

December 13, 2023

Cobb County Board of Commissioners 100 Cherokee Street Marietta, GA 30090

Re: OB-61 Leopard Pinestraw

Dear Ms. Chairwoman and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Mableton Improvement Coalition to ask that you deny this application for stipulation amendments at this property. This position is based on two major factors:

<u>Noncompliance with Prior Zoning Conditions</u>. In 2018, you approved an Other Business Agenda application (OB-32) from the property owner to allow an additional use for this property. The approval contained a number of conditions, most of which have not been met. Our observations from the highway and online mapping tools indicate these items are likely to be outstanding:

- No outside storage the silk flower business repeatedly places shopping carts of inventory outside the front door
- Removal of vines and vegetation from the building
- Clean up of the detention facility
- Development and implementation of a landscape plan prepared by a professional landscape architect
- New fencing compliant with the Veterans Memorial Highway Design Guidelines
- Removal of signs from the building

<u>Inappropriate Proposed Use</u>: We cannot support this proposed new use at this warehouse property. The pine straw trailers will be visible from the highway because there is no paved

area behind the building. This property has struggled with basic maintenance for many years and the addition of this activity will negatively impact these efforts. Even at their best, pine straw trailers are not in keeping with the spirit and perhaps the letter of the Veterans Memorial Highway Design Guidelines. We appreciate the applicant's desire to locate in our community, and hope that they will be able to find an appropriate location.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the public comment process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 770 948-5394.

Sincerely,

Robin Meyer

Zoning Committee Co-Chair

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