



SHORT-TERM RENTAL TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES September 21 , 2023

The Short-Term Rental Task Force met for a
Special Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
City Hall
102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anderson at 3:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Anderson, Boerema, Clark, Hart, Manns, Steele and Tringali.

Absent: Gudith and Stanton.

Others Present: Director of Planning, Zoning & Project Management Cummins, Attorney Witte and Clerk Wolters.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Steele, second by Clark to approve the agenda. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Steele, second by Tringali to approve September 7th minutes. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7-0.

Guest Speaker: None.

Public Comment on Agenda Item Only:

Bill Lint, resident:

- Lives in Bayview Condominium:
 - There are 13 single family units.
 - 3 permanent residents.
 - 10 part-time residents.
 - This summer, 5 units had short-term rentals, in the past they had 7.
 - Each unit has two off street parking places.
 - The owner cannot live in unit if it's a short-term rental.
 - One rental per week.
 - The occupancy limit is 6-8 people.
 - Noise has not been an issue.

- If CAP is imposed, he asks that the 13 units in Bayview be grandfathered in.
- When he sold his condo in Chicago, there was a cap on rentals in his building that had a negative impact on his sale of his condo.

Dick Waskin, resident:

- Thanked everyone for their time spent serving on the task force.
- The task force was formed with a very even handed with members of the community that have different backgrounds and different investments in the community.
- The task force has done a good job identifying issues that are affecting the town regarding short-term rentals.
- There isn't a consensus on CAPS with the task force or with the community.

Review/Discussion:

Short Term Rental Task Force Action Report:

Ryan Cummins and Kyle from Mckenna introduced the final recommendation report from Mckenna comprised of material from the last four months of task force meetings, town hall meeting, review of correspondence and information from public comments. There is an opportunity to make any final changes or additions and to make a motion on whether they would like to approve the final report to go to City Council and Planning Commission.

Task members each gave their opinions on the final recommendation.

Motion by Clark, second by Tringali to approve the report as written with the amendments of attaching the Fire Department recommendations, modifying corrections or making corrections to page 77 specific to residents. Macro level responses to CAPs in residential districts and for consideration to add a third party to help administer short-term rentals within the town of Saugatuck. Via Voice vote, motion carried 6-1. Steele-No.

Communication:

A. John Thomas

Public Comment:

Lauren Stanton, resident:

- Short-Term rental Council representative.
- Thanked everyone for being involved in the task force, it was a good chunk of the summer.
- All the different stakeholders had a voice in the decision.
- The task force came out with a really nice set of recommendations.

Greg Auer, resident:

- Asked to consider linking garbage cans to how many STR sleeps.
- Noted that because a homeowner owns a STR- City can't ask STR owners to put their information online.
- Regarding neighbors need neighbors- is the City going to restrict snow-birds too?
- Task force is doing a great job but also have an unconscious bias because all the talk is negative, what about the positive that STR bring.

Ethan Barde resident:

- Thanked Task Force for all the hard work, thanked Dick Waskin for showing up every meeting.
- What the Task Force missed was having a licensed real estate agent on the Task Force.
- He is against CAPS. There is not enough emphasis on how much the CAP will devalue homes.

Bobbie Guant, resident:

- Thanked the Task Force for their service.
- She is a member of the Planning Commission and is ready for what is to come to PC.
- She has an appreciation for the kind of work done by the Task Force. It was a wonderful service to the community, and they addressed the issues with respect and with a lot of hard work in terms of educating themselves and the community.
- Thanked Chair Anderson for her leadership.

Ryan Cummins thanked the Task Force for their volunteerism and putting in all the hard work and sacrificing their summertime.

Chair Anderson noted her appreciation for the Task Force, it has been a great group. Every meeting has taught one another a lot. From the community at the town hall event to all the STRTF meeting, everybody has contributed in such a productive and respectful and enlightening way.

Adjournment:

Motion by Clark, second by Hart to adjourn. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Chair Anderson adjourned at 4:09p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jamie Wolters, City Clerk