

## West Homestead Community Day Meeting Summary

### Particulars:

Saturday, August 13th, 2022

4 p.m. to TBD

Calhoun Community Park

### Purpose:

Pashek+MTR attended West Homestead Community Day to collect community feedback regarding the four key issues that will inform the implementation stage of the comprehensive plan process. Residents filled out a short survey based on the key issues and informed the consultant what they love about their community.

A summary of takeaways from the meeting is provided below.

### Takeaways:

- **What would you improve about your neighborhood?**
  - The most frequently mentioned comment was traffic improvements such as speed bumps and other traffic slowing measures.
    - Example: Between Fieldstone and Pinewood (stop sign does not help)
  - Park improvements at Calhoun Community Park were also frequently mentioned. Specific improvements included a better track, larger pavilion, grass clippings compost, and the ballfield.
  - Other comments included:
    - Increased public safety in the form of increased police presence or community neighborhood watch
    - Increased access to the Waterfront
    - More community engagement
    - Lower school taxes
- **What would make it easier to get around your community?**
  - Suggestions regarding connectivity in West Homestead included:
    - More speed bumps to slow down drivers
    - More bus stops
    - A community shuttle or bus
- **How can the Steel Valley communities work together better?**
  - Suggestions for bringing the Steel Valley communities included:
    - More community events that bridge the boroughs
      - Parades
      - Steel Valley nights for the communities
        - BINGO, concerts, etc.

- Farmers' markets
  - Getting all of the communities to understand that each one of them have strengths
  - Have all three communities work together on projects
  - Consolidate community services such as the police forces
- **How can we include residents and business owners in the growth of Steel Valley?**
  - Suggestions to include residents and businesses in the growth of Steel Valley included
    - More communication between the communities and residents such as:
      - Community meetings (with residents and business owners)
      - More newsletters
      - A phone chain
    - Sale days at local businesses
    - More involvement from the Waterfront
      - Example: Support Rivers of Steel Live Fridays with better marketing
    - More new businesses
    - Community events such as gardens, movie nights, and fairs
    - Volunteer programs
- **What do you love about West Homestead?**

When asked about what they loved about West Homestead, residents frequently mentioned the sense of community and the people.