

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2021

COUNTYWIDE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Leigh Girvin, Erik Vermulen, Ira Tane, Kelly Owens, Steve Rossetter, Michael Good, Jay Beckerman, Jonathan Smith, Gi McGinnis, Marc Hogan,

STAFF PRESENT: April Kroner, Planning Director; Jessica Potter, Senior Planner; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Leigh Girvin, Chair, called the meeting of the Countywide Planning Commission to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF MOTIONS: The Commission approved the Summary of Motions from the February 1, 2021 meeting by a unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Leigh Girvin was re-elected as Chair; Michael Good was elected as vice-chair

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Additions, Deletions, Change of Order

CONSENT AGENDA - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLN20-076: Code Amendment - minor amendments to Chapters 3 and 15 of the Summit County Land Use and Development Code concerning Short-Term Vacation Rentals (STRs), including but not limited to: the addition of references to the STR Ordinance, the transfer of regulations to the STR Ordinance, clarifications of existing policy, and other amendments to accomplish the foregoing.

Discussion:

All commissioners supported the proposed Code change and steps toward adoption of an STR Ordinance.

The Commissioners as a whole expressed concerns that STRs are displacing long-term rental housing and the price of all housing has skyrocketed. One Commissioner stated, and others concurred, that many second homeowners STR because they want to use their property throughout the year, and STRs shouldn't be blamed for all of the County's housing issues. However, the general consensus is that the County is out of balance in terms of STRs vs long-term housing and encouraged the BOCC to take bold action which may upset some in the STR community. They suggested the following action items to consider: re-examining the STR fee structure as fees are too low, considering incentive programs to turn STRs into LTRs, look at different regulations for Copper and Keystone vs. Summit Cove and Peak 7.

Motion: Commissioner Good made a motion to approve; Commissioner Beckerman seconded. The item was unanimously approved.

WORK SESSION ITEMS - None

DISCUSSION ITEMS -

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Potter, Senior Planner