

CITY OF MILFORD
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 30, 2017

A Strategic Plan Community Conversation meeting was held at Milford City Hall on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Presiding: Leann Moore Assistant Policy Specialist (UD, IPA)

In Attendance: Alicia Hollis, Trevor Horsey, Keith Markowitz, Tod Van Eyken, Valerie Miller

Also: Recording Secretary Fran Fletcher Associate Policy Scientist (UD, IPA)

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?
 - Increase lighting
 - Create community watch programs
 - Improve police presence throughout the city
 - Cameras throughout the City
2. How can greater “emergency preparedness” be achieved?
 - Practice for emergency preparedness
 - Mirror what kids learn in school
 - Plan for the outrageous
 - Emergency preparedness should be city wide and outside communities and companies, and these groups should be coordinated in their efforts
 - Should be coordinated with the Department of Health
 - Create a city-wide whistle/siren blowing system
 - Concerns re: growth around the river
3. Do you have any other thought related to safety?
 - Road safety – ice/snow causes slick roadways and no lighting not helpful if you slide into a ditch (especially true on Airport Road, even despite the recent construction on the road)

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

1. What aspects of economic health are most important to you?
 - Strong school district
 - Higher education/advance education available within Milford
 - Creation of technical school in old hospital building
 - Affordable and safe housing options
 - Middle ground housing for young professionals
 - No good apartment complex within the city limits
2. What, if any, job training opportunities are you interested in or that someone you know would be interested in?
 - Medical training opportunities
3. What, if any, goods/services can you not find in Milford that you would like to be able to buy here?