

Linda M. Finucane

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To: Linda M. Finucane
Subject: June 10 Public Hearing Newton City Hall Agenda Item 166-14

Attn Ms. Linda Finucane
Newton City Clerk's Office
City of Newton, MA.
June 3, 2014

Ms. Finucane,

This letter concerns the Credere Ventures LLC petition for a special permit (166-14), the purpose of which is described as a request to extend a nonconforming structure to enclose an existing carport in order to create a garage at 22 Lenox Street. We live at 28 Lenox Street, immediately adjacent to the 22 Lenox Street site. One point that should be clarified upfront is that there was no carport and has not been for the 21 years that we have lived in our house. The current owner proposes to build the garage in an area that was previously occupied by bushes and trees which provided the occupants of 22 and 28 Lenox Street with enhanced privacy and a pleasant view. The proposed garage will essentially reach the property line between the two houses and thus encroach upon our property. Placement of the garage in the proposed location will not only negatively impact the view from our kitchen, a space in which we spend the majority of our time, but at least as importantly it will impact the value of our property. It is our feeling that the developer was aware of the limitations on this property when it was purchased. Since we, not Credere Ventures, will have to live with the impact that this structure will have, it would not be fair to allow the garage to be built in the proposed location. Please consider this letter evidence of our strong objection to this petition.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Ratnofsky

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