



**Princeville Task Force
Planning and Information Sharing Group Meeting**

Town Conference Room
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Attendees

Welcome (see sign in sheet)

Key Points

- Housing: Hazard Mitigation Letters Mailed, 379 applications, Approved 105, 39 to notarize, 15 residents back out, 270 turned down. Residents moving in to 2 of 4 apartment complexes
- School system to reopen in Fall
- County has applied for funds for new fire station. Option on state purchase of 53 acres exercised. State to send \$435,000 to purchase land.
- Skanska is working on a moving history museum, Mt. Zion church wants to move. UNC class will work on architectural plan for historic spaces
- Capacity building will be done over time to manage town as it rebuilds
- Town wants to revitalize history commission
- IA: There are 126 total families in MHU. 59 recertifications have been done in Edgecombe County. Methodists: Currently 39 households in Princeville registered with them. 29 cases in progress. 6 cases completed. 7 cases have been withdrawn. Mennonites: 7 homes are being repaired and 8 have been completed.
- County manager: Of \$1 million of CDBG, \$750,000 is for mitigation. There is a gap we will try to find more funding or change the design.
- Townley: EDA makes funds available. These fed funds would be 50-50 match, adding infrastructure. Princeville would be eligible for 80 percent grant with 20 percent match.
- Demographic census data discussed by HMDRRI.

Myra:

PTF meeting format to change.

Greg: We are setting up priorities for the town... putting things as we plan into category of stabilizing, rebuilding, building on history and capacity building.

Stabilizing:

We had two community events. Sent out Hazard Mitigation letters, had 379 applications, number of approved 105. Residents were notified, now there are 39 of them to come in and get letters notarized. May end up with more time for folks to get approvals notarized. We are getting several folks who wanted buyouts but are backing out. Total was 15, now it's less. Kind



of unusual. There's no requirement that folks had substantial damage. A number of folks approved had minimal damage. That's an issue we'll talk about. Pricing was done. For cost of that, we used low price to high price in determining who would be served so that lower cost was greater your chance of getting approval. That skews numbers to folks with minimal damage. that's what our truth is.

For people turned down, 270 or so, we have had two resource fairs for folks to get reconnected. You have been great, volunteer agencies incredible. We had one here and one at the church. We had about 30 or so at the last one (15). We are going to have several more of those to make options clear.

Every day I am amazed at number of agencies here available to give services and for people to get answers. Princeville pays for five people's salaries, but there are as many as 30 people here working for Princeville. I Community is getting support. Thank you for what you do. Stabilizing has made it okay for other things to happen. The school system will reopen in the fall; just as an emotional boost that says a lot about what is happening. Folks in 2 of 4 apartment complexes are moving in and people getting out of the trailers. Activity and movement here is opening.

2. Rebuilding

We're renovating public facilities and building new ones. The state gave \$2.4 million for facilities. County has applied for funds for new fire station we are in the process of trying to get something under contract. We would lose legacy funding from insurance if we don't put town hall under contract. The state is assisting us with engineering. They are working on getting buildings going along with site plan for 53 acres. We have transferred option on state purchase of 53 acres to town and gave notice to owners to exercise the option in 30 days. The state has going to be sending 435,000 to buy the property, another milestone of things getting done. The intent is put legacy buildings there, senior center, town hall in one building, 5000 sq ft of space. Don't need any more than that. Then we will design a new municipal bldg. a public works facility. It will be fairly modest in size.

3. On building history:

Princeville has history but not much to show. Folks happen here who trip over us, they don't know about it. This is a key part. Talked about in 1999, but were operationalizing that. Calvin will birddog that area, things going on there. Skanska folks are working on a moving history museum, we talked with Mt. Zion and they want to move, so it could be a heritage trail or village, we'll decide.

Another plan is that we have a landscape architect class and a regular one at NC State that will be working on feasibility and models for us, the deliverable could be a product we can take to a foundation for funding. Gavin and Barry will help us focus on idea of connecting old with new and make it into a plan. Hopefully, we consolidate focus to get an actionable result. Everyone likes to talk but we need to move.

4. Capacity Building

We're looking at the idea of doing capacity building. Nothing we do-- rebuilding or renovating



or creating history segment makes a difference if we don't create more capacity here to guide that and maintain it. Here, we want to focus on elected officials to set policy. We need to build and show capacity of these guys to sell the community in an ongoing way and create atmosphere for other things to happen. Our pro tem mayor is best seller. We need ongoing long term ability to be successful.

We lack technical capability. We don't have computer, engineering ability. One thing we'll do is build that capacity, then if you invert the pyramid it's the community members. We need community capacity building to sustain a community that will have if EA is correct, a major flood every 20 years.

We have to figure out a way to have ongoing sustainable community that believes in us and focused on keeping spirits going. That is something we are thrilled about. Whether a leadership function or in other communities, to create leadership that reminds us of history and building us back better. If disaster strikes, then we know what's coming and we can then bounce back. When we get knocked down we stand up again.

The structure that we created is that we have a policy board, the commissioners like the county. This task force is a way we operationalize the ideas. More energy we want to put into it, the more you will want to. To resolve issues. We have other things going on.

The Rural center is having a leadership meeting. We want to revitalize the history commission. What you can do is help us identify what's going on and the issues.

Mayor Pro Tem:

Question: Mitigation. How many homes signed up for elevation? Town to respond to her.

Myra:

Well, we know our priorities and we have our marching orders. Now we have partner updates.

IA

Brenda Morris from State IA. We are working with citizens on housing resources. We are fortunate in helping people move into their homes, especially those in MHUs. We had 126 total in MHU, we are working on that. 59 recertifications have been done in Edgcombe. With VOAD, the big unmet need is HVAC we work with long term recovery to find answers and grant funds.

Fay Stone: FEMA IA

Housing repairs: in Princeville Methodists: currently 39 households in Princeville registered with them. 29 cases in progress. This means review for case management or home is actually being repaired. 6 cases completed. 7 cases have been withdrawn. This means survivor withdrew case, maybe found other means or survivor didn't qualify. First housing fair, 8 individuals met with Methodists and registered with them to discuss needs. Mennonites: 7 homes are being repaired and 8 have been completed this is just in Princeville.



Myra:

Ann have anything on VOAD? You have long-term there providing help. Town manager and mayor pro tem thanked you for housing fairs. We appreciate your bringing in ltrgs. We had less people but they were more engaged. Thank you.

PA

Myra: Krista gave report yesterday I shared with town manager.

Lutheran services: Paul

As Brenda said, we are doing weekly contact with MHU survivors. In Edgecombe about 80 of them. Volunteers from Raleigh are assisting Baptist men, building a new home for elderly single woman in bad health. They will be ribbon cutting before Xmas. This is a government agency to landscape, etc. 100s of neighbors here in disaster management, with our partners we are finding resources for things; like washer dryers and furniture. We work with LTROs to get this. Our case manager and resource manager are finding own resources. We found six more washer/dryer, got our own furniture too.

Myra

We have partners working on different planning avenues and aspects. No order. Initiatives with design of public space, HMDRRI and NC State have draft proposal. Students will come in spring to look at historic part. The deliverable is feasibility. The how to. There will be opportunity for community input too. Professors will engage with task force.

Deputy county manager:

Our priorities: Resiliency plan and infrastructure repair to dike and elementary school using CDBG for mitigation to help in event of future flood.

Greg:

I'm hoping we can work out corps of engineers to come to the community. FEMA is coordinating with district. On schools do they have funds enough?

County manager: Of \$1 million, CDBG is 750,000 for mitigation. There is a gap we will try to find more funding or change the design.

Libby:

Did they look at project worksheet for repairs and mitigation in our programs? Yes, county manager said. There was more sheetrock replaced with masonry, which is more resilient. Krista and Corliss are reviewing the project. We'll talk about it today.

Greg:

The governor's office had some real views that is up in the air if they have enough funds.



Myra:

We have some handouts: we have information from development strategy. Ron Townley from COG will talk about priorities.

Ron:

Community development manager is Andrew. Princeville is in our backyard, we are 10 x more involved with you. EDA at the region has a strategy. Adopted by governments across region this opens access to federal funds through EDA, USDA and others. These are competitive grants, you need everything you can get to your advantage. We built in economic resilience, community resilience and hazard mitigation in the document recognizing our flood prone area. EDA makes funds available in regions supporting development. Fed funds would be 50-50 match, adding infrastructure. Princeville would be eligible for 80 percent grant with 20 percent match.

They have funds for disaster impacted areas. Economic resilience is covered. Folks here need to understand big business is not how we see it. We don't see silos between economic development, planning, resilience, this is mashed together. Necessary for a community to be viable long term.

Does source of funds come across fed agencies or limited number of them?

Ron:

There are 18 agencies in federal government that recognize the partnership. USDA reps, like Brian Queen, help bring resources to bear.

Example of project?

Ron

Our role is to watch what the community wants to build out, an example might be for 53 acres acquired by state and passed to town, a vision for business district off the exit for stores or resources. It could be roads, water, sewer, other pieces that incentivize. You have a blank slate. If there are local, entrepreneurial assets, or project, job creators, that would be EDA. If it is more, Rural dev community it could go to USDA. We match funds. Right now we have \$1 million the Thomas drug store where Piggly Wiggly closed and cut off access to food. The drug store needed to expand so we brought the money to help. In Halifax County an industry wanted to expand and we brought a new water tank, \$1 million. USDA has a new category under community facility development planning. \$50,000 worth of time to each of those towns to work 24 months to repurpose an elementary school. Town hall, etc. what do we do now, and next is how they'll help build facilities back.

Ron:

We worked with Princeville, a couple years ago on hazard mitigation plan that is on file has a list the state moved to regionalize those plans, Edgecombe, Nash, and Wilson counties worked together. This will be rewritten and COGs might help. It is going from 100 county plans to



regional plans. Making sure Princeville's priorities, what the town needs, through those grant funds. Preparing community for this community respond and recover takes fiscal thinking and fiscal resources.

Barry: Delivered presentation.

We'll talk about what we have done up till now. We want to show pieces and how they fit.

HMDRRI: our diagram talks about six communities, including Princeville. Nine to 12 month planning. But plans not approved.

Recovery timeline: Post disaster plan development. Our job is to help town identify alternatives. Visioning. 1990 census used. Land suitability analysis. Its purpose dealing with housing relocation. In Fair Bluff. Looks at spots in towns geographically okay with the flood plain that could be elevated slightly, uses GIS.

1. Lists factors determining which areas are suitable; 36 factors.
2. Narrows to eight to ten most important factors, like potential for multistory structure.
3. The key is using GIS, assign points to locations based on criteria. Just points out where property is in flood zone and which is not.
4. Creates a map by color of which are most suitable, which are least, etc.

If you add flood plain and shade it out you can see parcels where you don't want to develop.

Discussed demographic survey:

Demographic survey: Poverty doubled between 2000 and 2015. Town manager wanted to know recent stats. 1980 to 2015, number of persons in poverty household 484 to 964.

Median income 98 \$40k, 2014 31K down 21%.

Household without vehicles: 1 in 4 don't have a vehicle. How does this influence design for community? Ron Townley: these are important to consider.

Mayor Pro Tem:

In looking at all these things and I am excited. We are moving to implementation plan. From all aspects, the voters that came out Major Jones won by landside. Citizens are aware of what we do. Saw importance of not changing guard. The election showed impact of what we are doing. It looks like each meeting, that we are getting right people on right bus in right seat. Everyone will be ready to rock and roll.

Myra:

We are the point to look at closing, if you look at agenda, we talk about plans in place, and Ron has spoken. Here is how we are putting these together. Only plan we haven't talked about, the transportation plan, we are looking at next steps with community to find facilities and site plan next month will be due from for 53 acres. These are plans in place, the foundation. We know county, we know economics, this is your foundation.

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Greg:

It's great, it's all coming together. It's not just these meetings but day to day. People are dealing it can be overwhelming. Thank you so much.





