

September 17, 2010

Sally Kost, Chair Chatham Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioner Kost:

Over the past six months or so, we have had several conversations with H. Brantley Powell regarding potential tenants for Polks Village. As you know, several of the potential tenants proposed uses not in the original list of permitted uses.

It is my understanding that Mr. Powell has filed an application with the County to amend Polks Village Conditional Use Permit to approve additional land uses. I also understand that the application does not involve any site plan changes or other modifications.

As you are well aware, the recession has severely curtailed all development in Chatham County, but particularly commercial development. The Chatham County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) would like to see Mr. Powell's project succeed. In such a constrained economic climate, maximum flexibility in terms of uses can help Polks Village get underway.

In my view, the application to approve additional land uses for Polks Village helps support competition in the local commercial real estate sector. I am therefore happy to support the application to amend the Conditional Use Permit.

Sincerely,

Dianne Reid President

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