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2022-09-19 7:05pm

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Meeting '102' - April 10, 2025

Meeting in main room @ 7pm on thursday

Agenda

- bookkeeping: quantify the regular financial contributions made by basement participants
- spring cleaning: plan to clear our junk that nobody wants. mark what we want to keep (deadline?) - keep clear passage to boiler room, electrical panel, sewer lines
- asbestos abatement !!! we've got quotes, we may need to prepare the space and we need to set a date
- p: let's move from hedgedoc to bookstack. I think the difficulty of using our wiki system is a major friction point for onboarding and for everyone (or at least me). I am willing to migrate our existing wiki pages there. hedgedoc is not wiki software. it is a web-based markdown editor and thus has no built-in structure. we have no way to search our wiki. we already have bookstack running on <https://wiki.commonsnyc/> and I've been trying it out.
- jonah: formalize (temporary) consensus model
- anything else?
- sunday dinner hosted by basement!

Announcements (No discussion. Post-meeting breakout possible)

Attendees

Local - jonah , daniel

Remote - n/a

Minutes

Bookkeeping: None of the attendees at this week's meeting make regular financial contributions to woodbine. Online Jonah requested financial contribution details from members, but nobody responded. No other basement "members" have notified us about their contributions.

[Consensus model \(WIP draft\)](#)

Abatement / spring cleaning

LP has: - A grey bin on the wire shelves - A weird vintage saw - A vacuum chamber - A vacuum pump

- deadline for cleaning out is next thursday
- we will action item clean next wednesday

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In attendance: daniel, omni, p, jimmy, micro

Nobody took running notes but here is the outcome of the discussion.

There is a lot of debate around how hazardous asbestos situation in the basement actually is, but regardless of the actual risk it poses, the situation is widely known, newcomers to the space don't feel safe being around it, and it has effectively closed the hacker space since March.

At least one of the directors communicated that they'd prefer we don't raise funds for this particular project but instead focus on getting more basement folks to contribute monthly revenue through recurring donations, and they will fund and handle the abatement. Furthermore, we can kill two birds with one stone by using this as an opportunity to de-clutter the space. Our attitude is that it's been over 2 months and a decision has still not been made about what to do, coupling the abatement with other efforts is more likely to ensure it never gets done, and we are willing to fund and organize the abatement ourselves.

- we want to raise funds to cover or at least contribute to the costs
- we want to meet the abatement people in person to evaluate how competent they seem

Action items:

- p: organize fundraising
- omni & daniel: fill in the gaps on details about quotes acquired so far, & schedule meetings with abatement pros to do a gut check

2025 07 16

- intros / intentions
 - sy: woodshop and hackerspace utilize the same space but it doesn't really make sense for us to be lumped into the same group just because we use the same area. Sy started feeling more empowered to take up space when it became a rent-paying arrangement. open to
 - llama: jessie was there before all of us. there's a long backlog of conversations of projects that got dropped. there was good ventilation in the space at one point
 - llama: wants to do ventilation again, get ooza and other machines operational again
 - the fact that wb had no clear process for infrastructural improvements caused this to stall repeatedly
 - maria: involved with wb since 2017, interested in learning or even just supporting the working group. can be the person to talk to get clarity on communications w/ matt.
 - micro: interested in small scale manufacturing, hosting workshops, teaching digital security. has other spaces to fulfill personal needs for maker stuff. has been maintaining digital infra, has lately been fighting ai bots scraping the site and that's why some things have been down. wants people to get hands on experience, giving them permission to break things.
 - daniel: first came to wb for the reading group, got involved with basement in winter after getting into modular synths and some 3d prints. wants to get more people enjoying access once the asbestos is clear
 - paul: interested in a space for technical skillshares. wants to reband to be less tied to the physical location on the basement.
 - josh: apologizes for the name "basement". is happy the space still exists and has interest / activity after being gone a for a while. stresses there will be waxing and waning in membership
 - cal: interested in communizing the maintenance of maintenance of tools in the space. have machines with multiple people who have the domain knowledge to fix them is better than private ownership.
- HOPE
 - we are invited to table at hope
 - we can't use the name Woodbine anymore
 - how do we tell people to plug in, come to dinner? come to the basement?
- asbestos
 - we were all ready to go before the transition
- cleaning out the front area didn't happen, we need to clear shit out finally

next action items

- we need a new name to give to hope
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2025 07 23

meeting notes 2025 07 23

attendance: cal, llama, daniel, p, jimmy

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1. charter: https://pad.riseup.net/p/73OEI3gXjkRy5qQU-z_P
2. asbestos
3. hope

Charter

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last week we took stock of what in particular people were interested in in being involved with the space. the main themes were:

- a communally maintained workshop
- technical skillshare community
- infra improvements to space

cal: we need to stop bringing broken stuff into the space

jimmy: wants to see more involvement/initiative/collective care of the space. skillshares a good start

gym's charter includes a list of required recurring space-reproducing labor in order to be a member. what would that look like for us? possibilities:

- rotating hosting of weekly(?) craft sessions / pre-post meeting times
- cleaning?
- specific tool maintenance tasks?

fundraising?

branding ourselves as the technical researchers / tinkerers of the space that people can go to if they want to tinker. "applications of autonomy".

"A technical skillshare group teaching practical skills for autonomy-- one of these practices is maintaining a shared workspace"-- but also we're trying to build self-sustaining practices and infrastructure whether or not it's DIY or self-hosted

cal: should we be fixing people's phones and desk lamps and stuff?

jimmy: yeah sure sometimes. we should help people fix things themselves rather than fixing it for them

llama: do we want people who have solid specific goals to use our gear in an extractive way?
maybe we can cater to them in a way different from "membership"?

p: i feel a desire to make the group / space more invitational/accessible to those who are turned off
by a status quo hackerspace without political commitments

jimmy: we have a lot of software skills in the group. focusing on that for initial skillshares could be
an easy win.

jimmy: this group can provide a supporting role for the tech admin committee.

there are liability concerns around using some of the gear

we need better airflow

cal: maybe the fact that the basement is so inaccessible has protected us from theft

the fire hazard of the basement. having a one-way lock that only opens from the inside but stays
locked from the outside

we've never really though much about security

add something in the charter that specifies what things are off limits for "non-members"

something in the direction of making people sign a waiver before they go downstairs?

p: microcredentialing on particular pieces of gear

TODO: work out details around liability

add something about flooding? is dealing with backflow still an issue?

*In what ways could your group potentially come into conflict with other groups or others who use
the space, and how can you mitigate this potential conflict?]*

daniel: we want clarity around who is part of this working group vs separate ones (like
screenprinting). jimmy: we need clear boundaries about who is responsible for managing stuff
storage in basement.

SPOKES MEETING 2025-08-09

Representatives: Micro (speaker); daniel (notes)

Amendment: "All working groups should commit to working with the Fundraising committee to find ongoing ways for our group to support Ridgewood Commons"

"Relational Skills" prospective committee withdrew their charter because they decided that although the group of people who were involved in this group will continue to meet, they decided that they are, at this time, not sure if a working group is the right "form" for this group to take. *This action raises questions about how a group of people who aren't incorporated as a working group/admin committee may be formally recognized in this space.*

Spokes council Planning Group (SPG) amendment: change to allow only Spokes Council delegates to be involved ?

There was some discussion of difficulty/lack of clarity about distinguishing Tech Admin vs Technical Collective. Also difficulty distinguishing basement facilities management vs technical collective. Not yet resolved.

A point was made about writing the charter in such a way as to use open-ended, generic phrasing over specific phrasing. For example, the charter should declare: "we will work with the Fundraising Committee to determine a monthly contribution," rather than writing, "we will make a monthly contribution of \$200/month." The former is flexible enough to allow for changes in monthly contribution without going through the lengthy process of re-ratifying the charter.

Comms Admin Committee does not yet know what sort of process will be put in place to allow other people to make social media posts.

Spread the word:

- on this Sunday, 2:30-5pm, there will be cats in the space
- September 4, Narcan training, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Opening party fundraiser: September 20th 5pm-11pm (with tabling recruitment from each group, + fundraising raffle, + talent show + food/beverage)
- food pantry wants support with driving/sorting --- anyone have a car? or late night helpers on sunday/?
- Wed 27th August, 6:30, queer line dancing + brokeback mountain screening
- this Tuesday, Mark doing electrical work in the space
- anyone want to be a yoga instructor?
- Aug 15th, there's a whole space rental for a film shoot. They're looking for extras!
- Aug 31st til 3pm, whole space rental
- in 6 months, there will be an opportunity to review and revise the "two-wheel" spokes council model
- every saturday, noonish, there will be an opportunity to table when CSA pickup occurs
- commons.nyc

"ask it later" counter: 3+

"is it a direct response" counter: 3+

SPOKES MEETING 2025-09-11

Representatives: Jonah (speaker); daniel (notes); micro ("advisor")

Jonah questioned if individual working groups should establish an internal quorum so that their voting delegate can faithfully speak and represent the members of the working group. At this time, spokecouncil has not established any quorum-like mechanism to address this concern, but it could be useful in the future. For now, the delegates will cast votes reflecting the group to the best of their knowledge, and if specific group members are upset with the results then those people can get more involved and bring forward changes to address their concerns at a future Spokes meeting.

After last month's Spokes meeting, the council received feedback that they should allow for more dialogue and discussion among attendees. In response, they have begun considering establishing a parallel meeting format in the style of a community forum.

Legal updates:

- There will be an MOU document produced and key access codes (and other powers?) will be given to people who sign.
- In January, RC's insurance is due for renewal. Last year was \$3000 and it is expected to increase from year to year. If we proactively create more waivers, it can help us secure a better price on RC's insurance plan.
- Gym already has a waiver. Perhaps Basement "borrowed" a waiver from Hack Manhattan or another maker space previously. So far nobody has signed it!

Finance + fundraising updates:

- RC now has a fiscal sponsor! They are not charging us any fee!
 - Fiscal sponsor is Monkworks (Father Mike). Monkworks typically runs food pantries.
 - RC has a bank account but at this time has no online banking credentials
- RC now has withfriends: <https://withfriends.events/o/ridgewood-commons/join/>
 - this account was created by tech/comms group (not directly the finance group)
 - since being established yesterday, about \$230 per month are being contributed
- \$7116 in bank account right now
- CSA sales will begin in 3 weeks. If sales are consistent with last year, expect ~\$2600.
- The agreement between RC and woodbine left ambiguity about whether woodshop/basement owes money to RC

Facilities

- if consumables are consumed or labor expended or non-negligible financial contributions are made, let Iris know

There are now three separate digital forms that anybody can use to book the space for an event. Rentals are a major way to bring in \$\$\$ to RC!

Tech&Comms updates:

- find info here <https://wiki.commonsnyc.org/books/rc-tech-comms/page/2025-09-11-spokescouncil-meeting-update>
- <https://ridgewoodcommonsnyc.org/>
- <https://commonsnyc.org/> (this is micro's personal site, not official)
- Should the current responsibilities of Tech&Comms be reorganized such that "PR" becomes a separate admin committee?
- we're "coming out" tomorrow as Ridgewood Commons (?)

On Sept. 20th there will be an opening party 5pm-11pm

Proposals

1. [Bathroom cleaning](#) - there are amendments proposed!
2. [Community announcements chat](#) - approved!
3. [Coordination chat](#) - this has been withdrawn, as issues were raised and Ash (who wrote the proposal) was not in attendance to respond. ie. *Does each working group need to have (at least) one member?*
4. [Physical calendar](#) - approved!
5. [Sunday trash](#) - approved!
6. [stopping rags in sink](#) - its an announcement/demand. its approved, just barely. andrew is forcing the issue as a tactic for establishing a better channel for these types of announcements.
 - according to some past document, this type of announcement is a concrete proposal to the culture of our community

WG announcements:

If we want to put any proposals forward next Spokes meeting, we should write them to be submitted within 2 weeks from now.

2025 11 06

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attendance: daniel, micro, llama, sy, pcm

Agenda

Personal / Action Item Checkins (10 min)

- vibe check
- consensus on this agenda
- updates on woodshop enclosure prototyping
- how are tues/thurs quiet hours working out?

Disaster Preparedness (10 min)

- should we move the electronics station out of the flood zone? if we're already trying to keep the picnic table clear, then it could live in the flood zone in peace (~pcm)
- need to keep the drains clear, keep stuff off the floor
- more permanent flood protection for ooza?

Object Stewardship & Lifetimes (10 min)

- clearing out space and removing unused items (~Jimmy)
- cleaning responsibilities, taking care of the space for your activities (~Jimmy)
- create a more rigid process for adding items to space e.g. having a plan and stakeholders for stuff we bring in and want to happen (~Jimmy)
- biweekly cleaning party (thursdays?) ~Sy general cleanup + assessing what's living in the space

Outreach (10 min)

- solar build workshop Sat Nov 15-- any conflicts?
- figure out a working name or whatever in order to start posting to socials to promote RC with stuff that happens in basement. (~LP)
- sewing collective? (~pcm)

Storage / Layout (15 min)

- get poles and build remaining steel wire shelving? (~LP) +2
- review rendering of potential hallway storage plan (~LP)

Action Item Roundup (5 min)

- Proposed name is Ridgewood Commons Hackshop
- Agreed to have one 'hands-on meeting' a month - for cleaning and hands on work
- Bea is planning on taking the big laser on Monday
- Bea can take the ceramic printer, but NYC Resistor has first dibs
- We are going to clean up the roof - 11am thursday
 - How to announce, and where
 - What to announce
 - we need people to prepare by clearing the floor
 - if you have stuff in the back please help - specifically, sewing collective, silkscreening, electronics, laser cutter
 - we need people who want to help the day of
- blue tape label experiment
 - if you are bottom lining something, add your name on a piece of blue tape
 - if you have a question about an item, add a question mark, and date

Notes

vibe check

paul: too much on my plate, need to delegate stuff

myf: feeling much better than last year. alive again, but a newborn baby, a human again. happy to help w/ tech micro: feels like everyone else is doing stuff but is excluded

sy: had a heated discussion w/ jimmy where he felt like he was being picked on for his stuff/mess given that it's a more general problem with everyone

micro: hopefully will be addressed by object stewardship stuff

woodshop updates:

sy & jessie bought tarps, will hang them next week. just tarps & grip clips, everything modular, moveable, temporary. tarp will extend to next to the picnic table. the tarps will box off the woodshop from the 3d printer / ooza area and extend all the way to the wall next to the picnic table, with a zip door.

disaster preparedness

flood prevention

updates on what happened during flooding

sy: - in the areas where the water is pooling, slant the floor towards the drains - the collapsing ceiling is threatening water and electrical damage. we should remove the ceiling and either leave it exposed + keep it clean or re-add sheet rock.

micro: leaving it open is gonna contribute to more dust in the space

sy: polyurethane or wood-filler could be used to seal in-between the floorboards. leaving the sheetrock off will lessen the flood damage

ACTION ITEM: plan a thursday to replace the sheetrock to save us from an electrocution flood

llama: there is no asbestos in the ceiling

sy: we should still wear masks & put a hepa filter on the shopvac

backflow prevention

llama: marc will give us a quote on installing a backflow prevention

pcm: dino also says we should snake the drain

moving the soldering station

if we repair the ceiling the flood pattern will change so maybe we shouldn't decide on that yet

micro: until the area is clear just move electronics up front

micro: why are we hanging out at the work tables instead of up front

TABLED: think about why our activity is centered around the current work tables and consider moving up to the picnic tables

Object Stewardship & Lifetimes (10 min)

micro: i label things with blue tape but not everything. proposal: label stuff with blue tape with a question mark to prompt the owner or whoever knows whos thing it is to label it.

sy: good idea but let's also add a date (if you see a question mark with a date months in the past then curb it)

PROPOSAL: label objects with blue tape as above

bi-weekly cleaning party

should tackle physically cleaning the space + also trying to figure what shit is abandoned or whatever

PROPOSAL: the monthly full-basement meetings should be followed immediately by the group cleaning / wtf-is-this session

PROPOSAL / ANNOUNCEMENT: thursday nov 13 11am ceiling repair session (until the spokescouncil meeting)

TABLED: where should we put the announcement about this & how should we phrase it

more rigid process for bringing stuff into space

micro: addressing outtake (with the blue tape solution) solves the intake problem because it creates a p

marc shows up with an update!

backflow update

marc: heard back from the plumber about the backflow. the valve needs be installed on the city-side of the ptrap and requires a bunch of work

outreach

naming the space

sy: "ridgewood commons workshop"

daniel: "what about the writing workshop"

llama: something that invokes autonomy and exploration. "hackerspace" captures this

micro: nobody actually puts "hackerspace" in the name of their hackerspace

sy: something that indicates that it's a physical workspace

PROPOSAL: "ridgewood commons hackshop"

sy: "ridgewood commons autonomous hackshop" could be shortened to AHACK

micro & llama: [feelings about hacker school / recurse center]

sy: "hackshop" makes it clearer that it's not just tech nerd shit and there's an actual workspace here

pcm: it sounds more working class-- "bring it to the fuckin' hackshop they'll fix it up for ya"

sy: "it's important to me that there isn't a divide between working class and tech people in a space like this"

sewing collective

we'd love to have them and micro want to by faraday bags from them

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2025 Dec 04 Meeting Notes

finances

- 4200-6000 per month in expenses
- benefit fundraisers are currently what is paying our rent
- we're only bringing in \$2800/mo
 - basement contributes \$300-something per month
 - 100 + 125 + 80 + 50
 - daniel: can we ask for money to improve the basement

relationship w/ facilities & dino

- RC is 3 individuals on the lease. it's unclear how much of our isolation from dino is his preference vs RC leaseholders protecting nature of the RC/LL relationship
- it would be reasonable to ask vanessa to act more as a go-between for facilities to dino
- sy: is this what we're expecting from vanessa? they have their own legal relationship
- for now we'll @vanessa in the facilities chat

potential termite damage on the right side of the roof

- dino is expecting us to inspect the right side of the ceiling
- lp popped a hole in-between joists to inspect one header and it looked clean but it took 10 minutes.
- with a team of 3 people it might be a 1-2 hour job inspecting the joist headers on the right side of the wall
- lp: should we seal the exposed sealing with something so that dust and shit doesn't come down.
- TODO: we should follow up with dino to see if he's actually planning to put sheetrock up

backflow update

- we still need to get a quote back from mark
- we don't know how we're gonna pay for it
- we can pay better attention to rainfall amount predictions
- it's really bad twice a year

lighting for the basement

- buy better panels for upstairs and move the shitty ones downstairs
- todo: think about where the 6? panels should live in the basement
- lp's 3d model tour
- sy: what if we flipped the woodshop to the other side of the beam-- swapping with where the hackerspace tables are right now. there's no longer any sheetrock ceiling so maybe the height wouldn't be an issue for jessie like it was in the past

2026-03-05-Basement-Logistics

Wood storage

- Is it sufficient for S? / Feeling pretty good, we'll cross other bridges as they come
- Collective wood storage

M belongings

- F agreed to be liaison - we need the space
- Alternative storage solutions

+ Big shelving for hallway

- Jo can look at big reuse
- Can measure scrap board and see if it would size well for bins.

Scheduling talk

- Logistics Chat as THE place for space use coordination vs. DMs
- Request programming/rentals join Basement Logistics
- Includes any basement use like coat or phone storage.
- General agreement on no recurring bookings ?
- Add link to booking calendar to Basement Logistics group? ~LP/P
- Turn booking-calendar into subscribal calendar? ~LP/P
- Quiet hours: Tues/Thurs 8 till late

Availability of roasting & screenprinting

- + Coffee: For coffee interest -> direct to jimmy (if experienced), no training available
- Current users - M / N / J
- Screenprinting: TBD

Dust wall check in

Not addressed / Lightly addressed

Express the needs we have

- from the space
- each other
- RC Programming

Are there actually 4 groups in the basement coordinating within their groups or just a bunch of individuals

Action items

- ☐ llama to talk to frank after pantry about maricella's stuff ~llama
- ☐ Get shelving specs to Jo ~LP
- ☐ j checks big reuse for shelving ~J
- ☐ Measure OSB and make rough sketch of what bin shelf might look like. ~LP
- ☐ S to mark with tape which wood is personal (mon/tues) ~sy
- ☐ Develop an SOP that involved releasing quiet hours back to free use

Agreements

We cannot allow the other side of basement to be "repaired" in the same manner.

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2026.05.28 - ppp

May 28th, 2026 9:00pm

Agenda

Review of history of meeting cadence and scheduled space use

Onboarding + (welcoming)

Shelving build out & shelving sections (@L)

Cohere around plans for building out "hallway* storage.

Assess use and arrangement of current sections: hack/build, setup/cleanup, electronics, hand tools, textiles, doom/to file, print

Backflow (@L)

See [wiki](#)

Points of unity / CoC (@L)

Agree on and record some basic points of shared space use. (including storage, cleaning up, organization, "resetting" the space)

Membership (@m) - clarity around self-identified members, for practical (cleaning rotation, yearbook) and philosophical (relationship with the space and goals) reasons

Ventilation Proposals (@m) - writing a proposal for ventilation work, goal to support existing + future activities

Resin Printing (@m) - layout what work is needed and if we should support resin printing in the space

Purchasing Priorities (@m) - ridgewood commons has a budget, let's figure out what needs and wants to address

Last minute additions

Dust Wall improvement (@L)

Replace black tool cabinet (@L)

Hackshop name consent (@L)

Blog (General or Hackshop?) (@L)

Hackshop tool marking (@L)

Notes

- small history of meetings
- doing a regular monthly meeting for hackers could be on a tuesday before circuit hack
^set up circuit hack on red cal!
- outreach for new ppl - what is it like for people to come down, what is it like for people to enter the space? what can I touch? are we welcoming to ppl (physically ie wood, precarious materials, squeezing around stuff, etc.)
 - onboarding
 - having the space be welcoming
 - want it to feel like a nice space for new ppl
- what do 'members' do
 - self identified members
 - how do we know what needs to be done
 - if we want individual responsibility how does it work to ask for it
 - what does it look like between the hackers and the greater space
- ^ we've had a lot of conflict about this
- woodshop space usage
 - maybe strictly defining a space for woodshop to stay inside (tape off spaces?)
- consensus! consensus! consensus! (we're thinking about it)
- looking at more woodshop waivers
- TODO lists (have todo lists)
- QR code for tasks list

To add to TODO:

- checklist for circuit hacking

LP proposes and is moving forward with using money to buy shelves for storage - should cost about \$150 - agrees to document the plan and the spending

backflow/flooding

- we might need a backflow prevention system
- we need to contact an expert
- start trial consensus decision making NOW (amongst the hackers)

2026 06 15 Basement Logistics

TEMPORARY SHARED DOC TO BE COPIED TO WIKI HERE

<https://wiki.ridgewoodcommons.nyc/books/basement-organizing-documentation>

Basement Meeting 2026 Mon June 15 8:30pm

Agenda

- Tool labeling scheme, thinking plasti-dip. (Maybe even something like a color for RC, color for Basement, color for "open side")
- Hallway storage diagram -<https://wiki.ridgewoodcommons.nyc/books/basement-organizing-documentation>
- Rental Fees Etc
- Communication Issues
- Upstairs / Downstairs
- Tool-labels 7
- Rental / Money Stuff
- Spatial Use

Notes

Tool labels

Tool labels would keep S & J's tools from getting lost / mixed in with other stuff

S: we should have some more signage

3 colors for tools

Visioning for Spatial Use

C: I've been coming here for a year and a half and it's unclear to me what can happen here or when. S: I was taken aback that you came here and didn't ask me about using the space C: I realized I thought the quiet hours were the entire Tuesday and not just after 8pm

J: LP had mentioned implementing some kind of time booking system

M: the gym does something similar but doesn't feel restrictive

S: the time slot booking thing this could work if there was a finite number of quiet hours

L: If I had a magic wand, would implement a system where each entity in the basement gets one unit of booking time

J: I don't pay but

\$280 for woodshop \$100 for coffee roasting

C: can we schedule use of the space ahead of time

S: yeah just ask ahead of time

J: there's asymmetric scheduling, where the people doing loud sounds can do stuff whenever they want S: we just talk about conflicts when they arise L: the quiet hours sign should stay small but be posted more prominently C: what I like about the upstairs is how collaborative and possible it is to propose anything B/JJ: I thought the expectation that was set if anyone wants to book for times outside of quiet hours they just need to ask in advance M: the current way to enter the space is unintelligible and a barrier for entry. there should be clear onboarding processes S: I agree. I don't think there should be a way for random strangers to book time in the space. I think people should come spend time and see if they can gel etc, there is more expensive, sensitive, dangerous stuff. Who pays for shit if something gets broken. J: There's a tension between private tools etc in the space vs this being an open space that is open to community buy-in. L: frustrated that people haven't noticed the info sheet. we made agreements that weren't kept because people didn't notice it somehow. we should pin messages. Participation here is based on social capital. S: want to note the difference between necessity vs convenience. You can move circuit hacking upstairs sometimes. I cannot physically do this work anywhere in the space. Is the dust barrier good enough? Do we want to start doing some kind of open shop day? B: it would be good to have a doc that lays out how a new person's first time tour should look P: programming refuses to engage with the logistics chat anymore for scheduling. people who are in community and

Renters

J: S, your rental deal was with Matt right? S: I met LP, LP said talk to J, I brought some stuff in. Matt changed the door code and shook me down for money. When the split happened Dora talked to me about the new deal. J: to the point of private vs public, if a 3d printer is broken, that is a collective

loss. if I had magic wand and started from scratch, any tools that were brought in here would be collective and liable to damage etc. if people stopped paying rent that would mean a more horizontal way of relating to the space. M: I am removing the Resin tent because it is not longer serving the community. i've brought in a lot of stuff that L brought in and don't want to do that anymore. L: Uncomfortable with lack of clarity around public vs private tools & stuff in the space. I wished for a layout where there were two private cabinets one each for Jessie and Sy. I am constantly cleaning & removing stuff and it's leading to a build-up of resentment. S: I was fine with communal use of my tools until Matt made me start paying. My shit got moved around a lot. It's only recently that I actually have dedicated space. If we make stuff communal we also need to make sure they know how to use them and acknowledge the cost and labor of maintenance. C: it sounds like further containment of the workshop would be useful in terms of disruption & clarity of what tools are public/private. The existing barriers have been a great improvement but could we use the organization of physical space to make the usage boundaries more clear. Containment may also increase space safety by hiding all the dangerous stuff. Should there be a point of contact for onboarding to particular things. J: I think the paradigm should be reversed: if you bring something down here, the space is allowing you to store you thing in this space in NYC where space is very expensive. If you are uncomfortable with something getting damaged, then it shouldn't be here. If I could pay \$100 to store my stuff here I would but the opportunity was never presented to me. M: I removed the resin tent because I wasn't willing to put the labor into making it a communal object. We should put personal labels & stuff on objects. This place turned into storage for a while.

Hallway Storage

L: gonna ask for money to implement the hallway storage. We should make a spreadsheet that is the same shape as the shelving & will allow us to collaborate on what should go where. [stuff about screenprinting I missed] M: thanks for asking for money

Wait One Last Thing

L: you wanted to do a sheetrock workshop? can we chop the sheetrock up into smaller squares? S: yeah we can chop it up or get rid of it.

ACTION ITEMS

- talk about schedule credit system
- discuss open hours
- organize build night for the hallway shelving

2026-09-17-

basement_general_meeting

Basement Meeting discussion items for September 17th 6:30pm

This meeting is intended for discussion and information sharing. We will not make any binding decisions.

Please enter discussion items below and include a estimated time allotment. Feel free to add items even if you cannot attend the meeting, but please try to delegate someone to bring them up on your behalf.

- (20 min - b) Should we have meetings and what should they look like? I'd like to discuss having regular meetings, and also meetings as a venue for bigger intra-basement decision making.
- We should have meetings. They should have agendas, or at least general areas of focus. OTOH kinda tired of attending meetings filled with talk about things that should happen. ~L
- Dust wall improvement
- <https://wiki.ridgewoodcommons.nyc/link/417#bkmrk-dust-wall>
- Some DOOM
- <https://wiki.ridgewoodcommons.nyc/link/417#bkmrk-doom>
- Need to go through the supplies that were in white shelving cubbies.
- Bins on black plastic shelving
- Bins under steel shelving towards front
- (jona) circuit hacking handover
- (charlie) scheduling
- (jessie) stuff in the front corner
- (Sy) point person for booking stuff

Announcements:

- "Hallway shelving project" delayed due to shelves being used by pantry, need to order more materials.

Minutes

L: dust wall improvements - can i trim the tarp.

discussion of wall stuff happening

J: circuit hacking I don't wanna be the sole person in charge of this. And let's make it more general.

B: Let's make signal group for circuit hacking coordinators, and we can make it more general.

S: can we move quiet hours

L: reorganizing stuff will make hosting circuit hacking easier.

basically mon,tue,wed,thur are all quiet hours - so let's make thurs non-quiet

C: scheduling discussion

L: discussing getting rid of un-owned stuff in the white cubbies. No one opposes.

J let's get rid of stuff under the pipes in the front corner. Stuff to be removed. There is alcohol.

S: point-person for booking stuff, how do we do it? Can I do it. You can do it.

B: meetings, this went okay!! I will schedule another meeting in about a month.