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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 scheduled 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 your 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

