

**MINUTES OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE ON
DRUG ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM**

December 21, 2021

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee was held by remote access, videoconferencing in response to Covid-19 and the updated Open Public Meeting Act guidelines on April 20, 2021, in the Town Hall Offices, located at 23A North Main Street, in Cranbury Township at 3:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Joann Charwin called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J. S. A. 10:4-6) was filed on January 5, 2022, of this meeting's date, time and place, the Agenda was posted on the Township bulletin board, sent to any requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk. Notification of remote access meetings, until further notice, was posted on the Township website on April 24, 2020 and sent to the Trenton Times, Home News and Cranbury Press on April 24, 2020.

ROLL CALL

Answering present to the Roll Call were, Joann Charwin, Mike Owens, Kristine Fulton, Susan Engelbert, Krista Monks, Erin Santise and Robyn Skeete. Dr. Susan Genco was unable to attend. Alternate #1 position is vacant. Alternate #2 position is vacant. Liaison, Dr. Barbara Rogers was present. Student Representatives, Angela Chen and Andrew Wu were present.

MINUTES

Joann asked for Motion to Accept the November Minutes. A Motion was made by Susan Engelbert to accept. Motion was seconded by Mike Owens. All in favor.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Joann asked if Representatives had a chance to look into some of the activity ideas discussed in last month's meeting and status of possible food truck event. Angela stated Student Council currently focusing on January Jamfest. She gave details about what activities would be incorporated at Jamfest, should they be able to have one. Angela also mentioned a quiet area would be made available for the students to relax if they wanted a break from activities.

Joann asked Andrew if there was a date for January Jamfest yet. He thinks January 16th. Joann shared information she gathered involving hiring a food truck for a future Student Council event. Discussion about different types of foods depending on what the truck itself offers. Ideas discussed were hosting a food truck lunch with a theme of drug and alcohol prevention. Joann spoke to a couple of food truck vendors. She shared information she collected, including types of foods offered and how they rent out their trucks at events. Board discussed different times during the second half of the school year when they could have a food truck lunch. An idea to hold an end of school year lunch with a food truck was discussed also. Andrew and Angela were asked to speak to Dr. Genco to get her input. Joann suggested Mr. Softee Ice Cream truck could attend as well. Joann asked about the ice cream Fridays at the school and if the Board's help was needed in providing funds for the ice cream. Angela said no the school has funds for ice cream Fridays. Dr. Rogers thanked Andrew and Angela for

their help and volunteerism. She also stated as of January 1st she will no longer be Liaison for the Municipal Alliance Board and explained that Township Committee Members rotate Liaison positions within each board every year. Dr. Rogers announced the Mayor's Walk to School and described the walk as a Mayor's inspired wellness walk. It begins at the firehouse and ends at the school. This year the History Center will have artifacts out for the students to view. The artifacts will illustrate what students of the past would use for learning at school. Dr. Rogers is hopeful a date of late April will be made for the walk. It is a good opportunity for the students to join the walk and to learn about health and students of the past. She will let Joann know when a date is set.

NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sasha Weinstein and Anjali Joshi

POLICE REPORT

Chief Owens reported the department wrapped up a successful year with many summonses being issued. This would be attributed to consistent enforcement. Two officers are out of the department permanently due to illness and injury. He added the Police Department works hard throughout the year to serve the public and community. Mike is very proud of his department. Report concluded.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. Rogers spoke a little about the Township Committee Reorganization Meeting which will be on January 3rd. She thanked Municipal Alliance Members for their volunteering and support to the community and shared that there will be a new Municipal Alliance Liaison for 2022. Joann thanked her on behalf of the Board. Dr. Rogers thanked Joann for presenting a 2021 summary of accomplishments and would like to see all Boards provide an annual overview of the previous year. Brief discussion on continuing with Zoom meetings for the time being, due to the ongoing pandemic.

BUDGET

Nothing new to report for 2022. Final budget will be approved in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Joann presented an overview of 2021 Municipal Alliance accomplishments to the Board. There were many, successful community and school events held in Cranbury for 2021 relating to health and wellness for students and community. Joann shared information about a meeting she attended regarding Princeton Township's future decision on opting in or out of cannabis dispensaries. She shared that a Zoom meeting was held on December 16, 2021, between the Cannabis Task Force and some public community members from Princeton. It was to address parents' concerns about the recommendations of the Cannabis Task Force, who have suggested to the town allowing dispensaries two hundred feet from schools. Concerns by the parents are the potential impacts of cannabis dispensaries in Princeton and the proximity of potential locations to the schools. Joann's findings also highlighted that despite the public outcry and appeals to the Princeton Council, the Cannabis Task Force did not opt to revise its recommendations and declined to continue further research on the matter.

The Princeton Cannabis Task Force recommends zoning restrictions (which mirror those of alcohol, including a requirement that a retailer be located at least 200 feet from schools), be the same for cannabis retailers.

Lastly, The Cannabis Task Force serves as an advisory board to the Town Council. The Town Council will make their decision in late January 2022 according to the Cannabis Task Force.

Also, according to the Cannabis Task Force, The Cannabis Regulatory Commission-First license to sell cannabis will be in March 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Joann asked about update on storage availability at Police Department to store Jamfest games and equipment. Mike Owens said they have room at Police Department and the Board just needs to make arrangements for delivery to have it moved from New World Van Lines storage facility to there. Susan Engelbert not sure about January Jamfest with ongoing pandemic and said Carrie at New World Van Lines said equipment can be stored there for the time being. Kristine Fulton and Krista Monks were asked by Joann if they knew status of a Jamfest in January. They have not heard anything as of yet. Susan Engelbert said if they have Jamfest, someone needs to be at the school to accept the delivery of equipment from New World Van Lines. Susan suggested if Jamfest is going to happen in January, someone should reach out to Penny Ftikis, who is on the PTO to have her reach out to Board Secretary, Kathy Warnebold, so she can contact New World Van Lines to set up delivery to the school. They should be notified one month in advance, so as not to interrupt their schedule. Beginning after the next Jamfest, all equipment will be stored at the Cranbury Police Department.

Joann asked Krista and Kristine to follow up with Dr. Genco to see if January Jamfest is a possibility. She then thanked Mike for offering to store the games and equipment at the Police Department.

Joann reported 3 new wind sculptures have been purchased by the Parks Commission to be installed in Heritage Park in January 2022. There will be a celebration and all Boards are encouraged to participate with their own individual theme. Discussion for Municipal Alliance to provide cider, donuts and hot chocolate. Funding is available in this year's budget to provide those items for the event. Event is scheduled for January 30, 2022. Joann asked for a motion and vote to purchase a gift card, not to exceed \$500 at Shoprite for purchase of those items. Motion was made by Susan Engelbert and seconded by Mike Owens. All Members answered in Aye to the vote.

Susan Engelbert has notified the Board that this will be her last meeting. Joann thanked and acknowledged Susan's involvement over the years with the 8th Grade Picnics, Jamfests, Health & Wellness Fairs and many other school activities and thanked her for all of her help. The Board will miss Susan.

Joann introduced two attendees who have applied for positions on the Municipal Alliance Board. They are Anjali Joshi and Sasha Weinstein. Joann gave brief overview of the women and goals they have for students and their communities. Ms. Joshi is a homemaker who has 3 sons; two in Princeton High School, 1 in the Cranbury School. She also teaches meditation. Ms. Joshi helped with the planning of the Health and Wellness Fair in 2019. Ms. Weinstein lives in Cranbury and serves on the Princeton PTO. She has two children, a son in Princeton High School and a daughter in college. Ms. Weinstein is involved in many high school activities. This is Ms. Weinstein's third year as Co-President on the PTO. She is looking forward to sharing information which may be helpful to Cranbury and is very dedicated to getting young people as prepared as possible for high school. Dr. Rogers thanked Ms. Weinstein for her involvement and dedication to the Princeton PTO. Joann stated she is excited to get the new year started with planning events for the future.

Joann announced that Dr. Susan Saravalli will no longer continue serving on the Municipal Alliance Board due to her need to focus on personal obligations. Joann asked the Members to speak to people they know to see if anyone would be interested in volunteering on the Board.

Joann thanked Sasha Weinstein for her information regarding the ongoing Princeton Cannabis Task Force's recommendations to the Princeton Council and their future considerations on dispensaries and a possible retail

location in Princeton. Joann also thanked her for her dedication to the young students and high school student's health and wellness. Joann asked the Board if there were any questions or comments. Dr. Rogers asked if Joann is following the State Cannabis Regulatory Commission with regards to possible updates. Joann stated she will be following up with them. Ms. Weinstein stated there was a growing outcry against cannabis retail licenses within Princeton. She's hopeful pressure on the Princeton Township Council will influence their future decisions with what they will allow.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Joann announced the smoothie vendor who attends and provides smoothies for the Health and Wellness Fair is no longer providing their service for the Fair. Joann is excited to begin planning the Health and Wellness Fair after the new year.

DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

Joann if there were further comments or questions. As there were none, she asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Susan Engelbert to adjourn 4:27 pm. Seconded by Erin Santise. All in favor.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Municipal Alliance Committee on Drug Abuse and Alcoholism and that this document, consisting of 4 pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2021.

Kathy Warnebold, Secretary

Approved Minutes January 18, 2022