

needs a voice since it's typically overlooked.

At the meeting, Frenchtown neighbors had an opportunity to meet over a meal, as a way to get people involved in an advisory council for the community.

One attendee said the forum was the community's chance to make a change.

"Sometimes there are situations where the people in the community don't get a chance to participate in the decisions that are being made that actually affect them. So forums like this provide a space for people to be able to communicate their concerns which is crucial because different situations or things that are implemented are going to trickle down and affect everyone," said Devon Marrett.

The round-table discussion was held at the Richardson-Lewis Clinic building on Orange Avenue. Participants say they hope discussions like Saturday's will continue.