

July 17, 2015 – FINAL

Emory Village Alliance: Statement Regarding 1574 North Decatur Road (Chevron site)

Historic Preservation Commission Variances Only - Meeting July 20, 2015

The Emory Village Alliance (EVA) supports responsible development in the Village that is consistent with the spirit of the Emory Village Zoning Overlay and its Historic Design Guidelines.

The application submitted by Mr. Doug Bryant for 1574 North Decatur Road (known commonly as the 'Chevron' site), requests several variances to the Emory Village Historic Design Guidelines. In response to points outlined in Mr. Bryant's July 2, 2015 letter to the DeKalb County Board of Appeals for historic preservation and zoning variances, EVA's positions with respect only to the historic preservation requests are:

- Emory Village Alliance does not oppose the waiver to allow parking in front of the building (point C in the letter).
- Emory Village Alliance does not oppose the waiver to eliminate the 5 foot wide landscape buffer (point D in the letter).
- Emory Village Alliance does not oppose the waiver to eliminate the tree and shading requirement for paved area on the site (point E in the letter).

Also, as part of the plan for the Chevron building, Emory Village Alliance understands that garage doors are typical of the original building and therefore should be considered grandfathered.

Because this site represents grandfathered uses, the Emory Village Alliance does not believe that granting these requests will diminish the historic character of this property.