

Patti Hart

From: Brian Stockton
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 11:49 AM
To: 'Michelle Bloom'
Cc: Donnie Henriques; Patti Hart
Subject: RE: Lakeview Funeral Home Crematorium

Mrs. Bloom-

I have copied our Zoning Administrator on this. She will make sure your correspondence is included in the information to the Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council.

Let me know if I can assist any further.

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From: Michelle Bloom [<mailto:bloom887@comcast.net>]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 11:44 AM
To: Brian Stockton
Cc: Donnie Henriques
Subject: Lakeview Funeral Home Crematorium

Dear Mr. Stockton,

It has just come to my attention that the funeral home on Claremore Drive in Woodstock has applied for a conditional use permit (CUP#004-12) for the use of a crematorium. I will be out of town during the month of March and will be unable to voice my opinion in person at the public hearings. Instead, I would like to make my **vehement objection** to this application known to you and the planning committee.

When my husband and I purchased our home in the Villas of Claremore Lake in 2005, we were well aware that the properties to the north of our subdivision were zoned for commercial establishments. To us, that meant stores, restaurants, offices, and maybe even a funeral home; however, a crematorium in another story. The inclusion of this type of facility will convert the land at the entrance to our community to a light industrial zone and will have a **negative effect on our quality of life** for the following reasons:

1. There are no **definitive** studies available indicating that the air quality (especially with toxic mercury emissions from the crematorium) in our community will be safe for us, our children, and our grandchildren. My six grandchildren visit frequently and play outside. If this crematorium's usage is approved, we will not put our grandchildren in harm's way by having them visit our home and we will be denied the pleasure of their company in our home. I also have friends who have respiratory

diseases and diminished lung capacity. I fear they will choose not to visit our home if the air quality in the neighborhood is questionable.

2. Our property values which have significantly decreased since we purchased our home will drop even more if the use of this facility is approved.

3. Many of my family members perished in the crematoria in Europe during the Holocaust. While I do not object to cremation for those who chose it, having a crematorium in my immediate neighborhood will cause undue emotional distress for me since I will have to drive by the facility every day as I enter and exit my community. I fear that this will exacerbate some of my existing health issues.

4. If the funeral home wants to offer cremation services to its customers, let them put the facility in an area that is currently zoned as light industrial, not in front of my community.

Please communicate these concerns during the public hearings and please do not approve CUP#004-12.

Sincerely,

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