



City of Sunnyvale

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Study Session Summary of May 12, 2015 - Regulating Short-term Residential Rental Units (Study Issue) - Joint Study Session with Planning Commission

Call to Order:

Mayor Griffith called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

City Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Jim Griffith
Vice Mayor Jim Davis
Councilmember David Whittum
Councilmember Pat Meyering
Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius
Councilmember Glenn Hendricks
Councilmember Gustav Larsson

City Councilmembers Absent:

None.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Chair Russell Melton
Vice Chair Ken Olevson
Commissioner Ralph Durham
Commissioner Sue Harrison
Commissioner Larry Klein

Planning Commission Members Absent:

Commissioner Ken Rheaume
Commissioner David Simons

Public Comment:

Three members of the public spoke. One concerned about the safety have having short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods, and two in support of the uses.

Study Session Summary:

- Interest in how other nearby cities are handling the issue.
- Provide a list of issues associated with short-term rentals and possible tools to address those issues.
- Describe what immediate actions are possible for DPS and what tools they need to address their concerns.
- Seems that unhosted rentals pose the greatest threat to housing affordability.

- Do other cities levy penalties to hosts that are out of compliance? Can the City levy penalties if TOT is not paid?
- Would permitting of the units require inspections?
- A discussion about how the City can use federal tax information to identify short-term rentals.
- Look for ways to allow those units that fit into a neighborhood from those that are a nuisance, or business, or used for parties or events.
- Interested whether the companies that host the platforms for the rentals collect TOT fees, and/or work with the City in enforcing City regulations.
- If food is served at the rentals, is a health department permit required?

Adjournment:

Mayor Griffith adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.