

1 **City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission**
2 **Normal Meeting Minutes: April 9, 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 Cherie Finazzo; Meredith LaBonte; Melissa Cranmer (via zoom) Madlyn Larson, David Kleweno,
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8 **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director, Sarah Phillips,
9 Climate Committee Chair; Councilmember Bodi (via zoom), Councilmember Furatani
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11 **Members of the Public present:** Consultants, Andrew Oliver, LCG; David Fiske, LCG; Jennifer
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14 **Planning Commissioners absent:** Lois Lee, Sam Castic
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16 **Call to order:** Chair McCartney called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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18 **Land Acknowledgement:** Chair Alvarez-McCartney read the land acknowledgement.
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20 **Approval of Agenda:** Cmr. Finazzo made a motion to approve the agenda, Cmr. Kleweno
21 seconded, and the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.
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23 **Approval of Minutes:** Cmr. Kaje made a motion to approve the April 4, 2024, minutes. Cmr.
24 Finazzo seconded the motion.
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26 Cmr. LaBonte suggested some minor edits.
27 All voted to approve the April 4, 2024, minutes as amended, and the motion was carried
28 unanimously.
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30 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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32 **Next meeting:** The next special meeting occurs on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.
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34 **City Council Liaison Report:** None.
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36 **Old Business:**

37 **2024 Comprehensive Plan Update**

38 ***LFP Housing Element Goals & Policies Discussion***
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40 Mr. David Fiske from LCG led the discussion on the housing element for the Comprehensive Plan
41 Update. Mr. Fiske discussed some options for renter stability tools including working with the
42 county housing authority, emergency housing, permanent supportive housing, and other policies.
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44 Mr. Andrew Oliver discussed the findings of areas with dimensional feasibility for middle housing,
45 which was then compared to walkability scores.
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47 Cmr. Kaje brought up the discussion of smaller cottage like housing that is detached and traditional.
48 Mr. Fiske mentioned that it is a novel approach that they can look into this policy approach.

1 Cmr. Alvarez-McCartney asked Mr. Fiske to elaborate on Policy H-1.10. Mr. Fiske noted that the
2 state of Washington has highlighted areas that have racially discriminatory covenants, some of which
3 were in the city of Lake Forest Park. Mr. Fiske mentioned that this policy could be combined into
4 the housing element in the Comp Plan.

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6 Regarding Goal H-2, Ms. Shuch mentioned that cities have taken different approaches to ensure
7 that the patterns of segregation do not continue. Cmr. Cherie mentioned the importance of ensuring
8 that the language in the element be present to rule out any future implicit biases regarding race.
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10 Cmr. Kaje mentioned how the Planning Commission Board did not wish to reduce environmental
11 protections to the critical area zones in the city. Cmr. Cranmer mentioned that switching the land
12 use between single family and duplex, even if it does not increase the footprint of the house, can
13 potentially still affect the critical areas. Mr. Oliver mentioned that there are other alternatives the city
14 can use, including RUEs.

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16 Cmr. Cranmer expressed concerns of increasing housing units due to limited infrastructure including
17 environmental concerns and sewer issues.
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19 **2024 Comprehensive Plan Update- Transportation Discussion**

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21 Mr. Hofman discussed the status of the Transportation Element. Mr. Hofman mentioned that the
22 transportation element is near being finished as edits have been made.
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24 **2024 Comprehensive Plan Update- Climate Discussion**

25 The Planning Commission tabled the Climate Element discussion for the next meeting. Mr. Hofman
26 mentioned that the consultants are working on this item and are on track.
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28 **New Business:**

29 Not applicable.
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31 **Reports and Announcements:**

32 None.
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34 **Citizen Comment:**

35 None.
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37 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Additional discussion on comprehensive plan amendments including
38 transportation, climate change, and the public participation survey.
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40 **Adjournment:**

41 Cmr. Made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. Seconded, and the motion was carried
42 unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM
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47 Ashton Alvarez-McCartney, Planning Commission Chair