

BCHS Meeting Minutes: Planning Meeting 5/5/2018

Some long-term group goals:

- Make a map of the power structure in the state, starting with the governor and going down through appointments the governor makes
 - Started as a physical map but that got too complex real fast

Relevant dates:

- October 17th, last day to register for the general
- August 15th, last day to register for the primary

Want to do a registration drive, but where and when?

- City Hall To Go - trucks in different locations where you can pass in registration forms etc.
- Want something (for a handout) that has info about the primaries and general election; James want to do drives during/after all his shows & events, wants to do some college registration drives

What baseline things does a person have to know if they don't know anything about the election?

- Dates for primaries and registration deadlines
- What district are you from?
- Who are the candidates you might want to look up anyway?
- The voter registration website where you can check your status usually has a ballot preview, apparently - what's going to be on the ballot, what's going to be up for votes
 - How do you get people from a piece of paper to the voting booth?

Big concern: how do we legally and officially run a voter registration drive?

Three sub-concerns now:

- What information do we need to put onto the info sheet?
- What are the practical concerns of making the info sheet (printing etc.)?
- How do you get people from the paper to the online resources they'd need (QR codes)?

A couple big events through the fall, with the college registration drives on a separate track - want to do a crash course lesson dealie, then some stuff

- Ideally we could do college registration drives one weekend and be able to hand out brochures for "hey we're doing this crash course thing next weekend, there'll be food and music"
- Tentatively the 13th of October for the crash course thing (or September 29th? James can't do October 6th).
 - If we did that could have crash course on Sept. 29th and ballot question / candidates thing on Oct. 13th, with a little extra time to register left over.
 - Both at the Brazilian community center

Categories of resource:

- Voter registration - how, where, when?
 - Could have visuals - add a map for where you go to vote?
- Schedules: when is the next election and who's on the ballot?
- Municipal graphic: who's in which district at which level?

- Civic engagement page: what can I do? Meeting dates and minutes
- Issues page: links to learn more about specific issues
- Want layout to be clear and simple, like City of Boston site - boxes for things you as a site visitor might want to do?

Dates:

- James will message Alaro(?) about using the Brazilian community center Sept. 29th and October 13th
- Need to touch base with Fenn and start building web site architecture
- Next meeting - June 2nd - start populating the web site?
- Goal: get the ball rolling on the web site and lock in those two fall dates by next meeting.

Physical voter registration forms: uniform for the entire state, or varying by municipalities?

- Answer: one form, can get them from the Secretary of State's office. Erin will handle this.

Site Sections: planned four so far.

- Voter Registration
- Elections
- Municipal Government
- Civic Engagement