



Pinellas Park 2050: Planning for Progress

Public Webinar #1 Feedback Summary

June 5, 2020

We heard a lot of great feedback from attendees during our first project webinar for the Pinellas Park Comprehensive Plan update! Below is a summary of what we heard during polling questions and the question and answer session, followed by additional resources for more information; we will account for these themes in our findings from initial analysis and public outreach to help create a vision, list of key themes, and goals to guide the next stages of the plan update. A full recording of the webinar is available [here](#); more information on the plan update is available on the project webpage (<https://pinellas-park.com/2050plan>). Thank you to those who participated!

Poll Question Response Summary

The following are key themes that emerged from the polling questions posed during the webinar.

In a few words, how would you describe Pinellas Park currently?

(15 responses)

- There is potential and opportunity
- Outdated, sleepy, not very dynamic
- High crime
- Schools not performing well
- Arts District is lackluster
- Not a desirable place to live
- Facing stigmatization
- Liveable and relatively affordable
- Low income
- Small town character
- Industrial
- Suburban and automobile-oriented

What is your favorite thing about Pinellas Park?

(15 responses)

- Parks and green space
- Central location regionally
- Art, Arts District, Art Walk
- Restaurants and diverse food options
- Small town feel
- Community events
- Affordability
- Inclusiveness

In a few words, how would you describe a desirable future for Pinellas Park?

(29 responses)

- Pedestrian and bicycle friendly, walkable
- Transit: light rail, shuttle, bus rapid transit on US 19
- More parks, greenspace, trees, environmental education; sustainable and environmentally friendly
- Central urban focal point
- Community development, variety of events and directives
- Inclusive, family friendly
- Less money spent on police
- More money spent on police
- More money spent on schools
- Better restaurants, nightlife, shops
- Beautify streets and neighborhoods, including cleaning up light poles, adding neighborhood signs, code enforcement
- Reduce noise pollution
- Improved housing and more affordable housing
- Shifting away from low income housing

What is the most pressing issue to address for the future of Pinellas Park?

(14 responses)

- Neighborhood connections and sidewalks
- Safe streets and pedestrian safety
- Improved bus routes
- Transportation congestion
- Address homelessness in parks
- More shade, trees, greenspace
- Housing affordability
- Community development and branding
- Balance of spending on public safety versus community development
- Crime rate
- Quality development
- Nicer commercial buildings
- Higher wage jobs
- Central downtown area
- Attractions

Is there an untapped opportunity in Pinellas Park to explore and make the most of in the future?

(17 responses)

- Bike lanes, connections to regional bike trails; explore rail corridor for trail or transit
- Decrease cars on the roads

- Attract people of different ethnicities; provide signs in different languages
- Attract young people and young families
- Attract people with high education levels
- Spend more on community development to make city more attractive and increase tax revenues
- Central downtown or cultural space, create urban feel for city
- Higher end shops and restaurants, fewer chain establishments
- Attract high paying manufacturing jobs to vacant industrial spaces; partner with local business to offer workforce training and apprenticeships
- More solar power; use brownfield sites for solar power battery storage

Q&A Topic Summary

The following are key topics from the question and answer discussion at the end of the webinar. Check out the [webinar recording](#) for the full discussion, starting at time mark 49:40 in the video.

- St. Pete/Clearwater Airport expansion
- Traffic light and street light upgrades
- Code issues related to fencing, building painting, and code enforcement
- Homeless communities, including at Helen Hawthorne Park
- Length of time needed to implement and see improvements
- City's ability to attract international tourism
- Traffic and development on US 19
- City branding efforts and local examples of charming downtown areas
- Environmental education, particularly for parks and stormwater

Additional Resources

The following links provide more information on plans and studies referenced during the webinar and discussion.

- Pinellas Park Community Redevelopment District: <https://www.pinellas-park.com/333/Community-Redevelopment-District>
- The Gateway Master Plan: <https://gatewaymasterplan.org/>
- St. Pete-Clearwater International Master Plan update: <http://piemasterplan.com/>
- Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 7 Studies (includes Pinellas County): <https://www.fdotd7studies.com/>
- FDOT District 7 US 19 Study in Pinellas Park area: <https://active.fdotd7studies.com/us19/66th-to-sr690/>
- Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Regional Rapid Transit Study: <http://www.rtt.tbarta.com/>