

Chatham County Appearance Commission
July 12, 2006

Members Present: Sue Schwartz, Ginny Gregory, Kim Archer, Phil Dark

Presenters: Baycorp represented by Bill Piver, Engineer and Patrick Bradshaw, Attorney

Project: Proposed Bank on 15-501 just South of 15-501/ Mann's Chapel intersection

The project is proposed to conform to the Draft Chatham County Lighting Ordinance.

Three houses are to be removed from three residential lots behind (West side) the proposed building. This area will not be built upon and is to be kept mowed : bush hogged when the vegetation reaches 18 inches in height. The buffer vegetation is to be placed closer to the building rather than on the perimeter. The App. Comm. approves the rationale behind this change. The view for neighbors behind the bank will be an open meadow, then vegetation, obscuring to some degree the building. The parking lot on the West side lacks an island after 5-10 spaces, but the App. Comm. feels that the closeness of the buffer overcomes this detail.

The App. Comm. recommends that the four (4) River Birch trees indicated next to the building be exchanged with four (4) Chinese Elms which are indicated farther out in the Landscaping plan. The rationale for this is that River Birches drop many small branches, which require frequent removal.

The App. Comm. also recommends the replacement of the indicated Japanese hollies in the understory planting with 'Little Richard' abelia. This choice combines maintenance and appearance.

We also recommend that the understory shrubbery be planted in staggered rows, instead of straight lines.

There will be no dumpster.

Sue Schwartz, Chair