

Center of the Center Taskforce meeting

12/18/19

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Jeff Henny:

Study done in city of Ghent (handout) about commoning efforts in Ghent, making 500 separate commoning efforts a cohesive movement

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Notes

Review Ground Rules and Purpose

Meghan: shifting gears and starting to consider what our recommendation might look like

Information Sharing

Hannah: made mock up of poster for community engagement event

Carolyn: got feedback from community member to think about doing more indoor type activities due to weather

John: meeting set up with person with experience/knowledge of permaculture

Alan: had a conversation with a person active in African American community, offered to help facilitate a meeting to better reach out to underheard voices. Has had more contact with Neutral Zone.

Heather: will be off for two weeks

Community Feedback

Heather: get permission on feedback bubble image

Would like to compile all of the place suggestions that people have given on feedback surveys

Hannah: will have all surveys entered by tomorrow evening

Mailer

Heather: got final purchase order and GIS team was able to put together a random sample of the communities we are looking to target

Work Sessions

Meghan: Jan 10/11; 3-5, 10-12 meeting in library

January 15 Open House

Decadome

(Decadome Engagement Proposal)

Location: liberty plaza, preferably near corner of Liberty and Division

Heather: there are some considerations that come into play when dealing with parks department: need a security plan, possibly a building inspection, pay for electricity, permit will be waived.

Ann: suggests a cost limit of 600.00

Notification

Poster has been made: suggestion to change background image, and use more specific language

Notification will be printed in Ann Arbor Observer

Miles: has given presentations about task force and notified about Jan 15 meeting to student government groups

Structure and materials

Norman: would like to extend time so that we don't short the amount of time that the public has to respond to our council recommendation

Ann: suggests a soft close for time limits

Carolyn: open house is the most inclusive because people can drop in and leave on their own schedule

Norman: town hall is the best option to engage the community in a conversation

Miles: how would we engage and monitor a town hall

Norman: a facilitator with a mic

Dean: some sort of public discussion

Hannah: set up with multiple small round tables to facilitate conversations and consensus building, better than someone standing up and talking then the next person

Carolyn: wants to be able to accommodate the people who can only drop in for a few minutes

John: supportive of town hall

Heather: wants to get feedback on potential recommendations; we can place posters around the room and get feedback on those and create conversations around those

Ann: facilitate topic based discussions

[layout of meeting]

Refreshments

Ann: authorize Heather to spend up to 325 for refreshments

Conceptual Visuals

Other

Alan: has sent out list of 10 critical questions. Would like feedback on these questions.

Develop Next Meeting Agenda

Develop open house strategy

Circling back to Norm's activity

Framework for final report

Public Comment

Jeff Henny:

Elephant in the room: relationship of the library to the commons. Combining interests and efforts of commons and libraries.

It is important to think about this effort as a leverage point for transforming the city down the road. Creating resilient and independent system in ann arbor

Odile Haber:

impressed by designs that are building. Wanted park and common area. Need designers that can conceptualize what a garden could be. Are not following the democratic mandate that we were given. Need landscape designer. Green space as incredibly important to the livelihood of city and inhabitants.

Adjournment