CONCEPT PLAN COMMENTS Aspen Heights COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION

March 23rd, 2021

The Community Design Commission conducted a Concept Plan review for Aspen Heights at a meeting on March 23rd, 2021. The project proposes an apartment building with approx. 109 units.

*Key points made by members of the Commission about the Concept Plan are listed below.

- Multiple Commissioners expressed concern w/ the drainage of the site and the required the stormwater measures that will need be needed to create a successful project.
- Multiple commissioner expressed support for the applicant to consider enhanced articulation adjacent to the existing duplexes at property rear.
- Multiple commissioners supported the applicant's additional study of pedestrian activation on the site.
- Multiple commissioners were underwhelmed w/ the urban spaces provided on the concept plan.
- Multiple commissioners noted articulation of the parking deck will be very important to focus on.
- Multiple commissioners felt the remediation of the RCD would be beneficial to the project.
- One commissioner was concerned w/ the relationship of the adjacent duplexes to the newly proposed massing.
- One commissioner encouraged the applicant to minimize cut grading and to work w/ the natural topography as much as possible.
- One commissioner was supportive of the applicants de-massing the mass of the building by the open middle.
- Commissioners were mixed on the urban feel of the site context and the suburban nature of the site plan.

HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD SUMMARY OF A CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW: ASPEN CHAPEL HILL 701 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD

April 8, 2021

Key points made by members of the Housing Advisory Board during its review of the concept plan include:

- Like providing affordable units onsite
- Glad to see the affordable units are two-bedroom units
- Would appreciate the applicant to seriously consider accepting housing vouchers for all units

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