around Lincoln’s downtown.

SoDo is located generally between A and M streets and from 9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> streets. The new effort is attracting a wide variety of stakeholder interest.

An initial steering committee of more than 20 stakeholders from the SoDo area has been formed including neighborhood leaders, business owners, the faith and education community, city and philanthropic leaders. SoDo planning is expected to occur over the next six months and be a broad-reaching process of gathering community ideas from those who live, work, attend school, and otherwise connect with the district. The SoDo steering committee and planning team anticipate a wide range of ways for community stakeholders to give input, both in-person and on-line.

This collaboration of neighborhood, business, philanthropic, and city leaders is exploring ways to provide more opportunities for people wanting to live and work in the south of downtown Lincoln area. The planning process will ask for people’s ideas about economic opportunity, housing, and quality of life in the area. As the process moves forward, we’ll be equally excited to translate those ideas into action.

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Upcoming Events:

**May 12 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.**

Community-Wide Breakfast  
*Pinnacle Bank Arena*

**June 2 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Public Meeting (3 Alternative Futures)  
*F Street Community Center*

**June 4 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

SoDo Open House  
*F Street Community Center*

**June 6 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Public Meeting (Final Recommendations)  
*F Street Community Center*

## SODO Community Advisory Committee

Robin Ambroz	NIFA
Brian Ardinger	NMotion
Barbara Bartle	Lincoln Community Fdn
Cathy Beecham	FUSE Co-Working
Jon Carlson	Lincoln Mayor's Office
Pablo Cervantes	Property Owner
Fr. Doug Dietrich	St. Mary’s Catholic
Carl Eskridge	Lincoln City Council
Jim Friedman	Near South Nbrhd Assn
Sharon Grossman	Cultiva Coffee owner
Raul Guerra	Property Owner
Topher Hansen	CenterPointe
Kile Johnson	Property Owner
Thomas Laging	Capitol Environs
Scott Lawson	Lincoln Community Fdn
Margarita Lisak	Pinnacle Bank
Greg McCown	HOME Realty
Michon Morrow	Lincoln Police Dept
Mike Renken	Neighborworks
Matt Schaefer	Everett Nbrhd Assn
Dave Schmidt	Concorde Mgmt
Elaine Simpson	McPhee Principal
Dorothy Skorupa	F St Community Ctr
Tom Smith	Smith Hayes
Michelle Suarez	Everett Elem. Principal
Terry Uland	Downtown Lincoln Assn
Pam Voorman	Trinity Lutheran Church
Bill Wood	Property Owner
Ryan Zabawa	Park Middle School

## General SoDo Boundaries

SoDo is defined as the neighborhood area south of Downtown Lincoln, generally bound on the north by M Street & G Street, on the east by 14th Street & 17th Street, on the south by A Street, and on the west by 6th Street and 10th Street.

