



What: Town Hall Meeting Summary for the Weirton Comprehensive Plan Update

When: Wednesday, April 19 @ 7:00pm

Where: Weirton Millsop Community Center

Attendance: 65 people

Hosted by City Council & Planning Commission and Mackin Engineering (Planning Consultant)

What you had to say

Local places you take visitors...

- Local restaurants (Gus's Goodies, Deelay's Restaurant) and shopping
- Marland Heights Pool
- Ohio River
- Plaza Theatre
- Summer Concerts - Weirton Event Center
- Weirton Area Museum
- Weirton Book Company
- Williams Golf & Country Club
- Weirton Steel Plant (ArcelorMittal)

Regional places you take visitors...

- Homer Laughlin - Newell, WV
- Mountaineer Casino & Resort - New Cumberland, WV
- Oglebay Park / Resort - Wheeling
- Pittsburgh / Robinson, PA
- Tomlinson Run State Park
- Waterfront - Homestead, PA
- World's Largest Teapot - Chester, WV

Things you want to see...

Parks and Recreation

- More recreation facilities (ball fields,
- Entertainment for kids, more utilization of community center
- Re-open Marland Heights Pool or turn into an amphitheater for summer concerts
- Need a dog park
- River access - fishing, boating, passive recreation

Economic Development

- More jobs and businesses
- Assemble pad-ready sites for industry (10-50 ac.)
- Land available for development near Hospital
- Opportunities in Victorian Hall neighborhood
- Incentivize large-scale landowners to sell land for development - talk to as part of plan
- Develop waterfront - restaurants, parks, marina
- Convention center

Community

- Increase community pride
- Create an arts/cultural community
- Address/eliminate drug problem

Main Street

- Revitalize/beautify Main Street (streetscape, facades)
- Fill vacant storefronts
- Rental rates on Main Street too high
- Need coffee shops, cafes, etc.
- Parking

Housing

- Need upper-scale single-family homes
- Need housing for seniors - carriage homes, condos, townhouses, etc.
- Housing shortage - homes sell fast
- Need more oversight of rental units

What you had to say (continued)

Things you want to see...

Connectivity

- Better pedestrian-bicycle connectivity
- Improve roads to support commercial/industrial development (traffic flow, safety)
- Build walking trails in new developments
- Need more park-n-ride facilities

- Opportunity to improve/connect rail-trail
- Previous study for trail along creek/Main St?

Miscellaneous

- Need feral animal program (low-cost, catch and release, spay and neuter)

Expectations for the Plan...

Government

- Talk about what City is doing well
- Clean Up Day was successful
- Safe community - great services
- Good infrastructure - public water, sewer
- City spans two counties - how do they share cost/responsibilities

Need to Self-Promote

- Advertise/market Weirton
- Opportunity to become a bedroom community for Pittsburgh region
- Mobilize the people...engage volunteers

Engage the public

- Ask who is NOT at the table
- Young people who have moved away...what would bring them home?
- Millennials/youth
- City did a great job advertising this meeting, continue to publicize plan
- Opportunity to utilize social media to engage public
- Weir Library hosts "Cool and Connected"

Next Steps

How to stay involved...

Attend a City Planning Commission meeting!

- 5:30 every 3rd Wednesday at City Hall

Attend a future public meeting/event!

- Anticipate next meeting/event early summer
- Check City's website often (www.cityofweirton.com/)

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