

Keweenaw County Planning Commission
Special Meeting
Draft Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2024

Keweenaw County Courthouse 5:00 PM

Roll Call:	John Parsons	Present	Steve Siira	Present
	Barry Koljonen	Absent	Harvey Desnick	Present
	Daniel Yoder	Present	AJ Kern	Present
	Jim Vivian, Commissioner	Absent	Bob Pokorski	Present
	Sara Heikkila, Zoning Administrator	Present		

Pledge of Allegiance

5 Member quorum is present, meeting was appropriately posted.

Approve Agenda

Motion (M) to approve Harvey / Second (S) Bob

Approve minutes of the regular meeting on March 28, 2024.

M to approve Bob / S Steve

Guests:

Public Comment:

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Unfinished Business

1. Zoning ordinance text amendments.
Updated Excel file summary and PDF file with changes tracked provided to Commissioners.
Public Hearing for amendments on Monday May 6 at 4pm.

Vote to approve proposed amendments and make available to the public.

M to approve proposed amendments John / S Harvey

2. Short term rental (STR) Amendment Discussion

→ Develop big picture goal for the County and STRs. What is the intent?

KC is a tourism based economy. Timber business slowing. Heartlands.

Preserving heritage and character. Insure orderly growth.

Minimal feedback from local businesses.

House bill 5438 discussion

→ Review current ordinance language:

10.12.17 Dwelling, Rental – Short Term: Short term rental dwellings are permitted as a Single Family Overnight Occupancy Conditional Use in the R, RR, CE, AG, RS-1 and RS-2 (add B-1) Districts when in conformance with the following requirements:

A. The minimum lot size and yard requirements shall conform with district requirements in Article V.

B. Adequate off-street parking spaces shall be provided which are appropriate to the neighborhood and the occupancy of the home.

C. The applicant shall abide by all Federal, State and Local Health and Safety regulations as pertains to a Short Term Transient Rental Property.

D. No receptions, private parties or activities shall be permitted except for those which involve only registered guests.

E. Retail sales are not permitted.

F. Meals shall not be served to the public at large.

G. The outdoor storage of trash or rubbish shall be screened per the requirements of Section 15.5.3.

H. Signage shall conform to the requirements of Article XVI

I. Provide a local contact.

II. Occupancy?

III. Density restrictions in different districts. Overlay districts?

→ Deliberate and develop amendment language / additional conditions if it is decided a change is needed to meet the County big picture goal / intent regarding regulating STRs. Add to B-1 district.

John to discuss guidance from BOC.

→ Fee schedule and enforcement discussion, if needed.

Amendments need to be enforceable and resources for enforcement available.

M Table STR amendment John / S Bob & Dan

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Final Comments:

Next Regular Meeting April 29, 4:00 PM
M to Adjourn Bob / S Steve

