

Conversation with Council Progress Report

as of October 24th, 2022

Meeting Date: October 20th, 2022

Action Item	Status
What can be done to increase the safety of the crosswalks on Berkeley Drive in front of the Elementary School? <i>Berkeley Drive is owned and managed by SCDOT. City Staff will bring this issue up at our quarterly meeting with SCDOT.</i>	Ongoing
Could flashing caution lights, during peak park utilization times, be added on Berkeley Drive near Ashley Dearing Park? <i>Berkeley Drive is owned and managed by SCDOT. City Staff will bring this issue up at our quarterly meeting with SCDOT.</i>	Ongoing
When does the City inspect development projects? <i>The staff from Building Codes inspects the project at different levels of construction from footings to building finals. These construction inspections are required by the Building Code and are conducted at the request of the contractor when the projects are at particular stages.</i>	Procedure in Place
Could the City require Development projects over 10 million dollars to set aside fees for the City to hire independent engineering firms to review the functional design of the project, as well as independent inspectors to ensure the project is being installed according to plans? <i>The City is only charged with ensuring a structure is built according to the approved construction plans and/or the applicable building codes. Functional design aspects are not handled through the City Code inspection process. However, the building code does already direct the City to hire a third party to perform special inspections on specialized tasks associated with the construction of commercial structures. At the time of plan submission, the City requires completion of a "Special Inspection Packet." This packet must be completed by the design professional in charge and returned to the Planning and Codes office for approval. Special inspectors are required to be licensed by the state and the license number is provided with this packet and verified by our office as part of the approval process.</i> <i>Additionally, all utilities are reviewed to be in compliance with state and city design standards, and these inspectors are certified through a state review process.</i> <i>To avoid potential delays in future developments new policies have been put in place to require verifications to be submitted to the City earlier.</i>	Procedure in Place
Does the City have plans to create a Climate Action Advisory Committee or a Sustainability Committee? <i>The City does not have plans to do so at this time; however, the City is aware of the importance of environmental protection. The City is working on many initiatives, including a tree canopy study to map our existing tree canopy coverage and target areas where additional trees may be added, then increasing planting on public/City owned property and developing programs to encourage planting on privately owned property. The City is also working on several recycling alternatives, including partnerships with Clemson University and other sustainability organizations.</i>	Ongoing

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