

General Assembly Notes
31 October 2011

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(video recording of most GAs can be found at livestream.com/occupypytown)

Facilitation Announcement:

- Facilitation Trainings on Saturdays from 2pm-4pm.
- Facilitators are available to help with committee meetings

Committee Announcements:

1. Communication / Social Media (Collin):
 - a. Livestream needs a mobile hotspot ASAP
2. Latino Committee:
 - a. Day of the Dead celebration tomorrow @ sundown. There will be tamales.
 - b. Contingency meeting to discuss what to do in case of a police raid: Wed. 1pm @ NW Corner of Chapman.
3. Spending Committee:
 - a. Meeting postponed until Thursday @ 6pm.
 - b. Finance will meet Tuesday @ 6pm 2 TS
 - c. Everyone's invited.
4. Web Team (Kip):
 - a. We need notes for 10/23/2011 GA. We have video linked on the website. Need a volunteer to transcribe
 - b. Shutting down comments on website posts. All comments will happen in forum only.
 - c. Need forum moderators. Talk to Kip if interested.
5. Action (Simon):
 - a. Link to Action Calendar Wiki now on website.
6. Union Outreach (Tony):
 - a. Meeting with unions on Friday to discuss nationwide marches?
7. Outreach (Ivy):
 - a. Engineers need \$4000 to pick up \$1500? Worth o equipment.
8. Info (Nina):
 - a. Anyone know how to get in touch with the union who donated porta potties? We need them.
9. TS Occupier (Kristen):
 - a. Announced that it was an autonomous movement. Wants people to do stuff.

Jameson Square Debriefing Session

1. Cameron (an organizer for the action)
 - a. 4 folks are at court with NLG support: 3 of them are going to jury, 1 plead guilty. We support all of them.
 - b. Asks for feedback:
2. Feedback:

- a. We have the constitutional right to assemble. Let's not segregate ourselves (speaking to TS occupiers). We are all victims of a capitalist system.
- b. Brad (an arrestable): thanks for your support.
- c. Do actions quietly.
- d. Roger (attorney): will be at TS, 6pm every night to discuss legal process
- e. An arrestable: originally wasn't going to join. Was just bringing cookies. Was inspired by the diverse crowd and wanted to offer solidarity.
- f. Nathan (livestream): solidarity of actions regardless of opinion.
- g. I support the folks but not the location. We need actions about profit & greed.
- h. Katelyn (an arrestable): that was nothing! We are all in this together!
- i. I was there in solidarity regardless of my opinion. People from the neighborhood respected the process. Let's bring this alternative process to the people.

Proposal 1:

Endorsement for Day of Action in solidarity with Oakland General Strike

-Wed. Nov. 2. Rally @ 4:30, March @ 5:30pm @ TS Plaza

-<http://generalstrike.biz>

-pdxsolidaritywithoakland@gmail.com

CQ: Where to?

-TBA

CQ: What else is scheduled?

-Mic Crenshaw, autonomous direct actions

CQ: What responsibilities come with this endorsement?

-none

CQ: Will there be politicians as speakers?

-no politicians but veterans

CQ: Contact?

-see above

CQ: How long will the General Strike in Oakland last?

-not equipped to answer

CQ: Why create a proposal for an endorsement?

-out of respect for the process and the people

-to advertise the action

Temp Check: Continue Discussing

Concerns: None.

Consensus:

Stand aside: 1

Disagree: 0

Agree: basically 100%

****Please step to the back if you need to smoke at GA****

Proposal Announcements:

1. Cop Free Zone at OP.
 - a. Responses:
 - i. But they are people too
 - ii. There are certain things that we can't handle
 - iii. Why exclude them?
 - iv. How?
 1. Open to discussion
2. Attorneys to represent OP – to challenge laws and provide support
 - a. Responses:
 - i. They are coming to gather questions
 - ii. When? During GA or different time?
 1. Both?
 - iii. Is this a proposal?
 1. Yes.
 - iv. Are they NLG?
 1. No, just supporters and members of the 99%

Proposal 2:

Move your money day Action - November 5th 9:30am @ TS Plaza (to get to banks before they close)

CQ: Streets or Sidewalks?

- depends on the amount of people
- at least 500

Temp Check: continue

Concerns:

- Bankers are not banksters. Respect that.

Consensus:

Stand Aside: 0
 Disagree: 0
 Agree: 100%

Announcements:

1. Oklahoma City moment of silence for occupier who died in tent of natural causes
2. Occupy Oregon Facebook calling for a convergence on Salem in February
3. Critical: we need to sit in circles and say hi to strangers
4. Meditation circle at 7:30am Wednesday outside of library
5. Dia de los muertos announcement
6. Contingency announcement

Soap Box:

1. We took TS Plaza. Do something
2. Do you have legal advice?
 - i. PPD don't have jurisdiction. Feds do.

3. The GA is a similar action. It is an assembly of autonomous individuals wanting to create community. Respect it.
4. Let's talk about community consensus versus autonomous action
5. How does soap box work?
6. What if the feds come?
7. The GA facilitators do hard work. Also Food needs volunteers.
8. Change the world and occupy
9. GA vs. working groups? Transparency and coordination. Actions will affect everyone.
10. Autonomy is great. If you need support bring to GA. Unity! Develop trust. Commit to the process.
11. Not protesting – celebrating
12. Voice together – move the movement forward. Inform and unite. We need to hold it accountable.
13. Respect
14. I Support not bringing TS action to GA
15. Everyone has the right to protest.
16. Let's help save the property
17. Discussions are good.