



**SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL
PROGRAM AD-HOC COMMITTEE
MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Short-Term Vacation Rental Program Ad-Hoc Committee (Committee) was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Committee Secretary Lorette.

This meeting was held by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20, N-29-20, N-33-20, and N-35-20, executed by the Governor of California in response to the state of emergency relating to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and enabling teleconferencing accommodations by suspending or waiving specified provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code § 54950 et seq.).

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Committee Members Best, Butler, Caldwell, Church, Coronel, Franco, Grotzky, Jonasson, McDonough, Navarro, Shelton, Spinney, Tamm and Chair Schutz

ABSENT: Committee Member Monroe

STAFF PRESENT: Design & Development Director Castro, Hub Manager Sanchez, Permit Technician Lopez, Administrative Assistant/Committee Secretary Lorette, Public Safety Manager Mendez, Code Compliance Supervisor Meredith, Community Resources Director Escobedo, and City Manager McMillen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Secretary Lorette led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Committee Secretary Lorette announced the following WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS were received as of 12:00 p.m., which were distributed to the

Committee, and incorporated into the agenda packet and public record of the meeting:

- Jeremy Ogul – provided information on how Expedia can assist the Committee with addressing STVRs related challenges;
- Anita Marlowe, Edie Hylton on behalf of The Cove Association, and Gwen Dixon – provided recommendations on topics for the Committee to consider;
- Dennis and Stephanie Stewart, Kathleen Boylan, William Estep, Robert Cedergreen, Paul and Margaret Hoestrey, Renee Payen, Meagan Beavers, Arlene Gotshalk, Steven Parker, Edward Armendarez, and Rod McGuire - in opposition of STVRs;
- Kimberly and Eddy Estrada, Maverick Cissell, and Andy Sywak and Fiona Quinn on behalf of Avantstay - in opposition of City Executive Order No. 9;
- Dan and Edie Hylton, Valerie Smith, and Marie Thompson – in support of placing a moratorium on STVRs;
- Chuck Meadows - in opposition of STVRs during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Larry Moad - in opposition of STVR related noise restrictions pursuant to the LQMC, and recommended fines be issued to renters, not property owners;
- Mark Williams – recommending removal of problem STVR properties;
- Jeanette Petersen, Jon Dahlstrum, Greg Parker, Rubina Vartanyan, David Earle, Russ Reno, Robert Levee, and Gwen Jones - in opposition of City Executive Order No. 10 and current restrictions on STVRs;
- Stacy Finath, Tony Terrazas, Jennifer Cooper, Jessica Young on behalf of Desert Concierge, David Dinnel, Mike and Lisa Schutt, and Laura and Graham Lucas - in support of STVRs;
- Marcia Cutchin – recommendation on addressing STVRs density concerns;
- Annette Chester and Jody Shapiro – STVRs enforcement;
- Karen Parnell on behalf of Smart City Solutions – educational information for STVRs.

CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA – Confirmed

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JULY 9, 2020

MOTION – A motion was made and seconded by Committee Members Butler/McDonough to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. DISCUSS ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE STVR RECOMMENDATIONS

General Committee discussion followed on the Enforcement Sub-Committee's report and recommendations, more specifically on the following enforcement topics:

- Communicating with the City and verifying a complaint;
- Unregistered STVRs;
- STVR owner(s)', renters, and neighbors' unawareness of the City's STVR rules;
- No contact with owner or local contact representative;
- Noise, behavior, and party events;
- Occupancy limit violations;
- Parking;
- Trash;
- Repeat offenders and three strikes.

The Committee reached a consensus to continue this item to the next regular Committee meeting to allow the Enforcement Sub-Committee to revise the report based on the Committee's discussion and recommendations. Chair Schutz directed Committee Members to submit their recommendations to Committee Secretary Lorett.

CHAIR SCHUTZ REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE CONSIDER STUDY SESSION ITEM NO. 2 OUT OF AGENDA ORDER. THE COMMITTEE CONCURRED.

STUDY SESSION – *items taken out of Agenda Order*

2. DISCUSS FORMATION OF ADDITIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee discussed the formation of a second Sub-Committee to conduct a focused review and research on STVR density concerns, and report back its findings and recommendations to the Committee for review and consideration.

The Committee reached a consensus to appoint Committee Members Best, Caldwell, Church, Spinney, and Chairperson Schutz, to serve on the Density Sub-Committee, which will meet weekly; and the Committee was asked to channel all correspondence through Committee Secretary Loretta.

1. DISCUSS EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9 GOVERNING USE AND OCCUPATION AS RELATED TO SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL UNITS

Code Compliance Supervisor Meredith presented an overview of City Executive Order No. 9 and answered related questions from Committee Members.

Design and Development Director Castro provided a summary of City issued Executive Order No. 10 and answered related questions from Committee Members.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded by Committee Members Caldwell/Jonasson to adjourn this meeting at 5:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



LORI LORETT, Committee
Secretary City of La Quinta,
California