

2010 Progress Report Survey

2006 Recommendation: Reorganize the process for the submission and approval of building projects so that it is thorough, open and predictable. Question: How would you assess the city's current process of reviewing and issuing applications for building permits as compared to two years ago?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. worse than before			4.1%	4
b. no different			30.9%	30
c. a little better			53.6%	52
d. much better			11.3%	11
What do you consider to be the most problematic aspect of the city's project review process?				49
<i>answered question</i>				97
<i>skipped question</i>				26

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1	Invalid Response	
2	Invalid Response	
3	Invalid Response	
4	Invalid Response	
5	Invalid Response	
6	Too slow.	Mar 22, 2010 1:30 AM
7	Getting people to answer their phone.	Mar 22, 2010 1:35 AM
8	Zoning Review	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
9	City Council state government	Mar 22, 2010 2:47 AM
10	The lack of conformity to innovative planning efforts like the Delaware Riverfront and the lack of uniformity in how to apply design standards.	Mar 22, 2010 3:24 AM
11	the amount of time it takes for L&I to conduct a review.	Mar 22, 2010 11:38 AM
12	Applications take a long time for initial review, and it is very difficult to talk to a plan reviewer on the phone to ask questions.	Mar 22, 2010 12:28 PM
13	Its been our experience that the plan review and building permit process is improved and the follow up much improved, but the zoning and planning permit process is mired down in "we do not know what will be the rules tomorrow" mentality and for mega projects with many years of urban design effort, this mentality throughout City Government is a critical flaw in the governmental process here today when its so difficult to get projects financed.	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
14	bureaucracy	Mar 22, 2010 1:25 PM
15	the complexity of multiple agencies being involved	Mar 22, 2010 1:36 PM
16	There is no project review process.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
17	don't know	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM

What do you consider to be the most problematic aspect of the city's project review process?		
18	still complicated and there are few real decision makers.	Mar 22, 2010 4:13 PM
19	The process is still not clearly defined and easily accessed.	Mar 22, 2010 4:24 PM
20	Lack of timely completion of applications and failure of examiners to communicate adequately with applicant, i.e.unreturned phone calls, etc.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
21	L&I plan examiners do not use planning judgements.	Mar 22, 2010 5:12 PM
22	Multiple agencies, lack of design basis, role of City Council, lack of PCPC authority	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
23	That parking garages and demolition processes are being subsidized and preferred to reuse and zoning reform.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
24	Unqualified Plan Reviewers in the "Small Projects" section of L & I	Mar 22, 2010 9:20 PM
25	Internal agency improvements have taken place, but increasingly complex issues and regulations, lack of staff capacity, and the need to push the marketplace in a greener direction all require that the City do much more in the very near future. One major pending improvement will be the creation of an electronic filing and information system, which will streamline and better coordinate permit applications. A successful electronic system is a crucial first step in making permit approvals better, greener, clearer and quicker.	Mar 23, 2010 3:23 PM
26	Access to reviewers has been more limited	Mar 25, 2010 1:17 AM
27	5 weeks for an electrical permit? no reason for this	Mar 25, 2010 3:42 PM
28	Secretive information culture in the development community.	Mar 25, 2010 9:17 PM
29	difficulty of getting predesign review on small projects	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
30	Clever lawyers find ways to circumvent regulations	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
31	Design shortcomings -- for instance, site improvements and transit access for major commercial projects.	Mar 29, 2010 2:12 AM
32	Too much paperwork, opaque process	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
33	All the red tape. No help from City employees	Mar 29, 2010 12:52 PM
34	All the pieces are not fully in place yet	Apr 2, 2010 2:10 AM
35	No one place to submit a project fro review of all applicable agencies.	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
36	still some lack of clarity on commission reviews required (historic, artc, etc.)	Apr 13, 2010 2:10 AM
37	Coordination with the Water Department	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
38	have not processed an application in Phila over the past two years so can't answer above question. In the past, I did not encounter severe problems compared with other locations.	Apr 13, 2010 2:35 AM
39	continued need to clarify zoning process	Apr 13, 2010 3:04 AM
40	draconian ordeal to obtain permits	Apr 13, 2010 6:26 AM
41	The lack of quality design as a very important objective	Apr 13, 2010 1:11 PM
42	developers and lawyers knowing how to work the system better than neighborhood groups	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
43	City should be more pro-active with neighborhood groups, advocacy organizations, and civic associations to encourage their participation in this process. I may be wrong, but my sense is pro-activity is more with the latter.	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
44	Conflict of interests. Commercially-driven agenda. Lack of imagination.	Apr 13, 2010 6:15 PM
45	Rigid and a lack of communication btwn departments	Apr 13, 2010 6:20 PM
46	The number of different agencies that the applicant must personally visit to get all of the prerequisite approvals required, and the back-and-forth that results.	Apr 14, 2010 8:17 PM
47	Lack of professionalism on the part of the ZBA chair.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
48	Too damned long!	Apr 22, 2010 9:41 PM
49	more accountability for staff to keep applications moving	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM

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2006 Recommendation: Appoint experts to the boards and commissions that work in the areas of planning and design, and hold them accountable for their decisions. Question: On the whole, what is your assessment of the quality of the membership and the efforts of the various city Boards, Commissions and Corporations* related to the urban environment? *City Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Historical Commission, Art Commission, Board of Building Standards, L&I Review Board, Parks and Recreation Commission, Delaware River Waterfront Corporation, and the Redevelopment Authority

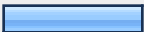
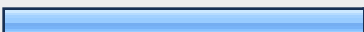
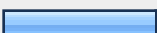
		Response Percent	Response Count
a. worse than before		7.8%	8
b. no different		20.6%	21
c. a little better		48.0%	49
d. much better		23.5%	24
Which of the entities above, if any, continues to show the greatest need for improvement?			52
			answered question
			102
			skipped question
			21

Which of the entities above, if any, continues to show the greatest need for improvement?		
1	Planning commission and ZBA are a little better but not much.	Feb 27, 2010 7:40 PM
2	parks & recreation City Planning	Feb 27, 2010 10:34 PM
3	PCPC, ZBA, Brd of bldg Standards, Parks & Recreation	Feb 28, 2010 2:51 AM
4	LIRB, DRWC	Mar 1, 2010 2:08 PM
5	Planning Commission	Mar 3, 2010 7:15 PM
6	PCPC, DRWC. Not ZBA, Not RDA, Building Standards was ok before and is ok now	Mar 3, 2010 7:59 PM
7	Planning is most improved. Zoning is better, too. The rest are about the same.	Mar 3, 2010 8:43 PM
8	PCPC, ZBA; Historical Commission is worse	Mar 3, 2010 8:45 PM
9	Altman was a disaster and then the economy tanked and unfortunately no one in the administration knows the difference between a planner and an architect.	Mar 3, 2010 10:25 PM
10	Planning and Historical Commissions	Mar 4, 2010 7:37 PM
11	ZBA	Mar 22, 2010 1:30 AM
12	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
13	Zoning Board of Appeals	Mar 22, 2010 2:22 AM
14	ZBA DRWCorp	Mar 22, 2010 2:47 AM
15	Still too many board members with too little or no knowledge of national scope of design or economic development issues of the day, leaves the city making planning decisions that do not position the city competitively.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
16	Delaware River Waterfront Corporation and Redevelopment Authority.	Mar 22, 2010 3:24 AM

Which of the entities above, if any, continues to show the greatest need for improvement?		
17	Zoning board of Adjustment	Mar 22, 2010 11:38 AM
18	Huge improvement in Zoning Board (thank you! !), RDA improved also. Historic Commission still seems more interested in penalizing homeowners and giving variances to big developers.	Mar 22, 2010 12:28 PM
19	licenses and inspections	Mar 22, 2010 12:55 PM
20	RDA	Mar 22, 2010 1:06 PM
21	Better people are on the commissions, but I feel that little is being done by these good people.	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
22	Art Commission & Delaware River Waterfront Corporation	Mar 22, 2010 1:25 PM
23	The Planning Commission is poor, the ZBA is terrible, the Historical Commission is terrible, the Art Commission is good, the L&I Review Board is good, the rest are fair.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
24	RDA	Mar 22, 2010 2:11 PM
25	don't know	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM
26	L&I	Mar 22, 2010 4:20 PM
27	Few planners involved in the internal management of the zoning process - not clear what the status of the process is and if we are any closer to a better product. Seems like there will/has be little changed with regard to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board. There is no common element between all of these agencies - no Deputy Director to pull all of these parts together. Groups still working as free agents.	Mar 22, 2010 4:24 PM
28	Historical Commission	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
29	nepotism	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
30	Art Commission	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
31	See Commissioner Burns' most recent movement to reduce costs of demolition. Also building/development zoning that favors parking over commercial/residential mixed use needs to be evaluated. We are still zoning and developing with a 1960's car-driven mind.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
32	Art Commission	Mar 23, 2010 3:23 PM
33	ZBA L & I REVIEW BOARD	Mar 25, 2010 3:42 PM
34	This question should have been asked of each of these boards - it's not fair to lump them together. For example, the Fairmount Park Commission process improved where the Zoning Board of Appeals got worse.	Mar 25, 2010 9:17 PM
35	RDA	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
36	Zoning - they should coordinate with the other commissions.	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
37	ZBA, RDA	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
38	The City Planning COmmission is run by an architect who really lacks any sense of appropriate contextual response to neighborhood character. The ZBA seems to be intent on ignoring the desires of the neighborhood groups intent on improving the character of their built environment.	Mar 30, 2010 1:58 PM
39	zoning board of adjustment	Apr 2, 2010 2:10 AM
40	All the same - professional experts are not the solution	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
41	ZBA, RDA	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
42	L&I needs to enforce more	Apr 13, 2010 3:04 AM
43	Public Health and Education. Not in that order	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
44	Historical Commission, Art Commission	Apr 13, 2010 1:11 PM
45	Art Commission, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission	Apr 13, 2010 1:27 PM
46	L&I	Apr 13, 2010 1:52 PM

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47	The Historical Commission has the type of people serving on the Commission specified in its ordinance, and it is a good mix. Developers should not be made Chair of the Historical Commission (unless they have a known preservation focus). Wayne Spilove is the best example of a poor choice put at the helm. I'm not sure what can be done to ensure "accountability" but its a good idea.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
48	L&I	Apr 13, 2010 4:06 PM
49	City Planning Commission, in that it needs to have the resources required to be comprehensive with broadly effectiveness and impact.	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
50	Some of these commissions/boards are better, others not. They do seem to be less overtly political, but not by as much as I would have expected.	Apr 14, 2010 8:17 PM
51	The ZBA. Also, the Art Commission is underfunded and is currently operated by a single staffer. The PCPC is loosing its way due to the many positions the current director holds.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
52	Planning Commission and Historical Commission still dominated by non-experts. ZBA is still non-expert, but seems politically timid after the promising independence and legal defensibility of the Unisys sign denial.	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM

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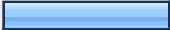
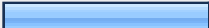

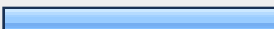
2006 Recommendation: Establish a Philadelphia Department of Transportation to coordinate the responsibilities of the Streets Department, Penn DOT, and SEPTA and oversee the planning and development of mass transit, vehicular and pedestrian traffic systems. Question: In 2008 Mayor Nutter created the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities to serve in this capacity. How effective has this entity been in coordinating the various decisions made by the city's transportation agencies?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. not effective		21.1%	20	
b. somewhat effective		55.8%	53	
c. very effective		23.2%	22	
Can you provide one or two examples of transportation decisions which are most representative of your answer? Please note if the example is positive or negative.				52
			<i>answered question</i>	95
			<i>skipped question</i>	28

Can you provide one or two examples of transportation decisions which are most representative of your answer? Please note if the example is positive or negative.		
1	the surface mounted trolley running on East Market Street is pretty stupid. The CC bike lanes are a good thing.	Feb 27, 2010 7:40 PM
2	Bicycle lanes new parking regulations But not very open to citizen input	Feb 27, 2010 10:34 PM
3	SEPTA and the City actually talk to each other now - more coordinated efforts for funding	Mar 1, 2010 2:08 PM
4	Bike lanes on Spruce Street	Mar 3, 2010 7:15 PM
5	Office of Transportation role in Market St extension of proposed riverfront light rail is inconclusive. Staff is small considering the responsibility	Mar 3, 2010 7:59 PM
6	Generally about the same, but the exception is the Mayor's commitment to improve the South Street Bridge	Mar 3, 2010 8:43 PM
7	Two years is too short a time to know. South Street Bridge is good example of process improvement, but I'm not confident it will work, just make bikers happy.	Mar 3, 2010 10:25 PM
8	coordinated transit signage; excellent bicycle and pedestrian policies emerging	Mar 4, 2010 7:37 PM
9	The City now has a bicycle coordinator however, there still remains much to do to make Philadelphia more sustainable and I'm not sure that the present deputy mayor is the right person for the job.	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
10	Bike lanes on spruce and pine--yayyyy, er, positive	Mar 22, 2010 2:47 AM
11	Where's the comprehensive multi-modal plan? Everything is still really peicemeal. NYC is the best model here, making the best out of little money for implementation, but real foward thinking of how to transform infrastructure with limited resources.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM

Can you provide one or two examples of transportation decisions which are most representative of your answer? Please note if the example is positive or negative.		
12	Extension of transit line down Frankford Ave. to Delaware Ave. from Girard to serve casino is very problematic as is lack of smart and coordinated decisions on I-95 expansion.	Mar 22, 2010 3:24 AM
13	Creation of bike lanes on Spruce and Pine Streets. Use of parking lanes on Walnut and Chestnut for early morning deliveries (PPA initiative).	Mar 22, 2010 12:28 PM
14	The attempt by Streets to implement GPIS ... which never works.	Mar 22, 2010 1:06 PM
15	I see no progress, even to get pot holes filled	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
16	Waterfront Lightrail Interaction with PennDOT on I-95	Mar 22, 2010 1:36 PM
17	Don' know.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
18	The City has more advocacy of needs and goals and there is a clear path to recive feedback on issues and projects	Mar 22, 2010 2:14 PM
19	Plus: Provides coordinated decision-making. Negative: Better, more transparent process needed to address design considerations of infrastructure projects such as the redesign of Dilworth Plaza and the contract for new streetscape elements (bus stops, kiosks, newstands, etc.).	Mar 22, 2010 2:57 PM
20	don't know. Glad to see bike lanes, the snow emergency was handled as well as could be expected by Septa and Streets (given the circumstances).	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM
21	bike lanes but also coordination of activities around TOD	Mar 22, 2010 4:13 PM
22	Very clear who is on point for these activities.	Mar 22, 2010 4:24 PM
23	I am not informed on this issue, so therefore I am reluctant to answer the question.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
24	Steve Buckley convenes a regular meeting called the 30th St. Task Force, trying to coordinate all the construction and planning projects near 30th St. Station. Good meetings, well attended, good balance between planning and construction.	Mar 22, 2010 5:12 PM
25	no trolley cars are needed on market street	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
26	Bike lanes on Pine and Spruce, desire for design review on bridge improvements funded by Federal Government, Relationship with SEPTA	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
27	Positive: installation of Pine/Spruce bike lanes and enforcement of respect for pedestrians and riders on streets. Negative: Still allowing developers to demolish sites and construct parking structures within vacinity of SEPTA services. Public transportation will never blossom to its full potential if we continue to undermine it with out car-preferring development schemes.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
28	Slightly better bicycle programs; Still slow to enforce accessability regulations	Mar 22, 2010 9:20 PM
29	Spruce/Pine Bike Lanes	Mar 23, 2010 1:13 PM
30	Positive: Spruce-Pine Bike Lanes. Positive: \$17M TIGER Grant Yet, the MOT still needs additional capacity; and, given that, could better coordinate local and regional transportation decisions with other local partners, ranging from DVRPC, Septa, Amtrak, DRPA, airport, to local non-profits and neighborhood groups.	Mar 23, 2010 3:23 PM
31	increased bike lanes are good, inability to get SEPTA to introduce smart cards is bad, parking kiosks are good, but their operation is problematic	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
32	Advance planning so two major streets are not closed for construction at the same time, causing traffic tie ups. Need for adequate signage for cancellations, etc.	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
33	Offhand, I can't think of a decision this department has advocated for. This is an exciting, vital part of city planning and the department is invisible.	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
34	Bike lanes - positive Total mindset shift at SEPTA - positive	Apr 2, 2010 2:10 AM

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35	No	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
36	Positive -- street furniture rfp Negative -- still no comprehensive transportation policy	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
37	Good idea to extend Broad St subway to the Navy Yard.	Apr 13, 2010 2:35 AM
38	South St Bridge	Apr 13, 2010 3:04 AM
39	have not seen any impact what-so-ever.	Apr 13, 2010 6:26 AM
40	I really am not that informed, though I have spent a good bit of my career as a transportation architect. I am glad to see some regional rail station restoration /improvement projects getting going. I do not understand the proposed Dilworth Plaza debacle. However I am beginning to see the merit in Ed Bacon and others' proposal fifty years ago to tear down city hall. The area is too small for a public center. I always feel as though the government is holed up in a fortress, much as M.O.V.E. was when they ran their own little version of government. If the city really wants to improve the heart of the downtown, make the whole ground floor accessible for use by the public and make it compelling 24/7.	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
41	Positive: Spruce/Pine bike lanes Negative: 30th Street Station redesign process is exclusionary.	Apr 13, 2010 1:27 PM
42	Increase in bike lanes is great. Not enough parking spaces for bikes- have heard about the transformation of now defunct meters into bike racks, why is this taking so long? Parking kiosks are good, if not a little confusing for many.	Apr 13, 2010 1:39 PM
43	1. Schuylkill river redevelopment on both sides of the river is showing progress. Not enough Delaware development (guessing due to the casino debacle) 2. Bike lanes!!! bravo - we need more	Apr 13, 2010 1:52 PM
44	spruce/pine bike lanes, better working relationship with SEPTA (return of "Transit First")	Apr 13, 2010 1:53 PM
45	Not sure how effective it is yet but it is a good idea, and should be given more time.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
46	My impression, is lack of resources is limiting its influence.	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
47	Still no smart card. Broad Street line underground still smells of urine. 19th and Market stop is still a Hooverville.	Apr 13, 2010 6:15 PM
48	They are oversseing stadium district decisions regarding traffic. However, they need to communicate better with other departments.	Apr 13, 2010 6:20 PM
49	New signage for transit is great. Clearing double-parked delivery trucks during rush hour is also great.	Apr 14, 2010 8:17 PM
50	I do not know. However, if the transit plan proposed for the Central Delaware Waterfront was, in part, the responsibility of this new office, I am disappointed.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
51	I don't see any changes.	Apr 22, 2010 9:41 PM
52	no familiarity with this issue	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM

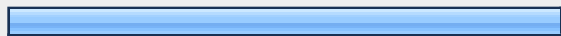
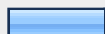
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2006 Recommendation: Implement the proposed reorganization and consolidation of the City's housing-related agencies. Question: Although these agencies have not been consolidated, has the administration been effective in coordinating the various housing and community development programs?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. not effective			25.5%	25
b. somewhat effective			31.6%	31
c. very effective			1.0%	1
d. not sure			41.8%	41
Is the recommendation to consolidate the city's housing agencies currently relevant?				45
			answered question	98
			skipped question	25

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1	Not sure.	Feb 27, 2010 7:40 PM
2	Yes, more needs to be done here more efficiently.	Feb 27, 2010 10:34 PM
3	I think there should be a "don't know" to many if not all of these.	Feb 28, 2010 2:51 AM
4	Much work needs to be done in dealing with vacant land in the City, which is owned by these carious agencies	Mar 1, 2010 2:08 PM
5	YES	Mar 3, 2010 7:15 PM
6	I thought that they had been consolidated to the extent that everything goes through one decision tree.	Mar 3, 2010 7:59 PM
7	Yes	Mar 3, 2010 8:45 PM
8	Terry Gillen working to resolve scattered vacant land problem.	Mar 3, 2010 10:25 PM
9	Yes	Mar 4, 2010 7:37 PM
10	not sure	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
11	yes	Mar 22, 2010 2:47 AM
12	YES!!	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
13	Not sure - consolidation isn't required if each agency is doing their job.	Mar 22, 2010 12:28 PM
14	YES - reducing overlap reduces overhead which reduces budget	Mar 22, 2010 1:06 PM
15	I was hoping for New York City style inclusive housing and have not seen any movement in this direction.	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
16	There has been no consolidation. There is no housing and community development program of this administration so why bother to consolidate.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
17	yes	Mar 22, 2010 2:11 PM
18	Using the model of the transportation department, it might help	Mar 22, 2010 2:14 PM
19	Yes	Mar 22, 2010 2:57 PM
20	don't know	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM

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21	not as much as ensuring that the process is clear and transparent for CDCs to get their work done	Mar 22, 2010 4:13 PM
22	Please do this, the City is bleeding money by having a bloated OHCD that hasn't put together a housing plan for the city and just issues contracts to other to do the work. OHCD does not need a staff of 80+ people to oversee a contracts. Other departments are doing the actually implementation, while OHCD collects a large administrative fee off of each contract.	Mar 22, 2010 4:24 PM
23	yes	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
24	Still relevant but extremely difficult since the prior Mayor tried so hard to accomplish it. RDA has more of a planning orientation. OHCD is competently and professionally run.	Mar 22, 2010 5:12 PM
25	hire students from the university of pennsylvania instead of relatives	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
26	Yes, housing policy should be more closely linked with Planning and Economic Development. Council has too much of a role in the dispensing of vacant land and this has been at a standstill	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
27	I think so.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
28	YES	Mar 22, 2010 9:20 PM
29	still somewhat relevant	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
30	Left hand should know what the right hand is doing.	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
31	yes	Mar 29, 2010 5:12 PM
32	Yes.	Mar 30, 2010 1:58 PM
33	yes	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
34	Yes -- it was actually done but then the personnel left	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
35	Yes	Apr 13, 2010 2:35 AM
36	yes	Apr 13, 2010 3:04 AM
37	Oversight is the key to reducing inefficiencies and corruption.	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
38	Yes, very.	Apr 13, 2010 1:11 PM
39	Yes, we need to access federal funds in a coordinated way. Combining the agencies will assist in this.	Apr 13, 2010 1:27 PM
40	Not sure, but seems like a no brainer. Would be great to be able to cut through red tape to make housing available for smaller developers or single family homeowners.	Apr 13, 2010 1:39 PM
41	not familiar with this issue	Apr 13, 2010 1:52 PM
42	Yes	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
43	Yes	Apr 13, 2010 6:20 PM
44	not sure	Apr 14, 2010 8:17 PM
45	don't know	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM

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2006 Recommendation: Create and empower a Civic Design Commission that will draw upon the extensive professional resources in the region to provide urban design review for all major projects. Question: Last year, the Planning Commission proposed creating a Design Review Committee that would provide advisory review of major development projects in the city (over 100,000sf or more than 25 residential units). The proposal was put on hold pending further consideration by the Zoning Code Commission. With consideration for the pros and cons of creating this entity, do you think DAG should continue to support this proposal?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. yes		85.4%	88	
b. no		14.6%	15	
Do you have any comments or criticisms of the current Design Review Committee proposal?				38
			<i>answered question</i>	103
			<i>skipped question</i>	20

Do you have any comments or criticisms of the current Design Review Committee proposal?		
1	The current proposal does not include sufficient community representation.	Feb 27, 2010 7:40 PM
2	Design review, especially for neighborhood projects, should have local input in addition to design "experts". The threshold for review should vary according to context.	Feb 27, 2010 10:34 PM
3	How will the DRC be different than the art commission - why have a separate entity?	Mar 1, 2010 2:08 PM
4	Any device that makes architecture and architects significant again in this city is welcome! Actually, Design Review is in place now with the new PCPC, just unofficially.	Mar 3, 2010 8:43 PM
5	It is essential that the review process begin early and give the opportunity for several revisions	Mar 3, 2010 8:45 PM
6	It cannot be advisory to the developer only or it will be ignored by developers. It needs to be advisory to some body that has regulatory authority.	Mar 5, 2010 3:01 PM
7	Yes. Design review is a very important part of any civic development process. Design review should not be limited just to buildings, but should include bridges, streets, roads, etc. i.e. any major part of the civic environment.	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
8	Not Strong Enough- no plans or guidelines to back up decisions- the city, which has an amazing heritage of urban design, needs to start analyzing existing conditions and make specific recommendations for managing changes & upgrades.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
9	Its awkward enough answering to the design opinions of the Art Commission and Historical Commission without having more opinions.	Mar 22, 2010 11:38 AM
10	Why so large a parcel? EVERY design could be subject to review.	Mar 22, 2010 1:06 PM

Do you have any comments or criticisms of the current Design Review Committee proposal?		
11	In our own practice, many of our major projects went on hold and then died because of a lack of clarity as to what would be the next step of rules. There is a major concern that the one year time period from zoning and use permit to on site construction is not realistic for a major project. In my view this must change and could easily change immediately. One idea would be to extend the one year period without an appeal if the developer began to pay the U and O tax on the would-be project.	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
12	Would appear to be just another layer of bureaucracy	Mar 22, 2010 1:36 PM
13	This administration and the Planning Commission have demonstrated that they are incompetent at design review.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
14	Very important to start streamlining the process for developers and allowing the City to speak with one voice and to ensure the dialog takes place at a neutral zone like the City not in the community where folks are to close to the topic at hand.	Mar 22, 2010 4:24 PM
15	Although I support a debate concerning this issue, the creation of such a committee is fraught with many pitfalls.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
16	don't remember your proposals	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
17	I believe it should be a project review role, linked to the L & I permit process with designers employed by L & I administering design review guidelines to protect the quality of streets and public spaces and to regulate parking in a positive, urban manner.	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
18	If such a committee is created, representatives from each neighborhood should sit on the review board for every hearing (comparable to NYC landmark designation and restoration hearings, reps from each burough are appointed). I think in order to design with every possible use equally in mind, we must hear the voices of residents from all parts and surrounding regions of the city.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
19	Criteria needs to be expanded substantially	Mar 22, 2010 9:20 PM
20	Design Review should be part of any development proposal, but should be included as part of the governmental review and public outreach process, and not another ad-hoc step in the development process.	Mar 23, 2010 3:23 PM
21	Most include neighborhood representation	Mar 25, 2010 9:17 PM
22	Some of the members have already been told what the decision should be, not considering the public good.	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
23	I think that there should be stronger oversight over smaller projects as well. The visual fabric of our city is being destroyed by second rate design and shoddy building practices one little building at a time. Where is the concern for the cumulative effect of all of the smaller projects? I would gladly conduct a tour in any neighborhood to point out recent new construction and renovations that detract from the public realm and are far smaller than the recommended review threshold size of 25 residential units!	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
24	Great job.	Mar 29, 2010 5:12 PM
25	What is taking Greenberger so long to implement it?	Apr 2, 2010 2:10 AM
26	The city does not need any more layers of bureaucracy - it need less. The planning commission is the design review agency.	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
27	Needs to have a strong majority of design professionals	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
28	Design Review Committee membership should rotate frequently.	Apr 13, 2010 2:35 AM
29	The Design Review Committee's role/authority/responsibility and the review process in relation to other city agencies' review/permit processes need to be clearly defined.	Apr 13, 2010 12:29 PM
30	Enough meddling already.	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
31	Not sure that another layer of review can be handled any better than some of our existing efforts- focus on making the ones in place better.	Apr 13, 2010 1:39 PM

Do you have any comments or criticisms of the current Design Review Committee proposal?		
32	I write yes, but it is qualified. There should be a design review committee, but I have questions as to which organization it should belong to. Each neighborhood presently has a similar committee. Will we be creating too much bureaucracy rather than streamlining and making the review process more transparent? The process should be the same for all types of projects regardless of client, neighborhood, developer, or individual's monetary worth. (For example, NYC has a good process in place that allows all constituents to have their say.)	Apr 13, 2010 1:52 PM
33	This idea should be pursued. A person with a preservation perspective should be included on the Committee.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
34	Design review should not include aesthetics. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder	Apr 13, 2010 6:20 PM
35	What is the logic of restricting the review process to only major development projects? What process is in place for smaller projects, as they can have equal impact on the city.	Apr 13, 2010 6:38 PM
36	This is desperately needed. Not sure why this can't just get attached to the current zoning code as an overlay (for building type rather than for a specific geographic area, but should work nevertheless.)	Apr 14, 2010 8:17 PM
37	The outcome of this proposed process, if inclusive of public input, should net the proposer an approval, not a recommendation to approve, only.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
38	Too few design professionals on the proposed Committee, and need urban planners. There needs to be a voice for city concerns, since current process produces compromises between a developer and local interests, that may short change broader municipal issues.	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM

2010 Progress Report Survey

2006 Recommendation: Identify transformative ideas that can radically alter and improve the quality of the City and the region, and synthesize these ideas into a long range vision for growth. Question: Has Mayor Nutter successfully articulated a long-range vision for Philadelphia?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. yes			28.2%	29
b. no			71.8%	74
		<i>answered question</i>		103
		<i>skipped question</i>		20

2010 Progress Report Survey

2006 Recommendation: Develop a comprehensive plan for the City that describes a framework of public facilities and infrastructure improvements as the context for more detailed plans for neighborhood and commercial district improvement, and waterfront development. Question: The Planning Commission has begun the process of developing a comprehensive plan for the city. In your opinion, is the pace of this process proceeding in an appropriate manner?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. yes			53.5%	53
b. no			46.5%	46
If no, please comment below:				44
			answered question	99
			skipped question	24



If no, please comment below:		
1	This should have started sooner and been moving faster.	Feb 27, 2010 7:40 PM
2	It would be nice for the PCPC to share some major specifics that they are working on. Let the public know something already!	Feb 28, 2010 2:51 AM
3	Slow start!	Mar 3, 2010 8:45 PM
4	Since comp plan is to be the legal basis for zoning, it needs to move more quickly or zoning code commission needs to work longer.	Mar 3, 2010 10:25 PM
5	actually, not sure	Mar 4, 2010 7:37 PM
6	Faster!	Mar 22, 2010 1:30 AM
7	The comprehensive planning will need to take into account the work of the ZCC which is perhaps why it has not proceeded as quickly as one would like.	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
8	Public process for Imagine Philadelphia was way undercooked, and I'm not sure the Community Planning Institutes are going to do enough to engage citizens, hire PennPraxis, build upon successes and network of Delaware Action Plan, and ensure that the comp plan is owned by citizens, and will be more than just a bureaucratic document.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
9	It apparently does not have high priority.	Mar 22, 2010 11:38 AM
10	needs to proceed much faster	Mar 22, 2010 12:55 PM
11	drive around Philadelphia, it looks like Berlin in 1948!	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
12	Don't know	Mar 22, 2010 1:36 PM
13	Very closed door.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
14	comp plan needs to be done before zoning reform, but since that's taking so long, then maybe it will.	Mar 22, 2010 2:48 PM
15	A lot of comprehensive work just released or in the works-- the comprehensive plan, zoning code reform, stormwater management policy, and GreenWorks/GreenPlan-- will be make positive changes in the city.	Mar 22, 2010 2:57 PM
16	don't know.	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM

If no, please comment below:		
17	but...i also believe that the idea of a comprehensive plan is getting used too frequently as a solution to many problems which it will not be. it is just a guide - the major decisions will be made on the ground in each community	Mar 22, 2010 4:13 PM
18	I say no, because I am not aware of what they are doing. They need to communicate with the design community and general public.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
19	not using the proposals presented	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
20	I have heard that there is a comprehensive planning process but have not seen any of the results nor a publicized link to the zoning code commission's work.	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
21	I appreciate the motivation expressed in the speed of the processes, but quality should never fall victim to preasure to gets things done. We need to be able to work quickly but not let issues be glossed over and ignored in these processes.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
22	I have more faith in Alan Greenberger, but as long as he's doubling as acting Commerce chief, how much time can he devote?	Mar 22, 2010 7:44 PM
23	Yet, a lot more public outreach needs to be done.	Mar 23, 2010 3:23 PM
24	pace is not the problem; the scope is the problem. A Comprehensive Plan should be truly comprehensive, but from what I have seen it looks like we will only get a development plan.	Mar 25, 2010 3:30 PM
25	but to be fair, with changes in senior staffing, initiatives like this have been delayed	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
26	Don't really know	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
27	WE will never have the perfect plan. But surely common-sense changes should already be implemented, such as the protection of our commercial street corners. Street corners are the most important component of the urban grid, and have suffered the most in the last half century of commerical decline. A lot of junk has been built on our commercial street corners in the last two years, and some fine buildings demolished. This is only one example of why the process should be done in phases, with the most important aspects acted on immediately. The plan won't be perfect--let's get aspects of it implemented and tweak as we go.	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
28	They have not done anything noticeable	Mar 29, 2010 12:52 PM
29	Budget and economic issues have higher priority.	Mar 29, 2010 5:12 PM
30	I wasn't even aware of the activity.	Mar 30, 2010 1:58 PM
31	this mayor has been in office for two years, without demonstrable results on these issues.	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
32	Off to a good start	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
33	I dont know.	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
34	We need to move quickly to take advantage of big pots of federal funds, such as the High Speed Rail initiative, the EPA coordinated funding, etc. Crank out the plan, and avoid tons of background existing conditions. There are some my studies on the way things are right now.	Apr 13, 2010 1:27 PM
35	Not sure what the progress is, but seems slow.	Apr 13, 2010 1:39 PM
36	extremely slow	Apr 13, 2010 1:53 PM
37	Not sure. I've heard more about the zoning reform than the Comp Plan update. Good that it is being updated, though.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
38	Too many obstacles - Casinos, budget limitations, city taxes, economy in general.	Apr 13, 2010 4:06 PM
39	Not sure, as I have not been apprised of the timeline.	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
40	No sure.	Apr 13, 2010 6:15 PM
41	Needs to be out ahead of Zoning reform	Apr 13, 2010 6:20 PM
42	If such work is ongoing, I know little about it. Has there been a public engagement process in connection with this effort?	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
43	I hear very little to nothing about what is happening.	Apr 22, 2010 9:41 PM

If no, please comment below:

44	As I understand it, budget constraints mean that only the Delaware Waterfront and communities willing to develop their own plans will be planned. Have heard nothing about the plan since the first round of community meetings.	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM
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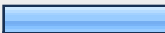

2010 Progress Report Survey

2006 Recommendation: Revise the zoning code to incorporate the content of the comprehensive plan, and streamline the process according to the recommendations of the Building Industry Association report. Question: The efforts of the Zoning Code Commission to rewrite the zoning code have been underway for nearly three years. In your opinion, is the ZCC on the right track?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. yes			70.2%	66
b. no			29.8%	28
If no, please comment below:				38
answered question				94
skipped question				29

If no, please comment below:		
1	While the new code will certainly be more simple and easier to understand, I'm afraid that the needed sweeping changes will not be made to the code.	Mar 1, 2010 2:08 PM
2	not sure	Mar 3, 2010 7:34 PM
3	Disclosure -- I am working on this	Mar 3, 2010 7:59 PM
4	They are trying earnestly to replace the Old Testament with a New Testament that no one will understand except communities that want to stop development.	Mar 3, 2010 10:25 PM
5	Plan revision/conformance with a vision is just starting and will be lengthy and most critical process.	Mar 22, 2010 1:35 AM
6	This is really tough work.	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
7	But, should be more heavily considering TOD stuff, and ways to work in form based codes as a guide for development- not doing so will automatically put us behind the curve in where zoning is headed over the next decade.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
8	There is little meaningful citizen education and involvement on the grassroots level. Zoning isn't that complicated yet the City has not invested in creating an equitable playing field for citizens to participate.	Mar 22, 2010 3:24 AM
9	It really shouldn't take that long.	Mar 22, 2010 11:56 AM
10	BUT the planning Commission needs greater coordination with the ZRB	Mar 22, 2010 1:06 PM
11	Look around, there is almost no private development going on here today and most of the projects that were on the boards dried up. "We have met the enemy and we are us" (for younger readers this is a quote from POGO). We chased multi national billions of dollars away from the Philadelphia development process by having an unreliable zoning and planning process that allows individual City Council members the RIGHT to stop, hold up or impose new zoning and planning rules on the development process in their district, for political and not Urban Design or Urban Economic reasons.	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
12	Don't know	Mar 22, 2010 1:36 PM
13	hired good consultants. overall, probably too many members on ZCC, too large of a body, and many with little zoning knowledge.	Mar 22, 2010 2:48 PM
14	This will be the toughest challenge in achieving zoning code reform.	Mar 22, 2010 2:57 PM

If no, please comment below:		
15	sounds like ZBA is trying to phase out community group participation which is very alarming.	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM
16	Little progress has been seen, seems as if there will be very little change - just some re-writing of the code. Missing out on a chance to have some real change happen.	Mar 22, 2010 4:24 PM
17	Again, I am not aware of what is happening in that arena.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
18	ZCC Chair, Director and consultant are competent and have improved the way the effort is organized.	Mar 22, 2010 5:12 PM
19	need entire new employees, free of city council control	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
20	But I have some issues with what the BIA report suggests.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
21	Neighborhoods' role in zoning and planning should be enhanced not reduced.	Mar 25, 2010 9:17 PM
22	Real, positive progress is finally being made at the ZCC	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
23	As long as vested interests are not involved to the detriment of the city and the public.	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
24	Where is the progress, folks????	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
25	They are taking too long	Mar 29, 2010 12:52 PM
26	Less bureaucracy, not more.	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
27	don't know enough about progress to say yes	Apr 13, 2010 2:10 AM
28	Its not so much the code as the variance review process. How is that being changed?	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
29	We simply do not know what is going on.	Apr 13, 2010 1:11 PM
30	Don't know yet. They just came out with module 1, and I attended one of those sessions. Seems like a lot is still in data gathering mode, which is understandable given the scope of the project.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
31	Too uch politiking and not enough intelligent thinking	Apr 13, 2010 4:06 PM
32	I get the impression the city is finalizing realizing the necessity of zoning revisions to promote quality planning and development	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
33	Not sure.	Apr 13, 2010 6:15 PM
34	I'd like to see the city take a progressive approach to zoning. It's good at saying 'no'. Development should have a 'yes' option	Apr 13, 2010 6:20 PM
35	Not sure where they are - I know this is a tough process and will take a long time, but c'mon - 3 years and still nothing?	Apr 14, 2010 8:17 PM
36	Yes, but barely. The ZCC was slow to get started and is now in the process of asking for an extension of their work. Of late, the ZCC seems hesitant to actually reform much of the current code.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
37	Damned slow progress.	Apr 22, 2010 9:41 PM
38	This effort is comprehensive, but lacks an updated City Comprehensive Plan as its basis. It is very much a work in progress, with such a short deadline that probably much of the old code will remain pasted in as it is in the Module 2 draft. Big questions such as standing remain wide-open.	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM

2010 Progress Report Survey

2006 Recommendation: Focus creative attention upon design quality in every aspect of building throughout the City, and ensure that the urban design perspective is considered in public decisions. Question: Has the administration adequately considered the urban design perspective in all public decisions?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. yes			24.8%	25
b. no			75.2%	76
Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.				57
answered question				101
skipped question				22

Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.		
1	Family court building.	Feb 27, 2010 7:40 PM
2	the Barnes, Dilworth Plaza, Convention Center (actually mainly pre-administration, not enough sustainable elements), Family Court	Feb 27, 2010 10:34 PM
3	Municipal court is a good example	Feb 28, 2010 2:51 AM
4	The budget has taken most of the emphasis rather than design - the new Family Court building and loss of the PLICO buildings on N. Broad are good examples of current projects with no real design	Mar 1, 2010 2:08 PM
5	Not all. Many, but not all. The Family Court is perfect example of not considering urban design perspective.	Mar 3, 2010 8:43 PM
6	Family Court Building; lack of city participation in Dilworth Plaza planning	Mar 3, 2010 8:45 PM
7	plans for Family Court Building is a disappointment so far	Mar 3, 2010 10:25 PM
8	Dilworth Plaza, new Family Court building, approved demolition of Hillman Center	Mar 4, 2010 7:37 PM
9	The Family Court building design.	Mar 22, 2010 1:30 AM
10	As exemplified by the revisioning of the South Street Bridge, I believe that there is a general understanding that good design is a public necessity.	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
11	Casinos are still getting a pass	Mar 22, 2010 2:47 AM
12	Negative- Sugar House. Also, too much reaction, not enough leadership on design in general.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
13	His support for Sugarhouse casino which is a box with 25 acres of surface parking on our city's great riverfront.	Mar 22, 2010 3:24 AM
14	There is no public dynamism of urban design in Philadelphia, as there was with Ed Bacon. A strong central advocate is needed.	Mar 22, 2010 11:38 AM
15	Some, but not all. Although it is virtually impossible to consider urban design in all public decisions I still think we fall short of understanding the wide range benefits of well planned building projects.	Mar 22, 2010 11:56 AM
16	Alan Greenberger has been a fantastic planning commission director.	Mar 22, 2010 12:28 PM

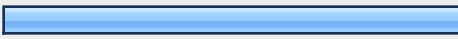
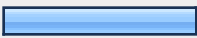
Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.		
17	Casinos not being held to standards, thousands of empty lots and/or derelict buildings being held in stasis rather than reused (sold, made into parks/gardens, etc)	Mar 22, 2010 1:06 PM
18	What has been assured is that individual City Council members can individually control development in their district. NIMBY must stop and we must look at Philadelphia as a regional urban economic entity.	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
19	Don't know	Mar 22, 2010 1:36 PM
20	They are just as bad as the Street administration in just going along with anything anyone proposes because they have no ideas of their own and are desperate for development.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
21	only districts/nhoods that have design review have much say in design of new construction. still lots of ugly stuff being built out there w/no professional input.	Mar 22, 2010 2:48 PM
22	It's actually hard to gauge the city's success, since private development has slowed considerably. The press has been good at pointing out small, innovative projects and approaches that may have little to do with city policy, but create an public appetite for more.	Mar 22, 2010 2:57 PM
23	certainly not for the court building planned on Arch St.	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM
24	see casinos	Mar 22, 2010 4:13 PM
25	but it could be much, much better	Mar 22, 2010 4:20 PM
26	The the new design for the Family Court Building across from Love Park - enough said.	Mar 22, 2010 4:24 PM
27	There has not been much new construction in the last two years, but the new justice facility at 15th and Arch is example of failure of the administration.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
28	It has definitely improved. Not realistic to say "all public decisions."	Mar 22, 2010 5:12 PM
29	they jump from subject to subject	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
30	Adoption of the Civic Vision for the waterfront is a positive step. Instigating and supporting PCPC authority over major developments through zoning is another positive and significant step, and a good sign in fortifying the agency.	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
31	Negative: Convention center addition. Buildings capable of contributing positively to our city's historical and cultural fabric were lost to a sprawling boxy design that refuses to respect the city it will inhabit. It is yet another. Building designed on a foundation parking though it is already surrounded by two garages and four lots on a valuable streetscape. This project could have used more thought. Negative: the 2nd Cira Center near Schuylkill. Parking built first across from three other preexisting major parking garages on prime pedestrian space, not designed on a human scale but on car scale without mixed use. Not only ugly but disregards the uses that a major thoroughfare like Walnut should require: commercial/residential mixed use buildings NOT faceless, windowless suburban fortresses like parking garages.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
32	casinos design	Mar 22, 2010 7:44 PM
33	Administration, City Counsel & Planning Commission too eager to approve ANY big project that comes along without considering impacts or civic input	Mar 22, 2010 9:20 PM
34	Not all, but most. At this point I will settle for most.	Mar 25, 2010 3:30 PM
35	It seems there has been little discussion, e.g. with the new Family Court building	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
36	Design was not a major factor in reviewing the plans for both casinos and the convention center expansion; as a result, plans for all sites leave much to be desired. That said, the trend as compared to Street administration is positive.	Mar 26, 2010 5:16 PM

Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.		
37	Codes and standards represent only the barest minimum. If followed slavishly, without imagination, there will be only the minimum results. Good design is not a factor, but should be. However, who is going to bell the cat on good design?	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
38	The mayor's turnabout on casinos shows little regard for good urban planning, either with the Market East casino location re-zoning that was rammed through Council and ultimately foundered, and the mayor's support for the waterfront casino locations.	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
39	Same old same old	Mar 29, 2010 12:52 PM
40	The City has budget and economic issues that come first, positive.	Mar 29, 2010 5:12 PM
41	UD is serious player at the table. Look at PCPC reviews for Stamper Square as an example. Even the design for the Sugar House casino improved on the back of UD attention.	Apr 2, 2010 2:10 AM
42	Family Court - negative	Apr 13, 2010 2:10 AM
43	Negative -- Family Court	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
44	Family Court Building	Apr 13, 2010 3:04 AM
45	Plans for the Family Court are mediocre at best.	Apr 13, 2010 6:26 AM
46	Should be applied to the more mundane aspects of design, such as the management and upkeep of public areas, and the accountability of private property owners, especially in the neighborhoods, to manage their properties. Absentee landlords and private commercial companies with an eye only for profit can do more to bring down the quality of the environment than design can improve it.	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
47	The proposed Family Court. The Barnes entry location. A proposed new pier--is it being coordinated with the overall plan. Again, we do not know yet.	Apr 13, 2010 1:11 PM
48	Negative: Family court. Negative: snails pace zoning rewrite.	Apr 13, 2010 1:27 PM
49	The whole casino issue (where, when, how) seems to be indicative of the City continuing to be beholden to the developers. It was a bad idea to begin with, and the lack of ability to make it work seems to reinforce that point of view.	Apr 13, 2010 1:39 PM
50	One can not expect too much in the way of aesthetics from politicians. Anything beyond codes, safety, public gestures, and quality materials could create an unwanted hamstring to the design process. Aesthetics should be left to the design professionals. That's why a design review committee may be a good idea. It forces designers to defend their work to their peers.	Apr 13, 2010 1:52 PM
51	This needs to be applied to big and small buildings alike. The number of houses still being built/altered with garages on the facade is atrocious. PHA could use some guidance in building communities that are not in a suburban form. If additions are permitted on rowhouses, more real thought has to be given to how that affects the streetscape and the privacy of rear neighbors.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
52	I do not think signs on condos or apt. buildings in center city are example of design perspective.	Apr 13, 2010 4:06 PM
53	Getting better, but without a comprehensive plan, revised zoning, there are no institutional guidelines, ideals to respect, follow, and adhere	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
54	Urban design often takes a back seat.	Apr 13, 2010 6:15 PM
55	The administration remains standardless in all such decisions, rendering all such decisions made, capricious. The administration, especially the PCPC, easily create standards for all others to follow, but resist governing standards and accountability for itself.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
56	Look at how the new Family Courts building has been pushed through the system. Bad, bad, bad.	Apr 22, 2010 9:41 PM

Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.

57	Desire to encourage development has overshadowed design perspective. Barnes Foundation was given a prominent site on the BFParkway although its non-rotating collection will draw only limited public visitation. PCPC supported drastic zoning variances for hotel @ 40th & Pine which would have been too large for the historic neighborhood, so neighbors had to fight unsupported for urban design perspective.	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM
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2010 Progress Report Survey

2006 Recommendation: Give more prominence and clarity to environmental and sustainability issues throughout the city. Question: Has the administration met this objective?			Response Percent	Response Count
a. yes			70.6%	72
b. no			29.4%	30
Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.				42
answered question				102
skipped question				21

Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.		
1	There have not been enough public programs that emphasize sustainability.	Feb 27, 2010 7:40 PM
2	My answer would be not yet- but i'm hopeful.	Feb 28, 2010 2:51 AM
3	Greenworks and the soon to be published GreenPlan.	Mar 1, 2010 2:08 PM
4	Plan is good but implementation is spotty. Look at the lights on at 1515 Arch Street after 11:00pm	Mar 3, 2010 7:59 PM
5	Could be better, though.	Mar 3, 2010 8:43 PM
6	But sadly without any means of hhhimplimentation	Mar 3, 2010 10:25 PM
7	I really think that this is a yes and no answer. I think it is difficult to find clarity and promote sustainability when emergencies demand so much attention.	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
8	Cira parking, and the general move to keep one passenger automobility the top means of transit	Mar 22, 2010 2:47 AM
9	This is where the administration has really shined- Greenworks (MOS), Greenplan (Parks and Rec) (if it ever gets released- what's the hold up for??) and Green City- Clean Waters (PWD) are exactly the kind of planning the city should be doing in all areas- These plans speak to the capacity of the city to be a national leader on city development, and will put us ahead of the game in years to come.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
10	"more" prominence is hard to measure, since anything was more than the previous administration	Mar 22, 2010 1:06 PM
11	Many cities have done the right thing, Philadelphia is way too political to do the right thing	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
12	The sustainability director quit and was replaced by an unqualified person.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
13	prominence and clarity: yes. actual projects yet to be seen, anxiously awaiting them!	Mar 22, 2010 2:48 PM
14	Recycling Rewards Program-positive.	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM
15	but, true leadership has not emerged on this issue. we need only look at other cities that have made enormous strides due to impatient mayors	Mar 22, 2010 4:13 PM
16	This issue of sustainability is being giving a lot of attention in all sectors, perhaps at the expense of other design concerns.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM

Provide any example/s that would explain your answer. Please note if you consider the example to be positive or negative.		
17	no one can keep tract of who pays for their trash removal,if, they can't collect the taxes and bails currently owed	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
18	Issuance of greenplan. However why is this effort not centered within the Planning Commission rather than being a separate office under the Mayor?	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
19	We're working on it.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
20	prominence yes, clarity, not so clear	Mar 22, 2010 7:44 PM
21	It has reached a base-level of public awareness of these critical issues. Yet, once again, alot more capacity and a lot more public outreach is needed in this area.	Mar 23, 2010 3:23 PM
22	creation of office of sustainability and expansion of bike lanes, reduction of energy consumption in public buildings, tracking and expensing energy costs to each facility, rather than to an overall department	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
23	When called for jury duty, carbon paper is not used, so that information has to be copied three times, wasting time and paper.	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
24	However, we still have a ways to go.	Mar 29, 2010 2:12 AM
25	I like the composting trash bins and the effort toward more bike lanes. The Water Department is making the biggest strides in this area, but they always have, no nothing much new there.	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
26	Has the city done anything in this area?	Mar 29, 2010 12:52 PM
27	At one time, the City had a person heading "sustainability, it was positive.	Mar 29, 2010 5:12 PM
28	Green Plan, Greenworks	Apr 2, 2010 2:10 AM
29	The water department seems to be making progress	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
30	Negative -- lights are still on all night in many city buildings. pace of change to slow -- need measurable objectives	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
31	Bus and billboard campaigns a good start. Could do much more with special events and tv /media.	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
32	It's still unclear to me what the overall plan is.	Apr 13, 2010 1:11 PM
33	Positive: Greenworks Negative: SEPTA funding Negative: School buildings and grounds are impervious -- need more renovations like Greening Greenfield	Apr 13, 2010 1:27 PM
34	While there have been some token improvements (solar trash cans, single stream recycling)- the mayor does not seem to have invested much in the Office of Sustainability (staff of +/- 4 without much power). Mark Alan Hughes was a great appointment, but he left after one year. There has to be more top down initiative on this.	Apr 13, 2010 1:39 PM
35	The way we treat our environment is in crisis. How can it be that the best we muster as a city is a litter free campaign? It's a start, but it's also a shame. We need to be discussing and solving much larger concerns too. The flip side: Incentive based recycling is a GREAT thing. I hope to see more of these types of ideas.	Apr 13, 2010 1:52 PM
36	rainwater collector program; recycle bank; creating the Office of Sustainability. Would be great if city leaders understood that repairing materials on our old buildings (not just "historic" ones), such as windows, is better for the environment than, say, promoting new vinyl windows. Keeping these materials is also good for maintaining community character. Preservation is more that being on the local or national registers.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
37	The new trash receptacles are positive.	Apr 13, 2010 4:06 PM
38	My impression is this is evolving and in process.	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
39	Not sure.	Apr 13, 2010 6:15 PM
40	The administration talks the talk, but fails to enforce existing standards and regulate developments standards to achieve current goals.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM

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41	I think city government is trying to make changes whenever it can afford to do so.	Apr 22, 2010 9:41 PM
42	Lip service, higher parking meter costs, bike lanes on Pine/Spruce, and broadened re-cycling criteria so that more residents would be likely to participate. Unaware of any major initiatives, but the small ones are moving in that direction.	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM

2010 Progress Report Survey

2006 Recommendation: Value, preserve, and create diverse places that reflect the city as it is, not some purified vision of what it never was. Question: Do you believe the current efforts to rewrite the zoning code and reform the development review process sufficiently address the goal to maintain the character and diversity of the city's various neighborhoods?		Response Percent	Response Count
a. yes		50.0%	41
b. no		50.0%	41
		<i>answered question</i>	82
		<i>skipped question</i>	41

2010 Progress Report Survey

What additional issues, if any, should be addressed by the city government to improve the manner by which we plan and build the city?		
		Response Count
		42
<i>answered question</i>		42
<i>skipped question</i>		81

Response Text		
1	Philadelphia should continue to look at better and more diverse mass transit, bike and pedestrian systems. We should also look to reestablish a healthy stormwater system.	Mar 22, 2010 1:50 AM
2	speeding up the rate at which vacant land can be permanently and legally used for urban agriculture	Mar 22, 2010 2:08 AM
3	ban all billboards, no to bike share, no to ad-pimped street furniture	Mar 22, 2010 2:47 AM
4	The Planning Commission needs to beef up is Urban Design efforts big time-good case to follow is San Francisco and Cleveland. Design matters and in 20 years if we look back on this era and notice one mistake- it will be the lack of concern for it, as long as things stay the same. This is about the character of our city- not just curb cuts and other technical issues- the planning department needs to stop being fearfull of asserting its authority over design.	Mar 22, 2010 3:06 AM
5	Daylighting canals.	Mar 22, 2010 3:24 AM
6	The city needs a czar of urban design and architecture to which all relevant departments are held accountable in an integrated way.	Mar 22, 2010 11:38 AM
7	I feel that the zoning code project, although necessary, has prevented progress in other areas. The majority of people who live in the city need to see immediate change in order to believe things are working/improving.	Mar 22, 2010 11:56 AM
8	Better strategies to reduce car traffic in Center City. Modify building code to allow sustainable strategies that have been successfully implemented in other cities or countries.	Mar 22, 2010 12:28 PM
9	More clarity, more public awareness- more linking of neighborhoods with their purpose.	Mar 22, 2010 12:30 PM
10	In my experience we must have a reliable zoning ordinance that does not allow individual city council members to modify or ammend politically and we must consider the region as an urban economic entity.	Mar 22, 2010 1:14 PM
11	A new mayor would probably be a good start.	Mar 22, 2010 1:54 PM
12	empower the PCPC to do more nhood-level planning, don't leave it all to civic associations and volunteer efforts. too much for nhoods to do. make it easier to form a BID, or have supplemental city services.	Mar 22, 2010 2:48 PM
13	Incorporating more forms of mixed-use development and addressing sustainability in the zoning code will support several of the goals above.	Mar 22, 2010 2:57 PM
14	we need a plan or required guidelines, especially along the Delaware River front	Mar 22, 2010 3:04 PM
15	but again, this can't be top down. the ZCC is trying to strike a balance in the zoning code between the role of the community and the city in reviewing zoning decisions. this sincere effort needs to be reinforced with the comprehensive plan and all actions taken by other agencies like the RDA	Mar 22, 2010 4:13 PM

Response Text		
16	More attention to preserving the old and not just the "historic" fabric of the city. Its relative antiquity as an American city, is probably its greatest advantage as a city, and the reason I chose to live her after graduating from Penn.	Mar 22, 2010 4:39 PM
17	get neighborhood associations involved and help them	Mar 22, 2010 6:58 PM
18	Charter reform and clarification of the role of Economic Development within the City; better oversight of PIDC and a rethinking of the role of that semi-public agency.	Mar 22, 2010 6:59 PM
19	People living in the city need more say about how the buildings they have to live with 24-7 need a voice. Too many decisions are being pushed forward by representatives who live outside of the city and seek to impose suburban scale values on it. I would like to see more design by Philly for Philly.	Mar 22, 2010 7:40 PM
20	Take away City Counsel perogative. Apply design review to RDA & PHA projects.	Mar 22, 2010 9:20 PM
21	Conciliate visions with fiscal realities. Do "Urban Acupuncture". In other words, even "small" or cheap projects have the opportunity to have great impact.	Mar 23, 2010 3:23 PM
22	to early to tell the answer to #11, but on the right track address outdoor furniture and signage, esp billboards, increase promotion of TOD	Mar 26, 2010 2:26 PM
23	Basic practical education in how to care for Shelter is needed for Youth and the Public. Professional education should start with working in the field to see how two-dimensional drawings become three-dimensional structures. Simple but scheduled maintenance should be taught, and knowing when to call in a professional.	Mar 28, 2010 3:24 PM
24	We continue to be one of the only cities in the country with no major transit projects going forward. Although there is talk about a waterfront rail line, our region still lags most where there is a much more serious systemic effort to expand and improve transit. Moreover, existing infrastructure, such as the Northeast Corridor, actually impacts the city negatively instead of positively -- primarily due to issues of design that have been address in other cities. For comparison, look at how Amtrak enters Boston on the Southwest Corridor (Orange line) which has over four miles of linear park along the rail right of way and no graffiti at all.	Mar 29, 2010 2:12 AM
25	Email me for a copy of the letter I handed to Nutter during his election campaign. I think it could be used a blueprint to rebuild the City--or could be incorporated with other good ideas that are floating around out there. But City Hall has never reached out to ordinary activist citizens like me to get their ideas and actually put them to the test. Instead, hired guns like the now-departed planner Altman have dominated the dialogue and drowned out the voices of the citizens who are on the ground and know the territory. The Nutter policy of going outside the city for the inner circle of advisors has resulted in a tremendous waste of human capital and resources. And disempowered the very citizens who have been making a difference for years.	Mar 29, 2010 3:11 AM
26	Start doing something instead of dragging everything on for three years.	Mar 29, 2010 12:52 PM
27	Continue to ask citizens how to improve the manner by which their city is planned and built.	Mar 29, 2010 5:12 PM
28	Less impediments to development	Apr 7, 2010 3:41 AM
29	Need to develop a stronger policy orientation in city agencies and show leadership by making appropriate cut backs that can increase efficiency while reducing waste	Apr 13, 2010 2:26 AM
30	Focus efforts to make each and every neighborhood elementary school a gem --- physically and academically. That is the most important thing that can be done in the city.	Apr 13, 2010 2:35 AM

Response Text		
31	The focus should be more on what neighborhoods are, and what their histories were. Too much effort goes into trying to make the "greene country townne" that never was.	Apr 13, 2010 3:04 AM
32	Goals need to be realistic in the current economic environment. Do a few small projects well in a cost effective manner. Improvements at Franklin Square are a good example, imo.	Apr 13, 2010 6:26 AM
33	Not qualified to answer 11, but I dont know that this is the issue. Diversity is a good thing for long term survival, but not necessarily as a means to accomplish a task. Divisiveness is all too much the norm in this city. That is why it lags behind over growth oriented cities. A city of neighborhoods is limited when it comes to large scale improvements and more importantly, to regional competitiveness.	Apr 13, 2010 12:34 PM
34	There is no official recognition of a replacement for Any Altman. Alan Greenberger serves as "Acting."	Apr 13, 2010 1:11 PM
35	Kids in the city -- schools should look well cared for and have outdoor spaces that are landscaped and attractive. Schools as neighborhood amenities, schools with outdoor classrooms and edible gardens. Maintain our green spaces.	Apr 13, 2010 1:27 PM
36	The Citizen Zoning training department that's being discussed is very promising- and needs to be supported and implemented as soon as possible. Rogue projects, like Levy's plans to invest MILLIONS at Dilworth Plaza are irresponsible in times of financial weakness. More effort needs to be put into maintaining what we have, rather than discarding it.	Apr 13, 2010 1:39 PM
37	A tangent but perhaps related: K-12 education should be the primary concern and even impacts the above topics. The way to keep (and lose) families to the suburbs is through education. Until this is addressed we will continue to lose families, talent, and tax revenue. If you can educate the kids, the parents will make a long term commitment. They will remain involved in the neighborhoods, and we will have the time to make long term efforts to implement sustainable solutions.	Apr 13, 2010 1:52 PM
38	Hopefully. We'll see. Adding some kind of form-based code element might prove very useful in protecting character.	Apr 13, 2010 1:56 PM
39	The city needs to have a forum to advocate for quality design, planning, and development that brings the public and private sectors together to forge consensus and ownership on improving quality of life	Apr 13, 2010 5:22 PM
40	Historical commission/reviews must be part of the planning process, not viewed as an obstruction to progress. We will trash what makes our city unique if we are not careful - bring the preservationists into the conversation earlier and there won't be so much contention later.	Apr 14, 2010 8:17 PM
41	Limit the latitude of variation to the standards of the current code, and the new, replacement code, permitted to be granted or approved by all city offices and agencies. Limitless variance discounts the viability of the code, and crates the unpredictability that upsets both the developments community and the public.	Apr 16, 2010 12:04 PM
42	Promote regional collaboration on infrastructure--transit and highway projects. Complete the comprehensive plan. As more neighborhood conservation districts emerge, if there are communities organized enough to go through the planning process, that tool seems fruitful. Support urban agriculture. Provide adequate budget for Historical Commission so that additional historic districts can be processed.	Apr 28, 2010 4:31 PM