



# Skamania County Planning Commission

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

**Remote participation by Zoom Meeting telephone and video conference**

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Planning Commission Members:  
Present: Ken Bajema, Tony Coates, Sue  
Davis, Mathew Joy, John Prescott

Community Development Department Staff  
Present:  
Mike Beck, Andrew Lembrick, Alan Peters

### AUDIENCE

Sandy Carlson  
Robyn Legun  
Tim Fortenbury

### PROCEEDINGS

Meeting was called to order at 6:21 P.M. by Chair, Mat Joy  
Quorum was met.  
Chair, Mat Joy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Minutes from the July 7, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
    - a. John Prescott moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting. Sue Davis seconded the motion.
    - b. Motion passed 5-0.
  
  2. Workshop #5 to discuss Short-term Vacation Rental regulations.
    - a. Alan Peters, Assistant Planning Director, provided background on the short-term vacation rental (STVR) planning process so far including recent meetings with both the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to review the proposed ordinance. He proposed some changes to the language based on feedback from the last meeting.
    - b. Mr. Joy invited the public to comment on the draft proposal.
      - i. Sandy Carlson provided comment.
      - ii. Robyn Legun provided comment.
    - c. Mr. Joy asked each of the Planning Commissioners to provide their feedback on the proposal. Comments included concerns about unclear language, the proposed tier and fee structure, and whether the county should regulate short-term vacation rentals.
    - d. County resident Tim Fortenbury asked to provide comment. The Planning Commission heard from Mr. Fortenbury and again from Ms. Legun.
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- e. Mr. Peters responded to the comments from the Planning Commission and members of the public who testified. He spoke to the potential permit costs being necessary to cover the county's cost for implementation of a permit program, potentially in the amount of \$118 per year. Mr. Peters said he would prepare a revised ordinance with the feedback from the Planning Commission for a public hearing date in September.
- 3. Planning Commission Business.
    - a. Mr. Peters discussed the Planning Commission calendar for August and September.
  - 4. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:46 PM after motion by Sue Davis, seconded by John Prescott.

**ATTEST**

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Planning Commission Chair

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Secretary