

Lewis County Short Term Rental Advisory Group

Public Meeting

In-Person & Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Month Day, 2026 - Meeting Notes

Advisory Members Present: Peggy Rath (Resident); Chris Murphy (Resident); Jenn Kattz (STR Representative); Briston Meidinger (STR Representative); Nick Neville (STR Representative); Steve Mayer (Transient Representative). *Note – There are two VACANT positions for a Resident and Fire District Representative.*

Staff Present: Mindy Brooks, Director of Community Development; Natalie Kamieniecki, Senior Long Range Planner

Materials Used:

- Agenda
- STRAG Bylaws
- Lewis County Code 17.105

1. Call to Order

2. Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to provide comments.

3. Review of STRAG Bylaws

Mindy Brooks presented the STRAG Bylaws

4. Election of Officers

- A. Nick Neville made a motion to appoint Steve Mayer as Chair; second by Peggy Rath.
Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Steve Mayer made a motion to appoint Nick Neville as Vice Chair; second by Chris Murphy.
Motion passed unanimously.

5. Review of Lewis County Code 17.105

Mindy Brooks presented the LCC 17.105.

6. Discussion

The STRAG members discussed the pros and cons of STRs including:

Pros – economic stimulus, rehabilitation of abandoned homes, LTAC, jobs, revenue for owners, flexible use of house, reduces crime, creates community.

Cons – noise, traffic, garbage, unknown neighbors, not following local rules (e.g., burn bans), lack of long term housing for local employees,

The STRAG members then discussed hot topics they would like to focus on at upcoming meetings including:

- Navigation permitting
- Clarity regarding life/safety inspections, windows
- Participation rate in obtaining a permit
- Tracking complaints
- Creating an even playing field for all STR owners/operators
- Education HOAs
- Myth busting

7. Calendar:

The next Short Term Rental Advisory Group meeting will be on September 1, 2026 at Lions/American Legion Building, Mineral, WA.

8. Adjourn

Positive

1) Jobs

2) Revenue for owners to cover costs

3) flexibility of home use

Positive

1. Economic Stimulation of local businesses
2. Rehabilitation of Derelict properties
3. Community engagement + Tax base for County

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- Economic impact from jobs
- Beautification of formerly decrepit lots
- Infrastructure investment

- Care & Maintenance of an STR
 - increase equity for all
- source of income for local people
- brings tourism \$'s

Pos

Add to Local Econ.
Help Families help members
Help home owners stay on prof.

Negative

- 1) Noise
- 2) Trash
- 3) Heavy use of old infrastructure

Negative

1. Bad guests causing noise nuisance
2. Garbage piling up / not disposed of appropriately
3. Parking inappropriately.

- Noise
- Unknown neighbors
- Knowledge of community rules

- Paradise Estates
- Park Workers - Local People can't find housing near Affinity
- Low Community

Take local housing.
Traffic
Noise