

Chatham County Appearance Commission
December 20, 2017
Meeting Minutes — S. Jacobs, Secretary

In attendance for the meeting were:

William “Bill” Causey, Chair
Shelly Jacobs
Davis Andrews
Grim Hobbs
Henry Chase

1st and only presentation:

A request by O’Mara Landscaping & Lawn Care, Inc. to rezone and develop Parcel No. 2691 located at 4590 Mann’s Chapel Rd., that currently has a sheet music printing business and residence, for a landscaping and lawn maintenance business.

Presenting the project the following were present: Keith Shaw, Ryan Hopkins and Kevin Frasier of Shaw Designs and James and Kate O’Mara, business owners.

The proposed plan is to rezone 10 of the 22 total property acres to a commercial zoning status that would enable the business use of employee and client parking, materials storage and truck parking.

Aside from minimal land disturbance to create the parking and storage areas there was little to no change of the land proposed in this project. The property has an existing heavy sight buffer along the roadway in the form of old growth Magnolias, these are not to be disturbed.

There was concern about the need for a 20’ opaque buffer required to delineate the commercial from the residential property. All present agreed that using an existing tree line along said border and adding additional plant material would suffice to create the necessary buffer.

There were no lighting or signage designs in the plan. The presenters were informed they would need to submit plans to Angela Birchett if these were to be added.

Commission members unanimously agreed that these plans for the property were sufficient.