

..2nb Chatham County Appearance Commission

March 14, 2012

Members Present:

Ginny Gregory , Chair

Al Cooke

Davis Andrews

Kitty Griffith

Caroline Siverson

Grim Hobbs

Sue Schwartz

Staff Present:

Jason Sullivan, Planning Director

Clients/Presenters:

- 1) Leslie Booker of Booker Garden Design presented her plan for property owned by Ellen Martin and Talitha Sanders at the intersection of Easy Street and Bingo Streets off Mann's Chapel Rd.
The property will be the site of a day care facility. The CCAC members approved the design with the addition of a mix of evergreens in an open area on the South side of the house paralleling Bingo Street. Such mix could include Magnolia 'Little Gem' , Viburnum 'Chindo' and Myrica cerifera.
- 2) Sunday Bougher of SGA Design Group, Austin Watts and Brian Purdy of Kimley-Horn and Associates, presented plans for a WalMart store located on Hwy 15/501 in the area known as "County Line".
The CCAC appreciates the fact that WalMart has chosen to build this store as a part of their "Building Sustainable Values Network".
The CCAC recommends that the proposed understory plantings of street trees be modified to consist of a mix of evergreen shrubs to provide lower level screening for the length of the building as seen from the street.
In response to a question by Jason Sullivan, the presenters verified that WalMart would extend the existing sidewalk from its terminus South of WalMart's property line to the Northern edge of its property.
In response to questions about the remaining 40 acres which is not zoned commercial, the presenters declared that this 40 acres would remain in an unmaintained natural state.
The CCAC would prefer to see a document affirming this statement, perhaps in the form of a preservation easement.
The CCAC also recommends that the street sign be reduced in overall size including height, noting that this is a gateway to Chatham County , that there are no comparable signs of this size in the area, that customers will not have difficulty seeing the store, which is right on the highway and not set back at a great distance.
The presenters agreed to approach WalMart asking that they consider this recommended overall reduction in sign size and height as a gesture of goodwill toward Chatham County.
The presenters will return to the CCAC with a modified plan for final approval.
- 3) Ron Price of Sears Design Group presented plans for landscaping at the newly constructed buildings at Galloway Ridge Retirement Living Community.
The CCAC commended the designers for the proposed quality, quantity and diversity of the plantings and looks forward to seeing the end results .

Sue Schwartz

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