

GA Planning 1/10

Check in wisdom

- Role transitioning/people coming in is a qualitative shift in the organization of the space
- Getting more people involved in space administration as focus of energy
- Design misses a lot of needs
- Additional alignment among admin collective people
- Burn to make space for new growth
- Being able to take space and return refreshed is a good sign, move toward
- Role in ongoing mutual aid in the neighborhood, connecting to emerging neighborhood energy
- Building a program for the GA
- Ways of being in the space that feel regenerative or regenerating outside the space

Agenda Setting

- What is a GA
 - o Big meeting to generate ideas and topics
 - o Not as useful for specific detail-work
 - o Allow people to self-organize
- § Increase capacity
 - **Goals of GA (40 min)** Build consensus
 - o **Help everyone understand what has happened**
 - § Why we set up the spokes in the first place
 - What is hard in the spokes, what works
 - § What is RC now
 - § Communicate in a chill way that we are not Woodbine
 - o ****Build shared narrative and vision**

§ Why are we all here

- What are we trying to do
- What does this space need to keep functioning

§ What do we think this space is

- Collective of projects

§ This can happen in broad discussion, then relegated to a committee, then brought back for broader discussion

§ Picking point people and having them self-organize

- Can include new committees and/or existing committees

o Generate buy-in and interest in the space

§ Keep the space funded

§ Inviting people into leadership roles in the space creates more investment

o Determine ongoing role of the spokes, if any

§ Re-transition with less urgency and more insight

§ Outside groups may have desires for the space that would impact their work

§ If Spokes continues, clarify the relationship between the GA and spokes

o Advocate for scalable, participatory organizing and governance

§ Some people were used to being able to just show up

§ What does it mean to carry this project together

o Address cynicism and encourage optimism

o Broadcasting to the larger community in Ridgewood

o Cookies, dinner after

· **Main Engagement Questions for the GA**

o What do we care about; What are things impacting you, this community, society, and the world that we can address together?

§ Tension between the bigger vision/outside stuff and the closer social reproduction stuff

o What do you want to get out of the space in the next year

§ Hopes, fears, goals

· **How do we want to achieve those goals**

o Proposed Meeting structure

§ Context and history (10 min)

§ General Exercise to understand what the issues in the room are (20 min)

· Hopes and Fears; Rosebud/Thorn conversation

§ Breakout discussion utilizing Liberating structures 4-2-1 Model (45 min)

· Journal as individuals, pair up and elevate best ideas, pair with pair and pick 2,

§ Big group conversation (45 min)

· (30 minutes reports back)

o **Need: Butcher paper or projector**

· (15 minutes weaving consensus and committee-building; invitation to create written reports back)

§ Note cards that people can put up in the space to guide us as we move forward

o Potential series of GAs

§ Grounding

§ Practical process/form conversations

§ Maybe seasonal meetings

o Drawing out contradictions

§ Potentially finding places of alignment within contradictions

o Frame initial conversation as very positive

§ Criticisms of other experiences are useful for framing what you want to see

§ Creating a container for fears can be helpful for making sure people have heard each other

- What is the value for people coming to GA from inside
 - o Sharing positive experiences and creating a culture around that
 - o Meeting everyone
- What is the value for folks outside the neighborhood
 - o Benefit from the wisdom of others who are invested in the space
 - o Should they be invited?
- **Asynchronous proposal**
 - o Post to Spokes WG Chat
 - o Voting on the proposal via emoji
 - o Have WG/Acs identify delegates
 - o Vote by EOD Wednesday to be counted
- **Timeline for GA**
 - o **Sunday 2/8**
 - § Doors 3:30; Meeting 4:00-6:00pm – transition into dinner
 - o Invitations out by 1/17
- **Action Items**
 - o Set up Private WithFriends event - Libby
 - § Dinner? Dietary restrictions – This will let our lovely dinner folks prepare
 - Talk to Dinner people - Paul
 - § Child care
 - Reach out to child crafts and tutoring groups - Ash
 - § Language services
 - We have a couple whisper translators (Spanish)

- o Ash/Libby to reach out

- o Follow up meetings

§ Facilitation

- Pedagogy

- Choosing facilitator based on RSVP

- ID and secure tools

- o Butcher paper - Libby

- o Working markers - Libby

- o Note cards - Libby

- o Tape

§ History of RC

- o Outreach

§ Minimum orgs

- o Set up GA book for the Wiki - Libby

