

October 8, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Good Evening, Mary Taylor, 209 park Ave.

Before I begin I must share with the Town Manager, Mayor, Commission, Captian Sanford, and deputies, that residents appreciate the diligence and increased visibility of the sheriff department, especially since school started. Thank You!

What I am discussing now is strictly between The Town of Lake Park and Forest Development. On December 18, 2019, the Town adopted resolution NO. 97-12-19 to approve Forest's construction of the Nautilus. Three of you voted to pass the resolution. The approval was based on promises made by Forest Development. *I will read Paragraph 23 of the resolution.*

Within 18 months of the effective date of this resolution, the Owner shall initiate bona fide development and shall continue with the development of the Site through completion. Failure to do so shall render the Development Order null and void. Once initiated, the development of the Site shall be completed within 36 months. *The effective date is December 18, 2019. This means that Forest had to begin development by March 2021. Paragraph 23 says that Forest would complete the Nautilus in 36 months. If construction began in May 2021, 36 months would be May 2024. Forest promised it's buyers that construction would be finished by January, 2024. Today, Forest is at least 15 months in violation of it's promise. During the Nautilus construction the developer appeared before the commission and requested exceptions and waivers for their construction processes, which were always granted.*

Last year the Town of Lake Park spent \$750,000 for additional sheriff personnel based on the promise of occupancy Forest made to the Town, on December 18, 2019. That promise was broken, thereby causing the Town to suffer serious financial harm. However, there is a legal remedy in contract law to address the losses. Losses incurred due to the Town's reliance on Forest's promise, a broken promise. Fortunately, Detrimental Reliance, in Contract Law, is available to recover the money that Forest Development owes the Town for failing to fulfill the terms and promises it made on December 18, 2019. ***The Town of Lake Park owes it to it's citizens to pursue a \$750,000 reimbursement from Forest Development.*** LAKE PARK CANNOT AFFORD TO CONTINUE SPENDING, WASTING, AND LOSING, LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. THANK YOU!

You may remember hearing this before, it is true!

In the United States the most important office is that of CITIZEN. Citizens are a powerful force for change. Recently we have witnessed how much Lake Park residents care about their position in this Town. They have shown up at workshops and voiced their opinions about the height and density that should be allowed in the PADD. Height and density are HOT topics all over right now. There are complications too. SB180, etc. but residents deserve to be kept informed about important issues like these.

The Kimley Horn Report was presented on June 2, 2025 at a workshop.

WHERE IS IT?

IS IT CURRENT?

IS THE REPORT FINAL?

WHEN WILL THE REPORT BECOME A WORKING DOCUMENT THAT WILL CLARIFY FOR RESIDENTS AND DEVELOPERS THE NEXT STEPS, CHANGES AND TIMELINES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PADD PLAN?

PLEASE INCLUDE AN UPDATE IN THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

REGARDING MEETINGS: Town Sponsored Meetings, public outreach, concerning town topics should be widely advertised, well in advance, and welcoming to public input, regardless of time and location.

Thank You for your consideration of this matter.