

**MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY COUNCIL
PRE-MEETING AGENDA**

**PRE-COUNCIL ROOM (A106) CITY HALL
56 CHURCH STREET
MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL 35213**

AUGUST 10, 2015, 6:00 P. M.

1. Board of Equalization nomination. (See attached information. This item could be added to the formal agenda.)
2. Lane Parke update – John Evans.
3. Prescott House request for funding in FY-2016-David Barber (See attached information.)
4. Extend sidewalk on east side of Vine Street north to alley – Ronnie Vaughn.(See attached information. This item could be added to the formal agenda.)
5. Executive Session



JULIE P. MAGEE
Commissioner

State of Alabama Department of Revenue

(www.revenue.alabama.gov)
50 North Ripley Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36132

March 13, 2015

MICHAEL E. MASON
Assistant Commissioner

JOE W. GARRETT, JR.
Deputy Commissioner

CURTIS E. STEWART
Deputy Commissioner

TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF ALL JEFFERSON COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

As you know, Section 40-3-2, Code of Alabama 1975, requires that during the month of August, 2015, the governing body of the largest municipality in each county shall nominate three persons, and that the governing body of each other incorporated municipality within the county shall nominate one person for consideration in the selection of a County Board of Equalization.

All persons nominated must be residents of the County, owners of taxable property which is located within the State and who are each qualified electors in said County and who are in the opinion of said nominating body, persons competent to serve as members of the County Board of Equalization.

Since Jefferson County has a county-wide civil service system, the procedure is somewhat different from other counties. The statute referenced above requires that all nominees be qualified by a civil service examination. We are requesting the Director of the Jefferson County Personnel Board to announce the examination immediately, with view to establishing an eligible list at the earliest date possible from which your nominations may be submitted during the month of August. The name of the present member of the Board who was appointed from the lists submitted by the municipalities will be added to the eligible list without examination. In order to expedite the procedure and make the statute operative, it is suggested that your body contact and encourage qualified people whom you would consider nominating, to file an application with the Personnel Board with view to qualifying.

You are requested to submit your nominations on the official form which is enclosed.

Your immediate attention to this matter and prompt report is requested no later than August 14, 2015.

Sincerely,


Julie P. Magee
Commissioner

JPM:dj

Enclosure

NOTICE OF NOMINATION
Nominations for the
County Board of Equalization
Term beginning October 1, 2015

STATE OF ALABAMA)

County)

City or Town

To the State Commissioner of Revenue
Montgomery, Alabama

We, the undersigned members of the governing body of the above municipality, do hereby
nominate the persons as shown below for consideration as members of the County Board of
Equalization, understanding that in our opinion they are competent to serve under the provisions
of the law.

As provided in Section 40-3-2, Code of Alabama, 1975, each nominee is a resident of this
county, is an owner of taxable property located within this state, is a qualified voter within
this county, and is otherwise well fitted for the duties of the office for which he is
nominated. It is understood further that no member of the Board of Equalization can hold
employment or office of profit with the United States, the State of Alabama, any county or
other political subdivision of said State, or with any county school board or with any
municipality.

Under all the conditions stated above, we nominate the following persons:

- 1. _____ Name (As usually signed)
_____ Exact Post Office Address
- 2. _____ Name (As usually signed)
_____ Exact Post Office Address
- 3. _____ Name (As usually signed)
_____ Exact Post Office Address

Signatures of all members of the
governing body of the above
municipality.

DATE: _____

Sam Gaston

From: Thomason, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 12:41 PM
To: gastons@mtnbrook.org
Subject: Board of Equalization Nomination

Hey Sam,

Thanks for returning my call. It's appointment time here at the board and I would be honored if the city would nominate me again for another term.

Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do.

Best to you and your family,

Robert

Robert Thomason
Associate Member
Jefferson County Board of Equalization and Adjustments

THE PRESCOTT HOUSE

1730 14th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
Telephone (205) 930-3622

P.O. Box 55892
Birmingham, AL 35255-9998

July 1, 2015

Honorable Terry Oden
Mayor, City of Mountain Brook
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

RE: PRESCOTT HOUSE

Dear Terry:

I am writing to request your assistance and guidance about how to go about asking the City of Mountain Brook to provide some financial support to Prescott House. I have enclosed a brochure to provide some basic information about this non-profit that I founded in 1987 to provide better care for young victims of physical and sexual abuse as their cases proceed through the criminal justice system.

Briefly, we provide substantial assistance to your police department by providing trained, legally qualified counselors to conduct forensic interviews in cases of suspected physical and/or sexual abuse. This service avoids the "multiple interview" stress that young victims were subjected to prior to Prescott House being established, and relieves your city of having to provide additional training to your officers so as to qualify them legally to testify in these sensitive cases in court. I am totally confident that any inquiry about Prescott House will bring positive comments from your police department.

As with all non-profits in today's environment, we struggle with funding, so I am asking every municipality in the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County (the Bessemer Division has a similar facility) to include some financial support in next years budget to insure that we are able to continue to provide these "critical" services to these child victims, and to the law enforcement community. I am requesting that the City of Mt. Brook appropriate \$5,000.00 in their FY16 Budget in support of Prescott House.

I am available at your convenience to discuss this matter further, and to answer any questions that you might have. If I need to address the Finance Committee, or the City Council as a whole, I will be more than glad to do so. You may contact me at barberd@jccal.org or on my cell phone at 205-531-3375.

Respectfully submitted,



David Barber
Founder & President

David Barber
President Board of Directors

*5000 by 10/15/15
We should do
of*

*- New Request
- ASKING \$5,000*

About Prescott House

The Prescott House Child Advocacy Center was founded in 1987 and was the second child advocacy center to open in the nation. We serve approximately 400-600 children each year.

Prescott House is a charter member of the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers as well as a charter member of the National Children's Alliance.

Services Offered by Prescott House:

- Forensic Interviews
- Extended Forensic Interviews
- Counseling and referrals
- Multi-disciplinary Team Coordination
- Court Accompaniment
- Court Preparation



Mary Murphy - Executive Director

Maribeth Thomas, M.A., LPC - Clinical Director, Forensic Interview Specialist, Counselor

Debbie Wilbourn, M.A., LPC - Forensic Interview Specialist, Counselor

Cyndi Abercrombie, M.A. - Forensic Interview Specialist, Counselor

Rachel Anderton - Victim Advocate & MDT Coordinator

Emma Cobbs - Receptionist, Assistant Victim Advocate, Administrative Assistant

1730 14th Ave. South
Birmingham, AL 35205
PO Box 55892

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It's a Team Effort!



Prescott House

Child Advocacy
Center of Jefferson
County

Helping
Hearts
Heal.

What is a Child Advocacy Center?

Prescott House Child Advocacy Center serves Jefferson and surrounding counties providing services to children who may have witnessed or been victims of abuse or trauma. A Child Advocacy Center is a child-friendly facility where children can talk about sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or witnessing domestic violence or other crimes such as homicide.

Prescott House coordinates the community agencies that investigate, prosecute, and provide treatment and protection for child victims. The Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) consists of the District Attorney's Office; local, state and federal law enforcement agencies; the Department of Human Resources; medical community members; as well as Prescott House staff. Every effort is made to ensure that all cases of suspected abuse are thoroughly investigated yet conducted in a way to minimize re-traumatizing children.

All services at Prescott House are offered at no cost to the child or their families.

Roles of Team Members

Prescott House Staff:

Prescott House staff members conduct forensic interviews while other MDT members observe on closed circuit television. Forensic Interview Specialists/Counselors are all specially trained Master's level counselors or social workers. Case Managers and Victim Advocates work with each team member to coordinate their investigations.

Law Enforcement:

Local law enforcement agencies, as well as the ABI and FBI utilize Prescott House to assist in their investigations. Detectives are present during the forensic interview and watch on closed circuit TV.

Department of Human Resources (DHR):

The state of Alabama requires DHR to investigate any case of potential maltreatment to a child. DHR Social Workers also join law enforcement officers in observing forensic interviews as they investigate the allegations and ensure the child's safety.

District Attorney's Office:

Under the direction of Brandon Falls, District Attorney of Jefferson County, a District Attorney liaison watches the interview. The DDA along with the other MDT members evaluate each case.

How You Can Help

Prescott House is a private, non-profit agency, relying on grants, fundraisers, and private donations for funding. Prescott House has inter-agency agreements with the Multidisciplinary Team members but is not a state, county, or city organization. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

You can help by donating:

- Financial contributions
- Juice boxes
- Child friendly snacks
- Markers or colored pencils
- Stuffed toys

If you suspect an incident of abuse, **report it!** Call the child abuse hotline 206-324-2135.

With your help, we can make a difference...

... one child at a time.

DEXTER AVE. AND VINE ST. SIDEWALK

130' OF SIDEWALK

140 ' OF CURB AND GUTTER

GRAVEL :	\$ 500.00
CONCRETE:	\$ 1900.00
	\$ 2180.00
FORM MATERIAL	\$ 500.00
SOD:	\$ 300.00
ADA BRICK:	\$2000.00
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TOTAL:	\$7380.00

THIS IS A ESTIMATE AND THE PRICES MAY CHANGE.

