

Chatham County Appearance Commission
August 24, 2016
Meeting Minutes — S. Jacobs, Secretary

In attendance for the meeting were:

William “Bill” Causey, Chair
Shelly Jacobs
Davis Andrews
Dan Sundberg
Grim Hobbs
Saranne Wilson
Mary DeAngelo
Angela Birchett, planning staff support

1st Presentation:

**Warrant Mitchell and Jim Anderson, property owners-not
business managers, Extra Space Storage 15/501 N**

3rd party landscaper cleared too much of existing buffer foliage in violation of the plans that had been approved prior to building.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Anderson submitted a plan to replant the violated buffer areas to bring them up to standards of the Chatham County Appearance Commission guidelines.

The committee members agreed to approve the plans with the following changes:

- That one (1) Southern Magnolia be planted in the wooded area between this property and Walmart property.
- That Australia's Sweet Bay Magnolia variety be used for 1/2 of the specified magnolias in the plans.
- That the Carolina Cherry Laurel be specified to be “Full Size” not the “Narrow” variety

- That Cedar and Arborvitae be spaced differently than planned—they were considered to be too close and could be relocated to make a greater impact.
- That additional planting will be made to the buffer area between this property and the residence on the southern side to create a truly opaque buffer as required. It was suggested that some of the specified plants from other areas could be used in this area instead of crowding them as in the plan submitted.

Finally all members of the committee unanimously agreed that the approval of this plan would be **contingent upon a further review to come in the Fall of 2017.** Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Anderson agreed to come before the commission at that time and submit photos to show the progress of growth in the affected buffer zones. The Commission will then decide if further planting should be required.

2nd Presentation:

Harry Mitchell, Willow Oak Montessori School, Andrews Store Rd

There was a unanimous decision to approve the plans as submitted.

3rd Presentation:

Chris Seamster, McKim & Creed, for Amenity for Encore on US Steel tract for Ph 16 located in Briar Chapel

Commission members requested only one change to the plan submitted—that the ground cover specified for perimeter areas other than near building and pool be diversified to include pollinator supporting species.

This was agreed to not only by Mr. Seamster but also their landscape architect present at the meeting.