



CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE
Community Engagement Commission Minutes
Jan. 21, 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 Jan. 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Position 1: Robin Bekkedahl **Present**
Position 2: Bill Norman **Present**
Position 3: Brittany Sitton **Present**
Position 4: Vacant
Position 5: Ralph Carlberg **Present**
Position 6: Vacant

Position 7: Leah Stussy **Present**
Position 8: Logan Lankford **Online**
Position 9: Mark Saba **Online**
Communications specialist David Goehner **Present**

APPROVALS:

Commissioner Stussy moved and Commissioner Saba seconded to approve the meeting's agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Saba moved and Commissioner Bekkedahl seconded to approve the meeting minutes of Dec. 21, 2025. 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, and reported that Dan Dunne had been elected as the new mayor pro tem during the previous night's City Council meeting. Commission members also discussed the current removal of trees at the Liberty Lake Golf Course property on Sprague Ave. and some of the public response to this, with some comments on how communication to residents could be improved in the future.

DISCUSSIONS & BUSINESS:

A – 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey: Goehner provided updates on the recent response numbers to the current survey, with comparisons to previous years' totals. Discussion followed among the commissioners on promoting the survey through each member's homeowner association group. Discussion from commission members followed about making a paper version available for this year's online survey that could be mailed to expand access to residents who request it. Comments also advocated for a message to be posted to assist people who may have difficulty doing the online survey.

B – Commission membership term limits: Commissioner Bekkedahl moved and Commissioner Saba seconded to eliminate the sentence pertaining to term limits in Ordinance 277 (Section 2.C.). Discussion followed. Commissioner Bekkedahl moved to amend her motion to specify that the commission’s recommendation go to the City Council to remove the term limits and to remove the geographic requirements of commission positions 1-4 in the ordinance (Ordinance 277a.2.B.3.). The amendment passed unanimously. A vote on the motion as amended also passed unanimously. Commissioners Norman, Saba, and Bekkedahl said they would be available to speak about the commission’s request when it is brought up during a City Council meeting in February.

C – Other upcoming opportunities: No comments were made.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Requested items were:

- Discussion of outcomes of the commission’s recommendations from City Council meeting of Feb. 17.
- Updates on the Sidewalk Master Plan work group.
- Updates on the Capital Facilities Plan work group
- Updates on the 2026 Community Satisfaction Survey.
- Promotion of 4th of July event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Carlberg moved and Commissioner Stussy seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m., which was approved. The next regular meeting will be held on Feb. 18, 2026.