

Notes from March 14, 2011 Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting

Present: Carol Golden, Valerie Haynes, Pat Simon, Ryan Lilienthal, Anton Lahnston, Alice Small

1. How to describe the benefits of consolidation: It was pointed out that it is still early in our work and that later on, when we have the facts, we will either "see the benefits", or we won't see benefits. It was then pointed out that our main mission as a subcommittee was to hear what people are saying and in so doing, we need to acknowledge the difference in concerns and respect differing views and set a positive, respectful tone at our meetings, without pandering.

2. Are we confident that the Commission is paying sufficient attention to the opinions that are coming out of our meetings

We determined that Carol would update the summary of concerns and send the document to the subcommittee and to Joe and ask him how we should handle, whether we should send it to the full commission, the subcommittee chairs for attention, etc.

Meetings on Docket

Community without Walls - March 20th at 2 p.m. at the Friends' Center - This will be covered by Valerie and Alice. Although it is technically for House 1, the other houses have been invited. Carol Krauthammer, program chair for House 5, is apparently under the impression that we have already arranged a meeting with them. Valerie will tell her we have not but we are willing to do so.

Teri McIntyre - March 16th - Anton and Valerie will handle this meeting

Princeton Future - March 26th at 9 a.m. Anton will be sending a note to the Committee Chairs to see if there are any changes. We have requested the presence of the full Commission

Witherspoon-Jackson Neighborhood - April 2nd at 9:30 at the First Baptist Church - Valerie, Carol and Alice will cover this meeting.¹

Riverside PTO - April 13th at 8:30 a.m. Anton and Pat will cover this meeting.

Not in Our Town - this is a group organized to foster understanding and cooperation between different groups of people. Valerie will continue her efforts to set up a neighborhood meeting with them.

Use of newspapers to publicize Commission doings - suggestion from eQuad neighborhood meeting - we will hold off for the present

Do we need to record focus groups? Will ask Deborah what she thinks

Communiversality - Carol will follow up as to what we need to do; need to circulate sign-up sheet at next Commission meeting to staff table throughout the day.

We set an additional meeting on Monday, March 28 at 10 a.m. to debrief Princeton Future meeting

¹Anton mentioned that he has run into Jim Floyd who has raised a number of times the question of what we are getting for our dollars from shared services. Some of the cost allocations are based on ratables, but the allocations between Borough and Township were determined at the time the services were shared - and the formula is not uniform for all shared services. We will advise the Finance Committee to consider this issue since the fairness of the current allocation is an issue that recurs in our meetings.