

Emailed Public Comments

From: Melanie Logan <melanielogan3@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 6:29:05 PM

Good evening,

It has been brought to my attention that a proposed Shell gas station is being considered for the corner of Brownsville Road and Hiram-Lithia Springs Road. There is a Sunoco, Dollar General, Kroger, and Valero within the same block. Adding another gas station/convenience store seems excessive and would demote any goals towards cleaner energy. I am opposed to this development.

Also, many residents have expressed concerns about the crumbling roadways and hectic traffic with little to no improvements made. As a result, there are too many potholes to count, striping that is near non-existent making it hard to determine lanes, and the line of cars through most of the day stretches from Brownsville Road/278 to Brownsville/Hiram-Lithia Springs Road. Too often, this side of Powder Springs/Cobb County seems forgotten or an afterthought.

Instead of a new gas station, the following recommendations are advised:

- **Brownsville Road Developmental Taskforce created to discuss viable options for the area** (to include unincorporated county residents in Commissioner Monique Sheffield's district) such as:
 - **Community garden in collaboration with nearby schools** (educational/horticultural component; food produced can be sold to local restaurants or food retailers; funds from this endeavor can support the property as well as upkeep for the area served and sidewalks added)
 - **Small Farmer's Market**
 - **ATM drive thru**
 - **Seasonal or experimental pop-up shops** (ex. Christmas trees, retailers/brands experimenting with new merchandise, etc.)
 - **Small walking park with botanical garden**
 - **Some other mixed-use initiative that enhances the area**
- **Road and Traffic improvements for Brownsville Road**
- **Sidewalks for pedestrians along Brownsville Road and surrounding area**
- **Businesses to comply hiding trash**

Please enter my email into the resident responses of the January 12, 2022 and January 18, 2022 meetings.

I appreciate your careful consideration of this matter. Thank you for serving our great community.
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From: Arlene Williams <arlene@strengththroughfaithcenter.org>

Sent: Friday, January 07, 2022 3:13 PM

FYI

I am writing today to oppose the proposed building of a Shell gas station at the corner of Brownsville Road and Hiram Lithia Springs Road. I live 2 miles down from this area in unincorporated Powder Springs. My first issue is that this corner already has a Sunoco gas station and a Kroger gas station. A Valero gas station is only one block down the street. How does another gas station in any way provide for the needs of this community, let alone the residents inside city limits across the highway? How does a gas station, at a time our society is racing toward electric vehicles, make any long-term sense? There is already an empty Walgreens building across the street. How about another food location as Zaxbys is the only food of choice in that area.

While I fully understand that growth is both inevitable and necessary, any growth must have due diligence behind it by elected officials. I cannot comprehend in any way why the Powder Springs council feels Brownsville Road can sustain any more development without a thorough, robust plan for better infrastructure. To incorporate the apartment complex alone, this road needs to be widened. There needs to be an actual plan to mitigate and consolidate turn-in and turn-out points (to reduce the amount of chaos, congestion, and accidents that occur daily). There needs to be a better pedestrian plan and upgraded safety features. The worn-out striping that exists now is invisible at night and on rainy days. The area and roads have been neglected too long; how can the area attract better business besides gas stations, auto parts stores, or dollar generals. Maybe start by demanding the trash Dollar General stacks up outside their building on this same corner to be permanently dealt with. The actual pavement of Brownsville Road is **not** ready for any further development. The people who actually live off Brownsville Road are not interested in any more gas stations or dollar stores. Suppose the city does not have any worthwhile, truly community-building options. In that case, I propose pursuing grants that would allow the city to purchase this corner lot and turn it into a green pocket park that could be used for a farmer's market and similar needs. While I am not a resident of the city of Powder Springs, I am asking that this email and the contents be entered into the record during the public meeting meant to address this proposal. I am copying County Commissioner Monique Sheffield in this exchange after seeing many upset residents of her district on NextDoor complain that the Powder Springs council often will not allow non-city residents to speak in opposition at meetings concerning development on Brownsville Road. I encourage Ms. Garver and incoming Mr. Tanks to work with Ms. Sheffield to create a joint city and county community group to bring more appropriate, more fulfilling, more long-term solutions to this stretch of a city street that has been neglected for far too long. Thank you for your time.

Kindest Regards,

"Celebrate your success and stand strong when adversity hits, for when the storm clouds come in, the eagles soar while the small birds take cover."

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