Chandler's Green Home Owners Association Comments on the Proposed Sunrise Road Development

Supporting a balanced and environmentally sound Sunrise Road development

Introduction

- Two separate groups
 - Chandler's Green Home Owners Association
 - Sunrise Coalition: separate entity that includes broader area
- Chandler's Green HOA
 - Represents 81 homes in the CG
 neighborhood
 - Goal: to represent the interests of CG homeowners, promote a vibrant and environmentally sustainable development



The CGHOA supports fair development of our area

- The CGHOA has a proven track record of supporting affordable housing in the area (Bradley Ridge plan submitted by HHOC and approved by Town)
 - In 2008, the developer and neighbors agreed on a plan that both entities supported and Town Council approved^{1,2,3}
 - Plan included 61 housing units in R-2 zoning
 - Unfortunately, the developer abandoned plans
- The CGHOA welcomes the opportunity to engage with the developer to achieve a fair and reasonable project
 - Welcomed HHOC representatives whenever asked
 - Communication Committee established
- The CGHOA has not experienced equal engagement from the developer

References: ¹minutes of Town Council meeting 2008, ²presentation to Town Council 2008, ³reported in The News and Observer, 2008

Lack of meaningful engagement

2018

- The developer did not solicit input in proposed development
- The developer did not reveal their plan to the HOA until October, weeks after it was submitted to Town Council
- The developer did not solicit information on concerns until last week

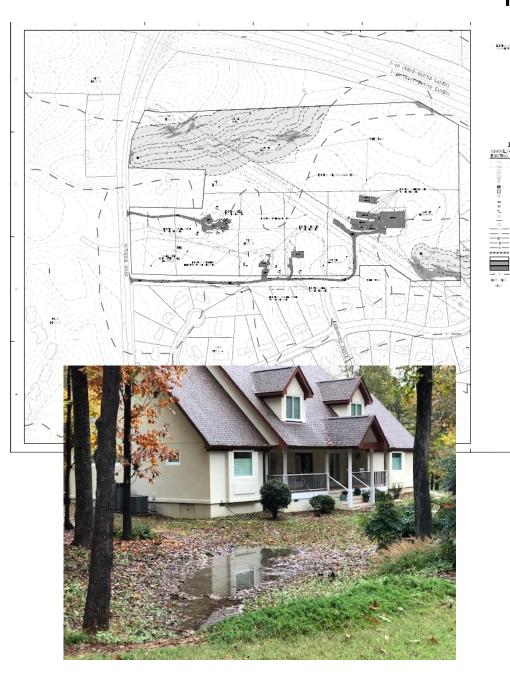
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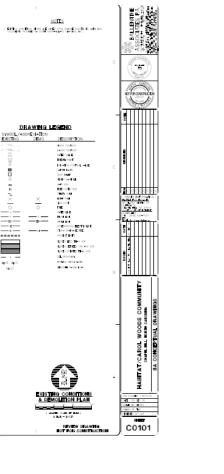
Voice for the HOA and the neighborhood

• Petition text

- We, the undersigned are residents and/or homeowners of the Sunrise Road area who oppose the Concept Plan that Habitat for Humanity Orange County (HHOC) has submitted for a high-density development of over 200 units in our area. The Plan contains a number of problems that have been presented in detail to the Chapel Hill Town Council that render such a high density inappropriate on this property.
- Number of signatures in 5 days
- Survey results from within Chandler's Green Neighborhood
 - 71/81 responded (88%)
 - 96%, Board considers this a mandate

Rolling Hills







The CGHOA welcomes the opportunity to express its concerns

- Basis for concerns: neighborhood survey
- Zoning
- Easements
- Traffic
- Amesbury Dr. cut-through
- Light and Sound corridors
- Drainage easement from Amesbury Dr.
- Storm water basins next to Yukon Ln lots
- Surface and groundwater protection

Environmental Impact



Issues

- Approx 20 acres clear-cut
- @ 200 trees/acre = 4,000 trees removed
 - a. Trees are pumps \rightarrow 4,000 pumps removed
 - b. 60-70% of water from forests removed by trees
 - c. At 6 acres developed, this doubles the burden on existing streams (see report to Chapel Hill's CDC by Dr. Band in 2003)
- Approx 80% of cleared surface made impervious
 - a. Rather than 6 acres, the developer now proposes to place 223 units on nearly 18 acres
 - b. Increases the peak runoff
 - c. Creates large dependence on stormwater basins

Environmental Impact (cont.)



- Increased stormwater flows affects public health
 - a. Reduced ability for wetlands to treat increased runoff
 - b. Increased pollutant loading on streams

c. Impact on water supplies from Jordan Lake Stormwater retention basins are an expensive, highmaintenance solution

- a. Who will be responsible for maintenance & repairs (Town, HHOC + Carol Woods, HOA + Carol Woods)?
- b. Who assumes the liability for down stream damages (flooding, erosion, drainage issues, raised water tables, mold, foundation problems, water injuries)?
- c. What standards will stormwater retention systems be built to?
- d. Who will police the maintenance? How often?
- e. What criteria is used to evaluate the performance (25%, 50%, 60% reduction in storage capacity)?



Summary: CGHOA supports fair and healthy development of Sunrise area

- CGHOA has supported affordable housing in the Sunrise corridor and would like to do so again
- Development must be fair to neighbors and the environment
- Communication must be transparent and open

The current proposal does not reflect these principles

- The CGHOA looks forward to serious engagement with the developer to address the shortcomings of the current plan
- The CGHOA asks Town Council to support development of a plan that fits with the current neighborhood, is good for the environment, health, traffic safety, and is mutually beneficial to new and existing neighbors

