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Politicians' views on Skyline development

About the new house on Skyline:

“The person owned the land for quite some time and followed all the appropriate rules. This didn't even come to the council. ... How can you discriminate against private property owners? This isn't public park land.”

— *Garry Krause, outgoing city councilor for the area, as told to the News Tribune editorial page*

“I understand the guy's right to build there. He bought the property. But I think the city should preserve those views. ... I think we can limit [future construction]. I think we can take a look at that. ... I don't know how to go about it. I guess what I'm trying to say is I'm open. I haven't taken a position on it one way or the other. I know I like to look at the views when I go there.”

— *Kerry Gauthier, candidate to replace Krause, as told to the News Tribune editorial page*

“If he owns the property and he followed the building processes to obtain the permits and abided by the rules and regulations, then building was his right. If he didn't follow the rules, the permit would never have been issued.”

— *Gordon Grant, candidate to replace Krause, as told to the News Tribune editorial page*

About the concerns of Duluthians:

“I can understand the frustrations. This is a visible spot and there hasn't been anything there before. But anyone concerned about this should think about how, not very far to the east and in the very near future, they're going to see a new middle school. You talk about a scenic overlook. You're about to look down and see a massive building.”

— *Garry Krause, outgoing city councilor*

About the proposal, shot down by the City Council, to close during nighttime hours the overlook west of 27th Avenue West due to complaints of troublemaking:

“I've been hearing about questionable acts all along Skyline for years. Either we close them all or we deal with the problem. I say we control [the overlooks] and deal with the problems.”

— *Garry Krause, outgoing city councilor*

“The homeowner should have actually utilized 911 and reported any type of suspicious activity up there. ... Hindsight is 20/20, but I don’t think [the homebuilders] should have taken that approach [of requesting the overlook near their new home be closed at night]. From my experience with the police department, they pinpoint the calls they receive, and they may then drive by more frequently.”

— *Gordon Grant, City Council candidate*