

Minutes
Culture, History and Governance (CHuG)
Sub-Committee
Feb. 28, 2007

Present: Sarah Holden (presiding), Susan Brooks, Peter Sugar, Mark Hochman, Paul Giese

The meeting opened with discussions of sub-committee purpose and pursuit of members to create a critical mass and appropriate breadth of membership to carry out the Sub-Committee's (CHG) function. Various names were suggested with individuals present assigned to call and invite each. Sarah and Paul agreed to put together a basic information packet to inform new Sub-committee members of the objectives, particulars and responsibility of the group.

We agreed that the most important agenda item for the first few meetings would be to complete the Sub-Committee membership and agree on our scope of activities. We will meet every Wednesday morning at 07:30 for the foreseeable future unless/until otherwise determined. Minutes of every meeting will be shared by the members. A Sub-Committee chair will be determined in the future after the whole Sub-Committee has been selected and assembled.

We raised and discussed a number of ideas for CHG to consider in the course of planning. These included: a town governance library for storage and access to developing materials; better organization and utilization of the town website; the importance of town communications in all results and follow-up; the importance of the relationship of town institutions, e.g. De Cordova, Audubon, etc., to Town governance bodies and citizens in general. In coming weeks we would continue to raise more issues and possibilities for inclusion in the CHG plans and planning.

We decided (preliminarily) to use CHG as the name of our Sub-Committee and pronounce it "chug" as in "chug-a-lug" or "chug-chug." We'll keep thinking about alternative names for the SubCommittee..

So far the names and email addresses of our members are as follows.

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The next meeting will be March 7.