

Theater of Change

Community Village
Newsletter
February 9, 2017



Proposed Agenda

Hello's

Agenda Review

Fair announcements

Site Report

Consensus Rap/discussion

Eligibility Committee report

One fun thing – sing "Love is the Power"

Activist Report: Standing Rock and...you?

Council Confirmation

Are we 'the Light in Troubling Times'?: Discussion

Unfair announcements

Meeting Evaluation

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Council Candidates to be confirmed tonight:

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Council Selection Process

Someone may bring up a concern about a candidate publicly at a meeting if and only if they have warned the candidate that they may bring up that concern and have made an attempt to resolve it. The Villager must contact the candidate within 7 days of the January Village meeting, and if the concern is not resolved in a person to person conversation, another attempt must be made at the January Council Meeting.

A village member may stand aside or block a Council candidate only if he/she has taken his/her shared concern through the process described above.



Calendar

GENERAL MEETINGS 2017

Unitarian Universalist Church, 13th & Chambers
The second Thursday, January - June 2017, 7 - 9PM
Please be quiet while entering the church as other meetings may be scheduled in adjacent rooms. *Childcare Room provided.*

Jan: Call for Council / Feb - March: Confirm Council

Council Meetings the Thursday after the Village meeting at locations TBA 7-9PM (*February Council meeting is at 2096 1/2 Arthur St*)

LAST MEETING BEFORE ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE: April 13

JUNE Onsite meeting Saturday June 24, noon.

WORK PARTYS + OTHER DATES *TO BE SET*

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR 7, 8, 9, JULY 2017

Sing along with Love is the Power

CHORUS:

Not gonna give in, Not gonna give up
Not gonna sit down, Not gonna let up
Gonna keep shouting out, Gonna keep holding on
Gonna keep standing up, Gonna keep loving strong
Love ----- is the power
Love ----- is the power

C'mon get off the couch, There's a lot we can do
Everybody now clap your hands, Time to change the mood

CHORUS

Don't matter if we're rich or poor, Don't matter if we're black or white
In the city or the countryside, Everybody gotta do what's right

Protect the water we drink. Protect the air we breathe.
Protect all the people we love. Protect the birds and bees.

CHORUS and keep going...



January Meeting Notes excerpts

Percy facilitating

Site Report:

David shared there are only a few trees are down. One near Shady Grove, mostly cleared up. Soil erosion little to none so far.

Consensus Rap:

Sam jumps up! Consensus is our decision making tool - it has been a big and important value for communication and conflict resolution in the CV maybe since the beginning. We rely on each other to bring an attitude of openness, listening, compassion, and empathy. We do not always agree, but we communicate and listen to gather pieces of the truth. If we all come as truth seekers we arrive at a better truth together than separate.

Eligibility Committee Report:

Katie shared that in the fall council meeting it was determined that 2 council members, 2 booth coordinators, John Flannery and whom-ever else is excited to get in on it will evaluate 2 booths per year and give reports. Booths would be eligible then for 3 years. A question was answered that yes, it is like the spring evaluation, though more in depth. No one gets revoked, though there will likely be feedback. The Booth coordinator should be part of the process to give context. If there are issues, booths will have a year to correct them. John and Katie will send out dates for the meeting.

Expansion Committee:

Tim shared that the village expansion seeks to open an entrance through the tipi area. He shared that in 2015 the Village agreed to move forward with the project as long as certain stipulations were met. Last year we made displays of potential plans to get feedback. Our neighbors Earl and Diane were not pleased with the plans and felt like they were not properly consulted and that it is all moving too fast. The Village shared that they are not interested in moving forward until it is a win win for everyone. There are ongoing negotiations and we will have another feedback display this year.

A person from the the fair shared that the fair is wanting to get rid of all dead ends at the fair for safety reasons, and also want to make sure the people feel good.

Dea said she felt the fair was responsive to the concerns expressed about the expansion.

Standing for Council: See front page

CV as a hotbed of Activism:

Sam asked that the Village discuss activism in the village and its relevance to what is happening in the world at large. We are facing hard times regarding education, arts, and oppressed people. The village is unique in that it serves and gathers a variety of groups together committed to making change. Is it relevant to the challenges the world is feeling? How do we accomplish this?

People shared (Oblio is challenged with names, so not all things are accredited)

We do our best. Maybe in between stage acts we have activists speak.

Katie is excited to see this topic on the agenda and for new groups to get proposed, and noted Rainbow Village as one of these. She shared that she noticed when there are new ideas or critiques about the ways things are, often times she notices hackles goes up in the village.

Oblio shared that being humble is key when someone shares new ideas or points out a way we are not being conscious to oppressed groups. When someone oppressed takes the time to point out where the privilege is, they are offering us a gift and is an act of love, rather than just leaving and feeling that we are awful.

Ben shared that he carries his fair experience into the world. Making change.

Karla shared that we need to have an awareness about how we respond and to do this all year long, not just at fair. To do this for all things we are doing. That sometimes the fair can be the same ol same ol, so we need to increase our awareness about what we are doing there.

It was suggested we have a social media page dedicating the top issues every week or month to something socially responsible.

What are some concrete ways to give activism and current issues more of a voice at fair?

Sam shared the idea that there is a resurgence of activism in the world and it is different than the activism that built the village 40 some years ago. It is having a bit of an identity crisis with new and old guard.

Someone shared that hackles going up is a natural human response, emotional maturity is when we learn how to work with this.

Tim shared that he is counting on our booths to be a hotbed of activism

It was mentioned that the village is like an activist recruiting center. People want to do something and we need to help them know what to do. Many of us are activists who have been at it a really long time, many people are just now waking up to their activism. It is important to recognize that they may have grief around the oppression and privilege, We can work with that by asking them to come help us NOW. Let's stop the inner bickering, we are all going to have to do this together.

Cordy from Health and Healing share that they need the information to give the people. Oblio encouraged her booth to seek it out actively over the year as part of their job and mission.

Someone mentioned be careful not to be self-righteous. Yes be responsive, and find places within the given context/booths to make them more relevant.

Our names says a whole lot. Everything starts from the core of a person, and let's pump up booths to make them stronger and more connected. The speaker hopes that everyone will come to opening circle so we can enter into fair strongly and intentionally connected and together.

Fruit booth mentioned that it has a separate education sub-committee that goes out and sees what is happening in the world of food every year to bring to fair. Booth empowerment!

Oblio talked about the village as a whole taking an allyship training that they may be willing to give, and maybe we can do some booth speed mingling so we can know one another's concerns, issues, and projects for the year more intimately.

Someone mentioned getting more direct action at fair, akin to getting people registered for voting.

Sam mentioned a skit David Oakes made about dusty leaflets the clown. Point is, leaflets can be effective and at fair may be more effective ways of engaging people. Connecting and energizing the public's interest in causes.

Getting practical, spirit booth did a forgiveness bowl that really engaged the public last year. Something to drop them into the emotional body amidst all the stimuli.

Shirt suggestion, Village for President? Make a song?

Getting to the core about things that we do, how did we get here ?

Percy quoted Gandhi about how Goodness prevails

If you want to give an activist report, talk to Tim before the next Thursday Council meeting - tim@gwproj.com | 541 521 7208.

Full notes are available on our website