

## Luci Dance

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**From:** casadelaplaya <casadelaplaya@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Vacation Rentals Re-Opening

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I'm Andres Nazario, co-owner of Casas de la Playa a group of vacation rental units in Flagler Beach with licenses to operate from Flagler County, the City of Flagler Beach, and the Florida State Department of Revenue. I want to request that the County Commissioners expedite the guidelines for reopening of vacation rentals so that we can take advantage of the Memorial Day Weekend rentals and begin to mitigate the losses we have afforded from cancellations in the last two months.

Thank you.

**Visit our website at:**  
[www.casadelaplaya.com](http://www.casadelaplaya.com)

**Or Like us at:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/CasasdePlayaFlaglerBeach>

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**From:** Jane Gentile-Youd <janemay@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 4:09 PM  
**To:** Luci Dance  
**Subject:** RE: 05/18 BOCC Agenda

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Thanks. Would appreciate if you are above to under public Community Outreach comments:

- 1) Update on wastewater Plantation Bay ( and water)
- 2) Update on Bings Landing Lawsuit.
- 3) Update on 'Hotel California' on Old Dixie re: fixing to code or demolishing
  - A) Including the removal of Old huge metal empty sign frame still sits in right of way as do 4 separate former sign holder stakes that would be flying saucers in case of a hurricane – against code and are an eyesore. This empty sign and bare wood frames has been brought to several county employees in the past several times
- 4) Airport cooperation with flight schools hours

Thank you Jerry Cameron for trying to solve everything. It does not go unnoticed

THANK YOU LUCI –  
STAY VERY SAFE  
Jane Gentile-Youd

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**From:** [Luci Dance](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** [Jane Gentile-Youd](#)  
**Subject:** 05/18 BOCC Agenda

I've attached the agenda. Here is where it is as a one-click link:

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**From:** Richard Auditorium <fpcpac@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 4:23 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** BOCC Meeting May 18th

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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Richard Hamilton, a resident of Flagler County.

I want to express support for the revised Fund 110 Event Grant guidelines and my appreciation for the work of Amy Lukasik and her staff, who have come up with a fair and thoughtful means to distribute the limited funds available.

I would also like to express my hope that the County will also reflect that tourism is not the only reason for supporting Arts and Cultural Activities, which bring untold benefits to our residents and businesses, present and future. I hope you will in due course consider additional ways to support our local cultural organizations both now, as they are struggling with the pandemic, and in future when life begins anew.

Best Regards, Richard Hamilton.

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**From:** Kim Strelke <kstrelke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 4:43 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Vacation Rentals.

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Hi,

I feel vacation rentals are safer than hotels and the owners can pick and choose from which states and regions are allowed to rent so not to invite the hotspot to come in. Also the owners in between renters have the white glove treatment of sterilizing and disinfecting all surfaces and linens. Also required should be having hand sanitizer on the premises.

Regards

Kim Strelke

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**From:** John Hughes <john.p.hughes3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** Public Comments

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Dear Flagler County Commissioner's:

My name is John Hughes. I own a home at Cinnamon Beach in the Hammock section of Flagler County.

When my wife and I are not in residence, we offer our home to visiting guests who prefer to stay in a private, safe, comfortable home rather than a hotel, time-share, resort, etc.

The ability for us to offer our home to visiting guests allows us a level of income which contributes to the payment of property taxes, insurance on the home, utilities, etc.

As a vacation rental home, we employ local staff to clean, repair and maintain our home. We pay several licensing fees, collect sales taxes, follow all state and local requirements, guidelines and laws.

Having to close our vacation rental business as of March 27, 2020 has had a large impact on our annual income. Many of our visiting guests make their vacation plans months (sometimes years) in advance. We have had to cancel and/or reschedule several guest stays to date and are looking at the need to continue to do so if the ban on vacation rentals stays in place.

We appreciate that Governor DeSantis has allowed individual counties throughout Florida to develop a plan that works for their areas and to begin the process of reopening vacation rentals in their respective counties.

Janice P. Gilley, County Administrator for Escambia County, along with her County Commissioners developed an excellent "Short-Term Vacation Rental Reopening Plan for Escambia County" which could serve as an excellent template for Flagler County to use as a timely and effective way for Flagler County vacation rental properties to reopen quickly, safely and within the guidelines of the CDC, DBPR and County while allowing visiting guests from U.S. states with COVID-19 Case Rates less than 700 per 100k residents as of May 15, 2020.

Everyone understands how important it is to do our part to ensure that everyone remains as safe as possible. Vacation rental property owners are no different and are ready to "step up" and take part in reinvigorating our local community.

I would ask the Commissioners to add "Vacation Rental Reopening Plan for Flagler County" to tonight's agenda and to also direct County Administrator Jerry Cameron to quickly develop a "Short-Term Vacation Rental Plan" (similar to Escambia County) and submit said plan to Secretary Besgears, Dept. of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR) as soon as possible.

This coming weekend is Memorial Day Weekend, let's work together to let vacation rentals to open on or before Friday, May 22, 2020 and let's once again welcome visiting guests to our "little slice of paradise" we call Flagler.

Respectfully,

John Hughes  
12 Cinnamon Beach Way

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** Carlos Hernandez  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 6:08 PM  
**To:** Luci Dance  
**Subject:** Youtbe Comment



Brad West This is a public health crisis that resulted in an economic problem. The Commission and County should be focused on the health crisis 100% to then be able to fix the economic problem.



Brad West Testing and guidance are the 20 that gets us the 80.



Brad West How do you plan on handling tourism with memorial Day?

**Carlos Hernandez**  
Digital Media Coordinator

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**From:** Ron Boyce <RBL123FDNY@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 6:14 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Vacation Rentals

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Dear Commissioners,

As of now our Supermarkets do not have enough food, cleaning supplies or produce for our residents. Do we really want to add 1000 to 2000 additional people?

What steps will you take to protect the citizens of this county by reopening vacation rentals?

At this time the numbers for COVID -19 have increased in this county.

Who is going to check that the occupancy in these STVR do not exceed 10?

Who is going to check that the occupants using these STVR are Florida residents and not from other states or countries outside the US?

Who is going to make sure that these STVR are cleaned according to the CDC?

Is the county going to set up the 24/7 hot line to report complaints?

Will the county have Personnel available to respond to complaints 24/7?

Will the county monitor advertising done by STVR sites?

Thank you for all your work for our residents living in Flagler.

Ron Boyce  
Palm Coast, Florida  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Carlos Hernandez  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Luci Dance  
**Subject:** Facebook comment

[Gina Weiss](#)

Any update on the

[Flagler Executive Airport](#)

noise abatement agenda, it's been horrific especially today with flight school planes 2 per minute flying low and loud over this communities heads since 7:30 am! How are they staying safe by 2 people getting in a plane the size of a small closet where's the social distancing? This has been going on all through the pandemic and all of you are talking about social distancing on here so why aren't all of you addressing this situation?

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**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 5:48 PM  
**To:** Luci Dance  
**Subject:** Facebook question

[Mayra Arbolay](#)

Any word on Planet Fitness opening?

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**From:** Steve@shsrealtyservices.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** Public Comments  
**Subject:** Reopen Flagler County to Short Term Vacation Rentals

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As a small independent vacation rental management company and owner of two rental properties in Flagler County, I am thankful that Governor DeSantis is putting us on the path to responsibly reopen as our state emerges from stay-at-home orders and we begin the work to restart Florida's economy.

I am writing to you today to ask for your help so we can open vacation rentals by Memorial Day Weekend.

The Governor's plan requires counties to send a request to the Department of Business and Professional Regulations. Please help us by asking the Flagler County Administrator to submit their request for reopening short term vacation rentals as soon as possible.

I manage 6 vacation rentals, 2 of which are personally owned in Flagler County. We have lost 14 confirmed and paid bookings this year due to COVID-19, which resulted in the loss of \$50,000. This week we have had to turn down 4 additional rental requests because the State and Flagler County are still under the no short-term vacation rental directive. I have 2 employees (my wife and myself) and 3 contractors associated with my vacation rental business and they are being affected by this crisis as well. My 3 contractors are a husband/wife and daughter team from Flagler County who clean our units after each rental.

Allowing us to accept guests for Memorial Day Weekend will be critical to keeping our business open. Other local businesses like restaurants and retail businesses rely on income from visitors so opening vacation rentals will help many small businesses.

The economic impact of the short-term vacation rental ban is far reaching. Owners rely on rentals to pay mortgages, association fees, utility bills and assorted other fees for services within the county. These fees along with the county tourism tax, not to mention the money vacation renters spend in local grocery stores, retail shops and restaurants all goes to support the lively hood of Flagler County residents.

Please help vacation rentals to open by Memorial Day by asking the Flagler County Administrator to submit the appropriate request to DBPR as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Steve Harrison

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