

MINUTES OF THE
LADYSMITH PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021
LADYSMITH CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 2nd St. S.
LADYSMITH, WISCONSIN

Present: D. Willingham, B. Grotzinger, B. Groothousen, J. Hoover, M. Rudack, A. Kaiser, K. Vacho, A. Kenyon, A. Christianson, Bruce Johnson, Becky Hartzell, Mark Hanson, Aaron Livingston, Joe Baye

1. Call to order. At 5:15pm
2. 5:15pm Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit for a Vacation Rental/AirBNB/VRBO at 504 River Ave. E.

Chair Willingham convened the Public Hearing at 5:15 pm. K. Gorsegner passed out the proposed conditions. Bruce Johnson and Becky Hartzell of Fairhaven Rentals was in attendance to answer any questions related to the planned property use. Resident Joe Baye had the following questions:

Who owns the property and where do they live?

Bruce Johnson answered that he is one of the owners and is located in Holcombe, WI.

How long does a conditional use permit last?

Dave Willingham noted that the permit lasts until terminated or until the current owner would transfer ownership of the property. Property is also subject to yearly reviews.

What are the plans for parking?

Becky Hartzell stated there is ample driveway parking available to serve guests.

Will the vacation rental be available for use year round?

Bruce Johnson stated the house will be available year round as a vacation rental.

Joe Baye noted no objection to the planned use.

Public Hearing adjourned at 5:21pm

3. 5:21 pm Public Hearing to consider ordinance revision to 13-1-200 (a)(47) relating to garages
Chair Willingham convened the Public Hearing at 5:21 pm. A. Christianson presented draft copies of the proposed revision along with copies of the current ordinance. Resident Mark Hanson appeared to support the change to the garage ordinance. Mr. Hanson would like to build a detached garage/shop on his property and would prefer to use vertical steel siding. Mr. Hanson noted that modern steel siding can typically be factory painted to match most standard vinyl siding colors in order to match existing houses. Resident Aaron Livingston, who is currently building a new steel sided home on the south side of the City also appeared in support of the ordinance change. Brian Groothousen noted some concern with trying to retain some level of control over what color palettes could be used in order to require them to match the character of the existing neighborhood.

Public Hearing adjourned at 5:33pm

4. Action on Conditional Use Permit for a Vacation Rental/AirBNB/VRBO
Motion by Groothousen, 2nd by Kaiser to approve Conditional Use Permit as presented. Carried.
5. Action on recommendation to Council on ordinance revision to 12-1-200(a)(47)
Motion by Willingham, 2nd by Hoover to recommend to Council to approve ordinance revision to 12-1-200(a)(47) to include language that steel siding must be factory painted. Motion carried.
6. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm