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Hello,

I live on Lake Mendota Dr. and attended the virtual meeting yesterday because I have concerns about the project as it presently is moving forward. I am a retired Registered Nurse and in my 57 years of living in Madison (45 on LMD) I have to admit that I have never paid close attention to City government. I was shocked last night to hear the comments of a person on the Transportation Commission about the residents of district 19 who spoke in detailed and nuanced ways regarding their opposition to the project for environmental, historical, cultural, and many other reasons. One member of the commission dismissed the whole lot of speakers as "ableists" and compared them to some conservative group in Milwaukee. This dismissive and shallow response to nuanced and well informed speakers (many of whom are professionals in environmental, engineering, etc. fields) served to diminish the legitimacy of the citizens.

Also, there was very little to no dialogue or answering questions from two of the speakers who asked questions, one from the Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association. Is this standard practice of how commissions interact with citizens? Is there ever actually dialogue regarding important issues?

Thank you for your time,

Heather Crade