

Lake Park Town Commission Meeting - May 21, 2025

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Good evening. I begin by expressing my sincere pride when learning about Mayor Roger Michaud, Vice Mayor Michael Henseley, and Commissioner Judith Thomas being honored with the Florida League of Cities 2025 Home Rule Hero Award. How exciting! How deserving! In the past months, I have witnessed how you have addressed local problems with local solutions, especially when you publicly speak of lending a careful ear to the voices of residents. Congratulations to you all and stay the course by keeping up the good work!

Now there's an opportunity to be **our** heroes. As the Kimberley-Horn consultant's report is available (and **must be immediately shared as a public document that resident's paid for**), and Planning and Zoning are serving in their consultative role, you have done your due diligence. I can hardly imagine a scenario where any of these reports will sway you toward supporting high-rise development, against **overwhelming** wishes of tax paying, resident constituents. I respect your intuitive judgement and know we can count on you. You know there are numerous innovative ways to grow our town, then to erect another massive building. To do our part, you can plan on a resident, standing room only turnout on June 2nd, and then again when final votes are cast.

As your award provides witness, we believe that with our new Town Manager, current Mayor, and with most Commissioners, **Lake Park has a renewed sense of partnership for a creative, lasting future—one where the voices of residents are truly heard and honored on this and other issues.** I am anxious to hear of your next steps to proceed with denying the current developer proposal, and for a return to zoning that is reflected in the Comprehensive Plan.

The unified resident movement that has come alive **will not disappear** until the final votes are cast, and we can rejoice in savoring the small-town culture and feel that motivated us to invest here in the first place, to call Lake Park our home.

Thank you for your service, congratulations on your award, and for continuing to listen to your community.