

**Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency
 Summary of Public Comments
 May 7, 2018**

Meeting	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Attendance	Summary of Comments Received	Summary of Comments not Accepted and Reasons
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	April 23, 2018 Good Faith Carr United Methodist Church There were 22 attendees plus commissioners present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public housing is showing on private property on the CDC plan. • The URA plan being based upon a plan the public has not seen. • Will property that is not blighted, abandoned or a nuisance be acquired by eminent domain? • Will the commission decide whether land is being used profitably or not? • Nice to see everyone working together and moving forward. • CDC plan will be a vision of a developer, not a threat to anyone. • How will the Historic District fit into the Plan? • Investing and tax credits may be threatened if historic status is removed. • What about blight in neighborhoods and heavily traveled streets? • What can taxpayers see in the next 90 days? • What happened to the prison system demolishing houses? 	

2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	April 24, 2018 Family Church – Pine Bluff Campus There were 19 attendees plus commissioners present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the impact on changes how properties are condemned and how will that process work? • Councilmembers need to be held accountable and be informed. • Hotels on Harding. 	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	April 26, 2018 Pine Hill Baptist Church There were 20 attendees plus commissioners present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will work start? • What is the plan for University to the west? • Will a blueprint be available? • Will grants be available to rid blight? • What census tracts in the Opportunity Zones are included in the plan? • What will the process be to get property turned over to the Agency in a timely manner? • Financial resources it takes to abate property. • Get money back into the city's coffers. • Expedite clearing already condemned property. • Code Enforcement department is reorganizing to be more efficient. • Councilmembers need to read the plan. • Rehab funding needed. • Acquiring properties, demo the blighted area, liens. What will the option be? • Stockpiling real estate and not being able to collect taxes. 	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taxes not being collected and paid to the city on auctioned property. • Commissioners asked to work with Code Enforcement and other departments. • It is time for property to be cleaned up. • The Plan needs to be blessed. • Plan is on website and available for reading. • Citizens not willing to do anything but expect others to do. 	
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	May 3, 2018 New St. Hurricane Baptist Church There were 20 attendees plus commissioners present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like a hard copy of plan. • What is the first thing the Agency will do once plan is approved? • Will progress reports be available? • New director search. • Has the plan been made to city officials? • When will plan go to city council? 	