



# Skamania County Planning Commission

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## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, June 2, 2020**  
**Remote Video and Telephone Conference**

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

Community Development Department Staff  
Present:  
Mike Beck, 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 May 19, 2020 Planning Commission meeting.
    - a. Motion was made by John Prescott and seconded by Sue Davis to approve the minutes of the May 19, 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 second half of the short-term vacation rental survey that was available to the public during the month of April and invited the Commissioners to discuss.
    - b. Staff and Planning Commissioners discussed the survey responses. John Prescott said the County should consider some level of regulation, but that these should have a light touch. Sue Davis stated that she read Stevenson's code and that it was a reasonable approach. She felt that use of rentals for commercial events needed to be addressed. Ken Bajema asked what was meant by "local manager". Alan Peters stated this could be addressed by the Planning Commission. Cyndi Soliz asked about permit fees. Mat Joy said his preference was little to no regulation.
    - c. Alan Peters expressed that regulations could also be considered a way to enable property owners to establish vacation rentals, not just restrict them. Staff will
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begin drafting some specific policy options for the Planning Commission to consider at their next meeting.

3. Planning Commission Business.

- a. Alan Peters updated the Planning Commission on the current restrictions around public meetings due to COVID-19. The Planning Commission lost a couple months of work as a result, but is ready to get back to business. Mr. Peters discussed some new issues that the Planning Commission could consider, including exempt land divisions, lot size averaging, and light home industry/cottage industries.
- b. The Planning Commission expressed support of addressing this issue in one succinct process with Staff providing draft text amendments.
- c. Sue Davis brought up an email received from Timothy Seaton about lot size averaging.

4. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:33 PM after motion by John Prescott, seconded by Sue Davis.

**ATTEST**

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Planning Commission Chair

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Secretary