

Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

City of Medicine Lake Meeting held virtual via Zoom and in person at City Hall October 21st, 2021 6:00 pm

1. Call to order and roll call
 - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
 - Members present include – Jesse Swanson, Glen Skajewski, Brad Beisel, and Debbi Stafne
 - Members absent include Bill Enright and Laura Ferenci
2. Approval of Agenda
 - Glen Skajewski moved and Debbie Stafne Second with all present voting in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes from August 19th, 2021
 - Brad Beisel, moved to tabled approval of the August 19th meeting minutes to approval at the next meeting. Jesse Swanson second the motion and all present voted in favor.
4. Public Hearings: None Scheduled
5. New Business: None scheduled; however, the following items were discussed as new business.
 - Concern was raised about a new water oriented accessory structure being built in Plymouth, across the lake to the west. Plymouth allows one water-oriented accessor structure whereas Medicine Lake does not. This is a policy discussion if the city is interested in allowing such uses or not. Brad Scheib will follow up to learn more about the project and report back at the next meeting.
6. Old Business:
 - Continued discussion of short-term rentals and public process including survey questions
 - Jesse summarized council members discussion on survey questions presented.
 - Brad Beisel recommended defining what short term rentals are. Further discussions were had regarding setting the stage for why

we are doing a survey and adding that content to the intro of the survey.

- Modify Question #1 to read "do you support 'allowing' short term rentals".
- Question #2, how likely are you to use your home "or part of your home..."
- Do we provide a list for people to choose from. If you have concerns rank the following issues:
 - Noise
 - Trash
 - Parking
 - Property maintenance
 - Potential Lake/Safety related
 - I have no concerns
 - Other: _____
- We need to make sure we are preventing from stuffing the ballot box. Staff will make sure this is considered through the survey media/distribution.
- Some discussion was had about process. Staff discussed the process including having Council approve the survey and launching it, gathering the results and evaluating it, creating a mechanism to address any issues and facilitating the appropriate approval process.
- Jesse Swanson opened up the meeting for comments:
 - Grant Carlson – 204 Peninsula Road – they have a company that does rental housing. Thanked the city for having the dialogue and encouraged the city to look at answers in between the yeah or nay spectrum. Grant indicated support for short term rentals and suggest it comes down to the quality of the management. Safeguards should be put in place to help manage that.
 - Clint Carlson – 202 Peninsula. Is supportive of rules and encourages the same rules be applied to owners vs. renters. He is generally supportive of rules that are fair and equitable.
 - Jesse closed the meeting to public comments.

7. Adjournment

- Debbie Stafne moved adjourn at 6:52. Brad Beisel second the motion and all voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted

Brad Scheib - Planning Consultant/Zoning Administrator

Approved December 16, 2021