

CCAC Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022

Attendees

Davis Andrews, Erin McDade, Dan Sundberg, Clinton Miller

County Staff present: Angela Plummer

Absent: Kim D'Amico, Grimsley Hobbs, Shelby Werner

Meeting called to order at ~6:05 pm by Dan Sundberg via GoToWebinar with a roll call and a quorum present

Minutes from February 23, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote; No meeting was held in March

New Business

Discussion about having tree protection guidelines in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) or creating a separate standalone ordinance for tree protection. Dan opens for discussion:

- Tree ordinance proposed in addition to the UDO, which would include guidelines for species + caliper, no clearcutting; it's suggested to provide flexibility outside of UDO to make changes.
- Dan suggests all goes into UDO; the Appearance Commission (CCAC) is interested in helping define guidelines while keeping it all within the UDO, not separate.
- Davis agrees it should go into UDO; he provides an example that if a particular species is in the way it has to go, we will outline tradeoffs in the UDO, giving balance and flexibility.
- Dan - Motion to not pursue a separate guideline to alleviate confusion on lack of enforceability; Clinton - 2nd, Erin, and Davis are in favor.

Discussion on the revised landscape section of the draft UDO sent by Mr. Mullis. Dan opens for discussion:

- Erin was surprised to see not much in the way of buffers; stakeholders want to see more minor setbacks. Stakeholders are defined as other committees and departments per Angela Plummer.
- Dan suggested members should review and wait for the next revision to come out before the review.

Proposed tree list

- Erin asks all (including Kim D'Amico, and Shelby Werner) to weigh in before finalizing, waiting on invasive species, etc.

Architectural designs

- Dan asks about meeting in person; Angela Plummer says we don't have any place to meet currently but reviewing options. The Health Dept. may start allowing the use of their space; as soon as we have meeting space, we'll meet in person.
- Davis would like to review language vs. writing the guideline from scratch. Goal to amend peer-reviewed materials.

Project FXGD in the Moncure Mega site regarding changes based on supply chain issues

- Dan asked about spacing changes; FXGD made no changes.
- FXGD wanted to plant 1.5" caliper, vs. 2.5" noting supply chain issues, but shared it was a cost savings measure; plan now shows 2-2.5."
- Dan motion to approve the revised plan; Erin 2nd; Davis and Clinton agree.

Planning Department Updates

VINFAST <https://vinfastauto.us/>- Vietnamese EV car company coming to Chatham County

- will have battery mfg. plant onsite for their vehicles
- parts suppliers will be building on site to build parts
- set to start in 2024

Lots of development is coming to Chatham; we will remain busy.