

# COMMUNITY MEETING 1 SUMMARY

Community Meeting 1 was held at the Boys and Girls Club on November 29, 2023. Approximately 25 local residents and partners gathered to learn about the Pembroke Choice Neighborhood Plan. Participants were able to interact with the Choice Planning Team through an online platform, Mentimeter, and on paper answering the following:

- What is the name of the neighborhood?
- What is one great thing about the neighborhood?
- What is one thing that you would like to change?



# WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?

2 Marvine Pemboke

1 The New Progress Neigborhood

4 Pembroke

1 Marvine

1 Welcome Village

1 The Grove

1 Village Neighborhood

1 Bethlehem Steel Housing

# WHAT IS ONE GREAT THING ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

- The neighbors/good neighbors
- The unity among the people
- Diversity/Multigenerational
- Sense of community
- Family friendly
- Great density of families and strong chance for kids to have their own community
- The sense of community, many multi-generational families here



- Diversity and great schools
- Proximity to a good elementary school



- Community Center
- BGC Churches



- Good management from BHA
- The tranquility/calmness
- It's safe and calm
- Good public transportation



# WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE?

- More affordable housing in Bethlehem
- A mix of architecture for the facades
- Building around a courtyard
- Senior citizen housing - peaceful and away from families/teens
- Have the necessary amenities especially for Seniors
- More comfort
- We need garages, laundry, parks, children recreation area



- Fatalities of pedestrians
- Stefko traffic safety
- Traffic safety
- People cross roads to get to bus
- Stefko is a high crash corridor + guard rails on Pembroke block people from the street



- Mentoring programs
- More youth recreation
- Programs for our residents to learn skills with the help of local businesses, because not everyone is able to afford college or want to go to college

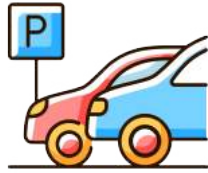


- Better connection w/ the rest of the City
- More connections between neighborhood and rest of community
- More community engagement
- Plant lots of trees
- More grocery stores near our neighborhood
- Get a decent grocery into one of the vacant buildings in Pembroke Road



# WHAT IS ONE THING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE?

- Parking steps away
- The parking on the street
- More handicap parking spaces
- Private driveway/parking spot
- More access to public transportation and benches near current LANTA stops



- Residents don't want to get jobs because of rent increase and inability to pay
- Won't qualify for public housing/voucher if income increases
- What's the incentive for people to want to move up to market rate if the units all look the same?



- How can you ensure mixed income and affordable levels will be maintained over time?
- Concerns about being pushed out - i.e. Townhomes I and II were LIHTC but there seems to be an increase in turnover
- Moving to North or South tips of neighborhood would change peoples' lives drastically (i.e. schools, transportation, etc)



- Don't want to shortchange housing for families in the process of building specialized homes
- Concerns about buildings being built off of the current site
- Example of Hope VI Housing - Hanover Acres redevelopment in Allentown

