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Seminole County Planning & Development  
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I James and Marie Riesen are appealing against the denial of our request with the BOA for a variance for a metal car port and garage.

It seems that we were denied to punish us for constructing the building without a permit because the four cases before us were all granted variances but had not done any construction yet.

We apologized sincerely for our action but feel that if the situation was looked at realistically, the neighbors' view will not change despite moving it over a few feet. It complies with height regulations, so the height and obstruction of view is not the issue. Our neighbor to the East is the only complaint, despite informing her before the construction and her agreeing that it would be okay if we purchased plants that would grow and block the view of the structure. We did this for her at the cost of \$2200.00 and it was okay for 6 months until she decided to complain anyways.

We had 6 neighbors at the hearing to give statements that they were okay with the structure and felt it was not detrimental to the neighborhood especially since there are dozens of similar structures throughout the neighborhood. These six neighbors either share property lines with us or are directly in view of us.

We are now trying to go through the proper channels to get it permitted. It seems that it would be a total waste of time and money to tear it down and rebuild the carport 8 feet further away from the property line since the neighbor would still have the same exact view.

We are just hoping for a little understanding from the BCC to allow us to keep our structure where it is.