

Feiler Park Neighborhood Association  
601 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
Savannah, GA 31405

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Alison Goldey  
Executive Director  
Chatham County / City of Savannah Land Bank Authority  
5513 Abercorn Street  
Savannah, GA 31405

RE: 601, 602, 606, and 610 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street Property

Dear Ms. Goldey:

Thank you for meeting with the Feiler Park Neighborhood Association's (Association) executive leadership team and me, and with representatives of Community Housing Services Agency, Inc., and the City's Housing Services Department to discuss the above-referenced properties. The Association requests that the Chatham County / City of **Savannah** Land Bank Authority (LBA) ask the City of Savannah to transfer these properties to the Neighborhood Association for purposes described below.

**601 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood House**

The Association has leased this house from the City for many years and has used it as a neighborhood meeting place and resource center. We have also developed a community garden across the street. During this time, we have carried insurance on the property and have provided routine building and yard maintenance.

As we discussed, if the City is willing to transfer the property to the LBA, the Association will purchase the property from the LBA for \$115,000, and the LBA will finance the purchase with a 0% interest, 20-year deferred-payment loan. The Association will not be required to make loan payments, provided it continues to own and utilize the property for community-benefiting activities. The Association will be responsible for continuing to insure and maintain the property. If the Association were to sell the property, it would repay the LBA loan with the proceeds of the sale.

**602, 606, and 610 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street Lots**

The Association supported the subdivision of vacant City land on the north side of **West 57<sup>th</sup>** Street into the three building lots listed above. As discussed, if the City is willing to **transfer** the three lots to the LBA, the Association will purchase the lots from the LBA and then hire CHSA Development, Inc., to construct three small new houses. CHSA, Inc. has **agreed** to seek City Council approval to use the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) to **provide** the Association with the financing necessary to construct the three houses.

Once constructed, the Association intends to collaborate with, and rent the **houses** to, qualified 501(c) (3) non-profit organizations and/or the persons they serve who need both affordable housing and supportive services that help stabilize and improve their lives. We expect the housing to be occupied by seniors, small families, and/or individuals. We also expect that non-profit partners will offer support services such as case management, referrals to additional services, life skills support, and assistance with accessing support from other community partners.

With the Association's meeting house located across the street, it looks forward to welcoming new residents into the neighborhood, encouraging their participation in neighborhood activities, and keeping a watchful eye on the properties. The Association will set rents at or below HUD published Fair Market Rents and will hire a professional property management company. After paying associated operating expenses, the Association will use the remaining rental income to help pay for the maintenance of the neighborhood house and any associated neighborhood benefitting activities.

We think this innovative, affordable housing partnership involving the City, LBA, CHSA, and the Association nicely complements other housing development planned for the area. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Betty M. Jones  
President