

## July 2023 RAISE Update

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- City staff worked with SCAPE team on the development of public meetings to display three conceptual designs for the redevelopment of Main Street and Central Park Square. The project partners conceived three different project themes - Regional Catalyst, Conemaugh Green Line and Central Park Heart. The project themes and designs are based upon feedback received from the public during open house meetings in May.
- The SCAPE team presented the three conceptual project designs to the public on July 19th. The open house style presentation took place over four hours outside at Central Park Square. Members of the public were encouraged to provide feedback on the designs and tell the project team what they liked and/or disliked most about each of the conceptual designs. The goal of the open house was to generate feedback to be able to begin working on a final design that will be put before the public for feedback in comment towards the end of summer 2023. Over 150 comment cards were filled out by those who attended.
- The three conceptual plans were posted to City social media accounts and the City RAISE website.
- City staff sent correspondence to FTA Region III staff about the status of the RAISE agreement. The City is in the process of formalizing the RAISE award agreement with FTA Region III.
- City staff reviewed invoices from Michael Baker for the Section 106 and NEPA review work and forwarded equal share project invoices to project partners CamTran and JAHA. City staff reviewed invoicing from SCAPE and processed invoices for payment.
- City and SCAPE staff coordinated stakeholder meetings with event organizers, veterans groups, downtown business groups and individual property owners along Main Street. These meetings were held throughout July, with additional meetings scheduled in August.
- City staff researched and discussed the possibility of additional grant funding for the Central Park portion of the project with representatives from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.





**Scenes from the  
public meetings in  
Central Park  
Square.**



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