

1 **City of Lake Forest Park – Tree Board Meeting**
2 **Normal Meeting Minutes: June 7th, 2023; 7:00-9:00pm**
3 **Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom**
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5 **Tree Board Members present:** All
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7 **Staff and others present:** Riley Bushnell, Assistant Planner; Councilmember Larry Goldman
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9 **Members of the Public present:** Scott Morrison, Nancy Hertzog, Julie Turnell, Randi Sibonga
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11 **Tree Board Members absent:** None.
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13 **Call to order:** 7:02 PM
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15 **Short Reflections:** None.
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17 **Introductions:** The Tree Board members and City staff introduced themselves.
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19 **Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Change to new agenda was proposed by Chair Olmstead, mostly
20 old and new business. Ms. Byrne approved of the agenda, new member seconded, the motion
21 passed unanimously.
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23 **Approval of Minutes:** Chair Olmstead proposed the approval of the minutes. Mr. Phillips moved,
24 Mr. Sprugel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.
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26 **Public Comment:** None.
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28 **Communication:**

29 Next Meeting

30 The Chair Olmstead spoke to the next meeting taking place at Wednesday May 5th at city hall.
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32 Announcements

33 None.
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35 **Old Business:**

36 Tree Mitigation

37 The board discussed the lack of a sound transit member being present at the board meeting tonight.
38 Councilmember Goldman explained the timetable for city council in relation to Sound Transit.
39 Councilmember Goldman encouraged feedback tonight and that he would pass along any
40 information to pass along to the council decided on tonight. Goldman mentioned the council
41 discussed “replacement trees” and corridor width.
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43 Councilmember Goldman talked about City of Shoreline working with King Conservation District
44 via contract to replant trees.
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46 The board talked of parallels and differences between Shoreline’s Light Rail project and the Lake
47 Forest Park Bus Rapid Transit project.
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1 Chair Olmstead shared the tree planting PowerPoint featuring locations to place new trees to replace
2 those lost by the Bus Rapid Transit project.

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4 Chair Olmstead recommended canvassing to add trees to people's properties, neighborhood-by-
5 neighborhood. He identified a particular neighborhood that needed canopy cover and had less
6 canopy cover than most neighborhoods in Lake Forest Park.

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8 The board discussed the longevity of trees and maintenance plans for the tree replanting plan.
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10 A member of the public asked a question as to when the board was introduced to this project. The
11 tree board discusses the Bus Rapid Transit project further and how their desire to replant trees and
12 the need to replant trees from the City because of the Bus Rapid Transit project now intersect.
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14 New Regulations

15 Councilmember Goldman presented the draft of the amendments to the tree code. The right of way
16 corridor definition was brought forth. The consensus of the board is that 1,000 feet is too wide for
17 the right of way corridor. They board settled on preferring 500 feet for the corridor.
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19 The proposed new right of way permits were discussed including the tiers of the right of way
20 permits. The board didn't have a strong feeling about changing the tier levels of right of way permits
21 presented in the new regulations.
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23 The board discussed prioritization of what consensus they should bring to the council in relation to
24 the proposed replanting regulations in the tree code. Some members of the board supported tree
25 replanting at a neighborhood level.
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27 The board discussed the noticing process for right of way permits. After discussing the comment
28 period for notices of application, the consensus was to keep the comment period at the same length.
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30 **New Business:**

31 Tree Walks

32 Chair Olmstead started revising a tree walk on the website.
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34 **Reports and Announcements:**

35 Frontlines

36 The Assistant Planner passed around copies of Arborist Swanson's monthly report for May tree
37 permits.
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39 Councilmember Goldman's Report

40 None.
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42 **Agenda for Next Meeting:**

43 A new agenda order was discussed for next meeting.
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46 **Adjournment:** Ms. Byrne moved to adjourn. Mr. Sprugel seconded; the meeting adjourned at 9:00
47 PM.
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APPROVED:

Richard Olmstead, Chair

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