

MINUTES

Short-term Rental Board

November 4, 2024

1. Call to order

- a. The regular business meeting of the Short Term Rental Board was held on Monday, November 4, 2024 in Room 201 at the Community Center in Blairsville, Ga. It was called to order at 5:01 and was presided over by Board President, Patrick Woodall.

2. In attendance

- a. Voting members: Laura Jenkins, Karen Sweenie, AnaLuisa Salvatti, Martin Pilote. A quorum was present.
- b. Guests in attendance: Atty William Mercer
- c. Members not in attendance: David Dyer
- d. Recognition of visitors: David Womack, Charlotte Jourdan, Joni Lee

3. Reading and approval of prior meeting minutes

- a. Secretary Jenkins read the minutes in their entirety of the meeting held on 9.9.24.
- b. Patrick Woodall made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Martin Pilote seconded.

4. Reports of officers and standing committees

- a. Secretary: UC STR by the Numbers (**See Attachment 1**)
 - i. Secretary Jenkins reviewed the document UC STR By the Numbers

5. Reports of ad-hoc committees - none

6. Old Business

- a. Good Neighbor Notifications amended (**See Attachments 2a, 2b and 2c**)

7. New Business

- a. Set STR Board meeting dates for **2025**
 - i. Dates from **2023**:
 1. July 27
 2. Sept. 11
 3. Nov. 13
 4. Dec. 11
 - ii. Dates from **2024**:

1. Feb. 5
 2. Called meeting on variances on Mar. 18
 3. April 8
 4. June 10 (rescheduled to June 24)
 5. Aug. 12
 6. Sept. 9
 7. Nov. 4
- iii. Dates for **2025**, all on Mondays, all at 5:00 in Room 201 of the Community Center
1. Feb. 3
 2. April 21 (Karen, Patrick, and Susan will need to let us know by this meeting if they plan on continuing in their current role)
 3. June 9
 4. August 11
 5. Sept 8
 6. Nov 3
- b. Term limits of STR Board members. Some members' terms expire in 2025. **(See Attachment 3)**
- David Dyer, (4 years, til June 15, 2027)
- Martin Pilote, (4 years, til June 15, 2027)
- AnaLuisa Salvatti, (4 years, til June 15, 2027)
- Karen Sweeney, (2 years, til June 15, 2025)
- Patrick Woodall, (2 years, til June 15, 2025)
- Susan Phillips, (2 years, til June 15, 2025)
- Laura Jenkins, (4 years, til June 15, 2027)

Anyone can nominate another person, or themselves, to be on the board, or to be an officer on the board. All nominations must go to the commissioner for approval after the April 21, 2025 meeting. The current board members can let us know at the February 2025 meeting if they want to continue in their current roles. Nominations for new members are treated the same as current members staying in their current role – they are ALL considered nominees that must be approved.

- c. The following are suggestions from community members:
- i. Add deadline to handing out the initial GNN?
 1. Patrick Woodall motioned to amend the ordinance to adopt a deadline of 15 business days, or before the first rental, for handing out the GNN after obtaining

the INITIAL license, Karen Sweeney seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. From the "Definition" section of the ordinance: "Good neighbor notification means a document provided by the property owner/registered agent to surrounding properties annually." Do we want to amend the section titled: Operational requirements for owners" to include the word "annually"?

1. Patrick Woodall made a motion to add the word "annually" to the section of the ordinance entitled: "Operational Requirements for Owners". Karen Sweeney seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Request by Joni Lee, owner of Suches Vacation Rentals, to speak to the board. She suggested that the board invite Mitch Griggs, Director of the Union County Development Authority, since accommodations is the third leading category of tourist dollars coming into Union County. She also let us know that she feels the GNN isn't working because the tax records are not correct, therefore so many GNN's don't get to the neighbor. She suggested that all property management companies be listed on the county website so people can call even if they didn't get the GNN.

8. Adjourn - 6:04



Laura Jenkins, Secretary

11-12-24

Date