

February 28, 2013
General Assembly

Note: Tallam Wolffe

6 people were present.

Most of the discussion was about outreach to the movement.

Reviewed things that were under discussion at spokes:

1. Restructuring for FOOP and Spokes – Michael and Wuffa will be discussing this.
2. Rewriting norms to adjust for post-encampment situation-Ani will do this and invited anyone interested to work with her.
3. “Where do we go from here?” Proposal. This is in a google doc and folks are invited to review and comment.
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SWYKCj6uE_ekXuMbfXQg3b9R3Lgdf11xxuo3XRvDID8/edit?usp=sharing

Suggestion: Outreach to other groups – rather than relying them to come to a spokes meeting maybe we should. For example, we could get a list of things going on and decisions and go and visit other groups. This could be a good way to do a temp check on the whole movement and its direction. [Note: at a past meeting there was an objection to the word outreach because it was perceived to have a hierarchical connotation. Does anyone have a better word we might use?]

Suggestion: Pre -May Day People’s Assembly (April 28)– opportunity for groups to come together and hear about each others’ May Day plans and for some networking.

Consider -

What it’s going to look like?

What we want to get out of it?

Where might it be: Terry Shrunken Park, or Directors Park if it rains.

There was agreement that we should support a People’s Assembly on the 28th. Info team might start this out as an autonomous action.

Houseless feel ostracized from office activity. They would like to have an actual assembly whether they have a voice. Think about: they are out on the streets affected by our decisions, e.g. every march, every action, affects them. When people take the streets, and not all the houseless people are part of that, the houseless people get it from the cops after that. We need to better allow them into meetings. Find better alternative places to sleep for them after actions. Startup fundraisers.

Yesterday, HAHA an Right to Dream had an early morning action to march from R2D2 and there was no Occupy presence...Occupy was not invited or Occupy acted like it didn’t care. People

from the community that facilitate communication, we could have done better. They are all our brother's and sisters out there.

Comment: There is not a central Occupy Movement. There is nothing that says they can't say they are the Occupy Houseless Caucus and are 1000 strong, or we used to be the Occupy Houseless Caucus.

Comment: Decisions we make around rallies and marches. Random FTP marches. Who decided that and how are we going to ameliorate that afterwards. Afterwards, the cops put their thumb down on the homeless.

Comment: We could do emergency afterward. To help them. At encampment we started with a mental health tent, then listening, final calm tent. At first many professionals showed up but that faded away.

Comment: It happens to homeless, under bridges, those that are hidden away. That's when the police come and outnumber them in a show of force.

Comment: If city provides housing they provide housing with a questionnaire on your skills and ask you to demonstrate what you can do. Get you into the system and if you're undocumented get an ID.

Response: Not talking governing or mayoral forces. Citizen action.

Comment: UU opened wide open when camp was evicted and people were allowed to sleep in basement. If peak situation that might be a place for people to go.

Comment: After an event, we might have a more coordinated effort get a half dozen people to be at the vigil from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m for a few days to make it safer.

Action is to bring this to the Spokes council

Solutions met on Wednesday. A democratic/progressive paper in Salem is thinking about expanding to cover Oregon.