

## **Sherri Marineau**

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**Attachments:** March 9 Comments re Nye Beach code review.docx

Please include in the packet for tonight's meeting.  
Thanks, Sherri.

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March 9, 2020

TO: Newport Planning Commission

FROM: Cathey Briggs

RE: March 9, Nye Beach Work Session

Thanks so much for taking up the issue of the future of Nye Beach.

I appreciate your attention to our neighborhood. My husband and I have owned a Nye Beach cottage for over 30 years. We love Nye Beach and we love Newport. An interesting side note, when we bought our house so many years ago, we hired a home inspector. When he arrived at our 100 year old cottage, he said "you must not be from Newport. No one in Newport would buy a house in this neighborhood." We obviously ignored that advice.

As you go through your review and possible updates to the development code for the area, please consider the interests of both tourists and residents. Imposing multi-lot development with out of scale buildings does not contribute to the ambience of Nye Beach. Streets dominated with overbuilt single-family houses, do not add to the life of the street or to the neighborhood. I am still unhappy that at a core intersection in Nye Beach, Coast and Olive, a single family house was built with a garage with a zero garage setback. As it stands, the single family house was built with a single car garage built on the front lot line. It appears that the owner's car doesn't fit into the garage because it is parked in front of the driveway. I would call this the privatization of the public space. Can I park my car in front of that driveway as well? Would I get a ticket?

As you go through your review, I encourage you to consider looking at issues of scale – assemblage of multiple lots for large single-family homes is of particular concern. Be creative in thinking of possible commercial uses that could contribute to the "arty" charm of Nye Beach. Make Nye Beach more pedestrian and bike friendly, for residents and tourists alike.