

**CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2005**

Councilmembers present: Dwight Thompson, Mayor *pro tempore*; Alan Kiest, Carolyn Armanini, Mary Jane Goss, Nate Herzog (6:35 p.m.), Roger Olstad, Ed Sterner

Staff present: David R. Hutchinson, Mayor; Karen Haines, City Administrator; Michael Ruark, City Attorney; Sarah Phillips, Government & Community Relations Manager; Stephen Bennett, Planning and Building Director; Susan Stine, City Clerk

Others present: 10 visitors

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David Hutchinson called the council study session meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Cmbr. Olstad moved adoption of the study session agenda as proposed. *Cmbr. Thompson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

Thompson noted that the Rules Committee may meet between the study session meeting and the regular meeting if time allows.

CONFIRMATION REVIEW CALENDAR

Annie Breckenfeld, Environmental Quality Commission, Position 2, term ending 3/31/2007

Hutchinson introduced Annie Breckenfeld, his nominee for the Environmental Quality Commission, Position 2, term ending 3/31/2007.

At the mayor's request, Breckenfeld discussed her personal and professional interest in issues related to the environment and said that she is looking for ways to pitch in as a volunteer.

Cmbr. Goss entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Cmbr. Thompson thanked Breckenfeld for her willingness to serve as a volunteer commissioner.

1 **Sharon Harris, Human Services Commission, Position 6, term ending 3/31/2008**

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3 Hutchinson introduced Sharon Harris, his nominee for the Human Services Commission,
4 Position 6, term ending 3/31/2008.

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6 At the request of the mayor, Harris discussed her professional background and her
7 interest in local government and her willingness to serve her community as a volunteer.

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9 In response to a suggestion from Cmbr. Kiest, Harris agreed that preparing a citizen's
10 guide to laws regarding sex offenders would be useful for the community.

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12 Hutchinson thanked Harris for her willingness to volunteer for appointment to the Human
13 Services Commission.

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16 **Betsy Piano, Parks and Recreation Commission, Position 5, term ending 3/31/2007**

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18 Hutchinson introduced Betsy Piano, his nominee for the Parks and Recreation
19 Commission, Position 5, term ending 3/31/2007.

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21 In response to the mayor's request, Piano said that her love of trees, plants, wildlife and
22 horticulture has led her to volunteer for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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24 Hutchinson thanked Piano for her willingness to volunteer to serve on the Parks and
25 Recreation Commission, and he noted that Piano's garden had been featured on the
26 garden tour.

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28 Hutchinson informed the nominees that the council would take action on the
29 appointments at the April 14, 2005 council meeting.

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31 **Reappointment to Commissions – 2005**

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33 In response to a question from Thompson, Hutchinson noted that the commissioners
34 seeking reappointment had met the attendance requirements.

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37 **AGENDA ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

38 **Update of Comprehensive Plan with Future Land Use Map and Draft Sensitive**
39 **Areas Ordinance**

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41 Hutchinson said that Planning and Building Director Steve Bennett would lead the
42 discussion of the update of the comprehensive plan and the draft sensitive areas
43 ordinance. Hutchinson noted that several sensitive areas ordinance task force members
44 are present to aid the discussion and respond to questions.

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46 Bennett noted that the review and discussion would focus on the Planning Commission
47 draft sensitive areas ordinance dated January 11, 2005. He said that the council had
48 agreed to accept the Planning Commission draft as its working copy for discussion

1 purposes and that the proposed amendments from the city attorney would be added in the
2 legislative style.

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4 In response to questions from councilmembers, Bennett discussed wetland class
5 designations and specific properties in city ownership.

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7 Cmbr. Herzog arrived at the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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9 In response to a question from Cmbr. Armanini, Planning Commissioner Lloyd Skinner
10 discussed changes to wetland and stream buffer widths.

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12 In response to a question from Cmbr. Goss, Planning Commissioner Don Fiene discussed
13 the studies used by the task force for their review in the development of the draft
14 ordinance.

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16 In response to a question from Cmbr. Herzog, Fiene said that the reference documents
17 focused more on streams than on wetlands.

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19 Cmbr. Sterner said that a land use application should generate a site visit, and he said that
20 updated sensitive areas maps should be considered. He also noted that increased buffers
21 might result in some unintended consequences.

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23 Cmbr. Armanini questioned the value of requiring increased buffers for one property
24 owner when all other properties in the vicinity may have been developed under different
25 requirements. Armanini noted that she would not be allowed to plant any non-native
26 trees on her property if the increased buffers were adopted due to the proximity of the
27 stream.

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30 **Video of Lake Forest Park Teen Court/KING 5 News—Legally Speaking with Allen**
31 **Schauffler**

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33 Councilmembers viewed a brief news video from King 5 Television, which featured the
34 city's teen court on Legally Speaking with Allen Schauffler.

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37 **ADJOURNMENT**

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39 There being no objection, the study session meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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43 Susan Stine, City Clerk

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47 David R. Hutchinson, Mayor
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