

Thank you Guilford County Commissioners

Visions are a process sometimes formed over years. Last month, residents went before the county commissioners to advocate for our community. The Guilford County commissioners heard from the landowners, nearby residents, a church and passionate community. Many were invited to attend these sessions and public hearings. People in SE Guilford County worked long and hard to develop a vision for the Liberty Road/Woody Mill Plan and

Overlay District. A group committed can do amazing things.

After a year-long process of monthly meetings which comprised of county planners, department heads, NCDOT, water & sewer, landowners and local interested residents, a vision was formed but it still had to be vetted through the Planning Board and the Board of Commissioners. But the plan was in two parts: one was the plan and the other was the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

THANK YOU GUILFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

overlay district. The plan was passed and the overlay district began. The overlay district went before the Planning Board and passed 5-2. It was at that time, some questions were raised from TREBIC, a organization comprised of real estate developers and industry leaders.

A small group met with TREBIC to listen to their concerns and at some point, TREBIC decided to oppose the plan's overlay. It was decided to move forward with the overlay and put it before the county commissioners. The speakers in favor of the vision for the SE Guilford community were Dan Rogers, Marty Heim, Cindy Farmer, Sandy Weathersby, Dave Gearhart, Denise Osborne and Terry Lee.

After the opposition stated their reasons against the overlay, the commissioners heard the residents loud and

clear. This is a unique and unusual case in the county. They had not heard from one resident against the overlay. There is a reason for that. There was an open dialogue and it was reported along the way. People came, listened, and understood the process. Every person was allowed to weigh in with their thoughts. The people went to work to let everyone including the commissioners understand how the process began and how passionate this community is. When it came time that the vote by the county commissioners was cast, it was unanimous.

When the SE Area residents work together, that includes Climax, Julian, Pleasant Garden and the unincorporated area of the county in Greensboro; your voice can be heard and amazing things happen.