

**BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA
MONDAY MAY 21, 2018
7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR on the conditional use applications to operate bed and breakfasts at 120 Harlow Street (zoned R-1B), 33 McKelvey Avenue (zoned R-1A) and 218 Elm Street (zoned R-1B).
5. Adjournment

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CALL TO ORDER

President Schaefer called the meeting of the Borough of Edgewood to order at 7:03 pm in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following responded: Mr. Bright, Dr. Wallace, Mr. Wainright, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Fuller and Ms. Schaefer. Dr. Petrolla arrived at 7:15 pm.

Mayor Wilson, Solicitor Schrempf and Junior Councilperson Lehrian were also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

President Schaefer asked for items from the floor to receive public comment on the applications submitted by Denise Caruso to operate a bed and breakfast at 120 Harlow Street, by Lauren Bylsma to operate a bed and breakfast at 33 McKelvey Avenue and by Gerald Coleman to operate a bed and breakfast at 218 Elm Street.

Lorraine Nogrady -111 McKelvey Avenue

Ms. Nogrady stated her concerns about an Airbnb operating on McKelvey Avenue. She said it is a small private street with limited parking. Ms. Nogrady said that the rights of individuals who purchased homes on a residential street should be respected, and that an Airbnb is a business. She said the zoning of the whole street should change if bed and breakfasts are to be allowed. She would not want to see additional signs on the street and is worried about the impact on other houses on the street.

Jessica Kaushansky - 236 Garland Street

Ms. Kaushansky spoke in support of her neighbors who wished to rent their homes on Airbnb. She stated that she and her family prefer to stay in Airbnb's when they travel because they are located in safe residential neighborhoods. She discussed the vetting system Airbnb uses to rate guests. She stated that her neighbors have already been renting rooms on Airbnb, and that there have not been any complaints from the neighbors. She said that Airbnb is not a primary source of income for those renting rooms, and that rooms can be rented through Airbnb all over the world, and it would be a shame for Edgewood to be excluded from this.

Denise Caruso -120 Harlow Street

Ms. Caruso said that she has a spare bedroom in her house that she rents on Airbnb one or two times a month. She stated that she has a driveway and a visitor's on street parking pass for her guests to use. She said that renting the room has not had an impact on her neighbors, and that this is not a primary source of income for her. She stated that she does not provide breakfast to her guests, and doesn't believe that her renting a room on Airbnb has been an issue at all.


Kathleen Conley - 30 McKelvey Avenue

Ms. Conley stated that she had concerns about an Airbnb's impact on parking on McKelvey Avenue. She also said she was concerned this would change the characteristics of the neighborhood.

Jim Thompson - 213 Elm Street

Mr. Thompson said that he felt someone renting out rooms in their house was out of character for the neighborhood, and would have a negative impact on parking.

M-1 Ms. Schaefer adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.



Julie P. Bastianini, Borough Manager

