



PRINCETON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF PRINCETON
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Special Meeting

Community Room

8:00a.m.

400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08540

I. STATEMENT CONCERNING NOTICE OF MEETING

The following is an accurate statement concerning the providing of notice of this meeting and said statement shall be entered in the minutes of this meeting. Notice of this meeting as required by Sections 4a, 3d, 13 and 14 of the Open Public Meetings Act has been provided to the public in the form of a written notice. On September 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. said notice was posted on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, transmitted to the Princeton Packet, the Trenton Times, the Town Topics and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

II. ROLL CALL

The Municipal Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Butler, Councilwoman Howard, Council President
Crumiller, Councilman Liverman, Councilman Quinn, Councilman
Miller and Mayor Lempert

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Marc Dashield, Administrator

The following Staff and Board, Commission and Committee members were present:

Eliza Neira, Human Services Director; Maureen Fullaway, Affordable Housing Director; Gary DeBlasio, Director of Health, Youth and Community Services; Ben Stentz, Director of Recreation; Alvin McGowen, Affordable Housing; Wendy Jolly, Corner House; Police Officers, Fred Williams, Jorge Navarez and Frank Pinelli; George DiFerdinando, Board of Health; Matt Frawley, Recreation Commission; Eli Wasserman, Youth Advisory Committee; Brett Bonfield, Executive Director, Princeton Library; Christine Symington, Sustainable Princeton; Leighton Newlin, Princeton Housing Authority and Leticia Fraga, Civil Rights Commission and Council Candidate.

Mayor Lempert opened the meeting by saying that this is a special meeting of the Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2018 Goal Setting and Planning and that the group today is focused on Youth, Health and Social Services.

Mayor Lempert reviewed existing initiatives expected to extend into 2018 which include:
Website Redesign
Affordable Housing Plan
Climate Action Plan

The following items were highlighted during the meeting:

1. Recreation CommissionProjects continuing into 2018

- Complete the construction of Mary Moss Playground

Future Challenges and Issues

- Explore which recreational facilities improvement projects will be submitted to Mercer County for the next round of Mercer at Play grant program
- Begin community engagement concerning future improvements to Community Park

2. Corner HouseProjects continuing into 2018

- Continue to work on efforts to address the opioid epidemic
- Continue the Coffee and Conversation Program

Future Challenges and Issues

- Evaluate future staffing needs associated with Corner House's new strategic plan
- Expand area of focus to include teen stress issues
- Evaluate the funding strategies based on changes in grant funding
- Mayor's Summit on youth stress
- Develop new strategies for corporate fundraising
- Increase community collaborations

3. Civil Rights CommissionProjects continuing into 2018

- Continue to develop the foundation of the newly reconstituted Civil Rights Commission

Future Challenges and Issues

- Provide more connections with residents through office hours for the Commission
- Provide more community outreach
- Look for more collaboration with the Princeton School District through regular interactions – Board of Education liaison
- Provide improvements to the Civil Right Commission's webpage
- Conduct Know Your Rights workshops in areas like Housing, LGBTQ and sexual harassment
- Would like to revisit an administrative liaison for the Commission

4. Human Services CommissionProjects continuing into 2018

- Continuing work with the Welcoming America Program
- Continue the summer youth employment program
- Continue the Housing Navigator Program

Future Challenges or Issues

- Updating the human rights score card
- Develop an Immigrant Resource Guide

5. Housing AuthorityProjects continuing into 2018

- Continue to explore the redevelopment of the Franklin and Maple Street sites to redevelop the existing Housing Authority properties and provide additional affordable housing
- Expansion of internet services to the Housing Authority properties through a collaboration with Tiger Labs

Future Challenges or Issues

- None identified

6. Princeton Public LibraryProjects continuing into 2018

- Continuing to work with Human Services to provide social service referrals at the Library
- Continue to become a more welcoming and sustainable library

Future Challenges or Issues

- Addressing building infrastructure and maintenance issues (Carpeting and HVAC replacement)
- Continuing the integration of technology into all services

7. Housing BoardProjects continuing into 2018

- Monitor affordable housing third round obligation litigation
- Monitor maintenance of affordable housing stock under municipal control
- Work toward the rehabilitation of the Griggs Farms balconies

Future Challenges or Issues

- None identified

8. Youth Advisory CommissionProjects Continuing into 2018

- Continue to build the newly created Youth Advisory Commission
- Continue to work with Sustainable Princeton on healthy eating initiatives

Future Challenges and Issues

- Focus on the mental health issues surrounding youth
- Increasing outreach to let other youth know about the Youth Advisory Committee
- Review alternatives for the creation of a Teen Center using existing resources
- Encourage youth to get more involved in environmental issues

9. Sustainable PrincetonProjects Continuing into 2018

- Completion of Climate Action Plan

10. Senior Resource CenterProjects Continuing into 2018

- Continue to promote Age Friendly Princeton

Future Challenges and Issues

- Work towards encouraging a building design that is age friendly
- Review the senior nutrition program

- Renovation of the Suzanne Patterson Senior Center
- Develop a liaison to the Senior Resource Center

11. Board of Health

Projects Continuing into 2018

- Finalize the accreditation process of the Health Department
- Continue to work on the “Health In All Policies”

Future Challenges and Issues

- New lead paint regulations may increase the time staff needs to address lead issues
- Work on issues related to the climate action plan

12. SAFE Neighborhood Program

Projects Continuing into 2018

- Continue work with a variety of local organizations
- Continue to concentrate on increased in-person interactions with residents

Future Challenges and Issues

- Working on immigration issues
- Making new connections with the senior community
- Working as a partner on the climate action plan

General Group Discussion

- Discussed ways we could communicate better
- Themes emerged from the conversation centered around:
 - Youth mental health and stress
 - Increased collaboration on various efforts
 - Working on the climate action plan

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Kathleen Brzezynski, Municipal Clerk