

Question / Comment	CITY RESPONSE
In regard to the park, the entry sidewalks at the main park entrance at Highland Ave. are in very poor repair, not ADA accessible, and should be repaired. I am a wheelchair user.	Flagged for DOMI/DPW so we can repair these sidewalks.
*making the park accessible for wheelchair users *move the firing range elsewhere Thank you! L.A.	We are committed to implementing plans for Reservoir Drive to improve accessibility and safety for walkers and rollers of all kinds. Please see the presentation shared at the Town Hall about this work on the engage page here: <a href="https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall">https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall</a> Firing range answers below.
Is there any type of air quality monitoring for Highland Park area? (There's a nasty odor that occurs in the late night/early morning hours)	Air quality monitoring and regulation falls under the jurisdiction of the Allegheny County Health Department, City government does not have the authority to regulate air quality.
What can be done about vehicles parked in bike lanes on Negley? Very unsafe for bicyclists who need to weave in and out of traffic lane	We need the ability to disincentivize these behaviors without having to build a second police force capable of doing it. We are working to get the authority to ticket by mail; that allows us to make this expensive for violators.
It's time for Pittsburgh to commit to zero traffic fatalities in our city. We need people to _stop_ parking in bike lanes for that goal to be possible. What will your office do to stop cars parking in bike lanes in Highland Park and across the city?	We have recently committed to Vision Zero and are working to implement those best practices across all of our departments.
What plans does the city have to address the rising deer population?	We have established a deer task force and are coordinating with the state's game commission to become authorized to engage in deer management.
Firing Range - Mayor Gainey What _exactly_ has been done in the last 1.5 years? Please outline your actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have evaluated the ideas that we inherited and realized they were not feasible from a financial or time perspective.</li> <li>-The Department of Public Works will request an allocation in the 2024 budget for designs to inform a feasible relocation of the range to a new site.</li> <li>-We have also flagged the need for resources with our PA delegation and encourage neighbors to do the same.</li> <li>-The City has already approached multiple other law enforcement agencies with requests to rent training time at their facilities. Other facilities are facing the same challenges as Pittsburgh - ranges that were once located in sparsely populated areas now share boundaries with residential communities. Our police are training during open shifts at other facilities when they are available, but there are not enough slots available to move the entirety of our academy's training to those facilities. We cannot close the range without having an alternate location place for our officers to do critical training. So that is the problem we have to solve and that we are working to solve as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>

<p>For the last 30 years residents of Highland Park, Larimer, Lincoln &amp; surrounding neighborhoods have had to listen to the _constant_ gunfire from the shooting range. When will this change and what are the _specific_ steps to move it out of a residential area?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have evaluated the ideas that we inherited and realized they were not feasible from a financial or time perspective.</li> <li>-The Department of Public Works will request an allocation in the 2024 budget for designs to inform a feasible relocation of the range to a new site.</li> <li>-We have also flagged the need for resources with our PA delegation and encourage neighbors to do the same.</li> <li>-The City has already approached multiple other law enforcement agencies with requests to rent training time at their facilities. Other facilities are facing the same challenges as Pittsburgh - ranges that were once located in sparsely populated areas now share boundaries with residential communities. Our police are training during open shifts at other facilities when they are available, but there are not enough slots available to move the entirety of our academy's training to those facilities. We cannot close the range without having an alternate location place for our officers to do critical training. So that is the problem we have to solve and that we are working to solve as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>
<p>Why is the firing range open rather than enclosed being so close to a residential neighborhood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have evaluated the ideas that we inherited and realized they were not feasible from a financial or time perspective.</li> <li>-The Department of Public Works will request an allocation in the 2024 budget for designs to inform a feasible relocation of the range to a new site.</li> <li>-We have also flagged the need for resources with our PA delegation and encourage neighbors to do the same.</li> <li>-The City has already approached multiple other law enforcement agencies with requests to rent training time at their facilities. Other facilities are facing the same challenges as Pittsburgh - ranges that were once located in sparsely populated areas now share boundaries with residential communities. Our police are training during open shifts at other facilities when they are available, but there are not enough slots available to move the entirety of our academy's training to those facilities. We cannot close the range without having an alternate location place for our officers to do critical training. So that is the problem we have to solve and that we are working to solve as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>
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<p>How can we help support the relocation of the police firing range to eliminate continuous gunfire in Highland Park? (PA state gave 20M to Chester County for a new range)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have evaluated the ideas that we inherited and realized they were not feasible from a financial or time perspective.</li> <li>-The Department of Public Works will request an allocation in the 2024 budget for designs to inform a feasible relocation of the range to a new site.</li> <li>-We have also flagged the need for resources with our PA delegation and encourage neighbors to do the same.</li> <li>-The City has already approached multiple other law enforcement agencies with requests to rent training time at their facilities. Other facilities are facing the same challenges as Pittsburgh - ranges that were once located in sparsely populated areas now share boundaries with residential communities. Our police are training during open shifts at other facilities when they are available, but there are not enough slots available to move the entirety of our academy's training to those facilities. We cannot close the range without having an alternate location place for our officers to do critical training. So that is the problem we have to solve and that we are working to solve as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>
<p>If Council and the Administration put their considerable power behind closing the range, it can be done. Is the closing of the firing range an <u>urgent</u> priority for you or are we wasting our time.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-We have evaluated the ideas that we inherited and realized they were not feasible from a financial or time perspective.</li> <li>-The Department of Public Works will request an allocation in the 2024 budget for designs to inform a feasible relocation of the range to a new site.</li> <li>-We have also flagged the need for resources with our PA delegation and encourage neighbors to do the same.</li> <li>-The City has already approached multiple other law enforcement agencies with requests to rent training time at their facilities. Other facilities are facing the same challenges as Pittsburgh - ranges that were once located in sparsely populated areas now share boundaries with residential communities. Our police are training during open shifts at other facilities when they are available, but there are not enough slots available to move the entirety of our academy's training to those facilities. We cannot close the range without having an alternate location place for our officers to do critical training. So that is the problem we have to solve and that we are working to solve as quickly as possible.</li> </ul>

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What steps have been explored for moving gun range out of the park area? (specifics)	
Heths run as most know needs to be addressed. Since it will be a big investment, can you help make sure that it is cutting edge and become a Storm Water Park that we can all enjoy and be proud of-	<p><a href="#">The City is conducting public process to inform 2024 budget priorities as we speak. Please submit input on this Engage page and / or join the public engagement on June 7th in Homewood.</a>  <a href="https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2024-city-pittsburgh-budgets">https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2024-city-pittsburgh-budgets</a></p>
Heth's Run: Currently Heth's Run is a neglected landscape but holds potential ecologically, pedestrian connectivity, and access to the river. What is the city doing to replace to zoo parking lot with landscape + a parking structure to fix leaking sewer lines in the vallye, to add trails, and to connect to the river?	<p><a href="#">The City is conducting public process to inform 2024 budget priorities as we speak. Please submit input on this Engage page and / or join the public engagement on June 7th in Homewood.</a>  <a href="https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2024-city-pittsburgh-budgets">https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2024-city-pittsburgh-budgets</a></p>
Question: What can the mayor's administration do to curb the homeless community from damaging the areas of East Liberty and Highland Park?	We're not aware of how East Liberty and Highland Park are being damaged. We need more information.
Would you consider supporting the unhoused by using the parks in your City Council District.	We will support unhoused people in a variety of settings but cannot do it in areas that can be permitted for exclusive use by other residents.
Parking Problem first part of Farragut - Due to remodeling and unmovable cars.	Please provide more information.
When will restoration begin? Was additional work added?	Please provide more information.
Question: Is there a timeframe for having a local supermarket in East Liberty at any moment?	East Liberty currently has access to many grocery stores. There is a Whole Foods, a Trader Joes, and a Target in East Liberty, two Aldi's in Friendship, a Giant Eagle in Shadyside and another Giant Eagle in the Waterworks.
The Recent news concerning hiring the new police chief is very disturbing. The City is hanging by a thread and the "pending" decision of hiring a controversial person is of great concern.	<p><a href="#">Mayor Gainey announced the selection of Larry Sciotto as the new Chief of Police on May 3. Watch the press conference here:</a>  <a href="https://youtu.be/TxIANZWFKkk">https://youtu.be/TxIANZWFKkk</a></p>
In the effort to gain compliance of UPMC's tax exempt status, what other non-profit's organization have been checked? Specifically has Prevention Point PGH + Planned Parenthood been vetted as vigorously as UPMC? Where can the list of non-profits that have been vetted by the city be found?	<p><a href="#">Please see information about the requested list in this press release:</a>  <a href="https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/6029">https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/6029</a></p>
1 Why are there such delays with _restoration_ (paving roads) for PWSA leadline replacement? 2 With leadline and sewer improvements being such major infrastructure projects, why isn't more attention paid and resources provided to the public with regard to _timelines_ and restorative effort? The PWSA has little to no info?	<p><a href="#">Please see this PWSA press release with more information about this:</a>  <a href="https://www.pgh2o.com/news-events/news/press-release/2023-05-04-pwsa-kicks-2023-paving-and-sidewalk-restoration-schedule">https://www.pgh2o.com/news-events/news/press-release/2023-05-04-pwsa-kicks-2023-paving-and-sidewalk-restoration-schedule</a></p>
Surely the condition of the roads in 15206 can be improved?	The city is exploring 2024 budget possibilities for paving roads in this area
Roads Past Pool are Dangerous needs repaired	The city is exploring 2024 budget possibilities for paving roads in this area

Tennis parking out of control Residents can't park their cars	The Mayor's Office has provided information to nearby residents on exploring a designation of the street in the Residential Permit Parking program. Councilwoman Gross' office is committed to helping the residents work through this process.
My question: Re - Tennis courts on Stanton. What is the plan for parking? Not being able to park within a mile of my home until after 11P< would be a severe hardship!	The Mayor's Office has provided information to nearby residents on exploring a designation of the street in the Residential Permit Parking program. Councilwoman Gross' office is committed to helping the residents work through this process.
When was the Highland Park master plan last updated and why are capital projects moving forward without planning oversight?	The City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning is kicking off a Comprehensive Master Plan for the city this year. In over 200 years as a chartered city, Pittsburgh has never created an integrated comprehensive plan to guide its growth. The city's comprehensive planning efforts up to now have been through a piecemeal approach that engaged residents city-wide on one or two topics at a time. Most plans have been completed at the neighborhood level, with each having its own distinct character, history, and culture. While important, this has resulted in a patchwork of plans, completed at different times, to various levels of detail. The lack of a comprehensive plan also leaves the neighborhood plans with no context to ground them. An integrated citywide comprehensive plan will ensure that future neighborhood-level plans have a consistent and shared vision for the future.
Will the city further increase DOMI's operating budget for 2024 so they have more capacity for completing calming and safety projects?	<a href="#">The City is conducting public process to inform 2024 budget priorities as we speak. Please submit input on this Engage page and / or join the public engagement on June 7th in Homewood.</a> <a href="https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2024-city-pittsburgh-budgets">https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2024-city-pittsburgh-budgets</a>
How Do I get you to care about the traffic issues in highland park + provide real solutions *not just construction but after* Can all of the traffic calming focus on increasing _landscape_ + reducing concrete? (_Green_ infrastructure not civil eng. conc. more _trees_)	<a href="#">We are committed to implementing plans for Reservoir Drive to improve accessibility and safety for walkers and rollers of all kinds. Please see the presentation shared at the Town Hall about this work on the engage page here: https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall</a> <a href="#">We have also recently committed to Vision Zero and are working to implement those best practices across all of our departments.</a>
Negley->Bryant speeding	DOMI has received and evaluated traffic calming requests in this corridor. During the evaluation they have determined a need for traffic safety improvements, specifically a crossing improvement at the intersection of Negley and Bryant. This project is in their queue for implementation. We will share updates with Councilwoman Gross and the Highland Park Community Council once we have a firm timeline on when we can complete this work. Additionally, DOMI will soon be launching a public-facing portal that shows status of all requests for traffic calming and whether or not they have been deemed eligible for implementation.
After my daughter was hit by a car while crossing Stanton at Highland to get to school at Obama last March, I was told by DOMI that the intersection would be updated during the next phase of the Stanton corridor project this spring. Is that plan still on track, and will that intersection be given a walk sign with time dedicated for pedestrians to cross?	<a href="#">Councilwoman Gross is working with DOMI to advance Stanton Avenue Phase 2. Information about that project was shared in the presentation at the town hall. You can review the presentation on the project Engage page: https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall</a>

Can you please address the speeding car issue when cars are turning off N. Negley onto Bryant St. Maybe a speed bump or 2. Also, the buses speed down Bryant St & do not follow traffic rules!	DOMI has received and evaluated traffic calming requests in this corridor. During the evaluation they have determined a need for traffic safety improvements, specifically a crossing improvement at the intersection of Negley and Bryant. This project is in their queue for implementation. We will share updates with Councilwoman Gross and the Highland Park Community Council once we have a firm timeline on when we can complete this work. Additionally, DOMI will soon be launching a public-facing portal that shows status of all requests for traffic calming and whether or not they have been deemed eligible for implementation.
Question: A year and a half ago my neighbor was killed on his bike at Stanton/ N St Clair. We've since seen the traffic calming improvements during Stanton Ave Phase I, which have been great. But there are still stretches of Stanton that are dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians. _Can you commit to implementing Phase II in 2024?_ This would align with the city's commitment to Vision Zero.	<a href="#">Councilwoman Gross is working with DOMI to advance Stanton Avenue Phase 2. Information about that project was shared in the presentation at the town hall. You can review the presentation on the project Engage page:  <a href="https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall">https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall</a></a>
What is being done to implement DOMI plan to make Reservoir Drive safer for pedestrians and cyclists and calm traffic. Especially to make entrance safer	<a href="#">We are committed to implementing plans for Reservoir Drive to improve accessibility and safety for walkers and rollers of all kinds. Please see the presentation shared at the Town Hall about this work on the engage page here: <a href="https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall">https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-town-hall</a></a>
Parks & Rec: There are _many_ dead or dying trees in and around Highland Park. Will the park do its duty to remove them or will they cause a future fatality?	Some dead trees are necessary to hold up hillsides, some are part of the ecology. We regularly evaluate trees in the parks and often deliberately leave dead ones in place -- that's part of how a park works.
Question: Will the Mayor's administration have police or other law enforcement agencies to patrol the Lincoln Lemington and surrounding neighborhoods to prevent violence so the community can feel safe?	They do this routinely -- we encourage neighbors to attend the monthly public safety council meetings to stay informed and have input. City contact for the Zone 5 Public Safety Council is Emily Embrey: <a href="mailto:emily.embrey@pittsburghpa.gov">emily.embrey@pittsburghpa.gov</a>
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