

**Princeton Consolidation
Transition Task Force
Boards, Committees and Commissions Subcommittee
May 17, 2012
Minutes**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:10PM in Conference Room A of Township Hall.

Attendance

Subcommittee: Hendricks Davis, Wanda Gunning, Bernie Miller; Eugene McCarthy, Liaison for the NJ Department of Community Affairs; Lee Solow, Planning Department

Discussion Items:

Advisory Planning Districts

The subcommittee heard from Lee Solow on the potential of establishing Advisory Planning Districts in the consolidated municipality. Mr. Solow indicated that planning or neighborhood groups tend to become organized around a variety of land use issues, but that a small number of large applications are presented to the Planning Board in any given year. Groups tend to come together when there is development impacting a neighborhood or area. Identifying existing neighborhoods and potential development projects may be part of an approach to establishing ADPs or other types of planning/advising entities. ADPs could be initiated to give individuals, groups and/or distinct neighborhoods opportunity to express concerns, raise issues, be heard on matters related to zoning, safety or quality of life. Allowing for the creation of groups that, after the critical issues has been addressed or no longer exists, have "nothing to do" could be problematic. Establishing guidelines or criteria for the establishment of a formal group was considered including 1) a minimum number of individuals or household affiliated or aligned around a particular issue, need, opportunity; 2) pre-existing or established neighborhood groups or associations; 3) voting districts. The committee will invited additional individuals who are active in planning, in their neighborhoods and/or around community issues and needs for further discussions, constructing models of ADPs and making recommendation to the TTF and future municipality.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45PM

Submitted by:

Hendricks Davis