

Aspinwall Implementable Comprehensive Plan *Phase 1 Executive Summary*

Overview

Phase 1 of the Implementable Comprehensive Planning process for Aspinwall Borough has focused on public and stakeholder engagement to identify key community issues that will form the plan's foundation. The project's steering committee worked with Pashek+MTR to conduct various forms of outreach, then to interpret and prioritize themes and frame them as problems that the community can make progress addressing within 10 years. This sets the stage for the next step in the planning process, as Phase 2 will identify recommendations and set the stage for implementation. See attachments for details on community outreach and results.

Engagement

Steering Committee

The steering committee has met four times since February 2021. In addition to providing overall project direction and engagement strategy, the group initially identified important problems to solve and opportunities on which to capitalize, such as:

- Streetscapes and active transportation, including sidewalk improvements, improving streetscapes in the business districts, wayfinding and developing strategies for connecting the Borough to adjacent municipalities and internally between parks, the riverfront and commercial areas, perhaps using alleys. The group expressed a desire to address community gateways and conditions along Freeport Road while recognizing constraints.
- Green space improvements, including an evaluation of existing recreation facilities and what facilities should be added or improved as well as increased plantings and green space throughout the Borough.
- Borough infrastructure, including addressing brick streets, sidewalks, traffic



calming measures, street lighting and stormwater and flooding issues.

- Business districts, primarily further development and diversification. For example, the committee suggested attracting new, diverse businesses and activating public spaces in the downtown areas.

Other issues included zoning enforcement, property upkeep and tenant management. The group's later discussion also explored parking in both residential and commercial areas as a challenging problem.

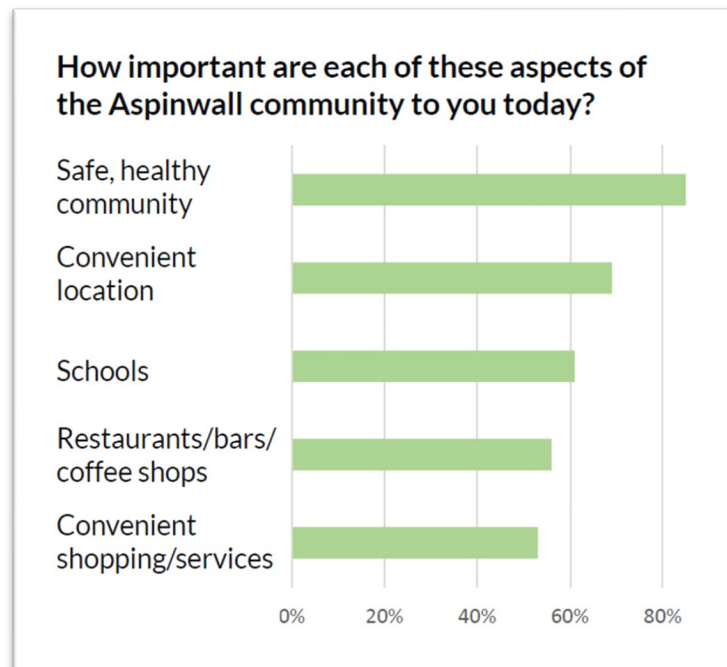
Community Questionnaire

The Steering Committee directed development and promotion of a community questionnaire, which received 622 responses between March and April 2021. The plan's website (AspinwallPlan.com) and Borough social media promoted the survey link, and volunteers distributed hundreds of door hangers encouraging participation among residents.

The most prevalent issues from the questionnaire included business districts, green space and park use, sense of community and traffic issues. Respondents identified the business districts as a community strength; however, they indicated a need for more diverse businesses, trees/landscaping and outdoor seating. Respondents highly valued green space, which they frequently mentioned as a reason they like living in Aspinwall. However, results mentioned a need for additional recreation facilities and more community events. The main public safety issues cited were speeding, pedestrian and bike safety and a lack of traffic control enforcement. Other issues included parking supply and demand, sense of community, Borough infrastructure and housing.

Key Person Interviews

Pashek + MTR reached out to 29 individuals to interview for the plan, based on suggestions from the steering committee and interviewees themselves. Interviewees included business owners, elected officials, public safety officials and new and long-time residents. The purpose of key person interviews is to provide fuller context from specific perspectives as key issues begin to take shape. The planning team will conduct additional interviews to gain insight on implementation strategy later in the project.



Echoing sentiments from the community questionnaire, interview comments focused on:

- Housing/property maintenance issues, such as a need for increased code enforcement and a means to hold absentee property owners accountable
- Traffic and pedestrian/bike issues, particularly frequent through traffic, speeding, stop sign violations and unsafe biking conditions
- Aging infrastructure, stormwater and flooding issues and the reality or perception of inadequate parking in both the business districts and on some residential streets
- Recreation and green space issues, mainly pertaining to the maintenance of parks and streetscapes, access to Allegheny River Trail Park and potentially repurposing the ballfields to a higher and better use for the space

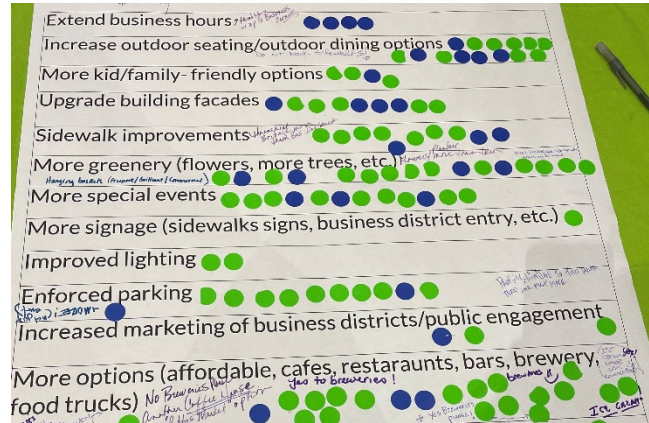
Interviewees also identified Aspinwall's greatest strengths, which they said include a sense of community, overall safety and the various community amenities. Regarding the future of Aspinwall, interviewees mentioned the need for more community events, facility and amenity upgrades, safer walking infrastructure and aesthetic changes.

Public Meeting and Key Issue Questionnaire

On July 22, 2021, the Steering Committee hosted a public meeting at Allegheny River Trail Park to gain broad input on the key issues that were beginning to develop for the community's comprehensive plan. Publicity for this event included promotion on *AspinwallPlan.com* and the Borough's social media accounts as well as a second round of door hangers to residents. Additionally, an event preview appeared in a July 20th article in the *Fox Chapel Herald*.



The public meeting took the form of an open house where attendees could visit various stations. Steering Committee members and consultants led topic-specific conversations at each and encouraged visitors to *plan with their pens*, annotating large-format maps and placing stickers to indicate suggestions. Attendees added context and perspective to ideas that had begun to emerge via the community questionnaire and key person interviews.



The project team created a digital version of the public meeting to provide an opportunity to participate for those who were unable to attend in person, which was also advertised on the door hangers and online. This included a Key Issues Survey to collect input on whether we accurately captured the concerns of residents in previous outreach, as well as to gauge sentiment on proposed visions for these areas.

Both the public meeting and the related online exercises were valuable sources of feedback that will inform how the plan addresses the issues the community has identified as being most important. The following passages describe the input received for each topic across both sources.

Business Districts

The most popular comments regarding the business districts included having more options, more greenery and increasing outdoor seating and dining options. Other comments included improving façade signage, sidewalk conditions and parking.

88% of respondents to the key issue questionnaire agreed that improving business districts is an important issue in Aspinwall. Additionally, 94% agreed with the draft vision for the business districts: “Aspinwall Borough is known for a distinctive local business scene where a variety of uses thrive along a high-quality public realm where people love spending time.” Feedback from the online survey identified a need to attract new and diverse businesses as well as improve pedestrian safety and accessibility.

Green Space Preservation and Park Use

Feedback regarding green space included improving park facilities, adding greenery throughout the Borough and focusing on sustainability through such efforts as installing green roofs and electric charging stations.

97% of respondents to the key issue questionnaire agreed that green space preservation and park use is an important issue. In addition, 94% of respondents agreed with the draft vision: “The Borough offers access to a wide array of recreational experiences and active transportation connections to nearby destinations.” Feedback from the online survey called for more trees and improved tree maintenance, more trail connections and improved park amenities.



Sense of Community

Community members responded that more population diversity, community facilities (garden or center) and more events would help improve Aspinwall’s sense of community.

88% of respondents agreed that sense of community is an important issue. 98% of respondents agreed with the related vision: “Aspinwall continues to be a safe, healthy community known for great neighbors and families and a friendly small-town atmosphere.” Respondent feedback called for more community events, creation of a community entity, better communication with the Borough and promotion of Aspinwall, increased diversity and inclusivity and strengthened connections to neighboring communities.

Transportation Safety

Regarding transportation safety, the most common issue was speeding and pedestrian safety. Respondents also mentioned the problem of vehicles driving in the wrong direction on one-way streets.



95% of respondents agreed that transportation safety is an important issue, and 92% of respondents agreed with the related vision: “Aspinwall Borough’s main routes will become more safe, convenient and comfortable for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their transportation mode.” Respondent feedback identified a need for increased bike and pedestrian safety, traffic

calming measures, improved sidewalks, police engagement, more connectivity within community and to other communities and better street lighting.

Parking

Parking is a controversial issue in the Borough, with some respondents identifying a lack of supply and others identifying a need to better manage the space that is available for this purpose, through enforcement or otherwise.

62% of Key Issue Survey respondents agreed that parking is an important issue, though the parking table at the open house garnered an especially good deal of attention and lively discussion. 84% of survey respondents agreed with the parking vision that stated “Aspinwall Borough will calibrate curb management strategies and Borough-wide parking regulations to make the best possible use of space.” Other comments included encouraging alternate modes of transport, limiting parking spaces per household and increased parking enforcement.

Borough Infrastructure

91% of respondents agreed that Borough infrastructure is an important issue. 97% of respondents agreed with the related vision: “Aspinwall Borough will proactively maintain and adapt systems to ensure that infrastructure keeps pace with needs while respecting the history of the built environment.” Feedback identified a need for sidewalk improvements, maintaining brick streets, preventing floods and expanding green infrastructure. Other comments pertained to street paving, stormwater, flood management and road improvements.



Housing

Regarding housing, the main issues were property upkeep, parking and the ideal balance of renter vs. owner tenure across the community.

82% of respondents agreed that housing is an important issue. In addition, 81% of respondents agreed with the housing vision that stated “Aspinwall Borough is a place where decent, affordable housing is available to all and a strong sense of civic pride reinforces property standards and a beautiful neighborhood appearance.” While many agreed with this vision, some comments took issue with the idea of broadening access to affordable housing in particular. Feedback from the online survey identified the need to encourage and promote access to homeownership, to maintain a balance of rental properties and home ownership and increase code enforcement for property maintenance.



Key Issues

The Steering Committee parsed feedback from all sources to determine which Key Issues this plan should address. Per the Implementable Plan model, the comprehensive plan will take shape around deep consideration of a selected handful of issues on which Aspinwall can make real progress during the next decade, preparing the Borough with detailed next steps to set action in motion. In order to be implementable, the plan's Key Issues must be important to the people who live and/or work in Aspinwall – hence the dedication of Phase I to listening to the community – and they must represent problems and/or opportunities the Borough has the authority and capacity to address. The plan will memorialize approaches to additional planning topics in an “other” chapter.

The following Key Issues have emerged as focal areas for Aspinwall's plan:

Park Improvements

This category recognizes the potential for Aspinwall's public recreation spaces and facilities to further enrich the community's quality of life, addressing identified opportunities to achieve a better match between provided facilities and programming and the needs and preferences of the Borough's current and future population. This section of the plan will address:

- Exploring the highest and best use of the current ballfields space, including a conceptual area master plan, as well as additional recreation facility improvement recommendations

- Considering a signature attraction in the form of an overlook for Fireman's Park
- Recommending green space improvements as they relate to Borough facilities, such as additional tree plantings and features that support sustainability and stormwater goals

Transportation and the Public Realm

This category captures concepts for improving transportation safety and access for all users of Aspinwall's streets, regardless of mode, age or ability, as well as the public space along and within these routes. This section of the plan will address:

- The paving infrastructure for Borough streets, with regard to inventorying condition and developing a strategy and phasing for maintenance
- Developing a policy and strategy for brick streets
- Developing a strategy to evaluate parking supply vs. demand and accordingly address problems in both residential and commercial areas
- Improving the accessibility and definition of a gateway to the Allegheny River Trail Park from Brilliant Avenue
- Exploring pathways and connections within and beyond the Borough, potentially involving alley improvements and trail linkups
- Envisioning a better Freeport Road
- Strategies for public realm activation, particularly in business districts via carving out and enlivening gathering space
- Green space improvements as they relate to streetscaping

Zoning and Property Maintenance

This category focuses on strategies within Borough control to address the expressed importance to residents of maintaining the quality and stability of neighborhoods for which the Borough is well known. This section of the plan will address:

- Code review resulting in recommendations for ways in which Aspinwall can remove red tape for desired investment and better calibrate its regulations to respond to current and future challenges
- Strategies for clear, enforceable code and improving compliance
- Targeted zoning review and recommendations regarding parking requirements in residential and commercial areas
- Targeted zoning review and recommendations for upper- and ground-floor uses in commercial areas

Other

This category includes topics that the Borough intends to address during the next 10 years that will require a less detailed analysis, in some cases because they concern areas in which the Borough currently lacks direct control or capacity, or in other cases because the path for progress has already been set and is straightforward. This section will include discussion of the Borough's sense of community, which will address an expressed need for places where community members can gather as well as events and other avenues to increase community pride, inclusivity and belonging. It will likely grow to include additional topics during Phase 2.

Next Steps

As the project moves to Phase 2, the next steps are:

- Update elected and/or appointed officials
- Phase 2: Identify and vet detailed specific strategies to address the key issues. This effort will include research and continued public and stakeholder engagement, steering committee review and consultant application of best practices. Our approach emphasizes recruiting partners, building capacity and building community ownership of and commitment to facilitate implementation.
- Develop a comprehensive plan workbook/report for review, adoption and use.

Questionnaire Results Summary

Aspinwall Borough Implementable Comprehensive Plan
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Background

At the first meeting of the Aspinwall Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, the group provided direction to plan consultant Pashek + MTR on potential key issues and questions that should be asked of the community to help inform direction for the Borough of Aspinwall's future.

Pashek + MTR then developed a draft questionnaire in SurveyMonkey. The Steering Committee and staff reviewed the draft and provided feedback that is reflected in the final version. The questionnaire was open from March through April 2021 and promoted in multiple ways, including distribution of printed door hangers to resident homes, dissemination through Steering Committee networks and repeated advertising on social media. The questionnaire was also available via a link on the project website, *AspinwallPlan.com*.

Response rate

The questionnaire received a total of 622 responses. In validating the data, we flagged any IP address (the address of an individual device) associated with four or more responses, acknowledging that multiple members of a single household could respond using the same computer. However, a detailed review of the responses seems to indicate that all are unique and unlikely to be the result of any effort to unduly influence results. We also examined the 55 responses (9%) that indicated that respondents do not live in the Borough but work or own a business and/or property in Aspinwall. We reviewed these responses and decided that they were appropriate and included them in the questionnaire totals. A breakdown of responses by residents and non-residents can be completed by request on any question.

This questionnaire was not intended to achieve statistically valid results. We find value in qualitative information generated by the questionnaire, especially the responses to open-ended questions, and typically use this data to identify trends. That said, if this were a random sample distribution, the response rate of 567 (resident responses of 622 total responses) for 2,058 adults (residents age 18 and up, according to Census 2019 population estimates) would represent a 95% confidence level of accuracy within a 3.5% margin of error. The outreach efforts of staff, the Steering Committee and other volunteers helped deliver a large pool of responses that provides valuable insight on the questions asked.

Findings

Pashek+MTR summarized the most important responses to the questionnaire. For additional tabulations and much more detail in qualitative comments, see the full questionnaire printout.

Q1 Which best describes you? (622 responses)

Age range	Respondents as %
I live in a renter household in Aspinwall Borough.	11%
I live in a homeowner household in Aspinwall Borough.	75%
I live in Aspinwall and work or have a business in Aspinwall Borough.	6%
I do not live in Aspinwall, but I work or have a business in Aspinwall Borough.	7%
I do not live in Aspinwall, but I own property in Aspinwall Borough.	2%

Q2 How important are each of these aspects of the Aspinwall community to you today? (625 responses)

The highest-ranking five aspects were, in order:

1. Safe, healthy community to live in (85%)
2. Convenience of location (69%)
3. Schools (61%)
4. Availability of restaurants/bars/coffee shops (56%)
5. Shopping/services I need are local/convenient (53%)

The lowest-ranking five aspects were, in order:

1. Job or work opportunities
2. Public transportation options
3. Living close to the river
4. Schools
5. Family, friends are here

Open-ended responses included walkability, dog-friendliness, diversity, green space/greenery, trails, housing options and a kid-friendly community.

Q3 We hope to continue efforts to attract and retain businesses in Aspinwall. Which would you like to see moving into the Borough? (534 responses)

The highest-ranking five features were, in order:

1. More restaurants (64%)
2. Bakery (54%)
3. Micro-brewery (51%)
4. Hardware store (45%)
5. More specialty shops (44%)

“Other” responses included a library/community center, grocery/convenience store, coffee shop, ice cream shop (that is open in the evening), restaurants/establishments that are open later, bike repair shop, bar or liquor store, pet store/groomer, community pool or gym, farmers market and more diverse restaurants.

Q4 What do you like about Aspinwall’s business district? (402 responses to this question with almost 500 individual comments)

Almost half of responses mentioned the value of not having national chain stores. Other similar comments included:

- There’s a nice mix of stores and services
- Businesses support the community
- Owners and staff are friendly
- Great outdoor seating for restaurants

The next most frequently mentioned “like” was the easily accessible, walkable nature of the compact business district. This was mentioned by 157 people. Lots of the businesses were mentioned by name as being an asset to the community. Other comments included:

- Attractive storefronts
- Available parking
- Great special events held in the business district
- Business district space has street trees, nice decorative light fixtures, holiday decorations and wide sidewalks

Q5 Do you have any suggestions for Aspinwall’s business district? (291 individual responses)

The most frequently mentioned suggestions were:

- Types of businesses desired: brewery, bakery, ice cream shop
- Preference for more outdoor seating, more kid-friendly restaurants and those that serve breakfast and all-night service

- More parking
- Longer hours for the existing shops
- Upgrading building facades, especially along Freeport Road

There were lots of other opinions on how to improve the business district including:

- Cleanup of litter
- A market similar to Patty's Farm Market (it was mentioned several times)
- More benches and bike racks
- More flower boxes and plants in general
- More special events

About 45 other suggestions included adding an electric charging station at the Municipal Parking Lot, more live music, transition from flea market to more of a fresh food market and a coordinated sale day among all the businesses.

Q6 What is your view on the quality of these services in Aspinwall? (541 responses)

Respondents were asked to rank services (1 being poor and 5 being excellent)

The five highest-ranking services were, in order:

1. Fire
2. Snow plowing
3. EMS
4. Police
5. Street maintenance

The five lowest-ranking services were, in order:

1. Trash collection
2. Code enforcement
3. Trees (maintenance and rules/regulations)
4. Utilities
5. Recreation programs and opportunities

Q7 What do you like most about living here? (405 individual responses)

The top four most frequently mentioned reasons for living in Aspinwall included (from most preference to less):

- Walkable community
- The neighbors are great, lots of families
- People are very friendly
- The community feels safe

Also frequently mentioned were:

- Close to parks and the riverfront
- Great “sense of community” or “small-town vibe”
- Convenient
- Clean (including snow plowing)
- Great schools
- Good housing stock, front porches, well maintained
- Quality, close by business district

Q8 When you first enter Aspinwall, usually from Freeport Road, what would you like to see at these gateways? (516 responses)

	Respondents as %
More trees/plants	63%
Love the way it is	32%
Other	20%
Larger gateway signs	16%
Banners	2%

“Other” responses included greenery, even streets, pedestrian/slow down signs, signs that indicate business districts, trash clean-up, murals, renovated streets/crosswalks, lighting and a more welcoming sign.

Q9 Parking was a frequent comment at the May 2019 Visioning Workshop. What issues do you face regarding parking? (401 responses)

Almost half commented that they did not have a parking problem. The remaining 213 respondents offered an opinion regarding parking issues, usually with very specific detail.

The most frequently mentioned parking problems were:

- Business owners and employees parking in the residential areas
- Too many vehicles per housing unit, especially at rental buildings where tenants park on the street
- Poor parking enforcement by police
- Residents don’t use their off-street parking
- The current parking meters were not favored by some, preferring the ability to use credit cards and phone apps to change the time remaining on the meters

Twenty-six respondents reported challenges related to moving their vehicles during street cleaning day. Some suggested that the borough provide alternative parking, especially for those who might be out of town and cannot move their car during the summer months.

Q10 Recognizing that Freeport Road is a PennDOT-regulated road (changes can be challenging), would you recommend strategies such as narrowing travel lanes to slow traffic on Freeport Road? (522 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	23%
No	77%

Q11 Would you recommend speed bump outs, street gardens, or additional stop signs on Borough streets to calm traffic? (525 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	59%
No	41%

Q12 Are there any other traffic-related issues we should know about? (288 individual responses)

By far, the most mentioned concerns were:

- Speeding through the borough
- Rolling through stop signs
- Driving the wrong way on one-way streets
- Lack of enforcement.

Vehicle traffic

There were mixed views on the speed limit on Freeport Road, with some preferring to increase the efficiency of vehicle throughput and others preferring slower traffic. Some focused on traffic volume along Freeport Road and expressed a desire to discourage people from “cutting through Aspinwall” to get to adjacent neighborhoods or Waterworks Shopping Center.

Biking

Bikes and bike lanes also got mixed reviews, with some wishing the community were more “bike friendly” with safer routes, especially to Aspinwall Riverfront Park, and a few others indicating that they didn’t want any bike infrastructure. Some wanted to install speed bumps to slow traffic; others hated the idea of speed bumps. Several locations were suggested for street paving.

The most frequently mentioned intersection control issues were:

- Preventing left turns onto Freeport Road from Eastern Avenue (other non-controlled intersections with Freeport Road were also mentioned)
- The need for a stop sign at Center Avenue and Fifth
- Crossing Freeport Road to the Aspinwall Riverfront Park
- Safe walking path along Center Avenue from upper Aspinwall to lower Aspinwall

Q13 If the Borough were to invest in bike infrastructure, which of the following should be a priority? (461 responses)

	Respondents as %
Bike racks	51%
Painted markings and signs on Freeport Road	50%
Designated bike lanes on residential streets	31%
Other	31%

A majority of “other” responses indicated a reluctance towards bike lanes due to narrow streets and safety concerns. Additional “other” responses mentioned bike trails that connect to the Riverfront Park.

Q14 Aspinwall has a wonderful variety of owner-occupied and rental properties. A recent survey indicated that there are 67% owner occupied residential properties and 33% rental properties. What do you think of the current mix? (525 responses)

	Respondents as %
It's about right.	61%
The Borough should help expand opportunities for home ownership.	38%
The Borough should encourage more rental housing opportunities.	4%

Q15 If the medical building located next to the municipal parking lot became available, how would you like to see it be developed? (516 responses)

	Respondents as %
Mixed use with retail on 1 st floor and office of housing on upper floors	48%
Other	24%
Commercial development only	18%
Expansion of the existing parking lot	14%
Continue as it is today	9%
Denser housing for seniors	7%
A new medical office building of several stories	5%
Residential development only	2%

“Other” responses include mixed-use residential, a community center, a restaurant or micro-brewery, senior housing, and green space.

Q16 Food trucks are a growing business type. Would you support the Borough allowing food trucks? (533 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	89%
No	11%

Q17 Where would you recommend food trucks be allowed within the Borough? (440 individual responses)

Of the 440 people who responded to this question, 20 said that the borough should not have food trucks (citing their concern that the trucks would take business away from existing restaurants). Thirty-three residents said this was a great idea and the food trucks should go anywhere in the borough. Four areas were most frequently mentioned:

- In or near any of the Borough’s parks - 174
- In the Municipal Parking Lot - 166
- In the Commercial/Brilliant area of the business district - 151
- Aspinwall Riverfront Park - 104

Eighteen suggested that the food trucks be part of special events like festivals, street closings or block parties. Eleven thought that Alley A would be a good location for food trucks. Five other locations were mentioned by a few people.

Q18 Ben Killian Field and the Fifth Street Playground have provided wonderful experiences for generations. If the plan recommends an update to these facilities, what would they be? (517 responses)

	Respondents as %
More trees	46%
Picnic pavilions	44%
Community garden	43%
Multi-use fields such as soccer/lacrosse/etc.	38%
More playground areas	27%
Other	26%
Pickleball courts	24%

“Other” responses included a year-round dog park, benches, readily available bathrooms, a swimming pool and a running track.

Q19 How often do you, including family members, visit the following parks during warmer weather? (541 responses)

	Don't	1-5 Times/Year	6-10 Times/Year	11-20 Times/Year	Frequently
Aspinwall Fireman's Memorial Park	23%	37%	10%	8%	22%
Aspinwall Fifth Street Playground	34%	21%	10%	8%	27%
Aspinwall Recreation Area Ben Killian Field	21%	29%	14%	9%	27%
Dog Parks within Aspinwall	60%	9%	7%	5%	19%
Riverfront Park	10%	14%	14%	11%	50%

Q20 How often do you, including family members, visit the following parks during the winter? (538 responses)

	Don't	1-5 Times/Year	6-10 Times/Year	11-20 Times/Year	Frequently
Aspinwall Fireman's Memorial Park	56%	22%	7%	4%	11%
Aspinwall Fifth Street Playground	63%	16%	7%	4%	9%
Aspinwall Recreation Area Ben Killian Field	55%	21%	6%	4%	15%
Dog Parks within Aspinwall	66%	9%	5%	3%	17%
Riverfront Park	25%	23%	16%	8%	29%

Q21 In what age range do you fall? (533 responses)

	Respondents as %
31 to 50	51%
51 to 64	23%
65 or older	14%
19 to 30	7%
Younger than 18	0%

Q22 How long have you lived in, worked in or had a business in Aspinwall? (534 responses)

	Less than 5 Years	6-15 Years	More than 15 Years
Lived Here	26%	32%	41%
Worked Here	44%	33%	22%
Owned a business here	60%	24%	16%

Q23 What is one thing you would be willing to do to improve Aspinwall? (507 responses)

	Respondents as %
Work at clean-up day	14%
Improve the appearance of my property	13%
Pay slightly increased taxes to fund new initiatives coming from the Comprehensive Plan	12%
Help to promote Aspinwall	9%
Help to implement some specific elements of the comprehensive plan, once it is completed	9%
Other	9%
Serve on a committee or board	8%
Volunteer with the schools or a non-profit organization	8%
Attend council or commission meetings	6%
Maintain a flower garden in a public space	5%
Plant a tree	4%
Run for elected office	1%

“Other” responses included planting or clean-up days, all of the above and planning events.

Q24 If you would like to add comments that would help us better understand issues, or suggest ways of improving Aspinwall, please add them below. (176 responses)

Many of the 176 responses to this question were thoughtful and lengthy. Main issues have been clustered under topics below for possible consideration for the comprehensive plan.

Zoning

- Regulation of temporary signs
- Maintenance of rental properties
- Noise ordinances
- Discourage conversion from single family to multi-family
- Parking requirements for multi-family units

Communications

- Address perception that zoning is not enforced fairly
- Address perception that police do not enforce regulations
- Getting the word out better, a “central spot” for information, a “one-stop website shop”
- Letting people know periodically about construction on Route 28

Future Land Use

- Consider developing marina area for waterfront properties
- How to encourage positive improvements in the R47 development
- Uses for the former Patty's Farm Market at Delafield and Freeport Road
- Rental properties

Connectivity

- Non-motorized connection between upper and lower Aspinwall
- Safe route to Aspinwall Riverfront Park, entrance off Freeport Road specifically improved
- Share the road signage on Freeport Road
- Connection from Municipal Parking Lot to Aspinwall Riverfront Park over Freeport Road and RR
- Enhance pedestrian connections to reinforce destination for walkability
- Continue discussions about the potential for use of the RR bridge from Aspinwall to Pittsburgh

Parks and Green Space

- Preserve existing green space/parks
- Add planters and flowers in the Commercial/Brilliant business area and at the corner of Delafield/Freeport Road
- Year-round dog park; eliminate large ballfield
- Keep adding shade trees wherever possible, especially along Freeport Road
- Continue to support the Aspinwall Riverfront Park
- Provide shade canopies in the parks
- Convert the roller hockey rink
- Try "Open Streets" concept several times through the summer
- Encourage adult recreation opportunities
- More special events other than National Night Out, maybe block parties
- Community Garden

Sustainability

- Composting area
- Use of renewable energy by borough
- Electric charging stations
- Invest in clean water infrastructure
- Be a leader in "Eco/Green initiatives"
- Recycling drop off area, especially for renters to use
- Consider a solar array on borough property or on a municipal rooftop
- Consider aspects of EcoDistricts that Sharpsburg, Etna and Millvale have created that might apply

Infrastructure

- Paving of roads/alleys, some want bricks, others don't
- Repair sidewalks

Commercial Development

- Be wary of new commercial development that might appear to bring in more tax revenues but could negatively impact the residential neighborhood

Identity

- Focus on the residential areas as this is what makes Aspinwall so special
- Add hanging flower baskets on light poles to reinforce the attractive features of the community
- To continue to be a thriving community we should try to attract young people and families

Transportation

- Safer RR crossing
- Speeding on neighborhood streets, traffic calming measures
- Discourage through traffic

Housing

- Affordable Housing

Public Safety

- Traffic safety including speeding, running stop signs and wrong way travel on one-way streets

Finally, 222 people provided a contact email address for further information regarding the plan.

Aspinwall Key Person Interview Summary

Introduction

As of June 21st, 2021, 29 people were contacted and 11 were interviewed. People interviewed were based on Steering Committee recommendations. Interviewees indicated community problems, strengths, and their vision for Aspinwall in 5-10 years.

Key Takeaways

Major Problems

1. **Public Safety**
 - Through traffic/speeding/stop sign violations
 - Bike safety
2. **Housing/Property Maintenance**
 - Too much rental housing
 - Code enforcement
 - Absentee owners
 - Slumlords
3. **Recreation and Green Spaces**
 - Aspinwall Riverfront Park developments
 - The two ballfields are usually empty and can be repurposed
 - Park and streetscape maintenance
 - Access to Aspinwall Riverfront Park
 - Lack of gathering places/opportunities for people to gather
4. **Infrastructure**
 - Property maintenance
 - Narrow sidewalks (Brilliant)
 - Infrastructure needs improvement
 - Parking
 - Disputes/relationships between community groups (ARP)
 - Aspinwall is aging
 - Water storage, flooding, and sewage management

Strengths

1. **Sense of community**
 - Pretty diverse community
 - Younger residents
 - Motivated and engaged residents with positive outlook towards community
 - Community of young families
 - The people in the community
2. **Safety**
 - Very safe place
 - Walkability

3. Amenities

- Range of businesses
- Community events
- Parks
- Streetscapes (curbs, sidewalks, street trees, brick/cobblestone streets)
- Location to downtown
- Schools
- Public libraries
- Desirable city to live in
- Good/rising real estate prices
- Convenient
- Good services

Vision in 5-10 Years

- More community events
- Library/recreation center
- Develop Riverfront property
- Expanding on community amenities
- Upgrading facilities
- Physical appearance/aesthetic changes
- Parking
- Safer walking community

Summary of Public Meeting Results Aspinwall Implementable Comprehensive Plan July 22, 2021

Introduction

On July 22nd, 2021, Pashek+MTR and members of the Steering Committee held a public meeting designed to gain broad input on the key issues that were beginning to develop for the community's comprehensive plan. The meeting was staged as an open house where attendees could visit stations for seven key issues and complete an exit survey that asked participants to rank the key issues. The following tables summarize the feedback received using the mapping and discussion activities for each issue.

Sense of Community

What would grow Aspinwall's (already awesome) sense of community?
More diversity – 15 votes
Community garden – 13 votes
Community/center library – 12 votes
More community events – 7 votes
More outdoor seating/furniture – 7 votes
Picnic pavilions at the parks – 5 votes
Bigger dog park – 3 votes
Sun umbrella-type cover at Killian Park – 2 vote
Ocean – 2 votes
Not so much picnic pavilions but picnic tables and trees – 2 votes
Parades – 2 votes
More community outings – 1 vote
Lego store – 1 vote
Fireworks – 1 vote
Santa driving around Aspinwall in a fire truck! – 1 vote

Housing

What are the main issues regarding housing in your community?

Property Upkeep – **11 votes**

Rental property upkeep – **10 votes**

Renewable sources like solar, community renewable energy (shared), (plantings on flat buildings/roofs) Microgrid – **9 votes**

Rental vs. Homeownership – **7 votes**

PARKING – 7 votes

Clean up alleys, trash, weeds – **6 votes**

Responsible new development – **4 votes**

Housing affordability – **3 votes**

Better advertising of zoning meetings – **2 votes**

Review change in zoning regulations allowing building/additions that run to property to line – **2 votes**

Limit to 2 parking spaces/stickers per household – **1 vote**

Homes along the river – **1 vote**

Inform everyone on the street affected (zoning) – **1 vote**

Incentive for conversion of former single-family homes that are now apartments back into single family homes – **1 vote**

Blight – **0 votes**

Housing Notes

- Number one topic: Parking.
- Many think we still have too many rental properties, but that mostly is an issue because it loops back to parking, and the lack of upkeep or enforcement with the landlords.
- Some of the participants were themselves landlords, and feel they get a bad rep from the notorious bad landlords in town.
- A participant suggested increasing rental housing opportunities as a means of increasing racial/ethnic diversity.
- A handful of residents wished we had housing along the river and lamented the “whole R47 thing”.
- We had some great discussions about upkeep of all properties including Residential, Rentals, and the Business District. everyone thought we either needed more rules on upkeep, or to enforce what we already have in place.
- Some of the specifics included:
 - Trees (both Borough and privately owned), street cleaning, yards and fencing, solar panels, alleys, brick vs paving, electric car charging capabilities, and making owners “fix up” their houses before selling.
 - Most of the discussions were positive.
- Sadly, a theme throughout was lack of communication.
 - Almost all said they don’t know what is going on in Aspinwall.
 - We talked about the borough staff, social media, council meetings, the website, and so on.
 - Some would like to see the Ben Killian newsletter return....
- Last, there is a huge disconnect with all the info regarding the Riverfront park.
- Some minor discussions about the potential for a new Community Center/Library also came up.
- Residents from Eighth Street would really like to see the street sign replaced with the proper spelling, in addition to the sign at the field with all the miss spelled words.
- Some think we need plans in place for sustainability for our town, for residents, business owners, and the borough itself.
- Many asked if they would get to see more of the survey responses.
- There was some concern for what plan is in place if we have a serious train accident with potential hazardous material.

Borough Infrastructure

Which streets would you save from being paved?
Lexington Ave. – 12 votes
Emerson Ave. – 8 votes
4 th – 7 votes
Second St. – 6 votes
Fifth St. – 5 votes (Note: if properly repaired)
Rebrick alleys – Please do not pave them - Alley D or E – 5 votes
3 rd – 5 votes
Delafield – 4 votes
First St. – 4 votes
Virginia Ave. – 4 votes
W. 8 th St. – 4 votes
Center Ave. – 3 votes
None – Pavement is cost effective – 2 votes
Anything that is currently brick should stay brick – helps with water drainage – 1 vote

Where are infrastructure improvements needed in your community?
Water and sewer (sewage, stormwater management, flooding, etc.) – 16 votes
Roads – 7 votes (Note: Repair 5 th)
Remove utility poles/wires underground – 4 votes
Bike lanes or alternate bike routes – 4 votes
Pedestrian Access to Riverfront Park (near dog park?) – 3 votes
Steps from Center Ave. to East 7 th or 8 th St. – 3 votes
NO BIKE LANES (Note: Bike lanes only if separated) – 3 votes
Upgrade crosswalks – 3 votes
W 8 th entrance and bricking – “Kennywood ride” – 2 votes
Renewable energy – H2O, solar – Microgrid – Shared energy – 2 votes
Speed bumps/barriers – narrowing roads – 2 votes
Municipal mesh Wi-Fi/Internet Network – 1 vote
Connect AURR bridge to a connecting trail to the East End – 1 vote
Green infrastructure in allies (like Alley A) – 1 vote
Straighten out Fifth and Second streets between Western and Center – Safety issue – 1 vote
Consistency in Streets Signage, 5 th /Fifth, Fourth/2 nd , Borough Colors – 1 vote
Better lighting at intersections on Freeport Rd. – 1 vote

Business Districts

What would improve your business district?

More options (affordable, cafes, restaurants, bars, brewery, food trucks) – **21 votes**
(Notes: No breweries, no breweries please, no breweries/please another coffee house/a Patty's Market option, yes to breweries, yes breweries please, breweries, ice cream, ice cream after 3 pm, affordable bakery)

More greenery (flowers, more trees, etc.) – **16 votes** (Notes: flowers/planter more than trees, more landscape appropriate trees on Brilliant, hanging baskets (Freeport/Brilliant/Commercial))

Increase outdoor seating/outdoor dining options – **14 votes** (Notes: Do not block sidewalks)

More special events– **12 votes**

Enforced parking – **11 votes** (Notes: More, Parking limited to two hours then car must move)

Sidewalk improvements – **10 votes** (Note: Throughout borough more than bus district)

Upgrade building facades– **9 votes**

Renewable energy sources – solar, H2O- microgrids shared community grid– **7 votes**

Public art – **6 votes** (Note: James Simon mosaics and sculptures)

Extend business hours– **4 votes** (Notes: Ice cream place stays open past 3, think this is up to business owners)

More kid/family-friendly options – **4 votes**

Better (and safer) connection between river trails and business district– **4 votes**

Increased marketing of business districts/public engagement– **3 votes**

Speed bumps and/or enforcement – **3 votes** (Notes: No speedbumps)

No pedestrian connection across Allegheny River– **2 votes**

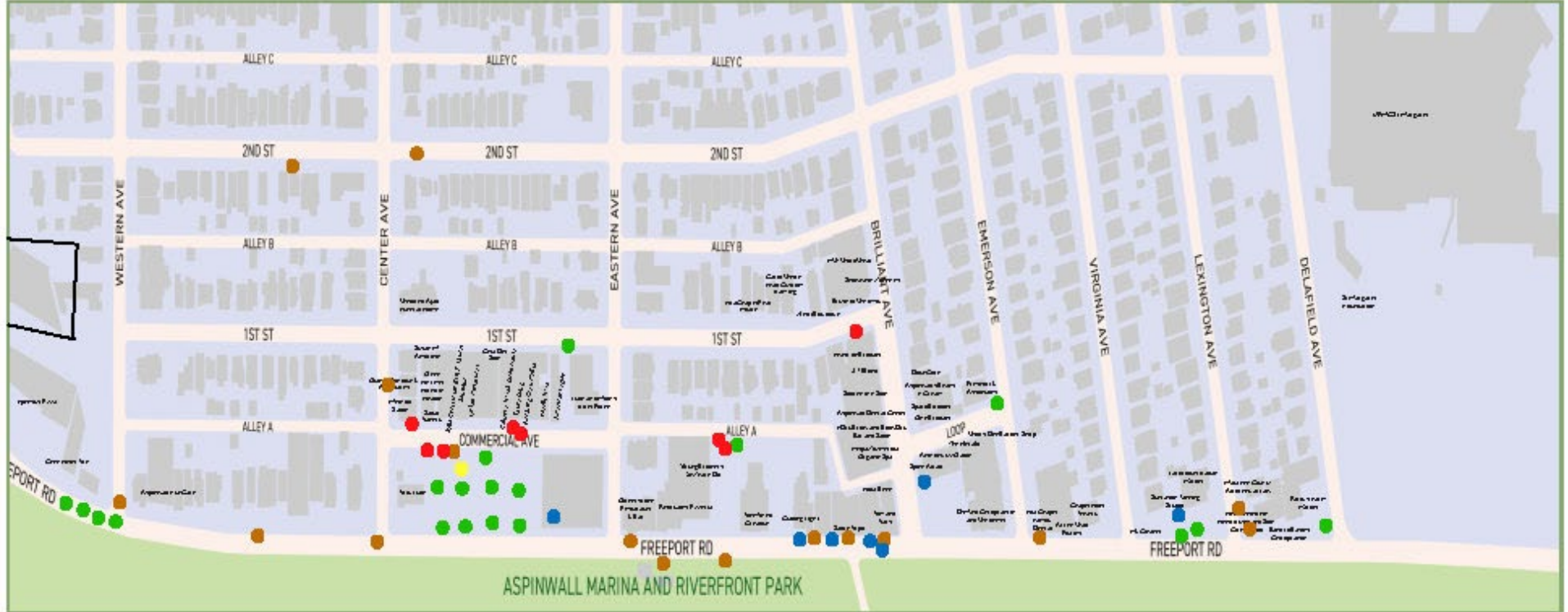
Food trucks only at parks – **2 votes**

Improved lighting – **2 votes**

More signage (sidewalk signs, business district, etc.) – **1 vote**

Business Districts

Where would you like to see business district improvements? Outdoor seating? More trees? Parking?



NOTES

- Trees need on 3rd and Center.
- A note next to the drawn square on the left of the map: Better use for contaminated site – public works



Trees



Sidewalk Improvements



Upgrade storefronts



Outdoor Seating



Parking

Business Districts Notes

- Parking was acknowledged by all to be a thorny issue.
 - The municipal parking lot fills up on weekends. Attendees offered varying opinions on what to do about it: Build a two-story parking structure? This would detract from the quality of the built environment and experience of place in an important location. Build an underground garage? Expensive, potential issues with proximity to river.
 - The municipal parking lot is “the epicenter of what the borough has the control to fix,” is within an area that is effectively a public commons.
 - Meters should accept credit cards and app payments.
 - Meters are time-limited, but store employees go out and plug them with quarters multiple times per day to leave cars parked (on Commercial Ave).
- Not much room to improve!
 - No complaints
- Would be nice to have:
 - More outdoor seating
 - Community garden
 - A little local hardware shop
 - Permanent public market (indoor, every day)
 - Kayak lockers and return of kayak rental
 - Green energy sources – there are a bunch of flat roofs on Brilliant where solar panels could be installed. The borough should incentivize and encourage green energy.
 - A power source for electric cars, maybe by the municipal building
 - Ice cream store that stays open past 3 p.m. Could the canteen serve ice cream?
 - Public art! Blank wall by playground is a candidate location.
 - Hanging baskets, more flowers in containers
- We need trees! We used to proclaim that we were the “borough of trees.” Not anymore.
 - Improve trees overall
 - Many people agreed

- Tree committee has dealt with issue of trees growing over signs for a long time
- Support for library
- Sidewalks need improvement. The bricks are crumbling along Freeport. Tripping hazards throughout borough.
- Some facades on Commercial are “ridiculous,” need improvement, more consistency with borough’s typical architectural styles. But this is challenging to make happen.
- Public signage needs improvement, is not modern or vintage.
- Temporary sign regulations need to be enforced along Freeport.
- Whoever is cleaning up the bus stops (the borough?) is doing a good job.
- Not much room for outdoor dining, would require creative solutions
- Waterworks traffic is a problem. Construction detours off of Route 28 route a lot of non-residential people here now, which is a safety concern.
- “No breweries”?!
 - Guess there’s a difference between going to one and living next to one.
 - Could situate/zone to reduce impacts.
 - There are breweries in Blawnox, Sharpsburg – we are missing out.
- Many businesses have moved out because the rent got too expensive.

Parking

Where are the parking issues in your community?



NOTES AND IDEAS

- Issues with parking related to employees and patrons
- Concern with volume of cars in households
- Business employees taking parking spots
- Rental units take up parking spaces more cars per house-width. Can this be limited? 1 house = permitting 6 cars
 - Agree with above. Rental properties taking up all street parking. Need to enforce parking stickers.
 - Hospital visitors park on Lexington and Virginia!
 - Vendor vehicles (people doing work on homes) Take up all parking spots on street cleaning days!
- Charging stations for electric vehicles – people who visit residents or residents who live in apartment buildings
- Households with 4 or more cars who park on the street especially commercial vehicles

Parking Notes

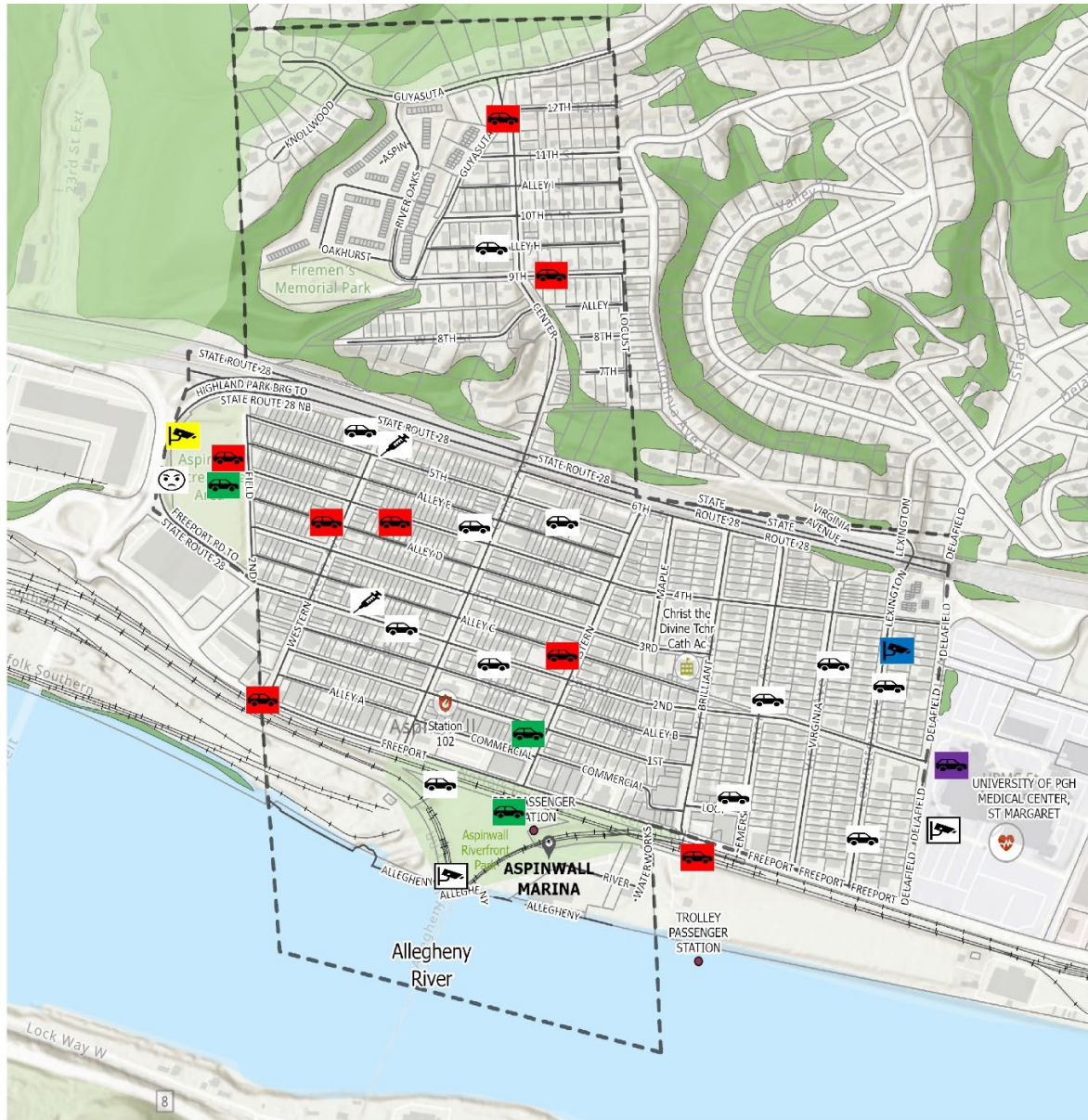
- Parking in areas very close / adjacent to the business district:
 - Issues with both patrons and employees of the businesses in the business district parking in residential areas.
 - More strictly enforce the parking situation
 - Continually remind the businesses about where their lease spots are and the rules about residential parking.
- Overall, they felt there needed to be better parking enforcement throughout town. Most people on Lexington and Delafield feel the police do a good job enforcing, as that is likely a trouble spot related to St. Margaret's. But other areas felt enforcement wasn't the best.
- Concern about the number of vehicles that may be in a household
 - Is there a way to limit that number? Thought was to have a 2 car per household limit and everything over would require a yearly fee per car.
 - A lot of conversation about garages that aren't being used to park vehicles. Don't know if there is any way to rectify that.
 - What are the rules for parking in the alley? Not a parking pad, but actually parking your vehicle in the alley. Should we have a uniform rule if one is not in place?
- Many people were talking about rental properties that have no off-street parking.
 - Currently, we require any apartment to have two off-street parking spots per unit. So, if a building has 3 units, they would require 6 off-street parking spots.
 - The issue is that there was an ordinance change and many apartment buildings are grandfathered in and don't have that requirement.
 - Dave Borland developed a concept that any grandfathered apartment building that makes changes to its footprint, number of units, number of bedrooms, etc., would be required to fulfill the off-street parking requirements as they have changed the structure and put potentially an increase parking burden on the community. For instance:
 - Someone changes from a 2 unit / 2 bedroom per unit to a 2 unit / 3 bedroom
 - Someone changes their 2 unit / 3 bedroom to a 3 unit / 2 bedroom
- Concern about rental units with adequate off-street parking and the tenants choosing to park on the street rather than their off-street spot

- Instead of giving those people resident parking stickers, we could give them rental parking stickers. That acknowledges they live in town but have off-street parking available. They could be ticketed for parking on the street.
- Residents on the 100 block of Emerson were concerned about people in the business district parking on the residential streets. They said there are signs that say 1 hour parking but it appears rarely enforced.
 - Need better enforcement and should this be resident only parking
- Any reason the 200 block of Virginia has 2 way traffic and the 100 block has only one way. Should we look at changing that?
- There was a concern on the corner of 5th and Western. That property is owned by someone that has a business on Commercial Avenue. There is a lot of spillover in the property used to stored equipment and supplied. They also park multiple commerical vehicles on the street.
- Issues with number of parking spots and doing commercial business in the residential neighborhood.
- Non Parking Related Conversations:
 - Noise from the Businesses After Hours

Concern about noise from the business district. Not necessarily about loud noises from the place, but the late night closing and people being loud

Public Safety

Where are the public safety issues in your community? /Where do issues of public safety occur in your community?/Where would you like to see safer pedestrian facilities (walking, biking, etc.)?



NOTES

Alleys problems:

- Garbage cans
- Parking
- Rat control
- Trash
- Speeding



Drugs



Fights/Violence



Personal Safety



Personal Safety: Juvie Fights



Personal Safety: Theft



Traffic: Speed



Traffic: Speed, Stops, Pedestrians



Traffic: Wrong Direction, Left Turns



Traffic: Stops, Parking

Green Space Notes

Facilities suggested for Aspinwall Baseball Park:

- Better Pickleball courts
- Small amphitheater
- Tennis courts
- Pavilions
- Trees to provide shade
- Community garden (include a pavilion)
- Year-round dog park: Some suggested replacing the large baseball field for the dog park; others suggested a space south of the large baseball field where the horseshoe pits are
- Perimeter trail
- Multi-use field for soccer, lacrosse, football
- Sand volleyball court
- Fitness stations, maybe along the perimeter trail
- Benches throughout the park but especially in the play area on the north end of the park; sell naming rights to offset costs
- Several suggested horseshoe pits and bocci while others said the existing horseshoe pits on the southern end of the park are never used and bocci is available at Fireman's Park.
- Pick-up soccer on the basketball courts
- Junior Ninja Warrior Course

Other Concerns:

- Water fountains don't work
- Baseballs damage parked cars
- Need entrance to the park on the south end near the horseshoe pits
- Several mentioned the value of planting trees (both deciduous and evergreen) around the perimeter of the park along the highway (be aware of road salt on plants near the roads)
- The shelter in the southern end could be used for park functions and not as PW storage
- The concessions near the large ballfield could be promoted more

- Desire to provide more shade between the ballfields and the parking lot
- Some questioned maintaining the largest ballfield in the area when Aspinwall no longer has its own teams
- The fence at the top of the slope on the north side of the smaller ballfield could be pulled back to provide a better level area to watch ballgames
- Provide a mosaic mural on the south wall of the large restroom/picnic shelter near the spray pool
- Concerned with baseball fields taking up so much room but only used 2-2 ½ months a year
- One person thought we ought to locate the borough offices in the southern portion of the park and free up the space on Commercial Avenue for retail
- Encourage property owners, especially businesses to install green roofs, solar panels (grants, zoning incentives, other ways)
- Encourage electrical stations being installed around the commercial area of the community
- Encourage people to plant street trees
- Need to plant trees along Route 28 behind the apartment buildings
- Develop an eco-district like Etna, Sharpsburg, Millvale
- Provide planters where it is not practical to plant trees (such as Brilliant, Commercial)
- Plant trees along Freeport Road on both sides of the road
- Could the additional 6 acres at the Aspinwall Riverfront Park be used for soccer, tennis, bigger dog park, pickleball?
- There is a vacant building on the highway ramp that the Borough should investigate acquiring
- Could the area off Center north of Route 28 that was leveled off for housing be used for a park and trail connection
- Need crosswalks to get to the Aspinwall Riverfront Park, including crosswalks across from Center
- Plant street trees in and around the municipal parking lot; more trees along the eastern border of the Aspinwall Riverfront Park
- Several locations were identified for new street trees

Exit Survey Results

Participants were asked to prioritize their top four key issues (1 being most important, 4 being the least important)

Ranking	Key Issue	Votes									Average
1	Borough Infrastructure	3	4	2	2	4	1	1	1	4	2.0625
2	Green Space and Park Use	3	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	2.1333333333
3	Parking	3	1	4	2	1					2.2
4	Public Safety	1	1	3	2	3	4	2	1	4	2.3
5	Sense of Community	2	4	1	1	4	4	3	2	3	2.75
6	Housing	3	2	2	3	4	4				3
7	Business Districts	4	2	3	4	2	3	3	3	4	3.11111111

Other comments: Dog park, library, communication

Questionnaire Results Summary

Aspinwall Borough Implementable Comprehensive Plan
August 18, 2021

Background

On July 22, 2021, the steering committee and consultant Pashek + MTR hosted a public meeting that served as an update to the Aspinwall Implementable Comprehensive Plan. This event also served to gain further insight on the seven key issues that had emerged through prior public and stakeholder engagement. Due to Covid-19 concerns, a virtual version of the meeting was also created. This resulted in the creation of the Key Issue questionnaire.

The questionnaire was open from July through August 2021 and promoted multiple times through a mailing list. The questionnaire was available via a link on the project website, *AspinwallPlan.com*.

Response rate

The questionnaire received a total of 73 responses.

Findings

Pashek + MTR summarized the most important responses to the questionnaire. For additional tabulations and more detail in qualitative comments, see the full questionnaire printout.

Q1 Do you agree that improving business districts is an important issue in Aspinwall? (71 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	88.73%
No	5.63%
Not sure	5.63%

Q2 Do you agree with this vision? (71 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	94.37%
No	5.63%

Comments: Should include “welcoming and inclusive”, more diverse businesses, outdoor seating, parking, incorporate business owner concerns, extended business hours

Q3 Are there any other issues related to business district improvements that this plan should address? (28 responses)

Comments: Diversification, extended business hours, parking, sidewalk improvements, business district connections, uniform signage, litter clean-up, events, pedestrian safety/accessibility, meter upgrades

Q4 Do you agree that green space preservation and park use is an important issue in Aspinwall? (70 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	97.14%
No	1.43%
Not sure	1.43%

Comments: More trees/tree maintenance, trail connections

Q5 Are there any other issues related to green space preservation and park use that this plan should address? (30 responses)

Comments: More trees/tree maintenance, trail connections, bike paths/accommodations, open bathrooms at recreation areas, more park rental spaces, pedestrian entrance at Riverfront Park, community garden, sidewalk clean-up, improve park amenities, public art, showcase river view, parking

Q6 Do you agree with this vision? (70 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	94.29%
No	5.71%

Comments: prioritize bike connections to trails, divide ball fields into dog park, "access to preserved natural settings"

Q7 Do you agree that sense of community is an important issue in Aspinwall? (68 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	88.24%
No	1.47%
Not sure	10.29%

Q8 Are there any other issues related sense of community that this plan should address? (18 responses)

Comments: More community events, more affordable housing options, creation of a community recreation entity/more support for current entity, walkability, promote Aspinwall, more communication with residents, parking

Q9 Do you agree with this vision? (68 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	98.53%
No	1.47%

Comments: Foster diversity, should include language such as safe, healthy, and inclusive, improve safety, focus on engaging current residents, promote connections to neighboring communities, more welcoming language

Q10 Do you agree that public/transportation safety is an important issue in Aspinwall? (68 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	95.59%
No	2.94%
Not sure	1.47%

Q11 Are there any other issues related to public safety that this plan should address? (27 responses)

Comments: Speeding, bike infrastructure, bike and pedestrian safety, accessibility, traffic calming measures when people speed through/go down one-way streets, better bus stops, improved sidewalks, more police engagement with residents, street lighting, parking

Q12 Do you agree with this vision? (66 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	92.42%
No	7.58%

Comments: bike friendly infrastructure, speeding reduction measures, improve sidewalks, improve handicap access, track on the ballfield, safer bus stops and pedestrian crossings, trail connections, parking meter upgrades, connections to nearby communities

Q13 Are there any other issues related to public/transportation safety that this plan should address? (14 responses)

Comments: Safer biking, speeding reduction measures

Q14 Do you agree that parking is an important issue in Aspinwall? (67 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	62.69%
No	14.93%
Not sure	22.39%

Q15 Are there any other issues related to public/transportation safety that this plan should address? (28 responses)

Comments: More off-street parking, enforcement of parking, municipal parking lot uses,

Q16 Do you agree with this vision? (64 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	84.38%
No	15.63%

Comments: Allow curb cuts, encourage alternate modes of transport, limit parking spaces per household

Q17 Do you agree that borough infrastructure is an important issue in Aspinwall? (68 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	91.18%
No	2.94%
Not sure	5.88%

Q18 Do you agree with this vision? (64 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	96.88%
No	3.13%

Comments: Update/maintain brick streets, sidewalk improvements, flooding prevention

Q19 Are there any other issues related to borough improvements that this plan should address? (20 responses)

Comments: Maintain brick streets, more permeable surfaces, sidewalk improvements, put power lines underground, green infrastructure

Q20 Do you agree that housing is an important issue in Aspinwall? (68 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	82.35%
No	7.35%
Not sure	10.29%

Q21 Are there any other issues related to housing that this plan should address? (19 responses)

Comments: Code enforcement for property maintenance, more affordable housing, balance of renter and homeownership

Q22 Do you agree with this vision? (64 responses)

	Respondents as %
Yes	81.25%
No	18.75%

Comments: Encourage homeownership

Q23 Are there any other issues related to housing that this plan should address? (9 responses)

Comments: Lack of affordable housing, code enforcement, property upkeep, encourage homeownership

Q24 What would you rank as the four most important issues in Aspinwall? (69 responses)

1. Business district improvements (5.31)
2. Green Space and Park Use (5.26)
3. Borough Infrastructure (4.92)
4. Public Safety (4.53)
5. Sense of Community (4.24)
6. Parking Supply and Demand (3.50)
7. Housing (2.96)

Q25 Are there any additional thoughts you wish to share? (12 responses)

Comments: Aspinwall is a great community, improve/maintain streets