



**Community Meeting, August 16, 2018
Pigeon Community Center**

AGENDA:

- Historic Resources
- Park Design and Input
- Comprehensive Plan

Historic Resources

Sybil Argintar presented her findings regarding her study of African American historic resources.

- Report will be turned in to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for review
- Annie McDonald from SHPO is working on a National Register nomination for the Pigeon Community Center Building.

Calvary-Craven Park update

Rhett Langston asked for citizen input on Park planning.

- Compressed basketball court preferred.
- A covered half court is better than an uncovered court
- A restroom is a Must have
- Pavilion/ Cover court instead
 - size of East Street
 - needs to accommodate up to 100 people
 - host family reunions
- Alternate: Cover Pigeon Community Center Court and just re-design park for pavilion & playground

Comprehensive Plan

Elizabeth Teague reviewed the progress on the Town's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and asked for citizen input.

THINGS WE VALUE/WANT:

- Historic properties
- Small town feel
- Green Space
- Rock Walls
- Beauty- Minimize height and scale i.e. new vs. old courthouse sensitive scale
- Develop in valleys not hill side



- Farmland preservation and rural communities
- Keep utilities local
- Prioritize local businesses (incentivize)
- “stronger” tree ordinance
- Free, public parking
- Restrooms
- Invest in affordable housing availability of land, pricing internet versus word of mouth
- Expand Broadband and Internet
- Limits on out of town owners/ seasonal rentals (?)
- Code Enforcement of dilapidated properties /junk in yard
- South Main St. corridor- unattractive, - encouraging business development
- Be careful with growth on Russ
- Expansion of walking and biking opportunities
- Mixed-use zoning in center of town
- Encourage better quality construction
- Plan for people on scooters/ wheelchairs

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

- Younger generation staying here and owning their own home
- More small, local businesses with jobs
- Outdoor dining
- Better lodging
- Build local leaders/businesses/ help getting started (HCC)
- Community garden spaces
- Neighborhood scale community-building Identity.
- Nice theatre/ Entertainment
- More Historic Districts
- Evening Park Events (Music, Movie)
- Bowling Alley
 - Consolidated commercial areas
 - Stick to existing zoning. Incentives to redevelop distressed properties.
- Policies to protect areas and incentive retention of rural or character
- Do NOT want to see Gatlinburg
- Work with larger properties to encourage gardening, find balance between Town goals and private property
- Land conservation/ Trusts
 - Community awareness of options
- Address brownfields
- Inclusionary zoning to integrate affordable housing with new development