

Leslie Herring

From: Nikki DuPont <ndupontkc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2023 3:17 PM
To: Info
Subject: Planning Commission meeting edit request

Some people who received this message don't often get email from ndupontkc@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Greetings, Planning Commissioners!

You already know where we and many others in the community stand on the Karbank proposal. In light of this, and the fact that you have already passed the proposal, I will spare you the rehash. Instead, I'd like to inquire about the notes of record within the minutes from the last two Planning Commission meetings.

In August, twenty (20) people spoke out publicly on this issue. Though it is a challenge to paraphrase anyone in this circumstance, overall, the city made a good effort to capsulize what was said on both sides of this proposal. However, there is a stark discrepancy in quickly and easily recognizing those in favor versus those against.

The three (3) citizens who spoke in favor of the proposal are noted as such in the August minutes; they are recognized, in print, approving of the proposal. Yet not even one of the people who spoke out against the proposal are officially recognized in the minutes as being against the proposal. By looking at the minutes, at least twelve (12) appear to be against the proposal; five (5) speakers are unclear from the notes taken.

In September, twenty-four (24) people spoke publicly on this issue. This time there were two individuals where it was tough to decipher their opinion through the minutes. Three (3) people spoke in favor of the proposal, with each recognized as such. But eighteen (18) of the nineteen (19) who spoke out in opposition of the proposal were not recognized officially as being opposed.

Anyone with a vested interest will probably take the time to thoroughly comb through these minutes and make note of the overwhelming number of residents opposed to the Karbank proposal. Those with a *passing* interest, the ones that would quickly scan over the minutes (and we realize, sadly, that is the majority of the citizenry), would not easily see the "quick take" that the numbers speaking on this issue leaned heavily against this proposal.

Our hope is that these omissions were mere oversights by the Recording Secretary. The cynics in us think this makes the City of Westwood appear to have a bias toward the council's wishes, instead of recording a true consideration of desires of the community.

We ask that one of you attempt to have this corrected before voting to approve the minutes from last month in tonight's meeting.

We would also ask that you **table all Karbank old and new business** until the City Council votes. Take some time to attempt to look at the other side of this proposal and the irreversible harm that moving forward could cause.

Thank you for your continued service to the community.

Nikki & Dennis DuPont