Streetscape plans on city website

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CLEMSON — Clemson officials are bringing recommendations regarding an intensive three-year streetscape and beautification project on the side streets of College Avenue and the Calhoun District to residents via the city's website.

Visit www.cityofclemson.org to find "Downtown Streetscape." There are links to the meetings held for Zones 1, 2 and 3; the streetscape design for the business district; and a summary report from the two days of meetings held last month.

"Individuals can view these by layer," said Clemson Assistant City Administrator Andy Blondeau.

Although College Avenue features pavers, benches and trees as the result of a beautification project conducted several years ago, plans for the latest streetscape are set to take place during three summers starting in 2011. Three zones — Zone 1, from Keith Street to S.C. Highway 93; Zone 2, from Keith Street to Tiger Boulevard; and Zone 3, consisting of the Calhoun District — make up the $1.14 million project.

Included in the project are lighting, landscaping and wayfinding signage. City officials would also like to explore downtown trash pickup and recycling centers.

Clemson City Council member J.C. Cook said he enjoyed hearing input from business owners and residents of the three zones on ways to enhance the beauty of the city.

"The comments we heard from the ones there were very constructive," Cook said. "I thought this was a very worthwhile endeavor and, by doing it, we should have a quality product."

Blondeau said landscape architectural experts from Seamon Whiteside and Associates of Greenville will return to Clemson Oct. 27 for a meeting with business and community leaders and residents. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the new community room where workshop was held last month.

"We will start finalizing concepts we will go with," Blondeau said. "It will be like 'This is the way we're going to go. We're going to narrow down these ideas.'

"However, if something happens where we get a whole lot of input and a whole lot of great ideas, then we'll have to have another meeting."

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