

12/08/2024: Spokescouncil Goals

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I propose that the goals of the Woodbine Spokescouncil should be decided by the Spokescouncil (i.e. by the Working Groups of Woodbine) themselves. The Spokescouncil, as I understand it, is meant to be a mechanism that serves the needs and goals of the various Working Groups. By setting an agenda for a 1st Spokescouncil meeting that helps groups come together and identify what's working and not working at Woodbine today, I believe that appropriate Spokescouncil goals can emerge. I don't think an established set of goals is a precondition for a successful 1st Spokescouncil meeting.

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- Ash: i agree, maybe we can also "whiteboard" this as a group and then synthesize a proposal via a temp, volunteer, cross-wg body. I always like to have some basic ideas and questions in mind to prompt discussion if needed, so I will suggest a few here:
 1. a goal is likely to be "re-producing the space". what does that mean? fundraising, cleaning, repairing? does that include conflict support and self-critique around with classism, racism, transphobia, agism, racism, misogyny?
 2. is a kind of "cultural cohesion" under the WB banner a goal? is this scary or exciting to people? this dovetails into developing "points of unity". for example, we may consider we are all on the same page politically, but that is not true in all cases. so would "developing resilience against the ravages of capitalism" be a viable goal for the spokescouncil? my guess is this will be a sticky point to a few people and a non issue to others. how does this line up with woodbine's historical value of being "against the collapse"?
 3. another goal might be "develop a robust collective decision making process (that supports autonomy)" dovetails into autonomy v collectivity discussion
 4. another goal might be "develop joyous accountability structures and supportive conflict culture"
 5. another goal might be to "address structural barriers that prevent diverse participation in the space"