



# Skamania County Planning Commission

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**  
**Remote Video and Telephone Conference**

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Planning Commission Members:  
Present: Ken Bajema, Sue Davis, Mathew  
Joy, Adam King, John Prescott

Community Development Department Staff  
Present:  
Andrew Lembrick, Alan Peters

Absent: Tony Coates, Cyndi Soliz

### AUDIENCE

None.

### PROCEEDINGS

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Chair, Mat Joy.  
Quorum was met.  
Chair, Mat Joy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes from the March 3, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
    - a. Motion was made by John Prescott and seconded by Adam King to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.
    - b. Motion passed 5-0.
  
  2. Workshop to discuss Short-term Vacation Rental Survey results.
    - a. Alan Peters, Assistant Planning Director, provided an overview of the short-term vacation rental survey that was available to the public during the month of April. 159 results were received representing a variety of opinions from residents.
    - b. Staff and Planning Commissioners discussed results to the first half of the survey questions. John Prescott expressed a preference for a reasonable approach such as the program in place in the City of Stevenson. Sue Davis stated concerns about housing impacts. Ken Bajema and Alan Peters discussed applicability within the National Scenic Area. Mat Joy discussed what is driving this process if there are not complaints about vacation rentals. Planning Commissioners felt that regulations should not be driven by a desire for increased revenue. Adam King expressed agreement with the opinions shared.
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- c. Alan Peters suggested that the Planning Commission continue this discussion at their June 2, 2020, meeting, and informed the group that a workshop on the topic was planned with the Board of County Commissioners on that same date.
3. Planning Commission Business.
  - a. Mat Joy informed the Planning Commission that the County began requiring building permits for agricultural buildings, including barns, within the past year. Having spoken to other counties, he feels that this is something that should be changed.
  - b. John Prescott addressed a recent comment letter received by the Planning Commission from Sharon Kaplan. Alan Peters discussed the letter and the requirements for light home industries in Carson. Mat Joy said he would respond to Ms. Kaplan.
4. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:06 after motion by Sue Davis, seconded by John Prescott.

**ATTEST**

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Planning Commission Chair

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Secretary