



## MEETING NOTES

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PROJECT NAME: Calhoun District Streetscape

PROJECT NUMBER: GR2174

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2014 7 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: Clemson City Hall

PREPARED BY: WDM

DATE: 12.8.14

PARTICIPANTS: Daniel Merritt, Clint Rigsby, Joe Bryant (SW+), Jennifer Folz (City of Clemson), Tony Tidwell (City of Clemson), Josh Christenson, John R Saylor, Zach Corontzes, Imtiaz Haque, Mary Haque

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## ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Attendees were welcomed by Rick Cotton, and a brief timeline of the project was given. The City of Clemson's goal is to complete work in summer 2015 and summer 2016.
- Clint Rigsby gave a presentation of the progress thus far in the project, which included a conceptual plan and various ideas of how to address the issues brought forth in the previous meeting.
- After the presentation concluded, a general question and answer session began.
- Imtiaz Haque asked whether a costs estimate had been prepared for the project. Clint Rigsby replied that it had not at this time, however, that it was the next step in the project, and noted that items like landscaping could be phased by the City of Clemson if budget constraints applied.
- Zach Corontzes was asked if the plan would cause any issues for Mr. Corontzes' business (Calhoun Corners Restaurant). Mr. Corontzes replied that he found no issues and was very supportive of the plan proposed.
- After Clint Rigsby noted that Elm and Clemson Streets could have marked bike lanes but, as currently designed (with on-street parking), Calhoun Street would have to have Share the Road markings, Jennifer Folz agreed that the concept sufficiently addresses bicycle transportation needs through the district.
- A question re: plans for bicycle lanes on College Avenue. SW+ will investigate whether they have been proposed in the current SCDOT improvements.

- In general, the attendees of the meeting were in support of the plan; the only issue of concern was how the people who would park on the angle spaces along Calhoun St would turn around to get to the College Avenue intersection due to Clemson Street becoming a one-way street.
- After general discussion, the meeting broke up into a work session format, where attendees were able to come to a table with a plan and sketch out or voice any additional concerns they had.
- Participants then placed two orange dots on items that they saw as most needed in the district. The majority of these were placed on sidewalk and landscape image boards. Other elements desired were signage/branding and granite walls.
- Rick Cotton suggested that the project explore a public access easement with AGR Fraternity so that the sidewalk on that side of Calhoun Street can be shifted further from the street and behind the existing trees.
- It was noted that if on-street parking were removed from Calhoun and parking for two apartment buildings was relocated to their empty rear yard, marked bike lanes could be added to Calhoun Street.
- Tony Tidwell suggested that the bioswale that runs parallel to the railroad retaining wall along Elm be a turf bioswale with underdrain. After discussion with Mary Haque and Tony re: bioswale plantings, SW+ agreed to research the viability of soft rush for the existing ditch along Clemson Street.
- With no further questions or comments, the meeting concluded at 9 p.m.

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The aforementioned items reflect my understanding of the major issues discussed at the meeting. Please contact me within seven days of the date of these minutes should your recollection of these items differ from those presented herein. Lack of notification shall be interpreted as agreement with the information as presented.