

1 City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission
2 Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2024; 7:00-9:00pm
3 Hybrid Meeting Held in the Forest Room at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom
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5 **Planning Commissioners present:** Chair Ashton Alvarez- McCartney; Vice Chair Janne Kaje;
6 Melissa Cranmer, David Kleweno, Sam Castic, and Cherie Finazzo
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8 **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Lorri Bodi, Council
9 member; Cristina Haworth, SCJ Alliance; David Fiske, SCJ Alliance
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11 **Members of the Public present:** No members of the public present.
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13 **Planning Commissioners absent:** Lois Lee, Meredith LaBonte, and Madlyn Larson
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15 **Call to order:** Alvarez- McCartney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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17 **Land Acknowledgement:** Vice Chair Kaje read the land acknowledgement.
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19 **Approval of Agenda:** Cmr. Castic made a motion to approve the agenda, Cmr. Finazzo seconded,
20 and the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.
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22 **Approval of Minutes:** Cmr. Castic provided an edit to the May 14th meeting minutes. Cmr. Castic
23 made a motion to approve the minutes with the edit, and Cmr. Finazzo seconded. The May 14th,
24 2024, minutes were approved unanimously.
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26 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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28 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on July 09, 2024.
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30 The Planning Commission also discussed dates and times for the open house event. The
31 commission settled on July 16th from 4 to 7 pm. Logistics for the open house event were also
32 discussed.
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34 **City Council Liaison Report:** Council member Bodi reported that public comments will no longer
35 be accepted via online submittal. The City Council will also be working on the budget starting in
36 September and wrapping up late November.
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38 **Old Business:**

39 **Economic Development goals and policies**

40 Mr. Fiske discussed the discussion guide that was part of the agenda packet. Vice Chair Kaje
41 discussed the issue of the southern gateway that has not met the goals that the commissioners
42 expected in terms of employment and economic growth.
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44 The Planning Commission also discussed the issue of the wording that pertains to marginalized
45 communities in 4.6 and whether it should be included in the Comprehensive Plan. The commission
46 members chose to open up the issue during the open house event and see what the community
47 thinks.
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1 **Parks, Trails, and Open Space goals and policies**

2 Ms. Haworth gave a presentation on the Parks, Trails, and Open Space element. Ms. Haworth
3 pointed out that the 2015 element for Parks, Trails, and Open Space is generally consistent. Ms.
4 Haworth stated that during the element update, the Planning Commission should consider how to
5 address historic disparities.

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7 The Planning Commission members then discussed edits and possible changes to the element. Some
8 edits include having safe walking routes in the city. The commissioners also discussed add language
9 or policies to prioritize removing invasive species in the city parks. Mr. Hofman mentioned that the
10 Tree Board is working on this issue as well.

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12 **New Business:**

13 Not applicable.

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15 **Reports and Announcements:**

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18 **Citizen Comment:**

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21 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Additional discussion on comprehensive plan amendments including
22 open-house updates.

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24 **Adjournment:**

25 Vice Chair Kaje made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. Kleweno seconded, and the motion
26 was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

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31 Ashton Alvarez-McCartney, Planning Commission Chair