

To the Board of Aldermen and the Town Manager:

As two of the Woodhill owners, we are writing to you regarding our South Green development project.

Firstly, thank you for the many hours over these last three years that you have spent on our proposal.

We have lived in this area since 1979, pursuing our careers and raising our 3 daughters, 2 of whom returned after college to teach, one at East Chapel Hill High for 4 years, and the other at Chapel Hill High for 10 years. We have been active, contributory participants in the local community in both work and play making many friends along the way.

We say this because we are not "out of town developers" and we are troubled by the hostility we feel has sometimes been directed at our group during the public hearings.

The reason we got involved with this project was our dismay and disbelief that a main entrance to a charming town like Carrboro should be two abandoned, derelict warehouses. Surely we could create something attractive, imaginative and viable that would be a worthy asset to the town. We knew there were water problems to solve. However, after the devastating floods of 2013, we realized that we had the chance to solve more than just the Triem property flooding. This project would be an opportunity to also assist the Rocky Brook residents, some of whom we know personally, to ensure that they did not have another such catastrophic experience. We are therefore particularly gratified by the agreement we have with NCDOT to come up with a joint solution to this huge problem.

We gather that the Roberson Place development, the design of which contributes substantially to the flooding, probably would not have been approved today. However that is in the past and we want to have good relations with all our neighbors and feel that we all need to work together to solve these inherited issues.

As for the roundabout, NCDOT has determined that this is the safest way to handle traffic at the lower South Greensboro St. and Rand Rd.

intersection. We certainly do not wish to upset our neighbors and hope to be able to assure the owners of 436 South Greensboro, that the survey work undertaken by Freehold on our behalf was not for the purposes of surveying their property but an effort to determine the town and state maintained right of way. Our engineers needed to ascertain where the roundabout could be located. We offered the owners, in Runyon Wood's email of Jan 20th and again at the last board meeting, driveway grading and plantings to coordinate with changes in the area of the intersection next to their home and we do hope they will accept.

We have heard from many people who are delighted with this project and we are often asked how it is progressing. Obviously citizens who take the time to come to these many and protracted meetings want their concerns heard and we want to listen to them, but we are confident that there are many who don't come but are nonetheless very enthusiastic about the project. The town staff has put an inordinate amount of time into this project and for that we are sincerely grateful.

We have listened carefully to everything we have heard at these meetings and want to be as accommodating as possible to the requests for conditions to be placed. However, as Jeff Kleaveland said, referring to the enormous infrastructure and preparation needed on this challenging site prior to the start of any building, "...this is massive!" And to this we would add, "very expensive," so we ask that you do not tie our hands with so many conditions that the project becomes unviable. As in every venture we are not assured of success in this undertaking. We ask that the town support it and not impose obstacles in the way of creating what we believe will be a significant, attractive job and tax contributor to Carrboro.

Respectfully,

Moyra and Brian Kileff