

Meeting Date _____

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

*****Three (3) minute limitation on all comments**

Name: _____

Address: _____

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

meeting Date _____

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

*****Three (3) minute limitation on all comments**

Name: _____

Address: _____

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

Meeting Date 7/15/26

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

***Three (3) minute limitation on all comments

Name: Michael Steinhauer
Address: 435 Greenbriar

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: Pipestone1992@gmail

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

PreScripted Testimony Mass Produced

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

Testimony Before Lake Park, FL Commission 7/15/2026 Public Comment on Pre-scripted Testimonies Supporting Forest Development -- Michael Steinhauer, 435 Greenbriar Dr. pipestone1992@gmail.com 608-332-5547 Private Resident / Lake Park Society for the Advancement of Civic Engagement

Mayor and Commissioners,

I want to address a troubling pattern that I have observed during recent public comment periods and that has been validated by others.

Over a few meetings, several speakers supporting Forest Development have delivered testimony that is nearly identical — not just in opinion, but in wording, structure, and even specific phrases. It has become increasingly apparent that these comments are not independently prepared statements, but rather a script that has been written in advance and distributed to supporters.

Certainly, every resident has the right to endorse or oppose a project. I respect that right completely. What concerns me is when public testimony becomes mass-produced advocacy instead of genuine individual subjective participation.

One purpose of public comments before you are to encourage authentic thoughts, experiences, and concerns of residents. When the same prepared language is repeated a few times, it creates the illusion of broad, independent support when the commission *really* is hearing a message orchestrated and staged. That's dishonest and unethical.

And, it does not strengthen public discourse; it weakens it. It discourages critical thinking and reduces citizens to repetitive parrot-like talking points rather than speaking in their own voices.

I am not asking this commission to limit anyone's speech. I am asking that we recognize the difference between organic public input and arranged conspiratory testimony. The quality of our decision-making depends on hearing a diversity of viewpoints but expressed honestly and independently.

If a development is truly beneficial, it should be able to withstand thoughtful scrutiny and be supported or objected to by residents who can explain, in their own words, why they believe it serves the community or not. I can pledge to you I am only aware of residents speaking for themselves, or the same for people who may be testifying on behalf of the engagement society. They speak their own mind in their own way.

I urge the commission to continue evaluating every project based on facts, evidence, planning standards, and the genuine interests of the town — not on the number of people lined up in a chorus, spoon-fed the same prepared script. Residents are monitoring occurrences carefully.

Thank you for your consideration.

Exhibit C

Meeting Date _____

Cards must be submitted before the item is discussed!!

***Three (3) minute limitation on all comments

Name: Mary Taylor

Address: 209 Park Ave

If you are interested in receiving Town information through Email, please provide your E-mail address: _____

I would like to make comments on the following Agenda Item:

I would like to make comments on the following Non-Agenda Item(s):

Saturday with Mayor

Instructions: Please complete this card, including your name and address; once the card has been completed, give it to the Town Clerk. The Mayor will call your name when it is time for you to speak. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

Exhibit D

July 15, 2026

Town of Lake Park Commission Meeting Comments

Submitted by Mary Taylor, Resident, 209, Park Ave.

Good Evening Everyone,

First, I want to thank our Mayor, Roger Michaud for last Saturday's morning with the Mayor. It was truly heartwarming to see so many residents gather to voice their opinions and support one another unanimously on many important topics. Mayor Michaud, gracefully listened and hopefully accepted the consensus of the of the group, *disapproval* **which was, "Their rejection of high rise buildings at 10th and Park Avenue,"** Even though this rejection may not be the ideal first choice of developers, staff and some commissioners.

Secondly, on my daily trips to Publix, I pause to admire the new Avalon Residential Project. I don't often lavish praise on new construction, but the building is very attractive. It is huge, but the location, design and overall look and feel seems to enhance, "Seems to FIT" The Town of Lake Park.

Lake Park welcomes newcomers, our new Nautilus residents, and we look forward to meeting and shopping with the new Avalon neighbors, but *as well as most residents* believe there should be limits on density, so did the crafters of the town's Comprehensive Plan and the experts that submitted the first version of the Kimley Horn Report. Residents have long appreciated the lifestyle of their quiet, small, working class neighborhoods of Lake Park. The privacy and peaceful enjoyment of their homes and surroundings should be protected from over development and it's results.... *Overcrowding, overheating, pollution, congestion, the burden on limited resources and in the case of proposed high rise buildings on Tenth and Park Ave. adjacent to residential homes loss of privacy!*

Thanks also to Commissioner John Lindon, who attended the meeting, and listened to attendees. I hope other Commissioners decide to give residents similar opportunities to be heard.