OPB LU 21-012886 DZM GW additional garbage screening comments

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Design Commission,

I just saw in the staff report that BDS now agrees with me that OPB's garbage area being partially under the garage overhang does NOT make it an interior area, so it IS subject to screening regulations. I appreciate Hannah Bryant's considering my earlier comments and making that conclusion.

I have two additional comments regarding the garbage area in addition to my earlier ones requesting screening:

1) The trolley deserves screening from the garbage area, and the 6' tall fence at the property line won't screen it: The staff report (p. 15) downplays the presence of the trolley as a neighbor to OPB, stating that it's a private trolley, it runs only occasionally, and the rail r.o.w. is not a "public corridor". In reality, it is a publicly-owned corridor, the trolley is kept running by the public consortium that owns the r.o.w. (in order to preserve rail use rights along the corridor) and it runs hundreds of times per year, carrying thousands of tourists who pay to experience a scenic ride. In contrast to most people who travel to get to a destination, these people are there to look at the surrounding properties. The presence of these people adjacent to OPB's property is EXACTLY why the screening standards exist. But the trolley sits high enough above the rails that trolley passengers will look directly over the 6' fence, directly into the garbage area. Therefore, screening should be provided AT the garbage area's east side to block views into the garbage. to meet the intent/purpose of the screening standards



2) The garbage area is much larger than OPB shows: See attached photos from today--the bins extend well into the parking space next to the area OPB notes is the garbage area. If OPB screens only that area, the bins won't fit and won't be screened. The screened area should be required to be large enough to screen ALL the bins and dumpsters, to avoid wasting Code Compliance staff's time in the future.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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