

Community Resilience Conversation hosted by NAYA in collaboration with CNN, BPS

Below are the notes from the Community Resilience Conversation held on December 14th, 2017 with the NAYA community, CNN area neighbors, and community leaders. There were 25 participants, over half were from the NAYA community. These notes are written verbatim from the large poster used during the event to ensure all voices are acknowledged and to avoid misinterpretation.

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- restructure local gov't so commissioners represent a geography
- intergenerational and collective housing choices
- POC expected to represent all POC
- Cultural responsiveness across the board
- Living in intentional community
- Tenants' rights
- Diversity in housing types
- Disaster can further concentrate power
- False idea of not trusting your neighbor
- Not be isolationist – building resilience is sustainable
- Worker bee mentality – fear based
- Overpriced housing forcing people to live far away
- Tribal structure- land is owned by community as community benefit

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- What does it take to have cultural exchange between NA's and marginalized communities
- Opportunities for different housing to accommodate people being priced out
- Find solutions to community problems that we can implement ourselves. Ex: potholes
- Multi-generational households – healthier children
- We are much stronger than ever know – esp POC – acknowledge that to lift each other up
- Top-down economy de-legitimizes
- Bottom-up advocacy
- Change tax system so we have \$ in our neighborhoods to take care of our community

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NEXT STEPS!

- Educating people for their gifts and talent
- Policy change: end the commission form of government
- Biased(?) housing policy around Reed
- Improve disparities in the different areas of Portland
- End Capitalism!
- Create resource access for neighborhoods
- To better understand how to fix issues @ a ground level
- Keep us posted on project progress. Thanks!
- Change commission form of government to elected to district

- People must come together to build power
- Supporting alternative ways of doing things
- Build community power around housing policy
- Change elected officials → represent our communities
- Enact the Residential Infill Project with diverse housing opportunities in all neighborhoods
- “I would really like to keep talking and learning about how the commission form of government could be reshaped or nixed all together!!”
- Part II/opportunities and threats conversation should be continued!
- Next Steps – make sure I know all of my neighbors and let them know I am willing to share
- Engage policy makers around multi-generational housing
- Neighborhood meeting to brain-storm ways fro residents to improve safety and livability without city.
- Next step: community road repairs
- Be inclusive of motorists on PBOT Committee instead of just alternative mode users
lower residential property taxes to make housing and rents more affordable
- Next step: listening season (session?) with community members to learn what pressures exist in the community, hear solutions, build relationship, and learn neighbors stories in order to: develop culture of cooperation, deep democracy, caring, and social well being
- Require elected officials to represent districts and live in the districts
- Create art, music, writings that support local unity
- Require city staff to reside in the City “skin in the game”
- Next steps: familiarize with policy
- Commissioners live in area they represent
- Question the social value of militarism
- Support local agriculture and businesses
- Top down will always deligitimize bottom-up movements need support to stay strong
- Support communities taking power
- Challenge: our relationship to the build environment. Pollution generation
- Strength: our relationship to one another. our willingness to have this conversation
- Strength: our relationship to the natural world. commitment to reduce, reuse, repurpose, recycle
- Opportunity to build comity: taking initiative to learn about other cultures
- Threats: pass policies 45’s tax bill
- Opportunity: pass policies: accessible affordable public transportation
- Opportunities: build trust for cross-cultural engagement education
- Threats: isolationism/individualistic framework/perspective
- Relate to each other
- Strength: connection of generations through traditions
- Challenge: individualism
- Dismantle the tax system. Give money to the communities!
- We’re stronger than we know and we’ve been told lies about our abilities – get the word out on our strengths!