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**City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission**  
**Special Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2026; 8:00-9:00pm**  
**Hybrid Meeting Held in the Emergency Operations Center**  
**at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom**

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

**Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director

**Members of the Public present:** Sally Yamasaki, Michael Troyer, Dona Hawkey

**Planning Commissioners absent:** Meredith LaBonte

**Call to order:** Chair Castic called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM

**Land Acknowledgement:** Chair Castic read the land acknowledgement.

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Staff provided an edit in attendance. Vice Chair Kaje made a motion to approve the December 09, 2025, Meeting Minutes with the edits, Cmr. Drew seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.

**Public Hearing:** No public hearing.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on Tuesday, February 10, 2026

**Public Comment:** Ms. Yamasaki introduced herself and members of the Community Land Trust group. Ms. Yamasaki spoke of her group wanting a Main St. for Lake Forest Park. Ms. Hawkey spoke about the need for cottage housing and middle housing. Mr. Troyer spoke about the need for affordability in housing.

**City Council Liaison Report:** Mr. Hofman stated that a city council liaison has not been appointed yet but city council is close to assigning a liaison for the planning commission.

**Old Business:**

**Planning Commission 2026 Work Plan Discussion**

Mr. Hofman gave an overview of the comprehensive plan updates. Mr. Hofman also discussed the exploration of hiring a consultant to update the Shoreline Master Program and the Critical Area Ordinance, especially the science portion.

The Planning Commission members discussed the meeting with city council members and the prioritization of certain issues. The commissioners discussed wanting to focus on housing affordability, transportation, and safe streets.

The commissioners also discussed the items for the 2026 Work Plan.

1 **Planning Commission Meeting Frequency Discussion**

2 The commissioners discussed creating work groups in the form of subgroups to meet in the off  
3 weeks to work on work plan items.

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5 **New Business:**

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7 **Reports and Announcements:** No reports or announcements.

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9 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Discussion on work groups, 2026 Work Plan.

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11 **Adjournment:** Vice Chair Kaje made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. Finazzo seconded, and  
12 the motion was carried unanimously. Chair Castic adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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17 Sam Castic, Planning Commission Chair