

**SHORT TERM RENTAL AD HOC COMMITTEE
KICKOFF MEETING - MARCH 17, 2025**

3/17/2025 - Minutes

1. Declaration Of A Quorum And Call Meeting To Order

Council Member Bob Brown declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Committee Members Dominique Brown, Sheila Lidstone, David Bloom, Ted Shook, Claire Reiswerg, and Debra Burkley; Stakeholder Members Christine Bryant (Vision Galveston), Liz Overton (GARM), Robert Zahn (GAR), and Chris Wren (STROAG); Tim Tietjens (City Staff); and Bob Brown (City Council).

Absent: Committee Member Joseph Spencer.

3. Introduction Of Committee Members

Council Member Bob Brown provided information on how the committee was formed. The committee members introduced themselves to everyone.

4. Public Comment On Agenda Items (Limited To Three Minutes Each)

Jennifer Riggs commented on the absence of citizen representation on the committee.

5. Appointment Of Chairperson And Vice-Chairperson

Claire Reiswerg made a motion to appoint Sheila Lidstone as Chairperson, with Ted Shook seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by the voting members (6-0).

Sheila Lidstone made a motion to appoint Claire Reiswerg as the Vice Chairperson, with Ted Shook seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by the voting members (6-0).

6. Discussion Items:

Ad Hoc Committee Purpose - The discussion revolved around the enforcement of existing ordinances and rules concerning Short-Term Rentals (STRs).

Committee members shared their thoughts and concerns on the following:

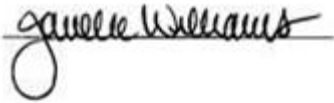
The registration fee increase was to support software that makes data available to the public, but data is not readily available to the public; The addition of Marshals was intended for STR enforcement; The City of San Antonio is a great model of providing data; STR owners need to be educated of their responsibilities; There is a need for inspections to address health and safety concerns, especially with improperly converted rooms; Public engagement should be incorporated into decision-making, with a focus on neighborhoods and resident voices; A survey by the Park Board highlighted concerns about STRs; While enforcement systems are in place, they need better coordination between the two entities; STRs are considered residential by the state, which exempts them from certain regulations; auditing will be a critical factor moving forward.

The committee will start by reviewing relevant ordinances, LDR regulations, and the comprehensive plan. A binder will be prepared for committee members with relevant information. The City's Legal Department will provide information on state rules at a future meeting.

1. Ad Hoc Committee Schedule - **the next meeting will be held on April 7, 2025 at 4:00 pm.**

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janelle Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: April 7, 2025