

Minutes
Culture, History and Governance (CHuG)
Sub-Committee
June 30, 2008

Present: Susan Brooks, Paul Giese, Mark Hochman, Karen Keane, Peter Sugar

We discussed the following:

- Governance paper: we agreed to send our comments to COG at this time. There will be an overall comment requesting that the organization of the paper be improved somewhat and conclusions/findings be kept more together rather than appearing somewhat scattered throughout the paper. In general, though, there was a feeling that the paper was a good draft. Also note, that the 'do nothing' scenario is being written for all subcoms, once the draft paper comments have been collected
- CHuG follow-up/action item memo of 6/26/08 (as amended today; attached):
 - Cultural and Historic: we will contact all the listed institutions and request that one-two members be delegated to come to a focus group meeting for a free-for-all discussion sometime in September. The discussion will follow the common thread we have discerned during our previous interviews. (Note: we need to follow-up with some of these institutions, especially with MMNHP on issues they raised as their concerns!)
 - Governance: we will contact all the listed boards/committees to arrange for a focus group discussion sometime in September. We also will have a meeting with the BOS in July (being arranged at this time). In addition, we will contact the surrounding towns (Bedford, Concord, Lexington) for interviewing them to see how they have responded to challenges which may be similar to those in Lincoln. The interviews will be carried out by one-two person teams, hopefully during July
 - Further, we will also have a focus group/meeting in September with the Schools (K-8, LS, Minuteman, PTA). We will lead this meeting but will also invite a broader audience to the discussion
- Paul presented a matrix (attached), which looks at, what we believe, are the four main issues we are facing, and their interaction with the ten questions in the Governance paper, together with the seven goals articulated earlier by Jack. We will attempt to fill in the matrix, once we have completed our follow-up above.
- Another item which will assist us in our deliberations is the work by Mark's survey group, in getting us some responses (support or otherwise) to the questions we posed earlier – this work should be complete within the next few weeks
- Once we have worked through all the meetings in September, we will re-draft and finalize our goals and objectives in October, in time for SOTT in November
- We will continue to look to COG to assist us in this work. One issue is of course the implementation plan – how to have the town and the various boards/committees buy into this. Follow-up with the boards and primarily with the BOS will be key
- Members' absence during July: SB: 7/23-28; KK: 7/7-11 and 7/21-25; MH: 7/23-31; PG: 7/7-11.

No regular meetings are scheduled during the summer as we agreed previously.