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The Chatham County Appearance Commission met on Feb. 11, 2009 to review plans for three outparcels at County Line Plaza site.

Presenting the plans for the developer, Lee Moore Associates, were Patrick Bradshaw, Atty, and Mark Ashness, Engineer of CE Group.

Members of the CCAC present were Grim Hobbs, Davis Andrews, Al Cooke, Kitty Griffith, Caroline Siverson and Sue Schwartz.

The CCAC expressed pleasure that the plans were being shown to them, feeling it indicated a willingness on the part of the developer to create a site that is attractive to passers-by as well as to customers of the retail establishments which will be located there.

In the interest of connectivity and pedestrian safety, the CCAC recommended that the developer install a relaxed walking path composed of Chapel Hill grit (gravel) in the lawn area between the buffer plantings and the parking lots of the site. This would allow some protection for pedestrians away from the traffic on the street side. and would also reduce the amount of turf grass which will be

be irrigated. The CCAC recommends that whenever possible, the use of turf grass be reduced. To further this aim, the CCAC recommended that some of the turf grass areas be replaced by ground cover plantings that would be viable in those areas.

The CCAC recommended that plantings of *Berberis thunbergii* be replaced by plantings of a dwarf form of *Loropetalum chinense* var. *rubrum*, which will be reliably evergreen in a burgundy hue.

The CCAC recommended that the street buffer contain more evergreens that are of a medium height in order to have some opaqueness at a height of 4 feet.

Mr. Ashness and Mr. Patrick commented that they felt the suggestions could be incorporated into the plans easily, but stated that the developer would have to approve them.

Reflecting that the site had encountered some resistance from the community, the members present felt that following these suggestions might counter some of that resentment.

Compiled by Sue Schwartz