

Sherri Marineau

From: Derrick Tokos
Sent: Monday, September 03, 2018 1:05 PM
To: Sherri Marineau
Subject: Fwd: Vacation Rental Comments from the Open house

Please make copies for the committee.

Derrick

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Begin forwarded message:

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Derrick,

I don't see a comment form on the City's web site for feedback on the VRD Open House, so am sending mu comments as an email.

I am using the two page summary of proposed changes as my reference.

- I agree with the "Focus Efforts on Units that are not Occupied by Permanent Residents."
- Limiting VRDs to areas that have tourist amenities is problematic as it's unclear what this means. For example, are these amenities within walking distances? Is the beach an amenity? Much of Newport has tourist amenities.
- I lean towards Alternative No. 2 on limitations as it gives options yet has restrictions. I fear that Alternative No. 3 would mean that all VRDs would be in Nye Beach and that VRDs become a replacement for more hotels.
- I agree with limiting the total number of VRD licenses and would do a hard cap of 200 allowing for expansion if additional hotels are built or permanent housing increases.
- I would not allow licenses to be transferred. A new owner would be able to get a license if there was one available.
- I agree with the one per street face and think that this should apply to Nye Beach as well given the overlay.
- I endorse the enforcement improvements as these are long overdue.
- I agree with the refinements of approval standards. I would also like to see that waivers are not continued for lack of parking.
- On the annual licensing, I would like to see a regular inspection process - at least every two years.
- The Phase-out points are positive. I would also refer to the continued practice of parking waivers.

I encourage you to use an online survey form similar to the one for the Parks Master Plan to solicit more input. The open house seemed aimed at VRD owners and not to the general public. Better publicity would help get input from those who live with VRDs in their neighborhoods. You might consider putting the two page summary as an insert in the monthly water bills.

Thanks for the attention.

-Janet

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