

April 6, 2020
Town of Carrboro
Planning Department
301 West Main Street
Carrboro, NC 27510
Attn: Martin Roupe

Dear Marty,

As owner of Sustainable Properties, LLC, I hereby request an additional two-year extension of the CUP for the Veridia AIS Subdivision originally approved by the Town on April 26, 2011. I anticipate this will be the final extension request unless I am able to enter a partnership with a nonprofit or other social benefit entity that can allow the project to proceed. Anne-Marie Vanaman is organizing a meeting to discuss potentials for the development with the town, several nonprofits and ourselves, but, unfortunately, the meeting has been delayed due to the emergence of COVID-19. Although I believe that meeting will occur soon, it will take time to explore the available options, and I do not want to risk the expiration of the permit in the interim. Assuming the talks go well, and given an unknown period of delay to address the fallout of COVID-19, I am requesting a two-year extension that will allow us additional time to plot our path forward.

It is possible that we may find a partner who will work with us to execute the original vision laid out to the board in 2011 and at subsequent renewals. However, if the consensus of our meetings is that Veridia as designed is not a viable project relative to its existing use, it would be my intention to allow the CUP to expire and seek a new CUP for a modified plan developed in consultation with these potential nonprofit partners. As mentioned in my 2018 renewal, the updated goal of the Veridia project is to develop with minimal, or conceivably no, forced displacement of the existing tenant base. Habitat for Humanity has expressed interest in meeting to discuss our development potential; they have undertaken a similar development, without displacement, of a mobile home park property at Sunrise Park in the Charlottesville, VA area. We will be exploring all such ideas with Habitat for Humanity and other local nonprofits in our upcoming discussions.

As in past years, I'd like to add that if the Town Council is willing to continue providing their support for the concept, I will continue pushing toward a maximally socially and environmentally redeeming solution that remains, as it is now, accessible to those who need it most, and becomes a community that Carrboro can truly be proud of.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Bell".

David Bell
Sustainable Properties, LLC