

3/2/22

Community guidelines

Introductions

Pronouns

Land acknowledgment

Grounding:

Guest speaker: Aidan

1. Disability justice coalition
2. Examples of inaccessibility: no upkeep on sidewalks, no interior doors on city buildings, no hybrid options for city meetings, inconsistent captions or transcripts for meetings, lack of affordable housing, raids on homeless camps destroy mobility aids, state house is restricting "divisive" concepts
3. Ban on trans youth in sports passed today, hardest hit are always those in the intersection
4. Next disability justice coalition call is this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm, reach out to Aidan to join

Adam: City Budget

1. Budget is a moral document
2. 2023 city budget process underway. March 23rd is building hearing, then submitted 3/31
3. City deciding ARPA funds soon too
4. Demands of peoples budget: defund DMPD, non carceral emergency response programs, prevention by investing in harm reduction, decriminalizing and deprioritizing things (victimless crimes like sex work and drug use), less patrolling
5. Demands for ARPA funds: direct pandemic relief, stimulus for caretakers/educators, food and resources for quarantining people, excluded worker fund, housing supports
6. Ways to support peoples budget coalition: email PTH, talk to people in your life about why this matters, work to imagine a better city
7. In chat: more money to parks and rec: all community garden plots have waiting lists
8. Website breakdown

Denver: Peoples Gazette

1. Pitches to email, subject time People's gazette

Jake Grobe: CCI/climate justice

1. DSM carbon free resolution by 2034
2. MidAmerican refusing to shut down coal plants
3. 2022 midamerican DSM franchise agreement (expires in June)
4. Advocate to refuse to sign a new agreement with Midamerican - make our own publicly owned energy agreement
5. 2021 midamerican made a billion dollars (record profits)
6. Need for big investments in energy efficiency and publicly owned renewable energy
7. Council needs to not sign a new franchise agreement - makes banks and shareholders nervous
8. Public demands - shut down coal plants, make investments in energy efficiency, invest higher than pre 2018 bill, invest in helping community with bills, stop shutting off power on impoverished people

9. Other cities have done this with franchise agreements (for example Minneapolis)
10. Community input meetings coming on dsm climate action plan
11. Reach out to Jake Grobe to get involved jake@iowacaci.org

People's Council Organizer: Luke Bascom

1. Peoples Council Update
2. Network of dual power and mutual aid
3. GRUBB YMCA Community Center Project (March 24th at 5:30 at GRUBB Y is the final meeting)
4. Bit.ly/PeoplesCouncilVols
5. Still fundraising so organizers are able to put as much time and energy into it as possible

Community Conversation

1. How much does Des Moines partnership get from the city/taxpayers? (\$100,000 per Indira; have asked for it to double)
2. Why was the lease ended on the Sweettooth Farms/Radiate DSM land? (City wants to develop taxable land)
3. St Andrews is opening a community garden this spring in (located on Urbandale ave)
4. Did we ever resolve the zoning issues with the community fridges that caused Sweet Tooth to move? (It seems to be an unresolved case by case issue but the current location is stable at Home Inc)

Mutual Aid Discussion

1. How can you help your community thrive?
2. What type of mutual aid is needed in your community? Food sharing, supplying PPE, community meals, fundraising for current mutual aid projects
3. Questions to consider: what skills do you have? What are you passionate about? What are your barriers?

Breakout group discussions: mutual aid projects

1. Giving yard space to others who need farm space (Dr. Yoni Libbie, yonatanbendavid@gmail.com)
2. Mutual aid can relieve tensions in other areas
3. Swapping childcare
4. Reducing SNAP benefits have opened a big need in food security - DMARC storytelling series (reach out to Tara for this if interested: [busy.beads.and.plants](https://www.instagram.com/busy.beads.and.plants) on Instagram or 801to515@gmail.com)
5. Mutual aid can slow the growth of the state and economy and therefore slow climate change
6. Barriers: accessibility, difficult to approach potentially hostile neighbors
7. Value in building a safe space first
8. Huge need to have real crisis teams here and mutual aid for mental health in the community (waiting list for kids psychiatry, mental health doulas needed, unstaffed crisis areas)

Next Wednesday at 7pm, Des Moines Mutual Aid and PTH crossover call

1. Register bit.ly/NDMMAXPTH
2. Mutual Aid 101: how did NDMMA start? What is mutual aid? Supports to get started

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