

SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOWN HALL MEETINGS AND ONLINE SURVEY SEPT 13, 2023 DETAILED REPORT AND TABULATION OF PUBLIC INPUT

On September 13, 2023, Slippery Rock Borough offered three opportunities for public input on the comprehensive plan:

- Town Hall virtual meeting 12:00pm
9 participants from the general public
- Town Hall in-person meeting 6:00pm at Slippery Rock University Alumni House
30 participants from the general public
- Online survey via the borough website
55 responses

Participants were invited to provide input on the borough's most important assets and issues and on a vision for the future. Below are the questions asked in the meetings and survey.

What are Slippery Rock Borough's ASSETS?

- What in the borough are you most proud of?
- What makes Slippery Rock Borough unique?
- What attracts people to visit, or to buy a home, or start a business in the borough?
- What is working well in the borough?

What are the current ISSUES in Slippery Rock Borough?

- What is a current problem or need in the borough?
- What is hindering our success as a community?
- What is not working well in the borough?

Look 10 years ahead. What is your VISION for Slippery Rock Borough?

- How do you hope the borough will stand out as a great place?
- What do you hope will change? Stay the same?
- What goal do you hope the borough will have achieved?

Town Hall meeting participants were asked two live poll questions to which they responded by smart phone or computer.

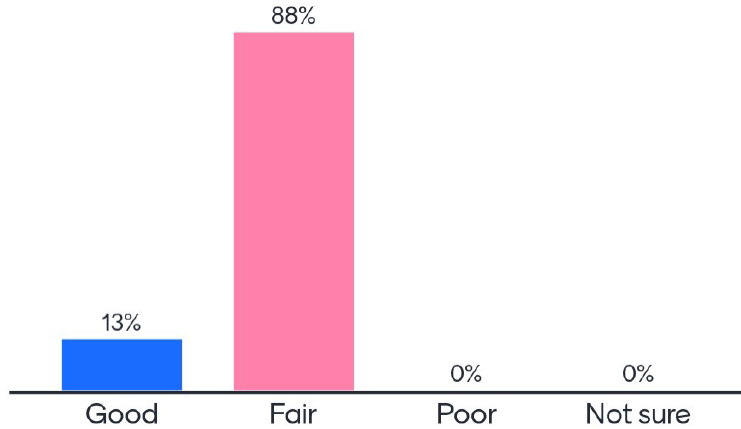
All participants were also shown nine preliminary findings and goals developed by the borough's planning work group of officials, staff, volunteers, and consultant, and asked to indicate the degree to which they agree or disagree.

The following pages provide the details of input and comments received.

TOWN HALL VIRTUAL MEETING

POLL QUESTION #1

How do you rate the overall condition of Slippery Rock Borough?



ASSETS

Oral comments:

Presence of the university

Access to recreation and natural areas in the region

Active community organizations

Community events like the farmers' market, fun for kids, too

The park, family-friendly, though there's room for improvement and budget constraints

Gorgeous downtown attracts people to visit

Sidewalks, the community is walkable

Residents "come home to a small town", know people

Gazebo and green grass downtown

Small businesses on Main St. with "mom and pop" stores

Chat comments:

Parks - downtown – college

We're all big fans of the local parks!

I also wanted to mention that our community events are a great asset. July 4th, Village Fest, etc bring families out and promote our small businesses.

ISSUES

Oral comments:

Sidewalk conditions, cracking uneven, conditions throughout the town

Downtown streets look great. Outlying streets need attention.

Departments and facilities working well

Vacant/blighted properties in commercial district and residential area

Improve looks of older buildings downtown

Sidewalks are an issue, caused a recent fall, can identify areas that are a problem
Sidewalks need to be finished on Kelly Blvd
Kelly Blvd is a NASCAR racetrack, speeding cars
Parks and Rec, expand offerings for young children. Soccer just started but many people have gone to different programs and areas due to lack of offerings.
Look at comprehensive plan a different way. Goals for climate change adaptation. Need help with stormwater management. Renewable energy. Solar opportunities. Sustainability, resilience.

Chat comments:

Agreed - speed is a persistent issue.

VISION

Oral comments:

A town that welcomes small businesses, with a welcoming environment and housing opportunities for families
Increased opportunities for parks and rec, greenspace downtown
More community events
Places and events you can take the whole family to
Borough becomes a model for a welcoming and vibrant town
Update ordinances. Innovative stormwater solutions. Converting lawns into gardens. More sustainable more resilient environment using more innovative solutions.
Lots of good ideas but need to find or generate revenue in order to implement ideas.

Chat comments:

Definitely agree on the importance of retaining the green space on the corner lot as a place for community use and events!!
Unfortunately, one local business that we used to attend with our children along with several other families informed us that our children were no longer welcome. It seemed as though the other patrons did not mind the children and as a group, we spent a great deal of money each week.

POLL QUESTION #2

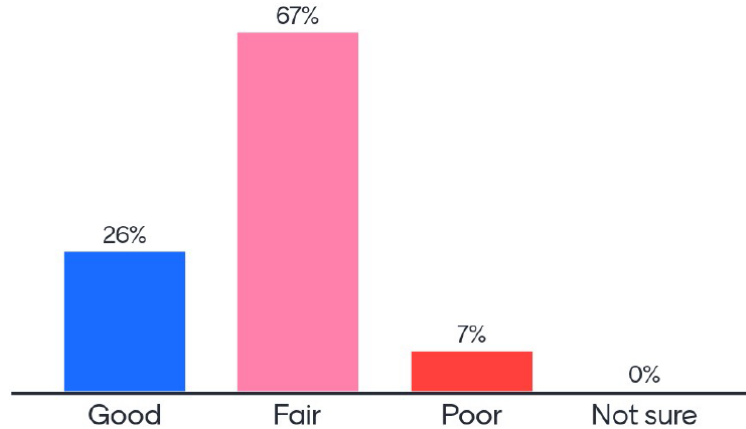
If the comprehensive plan had only one chapter, could address only one asset, issue, goal, or hope, what should it be?

community family focus
family culture
income
sustainability-resilience
well kept enhancement
sustainable growth
cooperation

TOWN HALL IN-PERSON MEETING

POLL QUESTION #1

How do you rate the overall condition of Slippery Rock Borough?



At the in-person meeting, participants visited different stations for assets, issues, and vision. At each, their comments were written on flipchart. Afterward, all participants revisited each station and wrote on an exit survey the three listed assets, issues, and vision hopes and goals they believed were most important. The number shown with the listed item indicates the number of participants who selected the item as one of three most important.

ASSETS

1. Facilities businesses – walkability. 6
2. Outdoor recreation facilities, access to multiple state parks. 7
3. Public library.
4. Active, proactive participating mayor.
5. University accessibility, presence - well maintained. 3
6. Diversity of restaurants. 2
7. Slippery Rock Creek, water source, recreational park.
8. SRU - most potential for growth in community involvement. 7
9. Outdoor recreation 3 state parks within 12 miles. 2
10. Trails - Wolf Creek Narrows, North Country Trail.
11. State parks - water sports, fishing. 1
12. Hometown community vibe - friendly welcoming people. 3
13. Butler County Community College.
14. Location - close to I-79, 10 miles to I-80 1.5 hours to Canada. 5
15. ARMCO Park, Rock Falls Park.
16. Community groups that work well together. 3
17. Greenspace downtown. 1

18. Desire/willingness to volunteer in the community. 3
19. Slippery Rock brand. 3
20. University. 3
21. The people. 4
22. Interstate, state highways (I-79, I-80, 422, RT-8). 4
23. County airport, Proximity to PGH airport.
24. Slippery Rock Creek - stocked with fish regularly.

ISSUES

1. Need to attract more permanent residents. 6
2. Need for staff and funding resources to support goals of the plan. 2
3. The park and its buildings need help, improvements. 1
4. Lack of sidewalks on Water Street.
5. Need for fiber broadband. 1
6. Not enough for children to do. 3
7. Lack of recreation courts – pickle ball, other.
8. Blight – spotty vacant and deteriorated buildings. 5
9. Sidewalks all over, and especially in the downtown residential area, in poor condition. 5
10. Lack of coordination and communication between the university and the borough – a wall exists. 7
11. Zoning needs updated – inhibits development, especially on the vacant corner. 3
12. Lack of community familiarity with police, police presence, especially after dark. 1
13. Lack of enforcement of noise ordinance.
14. Need to update stormwater management infrastructure. 5
15. Crosswalks are challenging. 2
16. Abandoned mine problem in the greater area. 1
17. University believes itself to be separate from the community. 2
18. Lack of family restaurants. 1
19. Too much rental housing. 2
20. Lack of consistent enforcement of borough ordinances. 1
21. Inadequate quality of drinking water.
22. Lack of greenspace for community events.
23. Landlords are not enough keeping up rental properties. 4
24. Need more inclusive and meaningful community collaboration. 5

VISION

1. Strong university presence. 6
2. Charm of downtown is evident. 5
3. Growth has been managed well. 3

4. Holding youth. 1
5. People are connected to each other and the place. 5
6. Slippery Rock has a pool (community gathering space). 2
7. Slippery Rock is attractive, well kept. 4
8. Lots of places to eat, things to do. 5
9. Place families go to live. 4
10. Place where people work together. 1
11. Destination for weekend getaway. 2
12. Place with outdoor rec hub. 5
13. Train to Pittsburgh. 2
14. Arts hub. 1
15. Permanent residents have a place at SRU. 3
16. Place with small town feel. 3
17. Place that is welcoming to all. 2
18. Place where ordinances are current/relevant. 2
19. Place with high speed internet. 1

POLL QUESTION #2

If the comprehensive plan had only one chapter, could address only one asset, issue, goal, or hope, what should it be?



EXIT SURVEY COMMENTS

Other comments about assets, issues, or goals that should be a priority

Adding fiber internet.

Creating a family friendly atmosphere.

Would love if folks could stop using their national politics (on both ends of the political spectrum) to influence and divide out town, just gives a sense of angst.

I am a member of Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition. If I can be of assistance, let me know.

Work without so much political divide. This is a small town. Work for the betterment of all, not your political party.

There should be increased coordination, communication and planning between SRU, Local Gov & Local orgs. Maximize resources & timing.

Interconnected sidewalks to community facilities, including schools & to SRU.

Reform zoning to reduce student rentals in borough.

Ordinances need updated and enforced. Encourage public input.

Keep making strides with growth of businesses, especially in downtown.

Collaboration is key across the board!

ONLINE SURVEY

An online survey using Microsoft Forms was opened for public input Tuesday, September 12 and closed Friday, September 15.

Below are:

- A tabulation of the most commonly listed assets, issues, and vision hopes and goals. The number shown indicates the number of responders who listed that item in their survey response. Any asset, issue, or vision item that was listed by 5 or more respondents is shown. (The responses were tabulated by project consultant Denny Puko. No two responses were an exact match. The consultant exercised judgement on which responses were similar and could be grouped as “common.”)
- A tabulation of ratings of preliminary issues and goals identified by the borough’s planning work group. (The tabulation includes ratings from the online survey and the in-person meeting exit survey.)
- Complete responses from all survey participants. Blank lines separate the responses from different responders.

ASSETS – Most common responses

Slippery Rock University and what it offers to the community in programs, culture, sports, and student presence. 19

Small town character and sense of community. 10

Safety, low crime, and the community’s fire, EMS, and police services. 10

Location in proximity to the highway system, nearby towns, and Pittsburgh. 9

The people, friendly and neighborly. 7

Slippery Rock community park. 7

Business environment, with small, local businesses and restaurants being favorites. 6

The surrounding area, largely rural with state parks, recreation, and trails. 6

Community events. 5

(Also, 8 respondents separately identified as assets the following related items: the downtown, the gazebo, and Slippery Rock in Bloom beautification efforts.)

ISSUES – Most common responses

Traffic control, especially speeding vehicles. 8

Needed road repairs and maintenance. 7

Stormwater management and drainage issues. 7

Sidewalks, including needed maintenance and gaps where sidewalks are needed. 7

Rental property conditions and upkeep. 7

Dissatisfaction with performance and actions of the borough government. 6

Inadequate communication between borough government and citizens. 5

Lack of public transportation, especially for elderly. 5

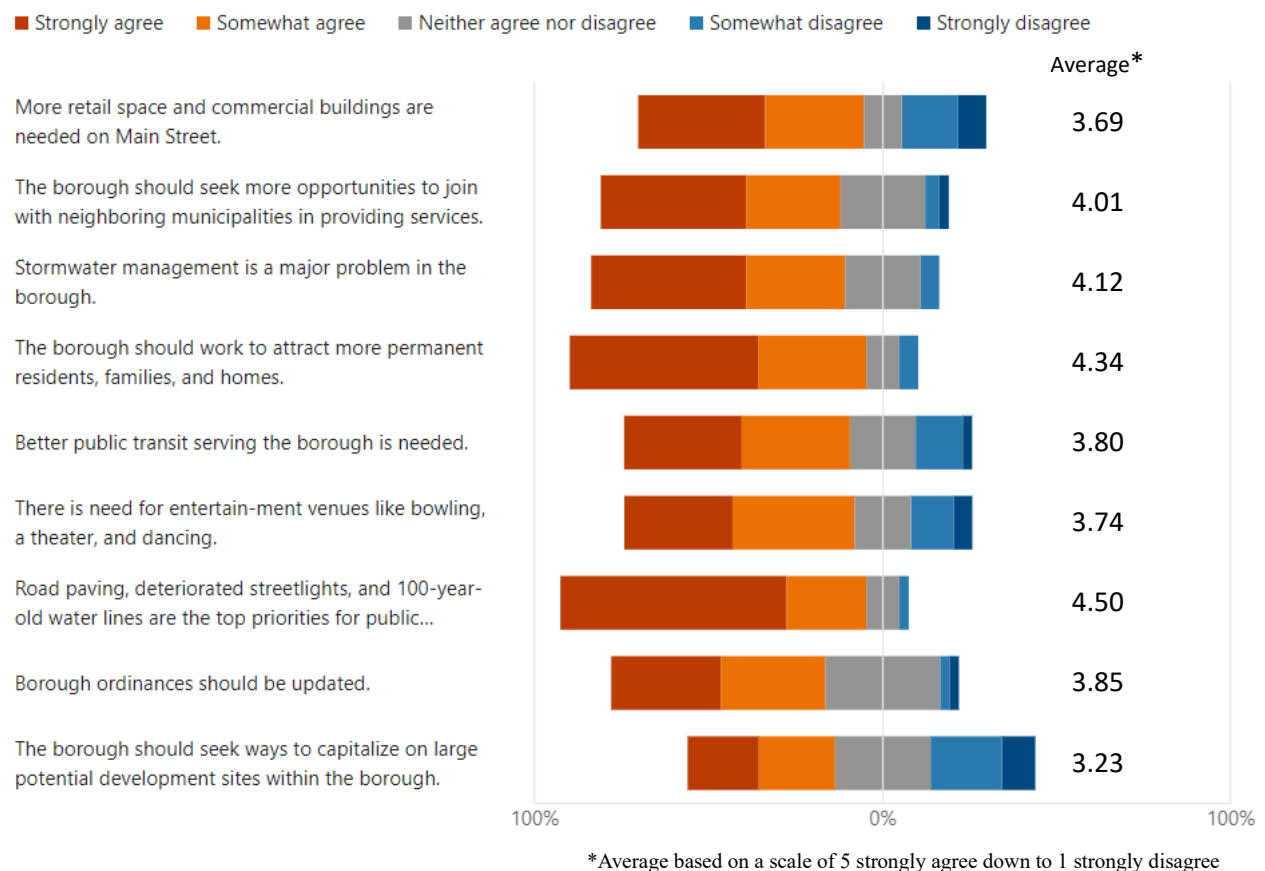
(Also, 9 respondents indicated need for certain businesses, though the types desired varied.)

VISION – Most common responses

- Business growth, more places to shop, with preference for small, local businesses. 16
- Increased cooperation and communication between the borough, businesses, the university, and citizens. 13
- Be a people-friendly, welcoming community. 8
- Continue to beautify the town including gardens and greenspace. 7
- Keep the small-town feel. 6
- Continue and have more events and activities. 6
- Attract more permanent residents, families, and single-family homes. 5
- Remain a safe place. 5

PRELIMINARY ISSUES AND GOALS

As part of the online survey and in-person meeting exit survey, participants were asked to rate issues and goals that the borough’s planning work group preliminarily identified as important. Below is the tabulation.



ASSETS – All responses

First and foremost the residents and student body are what makes Slippery Rock so unique. People are attracted to our community because we have very low crime rates, a thriving downtown area with lots of yearly events and a quiet and peaceful location surrounded by attractions, parks, and farmland.

1. Patriotism and Pride, as evidenced by the flag and military banners, upkeep of the area and grounds.
2. Events and things to do. Slippery Rock is filled with weekly music events, corn hole nights, trivia nights, sporting events and educational opportunities ie: ILR and University
3. Small town atmosphere with minimal crime, friendly people.

Most proud of our fire dept and ambulance. It's nice quiet place to come when college is out.

1. The University
2. Rural environment
3. Low cost of living

The boroughs assets include small town feel, the sense of community people try to create. What attracts people to visit/buy is the close proximity of multiple things.

Friendly, open to new business, good schools, the Mayor, the sense of community

Beautiful University campus. Beautiful downtown area. Good restaurants.

1. safe community with good police force and fire and EMT protection. 2. the name and the university make it unique.. 3. more young people are becoming involved with borough council and management

1. Presence of and connection with the university. 2. The surrounding landscape/environment. 3. The people/citizens of the borough.

Small, locally owned businesses

Community events

Patriotism and community involvement - people love their country and community "

1. Proximity to Pittsburgh
2. Outdoor recreational resources esp 3 major state parks

Community

Small businesses

Solid education systems

Slippery Rock University, organizations which contribute to people's mental and physical well being like Library and Feed My Sheep Food Cupboard and the amazing volunteers who do things like Slippery Rock in Bloom

The university is an important asset, as it increases revenue for local businesses and adds more diversity to this small town. The fact that most of our businesses are located along Main Street also ensures they are easily accessible for any pedestrians. The number of green spaces surrounding the town are also an asset, as they draw people who appreciate nature and the protection thereof to come here.

1. Town & Gown relationship with SRU
2. Slippery Rock in Bloom program
3. Village Fest
4. SRU Kaleidoscope Arts Festival & Earth Day Celebration

The University brings a lot of value. I am so glad for our Library and Park as well. The community has a mix of diverse ages and so is an interesting place to live.

The university, the people the schools

I struggle to answer the first question. I've lived here for 3 years as a homeowner. I am an SRU alum and I feel the town caters to the college students and drinking in general and I have a hard time seeing what, other than the flag and corn hole, this town has done recently for its citizens. I think the name of our town makes it unique. I think certain areas like world creek, Jennings and the macoskey center are really nice parts about our area. The North country brewing company's owner must do very well in our town to own houses and leave them vacant for years. I don't know if the farmers market has anything to do with the borough but I think the farmers market is wonderful for our town and does a really good job bringing students and citizens and children and even everyone's pets together safely. I also really enjoy the library and all of the volunteers there are such lovely women. "

Library..... I consider it a treasure.

University:.... cultural, educational, sporting events

Businesses: so many new businesses since I first moved to Slippery Rock in 2003

one of the main contributors to the Borough are the students at the University. People are attracted to our lovely small town because SRU draws people in from all over the country.

The University, the park and nature trail and the general ambience.

SRU

Small town feeling

Affordability

I am most proud of there being an AMAZING Thai restaurant and I think that is part in what makes the town unique. Also, other restaurants like north country, Steele mill, and katana work well in this town. Earthwest and Jennie b's are great additions to the town.

I am most proud of the work performed by Slippery Rock Beautiful at East Main Street, the Gazebo, and at the intersection of Franklin Street and PA 173. One can enjoy the company of many different people with diverse backgrounds and interests at the Gazebo while having a beverage. It is interesting.

Second is the volunteer work my neighbors have performed to try to keep the Passive Park at Poplar Forest Phase VIII a nice and safe place for children and adults in the community to have picnics, read, fly kites, etc. The open space is very nice.

Third is the Slippery Rock Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Team. I have witnessed the folks from this organization in action and they are excellent at what they do. The fish fries and other events they sponsor provide an opportunity to meet the neighbors. The youngsters being mentored by the staff of this organization learn community service, leadership and life skills which have a very needed place in today's world.

An asset of Slippery Rock is the Small town spirit and patriotism. Many people say Slippery is like the small town you read about in books. You see friends around town wherever you go. Our patriotism is well shown by the Giant Flag waving. I love seeing it whenever I drive by.

the University

Slippery Rock is a quiet and welcoming community that my wife and I appreciate. Not too big nor too small. Scheduled festivals, music and a healthy celebration of holidays. We love the name's uniqueness and how many people recognize our community wherever we go. We feel safe and appreciate community law enforcement and the work they do.

1. Slippery Rock in Bloom projects to beautify the town.
2. The Good/diverse restaurant variety attract visitors
3. I believe the small town Main Street makes us unique.

- 1) SRU and SR school district schools - education is important.
- 2) Giant Eagle - It's our only major grocery store.
- 3) Slippery Rock Community Library - Their services and programs benefit the whole community.

- 1) Location - proximity to Pittsburgh/northern suburbs and I-79.
- 2) College town/university amenities.
- 3) Slippery Rock Park and park programming (particularly the school programming).

Safe, neighborly (people know each other, are friendly & welcoming), simple. The simplicity of the town makes it attractive to outsiders, there is relatively no chaos, no horrible traffic, no confusion, it is easy to get around, not big, not overwhelming, the town doesn't present one to make many choices of things to do/eat/visit or have such a wide variety of options that it creates

conflict- it's having little makes it have a lot. Trying to expand it to be more and have more may not be ideal... rather bringing out and enhancing what it is should be the focus.

SRU is the main draw

Small town an asset. Wish it felt more like a true college town (more influence of university)

Slippery Rock due to its relationship to the college is a diversely rich and community centered town. This also makes Slipper Rock unique. People are attracted to Slippery Rock due to its growing population and excellent school district. It grows because of its proximity to the suburbs of Pittsburgh. It is a beautiful, quiet, and safe town.

I'll list 5!

- Nice businesses and restaurants now
- Town events – July 4th, parades, SRU homecoming, etc
- Fire Department
- Bulk trash night
- Leaf pickup

There are many things that make Slippery Rock a lovely place to live, but these are a few things that I especially noticed.

I love the small town atmosphere that wherever you go ,you know somebody. A great example is Village Fest and the Christmas Tree Lighting where I see many of my friends.

I also love the patriotic spirit that the borough encourages. This is shown by the recent erection of The Giant Flag, and putting up pictures of Veterans from Slippery Rock. "

I am most proud of the Slippery Rock Parks and Recreation.

Slippery Rock has a long positive history of cooperative Town and Gown relationships.

Slippery Rock's name makes it most unique.

Walkable, safe, nice upkeep of main street flowers and decorations

SRU is a huge asset to this town as it brings in money for the town; school district; community park and the youth sports programs that utilize it along with the playsafe program it offers

We are proud of Our memorial park and our university campus. Also, our community library.

Having Slippery Rock University in town as an economic driver.

Proximity to Pittsburgh (less than 60min).

Proximity to two State Parks (10 miles and 15miles).

Ease of accessing to I79 and I80.

I think some people would answer this by saying it's the brewery but I definitely do not agree. The north country brewing company is a decent establishment but that bar and Roosters is okay at best. The Cannery is alright, I think it's a cool idea to use aquaponics. I don't understand why or how the owner can own vacant houses on south Main Street but I know of people who have

been fined for the weirdest thing. Houses can be vacant for years but you can be fined if your grass is too tall or if your car is parked in your own lawn.... Do we live in an HOA?

1. Access to Slippery Rock University programs/arts/recreation/entertainment/speakers, etc.
2. Financially affordable homes/housing
3. Location - easy access to city/suburbs & also convenient day trip for visitors in surrounding areas/counties
4. Nongovernmental citizen support groups such as SR Development, SR in Bloom, Rotary Club, Parks & Rec Board, SR library, etc.

1)The Slippery Rock Park has historically been a wonderful place with playgrounds and walking trails and courts/fields for community sports or pickup games. Lately the upkeep has been poor and the programs aren't as good, but regular investing in the park programs and the space has made it a valuable asset to the town.

2) Community events. Everything from the weekly farmer's market to annual village fest. Hosting community events for the purpose of serving the people of Slippery Rock. I do not like when these events are used for personal promotion or for political gain such as when the 4th of July was promoting the mayor. Host events for the community, not for promotional reasons.

3) The university. SRU provides opportunities for theater, music, concerts, athletic venues, and education.

Slippery Rock University

The Park and the numerous programs and activities it offers.

Attractive, charming downtown area, including the fire station, parking lot, and pavilion park (except for former BP gas station)

Easy access to borough park, offices, and sports fields

I think people are mostly attracted here because of the University - either working there, having children who are students, or being student renters.

Small size town

Proximity to highway and other places to work

elected officials

police department

involved community members

Small town atmosphere

reasonable distance to Pgh.

Low crime

Caring community

University

Uptown development

Affordability and accessibility - small town ease with college town potentials and quick driving distance to a city. The presence of a thriving university. Community assets like the library and park. They are important and must be managed with care.

1. The presence of Slippery Rock University and potential for partnerships, collaboration and learning.
2. Recreational opportunities and natural surroundings (proximity to 3 state parks, Wolf Creek Narrows, and North Country Trail, community park walking trail, ball fields, playgrounds and programs.)
3. Active community organizations that support events and meet local needs. (Slippery Rock Development, SR Business Assoc, SR Rotary, SR Farmers Market, Community Library, Slippery Rock in Bloom, Feed My Sheep Food Pantry)

ISSUES – All responses

Infrastructure is the biggest problem that should be addressed. Its probably tough budgeting for roadway repairs and stormwater projects. The biggest thing that hinders the borough is a limited tax base. There's little to no room to grow and that's a big problem.

I would love to see the park or the University make pickleball courts.

We need sit down family style restaurants like Dennys people don't always want to eat with screaming partying college kids. The intersection at keister and 173 needs widened. Need another grocery store.

1. Low housing inventory
2. Infrastructure
3. Traffic control

Speeding of cars specifically on Kelly Blvd with multiple kids that live here/walk. Not just college students but people who live here/around are speeding. Also water issues for the homes on this road as well with water drainage issues.

Parking, turning lanes on & off main st,

Since camp fires became legal, students and others have often abused the privilege by burning toxic or inappropriate items. Air quality is ruined on outdoor party nights. This is bad for elderly people and people with breathing problems. Normal wood smoke is bad enough. Banning fires once again would be a good idea.

1. trash and noise from rental properties especially those in neighborhoods including non rental housing, borough needs to find a way to make tenants of rental properties aware of borough ordinances involving noise and keeping properties clean
2. borough residents feeling that they are not given a chance to voice their opinions with major decisions such as the erection of the large flag in the community park , make an effort to invite residents of the borough to attend council meetings to listen and learn and voice their opinions both publicly and privately.

Storm water management, sewers, haphazard zoning, road maintenance

Infrastructure could always use work. Old buildings on Main Street could be spruced up/updated.

Hotel/lodging for weekend stays
Attractive dining opportunities
Performing arts

Traffic during some points in the day
Extreme noise during the hrs of 2-4 am

Neglected properties both commercial and residential, sidewalks including areas where sidewalks are missing and those not kept in good repair and road maintenance not being done frequently enough

There is very little accountability for local landlords. Every property I have rented in the area has had a landlord who finds ways to avoid taking proper care of their rentals. There are not enough rental properties for single, childfree adults who need housing for themselves, as most of the properties are geared toward families or college students who can afford the cost of rent. There is no public transportation.

1. Stormwater Management - need to design buildings and stormwater systems to handle 5"/hour rainfall, plant more trees, maintain all green spaces, minimize hardscapes with impermeable surfaces
2. Transportation - need to add bus service to Pittsburgh (work with New Castle Area Transit Authority?)
3. Building Inspections (particularly rental apartments and occupant health concerns)"

I wish there was a charitable organization with a location that would take donations as in available in so many communities. The leadership in our community seems only in tune with a very conservative group of one political party. I view that as unfortunate.

Speed limits in neighborhoods not enforced, noise limits from neighborhoods not enforced

A current need is more attention and care to the children's programs or just making public areas accessible to children like it is accessible to everyone's pets.

Parking is atrocious in town, so much so that people have parked in one way alleyways making it unsafe for everyone.

I'm unsure as to why there's so much focus on establishments like bars, tobacco product shops and now "skill games," opening up downtown.

People who violate our Community Park
Stop Sign violation by drivers near St. Peter's Catholic Church.

The university is quickly advancing as more students enroll. In a modern sense, the town is behind. Places to go and eat are great, but places to sit, hangout and do work are much needed. Places such as roosters is a wonderful example of a business that is great for the borough and the university.

More community activities to bring the different age groups will be a welcome sign. Having affordable and friendly transportation services for the elderly could be a tremendous help. Community and the University should work together to enhance the quality of life for the young and the old.

Ordinances need to be enforced

Sidewalks need repaired and maintained- has been studied previously

Need to further combine services of local entities

I believe a problem is that giant eagle is the only grocery store and for college students, that's an expensive choice.

1. Debt on the former FNB Building and the resultant vacant lot sitting in the middle of Slippery Rock is an item that needs addressed. Gateway Park was created at a significant cost. Overhead power lines were moved underground and parking was provided for downtown beautification to improve the image of the Borough. Hundreds of private citizens and many businesses donated funds for commemorative bricks, benches, etc. Grants were received. This park is a treasure. Recent talks propose to develop the vacant lot into another retail space with apartments, etc., sell the land the Gazebo is on and move the gazebo somewhere else. This hurts the credibility of the local government, hurts the feelings of those who contributed to make the project happen, adds to congestion downtown, and eliminates the one very nice outdoor area in Slippery Rock where folks can meet for a takeout lunch and enjoy the ambience of the area.
2. Success of the community is hindered by geographical borders of the Borough, the inability to provide areas for development of retail businesses with uncongested access and ample parking such as restaurants or lodging which could draw traffic from the Interstate Highway System as well as to serve the needs of people visiting the University, or just passing through.
3. The performance of Borough Council needs improvement. There seems to be limited knowledge of, or regard for, rules of meeting order, how motions should be made, who has the authority to make motions, recordings of meetings, and what "duties and obligations" Borough Council has to the citizenry and whether elected representatives run the Borough or the Solicitor does. Efforts to work around legislative guidelines on the Volunteer Tax Credit issue rather than follow the guidelines is an example. Changes to motions made by Council Members by the Solicitor is another example. Council Members should be offered training in their responsibilities and how to perform well.

rental properties-too much noise, street parking congestion. Vandalism. Student renters do not contribute to the economy. Need houses/neighborhood to be attractive and available to year round wage earners and families.

Not many concerns. As a resident of Kelly Blvd. I was very pleased to see police enforcement of speeding on Kelly a few years ago. Despite the "Blvd." name, it is not a main thoroughfare,

rather a community street that finds neighbors biking, walking and skateboarding. I have not witnessed the historic consistency of a police presence that did have a major impact on speeding of late.

I have also had concerns over some decisions made by administration. As one example; the recent decision by the mayor to take issue with community members writing with chalk on the sidewalk in town. Local media picked up on the situation and many in the community found it a poor decision for a community that strives for a "welcoming environment."

We were also deeply offended by the impromptu parade of vehicles driving on Kelly as a holiday celebration recently. Trucks, cars, flying the American Flag, awesome. At least one vehicle flying the Confederate Flag, really! What message do we send with that sad reminder of our American History. Several neighbors witnessed the incident and were not comfortable.

1. Parking can be a problem especially for visitors unfamiliar with town.
2. I would like to see more of the Boro sidewalks fixed to have safer/consistent pathways to walk
3. Speeding

Loud cars and cars that speed are an issue.

- 1) Lack of rigor around borough decision-making: insufficient consideration given to need assessment, community impact, reputational impact, etc. has real and lasting consequences for the current and future residents/businesses.
- 2) Priority misalignment: insufficient attention paid to tangible issues/responsibilities (ex: park entrance not repaired for an entire year despite obvious danger it presented, park playground areas not well maintained while scarce resources allocated to privately-sponsored projects, etc.)
- 3) Closed-door deliberation: insufficient communication and feedback solicitation coupled with palpable hostility in response to community-raised concerns/considerations discourages public participation to the detriment of the borough.

Obviously people stepping up in leadership roles is a problem. Volunteerism is a problem. These are issues nationally. How to promote, encourage and get people to care..well, a problem. I see that many that do care argue and can't decide on things. "Let's get along and work to the betterment of the town", should be something encouraged. We have already seen that the beautification and clean up of the downtown, comparing from the last 25 years has done a world of good. Yet few want to plant flowers or sweep walks. Somehow a United front focus on community and everyone working together would be ideal. Begin a campaign? Publicly recognize those helping? Reward youth that get involved? I don't know. The roads need repairing, the sidewalks need improving or added. Lighting in places where people walk after dark is vital. Our safety is most important. We need more lifers in our police department...I don't care the cost, we should have more full timers that live here in our community and raise their families here and pay them full wages and security, health benefits whatever for keeping us safe! Part timers that come and go, not very community and not ideal.

Too much National politicking, we should focus on local issues and not be so divisive

1. Sidewalks, roads, and abandoned properties need to be repaired.
2. Parties from students are sometimes TOO LOUD with too little police oversight.

3. Trucks passing through main intersection—need truck route around SR

Slippery Rock has always had issues with the borough and township being separated. People are unwilling to realize they would be stronger to negotiate cheaper utilities if the two were to merge. People in the town come from generations back when Slippery Rock was a smaller dry town with less things to entertain people. These people have never wanted Slippery Rock to flourish in the diversity rich population it is slowly becoming.

The borough council and its lack of oversight into the projects of a mayor who uses his position to try and keep SR as a 1950's type town is a poor reflection upon the town. He has in his own way made struggles with the diverse culture within the town and not just with college students who stand up for the rights of minorities and women. He is an embarrassment. "

-Streets are not a safe place to bike...someone is going to get hit by a car and die

-Main Street is narrow for vehicles

-Potholes (my wife mentioned the one between Rite Aid and Taco Bell. Could be private property since it is in the parking lot though?)

There's few issues that I would like to mention

The roads on Kelly Blvd. could use a repaving. I know one section was done earlier this year, and it would be nice if all of it was paved.

Also, Poplar Forest has some drainage issues that need fixed. Asking the residents what needs fixed would be a great start.

Thirdly, I believe a greater emphasis on encouraging business to settle in Slippery Rock would be beneficial. I see a few land plots like the one at the corner of Grove City Road and Kelly Blvd, and the one caddy corner to the Kwik fill. Those are some places that businesses should be encouraged to locate.

1. The ridiculously large American flag was put on Public land without public input. Private monies are being used to project an image that not everyone agrees is important or valued. Pretty sure many people would think twice about moving to a Second Amendment Sanctuary borough that also has an enormous flag that private money forced itself onto Public land. What is it with the American flag?????. Why the beacon from the high point of town?? What was once a pleasant place now has a symbol of something forceful and aggressive. Certainly not democratically placed. The sound is annoying and again, just not necessary. I know what country I live in.

Homes used as rental properties in town look terrible, paint peeling, dirty, trash overflowing. All borough resident should have a sidewalk.

Funding for park improvements are needed especially with the road going through it which is very rough; lack of quality family friendly-non fast food restaurants

Divisive leadership is a major problem for the future of the Borough. When a community leader puts their own political aspirations above the needs on the community, the town suffers. This approach essentially stymies potential benefits that could be had from more visitors to the town. If the Borough is perceived as being a haven for one political party over another, in today's

political climate it has the potential to dramatically limit the number of people who might visit the town and spend money here. In other words, let's put the great community good before individual political aspirations.

More funding towards the library. Why did we tear the bank down?

1. Could use better communication/outreach with citizenry via website/newsletter, etc.
2. Greater flexibility in trash/recycling pickup; i.e., option to have pickup every other week, option to have service temporarily stopped for period of time if traveling; options for varying pickup needs.
3. Why can't we get glass recycled when people in Cranberry can?

Lack of community input for town decisions is a HUGE issue. For example, the flag at the park. Instead of raising funds for things that the entire community can utilize or enjoy (the library, repairs to the park entrance, developing green spaces, hosting concerts or speakers, the food bank, kids programs, etc), a large sum of money was used to put up a big flag. There was no outreach to the town for suggestion or input prior to putting it up. It takes away from public space at the park that families could use for picnics or to play at the playground. It is loud and doesn't appear to be installed with long term stability or environmental considerations in mind. It is a political stunt and the town was not considered or consulted before installing it.

The numerous student rentals that do not follow occupancy limits, housing code and neighborhood standards regarding upkeep.

The use of improper use of public property as demonstrated by the recent and unannounced installation of the massive flag in the park.

The conditions of numerous alleyways in the downtown area. They are worn out and carry too much traffic.

The excessive speed of traffic on Main Street and lack of modern crosswalks.

Chronic drainage problems in the area of Normal Avenue and Franklin Street that impact homes, businesses, and traffic during heavy rain

Need better parking for going to businesses on Main Street

Chronically unsuccessful business ventures in the former Big Shot Bob's building and some of the units near Subway

lack of side walks, which many parts of the city not walkable

lack of transportation to other places such as grove city and butler; uber does not provide services so if you are unable to drive you are stuck

some landlords not keeping up with their properties; trash around places where students live;

noise pollution from semis using Franklin street; noise pollution students' car blasting music with no regard to others.

storm water issues

lack of accessible transportation (buses)

lack of businesses- boutiques, shopping plazas

Slippery Rock Twp..has 3 times the growth of the borough!
Taxes are much lower in Twp.

Lack of communication and understanding between university and town people

Lack of effective partnership with town leadership: The Borough leadership is perceived as unfriendly to respondents. People don't want to get involved because they want to be treated with respect. Town doesn't communicate well, although this process is a start. Projects effecting residents like road construction are not posted or communicated and if you seek info you are brushed off at best.

Strange priorities: Everyone likes have the corner green space but town wants to sell it? The flag goes up but the rest of the park maintenance goes to shambles? It seems like pet projects are prioritized over common sense. And few people know what's going until after it happens.

1. Need to look beyond the "traditional" and the way things have been done in the past; to cultivate a long-range vision; and to seek out, learn about, and be open to new and innovative solutions and opportunities. The vision and efforts should encompass all of the aspects of the comprehensive plan: economic development, facilities and infrastructure, utilities land use, housing and transportation.
2. Our comprehensive plan, codes and ordinances should reflect and address current concerns, opportunities, best practices, technologies, and who we are and strive to be as a diverse, family-friendly, and hopefully forward-thinking community (e.g. allowing for alternatives to closely mowed and trimmed lawns, development of renewable energy sources and conservation measures, natural stormwater management practices such as pervious pavement surfaces, vegetated swales, rain gardens, etc. [as we did in considering backyard chickens].)
3. Finding the resources (expertise, staff, and funding) to support the ongoing maintenance and improvements to properties and infrastructure, as well as future aspirations, innovations and solutions, while balancing the tax burden of residents and businesses. (e.g. by taking advantage of grants and incentives such as those currently available through the Inflation Reduction Act and bipartisan infrastructure law.)

VISION – All responses

I hope Slippery Rock can balance out the incoming wave of folks moving north. It would be great to see downtown expanded and revitalized. I think there are several businesses in the area that are missing out on a lot of business because they're too focused on one aspect of their business. I would love to see Caffaro's Pizza open up a few lanes, put up some big screens for games and create an atmosphere for SRU students to hang out. North Country Brewery needs to finally double down in our community and complete his plan for expansion. The community is ready but the businesses aren't... Slippery Rock could become a major destination place with the right branding. Increased communication between business owners, residents, local officials and the university would go a long way. Slippery Rock will always have that small town atmosphere and that's what I like most about it. With some sustainable, economic growth I see the same town, the same residents but with a much more safe and vibrant town to call home.

I hope the pride and patriotic mentality will continue.

I hope the foundation will continue with efforts to beautify the town and involve even more residences to contribute.

I've heard the schools are in need of upgrades. I would hope that this would be accomplished in the next 1 to 3 years.

Be considered a family town not a party town.

I want to see people say I'm going to SR to shop. Not I'm going to butler or grove city to shop.

With the student housing overload, would like to see families buying not rented houses especially in R1/2 areas. An increase in recreation facilities to entice families to live here.

Continue to add new businesses without taking away the small town feels. Not adding multiple developments.

The friendly environment, best small town feel, the schools

Emphasis on gardens and green space is important. Recently litter and garbage in the streets has fortunately decreased. Landlords have not been keeping up with maintaining some properties. It is important to avoid pockets of slum-like dwellings.

1. a place where community residents can share their ideas and listen to the ideas of others through more town hall events like this 2. become a place where people feel safe and valued as community members 3. remain a safe place to live

Continued growth of new unique small businesses

Commitment to Constitutional American values and development of traditional American culture at a local level

Leadership by example in keeping government small, efficient, and accountable

More families in the community

Become a "weekend get-away spot" for Pittsburgh (and, to a less extent) Erie, Youngstown, Cleveland residents

More unique small businesses

More community events and gatherings

Continued peace and low crime

Hopefully there will be even more beautification projects, stormwater issues will have been addressed, there will be better upkeep of commercial and residential properties and sidewalks will have been added or repaired.

I hope there will be more community-based places safe for the LGBTQIA+ folks who live here and do not attend the university. I hope there will be public transportation for locals. I hope there will be no more deals with companies seeking to pollute our waterways.

1. A lively, friendly community/university with pleasant environment and sustainable/resilient infrastructure.
2. Minimize ""generational divide"" and ""political partisan divide"" through improved communications
3. Elimination of SRU central heating plant

There is a lot to like with Village Fest and bands playing downtown periodically. More shopping development would be desirable. Clothing, goods, boutiques type shops would be welcome and more parking. Perhaps like Zelig the church parking lots could be used at certain times.

That we have enough money to pay our police and teachers, that we reduce truck traffic through town

I think this question is a bit redundant because you can sort of tell from the other questions where I, specifically would want things to change and what direction I'd hope the borough would be taking in order to improve our way of living.

Stream the Borough Meetings
Accept that people have divergent points of view
Better co operation with SRU

I hope to see the Borough become a place that people are drawn to stay in. Things to do, places to go. Most of the time when people want to do something around here, they leave to go to the town over. Slippery Rock community is so wonderful, we have the perfect foundation to continue growing this Borough. We have a lively population, a very young generation, I'd love to see out on Main Street day and night.

If we have more community activities and services for the general public Slippery Rock will be a great place to live. Hope its crime rate will remain low and its community activities will go up. More affordable housings and medical facilities will make this borough great.

Stands out because of SRU
Hope the small town feelings stay and affordability
Change- multiple person non family housing ordinances need enforced. And need to somehow promote single residential housing
Goal- promote commercial growth in the boro and to work better and more efficiently with the University. Not just talk about it
Promote a commercial entity to occupy the old bank lot and utilize the park's green space more

I hope the borough will think about adding places to make college living more predictable. A cheaper grocery store, or some other fun things to do. I like that there is bowling in slippery rock. I also like village fest and the farmers market . Things like that enrich the town for everyone.

1. Provide zoning to accommodate more services for residents and travelers regarding clean, modern facilities with ample parking outside of the current downtown business district.
2. Pave the streets in the Borough and move SR 173 out of downtown to eliminate the area known as the ""Gauntlet"". This area contributes to increased auto insurance rates and is challenging to negotiate.
3. Dedicate the Vacant Lot at the intersection of Main Street and New Castle Road as a Community Park. Find a way to pay off the debt, and use this land for farmer's markets, Christmas Tree Lightings, and other events with food trucks, vendors, etc. rather than sell it and create more issues.

I like the small town atmosphere of SR and hope that it stays that way. I don't want it to become busy. I would like it to be neat and attractive in appearance. Security, peace, kindness, unity among citizens is what I hope would be achieved. No woke policies! DO NOT become a sanctuary town for illegal persons! (Look at NYC)

Increase permanent families/residents living in borough homes, and decrease student rentals
 increase shops that contribute to quality of life in the borough
 increase greenspace

Provide a welcoming environment for everyone who lives or visits. It takes hard work to achieve a good reputation as a community. That reputation can be negatively impacted with decisions quickly.

I would love to see another restaurant in the community. We miss The Schoolhouse. Although I understand the need for ordinances in our community, I would caution against such restrictive guidelines that can stunt the community in upgrading properties.

1. More great restaurants and unique stores while still having them easily walkable.
2. Hiking/bike paths (connecting to other trail ways like rail to trails, for example) and green spaces.
3. That the Boro and SRU continue to have a good working relationship.

I wish to see SRU remain open. I wish to see Slippery Rock School District schools as exemplary schools. I want to see small businesses succeed. I want the green space on Main Street remain green.

- 1) Attractive to a broad base of potential residents/businesses/taxpayers: current "agenda" items advanced by the borough are often openly partisan and/or shortsighted efforts to garner immediate attention/appreciation from a narrow subset, significantly limiting the pool of potential future Slippery Rockers (commuters, graduating students, small-business owners, university faculty/staff, etc).
- 2) True "town and gown" governance: thoughtful collaboration with the University and student body to better leverage their unique resources while maintaining "college town" atmosphere.
- 3) Proactive/planned approach to basic borough responsibilities: intentional focus on infrastructure and other often unglamorous but hugely impactful priorities (storm water management, road repair, green spaces/borough property management, etc.) would go a long way towards attracting/retaining residents and desirable businesses.

Community togetherness working for the betterment of our town as a whole. Yeah, yeah, it's a dream...of course it won't happen, people like to disagree and argue...but I'm a dreamer...so let me dream.

Maybe if people got to know people? But how? How about starting with municipal employees...a "Get to know" feature on the website, have a photo of the person, and a write up about them? (Family, children, hobbies—something personal to relate to.) Then encourage others to do the same, the fire department, water department, the gas Dept? And then encourage all businesses in to do it. One of the reasons why I enjoy my town so much is that I know so many of the people that help run it and work in it. I know our local funeral director, I know our local jeweler, etc. But I don't know all the municipal workers, I don't know all the gas guys. I used to, but nowadays not so much, I don't know the new girl at the post office. I'm the type that will go up and introduce myself and get to know people.. but I am, well, I am what one might call a rare bird... if there is some sort of a focus on trying to introduce people to people, for those that don't or can't go out and meet them, then it maybe, just maybe can help!!! I don't see how it could hurt.

More cultural events, support of things like the Farmers Market. The community implement some alternative energy options

Better town and gown collaboration.

Slippery Rock will have many challenges over the next 10 years. Traffic will become a much larger issue as one of the best school districts in Butler county grows. There will need to be more options for things like grocery stores, entertainment, food, and many other places that make up a flourishing community.

Slippery Rock needs to be looking not at what may happen in five months but a larger picture as the college gets bigger and more people want to move to a town with a great school district. That includes utilities, water, roads, police, and many other small issues the current borough council has direct power over.

-Bike lanes or, at the very least, wider shoulders are needed on some roads in the borough:

N Main Street (258) – from Kelly Blvd to Kiester Rd – most dangerous

Grove City Rd (173) – from Kelly Blvd to Franklin St

Franklin St (108) – from Branchton to Sheetz

No, riding bikes on sidewalks is NOT safe.

I ride thousands of miles a year and feel safer in many bigger cities vs. Slippery Rock. Riding rural roads in best but getting to them from where residents or college students live is a real safety hazard.

-Keeping taxes low

-Expansion of the SR Community Library - parking lot and building

I see Slippery Rock in the future as a beautiful town. I few more businesses here and there, but Slippery Rock still embodying the Same Small Town Vibe. We still have our patriotism and warm, welcoming community.

I would enjoy the Borough's returning to a welcoming, accepting, community that it once was. Many people I know have moved away to find what Slippery Rock once had, a positive interface between Town and Gown. Lately it feels to me like a minority is pushing an agenda instead of welcoming all to the community.

I was witness to the physical threat from a man in military gear yielding a rifle in front of the Camelot restaurant. Why??? Because women had the nerve to speak up and voice their opinion. The assault of washing chalk off a sidewalk under the direction of the Mayor. My Vision would be to dial back the ugliness, the overt aggressiveness over differences, and return to the beloved Slippery Rock of my childhood, young adulthood, and now growing old hood.

Remove the giant flag in the park. As a veteran I find it garish and believe this money could have been raised for something useful, like fixing the park entrance which has been one lane for a long time.

Continued relationship improvements between borough, township, university and school district. Better retail and food choices available.

1. Increased visitors to the town. We are sixty minutes from Pittsburgh. With the proximity of the two Start Parks and SRU, it helps to make Slippery Rock an ideal day trip or city escape.
2. Increased locally owned businesses including restaurants and retail shops.
3. It would have been, and still could be, a major benefit to the future of this community to have built a new high school. A new school along with the continued increase in academic standings of Slippery Rock Area Schools will attract young professionals with children to the community. This will broaden the tax-base and increase tax revenue. More importantly these families will add to a vibrant future for the community.

1. Better cooperation/coordination with surrounding townships/municipalities
2. Developing programs to entice more people to consider civic roles in the community
3. Reestablishing Town & Gown type relationship with SRU

I hope the Borough invests in ways for people to get without it needing a car. Investment in bike lanes or trails, sidewalk upkeep or creating easier ways to get from one side of town to another, and improving public transportation. I hope small/local businesses continue to succeed and my vision is for more community-run business. I think there should be a small movie theater. I hope corporate fast food restaurants do not increase. We have a few options and that is enough. I hope the Borough will continue to maintain the services like storm water drains and pipes. Regular maintenance and investment to town infrastructure.

A town with a healthy relationship with the university.
Homes in the Borough that are owner occupied.
A bypass for traffic coming from 79.

Maintain attractive Main Street and expand attractiveness (gradually) further out on Main Street and on 108.

Maintain good relations with the University

side walks and places to walk-this is key for elderly populations; more markets; more transportation; gyms - we do not have any
size is ok
not sure

more restaurants and businesses
continued events such as Village Fest and Oktoberfest
small safe hometown feel

Improving public education
More business in downtown
Enlarge the police presence

Better partnership with the university. We should leverage the presence of a university in all ways possible.

Beautification of main intersection. Please DO NOT turn green space on the corner into new construction! It would be better for the Borough to incentivize someone to buy the old gas station. The green space is off the gazebo and parking lot, it's obviously a great location for an in-town parklet. I have never talked to any SR resident who thought building there was a good idea. People do not like this idea.

Act like places that DO grow and attract new residents, businesses, and taxpayers: attractive "curb appeal" projects (get spray paint off of every sidewalk, direct everywhere, etc, it just looks bad. The final touches matter.), courteous engagement, professional decision making processes. Town projects should not appear half baked. For example, the streetlights do need to be replaced, however, the way things are currently done, it's not hard to imagine the Borough buying too bright or wrong models and then hostilely downdressing a resident who raises the concern that they now have a spot light in their bedroom.

The Borough needs to use a process of evaluating new projects that truly considers impact to people before they green light things. A thriving town leadership anticipates and prevents problems they could create and responds effectively when they miss something.

1. The borough becomes a model for a forward-seeing, welcoming, small town/suburban community: with vibrant, locally-owned and supported businesses; having strong and collaborative relationships with the university and Slippery Rock township; preserving and capitalizing on its unique attributes, history and aesthetics of its buildings, and natural surroundings.

2. Our local leaders will understand and take seriously the urgency of the climate crisis, and take action to set goals for reduced carbon emissions or carbon neutrality. Our comprehensive plan will allow for and support energy conservation, developing and transitioning to renewable energy sources, building resilience to future changes, and other innovative solutions that balance economic development, environmental sustainability and the needs and quality of life of our residents.

3. Whether or not this actually relates to comprehensive planning, I hope changes can be made in communication, transparency, and perhaps citizen participation) between local government (borough council, municipal authority) and people in the community, including younger people.

[Understandably, finding volunteers to serve on boards, in leadership positions, etc. is challenging, and not something that a comprehensive plan can address, but much important business is conducted and many decisions made by a small group of council members and a mayor, that most people in the community seem unaware of, but all are affected by. Perhaps some changes could be made in the way that business is conducted and communicated.)

OTHER COMMENTS – All responses

Increased collaboration. I understand that there have been some recent relationship improvements with SRU and the township. I think that the boro should capitalize on this new opportunity and become a hub for collaboration in Northern Butler County.

Strip mall was to go by fairfiled we need one there or somewhere else.

Identify areas to increase livability in the Borough such as infrastructure, recreation facilities and open space

In many ways the Boro is beautiful. This beauty is also an economic asset. Avoiding slum-like pockets of deteriorating rental properties is important. Air quality is important. In the last twenty years, the Boro has made great progress. More is needed. Downtown is looking good.

Capitalize on University resources by integrating them into the plan

Hold landlords accountable. Stop allowing slumlords to take advantage of poor people and college students. Provide more safe spaces for commerce amongst a diverse community.

Anticipate and plan to improve borough resiliency in the face of climate-related extreme weather conditions that will continue to intensify - improve stormwater management, bury power/telecom lines, designate public cooling centers during extreme temperature periods,

Keep up the good work. SR is a good place to live with people who care about the community. SR in bloom is such a great change and small things make a difference.

Raise revenue by ticketing speeders, illegally modified cars breaking noise rules, and tax the trucks. They are doing the most damage to our roads and the under road pipes. We've turned our town into a truck way and the homes and the road were not built for the weights the

Borough and the University should work together for the betterment of the community

Ordinances need to be enforced. Rentals need inspected more thoroughly
Involvement in boro govt needs to be encouraged "

Getting commerce from the Interstate Highway system would benefit both the Borough and other neighboring municipalities. Lodging during University Events is challenging. Dining is also challenging. While the Grove City Outlets are close, the availability of upscale, or even mediocre, restaurants is very limited and would appeal to me personally. Slippery Rock is close

enough to I-79 to attract travelers to dining and lodging facilities. Ample parking is a MUST HAVE.

"Village Fest, July 4th celebrations and Lite Up night are good ways to bring community together.

I love the beautiful American flag flying above our town!!!

Please use prudent fiscal responsibility in our borough. "

New businesses, a reconsideration of current ordinances and a gentler approach welcoming everyone living in the Rock. Regardless of their beliefs.

"Increase reliance on professional planning approaches, case studies of similarly situated communities, etc. Reliance on ideas and opinions of those "plugged in" to the planning/governance processes lacks the rigor that the planning process requires.

Preservation/enhancement of existing community assets.

Kudos for soliciting feedback from the community - please consider it thoughtfully and keep it up!"

More power lines underground, yes, water lines and storm water issues as mentioned..seriously need updated!!! Big time. This town has walkers...yet they walk where there are no or few sidewalks...sidewalks need improving and updated. Better lighting. Home owners, businesses and property owners should be made to be and held accountable for proper property upkeep. There are way too many dumpy places in the Borough..overgrown grassy lots, bushes overgrown encouraging raccoon and vermin to move in, junky items and trash thrown about front lawns, dark creepy areas unkempt and hazardous. Warnings and if not addressed, fines, should be given to those who choose to ignore... to set a standard, and let everyone know there is one. This will only make more people want to move here, if they know there is a standard and it is enforced.

As Slippery Rock grows it is important to do so by promoting the diverse culture that resides in the town. This includes opportunities to a variety of diverse individuals who may own the properties and businesses the town

It would be nice to have more restaurants to choose from. Chick-fill-A would be nice.

"-More restaurants would be nice – Chick-fil-A, Chipotle, Five Guys

-A question to ask is...why do people drive to Butler or Grove City? Providing some of those goods and services in town could keep the business in the borough. Wal-mart, Sam's Club, Home Depot, Lowes, etc. There is a fine line though...because I enjoy the ""small town feel"" and shopping local."

"I would like to reiterate my suggestion that the borough embrace more business development in the plots of land that are empty.

Thanks again for the Giant Flag. I love bragging how I live in the Town that has the Tallest flag for 300 miles around."

Traffic. There is a rush hour where one can be backed up past the funeral home coming into the borough.

I suggest a very well thought out promotional campaign designed to highlight the Slippery Rock community and what the area has to offer to potential visitors, especially those potential visitors from the Pittsburgh area.

The Borough Council should stick to the physical care of the borough and stay out of Politics. Currently the aggressiveness of the “Flag Crew” is offensive and should be “dialed back” or in my opinion eliminated. Put an equal sized Pride/LGBTQ flag up under the American flag and maybe that will be a step forward to heal the divide that the flag has created in the community already. To say anything about the huge offensive eyesore flying over the town and lit up at night, is to be made to look anti-American and be ridiculed. Happened to me with someone on the borough council. I go to Butler or Grove City to shop, unless I am in an extreme rush. I am offended by the flag that has been subverted by politics and hate. I avoid the politics of “gun toting”, flag waving, indoctrination and grooming that Slippery Rock Borough seems to taking on as its identity. The Borough has “the right” to support whatever theme it wants. Everyone else has the right to go somewhere else.

Some of the multiple choice questions above seem obviously leading: so I will say again, people do not want the corner green space to be developed to construction. Even if respondents say they want more businesses downtown, this does not mean people want the height ordinance changed a building built on the corner. Deal with the eyesores in town, don't take away one of the more attractive spaces that welcomes people on the way into town. It's a bad idea.

I hope that we can create and support a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for diversity of all kinds (racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender and sexual identity, socio-economic), to find common ground and purpose, that transcends the political and cultural divisions prevalent in our nation today. Seeking public input on the comprehensive plan in these ways is a great start, and I am grateful for the opportunity. Are you also reaching out broadly and hearing the voices of some of those who might be less likely to respond to surveys and public meetings? (e.g. through organizations representing or working with marginalized or "minority" individuals, through the senior center or campus student organizations)