



CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: In Person and Virtual / Zoom

17425 Ballinger Way NE Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING VIRTUALLY:

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The Planning Commission is providing opportunities for public comment by submitting a written comment or by attending the meeting in person to provide oral public comment.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE WITH ORAL COMMENTS:

If you are attending the meeting in person, there is a sign-in sheet located near the entrance to the room. Fill out the form and the presiding officer will call your name at the appropriate time. Oral comments are limited to 3:00 minutes per speaker. Oral comments are not being accepted via Zoom.

The meeting is being recorded.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Written comments for public hearings will be submitted to Planning Commission if received by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting; otherwise, they will be provided to the Planning Commission the next day. Because the City has implemented oral comments, written comments are no longer being read under Public Comments.

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AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M. (confirm recording start)**

2. **PLANNING COMMISSION'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We'd like to acknowledge we are on the traditional land of a rich and diverse group of Native Peoples who have called this area home for more than 10,000 years. We honor, with gratitude, the land itself and the descendants of these Native Peoples who are still here today.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

A. Second Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting

5. **MEETING DATES**

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Commission will not be accepting online public comments. Comments are limited to a three (3) minute time limit.

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Commission on agenda items.

- Oral public comments are only accepted in person to ensure the orderly conduct of the meeting.

- Speakers are limited to three (3) minutes.

- Commissioners may not respond during public comments, but may ask staff to follow up, if appropriate.

- Public comments may not be used to promote or oppose candidates for public office or ballot measures.

- The Chair or presiding officer may interrupt comments that violate these instructions, are unrelated to the agenda items, or otherwise hinder the orderly conduct of the meeting.

8. **REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON**

A. Josh Rosenau, City Councilmember, Planning Commission Liaison

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Critical Areas Ordinance Update- Overview Presentation of LFPMC Chapter 16.16

B. Affordable Housing Draft Purpose Statement and Objectives

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

11. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- A. Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026

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Any person requiring a disability accommodation should contact city hall at 206-368-5440 by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting for more information.

1 City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission
2 Regular Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2026; 7:00-9:00pm
3 Hybrid Meeting Held in the Emergency Operations Center
4 at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom
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6 **Planning Commissioners present:** Chair Sam Castic, Vice Chair Janne Kaje (via Zoom), Madlyn
7 Larson, Cherie Finazzo (via Zoom), John Drew, Marty Ross, David Kleweno
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9 **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director (via Zoom);
10 Elizabeth Talavera, Associate Planner; Josh Rosenau, City Council Liaison
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12 **Members of the Public present:** Richard Larson, Patrick Burns
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14 **Planning Commissioners absent:** Meredith LaBonte
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16 **Call to order:** Chair Castic called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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18 **Land Acknowledgement:** Cmr. Larson read the land acknowledgement.
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20 **Approval of Agenda:** Cmr. Larson moved to approve the agenda. Cmr. Finazzo seconded, and the
21 motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.
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23 **Introductions:**

24 New planning commissioner, Marty Ross, introduced himself. All the planning commissioners and
25 staff also introduced themselves.
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27 **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Vice Chair Kaje made a motion to approve the January 13, 2026,
28 Special Meeting Minutes, Cmr. Larson seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was carried
29 unanimously.
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31 **Public Hearing:** No public hearing.
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33 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on Tuesday, March 10, 2026
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35 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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37 **City Council Liaison Report:** Council member Rosenau gave an update on the federal funding for
38 the park. He also stated that the contract for the roundabout has moved forward and
39 groundbreaking is projected for Spring 2026. Council member Rosenau also spoke of the resilience
40 of Minneapolis and how the city of LFP can work together as a community.
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42 **Old Business:**

43 **Planning Commission 2026 Work Plan Continued Discussion**

44 Cmr. Larson and Kleweno stated they will attend the City Council meeting on February 26, 2026, to
45 present the Work Plan and Annual Report. The planning commissioners discussed the Work Plan
46 items with Mr. Hofman, and they also discussed how to move items along this year.
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1 **Planning Commission Working Groups Discussion**

2 The commissioners outlined the goals and restrictions of working groups. The commissioners also
3 drafted categories for the working groups. The commissioners then volunteered for working groups
4 that aligned with their interests, and they also discussed the next steps for the groups.

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6 **New Business:**

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8 **Reports and Announcements:**

9 **Planning Commission Expiring Terms and Reappointments**

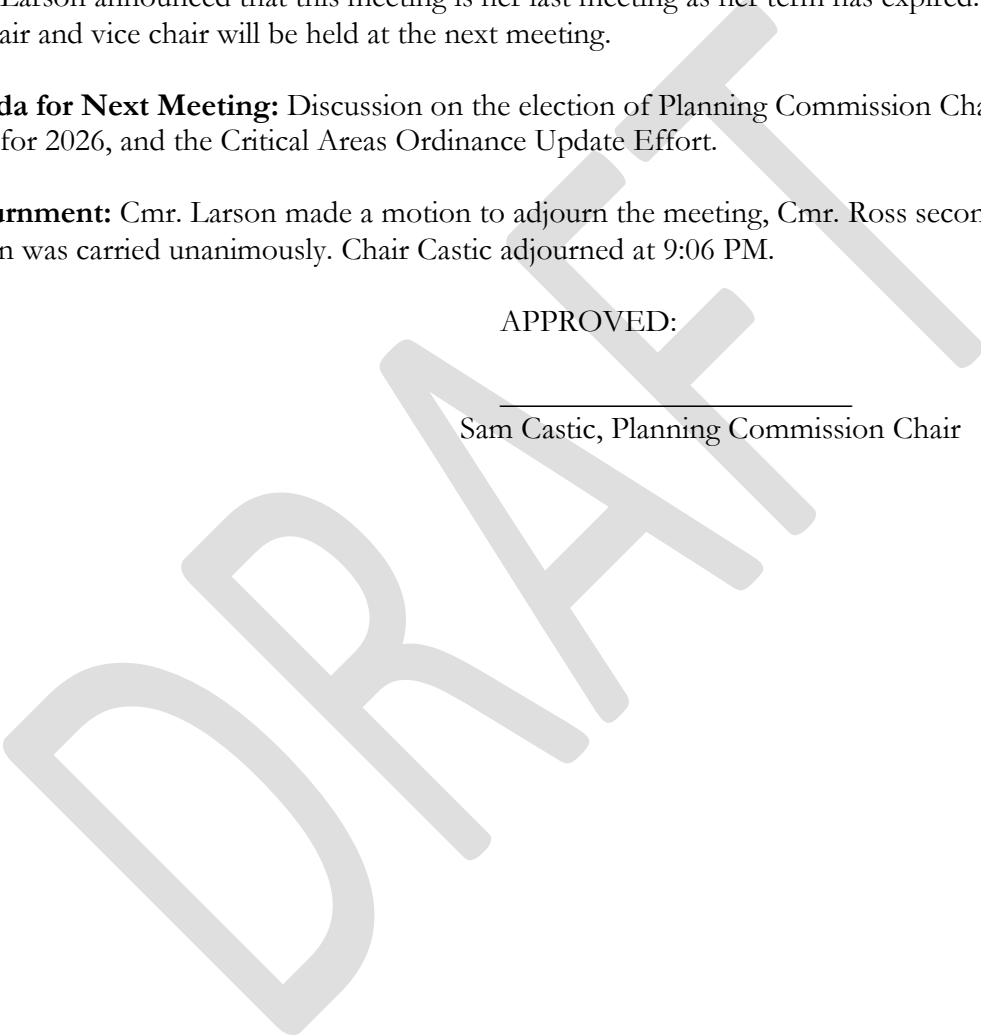
10 Cmd. Larson announced that this meeting is her last meeting as her term has expired. The elections
11 for chair and vice chair will be held at the next meeting.

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13 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Discussion on the election of Planning Commission Chair and Vice
14 Chair for 2026, and the Critical Areas Ordinance Update Effort.

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16 **Adjournment:** Cmr. Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. Ross seconded, and the
17 motion was carried unanimously. Chair Castic adjourned at 9:06 PM.

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19 APPROVED:

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21 Sam Castic, Planning Commission Chair
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1 City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission
2 Regular Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2026; 7:00-9:00pm
3 Hybrid Meeting Held in the Emergency Operations Center
4 at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom
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6 **Planning Commissioners present:** Chair Sam Castic, Vice Chair Janne Kaje (via Zoom), David
7 Kleweno, Cherie Finazzo (via Zoom), John Drew, Marty Ross, Hina Shahid
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9 **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Josh Rosenau, City
10 Council Liaison
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12 **Members of the Public present:** William Ackerman
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14 **Planning Commissioners absent:** Meredith LaBonte
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16 **Call to order:** Chair Castic called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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18 **Land Acknowledgement:** Cmr. Drew read the land acknowledgement.
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20 **Approval of Agenda:** Chair Castic proposed an amendment to the agenda to add the RUE NOA to
21 the meeting agenda. Cmr. Drew moved to approve the agenda as amended. Vice Chair Kaje
22 seconded, and the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.
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24 **Welcome New Commissioner:** Cmr. Shahid introduced herself and briefly described her
25 professional background. The planning commissioners also introduced themselves.
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27 **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Cmr. Drew, Cmr. Kleweno, and Vice Chair Kaje provided edits to
28 the minutes. Cmr. Drew made a motion to approve the February 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes as
29 amended. Cmr. Kleweno seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.
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31 **Public Hearing:** No public hearing.
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33 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on Tuesday, May 12, 2026
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35 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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37 **City Council Liaison Report:** Council member Rosenau announced that a new Public Works
38 Director was hired and started and discussed staff updates with the climate coordinator position and
39 stormwater coordinator. Council member Rosenau also discussed updates with the roundabout
40 project and the lakefront project hearing. Council member Rosenau also announced that there will
41 be a town hall on May 20th at Third Place Commons.
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43 Vice Chair Kaje discussed his concerns for the roundabout project including traffic mitigation and
44 communication with the public. Council member Rosenau stated that he will relay the concerns to
45 city council.
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1 **Old Business:**

2 **Planning Commission 2026 Work Plan Approved by City Council**

3 Mr. Hofman stated that the Work Plan was approved by City Council. Chair Castic gave a brief
4 overview of the approved work plan.

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6 **Planning Commission Working Group Discussion- Housing Initial Feedback**

7 Cmr. Finazzo discussed meeting with a developer to discuss feedback for pre-approved plans and
8 zoning regulations for ADUs and DADUs. Vice Chair Kaje also discussed similar takeaways.
9 The planning commissioners discussed potentially bringing in a speaker to discuss middle housing.
10 Mr. Ackerman gave a brief comment on his concerns about how increasing housing can impact
11 quality of life for city residents, including the impacts of tree removals associated with development.
12 Chair Castic, Cmr. Kleweno, and Cmr. Ross agreed to meet and create a framework for middle
13 housing objectives.

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15 **New Business:**

16 **Critical Areas Ordinance Update- Introduction and Discussion**

17 Mr. Hofman gave an overview on how to prepare for an SMP update and the Critical Areas
18 Ordinance update and the challenges for the city. Mr. Hofman discussed the need for environmental
19 consultants in order to get the most updated sciences to inform the code ordinances. Mr. Hofman
20 also proposed bringing in staff member, David Greetham, to the next meeting in order for Mr.
21 Greetham to give the planning commissioners a brief walk through of the current critical area code.

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23 **Election of Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2026**

24 Cmr. Kleweno volunteered to be Chair. Chair Castic made a motion for Cmr. Kleweno to become
25 Chair and the motion was approved unanimously. Chair Castic also made a motion for Vice Chair
26 Kaje to remain in the Vice Chair position, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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28 **Yamaguchi RUE NOA**

29 Vice Chair Kaje mentioned that this RUE can be an example of how the critical area code can be
30 strengthened during the update. Vice Chair Kaje also discussed the question of how the city should
31 deal with the comments from the Muckleshoot tribe.

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33 **Reports and Announcements:** No reports and announcements.

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35 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Discussion on objectives for affordable housing and Critical Area Walk
36 Through.

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38 **Adjournment:** Cmr. Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. Kleweno seconded, and
39 the motion was carried unanimously. Chair Castic adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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44 Sam Castic, Planning Commission Chair