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Subject:

HISTORIC ASHE HOSPITAL - Request for Appearance Before Ashe County Board of

Commissioners

Dear Chairman Rose:

Greetings. As we have been discussing, our designs for the historic adaptive reuse and new construction addition for the old hospital took a turn when we recently learned of the unsupervised fill, steep slope and stream on the southern portion of the property. The resulting redesign requires use of the County's adjoining parcel which houses Mt. Jefferson Child Development Center (MJCDC). Our corporate counsel Deborah McKenney and County Attorney John Kilby have exchanged thoughts on how best to accomplish transfer of that 1.028 acre parcel from Ashe County to our non-profit Northwestern Housing Enterprises, Incorporated (NHE). Ms. McKenney is also preparing a draft resolution for consideration of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners which will be circulated shortly to Mr. Kilby and your staff.

The purpose of this writing is to request appearance before your Board during its upcoming meeting on Monday, December 5, 2016 and for the potential transfer of subject property to be placed as an item of agenda for the meeting.

Through its development and financing services, NHE will be bringing \$8,500,000 in economic development and participating in the creation of 35 new permanent jobs to Ashe County. We are thrilled at this result which we have been working toward for more than two years now.

Your Board's consideration of putting the County's small parcel back together again with the old hospital property will help us to realize these important economic and social goals.

Do let us know if additional information would be helpful to you. We appreciate your time and community leadership.

Sincerely, Ned

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