

Chatham County Appearance Commission
May 24, 2017
Meeting Minutes — S. Jacobs, Secretary

In attendance for the meeting were:

William “Bill” Causey, Chair
Shelly Jacobs
Davis Andrews
Grim Hobbs
Mary De Angelo

Minutes of previous meeting were unanimously approved by members present.

1st presentation:

A request by Stephen Gangemi to rezone and convert a single-family residence into a general and professional offices for a chiropractic business at 10295 US 15-501 N, Parcel No. 66505.

The plans presented by Stephen Gangemi for the project called for minimal disturbance to existing landscape and the installation of additional native plants. Commission members were all in agreement that the choices were excellent. Mr. Gangemi discussed thinning some of the buffer along 15/501 to remove invasive bamboo and other scrub or invasive plants, he agreed that nor more than 30% would be thinned. The plans call for fencing along the north side of the property, Commission members suggested and Mr. Gangemi agreed that the fence should extend further than called for on the plan, to the far NW corner where it meets the easement.

There was specification for a 6’x2’ corner sign that may or may not be installed, members agreed the signage was good.

2nd presentation:

A request by Nathan Glines, owner Harmony Gardens, to rezone a portion of their residential property to develop an events center to hold weddings and other such gatherings located at 5661 Beaver Creek Rd, Parcel No. 5727.

Appearance Commission members unanimously agreed that preliminary plans for the project were excellent and required no changes. There discussion about the Type A screen required on the western side of the property. Members all agreed that the screening called for on the plans closer to the venue site, not along the property line, would be sufficient to meet the Type A buffer requirements. Mr. Glines was informed that he needed to submit detailed lighting plans to Angela Birchett for approval.