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City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2026; 7:00-9:00pm
Hybrid Meeting Held in the Emergency Operations Center
at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom

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Planning Commissioners present: Chair Sam Castic, Vice Chair Janne Kaje (via Zoom), Madlyn Larson, Cherie Finazzo (via Zoom), John Drew, Marty Ross, David Kleweno

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Staff and others present: Mark Hofman, Community Development Director (via Zoom); Elizabeth Talavera, Associate Planner; Josh Rosenau, City Council Liaison

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Members of the Public present: Richard Larson, Patrick Burns

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Planning Commissioners absent: Meredith LaBonte

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Call to order: Chair Castic called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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Land Acknowledgement: Cmr. Larson read the land acknowledgement.

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Approval of Agenda: Cmr. Larson moved to approve the agenda. Cmr. Finazzo seconded, and the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.

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Introductions:

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New planning commissioner, Marty Ross, introduced himself. All the planning commissioners and staff also introduced themselves.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes: Vice Chair Kaje made a motion to approve the January 13, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes, Cmr. Larson seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

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Public Hearing: No public hearing.

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Next meeting: The next meeting occurs on Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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Public Comment: No public comments.

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City Council Liaison Report: Council member Rosenau gave an update on the federal funding for the park. He also stated that the contract for the roundabout has moved forward and groundbreaking is projected for Spring 2026. Council member Rosenau also spoke of the resilience of Minneapolis and how the city of LFP can work together as a community.

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Old Business:

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Planning Commission 2026 Work Plan Continued Discussion

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Cmr. Larson and Kleweno stated they will attend the City Council meeting on February 26, 2026, to present the Work Plan and Annual Report. The planning commissioners discussed the Work Plan items with Mr. Hofman, and they also discussed how to move items along this year.

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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21 Sam Castic, Planning Commission Chair
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