

Occupy Portland ♦ General Assembly notes ♦ September 12, 2013

Meeting opened with Wuffa<sup>뵐</sup> announcement of the need for a need for a Spokes Council meeting for the purpose of making decisions regarding FOOP, checking account, and By-Laws.

Agenda setting followed.

FOOP

Vigil ID Cards/Vigil Discussion

\$50 Terry Shrunck permit request

Occupy Annual Events

Houseless Solidarity

Core Values

Announcements

Donna ♦ Millenium is claiming union support ♦ we need to rally against

Jack ♦ Sierra Club Greenplan?

Daniel Hong ♦ Belmont Street Fair ♦ needs help

Jack ♦ Elder Caucus ♦ support for October 5th event

Tequila ♦ vigil discussion

Charles ♦ party for city hall employees being laid off ♦ Friday 12:00

Most of the meeting was spent in discussion of the Vigil and the problems that have been occurring there.

(these notes are very sketchy♦.. sorry)

R2D2 and the property owner working with the city has managed to get the fines dropped and will be moving to a location near Union Station.

Joe Walsh injured by a non-vigilanty ♦ didn<sup>뵐</sup> want to press charges.

Tequila suggested that we have a shut down the media campaign. The coverage of the Vigil and houselessness is so bad, we need to hit them with a shut down.

There was an article in the Portland Tribune about the ID cards idea. The ID cards were suggested as a way to identify the people protesting the camping ban from the problem children.

A guest suggested that rather than fight the media, we should use them to communicate our message through op-eds and letters.

This gets to the core values discussion we were planning to have later.

Charles ♦ we should do a direct action ♦ flyer at the Oregonian and Tribune. And maybe Willy Week?

Tequila mentioned the conversation he had with DHS while they were doing the sweep of Terry Schrunck. They were sympathetic to our cause, but suggested the lack of a permit for the plaza was what was holding them back from separating the vigilistas from the trouble makers. This is further complicated by the fact that the non-vigil people are starting call themselves Occupiers and Vilgil members. They suggested that if we got a permit (\$50) that would give them more discrimination powers when clearing the park.

Our guest suggested that if we issue cards we will become a state apparatus.

We don't have enough Vigil people at the Vigil to manage chaos. We need to make some changes. Charles said that the changes were already under way.

Michael suggested that we acknowledge that we are not currently populating the Vigil location most hours of the day and move our actions to other locations around the city to spread the message and to lose the chaos that is happening at Terry Shrunken Plaza. Our guest suggested that what is happening isn't situational, it is a reflection of our core values. Suggested joining a work group to develop core values. Being an exploration of principles, but also focusing on the values of the people in the room. Not just some general notions, but shared (by the participants) core values. Guest suggested the Buddhist principle of Critically Assessing the NOW

Daniel Hong listed some proposed values on the chalk board

Empowerment

Accountability

Non-Violence/Accountability

Systemic Change

Democracy

Critical Analysis

Evolution

Relationships

Charles summarized Shut the F\*\*k up and get S\*\*t done.