

May 3, 2018

Re: 1299 Beacon St 40B Proposal

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I wanted to let you know that I have grave concerns about the proposed project at 1299 Beacon Street because of how it will affect the safety of my neighborhood. I live at 70 Sewall Ave and know first hand how congested the traffic can be on Sewall and how unsafe the section of street going past Neena's is. Two things contribute to safety issues at that location. The first is that Sewall is a one-way street between Longwood and Charles. Because of this people drive much faster than if it were a two way street. They speed past Neena's parking lot at all hours of the day. A large number of them quickly turn onto Charles Street. You practically take your life into your hands crossing Charles at Sewall because of the speeding. The drivers assume there will be no pedestrians to worry about and the curves at Neena's make it worse. Already this is a really bad situation.

Add to that the children's classes right there at Temple Sinai. When the children are being dropped off or picked up the congestion is even worse and far more dangerous. Then winter plays its part. Add mountains of snow piled up by the city and the Post Office, who unfortunately uses part of the sidewalk by Neena's to dump its snow. Now you have people like myself having to walk in the street by Neena's all winter long because there is no sidewalk there, just a mountain of snow. To possibly add such an enormous building on the site of Neena's lot would be too much for our already troubled traffic pattern to bear. Also there are no effective provisions made for service and delivery trucks for this new location. And there certainly isn't a place for them to park in the street. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely;

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