

**MINUTES OF THE SHORT TERM RENTAL AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 4, 2025**

6/4/2025 - Short Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

1. Declaration of a quorum and call meeting to order

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

2. Roll Call

Present: Dominique Brown, Debra Burkley, Sheila Lidstone, David Bloom, Joseph Spencer, Ted Shook, Claire Reisweg, Liz Overton, Chris Wren, Robert Zahn; Staff: Tim Tietjens and Ex-Officio Council Member Bob Brown; Christine Bryant arrived at 10:03 am. Mayor Pro Tem Robb arrived at 10:06 am

3. Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Committee. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.

- **Donna Hanson spoke on limiting STRS and on parking issues.**
- **Don Logan spoke on parking issues and multi-family parking situations.**
- **Carlton Brunan spoke on how there is no software in order to deal with STRS that are correct.**
- **Patricia Casey spoke on Pointe West property rights**
- **Guy Salloway spoke on his strong opposition of the STR Ordinance and suggest that this Ordinance should be rewritten from scratch.**
- **Bob Matthews spoke on STRS in Sea Isle.**
- **Marcey spoke on parking issues in general on Galveston Island; mentioned that there is never enough parking.**
- **Loren spoke on STR permits, resident passes, and STR enforcement.**
- **Jeanette spoke on parking issues and raising fees.**
- **Pat Fernandez asked the board how they can create rules that can't even be enforced.**
- **Caren S. spoke on parking issues and the safety of residents.**
- **Donna B. spoke on parking issues on her street.**
- **Susan mentioned some issues with long term rentals**

4. Discuss the Guiding Principals of the Committee's work

Liz Overton led the discussion on the Guiding Principals of the Committee's work
4.A STR Committee Guiding Principles

The five guiding principles are: 1) preserve residential quality of life, 2) ensure fair use of public areas, 3) minimize enforcement burden, 4) emphasize operator compliance and accountability, 5) prioritize clarity and simplicity, and 6) to do education for accountability purposes.

5. **Update on Short Term Rental discussion, deliberations and decisions by Galveston City Council as provided by Council Member/STR Committee Liaison Bob Brown and City Staff**

CM Bob Brown stated that there really is no update other than City Council gave this board until June 26, 2025 to come up with the STR parking controls.

6. **Consideration of parking issues related to STR rental uses in each of the following areas: east of 61st; west of 61st.**

Mayor Pro Tem Robb stated that she felt that we can not divide the island in half. She stated that this method would not work. CM Brown said that there are other methods of doing this and this is simply by "type". Ted Shook stated that the board can pass all the rules they want and still not be able to enforce them. He went on to say that at the very first meeting he asked the City Manager what it was going to cost for enforcement annually. Ted went on to say that this is an island-wide problem and not just an STR problem. Ted asks again, can we ask the City Manager what it would cost annually for enforcement? CM Brown responded to his question by saying that at the last Council Meeting the City Manager said that he had about one million dollars in unrestricted funds to initially get enforcement started but not sustain it.

7. **Discuss and consider the ordinance governing STRs as proposed by City staff**

The board went around the table and spoke on their thoughts as to how to deal with the parking issues. Some members spoke about enforcing what's already in place, others spoke on licensing, and other board members spoke on the LDRS and how they would relate to any recommendations they might bring forward. Ex Officio CM Brown stated that they must bring forward a Policy Recommendation to the Council by June 26, 2025. Chair Lidstone stated that actually they needed to turn them in by the June 18th so the City Secretary can place it on the June 26, 2025 Council Agenda.

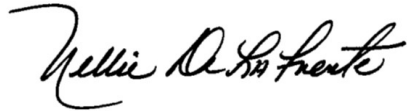
7.A Draft Ordinance

8. Determine date and time of next meetings and topics for each meeting.

Next meeting is on June 11, 2025 at 9 am

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 12:03 pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nellie De La Fuente". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'N'.

Manuela "Nellie" De La Fuente

Asst. City Secretary

Date Approved: June 11, 2025