Peshastin Community Council
Special Meeting
May 06, 2020
Videoconference

Purpose: Review input to Chelan County Commissioners document on Short Term Rentals in the county

Council members present: Lauri Malmquist, chair; Cheryl Parsley, Stan Winters, Steve Keene, Patricia Ortiz

Council members absent, excused: Leticia Vizcaino, Doug Clarke

Chair Lauri Malmquist called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. via videoconference.

Stan has reviewed an article from the University of Washington Law Review regarding effects of short term rentals on communities, including change of the character of a community, and "hotelization", and overstated economic benefits, as well as contributing to economic disparities and uneven distribution of wealth favoring white property owners. He will forward this to the County Commissioners and Planning Commission for their consideration.

Lauri is willing to attend RUN meetings currently held online, as a representative of the Council to this group that is coordinating efforts in the Leavenworth/Plain/Lake Wenatchee area to give input to the County Commissioners. They have encouraged community members to forward input to the Commissioners, and are planning to engage legal services.

The Planning Commission will continue its study session on short term rentals on May 13; we will send a letter to the County Commissioners and the Planning Commission outlining issues of importance to the Peshastin Community. Tricia will draft a letter and forward to Council members for approval prior to submission.   Council members are encouraged to each write letters as individuals as well, prior to that date.

Bob Bugert will hold a Zoom meeting with the Leavenworth community on May 7, 2020 at 9am; Lauri will forward the link to that meeting.

The county commissioners have apparently continued the closure of short term rentals in the county due to Coronavirus.

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ortiz, Secretary