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Subject: RE: Closing a Portion of Public Right-of-Way of Ginger Road within the Weavers Grove Development

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Closing a Portion of Public Right-of-Way of Ginger Road within the Weavers Grove Development

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Beginning in 1987, 13 homes in Chandler's Green were built adjacent to Ginger Road. During this time, the Right-of-way provided:

1. Secondary access to Chandler's Green lots for construction and maintenance,

2. Drainage access for Chandler's Green lots. (The Chandler's Green lots, the primary streets and the current Chapel Hill storm drainage system are all uphill from Ginger Road.)
3. Wooded buffer from homes and businesses located on the North side of Ginger Road.

An eastern section of Ginger Road was closed in 1994, by unanimous joint-request by all five adjacent property owners.

In 2022, Habitat for Humanity petitioned to close an additional section of Ginger Road bordering eight Chandler's Green lots. These lot owners have had ongoing discussions with Habitat for Humanity to ensure that, as much as possible, the services and amenities currently provided by Ginger Road would remain after the closure.

With this expectation in place, ***the Chandler's Green Ginger Road Neighbors strongly support the closure of Ginger Road*** and the accommodations that Habitat for Humanity is undertaking.

We do, however, have a few concerns that we would like to state for the record.

1. **The location of the intersection of Ginger Road and Sunrise Road.** Chandler's Green, Habitat for Humanity and the Town of Chapel Hill have all agreed that the safest and most efficient location for this intersection would be further North, directly across from the Carol Woods entrance to Charle's House. However, at present, such a configuration would require the participation of Carol Woods, and it is our understanding that Carol Woods has been unwilling to help make this happen. If at any time Carol Woods were to reconsider this position, we would hope that this would remain a priority for the Town and Habitat.
2. **Drainage on the western edge of the Ginger Road closure.** The construction plan for the eastern edge of the closure (at Amesbury) appears to have proactively anticipated drainage from Chandler's Green Lots and the closed portions of Ginger Road. However, drainage from Chandler's Green at the western edge of the Ginger Road closure is currently deposited on two of the market-rate lots without any system to convey that water into the rest of the storm drainage system.
3. **Safety along the edge of the retaining wall.** The new Weavers Grove subdivision has been graded about 20 feet lower than the peak of the original Ginger Road. A vertical retaining wall has been put in place to manage this transition. Habitat has told us that they will install a safety fence along the retaining wall. We expect that this should solve the concern, but ensuring adequate safety measures is extremely important and additional modifications may be needed.
4. **Replacing the wooded buffer.** Habitat has agreed to landscape the edge of the retaining wall, and to replace trees that were incorrectly removed along the Chandler's Green side of Ginger Road. The re-landscaping project is in the early stages and the plantings are still small. It is unclear whether the number and size of the plantings will be adequate to create a similar level of buffering that existed previously.

Since the beginning of development, we feel Habitat has been a willing partner and has made good faith efforts to accommodate, where possible, our requests. We are hopeful that Habitat and the Town will continue to work with us to make the transition as painless as possible and to help set a foundation for a positive relationship between the neighborhoods.

Sincerely

the Chandler's Green Ginger Road Neighbors