

**MINUTES OF THE SHORT TERM RENTAL AD HOC COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 11, 2025**

6/11/2025 - Short Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee Minutes

1. Declaration of a quorum and call meeting to order

Sheila Lidstone declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Committee Members Sheila Lidstone, Claire Reisweg, David Bloom, and Ted Shook; Stakeholder Members Liz Overton, Chris Wren, and Robert Zahn; Tim Tietjens (City Staff) and Bob Brown (City Council). Joseph Spencer arrived at 9:48 a.m.

Others present: Marie Robb (Mayor Pro Tem).

Absent: Dominique Brown, Debra Burkley, and Christine Bryant.

3. Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Ted Shook made a motion to approve the May 28, 2025 and June 4, 2025 meeting minutes, with David Bloom seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by the voting members present.

4. Public Comment

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

- **Patricia Casey, Pointe West Condo Owner, commented on the number of spaces available at Pointe West Condos.**
- **Carlson Bruner, East End and West End property owner, commented on the number of STR registered/non-registered, problems with illegal bedrooms, the need to enforce all regulations, not just parking.**
- **Donna Brown commented on the number of people living in houses that are not STRs, taking up parking spaces.**

5. Accept Resignation Of Current Committee Chair

Claire Reiswerg made a motion to accept the resignation of Committee Chair Sheila Lidstone, with David Bloom seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by those present.

6. Elect a Chair/Vice Chair for the Committee

David Bloom made a motion to appoint Claire Reiswerg, with Sheila Lidstone seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by those present.

Ted Shook made a motion to appoint David Bloom as Vice Chair, with Sheila Lidstone seconding the motion. Unanimously approved by those present.

7. 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

Council Member Bob Brown reported that there is no update at this time, other than City Council gave this committee until June 26, 2025 to come up with the STR parking controls.

8. Discuss and Consider recommendations on parking rules for Short-Term Rental properties in Galveston to be submitted to City Council by June 18, 2025 for inclusion on Council's June 26, 2025 Agenda

Motion #1: SHORT TERM ENFORCEMENT: a recommendation to City Council to allocate adequate Marshal/law enforcement/administrative resources to enforce STR parking and other STR impact issues, specifically on weekends - Thursday to Sunday nights through Labor Day, and during other special events designated by City Council. Unanimously approved by those present.

Motion #2: EDUCATION: a recommendation to City Council that they direct the appropriate party to draft communications to all STR owners and operators, and the community, requesting their engagement and cooperation in managing parking and other STR impact issues this summer while the committee continues to work on the STR ordinance. Unanimously approved by those present.

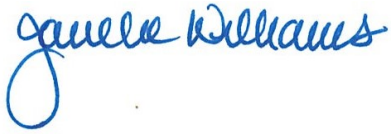
Motion #3: REVISION OF THE STR ORDINANCE: a recommendation that City Council direct Development Services to prepare a regulatory amendment to current STR regulations, to include the LDRs and Chapter 19, using the draft short term rental ordinance previously presented to Council as a guide, and bring it back to the committee for consideration and recommendations to City Council to consider for adoption. Unanimously approved by those present.

9. Discuss and Consider date and time of next meetings and topics for each meeting.

The next meet will be held on July 9, 2025 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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

Janelle Williams, City Secretary

Date Approved: July 9, 2025