



Agenda Abstract

Department: Planning
Submitting Official: Jason Sullivan

Meeting Date: 4-19-2010
Authorizing Signature:

Subject:	Public hearing to receive input on the Chatham County Design Guidelines developed by the Chatham County Appearance Commission
Action Requested:	Hold public hearing and receive public comment
Attachments (List individually):	1. Chatham County Design Guidelines 2. Table showing changes between the old and new guidelines

Introduction & Background

The County Attorney advised the Board of Commissioners that it would be appropriate to adopt the Chatham County Design Guidelines since they are now referenced in the Zoning Ordinance. Previously the document was reviewed by the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners, but not officially adopted. The Planning Board reviewed the revised Design Guidelines at their May 2009 meeting and recommended approval. At the end of this document is a "Plant List" and members of the Chatham County Environmental Review Board (ERB) requested an opportunity to review the list and make recommendations on which plants they felt were invasive and should be removed from consideration and likewise would suggest others if needed. Commissioner Kost asked the Appearance Commission (CCAC) if they would support the recommendations and they agreed. To date, a revised plant list has not been received from the ERB and therefore the CCAC has not had an opportunity to review their recommendations.

Discussion & Analysis

Budgetary Impact

Recommendation

Planning staff recommends that the public hearing be continued until a revised plant list from the ERB has been received and reviewed by the CCAC.