

To Kathy Lantry

I live next door to the Coltons. I back them in their desire to finish the carriage house, built by the previous owners about ten years ago. It is a beautiful building, clearly designed to have the second floor used as a living space, entered on the exterior on the east side. A member of the James Ford Bell family and her husband designed and built it and won an award, I believe for preservation. If there were any chance finishing this building would diminish the character, which a few suggest, I don't believe they would have been given the award.

I also hear some are concerned about people climbing the planned exterior stairsteps will be able to look in their backyard. My neighbor on the west has an exterior stair leading to second and third floor apartments. I have never had a problem with those using the stairs peering into my yard. They don't have the time or interest.

As for parking spaces, the number of vehicles per residence has never been static. Adult children, visiting friends, family members come and go, along with their cars. We just squeeze them in, along with the vehicles of those visiting Grand Avenue, happy we live in the city where this is expected, anyway in this area.

Thank you for your time.

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