

CCAC Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2021

## Attendees

Davis Andrews, Kim D'Amico, Shelly Jacobs, Erin McDade, Clinton Miller, Dan Sundberg, Shelby Werner

Absent: Grimsley Hobbs

Meeting call to order at 6:00 pm by Shelly Jacobs via GoToMeeting with a roll call and quorum present

Minutes were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote

Motion was made and approved by committee to appoint Kim D'Amico as the new Secretary

## New Business

A landscape review request by Don Bataille with McKim and Creed for a new Goodwill store on Parcel 93299, Briar Chapel SD West

Dan began the discussion with a question about the grade of the slope behind the building. How tall was the wall? What were the planting plans? Dan stated that the wall was 7ft. And that turf was planned, not trees or shrubs.


Discussion was tabled to resume later in the meeting.

Erin led the next discussion about plant substitutions and expanding planting areas. She voiced concern over the small planting medians and that they would not meet the needs of the mature trees selected. She asked if the planting areas could be expanded. Don agreed to remove one parking space to add more width to the planting median. Erin asked to switch out the Ginko trees up near the front of the building with *Ostrya virginiana* (American Hophornbeam). Dan agreed with that change.

Erin also voiced concern that this design did not meet Chatham County's 50% shade requirement for parking lot and suggested additional landscaping.

Dan asked about the possibility of moving a large underground water line to help make more room for plants, but the utilities have already been approved at a previous meeting.

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Shelby suggested adding a group of 5 (3gallon) *Callicarpa americana* (Beautyberry) shrubs to the front corner of the parking lot to break up the line of shrubs across the front. They need to be planted 6ft. apart in a staggered grouping. Dan suggested 3 (3gallon) *Calycanthus floridus* (Sweetshrub) be planted on the opposite corner of the parking lot in a staggered group 10 ft apart.

Discussion from members about the 'soldier planting' of shrubs across the front of the building. Asked if shrubs can be brought out or staggered instead of planting them in a line, but the width of the planting space is an issue.

Shelly asked how else we can soften the front of the building. Would Dan be open to adding more plant material?

Shelby suggested Little Bluestem grass (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) be planted across the entire front to break up the shrub line. 4 groups of 11 (quart size) spaced 1 ½ -2 ft apart. This would tie in with the grass plantings in the Food Lion parking lot. Don agreed to these additions.

Dan began the discussion again about the grassy slope behind the building. He would like it planted with something to block the view. Don mentioned the large trees being planted along the street.

Dan wanted the back of the building to be more hidden. Suggestions for American Hollies were too much money. Dan suggested River Birch to be planted on the hill. 5 trees planted 33 ft apart the entire length of the building as a screening material

Don stated there is no irrigation, but all plants come with a 1 year landscape maintenance agreement. Don said that he thought the plant installation would be done in the spring. Don agreed to these additional trees.

Signage was approved by all committee members.

Motion was made to approve the updated Landscape plan. Motion approved by committee vote.

Department services updates were given by Angela.

2 vacant positions on the Appearance Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30