Michael:

After reviewing our agenda item, I have a few observations to share in advance of the hearing:

1. The irony of the safety/parking on the road issue is that we are the only ones with a garage!  In fact most of the neighbors don’t even have so much as a driveway to park in let alone the space we have!  They ALL park on the road.  Attached are photos taken today showing not one but two of Barbara Miller’s cars parked adjacent to the road rather than on her property.  In fact, Barbara’s husband used to park his heavy equipment including cranes along Skyline and for many years she has had four or more cars on property when her own children and guests visited despite having no garage of her own.  It seems unfair to impose a limit of two cars on us while she and the other neighbors regularly have more cars when they come to visit!  This Skyline parking issue is not a problem that we are creating by having short term renters.  They are trying to make an issue where at best there is no issue and at worst, the issue is caused by those doing the complaining!
2. Snow Storage: After reading the report, I note that we have alternate snow storage location right there at the bottom of the driveway as shown in attached photo IMG-0478.  Furthermore, even continuing to use the area to the North of the garage for two spaces parked tandem does not block the snow plow from pushing snow off the edge as he always does now.  We currently use the “dirt area” to park during the winter without impeding snow storage.  For these reasons, there is no reason why we cant easily park two more cars on the dirt in the winter.  In the summer it makes no sense to say you can’t park there!
3. Parking adjacent to front door.  I dispute the representation that the area is 0.85 feet too narrow.  We have parked and unloaded our things there for twenty years!  It does not in any way block Ms. Miller’s access or use of her property and is artificially drawn as shown when all you do is park further on the dirt.
4. Access Easement:  Is for just that - access.  As a matter of law it does not prevent compatible uses by the dominant estate (our land) which do not impede the intended use.  Here for example, we have for 20 years parked in front of both garage doors.  In neither of those locations does it block access to the servient estate (Miller).  Indeed, there is a significant drop off in the driveway of many inches to the south side of the garage which makes access from in front of the garage itself infeasible.  Neither of these two proposed spaces presents any impediment to the access to the Miller property and should be included in the allotment of permitted parking spaces.
5. Limited Occupancy to Eight:  We recognize that our house guests over the years often include kids who come to fish and play in the snow with their families.  We have five full bedrooms in the house and a futon queen in the spa room easily sleeping 12 without overdoing it.  We ask reconsideration of the limit from the proposed eight to ten adults without counting kids toward the total.

We truly appreciate the very thorough nature of your report and have learned a lot working through the process with you.

Thank you for your consideration of the above. We will join the video meeting tomorrow.

Best regards,

David and Nancy Voss





