



CITY OF WHITE SALMON
Planning Commission Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, 2020

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commission Members:

Ross Henry, Chairman
Michael Morneault
Tom Stevenson
Greg Hohensee
Seth Gilchrist

Staff Present:

Erika Castro Guzman, City Associate Planner
Jan Brending, City Clerk-Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Ross Henry, Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. There was no audience attending via teleconference. A quorum of planning commissioner members was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One public comment was read regarding the Short-term Rental Policy discussion by Shane and Nicki Phelps, White Salmon, WA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Short-term Rental Policy

The Planning Commission held a discussion regarding short-term rentals to provide broad guidance to be used towards the development of goals and policies regarding short-term rentals.

The Planning Commission provided the following comments:

- Allow short-term rentals with possible limits to the number of short-term rentals
- Keep regulation and guidance simple so that enforcement is not a burden on limited city staff
- Should short-term rentals be an outright use in all zones or require a conditional use permit in some
- Address parking
- Make sure short-term rentals do not detract from the neighborhood
- Identify different types of short-term rentals, i.e. renting out one or two rooms, renting out an entire house when the home owner is not present, or renting out an accessory dwelling unit while living in the main home, or the investor who does not live on the property at all and is renting short-term rentals as full business
- Must meet health, safety and building codes
- Short-term rentals can be a source of income to the city through sales tax revenue

Planning commissioners suggested to talking to a broad range of people to get input on short-term rentals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Ross Henry, Chairman

Erika Castro Guzman, Associate Planner