

Jacob's proposal - (in google doc, get details)
Temperature check - proposal will be revisited tomorrow

Police Liaison group's notes are available on website under "committees" page.

Reading notes from after last night's G.A.
solutions proposed to help deal with issues

1. moving tents to organized structure for transparency, would lead to more safety
2. bringing in a social worker, 2 10x10ft tents with tables
3. taking all tarps down that cover sleeping areas
4. creating a relationship with those exhibiting unwanted behavior
5. We can't be in a position of negotiating
6. Move to a Private lot
7. another R2D2 type safety camp
8. setting up indoor exploratory group
9. start restructuring triangles one by one

Mike: last night, 10-20 of use stood in a circle after GA and came up with solutions. What we'd like to do is create solutions that we're taking action on or other issues we can agree to take action on. We're looking for people to donate 2 10x10 ft tents for social workers willing to donate time. We want to restructure so that we can help those people in camp.

Axcelle: During education meeting, we came up with a few ideas that would be helpful, including a conversation with Dennis Lundberg of Yellow Brick Road.

New Solutions which will then be temp checked

1. On the internet this weekend, I was reading about winter camping as it related to the occupation. the person writing the post noted that orientation and sighting in relation to wind and rain and snow is very important. so i'm hoping that the committee that is restructuring the layout of the site will take that into consideration.
 2. I'm representing the spokescouncil working group. We feel this model can address many structural issues in camp. We're starting to disseminate info about the model. It's modeled after Occupy Wall St. It's starting to be used there tonight. The idea behind it is like the spokes of a wheel. Committees and caucuses come together. There's a spoke/representative that facilitates small scale discussion that represents broader camp issues needing to be discussed. It's easier, more digestible decision making within camp. We have a proposal that will be disseminated in camp tomorrow. This is an impromptu proposal announcement because tonight's format has changed. We want everyone involved so we can discuss this collaboratively. Hopefully Thursday we can bring this to you to be voted on.
 3. This is creative imagery perspective (GET EMAIL)
 4. I don't know how many people are aware of Mayor's open letter to the Occupation. I'll summarize. Time is running out really fast. He would like to put us on the world stage, what it looks like for a city and an occupation to work together. he would like to join us to do that. We should respond to that in a timely way. Creating a response to the Mayors open letter. One thing I'd like to propose is an every 1/2 hr walk-through for a member of the police and safety team to go through together.
 5. If we closed the kitchen to everybody, then have vouchers for people working for Occupy. The rest who just eat here won't be able to anymore. It sounds radical but it'd take care of that.
 6. For the women that cannot defend themselves, we should set up a women's self-defense class here.
 7. We are a movement of leaders and we need decisive action and take leadership into our own hands. We have always said that certain types of behaviors are not acceptable whether it is racism, sexism, homophobia, or drug use, it does not matter. If it's unacceptable for the well-being of this community, then it must be addressed and those behaviors must stop. Having said that, when entering the camp site, it's a tricky matter. We've tried that in the past with very limited success. Part of the issue I see is that not everyone is on site at all times. Some of us have jobs and other commitments and random reshuffling of tents have created more confusion than borders. So what I suggest is to have engineering people work with some urban planners, perhaps from PSU or from other places to draw up a very precise diagram of how the tents are going to be laid out. in that way, those moves can be done in an orderly and less stressful manner.
 8. I feel like we're missing a little bit of the point. What we've done from the beginning of this movement that we've claimed autonomy as individuals but we haven't claimed sovereign space. The police are not doing their job, they're getting paid overtime to watch fights and say "they have a safety team to take care of it". What they want to happen is for some innocent to get hurt so they can come in here with public support to tear us up. The headlines will read "occupy portland shield prostitution ring" when the headline should read "portland police get paid to not do their job". The cops come in here and arrest people smoking pot and drinking beer. The cops aren't coming in here to break up the fights.
 9. People aren't being as vigilant as they could be. We could have a team of people searching for and confronting people who show unwanted behavior.
 10. Axcelle's recommendations from the education/sustainability meeting: there is no separation between our groups and humanize people before we start talking about things we don't know about.
 - reappropriation of workshop space to invite NA and AA to be present for those who wish to use their services
 - provide a youth services booth, checkin space for vulnerable youth
 - creating safe spaces on site, including people occupying meeting neighbors, creating community spaces watched by people inhabiting that space
 - affinity groups from marginalized individuals, create space on site that would foster education and safe space (ie: women's space for anti-oppression workshops)In that conversation, these are solutions we thought we could implement ourselves. We're at full capacity, the people upset about these issues are contributing ideas are not here. If we could get 1 hr a day or week to help implement these things, creating relationships with people from outside. So please people on outside, get over your fear and come down and help out.
- Mike with last night's notes: I read through all the notes and it seems like it all said we should look at more interaction between us and social workers. Another theme is transparency throughout the camp. If we could possibly bring in another tent for job creation. Another concern was that that side (BETA) of camp was not well represented. So maybe camp issues could be discussed there in the morning, something to talk about.

Facilitator: We'll do a temp check for the five we want to talk about.

Hand tally for 5 top solutions, everyone gets 2 votes

1. 0 votes
2. 7
3. 0
4. 39 safety and police working together, mayor's open letter discussion
5. 10 closing the kitchen
6. 3
7. 22 urban planners
8. 9
9. 6
10. 17 education package
11. 5

Concern: I'm primarily concerned with the inevitability that any overhaul will be rejected by camp
Concern: I'm concerned that we're cutting off solution ideas and that there are other ideas not being heard.

Discussion

safety and police walk through camp every 1/2 hr

I'm on peace and safety and there are a couple of problems with this solution. we're already highly criticized for any relationship we have with the police. i'm already personally under fire for even talking with police. even in the most extreme scenarios. the second issue is that there's a good portion of this movement camping over there that can't stand the police. they are the ones that have the issue with this type of solution. so i fear it will not be fruitful with the intentions that are designed.

nobody wants to be part of the snitch squad. the police need to do their job. maybe we need to make a wall of shame for those exhibiting unwanted behavior. we should ask the cops to do their job more frequently. public humiliation.

to the end of responding to the mayor, i will be drafting a personal letter to him that i'll publicize. one thing i forgot to mention is that we are here to assert our first amendment rights. we're here to peaceably assemble, but currently there is not much peace. i'll be writing about that.

my understanding is that the mayor is reaching out to this group. maybe we should invite him to GA. how do we dialogue with the mayor?

conflict of interest, i don't think we want the cops involve with camp. i think we should police ourselves. we're using taxpayer dollars which makes us look bad to the media. these mobs of kids are scary. i'd like us to police ourselves, how do we go about doing that?

i remember a couple of weeks ago, peace and safety was actually asking for support from the police, i just want to express that i think any time, as far as cop hating goes, any time you hate a person because of their place in society, before you know them, it's fascism, if we work with them would be a good symbolic thing.

policing ourselves would be not an ideal situation. i have been on the street for a couple weeks now. you cant trust everyone around you. i've been personally assaulted by people i thought were friends. i personally feel safer with cops driving by. they're not invading our space, they're just driving by keeping us safe.

i think the problem we're afraid of is repeating a failed system. if we ask police to come through and handle situations we cant, we need people by their side to make sure they're treating people fairly.
-would the fact that someone is on safety, is the camp willing to entrust that person with copwatching?

self policing has been done ineffectively. if self policing isn't working, we need to be bringing in an outside entity.

i think that police officers not only have the training and ability to deal with violent and unsavory situations but also their presence within the camp would show two things ; 1 that we are willing to cooperate with the city of portland and 2 that they are easily recognizable security of force. if you see a police officer you notice a police officer. if that makes some people uncomfortable i think they will avoid the police officers.

sam adams says he'd like to make this a really great occupation, it sure didn't happen in jamison sq., doesn't happen when the occupation tries to grow. if he's working with us, i'd like to have him start doing it.

working with urban planners to restructure camp

my concern with having outside people plan where individuals live is that those individuals might not get a say in their home.

i don't like the line about "exactly how to plan this", for the restructuring, it'd be great to have the theory behind why we would put something in a certain place

if the camp was restructured, it'd allow for more transparency, and a community movement towards safety

if we have a bunch of people telling us what to do, that is top down govt. if we have mass education on what urban planning is, if we have people go to those sessions, there'll be more ownership

it sounds like my idea was somewhat misunderstood. i did not imply that there'd be some kind of closed door discussion outside and dictate policies for everyone to follow. what i wanted to suggest was to start a neighbor to neighbor conversation and take those inputs as a basis for such planning. i recognize there are various community spaces, shared spaces, and tents for specific purposes that serve the community, and all those should be taken into account. therefore i also suggest that those discussions could be better if we formed some kind of neighborhood association consisting of various parts of the camp.

FACILITATOR: one thing we've noticed at the GA, great discussions but a gap in implementation. what would implementation look like.

i think it's hard to know what to get rid of in your entity unless you first know what you have. so i think any kind of restructuring on any level needs to start with a map. making each park block into four clearly identifiable x quadrants based on walkways and plotting tents would let us begin to know where to move forward.

i like this idea because 11 yrs ago i worked to organize a homeless uprising, it became dignity village. we went through this same kind of energy with the city. if PR is your bag or not, it's a necessity. one of the things i liked about this idea was we proposed a green, sustainable village that people had access to. "shuret (sp)" a participatory process that architects look to first.

Education/Outreach Cluster ideas

my concern with NA and AA is that its religious based. if we do something related to drugs and alcohol, perhaps a harm reduction approach would be more appropriate.
-clarification: they're not religious based

there are places in the community where these services are available. we can't fix everything and we need to let go of them

we need to disintegrate fear and educate everyone how capitalist greed has resulted in the drug addiction and alcoholism

i'm afraid that the perspective that we can't solve all these issues is inherently oppressive and that we need to look towards perhaps creating a more sustainable option for this population that is similar to empowering movements like r2d2 and sisters of the road and that we have these opportunities to not drop these people.

there's an open grassy lot down the street, maybe those people can go and occupy that lot

things are coming to a head right now and i feel like as a woman i've been harassed. during urban planning, lets make sure women get to be here and be safe.

if anyone is interested, i work at a place that has a program called smart recovery. it's a dual diagnosis program, mental health and recovery for drug abuse. it's a great option that should be implemented somehow because oftentimes they go hand in hand. the place i work at is nonprofit and most people are volunteers. i'm certain that if most people are interested, we can get volunteers out here to educate and support the community.

Closing the kitchen, giving out tokens or vouchers

every human has the right to food. if you take that right away, how are they going to recover. if you do close the kitchen, i know a bunch of anarchists who will go in and start cooking for everyone.

i do have one practical concern; if we don't provide a centralized kitchen service, we will have serious fire safety issues because i believe most of us are not going to put up for a very long time just eating junk food out of plastic or having to spend a lot of money every day going to restaurants just to eat. so i'm thinking a lot of people are going to start fires and cook their own food. that's going to create a very serious fire safety issues

we are not denying people food. they can get food in places. volunteers are afraid of coming here to volunteer. people are afraid to bring their kids here.

sisters of the road have a model, it's \$1.25 for a meal or you can get a voucher.

my main concern for this idea is how we decide the value of work people do.

maybe we could develop a time based accounting system for volunteers and participants in committee and GAs as a way to track how much they contribute. in times of food shortage, those at the top would have priority.

will we serve food to the disabled if they're not able to work for people? because they won't have a voucher for the work they aren't able to do.

i would like to say there's no way you can put a value on the work people do here. just talking to people who walk in here, there's no voucher for that. it'd make a system with a lot of the same problems we're fighting against.

cops not doing their jobs

i don't see how the police are going to trust or feel compelled to do anything with the dangers here. we can't even trust our safety team, i don't know who's regulating who's on safety. we should do better regulation on who's on safety.

with response to what you just said, there aren't enough volunteers on safety to be picky. there are only a few people stepping up and doing it. the only people i've seen initiate are A camp. that is a group we're trying to conspire against. they drink here and do drugs here but they're the only ones that i've seen chant people out of here. when this was first discussed earlier this evening, something was kevetching that police aren't doing their jobs, because we have prostitution, drugs, etc, but they're also not kicking us out of the park after curfew. so if you don't like what someone's doing, tell them, not us.

everyone here is a peacekeeper, you don't have to call over safety.

the city is choosing not to enforce the camping ban, that doesn't mean they're not enforcing any laws.

lets put this into perspective: the mayor issued a statement tonight. "if you don't clean this up, we're shutting this down". furthermore, the mayor has stated that this could be a model for other cities and other movements to look up to. what i see is a bunch of people bickering about their individual agendas. now, you have a chance to make something out of this. i suggest that everyone really thinks about this. if you think we can police ourselves, we can't. this isn't the wild west. we have gangs of people here that i've never seen. the word's getting out that this is a lawless land.

i don't know if anyone's noticed, i've been chained to a concrete block. i've been here for over a month, as a woman i don't feel that i'm in danger. my father is a heroin addict because of a pharmaceutical company. the people we're trying to remove are the people that have been victimized by the system we're trying to fight against. if you feel these people are dangerous to you, then you don't recognize them as your brothers and sisters. i can tell you that A camp will watch my back whether they have a beer in their hand or not.

i've been working at safety, ya? This is something very small. ya? What we're doing is very small, standing up for ourselves. what will happen when this camp is gone? Go out into the woods. Stop hating your brothers and sisters. Ya? Love in the heart, i've been here doing meditation, yoga, raising consciousness vibration. if you need healing work come see me.

i just want to say that i'm all about self-policing. i'd also like to say that when safety comes up, self-policing is always brought up. my main concern is that self policing is not enough. time is ticking. we need to get to solutions that are pragmatic and support the movement. self-policing by itself is not enough.
-the encampment is not the movement. systemic failures are happening daily. outreach and education is.-

it needs to be made clear that it's not about individuals, it's about behaviors that are causing safety issues. violent, destructive, unsafe behaviors are what the issue is. if people are going to continue showing unsafe behavior, that needs to be clear.

safety team should be at a certain age for life experience purposes, when you're younger you don't have that experience.

i love you all. can you please listen instead of thinking about what you have to say. i am on safety and peacekeeping. i have dealt with lucifer, crackheads, rapists, molesters, so honestly our problem is this one factor: we've got to learn to identify potential dangers in potential people? will their problems lead to problems for us? why don't we get to know them first and make the necessary judgements later. so please, my proposition for a solution is become open minded. we're here to change the world, not change someone's opinion.

Facilitator: busting out into working groups from these solutions. lets do a temp check.
There's a lot of energy with the dialogue. tonight was space for discussion. general announcements. if you feel inspired, form into groups after the G.A.

Suggestion: the working groups can bring back proposals for tomorrow's GA.

Facilitator: We've been using the past two GAs to address the political reality of the situation. Tomorrow, should we go back to the regular GA or should we continue this discussion.

Guy from the kitchen: Here's my proposal, before we consider canceling a GA we need to think about not everybody here is a part of some committee, not everyone here has a voice. if you want a voice, you have to come to the GA in the society we're building. if you can make time to come down and have a voice and a presence, that's what we're here for. to give a voice to the 99%. to everyone concerned with safety, i've started the "get shit done" committee and kid's camp is moving behind the kitchen.

Temp check now for if we move back to the GA model tomorrow.
--more agreement--

Temp check now for continuing this type of model tomorrow.

General announcements:
Cameron: Nov 16th, student walkout at PSU, we're asking for the endorsement of GA to have this an endorsed event
Nov 19th, we're occupying Hawthorne district, we're occupying Cnl. Sumner's Park and inviting residents of the area to speak about the Occupy Movement. I'll return tomorrow to ask endorsement of the G.A.

Right now we need to come together as a GA and agree to have commander speak to us and have them talk to us about what we want to do and what they want to do. We need to come to consensus right now about whether or not we have them come and speak with us tomorrow so we can make a final decision.

-not proposal time-

i'm on the liaison team, i've spoken to the commander. if he wants to speak to us, it's his choice to come and speak, like any other citizen.

Natasha: starting a womens issues group, come find her

Axelle: we forget sometimes that this is a great opportunity that has brought us together. let's not forget why we've come together.

Shepherd: i've been secretary of sanitation. sanitation really needs help. there's nobody there doing work. we really need people's support and help. we have the city of portland doing our compost twice a week. regarding the portopotes. it has nothing to do with the graffiti or vandalism. honey buckets will be back tonight or tomorrow.
arts and culture committee - we have speakers and wanderlust circus is coming but not tomorrow. check out occupy portland.

john: i wanted to put my screenname out cognizantdissident

alaina: talking about internal dynamics in camp, not having the same systems of oppression in camp. please come to the library at 1 to discuss that.

facilitator: thanks for all the participation and i encourage you to form these groups to continue the discussion. solutions, proposals, they come from us. (personal opinion: we don't want the city or police imposing their force on us, so we need solutions coming from us)

