

Written Testimony for the Lake Park, FL Commission

Regarding the PADD Project and Kimley-Horn Report Over-Due

FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD

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Good evening, Mayor and Commissioners.

I'm speaking on behalf of the nonprofit **Lake Park Society for the Advancement of Civic Engagement**.

At the June 2nd Commission meeting we were presented with a final draft of the consultant's report about the downtown district. The Mayor then asked for a simple addition of creating another scenario. At the October 8th meeting, the **Town Attorney stated clearly that the Kimley-Horn Park Avenue Downtown District report was complete and no further meetings were appropriate**. Yet, another month has gone by! To my knowledge, no one has seen anything final. What is this almost half a year's delay all about??

This report was paid for with **public funds** including **specified contractual timelines**. It directly addresses information about the future of our town — our downtown character, building heights, traffic, parking, code compliance and waivers, and the balance between growth and livability. It seems our contract monitoring and management oversight skills have been sidelined.

Residents participated in workshops, wrote letters, attended meetings, and were told their input mattered. Some are left with the impression that decisions may be made behind closed doors or that the findings are being altered before release.

So tonight, I respectfully ask the Commission to:

1. **Direct staff to immediately demand and release the final Kimley-Horn report** to the public.
2. **Clarify whether any changes have been made** since the June 2nd version was presented or from October 6th reassurances. And
3. **Reaffirm the Town's commitment to open, transparent communication** with the residents who care deeply about Lake Park's future.

Explain this situation to us following this testimony. Lake Park thrives when residents, businesses, and leaders share the same information and work together in the open. Restore the transparency this process deserves.

Thank you.