

**VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN**  
**ZONING & PLANNING COMMISSION**

Village Hall Auditorium  
Monday, August 29 2022  
Meeting Minutes #2022-7

**I. ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**A. Chairman:** Vernon Zumhagen

**B. Members:**

Dave Bennett	Mike Moriarty
Drew Butler	Rich Piazza
Tom Duhig	Vernon Zumhagen
Bill Lundy ( <i>ABS</i> )	

**C. Staff:**

Don McKenna, Building Division Manager  
Kevin Casey Village Attorney  
Deanne Adasiak, Recording Secretary

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Zumhagen.

**III. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:**

*A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes #2022-6 dated August 15, 2022 was made by Commissioner Duhig and seconded by Commissioner Bennett.*

Roll call: Zumhagen, yes; Piazza, abstain; Moriarty, yes; Duhig, yes; Butler, yes; Bennett, yes.

Motion passes: 5-0-1.

*The Oath was administered by Commissioner Zumhagen.*

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Public Hearing opened at 7:31 p.m.

**A.) Pet. #2022-17 – Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, regarding prohibition of Short-Term Rentals, Village of Oak Lawn, petitioner**

*The petitioner was not present.*

***Mr. Gary Gudino, Property Maintenance Manager, 9446 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois***

Mr. Gudino informed the Commission of the Property Maintenance Department's concerns about short-term rentals in the Village. He stated that the Village staff recommends prohibiting short-term rentals due to the significant impact on neighboring properties and resources. Mr. Gudino went on to say that the primary objective of prohibiting short-term rentals in all zoning districts is to protect public health, safety, and welfare, given the large number of issues that short-term rentals currently pose. He explained that there are currently no short-term rentals registered with the Village of Oak Lawn. Mr. Gudino referenced Village Ordinance #3-33-4, which encompasses the application, notice, and standard procedures. He indicated that these rules were established to protect our residents and that the applicant must provide the Village with specific information. He went on to say how important it is to register short-term rental properties otherwise it could become a recipe for disaster. He explained that if a property is not registered, there is no information for our police and fire departments to contact in the event of an emergency. He added that in a situation of

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a property maintenance issue, the Village's Property Maintenance Department needs contact information.

Mr. Gudino went on to say that our Police Department receives numerous complaints from residents about loud parties, parking issues, garbage/debris left on the property, and so on. According to Mr. Gudino, the parties held at these short-term rentals attract crime and show a complete disregard for our local residents. Mr. Gudino stated that at times these unregistered short-term rentals necessitate the assistance of our Fire Department, Property Maintenance Department, and Public Works Department to ensure that our codes are followed, putting a significant strain on our Village resources.

Mr. Gudino expressed that short-term rentals disrupt the "neighborhood feel" that our long-term residents deserve. He believes that these short-term rental properties are being used for parties without regard for the neighbors. He mentioned that there is a list of other communities that have banned short-term rentals, including Midlothian, River Forest, Schiller Park, Oakbrook Terrace, South Barrington, Kildeer, and others, and he believes that many more will follow.

Commissioner Moriarty asked about the number of available short-term rentals properties in the Village. Mr. Gudino replied that there are about 15-20 properties, but none are registered with the Village. Commissioner Zumhagen stated that he is currently looking online and that there are 10 (ten) short-term rentals available and that the Airbnb website shows 4 (four) available in Oak Lawn.

Commissioner Piazza inquired as to how many of the ten (10) short-term rentals in Oak Lawn mentioned by Commissioner Zumhagen are registered. Mr. Gudino responded that none of those short-term rentals are registered. Commissioner Duhig asked the same and Mr. Gudino stated unequivocally that there are no short-term rental properties registered with the Village.

Commissioner Bennett asked staff when the short-term rental issue became a problem. Mr. Gudino responded approximately a year ago. He stated that there have been a number of issues this spring and summer, including police calls about short-term rental properties being used for parties. Commissioner Bennett asked whether there are any specific properties that have disturbance issues. Mr. Gudino said yes, and that there are a number of them. Commissioner Bennett asked whether the property owners' names are documented. Mr. Gudino responded yes. Commissioner Bennett asked whether the names of those specific owners are made available to the public. Mr. Gudino asked whether this Commission wants to create that type of forum with that information. Commissioner Zumhagen responded that he does not believe so and stated that the discussion must be limited to the content of the petition.

Commissioner Zumhagen said he is going through the online information and it appears to him that there are a few properties that would not be permitted to be registered/licensed as an apartment or a short-term rental. He stated that basement dwellings/apartments are not permitted under Village Code. He stated that these are the types of properties that clearly pose a fire and safety risk.

Commissioner Zumhagen asked staff why the Village is requesting an outright ban on short-term rentals rather than enforcing the code as it currently stands. Mr. Gudino responded that we have discovered that various property owners are trying to circumvent the situation and staff made the decision to request to prohibit short-term rentals.



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*Mr. Arnold Kinman, 4116 Grant Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.*

Mr. Kinman expressed that the preliminary discussion appears to be simply about discussing information off the cuff. He pointed that there have been comments about a lack of egress, and while this does not apply to his property, it is obvious that it exists. He reiterated that the discussion appears to be off the cuff rather than showing a complete picture of what is and is not happening. Mr. Kinman also wondered aloud of how many permit registrations had been rejected or ignored for quite some time. Mr. Kinman stated that he knows for a fact that numerous applications for people to make good use of their homes for a variety of positive reasons have been completely ignored in the application process. He said an attempt is being made to follow the Code. He acknowledged that if there is a Code/Ordinance, it should be for a reason. He believes that the Village should give people the opportunity to follow the Code as is, and only if the Code is not followed should the discussion of changing the Code start. He mentioned references to loud parties disrupting the community and other communities prohibiting short-term rentals. He stated that those remarks are very general. He said that any resident, not just those with short-term rental properties, could have parties. He was perplexed by the suggestion that because other communities prohibit short-term rental properties, Oak Lawn should follow suit. He stated that he does not subscribe to that logic, especially given the existence of the Village Code today.

Mr. Kinman stated that there have been significant and deliberate documented attempts to follow the code only to be ignored over many months, and he knows a variety of residents have drawn some conclusions as to why this is the case; he stated that he does not want to go into that.

Mr. Kinman expressed that generalities and opinions, rather than specifics, are being thrown out, and that there is no real information. He believes that we should allow the Code to be followed, bring these short-term rentals to light, and assess the impact, positive or negative, on the community before deciding whether the code as it currently stands should be changed. He stated that changing the code now would be a disservice. He claimed that this is not a party town. People do not come to Oak Lawn to rent a short-term rental property to have parties. He stated that he has short-term rental properties all over the country and that people do rent some of his short-term rental properties for parties because of their location, such as a beachfront property. Mr. Kinman said that the people that rent the short-term rental properties in this community come here to visit families, and that many of them are first responders with temporary needs for hospital visits. He commented that hotels frequently do not meet these people's requirements or needs. He stated unequivocally that Airbnb and other short-term rental agencies do an excellent job of vetting and screening occupants. He reiterated that his numerous attempts to obtain registration have been completely ignored, as if the Code does not exist. He pointed out that some have chosen to follow the Code and pursue short-term rentals with significant success in attracting high-quality tenants and being able to regulate their properties. He suggests that instead of changing the Code, we gather more information and follow the Code as it is now, allowing the community to thrive and benefit those with special housing needs. He expressed that not everyone is suited to signing a 12-month or 30-day lease nor is everyone a good fit for a hotel. He asked if anyone on the Commission ever stayed in an Airbnb. Commissioner Duhig responded that he has stayed at Airbnb properties in both California and Florida. Mr. Kinman asked Commissioner Duhig about the length of his stay. Commissioner Duhig replied that it was less than a week. Mr. Kinman asked Commissioner Duhig whether he had brought a problem to the community and he assumed not. No, said Commissioner Duhig.



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Commissioner Zumhagen commented that he has also stayed at an Airbnb and had a wonderful experience. He pointed out that there are a few inaccuracies in Mr. Kinman's statement. He asked Mr. Kinman if he has a vacation rental in Oak Lawn. Mr. Kinman responded, "Not quite." He stated that he purchased the property to be close to his mother, who has unique health needs. He stated that he sometimes travels with her and other times he stays with her. He said that the property is vacant for half of the month because he is traveling to places such as California for some of her treatments. He explained that he saw this as an opportunity to let others do what he is doing. Others, he contends, can do the same near Christ Hospital. Commissioner Zumhagen asked Mr. Kinman if he lives at his residence 9 months out of the year. Mr. Kinman responded that he does stay at his residence for at least 9 months. According to Commissioner Zumhagen, anyone who owns a short-term rental property that is not their primary residence is automatically in violation of the Code as written. According to Commissioner Zumhagen, there is not a single property on Airbnb's listing that is adhering to Village Code. He explained that Village Code requires short-term rental properties to appear before this Commission before they can operate, and that not one has appeared before this Commission in the last eight years. Mr. Kinman responded that many short-term rental property owners had inquired through Mr. Gudino and had submitted all of the necessary documentation months ago. Commissioner Zumhagen replied "so the property owners decided to open their doors anyway in violation of Village Code?" According to Mr. Kinman, the Village of Oak Lawn decided not to follow the Code. Commissioner Zumhagen stated again that these property owners chose to open up anyway, in violation of the code. Both, according to Mr. Kinman, violated the Code.

Mr. Kinman asked that Commissioner Zumhagen explain what he stated was an inaccurate statement. Commissioner Zumhagen pointed out that if the properties had been properly listed with the Village, Fire Department officials would have been on premises to certify that the properties were safe to occupy. Mr. Kinman responded by saying that he did not make that statement. Commissioner Zumhagen stated that he will not go back and forth on the discussion. He said his point is that if the proper channels had been followed, the question would not be up for discussion. Commissioner Zumhagen stated that he understands that there is an obstacle. Mr. Kinman responded that there is a "refusal". According to Zumhagen, there are safety standards that must be followed. Mr. Kinman responded that everyone agrees that all safety standards must be followed. Commissioner Zumhagen responded obviously not, ostensibly pointing out that there are short-term rental properties that do not comply with the Code. Mr. Kinman said it is everyone's responsibility to follow the Code. He stated that if there is a Code in place, it is there for a reason. Commissioner Zumhagen expressed that he will not go back and forth or be talked over. He asked Mr. Kinman to let him finish his remarks before responding or to not speak at all. Mr. Kinman stated that he will not speak over him, but he would appreciate that if Commissioner Zumhagen is going to allege that he made an inaccurate statement, that he specifically identifies the inaccurate statement.

Mr. Kinman stated that there is an obvious and very clear opposition to short-term rental properties. He stated that he would advise everyone to keep an open mind. Mr. Kinman said he's not sure when the short-term rental code was written or put in place, but it's there for a reason. He believes it is sensible that short-term rental properties be regulated and maintained in good condition. He stated that he understands concerns on properties having parties but he feels that it should be brought to the surface on who is doing it as any property could throw a party. He pointed out that there is most likely other people doing it, but you'll never know because there are ways to navigate around it and Airbnb provides methods for doing so.



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Mr. Kinman stated that if you allow people to follow the Code, why change it if we have not yet made an effort to follow the Code? He stated that it has been stated that properties are not registered. He expressed that he is certain that people attempted to pursue and follow the code with all necessary documentation. Mr. Kinman said these attempts have been ignored for reasons he is unsure of. He said there is no evidence that short-term rentals are detrimental to communities. He said in fact, it is more likely to be a good thing. He pointed out that short-term rentals promote commerce and helps to bring people together. Mr. Kinman restated that Oak Lawn is not a party town and that people are not coming to Oak Lawn to have parties. He went on to say that there are rules in place with Airbnb to prevent nuisances from occurring. He agreed that we should have standards and codes in place that all properties must follow. He expressed that from his point of view it can be fairly evaluated and potentially changed if proven to be a nuisance or if there are issues in the community. He reiterated that the Village should keep an open mind and experience something first and doing it correctly before we start changing and making new rules.

*Mr. Robert Denton, 9329 S. Kolmar, Oak Lawn, Illinois*

Mr. Denton addressed the "party" discussion. He expressed that he can assure everyone in this room that no one on the planet despises a party more than an Airbnb renter. He stated that it is neither desired nor permitted. He said that parties are not permitted by Airbnb policy. He believes that if this has occurred, a regular homeowner or long-term renter is much more likely to throw a party that could cause a disruption. He stated that protocols have been established as well as a review system for short-term rental properties. Mr. Denton stated that he understands that it is a relatively new concept for Oak Lawn residents, but that many people have a tendency to fear things they do not know.

Mr. Denton stated that this is a great forum and that we should all get our heads around the topic. He asserted that if there are issues, he feels that he and others are far ahead of such issues because they want to be in front of the problems rather than behind them. He indicated that he would rather be proactive and work with the community than be nefarious and work against it. Mr. Denton ended his comments reiterating that no Airbnb host likes or encourages parties.

*Mr. Dave Weinert, 9618 S. Cook Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois*

Mr. Weinert mentioned that on Cook Avenue, prior to VRBO and the early days of Airbnb, there is a house across the alley that held parties every other weekend. He said they then discovered it was an Airbnb property. Mr. Weinert said he recognizes that this was some time ago but wanted to point it out because in tonight's discussion both Mr. Kinman and Mr. Denton stated that Airbnb have protocols in place but then also commented that Airbnb has ways of working around it. He expressed that he is not implying that anyone here is doing this. Mr. Weinert expressed that if people are going try to work around the system and are off the grid, we will never know if short-term rental properties are or are not intended for parties. Mr. Weinert stated that while he understands the frustration of registrations/permitting being blocked, he believes that the solution is not to break the law but rather to use legal means.

*Mr. Blaine Kosek, 6663 88<sup>th</sup> Place, Oak Lawn, Illinois*

Mr. Kosek expressed that he feels this came out of nowhere. Mr. Kosek said he is unsure if the Code specifies when a person should expect a response when submitting an application for a short-term rental. He also questioned on what happens after you submit an application. He expressed that



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there are people in this room who tried to get an application but were denied. He stated that they were told no, they could not do so. The Village Code, on the other hand, states that you must obtain an application.

Mr. Kosek questioned on how certain is the Village that the disturbances allegedly in a 50,000-plus home area, are in fact one or all of the 10 - 14 short-term rental properties. He expressed an interest in seeing the data. Mr. Kosek expressed that as a host, he has hosted 100 guests and has actual data. Commissioner Bennett questioned Mr. Kosek's statement that he had 100 guests in Oak Lawn. Commissioner Zumhagen clarified with Mr. Kosek that he does not mean at the same time. Mr. Kosek said no. He corrected himself and said he meant 100 guests over many years. He apologized for the confusion.

Mr. Kosek asserts that 95% of his guests are families. He explained that these are families renting short-term properties because they are visiting family and friends for graduation parties, weddings, or funerals. Mr. Kosek claims that none of his guests have ever hosted a party. He pointed out that he has cameras on both entry doors to prevent this from happening. He claims that the minute anything appears to indicate that a renter has more guests than they specified in their reservation, they receive a phone call from Airbnb. Mr. Kosek expressed disappointment that this would appear out of nowhere without any supporting evidence. He requested that the Village provide some data.

Mr. Kosek noted that based on the feedback he receives as a property manager from guests to the area, there is a great need for families. Commissioner Bennett asked Mr. Kosek if he had such documentation. Mr. Kosek responded that he does not have the documentation, but he can provide it. He explained that this was an unknown meeting. He went on to say that they had to dig to learn about this meeting. He mentioned that the meeting agenda/notice was not on the Village website and he and others were digging to find out information which they eventually did.

Mr. Kosek said it appears that the Village did not want to hear the community's voices, which would be upsetting to know. Mr. Kosek commented that anyone here can provide any data, including the number of people who come to short-term rentals and the interaction with the potential guests before allowing them to enter the properties. He stated that a lot of money is invested into these properties, not only the house but also the furniture and amenities. Mr. Kosek stated that short-term rental properties are strictly maintained and are managed at the highest level possible. According to Mr. Kosek, the reviews are a testament to positive experiences of short-term properties. Mr. Kosek expressed his disappointment that the Village would ban something without having data to back up their claims that short-term rental properties are absolutely wrong for Oak Lawn.

Mr. Kosek noted that for an individual who has a family member in Christ Hospital and cannot stay in hotels, short-term rental properties are extremely helpful. Commissioner Bennett asked Mr. Kosek if he is a resident of Oak Lawn. Mr. Kosek responded yes. Mr. Kosek was asked by Commissioner Bennett how many properties he rents out in Oak Lawn. Mr. Kosek responded only one. He asked Mr. Kosek for how long. Mr. Kosek responded only the last six months. Commissioner Bennett asked whether he had submitted an application before renting the property. Mr. Kosek responded by saying he attempted to submit an application. He went on to say that the Village informed him that short-term rental properties were prohibited.

Mr. Denton expressed that it appears that the city is petitioning to ban short-term rentals and he feels that what the people here are respectfully doing is asking for a partnership. He said that no

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one wants to be adversarial with anyone here or with the Village of Oak Lawn. He said that everyone wants to collaborate. Mr. Denton expressed that it appears that the concept of short-term rental properties may carry some stigma.

Mr. Denton used an example that 15 years ago getting in a car with a stranger to drive downtown was unprecedented. He went on to say that UBER has become a normal part of life. Mr. Kosek believes that short-term rental properties are a new trend much like the UBER example. Mr. Kosek restated to the Commissioners that short-term rental property owners are respectfully requesting collaboration rather than a ban on short-term rentals. He stated that all are more than happy to follow all rules, including inspections and anything else.

Mr. Kinman referred to Commissioner Bennett's request and confirmed that they do have substantial data, both from a macro perspective and from all guests collectively. He stated that there are a significant number of families visiting here for good reasons, and the data is overwhelmingly in favor of short-term rentals.

Commissioner Bennett asked those present if Oak Lawn was their primary residence. All said yes, with a range of timelines ranging from 3 months to 2 years.

*Mr. Ray Suarez, 9633 Brandt Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois*

Mr. Suarez expressed that he would like to work with the Village of Oak Lawn. He said he will fill out any forms and is prepared to adhere to all rules and regulations. Commissioner Bennett asked Mr. Suarez how long his property had been rented on a short-term basis. Mr. Suarez responded one month.

*Ms. Geva Macius, 9301 Kenton, Oak Lawn, Illinois*

Ms. Macius indicated that she owns a multi-family building and lives there with her husband. She explained that they also rent the unit above them. She went on to say that the short-term rental income allows them to afford to live in Oak Lawn, and also supports their plans to start a family. Ms. Macius explained that because she lives near the hospital, the majority of the short-term renters are families who are having surgeries or adopting a child from the hospital; she also stated that they have families visiting parents who live in Oak Lawn. Ms. Macius went on to say that they also have short-term renters who rent the property because of funerals as the area has many cemeteries.

Ms. Macius asked if she could share a review from one of her guests who stayed at her unit due to their child's open heart surgery. She stated that this particular guest spent approximately one month at her property and another month at Mr. Denton's property. She went on to say that this visitor was accompanied by her husband and another child. Ms. Macius shared the following review: "Eva was an excellent host, her and her husband were very attentive to our needs and were hospitable. The house was spotless, and the amenities were excellent. The backyard was relaxing and fun for our daughter to run around in. We were walking distance from the hospital which is one of the reasons we stayed at this property. We would give a recommendation to anyone and would stay there again." Ms. Macius went on to say that this guest left but then she extended her trip because of the surgery as she did not know for certain when she could leave. Ms. Macius read the 2<sup>nd</sup> review: "Eva's place was great again. The house is always spotless and the personal touches are nice. They always work with us on price and timelines as our son was a patient at Advocate for open heart surgery. We will definitely stay here again if we need to come back to the area."



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Commissioner Duhig asked why a family would choose a short-term rental property over a hotel. He asked whether the rental price is less than that of a hotel. Ms. Macius responded that she has stayed at many hotels. She expressed that short-term rental properties feels like home. She asserted that unlike a hotel, the families have their own kitchen, living room, bedroom space, and a washer and dryer. She went on to say that there is also the added benefit of having a backyard.

Mr. Denton explained that a short-term rental property is less expensive than a hotel. He noted that one of the most appealing aspects is that families can grocery shop and cook at home saving a significant amount of money by not eating out. He went on to say that it is not uncommon for families to spend \$150 on a single meal out. He added that having the entire family in the same hotel room limits privacy.

Commissioner Duhig asked how people track down short-term rental properties. He continued and asked whether the property owners of short-term rental properties are in contact with the hospital. Mr. Denton responded that people use the Airbnb website. He said that at least 25-35% of renters are because of a hospital stay.

Commissioner Duhig asked Mr. Weinert about the house directly behind him which he mentioned to have caused some problems. Mr. Weinert replied that there are two houses, one behind him and one over. He said that the homes had *previously* caused problems. He mentioned that one of the properties had been demolished and was rebuilt about a year ago. Mr. Weinert stated that there were numerous problems at least a few times per month. He indicated that it included debris around the property, improperly parked cars, and so on. Commissioner Duhig asked Mr. Weinert whether he knew if it was the same renter. Mr. Weinert responded that it was originally a renter, but with the coming of Airbnb's, it evolved into a short-term rental. Mr. Weinert stated that he is unsure if it was the same renter. Commissioner Duhig asked how many times the police were called. Mr. Weinert responded, "Probably every other time."

Mr. Kinman expressed that he believes Mr. Weinert's complaints to be true and that he experienced it as a host himself, but that is no longer the case. Mr. Kinman stated that his experience was not in Oak Lawn, but elsewhere. He said that Airbnb redesigned their processes, including how they vet and screen applicants, the review process, and their own policies. He stated that his guess is that it has been over a few years that Mr. Weinert had those issues. According to Mr. Kinman, Airbnb used to allow properties to have parties but no longer does.

Commissioner Moriarty asked how Airbnb screens their tenants. Mr. Kinman replied that Airbnb requires a government-issued ID as well as checking potential guests' Airbnb profiles.

Commissioner Zumhagen asked what recourse a host has if the police are called on a short-term rental property. According to Mr. Kosek, a tenant can be evicted immediately. Mr. Kosek stated that he would never allow it to get to that point. He expressed that he has a system in place. He said with having video doorbells if someone indicates that they have four guests and they arrive with six, they are immediately notified. Mr. Kosek said he has been doing this for several years in neighboring communities, communities that have seen the benefits of short-term rentals and have never had to call the police. Mr. Arnold commented that he advises his guests to read the Airbnb rules before checking in. He also stated that the property owners also have their own set of rules. He said he has no experience evicting tenants because it is always a positive experience.



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Mr. Arnold asked about the next steps. He said as previously stated, a number of people have followed up with the Village with the full intent and obvious effort to follow Village Code. He stated that there has been no response. He restated that they found out about this meeting by chance. He pointed out that the Village website includes a statement stating that the Village is committed to transparency and governance. He expressed that was clearly not followed. He commented that he is unsure how they would have learned about this meeting so he wants to know what the process is, what the next steps are, and what else needs to be discussed in order for that transparency to be demonstrated.

Mr. Arnold mentioned that he had been scouring the Village website for some time and could not find information about tonight's meeting. He went on to say that he emailed Mr. Gudino several times but received no response and that one of his emails was about a week before this meeting. Mr. Arnold expressed that he would have expected to be informed that there would be a meeting with an opportunity to provide input. Commissioner Zumhagen asked the property owners how they heard about the meeting. Mr. Arnold responded that someone walked in and saw the agenda on a bulletin board in the Village hall lobby.

Commissioner Zumhagen went to the Village website and found tonight's agenda. Mr. Arnold asserted that the agenda was not available a week ago. Commissioner Zumhagen explained that the agenda must be posted *48 hours* prior to the meeting. Mr. McKenna also mentioned that the information is also published in the Southtown newspaper 20 days before the meeting date. Mr. Arnold expressed his disappointment in not receiving a response to his numerous phone calls and emails to Village staff. Commissioner Zumhagen commented that it is hard to notify parties when they are not registered as they are supposed to be. Mr. Arnold restated his comments of making inquiries to the Village.

*The Public Hearing was closed at 8:37 p.m.*

*A motion was made by Commissioner Bennett to approve Pet. #2022-17 – Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, regarding prohibition of Short-Term Rentals, Village of Oak Lawn, petitioner. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Butler.*

Roll call: Bennett, yes; Butler, yes; Duhig, yes; Moriarty, yes; Piazza, yes; Zumhagen, yes.

Motion to approve passes: 6-0.

Commissioner Zumhagen explained to those present that the Zoning and Planning Commission is a recommending body and this petition will be heard by the Village Board of Trustees on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in September. He encouraged those in the audience to confirm the time and location of that meeting via the Village Clerk's office or the Village website.

### **V. OTHER BUSINESS:**

A.) Chairman:

Commissioner Zumhagen brought up the previous meeting's petition, which was about the historic designation of a butterfly garden. He considered the petition to be a waste of taxpayer monies because it did not satisfy the nine (9) criteria required for historic designation. Mr. McKenna agreed and explained that he and the office staff believed that the petitioner as a taxpayer deserved her "day in court". Commissioner Zumhagen expressed his understanding. Mr. McKenna mentioned that the petitioner stopped at Village Hall the following day and said that she did not

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feel safe traveling at night and would have to walk to the meeting, which she was not comfortable doing. He mentioned that she also planned to appeal the decision to the Board of Trustees.

- B.) Members: None.
- C.) Staff: None.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT:**

*A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Duhig and second by Commissioner Moriarty.*

Voice vote: All in favor, aye.

Motion to adjourn passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.