



2024 SURVEY FOR COLONIAL HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD

Candidate: Brad E. Slaybaugh

1. Please tell us a bit about your background and involvement in the community.

I moved to CH in 1972, father was military stationed at Ft Lee. Daughters attended CH schools through graduation. Local small business owner, active helping republican candidates and working to preserve our rights at the state capitol

2. Do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or Independent? If Republican, are you in accord with [The Republican Creed](#)?

REPUBLICAN, YES

3. Please tell us why you are running for City Council.

I feel the city is on a slow downhill slide, many residents are dissatisfied with the current situation I decided to run because I believe I can bring some new energy and new ideals to City Council

4. What are two or three things that the City of Colonial Heights is doing well?

Good schools and great first responder force

5. What are two or three things that the City of Colonial Heights need to improve on?

Southpark Mall and the surrounding area need a comprehensive review in order to determine the best path forward. We need a public/private partnership to bring about much needed change so residents can again enjoy it and the city can benefit from new development and increased use I'll be happy to initiate and serve in this panel

Infrastructure - we need to develop a long term plan to begin replacing our infrastructure we can keep adding band aids and kicking the can down the road, again a group/panel of qualified citizens and professionals to decide the best fiscally responsible path to begin tackling this persistent issue

Economic Development - we have Keystone Truck and Tractor Museum and the Chillie Peppers, we need more attractions like this for both residents and to draw people to the city. We also need a more Business friendly attitude concerning existing business and an aggressive dedicated Economic Development director, who can bring in new businesses that will compliment Colonial Heights

Home Ownership - Create avenues for more home ownership to reduce the rental rate of the city current estimates are over 40% We can easily offer tax incentives for specific groups ie: first time home buyers, seniors, veterans, disabled and others. In doing so we increase the value of not just the purchased home but the surrounding neighborhood, easily eclipsing whatever tax incentives we offer

6. How will you seek to be responsive to city residents if elected to City Council?

Ill have a social media presence, as well as contact info. I'll have occasional meetings for public attendance to both hear and explain various situations. I'll also push to have Meetings recorded so residents can watch at anytime and see what the issues and votes are

7. In your opinion, what is the number one issue facing the City over the next four years?

Turning the city around, getting it headed uphill southpark mall, streamline government, long range infrastructure plan, reduce the rental rate, fully fund and staff first responders

8. What role, if any, should the City have in ensuring the long term success of the Tri-City Chili Peppers as a team in Colonial Heights?

The Chilli Peppers and Keystone are the only attractions we have, we need to attract more but also make sure the two current ones stay and thrive We're currently undertaking a large renovation of Roanoke Avenue, in doing this I think we should also look at expanding parking around the stadium as well

9. Is there anything else you would like to share that was not already asked?

We are at a critical point for the city, we need to make some serious changes to insure we are headed into the future in the right direction