

1 **City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission**
2 **Regular Meeting Minutes: July 8, 2025, 2025; 7:00-9:00pm**
3 **Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom**
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5 **Planning Commissioners present:** Chair Sam Castic, Madlyn Larson (via Zoom), Meredith
6 LaBonte, John Drew, Cherie Finazzo
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8 **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; John Lebo, City
9 Council liaison; Alexandra Doty, Cascadia (via Zoom); Maddie Seibert, Cascadia (via Zoom)
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11 **Members of the Public present:** Miriam Bertram
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13 **Planning Commissioners absent:** Vice Chair Janne Kaje and David Kleweno
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15 **Call to order:** Chair Castic called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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17 **Land Acknowledgement:** Cmr. Drew read the land acknowledgement.
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19 **Approval of Agenda:** Cmr. Larson made a motion to approve the agenda, Cmr. Drew and Cmr.
20 LaBonte seconded, and the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.
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22 **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Cmr. Drew made a motion to approve the June 10, 2025, Meeting
23 Minutes, Cmr. Larson seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.
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25 **Public Hearing:** None.
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27 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.
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29 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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31 **City Council Liaison Report:** City Council member Lebo announced that the Council passed the
32 middle housing ordinance with very few changes. The Council is also going to be voting for a levy in
33 the fall.
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35 **Old Business:**

36 **Climate Element Comprehensive Plan Amendment Update with Cascadia**

37 Ms. Doty gave a presentation on the Climate Element and the process the City has undertaken to
38 produce the review draft of the Climate Element. Community engagement includes the Climate
39 Policy Advisory Team, a community survey, online public comment period, and interviews with
40 high schoolers.
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42 Ms. Doty also reviewed the analyses and studies Cascadia conducted for the Climate Element.

43 Ms. Seibert reviewed the Climate Impacts, including the city's vulnerability to climate change.

44 The Planning Commissioners provided questions and comments for review of the draft.
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1 **New Business:**

2 **Introductory discussion on affordable housing incentives/tools**

3 The Planning Commissioners discussed the next steps for affordable housing. The draft ordinance
4 currently underway met the minimum state standards. The commissioners then discussed amending
5 certain regulations like parking or allowing ADUs in the front yard to allow more housing. The
6 commissioners also discussed finding a way to ensure that increasing housing density also leads to
7 increasing affordable housing.
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9 **Introductory discussion for potential development regulation amendments regarding**
10 **minimum lot frontages and consolidation of similar Zoning Districts**

11 The commissioners discussed possible amendments to allow for more housing including parking
12 minimums and minimum lot frontages. The commissioners requested an education piece to see
13 what currently is in place with the current ADU code and how the ordinance effects these changes.
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15 **Reports and Announcements:** No reports and announcements.
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17 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Discussion on the Climate Element and affordable housing incentives.
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19 **Adjournment:** Cmr. Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. LaBonte seconded, and the
20 motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.
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