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Late Material
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SUP-17-136

Members of the Planning Commission
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Re: Special Use Permit
File No. SUP 17-136
Property Owner: John Block



We would like to take this opportunity to express our concern over a new building project in our neighborhood.

When Mr. Block originally requested a permit to build a two-story garage, three neighbors attended the meeting because of our concern over the height of a requested second story for his garage. The planned window of his proposed second story would be looking directly into Mrs. Spears den, Mrs. Nebesky's master bedroom and our bathroom. Mr. Block assured us at that time that the second story would only be used for storage and would never become a residence. He also agreed, at that meeting, that in exchange for allowing him to build the second story he would remove a rusted, rat-infested metal storage shed which sits on Mrs. Nebesky's and our property line. With his assurances of keeping the second story a storage area and removing his shed, we agreed to support his request.

He has never removed the shed, explaining to us that he needed to keep it because he needed more storage. We never took the issue to the city, although we were very disappointed that he was not fulfilling his end of the agreement. It is still rusting and supplies us with a number of new rats each week. We have had to employ a pest maintenance service for the past three years at \$125 per month. We do not complain because we try to be good neighbors.

When we noticed Mr. Block building and remodeling his storage area above the garage, we called the planning department and were directed to speak with Charlene at 283-7052. She looked at the permit (#17-00000904) and said she would look into the paperwork. She eventually called us back saying that Mr. Block would be stopping work on the building until he went through the proper process for permits.

We have become particularly concerned because he has doubled the size of the upstairs window that looks down into our properties. We were relieved when we saw him stopping work on the project. However, he has now placed glass in the windows and appears to be continuing work before his hearing. We have now lost trust in Mr. Block.

We have always supported people in this community and enjoy our life here. We donate a great deal of our time and finances to provide food and drink to the 400 guests attending the yearly Ghost Walk. We also provide candy bars and water for the 5,000 guests coming to our house each Halloween and we always offer, free of charge, our Carriage House to anyone in the community needing a place to stay for a night due to any emergency. We do these things and more because we believe in the people of Carson City.

We have never requested anything from the city; however, we are now asking if you, as a commission, could look carefully into Mr. Block's request for remodeling his upstairs storage into a residence. It would certainly be an intrusion into his neighbors' privacy. It would also be good if we could have Mr. Block abide by his original promise of keeping that area as a storage area and removing his metal storage shed.

Thank you for considering our request.

Jack and Sherry McLaughlin