

August 13, 2020

Department of Planning and Development Review 900 E. Broad Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Planning Commission and City Council:

I'm writing to express support of the Trailside Treehouse, located at 5005 Riverside Drive and operated by homeowners Carrie and Josh Rogers.

The treehouse is located off the road and is only visible from Westover Hills Boulevard during winter months when leaves have fallen from the trees. We have received no complaints regarding the Treehouse.

The treehouse also supports our other neighborhood businesses through their "Neighborhood Perks" program, which encourages treehouse guests to patron our neighborhood's shops and restaurants. Many of our local restaurants participate in the treehouse's "perks" program by offering a small discount or complementary item in exchange for treehouse guests' patronage of their businesses.

I'd encourage you to accept the Special Use Permit for the Trailside Treehouse. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Ashley Hall President, Westover Hills Neighborhood Association



May 5, 2021

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Dear Planning Commission:

I'm writing to share additional updates and feedback about the SUP for the Trailside Treehouse, located at 5005 Riverside Drive and operated by homeowners Carrie and Josh Rogers.

As the SUP application was shared with me during a pandemic-related break from neighborhood association meetings, the letter of support previously submitted in August 2020, was a preliminary letter and based on a smaller feedback group from our Board. The full presentation and opportunity for comment took place in March 2021. Carrie Rogers shared the details of the SUP and answered questions about availability and the local business perks program. There was no concern or negative feedback voiced in that meeting.

More recently, an adjacent neighbor has reached out in opposition of the SUP. She is concerned that the treehouse does not meet the City's standard short-term rental regulations. As this feedback was shared after the formal presentation in our meeting, I've encouraged her to also reach out to the planning department to share these concerns.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you, Ashley Hall

President, Westover Hills Neighborhood Association