

“What challenges are we currently facing on the Southside?”

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[Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem](#)

“What’s your vision for the Southside?”

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So the Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem, described for you in the last post, held a meeting February 18, asking “What’s your vision for the Southside?” as part of information gathering for the development of its new Southside Vision Plan.

What’s your vision for the Southside?

We are inviting South Bethlehem’s residents and the business community to join us online for a community meeting to discuss the future of Southside.

Your unique perspective on the current strengths and challenges of the Southside, and your vision for improvements to be made in the coming years, would be very helpful in the development of the new south Bethlehem Neighborhood Plan.

As we approach almost 20 years of Southside Vision, our current neighborhood plan and the focus of much of our work in the community. Your input gathered during these meetings, surveys or interviews will assist in the creation of a new neighborhood Plan.

The core of the meeting was straight talk from the attendees.

This is the kind of thing that the Gadfly loves.

He attended and records here part of one of the breakout sessions where participants were asked to talk about several questions.

What Challenges are we
Currently facing on the
southside?



- Gentrification
- Stop light on 3rd St
- Traffic
- connection with the community and the school (lehigh, ect.)
- being unsafe
- Parking
- Diversity for retail opportunities

The first question was “What challenges are we currently facing on the Southside?”

Here are the facilitator’s notes, but I encourage you to listen to the discussion.

It was frank, passionate, and you might find a surprise or two.

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