

August 27, 2014

Appearance Committee meeting:

Attending:

Staff: Lynn Richardson

Applicant: George Farrell, Jr.; Scott Jones, Kevin Davidson,

Committee members: Ginny Gregory, Grimsley Hobbs, Davis Andrews, Sue Schwartz

Public: Cindy Perry, Chad Riggsbee

Issue reviewed: Farrell's Storage on US Hwy 64

Ms. Gregory stated that the existing vegetation along Hwy 64 was not adequate and should be replanted with other type plants, i.e. wax myrtle, western cedar, cryptemeria; that the Leland Cyprus trees planted on the eastern property line were adequate, but, also suggested that Mr. Farrell add some additional plantings. Staff reminded the committee that the current request was not related to the front of the property and that Mr. Farrell had met his requirements at the time of approval for the previous request.

The Appearance Committee recommended that Mr. Farrell add additional plantings to the plan submitted, i.e. wax myrtle, western cedar, and cryptemeria. They asked if Mr. Farrell had a watering plan and he stated that he would put down soaker hoses and that the plants would be installed in the early spring. The committee asked if any lighting was proposed and if he planned to install a dumpster. Mr. Farrell stated, yes, that additional lighting would be installed per the Chatham County Lighting Ordinance; that the poles would be 30 feet tall; and that no dumpster is planned. No new signage is proposed per Mr. Farrell. One of the main concerns stated by the committee was that if the septic repair area (currently wooded) was required to be utilized in the future, and that area was cleared to install or repair a septic system, that the buffering between Mr. Farrell's property and the neighboring property may be reduced. The committee made a recommendation that if the septic repair area is utilized in the future; then additional plantings should be installed at that time in the 20 foot landscape buffer, i.e. wax myrtle, western cedar, and cryptemeria. Mr. Farrell agreed.

The meeting adjourned.