

LONGHOUSE · FIRST PRESENTATION · AUGUST 27, 2026

Introducing LongHouse

Brand, structure, and cycles — meeting one.

Brady Hugins · seven parts, then the floor.

WHAT TONIGHT IS

A working session, not a pitch.

INTRODUCTIONS

Who is here

Names, what brought you, what you would want to work on. We are small on purpose.

PLANNING

The first half of the cycle

This is the meeting before the full moon — what we take on. Decisions come after.

VOLUNTEER

No paid roles

LongHouse is volunteer-only at this stage. Any future paid role requires public ratification first.

PART 1 · WHY I AM HERE

Too old to be recruited. So I drafted myself.

Nobody is going to enlist me now. That does not settle the obligation — it just means I have to **draft myself into civic service** instead.

What I did not want was our young families carrying the burden of military responsibility while people of every other age had no real way to make their experience and their judgement count. If more of us are going to be asked to serve, more of us need a way to be heard first.

PART 2 · CIVIC STRUCTURES

How the structure moved since 1945.

POST-WAR

The institutions we inherited

Media institutions and civic structures built after the Second World War, for the country that existed then.

1990S–2000S

What the Cold War became

The Cold War ends and turns into a run of American wars. The civic structure carries on with its old shape.

PARTIES

A system out of date

Parties and institutions that no longer represent an evolving network of people.

NOW

Our own technology

Record, document and distribute — immediately, readily and securely, with tools we hold ourselves.

PART 3 · CALENDAR AND CYCLES

Two meetings a month, around the full moon.

BEFORE

Production meeting

We plan and we build. Internal for now — production meetings until it is safe to open them.

AFTER

Public presentation

A streamcast event for public and civic viewing, once the infrastructure holds.

TESTIMONY

Submitted and curated

A place for people to submit testimony and information for public publishing and curation.

PROVENANCE

Human or machine — in progress

Screening and review so we can tell AI-generated from human content, and say which is which. The databasing for this is being built; some of the basic infrastructure is in place.

Annual and monthly calendar, so we meet regularly rather than when someone remembers to call it.

PART 4 · IDEAS FOR EVOLUTION

What we think is worth changing.

An agenda to research and argue in public — not settled positions, and not things LongHouse has achieved.

ARTICLE V

A convention of states

34 states to call one. We build the organizing infrastructure; we do not predict the outcome.

PRIVACY

Data and personal protections

Proper securities on privacy, data, and the person.

SUNSET & SUNRISE

Compassionate laws

Protections written for the young and the elderly.

TAX

FairTax and a sales-tax rebate

Replacing social security and income tax as the FairTax system designs it.

BROADCAST

Civic and emergency data

Key information carried so civilians and visitors to the US can feel safe.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Elimination

Constitutional protections for citizens, visitors, and natural intelligent life.

DISCLOSURE

Government data and stories

Public release — and protection against the destruction of information around key disclosures after a period of years.

LAND AND WATER

Management decisions

Water availability and infrastructure, regenerative agriculture, wildland and forestry management aligned with development.

PART 5 · THE CIVIC LANDSCAPE

What is actually moving right now.

ECONOMY

Changing underneath us

Economic conditions shifting faster than the institutions that are supposed to answer for them.

AI AND TECH

A new industrial layer

Developments that change who can produce, verify, and distribute information.

MEDIA

Connections reorganising

Media, social connection and organisations are all changing shape at once.

PARTIES

Weak, and short of ideas

The party system needs new ideas and new infrastructure.

Which is why the research question matters: **what were the key elements that actually produced American economic and political success?** Constitutional evolution should start from that answer, not from a slogan.

PART 6 · INFRASTRUCTURE

Technology and in-person, both early.

WEBSITE

The public record

Where the method, the findings and the meeting record live.

STREAMING

Public viewing

The streamcast path for presentations, once it is dependable.

IN PERSON

Events structure

The physical side, in its early stages — said as early stages, because that is what it is.

Some of the basic infrastructure is in place. The rest will take time, and I would rather say that than imply otherwise.

PART 7 · SEVEN-YEAR GOALS

Everything here is a seven-year commitment.

Every goal carries a seven-plus year horizon, and nothing launches before the plan, the resources and the buy-in are gathered. That is what holds group work accountable.

LAND

Large-scale environmental cleanups

The kind of work that only makes sense on a multi-year clock.

HOUSING

Small family and community homes

Built at a scale a community can actually carry.

BASIC NEEDS

Networks that connect

Linking groups to food and other basic needs, as practically as possible.

BROADCAST

Emergency and civic safety

Information that reaches people when the ordinary channels do not.

MESH

Communications infrastructure

Mesh networks for delivering communication that does not depend on a single provider.

LIBRARY

Civic data and information

Effective libraries of the civic record — the thing everything else is built to feed.

NEXT

Thursday, October 29 — decisions.

Whatever we plan tonight, we decide on then. Between now and then the work is reading, writing, and showing up.

Questions, reactions, and what you want to work on — the floor is open.