



# Skamania County Planning Commission

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

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

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Planning Commission Members:  
Present: Ken Bajema, Sue Davis, Mat Joy,  
John Prescott, Cyndi Soliz

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

### AUDIENCE

None

### PROCEEDINGS

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Chair, Mat Joy

Chair Joy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call. Quorum was met.

1. Approve Minutes from the October 6, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
    - a. Cyndi Soliz moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting. Sue Davis seconded the motion.
    - b. Motion passed 5-0.
  2. Deliberation on proposed text amendments to Title 21 (Zoning) adopting regulations for short-term vacation rentals.
    - a. Alan Peters, Assistant Planning Director, provided background on the proposal including a summary of public input, and reminded the Planning Commission of the October 6<sup>th</sup> hearing. Staff made several changes to the proposed language after the meeting and after meeting with Ken Bajema. The length of the text amendments was reduced while still maintaining the same objectives. Mr. Peters went through the proposed text line by line with the Planning Commission.
    - b. Chair Joy opened the item up for Planning Commission Discuss. John Prescott stated that he was previously in support of the approval, but felt that the current version was improved. Chair Joy replied that he was not in favor of the prior draft but does support the current version with changes made. Ken Bajema stated that the current draft was a lot better. Sue Davis and Alan Peters discussed language in the draft on occupancy limits and restrictions on use of ADUs as short-term rentals. Cyndi Soliz expressed her support of the language and the attempts to minimize long-term housing availability.
    - c. Cyndi Soliz moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that they adopt the proposed text amendments with the following stipulations.
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- i. That the requirement to obtain a permit to operate a STVR not go in effect until July 1, 2021.
- ii. The Community Development Department and Board of County Commissioners work towards the most conservative permit fees possible.
- iii. That the Planning Commission review these regulations after one year to determine whether intended objectives are being achieved.

John Prescott seconded the motion. Chair Joy called for a voted. The Planning Commission approved the motion 5-0.

3. Planning Commission Business.

- a. Alan Peters reviewed the upcoming meeting calendar. A public hearing is scheduled for December 1, 2020 for the Planning Commission to consider zoning amendments in Carson initiated by the Board of County Commissioners.

4. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:16 PM after motion by Cyndi Soliz, seconded by John Prescott.

**ATTEST**

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Planning Commission Chair

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