



## Summary of Tar Heel Community Engagement Meeting November 19, 2020



Town staff, in partnership with EmPOWERment, Inc., held a community meeting for Tar Heel Mobile Home Park residents on November 19 to hear residents' thoughts about neighborhood issues and feedback on the development proposal under consideration for the site. At least ten residents attended the virtual meeting, and seven residents spoke. Below is a summary of the feedback received from those residents:

Feedback about the development proposal:

- Happy they would be fixing the traffic light and entrance to the neighborhood.
- Generally like the project and am happy with it.
- Don't understand the point of another gas station. There are already two nearby.
- Safety concerns between the new development and neighborhood. A fence might help but people can climb over a fence or go around.
- Concerns about how close the homes will be once everyone is relocated and the new buildings are built.
- Encourage the town to think about our most vulnerable population when considering affordable housing projects.

Feedback about the neighborhood:

- The lighting in the community needs improving. There are several areas of the community that are very dark.
- The intersection at the entrance and exit of the neighborhood is dangerous and there are car accidents.
- The roads in the neighborhood can be dangerous. Stop signs and other measures to slow down cars would be helpful. There are potholes in the roads. Roads are narrow and dangerous if cars are driving in different directions on the road at the same time.
- Trees are an issue. A resident was killed several months ago, and there continue to be dangerous branches falling that could hurt residents. Have sent requests to property management, but they have not improved tree safety.
- Concern that any improvements that are made to the neighborhood will be charged back to the residents.
- Management keep sending new rules and regulations but won't say how they're going to improve the neighborhood.
- There aren't options for kids to play in the neighborhood. Many of the rule changes have limited types of play equipment we can keep outside of our houses, which limits options available for kids.
- Concern that some neighbors may not be coming to the meetings or speaking due to worries they could be retaliated against.
- Believe that technology has been a barrier for many families to participate in the meeting and provide feedback.