



# BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Chief Morgan

From: DS Myles Murphy

Subject: Neena's Lighting 40 B proposal

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Chief,

Prior to this proposal at 1299 Beacon st, the parking situation in this immediate area is one that has been a constant struggle for area residents and businesses. It is an over utilized locale for on street parking. The amount of community interaction with the adjacent US Post Office, Temple and Trader Joe's traffic related problems has been extensive. In recent years, it has only become worst with the erecting of several condominium buildings across the street on Sewall av and Longwood av, resulting in further conflicts in the use of these streets. Not only is the parking inadequate, but the amount of motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic in this immediate area is substantial. As an example, Trader Joe's currently uses Neena's lot for overflow parking. The on street traffic flow for this business can be so disruptive to immediate area that a Detail Officer and 1-2 private parking personnel are assigned to the Trader Joe's rear lot to alleviate this problem. This has also resulted in parking spaces that were once available on Longwood av (west of Sewall av), to be marked 'no stopping'. In addition, from the constant neighborhood complaints regarding the US Post Office parking, the USPS has agreed to alleviate overnight parking matters by parking its fleet of trucks on the Beacon st median. The Temple currently has regular services and a day care that utilizes Sewall av.

As a result of these and other pressures, parking signs in this immediate area have been highly restrictive and enforcement is constant. It should be further noted that Longwood av is a major route for ambulances going to and from the Longwood Medical Area and should be a major consideration for keeping adequate traffic flow in this locale. Further, the effect of this area is also seen on Harvard st, a heavily used commercial/retail area.

With the reported adjustments made to the original proposal, including the decrease in units/parking, the issues I outlined prior will still be adding to the neighborhood issues. These include substantially more vehicle traffic seeking parking in the immediate neighborhood. Further, as in the Trader Joe's example, the rear lot off Sewall av, appears inadequate to manage the amount of vehicles entering/exiting off Sewall av, creating traffic jams back to Longwood av. I see no designated bike racks on the property. Lastly, the Beacon st side of this proposed building, without any increased space added, would appear to create similar conditions of double parking and traffic snarls on the narrow stretch of Beacon st (inbound).

These are my initial observations at this time on Neena's proposal.

Respectfully,

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