

## **Affordable Housing Task Force Community Forums Discussion and Participant Survey Summary**

- Total number of participants: **425**
- Total number of surveys: **284**
  
- Monday March 7, 2016 - American Legion 2863 Chartiers Ave.
  - Attendees: 54
  - Discussion and Survey Response:
    - Increasing homeownership
    - Programs and funds available to assist rehabilitation of distressed properties
    - Concerns regarding lack of code enforcement for privately owned distressed properties
    - Education opportunities regarding homeownership and city functions are needed
    - Resources to assist seniors aging in place
    - Overcoming the negative stigma with Public Housing tenants and residents that use Section 8 Voucher
    - Housing protections for moderate/middle income households (especially in regards to taxes and home improvements)
  
- Tuesday March 15, 2016 - Knoxville Lifespan Resource Center 320 Brownsville Rd.
  - Attendees: 28
  - Discussion and Survey Response:
    - How to reverse decades of disinvestment
    - Connecting segmented/fragmented populations racially and economically to better quality housing and access to transportation
    - Increasing housing that is ADA accessible
    - Resources to assist seniors aging in place
    - Exploring different housing typologies to address housing solutions that are affordable at various income levels (Micro units, tiny houses, co-housing)
  
- Wednesday March 23, 2016 - National Association of Letter Carrier 841 California Ave.
  - Attendees: 73
  - Discussion and Survey Response:
    - Creating an inclusionary housing/zoning requirement
    - Resources to assist Seniors aging in place
    - Exploring different housing typologies to address housing solutions that are affordable at various income levels (Micro units, tiny houses, co-housing)
    - Mechanisms to stabilize rental rates

- Creating an Housing Trust Fund
  - Increasing homeownership
- Tuesday March 29, 2016 - Kingsley Association 6435 Frankstown Ave.
  - Attendees: 193
  - Discussion and Survey Response:
    - Creating an inclusionary housing/zoning requirement
    - Rent control
    - Connecting segmented/fragmented populations racially and economically to better quality housing and access to transportation
    - Exploring different housing typologies to address housing solutions that are affordable at various income levels (Micro units, tiny houses, co-housing)
    - Creating an Housing Trust Fund
    - Increasing housing that is ADA accessible
- Tuesday April 5, 2016 - Hill House Association 1835 Centre Ave.
  - Attendees: 81
  - Discussion and Survey Response:
    - Creating an inclusionary housing/zoning requirement
    - Rent control
    - Creating an Housing Trust Fund
    - Increasing homeownership
    - Increasing housing opportunities for people earning too much for Section 8 and too little to own a home (moderate/middle income)

## **Conclusions:**

- Survey participants agreed that all housing goals in the forum materials were important
  - Many asked for more details and clarification of these goals.
  - Also it was frequently asked, what is the overall vision was for housing
- Survey participants prioritized housing rehabilitation slightly more than new developments.
- Survey participants prioritized housing rehabilitation and homeownership slightly more than public housing and Section 8/ Housing Choice Vouchers.
  - Many participants commented that homeownership should be used as a tool to stabilize neighborhoods
- Survey participants were equally concerned about issues of housing in their neighborhood and in the city.

- Overall economic and community development concerns:
  - Increase minimum wage
  - Workforce development opportunities and programs
  - Affordable public transportation that is reliable
  
- General comments/concern:
  - More education for residents regarding housing and ownership
  - Open communication with residents
  - Open data on housing for residents
  - Survey participants thought that the meetings were moderately successful.

\*The note-taker notes that are available on the website are currently in raw form. They will be reformatted.



# Affordable Housing Task Force

## Deliberative Community Forums

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Community Forum  
**FEEDBACK SURVEY**

## Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Now that you have had a chance to become familiar with the issues and have discussed these with fellow citizens as well as hearing a panel address some of the questions raised by the tables, we want to hear from you.

Please take about 10 to 15 minutes to answer the questions provided. There are also comment fields that you can use to elaborate on your answers if you wish. Your input will help inform Mayor William Peduto and the Affordable Housing Task Force on appropriate affordable housing policies, programs, and initiatives.

\*The answers to these questions are confidential. There are no questions relating to your personal identity (name, address) or personal characteristics (age, income, political affiliation). There are no identifiers on the survey itself. You are not required to fill out the survey but your input would be appreciated.

**Please take 10-15 minutes to complete this survey. (Please print)**

1) Please check the box that best reflects your opinion on each housing goal

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important	Not sure
Respect and stabilization of existing communities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Create quality affordable housing opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Maximize the impact of resources by ensuring lasting affordability	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Additional comments/additional priorities:

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2) Please check the box that best reflects your opinion on each policy and program opportunities:

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important	Not sure
New developments can be responsive to the diversity of incomes in the communities they are located in.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Sustain and maintain currently affordable housing to stabilize homeownership and rentals.	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Rehabilitate vacant and dilapidated housing to stabilize homeownership and rentals.	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Additional comments in regard to policies, programs, or initiatives you think you are important for the Affordable Housing Task Force to consider:

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3) Please check the box that best reflects your opinion on how well each type of affordable housing opportunity would support residents in Pittsburgh:

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important	Not sure
For Sale Housing Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Low Income Housing Credits	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Project-Based Voucher Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Public Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Housing Choice Voucher Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Housing for Rent or Sale	<input type="checkbox"/>					

4) What types of housing initiatives and programs do you think will be most helpful for your neighborhood in the coming year?

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5) How important is it for the City of Pittsburgh to dedicate resources to providing housing affordability for all residents?

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important	Not sure
In my neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/>					
In the City as a whole	<input type="checkbox"/>					

6) What additional comments do you have for the Affordable Housing Task Force?

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13) How successful was the Affordable Housing Deliberative Forum in accomplishing the following?

	Very successful	Successful	Moderately successful	Slightly successful	Not successful	Not sure
Give you an understanding of the issues involved with affordable housing in Pittsburgh?	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Cause you to consider points of view that you had not previously considered?	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Make you feel as though your voice has been heard by the City?	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Allow you to share stories and experiences with residents from other parts of the City?	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Make you more likely to become engaged in making your neighborhood stronger?	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Comments?

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**Contact information (optional)**

If you would like to stay engaged and informed about the Affordable Housing Task Force, please complete the contact information below.

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