



# CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, July 09, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: In Person and Virtual / Zoom**

**17425 Ballinger Way NE Lake Forest Park, WA 98155**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING THIS MEETING VIRTUALLY:**

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### **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:**

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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**

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5. **MEETING DATES**
6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

***The Commission is not accepting online public comments.** The Planning Commission accepts oral and written citizen comments during its regular meetings. Written comments are no longer being read during the meeting. **Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.***

8. **REPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL LIAISON**
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Preparation for July 16, 2024 Comprehensive Plan Open House
  - B. Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update Status

10. **NEW BUSINESS**
11. **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
12. **ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**
13. **AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**
14. **ADJOURN**

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**City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes: June 06, 2024; 7:00-9:00pm  
Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom**

**Planning Commissioners present:** Meredith LaBonte, David Kleweno, Lois Lee, Sam Castic, and Madlyn Larson, Melissa Cranmer, and Cherie Finazzo

**Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Lorri Bodi, Council Liaison

**Members of the Public present:** none

**Planning Commissioners absent:** Chair Ashton Alvarez- McCartney; Vice Chair Janne Kaje;

**Call to order:** Cmr. Castic called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Land Acknowledgement:** Cmr. Larson read the land acknowledgement.

**Approval of Agenda:** Cmr. Larson made a motion to approve the agenda, Cmr. Lee seconded, and the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cmr Larson made a motion to approve the May 8th Special Meeting Minutes, Cmr. Finazzo seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No public comments.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on June 11, 2024.

**City Council Liaison Report:** A new traffic camera has been placed on 178th. the Council is also looking into conducting studies at new possible locations including on Bothell way and 104<sup>th</sup>. The Council member \_\_\_ also gave an update on the new park and the work that has been done to push for funding for the park. There has also been updates on Building Codes that are pro environmental. The Council member also discussed that the process for the biannual budget has begun and is projected to be finished by the end of November.

**Old Business:**

**Economic Development goals and policies**

A couple of the commissioners expressed some concerns that the goals of the plan mismatch the City. While there is concern with jobs and revenue, the draft goals don't necessarily match the current reality of the City. Cmr. Castic pointed out that the survey results were geared more towards expanding small local businesses to keep the character of Lake Forest Park. The Commission agreed to talk to the consultant to revise the language.

Cmr. LaBonte discussed omitting the language provided by King County aimed to provide equity opportunities for people of color stating that she believes the language can be harmful rather than helpful. It was noted to Cmr. LaBonte that the language is a requirement by King County to ensure equity.

1 Cmr. Lee pointed out that other areas should be targeted as well as the Town Center for economic  
2 growth.

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4 **Parks, Trails, and Open Space goals and policies**

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6 The Planning Commission discussed the Parks, Trails, and Open Space element. The Board  
7 discussed helping stakeholders, like the Stewardship Foundation, with events such as ivy removal  
8 demonstrations. The Board also discussed the idea of purchasing parts of the Town Center to foster  
9 more public opportunities.

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11 **New Business:**

12 Not applicable.

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14 **Reports and Announcements:**

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17 **Citizen Comment:**

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20 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Additional discussion on comprehensive plan amendments.

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22 **Adjournment:**

23 Cmr. Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. LaBonte seconded, and the motion was  
24 carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

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29 Ashton Alvarez-McCartney, Planning Commission Chair