



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 Crumiller, Councilwoman Howard, Council President Liverman, Councilman Simon, Councilman Miller and Mayor Lempert.

ABSENT: None.

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

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

Jeffrey Grosser, Health Officer; Nate Barson, Animal Control; Eliza Neira, Human Services Director; Christy Peacock, Affordable Housing Director; Gary DeBlasio, Director of Health, Youth and Community Services; Jacqui Schreiber, Corner House; Ben Stentz, Director of Recreation; Evan Moorehead, Assistant Director of Recreation; Scott Parson, Director, Princeton Housing Authority; Alvin McGowen, Affordable Housing; Wendy Jolly, Corner House; Leonard Thomas, Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance; Matt Frawley, Recreation; Sean Carson, Youth Advisory Committee; Brett Bonfield, Executive Director, Princeton Library; Andrea Spalla, President, Princeton Board of Education and Steve Cochrane, Superintendent of Princeton Schools.

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 Youth, Health and Social Services.

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:

Mary Moss Playground
Affordable Housing
Expanding Wage Theft Protections
Earned Sick

The following items were highlighted during the meeting:

Health Department

1. The department is currently in the process of becoming a nationally accredited Health Department. The Department expects the process to extend into 2017.
2. Department is working on its internal strategic plan implementation.
3. Animal Control is focused on Community awareness.
4. Health Department looking to update the Animal Control ordinance.

Recreation

1. Major project Mary Moss Park, continue with the design in 2016 and move to construction management in 2017.
2. Began the process of developing the historic component of the Mary Moss Park.
3. Future projects include planning for the renovation for Community Park South.
4. Recreation Board developing a transgender policy.

Human Services

1. Looking to expand formal partnerships with other agencies.
2. Working on the Welcoming America Program.
3. Looking to expand the Summer Youth Employment Program.
4. Working with the Board of Education on a parent Liaison Program.

Youth Advisory Committee

1. Establishing priorities with an interest in youth mental health issues.

Housing Authority

1. Working with the Affordable Housing to streamline the application process for affordable housing of all types in Princeton.
2. Reviewing the development of solar energy use in its facilities.
3. Working on redevelopment of the Franklin and Maple Terrace complex.

Affordable Housing

1. Working through the declaratory judgement.
2. Working to improve the application process with help from Princeton University Tiger Challenge.
3. Need an increased emphasis on the maintenance of our affordable housing inventory.
4. Need to understand the financial capacity of the affordable housing fund.
5. The replacement of the Affordable Housing Coordinator position.
6. Increased communication on social media.

Board of Education

1. To address cultural responsiveness in the classroom.
2. To focus on mental health issues.
3. Developing capital improvement for a referendum.
4. Reviewing the use of solar on school facilities.
5. Developing Green Teams at each school.

Library

1. Reviewing library fees.
2. Promoting more use of the library by residents.
3. Develop Technology Advisory Committee.
4. Looking to make the library more accessible.
5. Focus on learning connectedness.

Corner House

1. Looking to create a strategic plan.
2. Review and update all Corner House procedures.
3. Planning three major community wide educational programs.
4. Host an event for the 4th anniversary of the Overdose Prevention Act.

Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alcohol and Drug Alliance

1. Drop box in every school – (Student inquiries).
2. Outreach program for youth.

Other Issues

1. Cross pollination of committees.
2. Use the organization Code for Princeton to assist Board and Commissions.
3. Police Body Camera implementation.
4. Promote age friendly community.
5. Work towards supporting emergency management.
6. Community policing initiatives.
7. Improve website to enhance communications.
8. Include student voices in our discussions.

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

Kathleen Brzezynski, Deputy Clerk