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Subject: SUP-18-00625

To the Metropolitan Planning Commission,

I am writing today in response to a letter I received regarding the special use permit for a non-owner occupied short-term rental property located at 630 Indiana St. in an RS5 Zoning District. I live across the street (633 Indiana) from the above referenced home. My husband, Paul Carttar, and I have a strong objection to this type of non owner occupied short term rental property. It is a direct contradiction to the single dwelling residential neighborhood we thought we moved into a year ago.

In the past year there have been 2 disturbing incidents related to this property:

1. My daughter was awakened by gunshots outside of our house at 1 am in the morning about 9 months ago. When we woke, a police car was in front of our house investigating the gunfire. The police officer told us that someone had shot and hit the car belonging to the renters at the airbnb across the street. The shot went through the front door and out the other side.

2. My husband and I were sitting in our family room a month ago when we heard someone rattling our doorknob trying to get into our house. My husband opened the door to see a confused man. He didn't remember the address of his airbnb but knew the door was unlocked so he was trying random doors to see if any would open. This was particularly disturbing as it was fairly late in the evening and we were obviously startled by this frightening intrusion.

I have spoken to other neighbors on our block just doors away from the property in question who say they did not receive the notification I did but who are not in favor of this type of non-owner occupied short term rental in a single family residential neighborhood.

This type of housing has a destabilizing influence in a neighborhood and reduces the friendships you make with your neighbors. For these reasons we are opposed to non owner occupied short term rentals.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration this evening.

Mary Frances Ellis and Paul Carttar

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From: Miller, Timothy <tkansas@ku.edu>
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Subject: comment on SUP-18-00625

February 19, 2019

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Re: SUP-18-00625

Greetings:

The Air B&B at 630 Indiana has been operating for some time and has caused us no major problems, so we have no objection to letting it continue as it is. The Sedlocks are good and responsible neighbors and landlords. Should they transfer the property, or should problems arise, we would like to revisit the issue, but so far so good.

However, we think that one such rental is enough for our block, or any block in our neighborhood. Were another one to be proposed, we would lodge a firm objection. Lawrence, like many other cities, is losing its affordable housing, and Air B&B operations are a major contributor to that problem. Lawrence has no shortage of hotel rooms, but it does have shrinking numbers of units (and concomitant increasing costs) of long-term housing.

We can see other potential problems with B&B operations, ones that fortunately have not arisen in the case at hand. Should numbers of dogs on the block increase, even with overnight visitors, we would object, since we already have barking dogs seemingly all night. We also want to make sure that the alley is not obstructed. A fire truck at full speed should be able to roll down the alley without impairment. The fence behind 630 Indiana limits space for alley parking and tends to make cars parking there, if their drivers are not cautious, intrude on alley space.

In short, we have no problem with the existing arrangement. We hope that it continues to be compatible with this single-family neighborhood, and we hope it is not regarded as a precedent for future Air B&B establishments.

Sincerely,

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620 Indiana