

Dena Lucy Looks like the owner expects Pearle to win the zone change. He is already altering the restaurant and removing booths. Unbelievable.

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Ginger Lee It's hard not to be cynical about the extent to which decisions like this are made far ahead of meetings. Same with "listening sessions," special meetings, citizen input committees, etc. Appeases the masses but all to often makes not one whit of difference. (Certainly how it FEELS, irregardless of the reality in any given situation.)

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Dena Lucy Kathy Meade that's why Uptown Girls was cut in half?!?

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Dena Lucy Ginger Lee agreed. For such a small town, apparently there is a lot of corruption!

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Ginger Lee Sometimes I think it's a function of decision makers (who possess inside info) having false confidence that they are, without a doubt, the only people who know what's right. I'm speaking generally — all towns, all boards, everywhere. I've seen it behind the scenes as well — leaders have false confidence, and often a bit of disdain for the "ignorant masses" who like to complain but just don't "get it." In some instances, that belief might be partially warranted, of course — which just increases their certainty they are always correct. So as a result, we get a paternalistic, patronizing show of "listening" and allowing people to voice their gripes though no one intends to actually take those perspectives into consideration. And before anyone imposion