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Subject: Anchor Street Planning Procedures

Mr Shepard,

Please include the following public testimony for the council meeting on Wednesday. If you would please, I would like answers to my 3 questions below. Daniel Howlett 132 N Grayling St.

I am writing to express my concerns that the city council and city manager are not following proper procedures in the planning of the Anchor Street project.

From the city comprehensive plan, the leading land use document, pages 3 and 4:

"Citizens shall be given the opportunity to be involved in all phases of the comprehensive planning process. The planning commission (the City's committee for citizen involvement or CCI) shall take a lead role. The city shall take into account public input during the planning process and respond to those who participate."

The Anchor Street project has had ZERO public input or community outreach. The planning commission has been bypassed by the council, and public comments have been ignored.

If you look at the city manager's own words, he said that there would be an opportunity for review, revisions, and public comment.

From the June 2022 council meeting notes, the city manager said:

"Shepard spoke about the Anchor St parking and park facilities: this came as a priority back in late 2021 and early 2022. The wetland delineation and survey have been completed and the overall concept of what can possibly go out there, some of the ideas that have come up are dog parks, events building, restrooms, playground, and EV charging stations. This is about to come to the city council for review, revisions, and public comment."

The citizens have not yet had an opportunity to give their input on this project. I would like the city to please respond to the following questions:

1. Why has the planning commission not been involved in the planning of this project?
2. Why hasn't the city allowed the citizens an opportunity to give public input on this project?
3. Why is Anchor street getting special treatment? For example, for the Lake Lytle boat ramp project, there was an online survey, a public workshop, planning commission involvement, and many opportunities for citizen input. Anchor street has had none of these things.

I look forward to hearing your response.

Cheers,
Daniel

