

Minutes
Culture, History and Governance (CHuG)
Sub-Committee
Meeting with Judi Barrett - December 4, 2007

Present: CHuG: Paul Giese, Mark Hochman, Karen Keane, Jack MacLean, Harriet Todd, Peter Sugar
Planning Bd: Mark Whitehead
COG: Judi Barrett

We discussed the following:

- Work Plans: we hoped that these could be in a consistent format and requested that Judi discuss this with the other subcoms and suggest a format acceptable to all. In elaborating the work plan, we should always keep in mind that we are dealing with the role of town government. We also need to define who in town will be responsible for implementation of particular aspects of the MP. In addition we will need to determine where we would like COG to assist us in the effort – this should be shown clearly in the work plan
- Further, the work plan needs to establish what we - the subcoms – can accomplish within the time frame and what is to be left for future implementation, always keeping in mind that we do not have the manpower nor the time to be able to do everything we feel needs to be achieved
- We pointed out that CHuG is now concentrating on its ‘Objectives and Goals’; once this has been agreed upon, we will re-visit the work plan to bring the two documents in sync.
- We discussed our Goals. These are at this time in a question format rather than statements, as we did not wish to appear too autocratic/arrogant and thereby get others (citizens) to see us as having already made up our minds and thus their input would only be a formality. We finally agreed to turn some of the questions into statements which we may then label as hypotheses. When discussing these, we may point out some pluses and minuses to foster and encourage the discussion
- The 2/2 meeting will be organized along a lead-in discussion which will be open and free flowing, followed by break-out sessions where there will be a more focused discussion based on our Goals
- Working papers: COG is drafting these based on subcom input. The papers will be an analysis of the issues. They will be handed back to the town to critique. In the ultimate it is for the town to take the lead here and not COG.
- The time frame for the MP will be the next 5-10 years – the only period practicable to be forecast - though we may look further into the future – but with less certitude
- We need to have an overarching vision. We should also check on the definition of the scope of the five subcoms, as handed down by CLRPC, to see whether we still agree with these
- It was agreed that COG will take a portion of ChuG’s work-plan and prepare a template as it were to show how we should tackle the work plan
- As an aside it was requested that we send our interview minutes to COG for their information