

CITY OF MILFORD
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 1, 2017

A Strategic Plan Community Conversation meeting was held at the Milford Senior Center on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Presiding: Local Government Management Fellow Evan Miller
In Attendance: Leonard Ott, Harold Betts, Lucy Mehl, Dot McKain
Also: Recording Secretary City Manager Eric Norenberg

Management Fellow Miller asked attendees to use colored dots provided to them and indicate their responses to the questions on the large sheets of paper on the walls. The summary of those answers is attached.

Upon completion of the dot exercise, the group engaged in discussions based upon a handout provided. A summary of the discussion is as follows and the written responses are attached.

Safety: public safety, personal security and welfare, emergency preparedness

1. How could the City of Milford improve the overall feeling of safety in the coming five years?
Participants felt that the City already does a good job with safety but that safety for bicyclists could be improved. It was also mentioned that a Western bypass could be constructed to eliminate a lot of the traffic downtown.
2. How can greater “emergency preparedness” be achieved?
A participant mentioned that the City could work with cable providers to make a free weather channel available to inform residents of severe weather threats. There could also be more training for the community on how to prepare and what to do when an emergency occurs.

One participant questioned whether there would be enough energy from the City’s solar field to supply the new Bayhealth Hospital. The City Manager mentioned that the energy generated from the solar field is only a supplement to the City’s energy grid. The new Bayhealth Hospital is required under Federal Law to have its own generator capable of supplying enough energy to the facility in the event of an emergency.

3. Do you have any other thoughts related to safety?
No verbal responses were provided.

Economic Health & Vitality: maintenance of a diverse economy (downtown, cost of living, employment)

1. What aspects of economic health are most important to you?
No verbal responses were provided.
2. What, if any, job training opportunities are you interested in or that someone you know would be interested in?
No verbal responses were provided.
3. What, if any, goods/services can you not find in Milford that you would like to be able to buy here?
No verbal responses were provided.
4. In your opinion, what would make Milford a more attractive place to visit?