

STAFFORD HAMLET  
COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes

June 11, 2019

Chair Bill Markt called the June 11th Community meeting of the Stafford Hamlet to order at 7:06 pm at the Stafford Elementary School, West Linn, OR.

Attendance:

- ❖ Board Members Present: Richard Fiala, John Keith, Katy Krider, Jana Lombardi, Patty Mamula, Bill Markt, Matthew Palmer, Len Schaber, Joe Wikoff
- ❖ Excused: Mary Moore
- ❖ Absent:
- ❖ Staff Present:

Clackamas County discussing short-term vacation rental regulations in unincorporated areas:

Martha Fritzie, from Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development, came for a listening session on short-term rental property regulations. She also provided an overview of what the County is studying, whether to allow short-term rentals, what should be regulated if they are allowed, and ways to comment. If enacted any County short-term rental code would apply only to unincorporated areas. The current zoning code does not address short-term rentals. Martha Fritzie said that research has shown that enforcement of regulations is key, there are economic impacts, and there are opportunities and challenges with short-term rentals.

The tentative calendar is the Planning Commission held a discussion on June 10th, and the Board of Commissioners (BCC) directed staff to draft regulations at a June 11 meeting. The code draft would likely be released in August with a vote and possible adoption in October.

A community member was concerned that short-term rentals (STRs) are causing housing shortages. They were also concerned about registration, and if it would be fee based or based on a percentage.

Another community member said that they are in a neighborhood that has been heavily impacted and asked the County to consider parking problems, extra cars and the people who live nearby.

A community member said there is a problem house in their neighborhood and asked how to get enforcement to happen. Martha Fritzie said that if STRs are permitted then there could be enforcement.

A community member said that there are problems with a whole house being rented in their neighborhood. He said the owner does not live on site and there are problems with limos and parties and the house.

A community member said they would like to see extensive regulations as the STRs in their neighborhood have been a problem.

Another community member said no one rule could cover the County because the problems in Milwaukie are not the same as on the Mountain.

Another community member, who has a STR, said it has been a good experience and would like to make sure that the STRs who follow rules and are responsible are treated fairly.

A community member suggested requiring owner occupancy as a condition of the STR.

Adjournment: Chair Bill Markt adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.