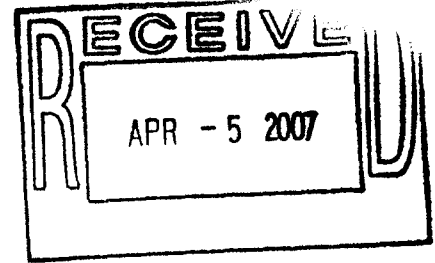


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April 5, 2007



Penelope Cothran
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A neighborhood meeting for rezoning petition 2007-35 was held on Wednesday, March 21, at 6:00 PM. The meeting was held at the petition site of 5525 Albemarle Road.

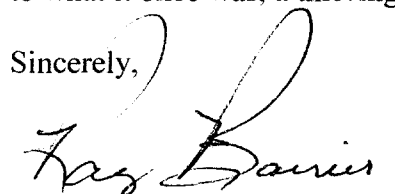
Approximately 12 people were in attendance. The majority of people present were long time residents of the area. Overall, everyone seemed concerned about the perception of business on the east side. What could and can be done to reverse the negative tide in the area? Just in the last several months many businesses such as Lone Star, Belk and many others at Eastland Mall have closed. Even an Allstate Insurance Office located in the area for decades has relocated to the University area.

One lady suggested the area needs exclusive, independent stores that are not located regionally, like a Belk or Dillards. She suggested the idea that people are afraid to shop on the east side to be false, noting the abundance of shoppers from all over Charlotte who visited Eastland during the closing of Belk. Another lady said she would be opposed to furniture being placed outside along the roadway. Another inquired about the traffic the store might produce. I explained that a furniture business of that nature was generally a low traffic business. I would hope to have approximately 50 customers per day. Also, by having an entrance-exit off Central Avenue, traffic impact would be minimal.

Everyone in attendance, to my knowledge, was in favor of the addition of the B-1, C-D request. Residents are concerned that they are having to leave the east side to spend their money. They are anxious to have retail that suits their needs and appeals to all people from all regions of Charlotte.

Revitalizing Eastland Mall would bring a great boost to the area. In addition, there needs to be a coordinating effort to work with people who are willing to invest their time and money in vacant and neglected properties on the east side. Hopefully, the area can return to what it once was, a thriving vibrant part of Charlotte that all can be proud of.

Sincerely,


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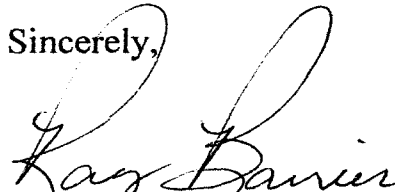
March 13, 2007

This letter is notifying you that on Wednesday, March 21, at 6:00 PM, (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM), there will be a neighborhood meeting at 5525 Albemarle Road. This meeting is in reference to rezoning petition 2007-35. The petitioners are seeking a rezoning request in addition to the existing 0-1, office, to allow B-1 (C D), neighborhood business conditional. This conditional request is to allow for upscale retail furniture store use only.

The site consists of approximately 6.78 acres located on the north side of Albemarle Road between N Sharon Amity Road and Central Avenue. The property formerly was the Hartford Insurance Center.

Please try to attend. I look forward to meeting you and any input or suggestions you may have. Any questions you may have prior to the meeting, you can reach me at 704-985-5927.

Sincerely,



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