



CITY OF LANDER
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, February 05, 2026 at 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers, 240 Lincoln Street

MINUTES

Attendance: Chair Zach Mahlum, Members, Kara Colovich, and Mary Greene. Joe Henry and Chris Savan excused. City Attorney Adam Phillips, Council Liaison Dan Hahn and Chad Cassady. Recording Secretary RaJean Strube Fossen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MINUTES of Jan 15, 2026

Mary moved to accept minutes. Kara did not feel she could second because she was absent. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Mary moved to table acceptance of the minutes until the next meeting. Kara Seconded. motion passed.

3. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - NEW BUSINESS

A. CU 26.01 Short-term Rental 615 N 8th, Scherr

Owner Melissa Scherr took the oath and described her plan to make her residence a short term rental seasonally in the winter when she is out of town. She hopes to cater to travelling professionals.

Zach confirmed that her normal absence is late fall through spring. Zach asked the max occupancy. There would be rooms locked and it would house 2-3 people.

RaJean read the City Comments stating that there were no written public comments received at the time of the meeting. The application is in order, and there is adequate off-street parking. City staff recommends approval of CU 26.01 contingent on them passing the annual fire inspections and showing proof of collecting WY State Lodging Taxes.

Kara moved to approve CU 26.01 with the City conditions for fire inspection and tax collection. Seconded by Mary. Motion Passed.

RaJean reported to the owner that all their fees are paid in full and they should report any future invoices by email or text as a scam. A decision and order will be forthcoming within 30 days.

4. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - OLD BUSINESS

5. PLANNING COMMISSION - NEW BUSINESS

6. PLANNING COMMISSION - OLD BUSINESS

A. Review first draft of Short-term rental proposed code changes

Kara suggested that the full original table be used for discussion with the council in addition to the modified table that Chris drafted.

Discussions were held on the draft changes that Chris provided. It was agreed that we should be diligent in crafting violation/ revocation/ suspension language for the entire suite of conditional use permits and not just short term rentals. If Building codes will be used as definitions or metrics for Title 4 RaJean would like those specifically called out.

Zach asked if either liaison had additional concerns from their constituents. Chad thought the next step to input was to reach out to the Realtors. Dan felt that whatever we come up with should help manage future issues and problems.

7. ADJOURNMENT