



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 28, 2016 at 11:35 a.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 Deputy Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Butler, Councilwoman Howard, Council President Liverman, Councilman Simon, Councilman Miller and Mayor Lempert.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Crumiller

ALSO PRESENT: Marc Dashield, Administrator and Tim Quinn, Council Candidate

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

Elizabeth Kim, Historic Preservation Officer; Deanna Stockton, Municipal Engineer; Lee Solow, Planning Director; Lorraine Konopka, Arborist; Derek Bridger, Zoning Officer; Julie Capozzoli, Chair, Historic Preservation Commission; William Wolfe, Chair, Site Plan Review Advisory Board; Barry Royce, Chair, Zoning Board; Sharon Ainsworth, Chair, Shade Tree Commission; Janet Heroux, Chair, Bike Committee; Robert Altman, Chair, Complete Streets; Heidi Fitchenbaum, Chair, Environmental Commission; and Scott Sillars, Chair, Citizens Finance Advisory Committee.

Mayor Lempert opened the meeting by saying that this is a special meeting of the Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2017 Goal Setting and Planning and that the group today is focused on Planning and Transportation.

Administrator Marc Dashield reviewed the process Council takes for setting goals and priorities each year beginning in January.

Mayor Lempert reviewed existing initiatives expected to extend into 2017 which include:

Neighborhood Character and Zoning Initiative

Nassau Streetscape

Bike Path

Climate Action Plan

PU Campus Plan

Affordable Housing

Go Princeton Transit Campaign

Bike Share Launch

The following items were highlighted:

Historic Preservation Commission

1. Develop design standards for Kings Highway (Route 27).
2. Conduct an architectural survey - update the Master plan.
3. Review the potential of creating new historic districts.
4. Monitor the Route 206 Bridge reconstruction.
5. Hire a masonry expert/contract to assist in the review of 206 Bridge reconstruction.

Complete Streets Committee

1. Review the use of traffic calming measures.
2. Investigate better ways to integrate transit options -Transit Coordination.
3. Note: Municipal Council will face challenges coordinating and implementing its complete streets policy because of the inherent conflicts.(i.e. bike versus cars).

Planning Board

1. Prioritize the merger of the two (Borough and Township) zoning codes.
2. Complete the Master Plan reexamination.
3. Complete the Neighborhood Character Study.

Site Plan Review Advisory Board

1. Make sustainability part of the land use process.
2. Promote collaboration between committees, commissions and boards.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

1. Must evaluate our current planning/zoning which does not reflect conditions in the community.
2. Need to determine if we want diversity in our zoning or preservation.
3. Need to then determine how we accomplish our goals with the least impact.

Environmental Commission

1. Promote a high performance housing stock.
2. Promote green infrastructure - Storm water management.
3. Conduct tactical urbanism - Small temporary pilot projects to jump start larger efforts (i.e. Pop up bike lanes).
4. Complete silver certification - Sustainable Jersey.
5. Promote sustainability in the schools.

Bike Committee

1. Promote a bike friendly program.
2. Promote sustainability in the schools.
3. Support safe routes to school.

Citizens Finance Advisory Committee

1. Enhance the five year-financial forecast.
2. Evaluate the ratable base and its impact on municipal finance and economic development.

Municipal Arborist

1. Develop a plan to manage the emerald ash borer's impact on the tree canopy.

Engineering Department

1. Complete a parking study that concentrates on economic vitality.
2. Prepare a storm-water master plan.
3. Develop design standards for roads, sidewalks and other infrastructure.
4. Develop a coordinated GIS system town wide.

Members of Council

1. Promote the age friendly community plan initiatives
2. Explore and expand the use of alternative energy sources on municipal and school facilities - Solar.
3. Work toward supporting emergency management planning and communications.(i.e. Shelter, mass communications)
4. The need to develop a comprehensive email list of board, commission and committee chairs to increase collaboration.
5. Constraints associated with the competing demands for municipal staff.

General Comments

1. Improve the website - To enhance communication.
2. With state laws or regulations creating a stumbling block, determine areas where to push state and county government to make changes.
3. Look at water quality issues.
4. There is a need to engage schools.
5. Review traffic flow around town, particularly during rush hour.
6. Think of traffic planning in terms of those that flow through Princeton and those who are coming to Princeton.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Kathleen Brzezynski, Deputy Clerk