

MEMORANDUM

TO: Newberg Planning Commission

FROM: Leanne Wagener, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Supplemental Packet Material: Additional Public Comment for File No. CUP23-0016

DATE: December 11, 2023

Following the publishing of the staff report for File No. CUP23-0016, staff received one additional public comment from the public on December 11, 2023.

Please review these additional materials and add to your packets.

Attachments:

1. Public Comment from Elizabeth Gann

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Planning Commission
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December 11, 2023

RE: CUP23-0016

Dear Planning Commission,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed short term vacation rental located at 609 E Sheridan St. As a nearby homeowner, I believe that this will negatively impact neighborhood livability, and urge you to deny the permit.

We have lived in our home for a little over a year. In that short time, this is the fourth house within 500 feet of ours that is slated to become a vacation rental.

In the Project Statement, the applicant states that the house will likely be occupied less than 50% of the time. I strongly prefer that the house remain a standard rental, with neighbors, not vacationers. This house is next to two other vacation rentals that are often empty, leaving a large section of the block dark and unoccupied. These are not places that our kids can trick or treat, or wave to neighbors when they walk to the library. This section of the street is no longer residential — it's simply a hotel zone.

I have written before, and know that the Planning Commission has few options when considering short term rentals. I also urge the commission to protect neighborhood zoning and livability. Possibilities that I can think of include asking short term rental owners to live or have a caretaker onsite, like a bed and breakfast, or to restrict the overall percentage of any neighborhood that can be used as a short term rental. I'm sure there are others as well.

Please help keep neighbors, both long term renters and owners, in our neighborhood, and decline this permit.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Gann