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

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

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

Members of the Public present: Richard Larson, Patrick Burns

Planning Commissioners absent: Meredith LaBonte, David Kleweno

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

Land Acknowledgement: Cmr. Larson read the land acknowledgement.

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

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.

Public Hearing: No public hearing.

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

Public Comment: No public comments.

City Council Liaison Report: Council member Lebo stated that the city council is reviewing the Climate Element and is on track to be approved Thursday, November 20, 2025. Council member Lebo also stated that the council is reviewing mid-annual adjustments for the city and that the planning commission will not be affected.

Old Business:

<u>Continued discussion for potential development regulation amendments- minimum street frontage requirements: Problem statements framing amendment purpose(s)</u>

Vice Chair Kaje discussed his proposal to strike three sections of the municipal code that require the 75 ft. street frontage requirements for new lots. Vice Chair Kaje also discussed his reasonings for these edits.

The commissioners discussed possible unintended consequences of removing the street frontage to the code. Vice Chair Kaje requested for city staff to research unintended consequences of removing the street frontage provision. Mr. Hofman stated that a basic analysis can be performed but there are limitations to resources for city staff.

Discussion on questions regarding development community and affordable housing community guests invited to provide feedback to the Planning Commission

Mr. Hofman provided the recommendation of inviting more community members to the meetings to bring in different perspectives. The commissioners discussed possibly reviewing the questions that are proposed by Chair Castic before the meeting with community members to maximize time.

New Business:

Planning Commission 2026 Work Plan for February 2026 City Council

Mr. Hofman reviewed the items in the 2025 Work Plan that the commission completed. The commissioners also discussed how to tackle issues and where commissioners can apply their skills to move topics forward.

Shared housing discussion

Cmr. Drew discussed the topic of shared housing and stated he would produce a written material for the next meeting.

Reports and Announcements: Council member Lebo announced that he will not be the liaison for next year. The planning commission expressed their gratitude for his work.

Agenda for Next Meeting: Discussion on minimum street frontage, 2026 Work Plan, and outreach stakeholder key questions.

Adjournment: Cmr. Larson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. Finazzo seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. Vice Chair Kaje adjourned at 8:55 PM.

APPROVED:

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Sam Castic, Planning Commission Chair