

PUBLIC MEETING #1: SUMMARY

Pine Bluff Comprehensive Plan

Pine Bluff Conference Center South Lobby

August 26, 2019

The meeting kicked off with remarks by Mayor Washington and Ryan Watley, with an introduction by Dave Roberts of Crafton Tull about the comprehensive plan process. Matthew Lambert, consultant with DPZ and Mark Seibold with Crafton Tull presented a series technical assessments, detailed in the presentation slideshow. A few of these features included the following:

- Plan Elements: A description of the process the consultant team will use to create the City of Pine Bluff Comprehensive Master Plan regarding
 1. Future Land Use
 2. Public Safety
 3. Community Facilities, Parks, & Open Space
 4. Community & Neighborhood Regeneration
 5. Economic Development
 6. Transportation & Traffic Circulation
 7. Public Utilities & Infrastructure
 8. Sustainability and Low Impact Development (LID)
 9. Urban Design
- The assessments build upon the work of the Go Forward Pine Bluff process and are also focused on the City of Pine Bluff's operational and organizational needs.
- The team presented on the past and current physical growth of the city, as well as the more recent contraction of population that has had a detrimental effect on homes, schools, and businesses.
- Challenges created by a loss of population are considered according to their individual characteristics.
- The relationship between housing, job growth, schools, and the quality of life that residents of Pine Bluff experience on a daily basis.

Following the presentation, residents were asked to provide input on a series of exercises.

- A public survey, available to residents at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBplan1>
- Board asking residents to write "I want Pine Bluff to be..." for open ended responses
- Board asking residents what 3 things they would change about Pine Bluff
- Board asking residents what 3 things they want to remain the same about Pine Bluff
- A dot exercise of what should be Preserved, Enhanced, and Transformed

Additionally, GIS data compiled by the consultant team from various sources was compiled onto boards that highlight issues in a map format that will be used to recommend specific changes to land use and development policies that will position Pine Bluff for the future. The consultant team spoke with 25-30 residents after the meeting concluded to answer specific questions and discuss the ongoing challenges faced by Pine Bluff residents. Total attendance at the public meeting was 76 people.

Attachments: Slide Show Presentation
Attendee List
Public Input Exercise results