

Exhibit "G"

COMMISSION NOTES December 7, 2022

COMMISSIONER MARY BETH TAYLOR

As an elected official, mother, grandmother, teacher, and voice of numerous residents, I would like to take the opportunity to address the Email from the town manager that the commission received on November 20, 2022 regarding the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Lake Shore Park Playground. The Email read "We will not invite the children from the elementary school to the event because we have no way of getting them safely across US I. Two issues grabbed my attention. First and most serious was the fact that the manager realizes how very dangerous the cross walk at US I and Park Ave is, and has been forever. In the year 2000 I was almost to the center of US I when a truck turned north onto US I and bumped me before he stopped. It is much worse NOW. Even when the WALK SIGN is on, drivers won't yield, not the first vehicle, second one or the third one. I brought the dangerous crossing up for discussion last spring and I recall Mayor O'Rourke agreed with me. This is a REAL problem, involving REAL people, on an ongoing basis. What has been, or is being done to address this dangerous US I and Park Ave. crossing....and....What can the commission and town administration do to expedite a solution. A change to the timing of the stop lights to hold the turning vehicles until the pedestrians are safely across US1 and also, increasing the walk signal time to 30 instead of 18 could save lives. I know the town cannot make these changes, but changes will not be made unless the town advocates and or if necessary demands them. It is the obligation of all levels of government to promote the health and safety of their communities. Lake Park town administrators, commissioners, and residents are spending town resources and time on developing mobility plans to hopefully accommodate our looming population explosion. We need to begin NOW, to make necessary changes in order to assure that our residents, young and old, that are here NOW are protected and have easy safe pedestrian access to their treasured Kelsey Park.....*The second issue is that I believe as elected officials we have the obligation to educate and engage our young residents when civic opportunities arise because in the future they will be voting and making decisions perhaps here in Lake Park. I never suggested that all LPES students attend the ribbon cutting, I just suggested a time when **children, could attend**, but it would be a teachable moment if the fifth graders attended ribbon cuttings and suitable town ceremonies to instill pride and the confidence to go off to middle school as ambassadors for their home town.*