



September 12, 2018

Ms. Loryn Clark
Executive Director
Office of Housing and Community
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Re: Request for Donation of Town-Owned Parcel
320 Lindsay Street (PIN: 9788178646)

Dear Ms. Clark:

As a partner in the Northside Neighborhood Initiative (“NNI”), Self-Help would like to formally request that the Town of Chapel Hill donate to Self-Help Ventures Fund (“SHVF”) the vacant parcel located at 320 Lindsay Street (the “Town Parcel”). The Town Parcel is one of few remaining vacant parcels in the Northside neighborhood and thus represents an important opportunity for the NNI to add new affordable units to the housing stock in Northside. Additionally, because of the relatively large area of the Town Parcel it can, when combined with a neighboring strip of land currently under contract to SHVF, accommodate a duplex. SHVF proposes to relocate two cottages currently located at 109 Park Place Drive to the Town Parcel, combining them into a duplex and creating an affordable housing opportunity consistent with the goals of the NNI.

This request is broadly consistent with existing Town plans and initiatives in the Northside neighborhood. This request supports the goals of the Northside/Pine Knolls Community Plan, which had "affordable housing" as its number one priority and included strategies for the town to purchase or provide land for affordable housing development. It is consistent with Northside Conservation District, as it will allow for a current home to be preserved and maintained in its historic character. Finally, it is consistent with the Northside Market Action Plan, which recommended donation of underutilized land from the Town into the Northside land bank.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for the Town’s ongoing support of the Northside Neighborhood Initiative.

Sincerely,

Dan Levine
Director of Business Development & Project Management