

04-27-2022 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #9: Consider an Application for Conditional Zoning for 751 Trinity Court from Residential-4 (R-4) to Residential-Special Standards-Conditional Zoning District (R-SS-CZD)

Council Question:

How does Vision Zero apply to this plan?

Staff Response:

The developer has worked with Town staff on pedestrian access within the site limitations and is working with Parks and Recreation on a connection to the Tanyard Branch Greenway.

The proposed development meets the standards in our Engineering Manual to the extent possible; however, the current adopted Engineering Manual is from 2005 and does not reflect current Vision Zero principles or the Town Council's 2021 commitment to prioritizing vulnerable road users.

Council Question:

Where will the school bus stop be? Would staff advise adding a flashing light to the crosswalk?

Staff Response:

Town staff can discuss the possibility and need for a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (the pedestrian-activated flashing light known as an RRFB). The crossing would not meet some of the criteria that staff uses to prioritize RRFB installations across Chapel Hill (speed and traffic volume), but could be prioritized based on observed safety concerns.

Council Question:

Is the tot lot and playground designed with shade and shelter? A fence?

Staff/Applicant Response:

The whole site is densely shaded from existing tree cover. There will be a covered picnic area that is right next to the playground and tot lot. There is not currently a fence and gate shown around the playground, but we can add one if needed. There is a fence running along the exterior wall of the site that runs around the playground on three sides.