

1 **City of Lake Forest Park – Planning Commission**
2 **Special Meeting Minutes: June 06, 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:** Meredith LaBonte, David Kleweno, Lois Lee, Sam Castic, and
6 Madlyn Larson, Melissa Cranmer, and Cherie Finazzo
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8 **Staff and others present:** Mark Hofman, Community Development Director; Lorri Bodi, Council
9 Liaison
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11 **Members of the Public present:** none
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13 **Planning Commissioners absent:** Chair Ashton Alvarez- McCartney; Vice Chair Janne Kaje;
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15 **Call to order:** Cmr. Castic called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
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17 **Land Acknowledgement:** Cmr. Larson read the land acknowledgement.
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19 **Approval of Agenda:** Cmr. Larson made a motion to approve the agenda, Cmr. Lee seconded, and
20 the motion to approve the agenda was carried unanimously.
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22 **Approval of Minutes:** Cmr Larson made a motion to approve the May 8th Special Meeting
23 Minutes, Cmr. Finazzo seconded and the motion to approve the minutes was carried unanimously.
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25 **Public Comment:** No public comments.
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27 **Next meeting:** The next meeting occurs on June 11, 2024.
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29 **City Council Liaison Report:** A new traffic camera has been placed on 178th. the Council is also
30 looking into conducting studies at new possible locations including on Bothell way and 104th. The
31 Council member ___ also gave an update on the new park and the work that has been done to push
32 for funding for the park. There has also been updates on Building Codes that are pro environmental.
33 The Council member also discussed that the process for the biannual budget has begun and is
34 projected to be finished by the end of November.
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36 **Old Business:**

37 **Economic Development goals and policies**

38 A couple of the commissioners expressed some concerns that the goals of the plan mismatch the
39 City. While there is concern with jobs and revenue, the draft goals don't necessarily match the
40 current reality of the City. Cmr. Castic pointed out that the survey results were geared more towards
41 expanding small local businesses to keep the character of Lake Forest Park. The Commission agreed
42 to talk to the consultant to revise the language.
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44 Cmr. LaBonte discussed omitting the language provided by King County aimed to provide equity
45 opportunities for people of color stating that she believes the language can be harmful rather than
46 helpful. It was noted to Cmr. LaBonte that the language is a requirement by King County to ensure
47 equity.
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1 Cmr. Lee pointed out that other areas should be targeted as well as the Town Center for economic
2 growth.

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4 **Parks, Trails, and Open Space goals and policies**

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6 The Planning Commission discussed the Parks, Trails, and Open Space element. The Board
7 discussed helping stakeholders, like the Stewardship Foundation, with events such as ivy removal
8 demonstrations. The Board also discussed the idea of purchasing parts of the Town Center to foster
9 more public opportunities.

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11 **New Business:**

12 Not applicable.

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14 **Reports and Announcements:**

15 None.

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17 **Citizen Comment:**

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20 **Agenda for Next Meeting:** Additional discussion on comprehensive plan amendments.

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22 **Adjournment:**

23 Cmr. Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Cmr. LaBonte seconded, and the motion was
24 carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

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29 Ashton Alvarez-McCartney, Planning Commission Chair