CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
Community Engagement Commission Minutes
Feb. 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting of the Community Engagement Commission was called to order by chair Bill Norman on Feb. 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Position 1: Robin Bekkedahl **Present**
Position 2: Bill Norman **Present**
Position 3: Brittany Sitton **Excused**
Position 4: Lori Merkel **Excused**
Position 5: Ralph Carlberg **Present**
Position 6: Vacant
Position 7: Leah Stussy **Present**
Position 8: Logan Lankford **Excused**
Position 9: Mark Saba **Present**
Communications specialist David Goehner **Present**

APPROVALS:
Commissioner Saba moved and Commissioner Stussy seconded to excuse commissioners Sitton, Merkel, and Lankford from the meeting.

Commissioner Saba moved and Commissioner Stussy seconded to amend the agenda to include discussion of the city's logo after the scheduled discussion about the city's 4th of July event. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Saba then moved and Commissioner Stussy seconded to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stussy moved and Commissioner Saba seconded to approve the meeting minutes of Jan. 21, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
There were no public comments.

CITY HALL UPDATES:
Goehner introduced the City Hall Update that had been mailed out earlier in the week. He also provided clarifications to recent community social media posts about roadside tree removals and on National Arbor Day Foundation's "Tree City" requirements. Discussion followed from commission members.

DISCUSSIONS & BUSINESS:
A – Update from Feb. 17 City Council meeting: Commissioners Norman and Stussy provided a summary of the commission update they gave to the City Council from previous night regarding membership rules that the commission had proposed. Commissioner Stussy reported that discussions

had occurred involving members from other commissions about possibly standardizing the membership rules for other commission groups.

B – Sidewalk Master Plan work group: Commissioner Saba reported on and shared a handout detailing information of different possibilities for the city's sidewalk master plan that had been discussed during recent meetings of the work group.

C – Capital Facilities Plan work group: Commissioner Stussy summarized some of the information about the city's 6-year Capital Facilities Plan that had been discussed during recent meetings of that work group.

D – Updates on Community Satisfaction Survey & Parks Capital Improvement Program Priorities Plan: Goehner provided updates on the participation numbers for the Community Satisfaction Survey, which is concluding at the end of the month. Brief information was also shared about the research on the Parks Capital Improvement Program Priorities Plan, which is also nearing conclusion. Commissioner questions were asked on why the commission didn't see a draft of the 2026 CSS before it was released and where the cost for the survey's invitations came from.

E – 4th of July "Founders & Fireworks" event: Brief updates were shared about some of the plans for the city's 4th of July and 25th anniversary celebration, with the reminder that the activities of the Barefoot in the Park event (which usually occurs in August) will be part of the this year's July 4th activities.

F – City logo redesign: Goehner shared requests that were brought up from the previous night's City Council meeting regarding a revision/refresh of the city's logo. The request involves utilizing the Community Engagement Commission to propose a format for developing a citizen focus group/work group as well as proposed steps and strategies involving community engagement for this project. Commissioners Bekkedahl and Carlberg volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to draft proposals on this that would be reviewed for input from the full commission during the March 18 meeting. Invitations to be part of the subcommittee will also be made to commission members not at the Feb. 18 meeting.

G – Other upcoming opportunities: No comments were made.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Requested items were:

- Updates from the Capital Facilities work group
- Updates from the Sidewalk Master Plan work group
- Follow-ups and next steps from the city logo subcommittee

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Stussy moved and Commissioner Carlberg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., which was approved. The next regular meeting will be held on March 18, 2026.