



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, MARCH. 18, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
22710 E. COUNTRY VISTA DRIVE**

The purpose of the Community Engagement Commission is to serve in an advisory capacity to the mayor and City Council. The Commission's role is to gather ideas, input, and feedback from community members, and to advise and guide city leadership.

- Sign up to provide public comment at the meeting via calling in.
- Submit written public comment prior to 4:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVALS

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of meeting of Feb. 18, 2026

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. WELCOME: New member Lori Merkel

6. CITY HALL UPDATES (David Goehner)

- a. See handout

7. DISCUSSIONS & BUSINESS

- a. City Parks & Recreation
 - i. Findings from 2025 city parks research (Jen Camp & Nancy Hill)
 - ii. Upcoming outreach for Pavillion Park improvements (Camp & Hill)
- b. Commission forecast for 2026 (Mark McAvoy)
- c. Updates on 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey (Mark McAvoy)
- d. Micromobility Town Hall, scheduled for April 28 (Mark McAvoy)
- e. Updates from Capital Facilities Plan work group (Stussy)
- f. Updates from Sidewalk Master Plan work group (Saba / Lankford)
- g. City logo update (CEC subcommittee)
- h. Other upcoming opportunities?

8. NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2026, at 6 p.m.

- a. Requested items for agenda?

9. ADJOURNMENT

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PUBLIC COMMENT

If you wish to provide oral public comments during the Community Engagement Commission meeting, you may do so in-person at City Hall or virtually via zoom. You may speak in-person at City Hall, or if you wish to speak via zoom, please join the zoom meeting using the meeting information above. Public comments will be invited during the appropriate section of the agenda, at which time you can send a request to speak to our meeting host using the chat function within the zoom meeting.

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

If you wish to provide written public comments for the Community Engagement Commission meeting, please email your comments to tgarcia@libertylakewa.gov by 4:00 p.m. the day of the commission meeting and include all the following information with your comments:

1. The meeting date
2. Your first and last name
3. If you are a Liberty Lake resident
4. The agenda item(s) you are speaking about

If providing written comments, the comments received will be acknowledged during the public meeting but not read. Written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the meeting date will be provided to commission members in advance of the meeting.



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 vice 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.

City Hall Updates for Community Engagement Commission

3-16-2026

1. Public Works:

- There have been some recent Facebook posts wondering about utility easements on home properties (such as for installing fiber optic lines, power lines, water lines, sewer pipes, street lighting, and communications infrastructure). A utility easement is a strip of land along the front portion of property where utility companies are allowed to install and maintain infrastructure that serves the neighborhood. In most Liberty Lake city neighborhoods, this area is about 15 feet back from the front property line, typically where the curb or sidewalk edge meets the street. Utility workers may need to access or dig in this space, and crews then restore the surface to its pre-work conditions when the work is completed.
- A tree planting workshop will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at Pavillion Park. (That's a week before Arbor Day.) Dan Maus, the city's International Society of Arboriculture certified master arborist, will offer a 20-30 minute instruction on how to plant trees, then participants will be able to plant a tree at Pavillion Park. Pre-registration is required, and is available through the Recreation "Classes" page at <https://secure.rec1.com/WA/liberty-lake-wa/catalog> (and select the "Adult Rec Programs" tab).

2. City Council:

- At the March 3 meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Dardan Enterprises to provide construction services for the new City Hall building (renovating Legacy Church building) for \$3.6 million. Dardan Enterprises was involved in the construction of the city's Public Works building at 375 N. Kramer Parkway in 2023.

3. Parks and Recreation:

- A call for artist qualifications is open through April 6 for an assignment to design and paint a mural on the basketball court at Rocky Hill Park. Two or three artists or artist teams will be selected as the finalists to be considered for this project. Full details are on the city's homepage and at <https://smr.to/p109050>.

4. City Podcast:

- Most recent shows: Frequently asked questions at the City Hall reception desk with Tait Garcia. Remembrances of former mayor Shane Brickner with former LLPD chief Brian Asmus.
- Planned shows for spring: Upcoming Trailhead Golf activities with Ty Burns. Spring gardening tips with Dan Maus. Interview with Dan Dunne, now the longest-ever serving member of the Liberty Lake City Council. Interviews are being pursued with the 3 newest City Council members. Recorded: History of the start of the LLPD, with Brian Asmus.

-- David Goehner