



Agenda Item No.: 5.

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SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: AUGUST 14, 2018

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING

DIRECTOR: ROBERT SUMMERFIELD

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION - Any item from the Planning Commission, staff and/or the applicant wish to be spoken on or held in abeyance to a future meeting may be brought forward and acted upon at this time.

Motion made by VICKI QUINN to Hold in abeyance Items 9 and 12 to 10/9/2018

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

CHRISTINA ROUSSEAU, DONNA TOUSSANT, TRINITY HAVEN SCHLOTTMAN, SAM CHERRY, VICKI QUINN, LOU DE SALVIO, BRENDA J. WILLIAMS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER SCHLOTTMAN asked why Item 9 was requested to be held in abeyance. PETER LOWENSTEIN, Deputy Planning Director, informed the Commissioner that Items 9 and 12 were requested to be held in abeyance due to possible future direction by the Councilmember who requested the items as well as to allow staff additional time to address concerns and direction from the City Council.

COMMISSIONER DE SALVIO wondered who requested the hold. ROBERT SUMMERFIELD, Planning Director, stated that the requests were made by the Councilmembers working on the Text Amendments.

At the request of COMMISSIONER QUINN, those in the audience who were present for Item 9 raised their hands. She felt those in attendance should be able to make comments on the record. Though he felt the matter was important, CHAIR CHERRY believed there would be a future opportunity for a more robust discussion in addition to better facts. He did not wish for redundant comments and allowed each individual one minute to state their comment. NATHAN TAYLOR expressed his concerns regarding the illegal operation of some short-term rentals (STR) and provided his input in regards to their regulation.

RALEY SILVER, CHRIS JONES, TERRY LAWRENCE, BARBARA HARRISON, JOAN TIBERI, DINA CIANCHETTI, TERRY O'ROURKE, HOWELL JONES, NITA DAULAT, HELEN TSOU, PETER FATA, SUZANNE EMERSON, JULIE CHRISTENSEN, DIANA HARRINGTON, KEITH THOMAS, CAROL FATA, ZAN HYER, TOM DELIO, BOB AND MARY-ANN MEYER, PAUL and KERI DEMATTIA, JORINA GARETTO, ROBERT and LORNA GORDAN, CAROL HEEREN, PAMELA LITTLETON, stated their opposition to short-term rentals citing various concerns of safety, security, parking, trash, and their possible influence on property values of surrounding homes.

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JEFF BELCHER expressed his support of Items 9 and 12. Mentioning he had conducted his own research in regards to regulations pertaining to short-term rentals in other cities, he felt strongly against them. JONAS WOOLVERTON was also in support of Items 9 and 12.

STEVE MANDEL supported short-term rentals but not in residential areas. He shared his own experience operating an Airbnb.

SAUNDRA DE MONTANO, Broker for Avenue West Las Vegas, stated that her company provides managed corporate housing services in compliance with city regulations and homeowners association (HOA) rules and hoped to offer this idea as an option.

ATTORNEY MATTHEW SIBERT, JAMES BARLOW and DAN RAPER were in support of short-term rentals provided they are properly regulated.

DAYVID FIGLER shared his opinion regarding short-term rentals including the burden that is placed upon residents to monitor the safety of the neighborhoods and proposed the idea of short-term rentals applications to require the approval of all surrounding neighbors prior to being heard by the Commission. He complimented Code Enforcement on their response to the demand and suggested the narrowing of additional short-term rental applications.

CHAIR CHERRY thanked the audience for their brief and concise comments.

COMMISSIONER SCHOTTMAN stated that comments would be included in the record allowing the Commissioners to review the comments made.

