



Princeville Task Force

Planning and Information Sharing Group Meeting – Thursday, Dec. 14

Town Conference Room
3003 North Main Street
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Attendees

Welcome (see sign in sheet) Faye Stone, VAL, Joy Branham, IRC, Brandie Haywood, IRC, Dwight Townes, IRC, Wendy Baggot, IRC, Greg Bethea, Town Manager, Calvin Adkins – Princeville, Ron Townley & Andrew Delonno UCPCOG, Myra Shird, PTF.

On Phone: Ann Hoffman NC VOAD, Joe Durham NC EM, Bernadette EHP, USDA, Brian Queen (Rural Dev.), FEMA PA Christa Leggette, Corliss Tootle PA. Barry Hokanson, HMDRRI.

Key Points

- Rebuilding of the Town: Greg will go Monday with Public Works representative from AE CON to begin work on the Town Hall. Jan. 1 contract won't materialize.
- Meeting to be set with Fire Chief to resolve funding concerns
- 53 acre purchase is complete
- Town is hiring a Public Works representative
- Ron Townley announced a previous grant award on community facilities planning has a potential opening for direct technical assistance to the town.
- Greg supports the idea of a master plan for resilience and HMDRRI reported that they are putting it together and a draft will be ready this month.
- Greg wants to discuss activities going on at UNC, for Princeville, and other activities that the town isn't aware of with Barry.
- Ron Townley would like to have a chart of all resources and involved partners in Princeville's recovery. Greg Bethea supports that and wants to build it before Christmas.

Key Calendar Dates

- **HMGP, Insurance, NFIP, CDBG-DR, Dec. 19, 5pm.**
HMGP, CDBGDR and insurance folks to provide information to town's people. The state will attend. Eric Evans from County CDBG-DR and region SMEs will join along with FCO.
- **Living with the River, Tuesday, Jan. 16, 5 pm.**
A conversation with USACE, held at Edgecombe Municipal Bldg.
- **Next PTF Task Force Meeting, Thurs., Jan. 18, 10 a.m.**

Myra:

Welcome everyone. Let's discuss projects ongoing and who will be involved.



Greg Bethea:

Here's where we are in terms of stabilizing the community. All have signed and notarized paperwork except for one letter sent to State on the admin of program. Tiffany and folks will work on getting applications done and to the Feds. We are having a resource fair which will help with this, next Tuesday.

- The EA will be discussed Tuesday night, and we'll share mapping and elevation and effects if there is another Matthew or Floyd so people can know their options.
- Rebuilding: I go Monday with public works guy for AE CON folks to begin work on the town hall. We won't get Jan. 1 contract but we'll be in shape to get it done.
- Fire Station: We're not settled on funding. Our Chief is not satisfied with funds appropriated and wants to get more funding. I promised to set up a meeting with Eric and the Fire Chief to help with his clarification. Next week a meeting will be planned.
- 53 Acre Annex: I dropped off the closing check to attorneys, some 400k, and we are to have property tomorrow morning. Now we can start on new buildings. Our 53 acres is in the bag and done.
- Building Capacity: We have a finance person going to school and we are bringing on a new public works guy. We are having staff on board. For community capacity, we have sent out flyers recruiting community champions. We want volunteers and others.

Calvin

On Building and History: I researched properties and the background to make our case. Two architectural classes at State will start and at end of semester we can find funding sources.

Myra

At this point, I'd like to announce that on the 19th the Resource Fair/HMGP, NFIP, CDBG-DR and Insurance will take place and we'd like VOADS involved.

In terms of rebuilding, and the renovation of legacy buildings, who needs to be here to help the town?

Barry

Ron Townley is on the call, but EDA is continuing with initiatives represented by Lea Henry and Andrew. We don't have a plan but we have resources from EDA to assist us in the future.

Myra

Ron is here with Andrew.

Ron:



As we said, the EDA provided us with funds to support hard hit low capacity communities. Northeast NC and Princeville is in our region and is the most active in recovery. The EDA has more funds through grants, as mentioned earlier, for job creation. Generally, they want projects with long term sustainable recovery.

We will talk about USDA opportunities too. A previous grant award on community facilities planning has a potential opening for direct technical assistance to the town. We want to discuss with the town but here are caveats to see if it's a fit.

Andrew

We'll try to retrofit, but for future events, you need a plan to inform recovery.

Ron

In that same vein, capacity building is key, it is planning and planning processes. If followed and practiced, it builds capacity.

Greg

Sorry Gavin isn't here. The planning piece is key.

Myra

Okay, there are short term objectives, and I realize plans are important. We can all agree on that, but the timeline got far out there. We are coming from behind.

Ron

It's like a retrofit. I call it the "Just-in-Time" planning process.

Greg

One thing that we could use is to take the information that all of you guys have and put it together with other things going on to create this master plan for resilience that you have talked about. I think it has to be flexible. It would be good to attach it to a document that shows where we started.

Barry

We are doing that. It's a heavy lift, and lots happened in the Design Workshop. So much is included in there, the sketches etc. We are putting it into a combined document along with the history of it. There is a longer history of evolution after it; and what the future holds. We will work with Ron and Andrew for EDA resources. We will finish a draft for you this month. You will have first look at it. It could evolve into a master plan.

Greg

I have 75-80 percent of engineering work that was done. I want it in one place to be used. Community will need it for long term planning.



Myra

This forum is where we are checking in and checking up. Our team is supporting town to grasp individual initiatives but yet, our town manager doesn't know we have a document to send out after the call, it comes from town manager computer. The priorities, projects, descriptions, where you are, the challenges, next steps, completion dates, contacts. But it's difficult to leverage what you don't know exists. Have people call us and let us know to get people plugged in.

Greg

There is stuff going on at UNC, for Princeville and others that we aren't aware of. And that may be helpful. I want to talk to Barry about this.

Barry

All of these are good news partnerships.

Myra

Please invite people you are connecting with to come to this meetings. The objective is to coordinate efforts here.

Barry

Yes. I often forget to tell people about things regularly.

Ron

Do we have an organization chart of all resources currently at the table? I have heard names, multiple ministries, different nonprofits come in and out, but I would like to have this. To say here's all the partners.

Myra

This is one thing we want to flesh out. We can share it, add to it, and do the gap analysis.

Ron

Yes, it is important to know so that we could bring Keenan on or other foundations in other universities. For instance, the GIS work that Barry is doing with UNC, if we knew that we wouldn't need to tap GIS support at the state university.

Greg

Let's put something out before Christmas that contains all this so we know where we stand.

Bernie:

On the EA, well it's dead in the water until we get project scope through the state from the town. We are working on flood plain issues and it won't be finalized until we have the project.

Ann Huffman

There's no new information. Samaritans Purse is still working 21 homes. United Methodist with



other teams, like World Renew are repairing homes. We are making an effort to get people home for Christmas.

Faye

Presented stats on nonprofit housing support as of Nov. 30:

Methodists:

45 households in Princeville are registered with them.

Increase of 6 since October.

32 cases in progress, an increase of 6 since October.

9 cases completed, up by 3 since October and 4 cases were withdrawn.

Mennonites

One completed, working on 9 homes

Samaritan's Purse

There will be 19 homes built, but not 20. One applicant didn't meet requirements.

11 homes are complete, one dedication is planned in Tarboro tomorrow.

8 remaining; 4 are in progress and 4 not started.

Myra

Brian, USDA, what would you like to report?

Brian

I would encourage the town to go through plans with AE CON. The majority of what we have is low interest loans, but the Town Hall, Sr. Center and Fire Station plans are trying to secure more. The EA needs to be finished first.

Greg

One thing we'll need now, is considering the house elevations, if we elevate all houses that we plan for, we need to have a fire truck that can fight fire on an elevated house.

Brian:

That's in our wheelhouse. If it comes to a point, we rarely fund 100 percent with grants. We always have our loan program, but we cap our max grant at 50k. Eligibility is based on population and income. Edgecombe is eligible but we don't have many grants to fund at higher amounts. If there is funding needed we can help. As you get closer keep us in the loop. As needs arise, let us know. If there are any other infrastructure needs arise, let us know.

Myra

Krista, Corliss? What's new from PA? The Town Manager appreciates your support. He has said he appreciates you in working with PWs.



Krista

Thank you. No news or updates from PA.

Mr. Durham:

Nothing at this time from the State. Had a conversation with Greg, and he has talked about intake centers which are a big priority now...

Myra

Thank you for that. I wanted to announce that on Jan. 16, Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Edgecombe Municipal building, the Army Corps of Engineers will join us and be part of the conversation about "Living with the River." We'll have a town hall discussion about the levee and answer all the questions about it. They will dismiss myths, share their timelines, and more.

Closing comments anyone? Greg?

Greg

No more, but have a great Christmas everyone, it's going to be a good year.

Myra

Our IRC support team is demobing, that's FEMA speak for leaving. They will leave tomorrow. Joy will stay with her team and take off Monday. They've given us lots of support, I thank you all so very much. PA is leaving also in a week or so, and we appreciate all that they have done also. They held one on ones to answer PA questions and we appreciate that.

We'll follow up on new business. We all celebrate Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and others that speak to spirituality but today I want to end with "Happy Birthday" to Faye.

We didn't set a time for next task force. We want to see if it is working for all, but we've slated our next meeting for Jan. 18 at 10 a.m.