

1 City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission
2 Regular Meeting Minutes: May 12, 2026; 7:00-9:00pm
3 Hybrid Meeting Held in the Emergency Operations Center
4 at City Hall and Virtually via Zoom
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6 **Planning Commissioners present:** Chair David Kleweno, Vice Chair Janne Kaje (via Zoom),
7 John Drew, Marty Ross, Hina Shahid, Sam Castic
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9 **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; David Greetham;
10 Senior Planner (via Zoom); Josh Rosenau, City Council Liaison (via Zoom)
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12 **Members of the Public present:** Maddy Larson (via Zoom); Ryan Makinster (via Zoom)
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14 **Planning Commissioners absent:** Meredith LaBonte, Cherie Finazzo
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16 **Call to order:** Chair Kleweno called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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18 **Land Acknowledgement:** Cmr. Shahid read the land acknowledgement.
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20 **Approval of Agenda:** Vice Chair Kaje proposed an amendment to the agenda to add a
21 conversation about tribal relations under new business. Cmr. Shahid moved to approve the agenda
22 as amended. Cmr. Castic seconded, and the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.
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24 **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

25 **Second Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026, Regular Meeting**
26 No amendments for February minutes.
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28 **Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026, Regular Meeting**

29 Vice Chair Kaje provided edits to the minutes. Cmr. Drew made a motion to approve the April 14,
30 2026, Meeting Minutes as amended. Cmr. Castic seconded and the motion to approve the minutes
31 was carried unanimously.
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33 **Public Hearing:** No public hearing.
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35 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on Tuesday, June 09, 2026
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37 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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39 **City Council Liaison Report:** Council member Rosenau announced that the city council met with
40 the city councils of the cities of Shoreline and Kenmore for a collaborative meeting. The councils
41 discussed legislative issues as well as Public Works issues. Council member Rosenau also announced
42 that the PD Chief is retiring, and commander Zanella will be the interim chief while the search is
43 ongoing for a permanent replacement. He also stated that city hall will be closed to the public on
44 Fridays but staff will still be working.
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1 **Old Business:**

2 **Critical Areas Ordinance Update- Overview Presentation of LFPMC Chapter 16.16**

3 Mr. Greetham gave a presentation on a high-level overview of Critical Areas. Mr. Greetham shared a
4 list of resources for critical areas and critical area mapping including local and state websites. Mr.
5 Greetham also gave an overview of the 5 main categories of the critical areas including definitional
6 and development standards. Mr. Greetham and Mr. Hofman also answered questions from the
7 planning commissioners in regard to the presentation.
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9 **Affordable Housing Purpose Statement and Objectives**

10 Chair Kleweno presented the subcommittee’s proposed goals, guiding questions, and evaluation
11 criteria for affordable housing. He also outlined three potential options for how the Planning
12 Commission could structure its work going forward.
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14 Commissioners discussed edits to the proposed options and then voted on which direction should
15 guide the Commission’s efforts. The purpose of this discussion was to determine whether the
16 Commission wished to focus primarily on identifying and reducing code-based barriers to
17 middle-housing development, or whether it also wanted to proactively encourage middle housing by
18 pursuing Option 1, and exploring strategies to support and incentivize middle-housing development.
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20 After deliberation, the Commission voted 4–2 in favor of Option 1.
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22 Option 1: Given the Comprehensive plan has been updated to reflect middle housing requirements,
23 we focus on identifying and evaluating barriers to middle housing development in Lake Forest Park
24 city code.
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26 **New Business:**

27 **Tribal Relations**

28 Vice Chair Kaje posed the question on how the city engages with tribes with issues such as code
29 updates. Vice Chair Kaje also volunteered to work with staff on suggestions on how to engage with
30 tribes on development and code issues.
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32 **Reports and Announcements:** No reports and announcements.
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34 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Discussion on tribal relations and affordable housing.
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36 **Adjournment:** Cmr. Drew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Kaje seconded, and
37 the motion was carried unanimously. Chair Kleweno adjourned at 9:08 PM.
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42 David Kleweno, Planning Commission Chair