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Members of BOZA:

Once again, or basically once a month or more, we as a neighborhood must confront the halfway house/boarding house/transient housing for upper echelon zip codes, the STR.

This one is less than 600 feet from 1500 Edgewood Place, an STR. It is also a stones throw from one of several we are monitoring for unauthorized activity; and we become spies in our own house because enforcement is non existent. We also are monitoring one recently denied that we believe may still be operating anyway.

Because I have a memorial service to attend I choose not to spend STR Monday with you. That is not a lack of interest as much as hearing fatigue versus the constant warning drum of "if you don't attend they won't think anyone cares". We care. Yet another building taken out of housing affordability by predatory real estate practices. We care. I care about the granting of permanent licenses for commercial uses when I, in a multi family zone, cannot even build an ADU! At what point does this begin to resemble block busting? Having lived the instability of absentee landlords in one of the poorest zip codes in the country, I know how fragile population counts are. My old block now counts three in half a block. "We didn't know the law" gets you a fast approval on the consent calendar.....

I just watched another long vacant house at the corner take in two people with suitcases via Uber. Do they live there?! No. So the spy cycle begins and this process of rubber stamping halfway houses by another name continues. We aren't as a neighborhood even notified upon application so a representative can attend lots of fun neighborhood meetings! The burden isn't on the applicant but upon the residents.

Bonnycastle is about to embark, along with Cherokee Triangle, on a combined neighborhood plan. I shun exclusionary zoning, but must protest the constant pressure on urban neighborhoods to accept dozens of hotels as neighbors, and whose CUP's will likely be amended when the trend implodes. We spend way too much time on hotel permits and fancy high rises for nobody and zero time on maintaining affordable housing. And it shows.

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