

Spokes Council Meeting 11/25/11

Proposals...

1. Renting space at St. Francis School for \$800 a month
conditions are: No sleeping, Adherence to all school rules

Q. What about the Homeless?

A. Churches are working to open up spaces either in parking lots or churches

Q. Is there a Kitchen?

A. We can talk to them about using the facilities later

Q. Are there Time Constraints?

A. 6am-11pm

Q. Is Occupy Portland responsible for the payments?

A. First Unitarian Church is paying 1,000 for the first month. after that, yes.

Q. Will we have Access to the Space 24 hours eventually?

A. We will have a conditioned period of 30 days? after that if we can show good behavior, yes.

Q. Bus Routes?

A. Multiple. at least 5 routes within 4 blocks (6,70) also can walk from Directors Park in 15 min.

Q. Can we Sleep in the Park that is close-by?

A. No, (Park space Sold?)

Q. Whose name would the space be under?

A. In discussion

Concerns:

-How to enforce the Code of Conduct within the space

-Want to use it more as a Community Resource Center rather than a meeting space

-We need to continue looking for a Donated space

-We need to not try to camp within the Park if it is Sold.

And work towards finding a space for sleeping and use the space as a resource to find that space.

-The safety of peoples and equipment within the space and housing space

-That getting a paid space is avoiding the immediate need of housing for the Homeless population of our Movement

-That us being there may bring unwanted attention of Law Enforcement to Homeless peoples in the area already

-That Spending money on a rented space may pull resources from other immediate needs

-That a rental contract is too binding

-That there are other free spaces available for meetings; PSU, Libraries, Convention Centers...

General Consensus is that we have the need for a Base of Operation, and that our main Concerns are Housing & Finance

Occupy Portland has \$1,050 on a Wepay Account from 5 days of receiving donations

The Total that we need for the first month is \$1,600

Amendments:

1. Adding a button the the Occupy Portland Website specifically for Donating to the Rental Fund
2. Asking the School if we can lower the amount of money due in the first month, due to our limited usage of the Space
3. A Complete Re-assessment in 2 weeks

1 Group Stand Aside

1 Group in Disagreement

proposal PASSED

Announcements:

UC Berkeley/UC Davis sends their Support and Solidarity with Occupy Portland

Oakland calls for West Coast Port Shutdown

contact: nov13thcommittee@gmail.com

Rumors needs Donations!

Food Committee looking for a commercial kitchen space to use

OPDXkitchen@gmail.com

Operations requests that groups send in info and represent themselves at every meeting