

Public Comments (Sticky Notes) from Round #2 Workshops July 2022

Active Mobility

- Need more curb cuts and consideration for mobility/ADA. Lots of sidewalks with utility poles in the middle, crumbling concrete. This does not just benefit wheelchair users but also side walkers etc.
- Rt 50 and Exits from I79 to Adamston needs reworked and modernized for today's commute. We have the worst exist design in the state.
- Mountain bike trail at Lowndes Hill.
- We need better way-finding signage, better directionals to parking, Highway signs that identify Robinson Grand, parks, and splash pad park.
- What happened to I70 and Rt. 50 new interchange, roads to prosperity.
- Roundabouts; one was proposed in west end at the old fish and chips years ago.

Downtown Business Revitalization

- Use Home Rule to create zoning that make city easier to develop, City should own property
- Would love to see a main street organization for Clarksburg
- Becoming a Hub for certain types of Businesses Biking/Hiking or Antiques or The Arts
- Forget Main and Pike Street 2-ways; No-No
- Attract local and national Business
- Join The WV Community Development HUB

Open Spaces & Natural Resources

- D+E will bring people to the area Tourism This is untapped area
- Would love to see a park/playground on/near Dale Ave/ Washington Ave. No parks to walk to despite being right downtown
- Kelly Miller Community Center Activities + Community
- Youth Recreation programing needed. Kids go to Bridgeport for indoor athletics. Kelly Miller Community Center gym needs renovation
- Overgrowth + Invasive species problem along Elk Creek + Lowndes park, figure out if Creek is maintenance responsibility of the State

Property Maintenance

- Respond and do something about the complaints + reports on vacant + dilapidated buildings
- More programs to help poor people care for 100-year old homes
- Help convert dilapidated homes to useful before they get so bad, they need torn down.
- Do not allow City Office holders to have properties with code enforcement issues especially issues with vacant, trash riddled, properties
- 3 historical overlays and no historical commission. We need a group responsible for reviewing conformance to historical ordinances
- We need to create an architectural review committee to be able to enforce architecture and design ordinances.
- Planning commission should review building projects to ensure it conforms to comprehensive plan. Council should bare decisions on planning recommendations
- URA – should be fully functioning group with a land bank, a real budget and the power to get abandoned properties back and empty land productive again.
- Property Maintenance is hard on poor, old property owners, people who need help pay less property taxes till problems are taking care of
- Tear down Walton Hotel
- Beautification for Empty storefronts; use art to brighten up the area
- Demolition of unsafe/eyesore/undeveloped public buildings (Walton Hotel)
- Blighted property along creek unknown who is responsible (City, State?)

Communications & Community Identity

- Arts + Cultural Robinson Grande, Park Amphitheater; Very unique assets to set Clarksburg apart
- Provide templates or guides for neighborhood block parties
- Don't just use the newspaper to advertise events-many people don't subscribe
- Tap the resources of retired citizens to help school children with tutoring in subjects the citizen is competent and the student needs help. Provide a location and facilities to facilitate teaching and learning during off-school days and hours
- Council leadership – staff – public, coordination + accessibility
- Gateway's first impressions
- Reach out to Community organizations who have promotional abilities in place, ask them to help promote community meetings

Summary Responses from Round #1 Public Workshops (Notes added in Round #2)

What works:

- Backpacker issues improving in North View

What Needs Work

- Community police
- Community Policing
- Enforce Street Parking Meters – Tim Miley abuses it front of his office
- Lowly Rental Apartments + houses
- Bridgeport – New schools, Rec center, Clarksburg old schools and gym; no rec center
- Activities for preteens + teenage (Not Sports)
- Feral Cats/animals
- Diversity training for Law Enforcement and Community leaders
- Vet city office members or board members from holding office if they have dilapidated, trash hidden vacant buildings
- Creek Maintenance in town
- Closed Kroger grocery
- Roadways configuration
- Code enforcement
- Local downtown grocery store
- Do code enforcement on invasive vegetation so it doesn't cause a problem for home owners (gardening etc.)