

The Chatham County Appearance Commission met on June 11, 2008 to review a project from the owners of Shady Wagon Farm, the Carrolls.

The CCAC was concerned that the buildings were, in most cases, very close to the property lines, not allowing for buffer plantings to be installed. In particular, there was no buffer between the barn/pavilion and the property line. Mr. Carroll suggested he could erect a stockade fence of cedar posts along this boundary, which the members agreed was probably the only practical buffer, since there was not enough room to plant shrubbery.

The CCAC suggested that the owners contact Angela Birchett, CZO to incorporate restrictions they have in their rental contract into the restrictions that would be placed on the property as a part of the conditional use permit. There were restrictions on the time renters must vacate the premises as well as number of guests allowed per function and noise level. The CCAC advised the Carrolls to contact the CCAC after talking with Ms. Birchett to incorporate the above conditions, at which time the CCAC would confer by email and issue a written recommendation to Ms. Birchett. Ms. Schwartz contacted Ms. Birchett the following day to express the CCAC's interest in resolving issues to allow the business to remain viable. The CCAC has had no communication with the Carrolls following the June 11, 2008 meeting.

Members Attending: Grim Hobbs, Sue Schwartz, Al Cooke, Caroline Siverson,  
Phil Dark