

**Saint Paul Planning Commission  
City Hall Conference Center  
15 Kellogg Boulevard West**

**Minutes June 2, 2017**

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, June 2, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

**Commissioners Present:** Mmes. Anderson, DeJoy, Mouacheupao, Thao, Underwood, Reveal; and Messrs. Baker, Edgerton, Fredson, Khaled, Makarios, Ochs, Oliver, Perryman, Rangel Morales, Reich, and Vang.

**Commissioners Absent:** Mr. Lindeke  
\*Excused

**Also Present:** Donna Drummond, Planning Director; Kady Dadlez, Allan Torstenson, Merritt Clapp-Smith, Mollie Scozzari, Savannah Simms, Alicia Valenti, Sese Spiyee, and Sonja Butler, Department of Planning and Economic Development staff.

**I. Swearing in a new commissioner Cedrick Baker.**

New Planning Commission member Cedrick Baker was sworn in by Shari Moore, City Clerk.

**II. Approval of minutes May 19, 2016.**

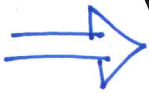
Chair Reveal announced that the minutes are not available at this time. However they will be ready for approval at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**III. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Reveal had no announcements.

**IV. Planning Director's Announcements**

Donna Drummond, Planning Director, announced that there will be another commissioner joining the Planning Commission, Chong Lee. She is currently traveling in Thailand and will be sworn in at the June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also, the next Planning Commission meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> will be held at the State Capitol, which is something that the Steering Committee has talked about. Wayne Waslaski from the Department of Administration gave a presentation last year about the Capitol renovations and he invited the Planning Commission to hold a meeting at the Capitol, so that will happen at the next meeting. There are upcoming workshops for the Rice-Larpentour area planning coming up on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Edgerton is the Planning Commissions representative for the area planning work. This is a joint planning process with the cities of Saint Paul, Roseville and Maplewood.



V. **PUBLIC HEARING: Short Term Rental Study & Zoning Amendments** – Item from the Neighborhood Planning Committee. (*Kady Dadlez, 651/266-6619*)

Chair Reveal announced that the Saint Paul Planning Commission was holding a public hearing on the Short Term Rental Study and Zoning Amendments. Notice of the public hearing was published in the Legal Ledger on May 4, 2017, and was mailed to the citywide Early Notification System list and other interested parties.

Kady Dadlez, PED staff, gave a power point presentation which can be seen on the web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>

Commissioner Reich referenced the slide stating that one short term rental dwelling unit would be permitted per lot in one and two-family zoning districts and two units would be permitted in a duplex if owner is present. Ms. Dadlez clarified that two short term rental units would be allowed if the duplex owner is *in residence* at the time of stay.

Ms. Dadlez said the intent there is that the owner of the duplex would be in residence, so that they are not renting the entire unit, they are renting a bedroom or two that are available, but they are also living and residing there at the time of the short term rental.

Chair Reveal read the rules of procedure for the public hearing.

The following people spoke.

1. Kris Ullmer, 108 S. Cleveland Street, Merrill, WI 54452, Executive Director of the Professional Association of Innkeepers International. Ms. Ullmer is supporting the just and fair regulations for all types of lodging properties. Short Term Rental and the Sharing Economy are simply new terms for the exchange of money for lodging. By inventing these new terms, which do not appear in existing codes, regulations, or statutes, advertisers such as Airbnb and other mega websites con you into thinking this is something new, and agencies/legislators such as yourselves spend hours and months doing studies and debating what to do. Short term rentals are in private homes, just like bed & breakfasts, and are in multi-family buildings, like apartments or hotels. The regulations that have already been debated and established for B&Bs and hotels logically apply to short term rentals. It is your responsibility to protect Saint Paul's citizens, neighborhoods, guests, and support city services through just and fair regulations. During a work group conference call, we heard directly from Airbnb that they are not in the business of policing short term rentals, and you have correctly concluded it is up to you to regulate and enforce directly with the hosts. Short term rental hosts will say the regulations should not apply to them and they will say that the regulations are too strict and they have a valid point. The 1,000 foot distance between B&B, or the cap on the number of rooms, or the number of guests per room, can be adjusted and must be applied uniformly, fairly, to all lodging options. By ignoring the short term rental business, or giving them a free ride or a significantly reduced fare, will kill the legitimate lodging business that now support the city services; and it is happening all over this country. Ms. Ullmer submitted written testimony as well.
2. Pam Biladeau, 96 Virginia Street, Saint Paul 55102. Mrs. Biladeau and her husband own a bed and breakfast and they reside there as well. She strongly urges the Planning Commission not to approve the language as it is being proposed without addressing her concerns. Not

approving the family occupancy definition which would be impossible to regulate. Instead quantify the number of guests and rooms of occupants for each bedroom based on square footage. In addition define the exact number of guests allowed per home and consider parking congestion potential disruption to residential neighborhoods and limit the number of guests per home. Block large investment groups from destabilizing neighborhoods with transient properties, because rezoning residential neighborhoods into business districts is not what her neighbors and herself want. She is very concerned about the impact rezoning residential neighborhoods into business districts would have. And referring to the family occupancy definition, it does not limit the number of guests to a guest room, I am told that there can only be four adults, this is a misnomer, and omission, because what this language really means is in addition to the four adults, it allows their grown children, their grown children and their children. So how can this possibly be regulated and what recourse do neighbors have to complain about increased traffic associated with this type of business lodging. The concern is that there will be no recourse for the residents because the short term rentals will be in compliance and there are very few restrictions and the city will not be able to do anything because they are in compliance. She asks the city to please consider using the current licensing laws, permitted use and zoning with the exception of allowing an option to not serve breakfasts. Mrs. Biladeau submitted written comments.

3. Cory Biladeau, 96 Virginia Street, Saint Paul 55102. Mr. Biladau thanked the Planning Commission for allowing his wife and himself to speak. He is here today to address concerns about the proposed short term language. His observation is that the proposed language redefines lodging rentals as residential lodging rather than a business. The justification is that if rooms are being rented in a residential home they are somehow not a business and fall under family definition. He believes the main benefit for proposing this new language rather than tweaking and using current licensing laws is to support large investment groups. The argument he's heard saying short term rentals are new and different is not true and are already covered under current licensing laws for bed and breakfasts and hotels. For example: the language is needed for special events like the super bowl. This is simply not true, it is already federal law you can do this completely legally. If people want to make a little extra money and only want to rent a single room, the licensing process for a bed and breakfast is relatively easy and a conditional use permit is not required but if hosts want to offer more than that then it is not just a little money it's a business. And the not being able to put up a sign, well they should have to have a sign put up.
4. Sean Doyle, owner of a short term rental for about five years and has had many people stay at his place at 277 Burgess Street, Saint Paul 55117. He is concerned about regulations being prohibitive for him to be able to continue his business; yes it is a business that is how he makes his money. Recourse for neighbors who are concerned about what's going on next door or if there is a party or what not, there is a website. [Airbnb.com/neighbors](https://www.airbnb.com/neighbors) is a place for neighbors to easily lodge their concerns and problems, which Airbnb takes very seriously. A few slight infractions and you are no longer an Airbnb host. He would like to see any of the money that comes from this go to help make some of our neighborhoods safer. He is one of the few people in his neighborhood that calls the Police all the time. There is on average a shooting in his neighborhood once maybe twice a month and this concerns him. His house is 130 years old. It was voted the most mysterious house in Saint Paul; it's an attraction and lots of people come from all over the world and stay at his place.

5. Stacy Johnson, 633 Dayton Avenue, Saint Paul 55104. Ms. Johnson is a vacation rental owner in Saint Paul and has been doing this for about five years. If 50 percent of the total number of units in a multi-unit building are allowed to be short term rental, up to a total of four units, how would that work with a triplex which is has an odd number or units a building with five or seven units? Would it be rounded up or down or does it make more sense to look at number of guests per bedroom or by square footage? So that is something to be clarified and specified in terms of this area of the regulation. For the people who are wondering who are the guests that stay at a vacation rental or Airbnb, from her experience the average age of her guests are couples about 60 years old, they are typically former residents of the neighborhood. The majority fly in - they do not drive cars, so regarding the parking concern there is enough parking. With her triplex if she had rented it conventionally with a husband and wife each driving a vehicle there would be 6 cars, typically there is not more than 2 cars on any given day, so there is less traffic on her street, less parking. They do not party; they are really quite, in bed by 10:00 p.m. Through the revenue generated from short term rentals she is able to improve the property, invest in the property, and then property values go up, because it is worth more and more goes to the city. Ms. Johnson's neighbors have used her service, if they have a weddings or guests coming in for graduations they call her and are thrilled to have their family member stay three doors down. And we need to embrace this area of tourism that supports the wonderful things we have to offer. Ms. Johnson submitted written comments.
6. Tess Galati, 482 Holly Avenue, Saint Paul 55102. Ms. Galati has lived in her home for 41 years and her home is 140 plus years old. She has been with Airbnb for three years and has had over 150 guests, she gets positive reviews and very proud of that. What Airbnb does for her is allows her to keep working on her house that she still loves. Her neighbor next door is a regular Airbnb host and he loves her house as well, because if he is overbooked people can stay at her house or the neighbors have their relatives stay at her home. Airbnb brings people from all over the world to her doorstep. Ms. Galati submitted written comments.
7. Shannon Fiecke, 401 Sibley Street, Saint Paul 55101. Ms. Fiecke has hosted Airbnb guests and it has made the difference between having a home and being homeless. To her a short term rental is no different than finding a roommate on Craig's list. It is secure, you get paid. You get to know the people.
8. Chip Michel, 1731 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul 55105. Mr. Michel representing SARPA, which is the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association, their mission is to restore the residential flavor of the neighborhoods in Saint Paul. SARPA would like to see what is proposed continue to enforce the current zoning in place for residential use with the current definitions of family. Their major concern is the conditional use permits, and they strongly urge the Heritage Preservation Commission be involved in the approval of the conditional use permits.
9. Amber Van Dyke, 1895 Portland Avenue, Saint Paul 55104. Ms. Van Dyke is one of the first seven in Saint Paul to have a short term rental; she has been in business since 2007. Almost all of her guests are Minnesota families coming back to visit family. She supports the platform collecting taxes and she does not feel that it relieves an owner from not remitting taxes for direct bookings because anytime she can cut out Airbnb's that is good for her. Ms. Van Dyke would not mind having a sign in front because it makes her less reliable on the website. Something that has not been brought up yet is the certificate of occupancy program

has a tiered system: A-B-C-D properties that have different schedules for fees and different timelines for inspections. She proposed a tiered system for short term rentals as well. The proposed parking requirements are a little too strict, because if she has her four adults staying at her house they're sharing one car, and it is half a space per adult guest and she would hate to see garages knocked down so that you can squeeze in an extra parking spot.

10. Lance Bondhus, 3628 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis 55409. He formed the Minnesota Vacation Rental Alliance; they have 177 members throughout the state that have short term rentals. Mr. Bondhus does not think there is an issue with parking, people don't rent two cars when you travel with your family or a group you rent one and share. Whereas if two or three people live in a unit long term everyone usually has their own car. Regarding investment companies, he does not see that as being a problem. The 250 homes you see available for short term rental are not funded by a huge investment company. One thing he is concerned about is the wording on duplexes and triplexes. These properties were originally built for commercial use. They were not built for anything other than to rent out. Otherwise, they would be a single family home. The city regulations on property rights regarding some of these things can be a little prohibitive, a duplex was built to be rented out not for one person to live in it and rent it out long term to someone else, so some of that wording should be revised. And you're allowing people to come and stay in people's homes and rent it as it is an investment property. The only difference is the length of stay. You're saying anything over 30 days is fine you can do whatever you want but anything under 30 days is not allowed, he does not understand where just the amount of days makes that big of a difference. Mr. Bondhus submitted written comments
11. Dennis Schneider, 798 Interlachen Draw, Woodbury 55105. Mr. Schneider and his wife are Airbnb hosts; he has a single-family home with an unused downstairs so one day they decided to post it. They have had about 40 or 50 guests from mostly people who are senior couples. There are a couple of issues. The large investment company converting long term housing is a concern, he would be concerned if his neighbor sold his house and split it into 6 rooms to invest. He wants to make sure that you do not go overboard and put too many regulations on people like him.
12. Katherine Gardner, 241 Prescott Street, Saint Paul 55107. Ms. Gardner said when you're regulating here that you are regulating for the whole city and she can understand the pressures that are on an area like Summit Hill but you also don't want to make regulations that are going to make it difficult for somebody on the east side to rent out a room and be able to make improvements. On the West side they have this incredible over look of the city and it is very much not taken advantage of, it is under developed and that is the kind of area that could really benefit from having more short term rentals.
13. Shelly Campbell, 227 Stevens Street N., Saint Paul 55107. Ms. Campbell is the owner of a short term rental advertised on Airbnb and VRBO and she has a lot of pride in her neighborhood on the West side, which she believes is highly overlooked. In her neighborhood she goes out and cleans the street, her block is immaculate. When people arrive they don't even know that there was garbage thrown out and leaves in the gutter, maintenance is huge, she makes sure her house looks good and the house across the street looks good and it starts to ripple. And the neighbors say oh she mowed the lawn again lets mow our lawn or let's clean up or whatever happens to need to be done.

14. Kim Hunter is the owner of a VRBO at 1451 Edmund Avenue, Saint Paul 55104. Ms. Hunter also takes pride in her neighborhood and home. It is eminently reasonable of course that short term rentals should be taxed, but in terms of the competition with the bed and breakfast and so forth it's just logical that they be taxed. Ms. Hunter has some concerns with the staff report, it is not entirely clear in terms of what best practices or what recommendations are actually being made in terms of how Saint Paul would proceed and things like limitations on the number of licenses, one per household is very reasonable. She read in the Pioneer Press about the concern about parties; how would a party be defined, what is a party for example. Her little rental property is not going to be this hot happening scene for parties but if that were to be part of the ordinance how would it be defined?
  
15. Angie Toomey, 1658 Blair Avenue, Saint Paul 55104. Ms. Toomey's property is a 12 month tenant property with a fire certificate of occupancy; she also has short term rentals throughout Minneapolis. She also manages rental properties; short term rentals and long term rentals for people all over the metro area. Saint Paul is the first city to form regulations that involve the community and she would to see some of the language changed as far as the number of units allowed in a multi-unit building being able to be used as a vacation rental. She is a member of the Vacation Rental Alliance Group. Multi-unit buildings already are commercial uses. She has a duplex in Minneapolis both of the units are short term rentals. But sometimes she has someone there for two months in one unit and the next month a few groups there on different weekends. The other unit runs by 3-7 night stays on a regular bases, so by eliminating the number that can be used as non-owner occupied what problem is really being solved by enforcing that requirement of the 50 percent of units allowed to be short term rental? Take a look at the fire certificate of occupancy and maybe add a special conditional use within there that specifies short term rentals and include that if you want to rent for less than 30 days.

Commissioner Thao said to Ms. Toomey that she had mentioned the properties that she manages; Commissioner Thao wanted to know if all those properties that she manages are owned by here or someone else.

Ms. Toomey said that she manages some for herself and some for others.

***MOTION: Commissioner DeJoy moved to close the public hearing, leave the record open for written testimony until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2017, and to refer the matter back to the Neighborhood Planning Committee for review and recommendation. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

## **VI. Zoning Committee**

**SITE PLAN REVIEW** – List of current applications. *(Tia Anderson, 651/266-9086)*

Three items to come before the Site Plan Review Committee on Tuesday, June 6, 2017:

- Five Star Storage – New Commercial Development at 1400 Selby Avenue. Jake Hendricks-Five Star Development SPR #17-038176
  
- Parque Castillo – New play area, splash pad, and paths at 149 Cesar Chavez Street. Anne Gardner-St. Paul Parks & Recreation SPR #17-042901

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**Minutes April 21, 2017**

A meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Saint Paul was held Friday, April 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Center of City Hall.

**Commissioners Present:** Mmes. Anderson, DeJoy, McMahon, Reveal, Thao, Underwood; and Messrs. Edgerton, Fredson, Lindeke, Makarios, Ochs, Perryman, Rangel Morales, Reich, Tanaka, and Vang.

**Commissioners Absent:** Mmes. \*Mouacheupao, and Messrs. \*Khaled, and \*Oliver.  
\*Excused

**Also Present:** Donna Drummond, Planning Director; Reuben Collins, Department of Public Works, Lucy Thompson, Allan Torstenson, Bill Dermody, Josh Williams, Kady Dadlez, Tony Johnson, and Sonja Butler, Department of Planning and Economic Development staff.

**I. Approval of minutes March 24, 2017.**

***MOTION:*** *Commissioner Thao moved approval of the minutes of March 24, 2017. Commissioner McMahon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

and

**Approval of minutes April 7, 2017.**

***Chair Reveal announced that the minutes are not available at this time. However they will be ready for approval at the next Planning Commission meeting.***

**II. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Reveal announced that with Gene Gelgelu's recent award of the Bush Fellowship and his continuing obligations as Executive Director of the African Economic Development Solutions, that he will not have the free time needed to provide effective service to the City as a planning commissioner, so he has resigned from the Planning Commission. Now we are in need of two Planning Commissioners since Emily Shively has resigned as well. To ensure geographic balance we are particularly interested in applicants from Wards 5, 6, and 7 but all applicants are welcome. Chair Reveal urged the commissioners to reach out to people they know that they think are qualified and might be interested.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Makarios moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to deny the site plan review. The motion carried 15-1 (Edgerton) on a voice vote.*

#17-015-551 LeCesse Development – Conditional use permit for building height over 55' (62' 4" proposed). 246-286 S. Snelling, between St. Clair and Stanford. (Josh Williams, 651/266-6659)

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Makarios moved the Zoning Committee's recommendation to deny the conditional use permit. The motion carried 14-2 (Edgerton, Ochs) on a voice vote.*

Commissioner Makarios announced the items on the agenda at the next Zoning Committee meeting on Thursday, April 27, 2017.

## VI. Comprehensive Planning Committee

River Balcony Master Plan – Release draft for public review and set a public hearing for May 19, 2017. (Lucy Thompson, 651/266-6578)

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Thao moved on behalf of the Comprehensive Planning Committee to release the draft for public review and confirm a public hearing on May 19, 2017. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

Commissioner Thao announced the items on the agenda at the next Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

## VII. Neighborhood Planning Committee


Snelling Avenue South Zoning Study – Release draft for public review and set a public hearing for May 19, 2017. (Josh Williams, 651/266-6659, and Tony Johnson, 651/266-6620)

Tony Johnson, PED staff, gave a power point presentation which can be seen on the web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>

Commissioner Makarios asked if any of the existing uses would become legally nonconforming as a result of the proposed zoning changes.

Mr. Johnson replied yes, many of the automotive uses will become legally nonconforming; however, there is a provision in the zoning code which allows most auto uses that become nonconforming to expand as though they are conforming uses. The zoning change will prohibit the establishment of new auto uses along the corridor. Some auto oriented uses (auto convenience market, for example) will become conditional uses. Conditional uses can generally expand by up to 50% of their existing area before they need to apply for a conditional use permit.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner DeJoy moved on behalf of the Neighborhood Planning Committee to release the draft for public review and confirm a public hearing on May 19, 2017. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.*

 Short Term Rental Study and Zoning Amendments – Release draft for public review and set a public hearing for June 2, 2017. (Kady Dadlez, 651/266-6619)



Kady Dadlez, PED staff, gave a power point presentation which can be seen on the web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/planningcommission>.

Chair Reveal asked if there were cities that collect taxes via host platforms.

Ms. Dadlez said that there are some cities that collect taxes via host platforms but Saint Paul is relatively unique in its intent to license the host platforms. She noted that ride share platforms like Uber and Lyft are licensed by the City rather than the City licensing individual drivers. The City conducts random audits of drivers to check on compliance.

Commissioner Lindeke referred to the slide listing positive and negative aspects of short terms rentals, pointing out that he believes the second bullet point, "Reduce neighborhood quality of life: late night activity, noise, crime, litter, property damage, fire danger, loitering, and reduced on-street parking" is a bit overstated, adding that in his experience short rentals tend to be well run and assets to neighborhoods.

Ms. Dadlez said the staff report goes into a little more detail about neighborhood impact. The summary in the slide is the overarching review of all short term rentals across the country. She added the staff report notes that short term rental hosts generally speaking work hard to operate in good fashion because they are concerned about receiving 5star ratings. That is how they get and keep business.

Commissioner DeJoy pointed out that the Neighborhood Planning Committee discussion included specific concerns about late night activity, noise, and crime. There were other members of the committee that were concerned about the impact on neighborhood quality of life and there was a lot of discussion about it, which is probably why that bullet was included in the presentation.

Commissioner Thao is very concerned about short term rentals impacting the availability of affordable housing and stated that the current draft of the report says that's not an issue for Saint Paul. She added that in other cities there are instances where building owners have evicted all of the tenants in order to make room for short term rentals. This is extremely concerning. Also if we look at current availability and rental rates at a particular income level we are finding very few vacancies. The report should address this concern and potential impact to affordable housing seriously. Another concern she expressed is potential discrimination against renters and the need to enforce fair housing laws. There have been cases where people of color have been rejected by hosts. She added that for this reason there's now a specific rental platform that caters to people of color. She stated that she wants the planning commission to consider how it would hold that as a standard. She knows the ratings count but do they really care if they get one star because they were discriminatory? She wants to raise the fair housing issue and the potential impact to affordable housing as really important items the report should address.

Commissioner Edgerton wanted to know what is the difference between bed and breakfast and vacation rental by owner and why would they be regulated differently.

Ms. Dadlez said that bed and breakfast residences are an established use in the zoning code. Short term rentals are a new use and an outgrowth of the sharing economy. Bed and breakfast

residences are allowed in one and two-family homes and provide a meal along with the stay; they are licensed by the state for this activity. Short term rentals do not provide a meal and as proposed can be located in a one or two-family home as well as in apartment and condominium units. A bed and breakfast residence with one guest room is a permitted use; two or more guest rooms require a conditional use permit. Some travelers prefer bed and breakfast residences while others are satisfied with the offerings of a short term rental. The number of guest rooms allowed in a bed and breakfast residence is determined by the type of dwelling unit and the lot size.

Commissioner Edgerton said the primary difference is that bed and breakfast residences provide breakfast. Other than that, there is really no difference. So think of it in the context of the regulations we have in place currently for bed and breakfast residences. How are short term rentals different and therefore regulated differently? You should look at how you're going to regulate traditional bed and breakfast residences in the context of how you are regulating this new short term rental use.

Chair Reveal asked if the bed and breakfast is limited to stays of 30 days or less.

Ms. Dadlez said a bed and breakfast stay is limited to a period of less than a week.

Commissioner Perryman asked whether there is evidence that a large percentage of Airbnb units generate complaints about noise, crime, litter, etc., or whether this an anecdotal conclusion based on a few complaints.

Ms. Dadlez said the statements in the staff report and in the slide are general conclusions about the positive and negatives aspects of short term rentals based on research of cities across the county. They are not necessarily based on Saint Paul's experience, though she added that similar complaints were raised by some residents during the workgroup and listening sessions.

Commissioner Underwood said this was discussed at the Neighborhood Planning Committee. The report staff prepared includes a lot of research from other cities around the country and in the metro and Minnesota. We are not New Orleans, but New Orleans did a very extensive study and we take what we can from that since the host platforms do not provide much information or data. So as a result of that something that makes this very difficult is that our information is largely anecdotal and from our own experiences with the use. So we think there are about 250 sites right now in Saint Paul, we don't know exactly where they are, how many people are staying in them, or how often they are rented.

Commissioner DeJoy added that discussions did not only happen at the Neighborhood Planning Committee. There were two workgroup and one public listening sessions that the Department of Safety and Inspections hosted. Bed and breakfast residence representatives were in attendance along with host platform representatives and owner-occupied and non-owner occupied hosts. Concerned residents and tourist interests were also represented. A lot of information was gained at the sessions Commission DeJoy attended.

Commissioner Makarios said it seems that there are at least 250 directly affected properties in the city that we know of. What kind of outreach are we doing, above and beyond what we normally do, to make sure affected property owners know about the public hearing?

Ms. Dadlez said the intent is to send out a notice to the ENS. In addition the workgroup

representatives will be notified and those representatives can reach out to those they represent to get the word out. In addition there is a project webpage with information and a survey on Open Saint Paul to receive input and comment from interested parties.

Donna Drummond, Planning Director, added that we cannot get the addresses of existing short term rental units from the host platforms due to privacy rules, so there is no way to do a mailing directly to the properties nor is there any email addresses from the host platform.

Commissioner Perryman suggested using Facebook to help get the information out to people.

***MOTION: Commissioner DeJoy moved on behalf of the Neighborhood Planning Committee to release the draft for public review and confirm a public hearing on June 2, 2017. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

Commissioner DeJoy announced the items on the agenda at the next Neighborhood Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

**VIII. Transportation Committee**

Update to the Saint Paul Bicycle Plan – Approve resolution recommending plan amendments to the Mayor and City Council. (*Reuben Collins, 651/266-6059*)

***MOTION: Commissioner Lindeke moved to approve the resolution recommending that the plan be adopted by the Mayor and City Council. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.***

Commissioner Lindeke announced the items on the agenda at the next Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, April 24, 2017.

**IX. Communications Committee**

No report.

**X. Task Force/Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Makarios announced that the Ford Task Force will be meeting on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

**XI. Old Business**

None.

**XII. New Business**

None.

**XIII. Adjournment**