

CITY OF MILFORD
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 5, 2017

A Strategic Plan Community Conversation meeting was held at Milford City Hall on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Fran Fletcher Associate Policy Scientist (UD, IPA)

In Attendance: Teresa Johnson, R. Darrell P Wilson, Franklin Fountain, Rita Cartright, Paul W. Western, Trish D. Western

Also: Recording Secretary Evan Miller Local Government Management Fellow

Attendees were asked 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 any written responses received 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 5 years?
 - Notification and reporting system for power outages
 - Hire more police
 - Increase the number of minorities on the police force
2. How can greater “emergency preparedness” be achieved?
 - Milford does a pretty good job already, but there is always room for improvement
 - There is a lack of awareness of what plans are
 - Have preparation activities for storms especially given the recent earthquake and active shooter situations
 - Have a notification system for when something is or will happen (such as weather events)
 - Council persons should at least be notified about crime events or weather events, so they can disseminate the information to constituents who ask
 - Should be away to forewarn residents about things going on
3. Do you have any other thought related to safety?
 - Need a connected sidewalk/path from downtown to the Boys and Girls Club
 - Have better lighting and/or patrols for those who are walking home at night; especially students walking home from the high school’s sporting events

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

1. What aspects of economic health are most important to you?
 - Jobs for local residents
 - Livable wages and insurance coverage with local jobs
 - Bring in and keep businesses in town
 - Livable wages that children can grow up, get educated here and stay in the area
 - Challenges of having people stay in their jobs due to pay disparage between Milford and other locations
 - Attracting new businesses but will city will not support the businesses and they will leave
2. What, if any, job training opportunities are you interested in or that someone you know would be interested in?