

Community Engagement sub-committee Minutes
May 9, 2011, Noon

The logistical plan for the Public Forum on May 11 was discussed.

The committee reviewed the neighborhood meetings that had occurred since our last meeting: Cuyler-Dempsey, Kreipke, Teitelbaum, Church & Dwight.

Some important concerns learned in these meetings:

Some people from the Township are beginning to be offended by the Borough-ness concern and the concern that after a consolidation a 2:1 voting ratio will allow the residents of the former Township to trod all over the Borough;

Ryan commented that "We will all be one Princeton (after Consolidation)" is NOT helpful because it is interpreted by Borough residents as not appreciating or hearing their concerns.

There was a discussion of how best to address these concerns of the Borough residents who raise them. It was expressed that it is best to give people the facts and show what the reality is. It should be pointed out that neither the Borough nor the Township votes as a monolith.

Pat emphasized that the way we are set up now (as two municipalities), our differences are emphasized; we would like to help people to not over-weight the differences.

The sub-committee looked at upcoming and as yet unplanned neighborhood gatherings:

Herb Horowitz, 665 Snowden Lane, May 16 at 7 PM – Carol and Anton

Betty Wolfe and Alexandra Radbil will host gatherings in the Fall.

Carol will contact: Jon Frieder, Pam Hirsh, Susie Wilson, Mary V. Bell, someone from Old Orchard Village.

Anton will contact: Pam Machold to help Alice set up a date, Marvin Reed.

Valerie will contact: Sheila Berkleheimer (for Western Section), Filler/Johnson, and Freda.

Alice will contact: Elizabeth Bidwell-Bates, Florence Kahn