

Bullet Points from Nearby Neighborhoods Meeting on Selig/Walmart Suburban Plaza Redevelopment Plan November 13, 2011

Below are the concerns discussed by representatives from the Decatur Heights, Springdale Heights, Glennwood Estates, Sycamore Ridge, Sycamore Station, and Glenlake Commons neighborhoods. An observed need from the group was to prioritize concerns before presenting to Walmart, Selig, Dekalb County, and City of Decatur. The idea is to work *with* Walmart and Selig rather than *against* them, and let them know our expectations are high.

General Concerns:

- Traffic congestion at intersections and neighborhood traffic calming concerns
- Added traffic will impact ambulance access to Dekalb Medical
- Added traffic will impact two main Decatur Bicycle Network corridors
- “No Thru Trucks” signs for Sycamore Dr., Forkner Dr., and Medlock Rd.
- Concern over loss of popular existing Suburban Plaza businesses
- Request that Selig actively seek Decatur community’s input on retenanting
- Concern with additional lighting bleed-over from Suburban Plaza’s redesign

Walmart Specific:

- Environmental impact of proposed Walmart
- Economic impact on local businesses, including potential loss of jobs
- Concern over the proposed scale (request Market or minimum size Supercenter)
- Reduced parking may result in spillover to nearby streets and businesses
- Aesthetics of proposed Walmart
- Encourage Walmart to build a LEED certified building, reflecting Decatur’s focus
- Walmart’s hours of operation
- Security for Walmart parking and grounds (request assigned uniformed guards)
- Grounds maintenance to handle trash resulting from Walmart, not only on Walmart premises, but also surrounding neighborhoods
- Walmart green space maintenance (request underground irrigation/ gray water usage)
- Request Walmart actively seek input on Decatur community’s merchandise preferences

Other discussion included:

- Where do the county and city commissioners come into play in this process for helping with our concerns?
- Do we want to hold a community meeting with Selig/Walmart/Dekalb/City of Decatur for the neighborhoods and businesses on our side of Suburban Plaza? Yes.
- Nearby neighborhoods are under no obligation to support all concerns listed.
- Nearby neighborhoods are encouraged to turn out at the Dekalb Commission Meeting when the parking variance is presented.