

## **Chatham County Appearance Commission (CCAC) Minutes**

### **June 23rd, 2021 Meeting**

#### **Commission Members Present:**

Davis Andrews  
Phillip Cox  
Kim D'Amico  
Shelly Jacobs  
Erin McDade  
Clinton Miller  
Dan Sundberg  
Shelby Werner  
Angela Plummer (Planning Office)

#### **Commission Members Absent**

Grimsley Hobbs

#### **I. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum**

The meeting began via Gotomeeting with a roll call quorum. The minutes were reviewed and were approved by a unanimous vote.

#### **II. Open Issues**

#### **New Business**

- A re-review on a request by Mark Ashness for a Compact Community, commercial component only, located on 15/501 at Vicker's Road. This is a 100+ acre parcel at the corner of 15/501 and Jack Bennett Rd..
- The client is requesting that the 100 ft buffer be reduced to a 50' buffer. The reasoning is that the project will not be higher than the road.
- Shelly wants a compromise at 75'. Mark asked for 55' and suggested that the buffer might even be over 60' on the commercial site.
- Dan asked about a berm in the buffer. Mark said that there would not be a berm.
- Mark said that the plants in the buffer would be Red Maple and Sweet Bay Magnolia as trees and Burford Holly and Ruby Lorapetalum as the understory.
- Mark said that the development would not greatly alter the buffer to the south side of the property due to the powerlines above the buffer.
- Dan made the suggestion that the Red Maples should be replaced with a tree that would grow better in the buffer. The suggestion was to place oaks in the buffer. Erin suggested Shumard Oaks. Kim suggested a variety of oaks like overcup oaks. Kim also suggested that the understory could be modified from the 40 hollies and 85 lorapetalum. Redbuds and magnolias could add color and fragrance, beautyberry and Yaupon hollies could replace some of the lorapetalum. Dan also suggested vibunum and Kim included inkberry. Add diversity to the buffer.
- Dan also suggested that the plants in the buffer need to be grouped to hide the parking lot yet provide sight lines for the building. Mark agreed.
- Kim also suggested that ground cover could be used in the buffer instead of mulch. Native grasses could be planted and they would be low maintenance.
- Shelly called for a vote on the 55' buffer. The change to a 55' buffer from a 100' buffer was approved by a roll call vote.