



Skamania County Planning Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Remote Video and Telephone Conference

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

Community Development Department Staff
Present:
Alan Peters

Absent: Tony Coates, Adam King

AUDIENCE
None.

PROCEEDINGS
Meeting was called to order at 6:17 P.M. by Chair, Mat Joy.
Quorum was met.
Chair, Mat Joy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes from the June 2, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
 - a. Motion was made by Adam King and seconded by John Prescott to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.
 - b. Motion passed 4-0.

 2. Workshop #3 to discuss Short-term Vacation Rental policy options.
 - a. Alan Peters, Assistant Planning Director, provided background on the short-term vacation rental (STVR) planning process so far and explained that the purpose of workshop was to go over some high level policy options that were gathered from the survey results and from other jurisdictions, including the City of Stevenson.
 - b. Mr. Peters discussed options related to housing issues, public safety, quality of life/nuisance issues, and permit requirements.
 - c. The Planning Commission discussed each of the proposals and provided feedback to Staff. Commissioners were comfortable with the state's safety requirements, but raised concerns about the cost of satisfying any new requirements imposed by the County and expressed interest in hearing what other counties are doing around this topic. The Commissioners questioned the need for regulating STVRs and discussed whether it was appropriate to address this topic during the COVID-19 pandemic.
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- d. Alan Peters stated that this project was proceeding at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners and expressed that regulations could also be considered a way to enable property owners to establish vacation rentals, not just restrict them. He stated that he understood that the Planning Commission was interested in minimal regulations for STVRs and would keep their comments in mind as Staff drafts a proposed ordinance for the next meeting in July. Mr. Peters felt that having a written proposal available for review would help solicit more input from the public.
3. Planning Commission Business.
 - a. Alan Peters let the Planning Commission know that he would be presenting a request from a resident to interpret the County's light home industry requirements with respect to a proposal for self-storage.
 - b. Commissioners and staff discussed the procedures for such interpretations. The item will be considered by the Planning Commission on July 7th with Staff providing a presentation and the resident addressing his proposal.
4. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:35 PM after motion by Adam King, seconded by John Prescott.

ATTEST

Planning Commission Chair

Secretary
