

The “G4” Affair File

A fact-based accounting of a series of events affecting Occupy Portland

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Legal Statement

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Introduction

Over the past week, a series of events have been unfolding that had possibility of threatening the Occupy Portland movement as a whole, because of the actions of a few people. You have probably heard about some of these things, but you may not have heard about all of it.

This document is an attempt to put all the information known into one place, so that anyone involved with the Occupation may access it, clear up myths and rumors, and know the full story from start to finish. This document is not a list of verified conspirators, an indictment, or a call for any particular action. It is merely the information I have discovered personally, by collecting what I have found, and by asking people who know about it to come forward, and share their stories. There is contradictory information here. There are many holes. Some of the information is unverified. Some of this information was likely obtained illegally, but is now public, whether we like that or not.

A vast difficulty in this process of putting information together in the pursuit of truth, is exactly how complicated the truth is. In a situation that evolves organically, encompassing so many people in an umbrella of absolutely pure intent, that eventually becomes, through suspicion and forces of perception, into a closed and questionable point, how can one ask questions about the latter without involuntarily indicting the former? Even to exonerate those who did the right thing when confronted with questionable judgment calls, requires drawing them into unfortunate juxtaposition with those whom may have done the wrong thing. I hope that this document can be used as a platform for increasing people's ability to assess truth in its context, rather than increasing the rumor mongering that came with unilateral and unsourced media releases.

There is one thing that I am comfortable saying for sure: when a group of people feel that they can disregard the whole in favor of their own opinion, it is a threat to our movement. This was such a threat to our movement, and we beat it. The threat has passed, because good people involved with this movement came into contact with that threat, were disgusted and angered, and put a stop to it. We've beat this challenge, but it will not be the last. I hope that by learning as much as we can about how this happened, we can be better prepared for similar threats in the future, and grow as people and as a movement.

In the end, what is really important is the Occupation. This episode was a distraction, and I'm glad it seems to be over. Now we can get back to the reasons we are here: to advocate for and lay the ground work for a new society that does not rely on systems of greed, power consolidation, secrecy, and lies. Unequal, centralized power corrupts, and knowledge is power. By spreading this knowledge, I hope the walls that were built will be broken down. Our transparent, directly democratic process has triumphed, and it has done so because it specifically avoids the temptation of power we are here to fight against.

Truth is an ongoing, evolutionary process, much like our occupation. I have

no doubt that this document is less-than-complete. I also do not doubt there will be further information to come to light in the future. I've named this document "Volume 1.0" for that reason, in expectation of further releases once we know more. If you have further information that you do not see in this document, please contact me. Information can be given verbally, in writing, on the record, or confidentially. I can be reached at adam@poszu.com.

My editorializing ends here, though I will no doubt be writing up further analysis elsewhere. I am presenting this file as unedited as possible. However, I am adding my annotations in italics, to provide information that will help to interpret these documents, and point out obvious inconsistencies and errors where I've found them. I want to spread true information, not misleading information. I have also removed personal contact info: in many cases this info is already public, and contact info does not help interpret the events. If you wish to contact anyone personally, that is your own action to pursue on your own.

In solidarity with each and every one of you inspiring people,

Adam Rothstein

PS. - A short note about me. I am a freelance writer and reporter. I have been at the Portland Occupation since the first day, and almost every day since. I have done everything from clean bathrooms and pick up trash, to post photos online, and be the POC for The Portland Occupier (portlandoccupier.tumblr.com). I have worked on and with many committees, but I don't consider myself part of any committee. I certainly don't speak for any committee. I began collecting this information on Wednesday October 26th, as I witnessed it the events described unfold, as a member of the Occupy Portland PR Google Group email list (which I am on because of The Portland Occupier). I did not see anyone else documenting what was going on, so in that Do-It-Yourself spirit of Occupation, I picked it up. This is the result.

Timeline

This is a basic timeline of events, to frame up what you are about to read. It is all written by me. It does not include all alleged events, but the basic verified events, before launching into the documents.

Early October - In the lead up to the first march and the start of occupation, people began to meet to discuss finances for the occupation. Bryan Howarth linked his personal PayPal account to the Occupy Portland website, in order to have a place to collect money contributions.

October 10-13th - GA discussion of the continued occupation of Main Street is heated, and many people leave the GA frustrated, never to return to a GA.

Week of October 17th - During this week, so-called “secret meetings” begin occurring, with attendees numbering anywhere from two to twenty. While the people attending these meetings and the topics discussed varied wildly, these meetings are the basis for the group known publicly as the “G4” or “Global Occupy Focus Group”.

Friday October 21st - Concerns about Finance Committee transparency and the possibility of forming a non-profit were raised at the GA. Proposal to start a Budget Committee is brought to the GA, and is tabled.

Saturday October 22nd - Amended proposal to create a Spending Committee proposed does not pass the GA. Reid Jackson, Justin Masters, and Viani Rivier are present at the GA to answer questions about the Finance Committee, and direct those concerned to a meeting at 4pm the next day.

Sunday October 23rd - At the 4pm meeting with the Finance Committee, Reid Jackson promises that the Finance Committee has no intention of filing to create a non-profit without the consent of the GA. A proposal creating the Spending Committee is passed.

Tuesday October 25th - At the GA, a proposal for restructuring the Finance Committee passes, stating that the new Finance Committee will be made from a member of each committee, but that the old Finance Committee members ought to be part of the new Committee, as they know what is already going on.

That evening, Loki, part of the web team, discovers that the DNS information for occupyportland.org has been redirected, and that all the email to this domain has been forwarded to Bryan Howarth’s email account. Then Loki is locked out of the account. In digging for information, he discovered the DNS registrar information has been reassigned so that “Occupy Portland, Inc” is listed as the owner of the website. Occupy Portland, Inc is discovered to be registered as a non-profit with the Oregon Secretary of State, with Reid Jackson listed as contact, though little else in the way of information is available. It is later discovered (the next day) that on this day, Bryan Howarth bought the website domain from Fern Capella for a sum of \$500 in the name of “Occupy Portland,”

listed on a receipt as himself, Reid Jackson, and Viani Rivier, making mention of these three people as “board members”. Meanwhile, through the evening on this day, Loki and various members of Media, PR, Web team, and Info Committees (alerted to the existence of the issue when their emails fail) make many attempts to contact Bryan, Reid, and Viani to find out what is going on, and cannot get any information.

Wednesday October 26th - Over the previous night and morning, the occupyportland.org domain is pointed at various things, including nothing, a link to Bryan Howarth’s PayPal account, and then eventually and permanently, the actual website server as it had been, which was continuously and without fail throughout the entire incident still available at the backup address of occupypdx.org. An article at the Oregonian website, mostly likely badly informed from “overheard” internal committee emails, was published suggesting that Occupy Portland had “lost” money. PR began crafting a press release to disavow and condemn the actions of this group that had completed actions not according with the wish of the GA and without informing anyone else. PR sent email informing the three that if the website was not restored and an explanation of their actions received by 3PM, the statement would be released.

Around 2PM, an email from “Anonymous” was received by a number of people in PR and Info, informing them that the three members of the Finance Committee would be meeting their attorney at a location downtown at 2PM. There were also other accusations in this communication, as well as a photograph of a receipt for the sale of the website domain (details of which follow in the main document). A number of people from different committees rushed off to confront the three at the alleged meeting location. The information turned out to be true, and the three were confronted. At this confrontation, Reid Jackson left immediately. Bryan Howarth and Viani Rivier would not immediately answer any questions about their actions.

As the conversation progressed, Bryan Howarth opened up about buying the domain name from Fern. He claimed to not know anything about the non-profit. He agreed to meet some members from the web team at another location, and transfer ownership of the domain name and login info to them. He did this in writing. He also verified that the image of the receipt included in the Anonymous email was accurate. The web team retains the domain login info to-date, and all emails are restored. Bryan Howarth at this time also showed members of the web team data from his PayPal account, which contained \$13,967.95, which he said were the total online contributions to Occupy Portland, none of which had been transferred anywhere.

A little before 3PM, PR released a press release stating that the web site had been misdirected by members of the Finance Committee, but it was now back as it ought to be.

At the GA, Bryan Howarth spoke. He voiced his concern about the tax liability on the amount of money he is holding, and restates that he has not transferred any of it anywhere. This was confirmed by members of the web team who saw his PayPal info earlier. Bryan said he would transfer the money anywhere the GA stipulates, and wanted to do so as soon as the GA develops a mechanism for that. He promised that he will not give a single cent to the non-profit without the GA’s explicit direction.

Also at the GA, an Anonymous flyer was circulated, with allegations about the

intentions of the Finance Committee, including the three people mentioned, as well as other names. These repeat the allegations in the Anonymous email of earlier in the day, and extend them.

Around midnight, Viani Rivier arrived at the occupation, and had a verbal confrontation with a number of people, and a conversation with Zach Parson and Patrick Dougherty.

Thursday October 27th - Members of the media, PR, and Info teams (*including myself, Adam Rothstein*) continued comparing notes in order to track down the details of what has happened. Rumors were coming thick and fast. A meeting was called at 4PM to discuss the cash contributions that had been collected by Info since the first day of the occupation, and given to Viani, in her capacity on the Finance Committee.

Just before that meeting, another Anonymous email circulated, containing what is said to be a chat log between Viani and Reid. The authenticity of this entire document cannot be verified, but a number of facts regarding items in the text have been verified, which lends the overall spirit of the document credence. The document's tenor is damning: it appears to show Viani and Reid conspiring to "seize control" of the movement and its finances, release press statements saying that they are the true spokespeople of the movement, and convince others to help them "deoccupy" the parks. It is still, at this time, impossible to trust this document, but at the time of its release it made many of those who were previously willing to give the three the benefit of the doubt a serious pause.

At the 4PM meeting, it is learned that Info collected somewhere between \$10-20,000 in cash, and passed this money to Viani, trusting her as a member of the Finance Committee. No checks were collected. The actual amounts and dates were recorded in a ledger kept at the Info table. Some nights earlier [*the actual date cannot be recalled*], Viani had come to collect cash, and finding the ledger missing, Info would not give her the money. She protested, saying they ought to anyway, but Info insisted they wanted it recorded, and Viani left. Info still had \$850 in petty cash (as of the 27th), which they distribute to people who have receipts for camp stuff, keeping these records themselves.

At the GA, a proposal was announced that will create a trust with an attorney, into which the PayPal money can be deposited. It will not be able to be accessed without a number of signatures from people on several committees, to be determined. This proposal will be brought forward to the GA for discussion the next day, on Friday, the 28th.

Friday October 28th - The proposal to create a trust, introduced by Kip Silverman, passes. Bryan Howarth was apprised of this information, and said he would talk to his attorney about passing the PayPal funds over to this trust.

Saturday, October 29th - Kip spoke with Bryan over the phone, and asked him to urgently get in touch with his attorney. Bryan told him it would be top priority, and would get in touch with him on Monday.

Wednesday, November 2nd - No one has heard from Bryan Howarth. Brian

Setzler, a CPA working with the occupation, was contacted by “the interested party with the T-shirts”, (ostensibly Viani Rivier) and delivered 500 T-shirts, as well as buttons and stickers to the occupation. He also dropped off \$100.26 in cash, and an incomplete accounting from October 10th to the 20th, showing around \$5000 received from Info, and some receipts for payouts. Kip Silverman delivered all of this paperwork to the attorneys (and it is reproduced below, in the Documents section for November 2nd).

Thursday, November 3rd - Julio Granda issued a press release, and made an interview with KOIN news, in which he and others claimed to represent “The Real Occupied Portland”. They apologized to the police and the city, for the behavior of the occupation, which they ironically claim to be separate from.

Friday, November 4th - Bryan Howarth announced that he was going to attempt to return the PayPal contributions to the people who contributed them.

Julio Granda registered the non-profit “The Real Occupy Portland”. There is also a website with the same name. He made another press release, purportedly, but no one really cares.

Saturday, November 5th - Sometime during the night, several banks in Northeast Portland were vandalized. Portland Police, in a press release, say that responsibility was claimed for this vandalism in an email from “The Real Occupy Portland”. Links between this claim, and the non-profit and website are unclear.

Documents

*These documents are arranged in chronological order of when they were created, so far as I can determine. I will say where I got them from, if I know. Please trust the veracity of each individually, according to your own sense. I am including everything, from very-trustworthy in my opinion, to not. **Remember, anything in italics is written by me, Adam Rothstein**, with the goal of correcting misinformation and aiding interpretation while maintaining the integrity of the original documents.*

“Global Occupy Focus Group” Minutes, from meetings on October 13th, 14th, and 16th.

These minutes were attached to the Anonymous leak of October 26th. I have included them here, because they were describe to me as authentic by Bosh Paro, who says he attended these meetings. They show that the goals and activities of this group’s meetings were not very different than many conversations held in the occupation at this time.

As far as the name of the group being “Global Occupy Focus Group”, I don’t know to what extent this title was adopted by anyone at the meetings. But, when people have used this name in my presence, this is the set of meetings to which they are referring, so I add it to help identification and consistency, not to define it absolutely.

10/13/2011

1. Current facilitators are inexperienced. The GA need experienced and professional facilitators for the assemblies.

Problems within the GA process:

- a. How often should official GA's be held- what should the purposes of each meeting be?
- b. Talking over people, lack of respect, boundaries
- c. Time constraints- timeline- clear starting and ending point
- d. Audio Quality; mic check, speakers, etc
- e. physical location- where are we allowed to meet and stay focused
- f. Clarification of the rules to the general assembly- possible a daily overview of the guidelines
- g. publicized minutes with a summary of each meeting
- g. training- videos, etc.
- i. Sobriety rules for GA meetings
- j. Designated area for speakers/ facilitators
- k. video projection
- l. lacking a sense of predictability within the meetings- what is the agenda and purpose for each meeting
- m. conclusion/end time for each GA with a clear recap of the meeting

10/14/2011

1. Suggestion that proposals be submitted to website prior to GA. Possible posting on website so they can flush it out. Proposal posted 72 hours so that people can comment, and the person who wrote the proposal has opinions of others and can craft a better proposal that is well written and possibly address the pros/cons of their proposal.
2. Facebook changed back to Admin only postings. People wanting a streaming chat.
3. Structure of camp and how flow of information is used so it doesn’t become a way to cock block

information to the masses.

4. Transparency of facilitators and leaders.

5. Meeting Place- Pioneer Place.

Apollo suggested that the previous nights topics could be put in to four possible categories to tackle.

- .. Meeting formats
- .. Structure of the GA
- .. Communication
- .. Facilitation

6. Break and then fix the GA. All stand around. Lots of discussion about timeline to break the group and fix it. Must have a plan in place immediately to deal with the group post break.

[Here is the first mention I've found of attempting to bypass the GA process, however, it is very unclear what "breaking" the GA means in actuality.]

7. Unless challenged consensus is consensus.

8. John Townsend- *[contact info redacted]* Possible facilitator wants to observe the group then proceed. www.agreementswork.com

9. Possible facilitator between the city and the OPDX.

10. Good relationship with Sam Adams and the Group. Continue to foster that relationship with the city and Adams.

11. Physical Setup- Pioneer Square. Possibly other locations due to up coming holiday. AM camp issues. PM Pioneer Square movement.

12. Partiers- Anarchist groups, drunken homeless, shooting up, etc.

a. Classes attend, arm bands like the lives strong bands. Take classes, participation before physical needs are met.

13. AA Tent, Psych tent, NA tent- Can we set those up to address those folks or find alternative resources for them? Community folks brought in to deal with these people?

10/16/2011-

1. Camp Issues- Drugs, alcohol, sexual assaults, etc.

A. Registration of occupiers.

B. Chow times demographics

C. Police ourselves unless it's life and death

D. GA Doesn't support kicking out people out of the collective.

[A mention of the inclusiveness of the GA, listed as an "issue". There is no mention of what the alternative would be, or what "kicking out people" would look like.]

E. Camp issues holding back moving Globally.

F. Suggestion of collecting demographics from people in chow lines.

G. Good Neighbor policy-Police allowing us to police ourselves.

2. GA Meetings- Fix the Facilitators are in place for train the trainer.

a. Set up facilitators to understand that they are non-bias.

b. A lot of energy.

c. Meeting minutes are now being taken and published. Possible own web page like NYGA. NYGA has possible structure we can use.

d. Vote of non-confidence.

e. ISO-

f. Chipping a way at bad facilitators

g. Empowering general audience.

h. Plan B- Facilitation training. Internet voting. Protect voting.

i. Go in to the caps and talk to the key people.

j. Re-invite people back to the GA's after they are fixed.

k. Proposal written for GA about separating AM/PM

l. Professional facilitators John Townsend and Mary Forst have volunteered to attend some GA's, and then do some possible train the trainer sessions with the current facilitators.

Email exchange between members of the Finance Committee, October 18-19th

This email exchange, along with several others, were forwarded to me by Bosh Paro only re-publish this one, because while it describes a point at which certain people were of

the opinion that the GA could be “stacked”, it also shows that the goals of those involved were, at this time, only about improving the process, and working for the benefit of the occupation. The other emails were mostly about meeting times, and contain nothing substantive of interest.

On Tue, Oct 18, 2011 at 12:52 PM, Peter Davidson [contact info redacted] wrote:

4PM: Meeting

Location: PSU Urban Center rooftop patio

Near SW Mill @ 6th

Enter building near Seattle's Best Coffee,

go to the 4th floor to rooftop patio

See you all soon.

~Peter

--

Peter Davidson

[contact info redacted]

From: Narco Corrido [contact info redacted]

To: Peter Davidson <[contact info redacted]>

Cc: [much other contact info redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 2:41 PM

Subject: Re: A slice of pizza today at 4pm

hey everybody

Viani told me that we'll be re-drafting the 'Split GA' proposal and she suggested we may want to offer reasons why this is a good idea. Here's my attempt to explain and I hope this is helpful.

- by having a separate meeting for direct action, it focuses on and promotes direct action, which is why we came here to begin with
- meeting outside the camp de-emphasizes the camp and re-emphasizes dynamic protest and effective political action
- meeting outside the camp establishes true involvement with the city within the center of the city
- meeting outside the camp raises our visibility in the city in a mildly threatening but non-confrontational way
- a mass nightly march to and from the evening GA site is another opportunity for visibility and protest and unity and fun
- all this visibility makes us easier to find and interact with. not everybody knows what we're up to, y'know.
- meeting outside the camp is more inviting to more conservative non-camp constituencies, like OP Facebookers and media and curious passersby
- meeting outside the camp brings truth to the idea that we're "occupying portland"
- splitting meetings between camp issues and action issues is more efficient. It allows participants to choose those meetings that interest them, saving everybody a lot of time

From: Reid Jackson [contact info redacted]

Date: Wed, Oct 19, 2011 at 8:53 AM

Subject: Re: A slice of pizza today at 4pm

To: Jeanne Whitman [contact info redacted]

Cc: Narco Corrido [contact info redacted], Peter Davidson [contact info redacted], [much more contact info redacted]

All,

I'm up for this as well. It's going to be a major sale. We also need to stack the vote in my opinion by getting more people in to the GA who support this.

Reid

Email exchange between Alex Pio and members of the Finance Committee, October 24-25th

Alex Pio forwarded these emails to the PR Google Group, along with his story about his interactions with the Finance Committee. Please see “Alex Pio’s Story”, below for details.

Email exchange between Alex Pio and finance committee, oldest to most recent:

On Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 9:21 AM, Alex Pio wrote:

Hi Finance committee members,

I’m Alex, for those of you I haven’t been able to meet I’ve been working at info booth at occupy since Oct 6 and was involved in the street team before that. I’ve been able to watch and help the movement grow to what we are today and I’m really inspired and impressed with everything.

I’m writing this email because as you know there’s been some tension and discontent the past few days over finances. I want to thank Reid and Viani for making themselves so accessible to the camp to answer questions and keeping their cool when others have been impolite and aggressive. I’ve been working closely with lots of these people for 2 weeks now and I lost some respect for them with their aggressive remarks to you guys. I know you’re juggling families, day jobs and the occupation and you’re putting in a lot of your own time and money doing the best you can for this movement, and I want to thank you for that.

I also know that a lot of the people that have been aggressive/rude to you have also been juggling two lives and are intensely committed to our cause. In the end, we’re all working for the same goal.

I understand both sides of this issue- they are frustrated for 2 main reasons:

1. They feel that the movement has had no say in important decisions pertaining to the finance committee- mainly what legal entity to create for the OP money. They’re not necessarily against the 501 c 4 status you’ve applied for, but just the fact that the camp was not actively involved in this process. I know you started with these ideas before the occupation even started, but with such a sensitive issue, the more openly its discussed and re-discussed- the better for all.
2. They’re afraid that the board of this non-profit will have power over Occupy Portland and supersede the current decision-making process.

I think these 2 can easily be addressed by participatory decision making and crafting the bylaws of the nonprofit to reflect the board’s power only over the financial entity, not the movement itself.

I personally have no problem trusting the finance members I’ve met with OP’s money and structure, and I hope to get to know the rest of you soon. But I need to stress that with such a sensitive issue there needs to be extra explicit efforts by you guys to inform the group of all options, decisions and information, as well as hold regular ‘working group’ meetings where people can constructively help with solutions and working through processes.

I think that the working group set for Saturday, Oct 29 at 3pm at Terry Schrunk plaza can be used as a re-set button where you try to be more inclusive and transparent and other occupiers need to be respectful and constructive. It will be a place to share ideas to constructively find a correct entity for OP, and I do believe that after that informed discussion people will realize that we only have a few realistic options for entities and the end decision will not be far from the one you as a committee have come to. Please try to have as many of you present during that meeting.

I personally know most of the people that have concerns and am happy to help in any way I can to facilitate dialogue and come to constructive solutions.

Keep up the great work!

Alex

On Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 10:28 AM, Bryan Howarth wrote:

Hi Alex,

It was great to talk with you this week. Thank you for your desire to maintain unity within the organization.

We are working at providing a more efficient means of communication between the Finance Committee and the rest of Occupy Portland (namely the website, social media updates, info booth updates & on-site announcements).

A major concern is that the Finance Committee would like to express is that the General Assembly process is in need of repair. Proposals need pre-proposal announcements in advance (at least a week) to make sure that people can be there to discuss them. There is a sort of power hold that campers have over the GA, when in fact, the GA does not truly represent the whole movement... at least right now.

[It seems this was a major concern: that the GA is not necessarily representative of everyone in the movement. The plan for dealing with this concern, however, is the crux of the matter.]

As we've seen with the 'Budget Committee' proposal, all it takes is one individual to persuade a vulnerable GA to receive approval. If it doesn't pass on Tuesday, an individual can simply try again on Wednesday... Thursday... Friday... etc.

I, as well as others within the Finance Committee, are concerned that people outside of the camp are losing faith in the GA process.

The Finance Committee does not want the GA to become a divisive tool and the process has to be refined. If there are processes or procedures that affect a currently established committee, then no proposal should be brought to the GA without at least a week's notice and they should be brought by an established committee POC. Also, if a proposal is not passed, there should be a waiting period (7 days+) before the proposal can be brought to the GA again and must go through the pre-proposal process each time.

As I expressed before, this 'Budget Committee' is a result of a hi-jacked GA, and not true consensus. My concern is that if the GA is continually used in this way, the movement will be fragmented and will ultimately fail. The decisions that come out of the GA are worth only the respect given to them. If a committee is sideswiped maliciously by a GA proposal, I foresee a lack of respect for the decision. We will only come to consensus through mutual respect and right now there has not been respect from many of these camp occupiers toward the Finance Committee.

[It seems, in my reading, that according to this statement, the Finance Committee felt it was being unfairly swayed by the decisions of the GA. From the preceding paragraph, it seems that at this point, Bryan was of the opinion that the GA process could be refined to fix this. Keep in mind that this email was written on the 24th, and the next day is when a proposal to re-organize the Finance Committee will pass the GA.]

Thank you for your email. We will continue to work diligently for unity within the global movement that is Occupy Portland and Occupy Together.

In solidarity,

Bryan Howarth

On Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 11:52 AM, Alex Pio wrote:

Thanks for the reply. I agree with you that the current GA system needs changing and many (if not most) people in camp think so too, that's why GA numbers have dwindled. At the same time, it is, for better or worse, the decision-making body we have now. I think that by ignoring it the finance committee is furthering the split and compounding the problem.

The best way to change things is a two-pronged approach. One is to work within the current system to change it for the better (bring your 1 weeks notice proposal to the GA and have it passed, be present when budget committee and other confrontational proposals hit the table). I know its frustrating and time-intensive, but its the process we have right now and to undermine that is risking a serious split within the camp which will get you guys a lot more flack than working within the system. The second is to think of a new system which may work better, and continue the finance committees initiatives, but get people involved through working groups so they feel part of the solution. Like I said, it takes more effort, but is necessary.

Alex

On Mon, Oct 24, 2011 at 3:26 PM, Bryan Howarth wrote:

Alex-

I understand that the current GA system is the best that we have, but I don't believe that it currently represents enough of the movement to make decisions on behalf of a vastly larger group. Hard working committees that typically operate off-site deserve more respect than they are being given and the GA process is losing respect. The GA should take time to improve it's process so that it is accessible and fair to all before attempting to adjust the organization.

[Again, this is just my reading, but here we might see Bryan's opinion that the GA is so broken, it cannot be trusted to fix itself. If this were a fair reading, it might explain the justification within the Finance Committee that led to the events of the next day. I apologize for inserting my editorial here, but I feel this could very well speak to the state of mind of several people involved. Readers ought to judge for themselves, of course.]

People presenting proposals, that call for the dissolution of a committee that has been established since before this occupation even began, are the provocateurs and they need to be addressed for the unity of the whole.

[The language of "provocateurs" may show that the Finance Committee felt itself unfairly targeted by proposals in the GA.]

To be frank, we have done the work in this department, laboring day and night... and myself as well as the rest of the committee won't take the unnecessary harassment from a select group of individuals bent on dividing the Occupy Portland movement. The recent actions taken by the 'Budget Committee' are attempts at acquisition of power. Budgeting falls within the processes and procedures of the Finance Committee. If these individuals would like to assist within the Finance Committee we will gladly entertain their suggestions and listen to their ideas.

This is either the end or the beginning. Let's choose wisely. Let's respect the individuals who have worked tirelessly for the good of the whole and reward their diligence with grace and trust.

In solidarity,

- Bryan

from: Kate Lore

to: Bryan Howarth

cc: Alex Pio, Viani Rivier, Reid Jackson, Fern Capella, Jeanne [**last name?*], Justin Masters, [*others on finance committee?*]

date: Tue, Oct 25, 2011 at 4:35 PM

subject: Re: Recent OP Finances concerns

Hello, folks --

I am glad we're having this conversation; it is a very important one. For whatever its worth, here are my thoughts:

A issue of this importance (finance) needs input from as many Occupy PDX folks as possible. GA is the only process we have in place right now. To bypass it seems ethically wrong.

It is true that GA participants don't always bring their "best selves" to the conversation and this is impacting GA attendance (I, too, have stopped attending). I firmly believe we need to set some sort of dialog guidelines and/or expectations. I have several that I use and would be happy to share them, if so desired by this group. Those who choose to break those guide lines would not not be able to have a vote. I also think the weather and lack of seating is affecting attendance.

We really are the 99% and it will take all of us to make the changes we imagine. Therefore, we must do everything in our power to build unity. This "campers versus non-campers" conversation is not helping us build a strong, unified base.

It is true that some folks have put in a lot of time (and some money as well) into establishing a non-profit organization. Is there some sort of report I could see that describes and outlines the total costs we're talking about?

Chat Logs between Loki and Bryan Howarth, the night of Tuesday October 25th.

These logs were forwarded to the communications group, and later to me personally, by Loki, on the web team. Loki tried to get in touch with Bryan when he realized the web site was down, on the night of the 25th. "Me" is Loki; the name is only mentioned when the speaker changes.

11:08 PM me: why the fuck won't you pick up your phone already?

11:09 PM Bryan: I got kids sleeping. I'm emailing and messaging, should suffice for now.

11:10 PM me: no, it doesn't
you pulled a scam, we both know it
it is utter fraud

11:12 PM if this is not resolved within the next few minutes, there are press releases going out disavowing you, and the occupyportland.org domain name the entire camp is on board with this and all the media staff on site are ready to start contacting media outlets call the camp if you don't beleive me

11:13 PM Bryan: I understand the camp is confused.
me: fuck that shit

11:14 PM confused has nothing to do with it
the GA specifically voted against forming a corp
I'm serious, call me, or else I tell them I give up, and to contact the media you really have no idea how pissed people are

11:15 PM Bryan: So now you are threatening rather than seeking a peaceful resolution.

me: nope
you already illegally attempted to reset the administrator password for the Google Apps domain account

11:16 PM you made unauthorized (per fern) changes to the domain registration information

I'm talling you to call me, or else I won't waste any more of my time on trying to resolve this shit tonight
this isn't a threat

11:17 PM I don't really care what you do
Bryan: What is it you're hoping to accomplish? That's all I need to know.

me: you told fern you would change all the password back. you didn't

11:18 PM you outright liad to fern about what you were doing
you took actions as a representative of the finance committee without GA approval, on a matter that did not relate to the GA
ack

finance committee

Bryan: Do you want Google Apps configured?

me: rofl

you are fucking kidding me?

11:19 PM you are trying to steal control over the whole movement, and you think I want fucking google apps fixed? we're about to disavow you, completely, and the occupyportland.org domain, and that is your response?

11:20 PM Bryan: I'm sorry that you people believe this is anything more than the transfer of ownership from an individual to Occupy Portland, the entity.

11:21 PM me: omg really?

Bryan: I'm glad to help any way that I can. Yes, really.

me: you changed the password, the domain servers, broke it all and that doesn't even get into the actions you took to create an entity that was voted against [Note: the GA never specifically voted NOT to form a non-profit, but it never voted to do so, and there were very vocal opinions expressed in the GA against the idea of doing so.] obviously, you don't care

11:22 PM I'm done

Email from Jordan LeDoux on behalf of PR and the web team to Bryan Howarth, sent the morning of Wednesday October 26th.

Jordan cc'ed this email to the PR Google Group after sending it, to keep it on the record. Also see Jordan's Story, in the Story section below.

Bryan,

I'm Jordan LeDoux, working with Media, Communications, PR and Web Team. Here's the situation:

Last night, you changed the name servers without letting ANYONE know. I found out because someone in Jackson, Mississippi was trying to visit our website and told me that it wasn't working. In doing so, you destroyed email addresses that were being routed through our web server, including the central points of contact for the press and for outreach. To date, these are NOT functioning.

You were nearly impossible to get a hold of between 7 PM and 11 PM last night, which is when this could have been easily fixed.

You tried to "compromise" by creating first a link based redirect, and then later a 301 redirect. This is unacceptable. First, we cannot trust you. You have already created huge amounts of damage to our communications infrastructure by destroying the email addresses, and caused our website to be non-functional for nearly four hours. Second, it does not solve the problem of getting our email addresses back.

So this is what we need:

-You need to give either Loki or Kip [Silverman, also a member of the web team] the new password to [contact info redacted]

-You need to give either Loki or Kip the new password to the "occupyportland" Wordpress/GoDaddy account

This is not a negotiation. You took action without consulting the GA. In the absence of that, restore things to exactly the way they were then we will discuss why it might be changed to something else.

At 3 PM this afternoon, I will give Loki a call. If control of the domain and email addresses has been restored to the media team, then perhaps we can talk about what exactly Finance is doing and why. If control has not been returned, the PR Team will release a statement to the press explaining that:

-The Finance Committee has formed a corporation without anyone's approval

-They also hijacked the domain name and some email addresses we use

-They also have all the money we have collected as well

-They did this without consulting or notifying anyone

-In light of this, the Finance Committee is no longer affiliated with Occupy Portland, and neither is their corporation

-We assume that the funds have been transferred to the corporation with which we are no longer affiliated

-We have tried to talk with the members of this Finance Committee by they made it clear they did not intend to do anything different
-We are concerned about the status of the money that was collected

These are the main points this press release will hit. Because you confiscated the domain and fucked our email addresses up, I have to explain this to the press by this afternoon, because they can no longer directly contact Occupy Portland.

You sir, lied. I personally am willing to just let this go if we are returned full control of the domain.

If I haven't heard from you by 3 PM, I'll just assume that's refusal. And if that seems tough... well I've been trying to contact you for almost 14 hours without success, so tough.

Jordan LeDoux

***The first Anonymous leak, emailed to various committees around 2PM,
Wednesday, October 26th.***

This release, and others to follow, make use of the "Anonymous" method of data release, which has been in use widely on the Internet for many years. This method is typically a data dump in a text only file, put in a temporary web site somewhere. The language of "we are legion", etc is mainly branding, to associate the anonymous release of data with a radical pro-transparency movement, calling itself Anonymous, that will often use illegal means to leak data the participants feel is pertinent to the public at large. It does not mean that anyone claiming to be Anonymous is the SAME Anonymous group, or that they are working together. It only means that they choose to identify themselves as such. For more info, Wikipedia it. I promise to you that I have no idea whom the people who leaked this information are, and no one has mentioned any clue to their identity or identities to me.

The use of these "Anonymous documents" in this file pose a problem. These documents cannot be verified, and cannot be deemed trustworthy. They are included for completeness sake, so it can be said that this file is as complete as possible, and nothing has been omitted. However, I would caution the reader to think very critically about these documents. That they mention names without any evidence attached to them creates more questions than they solve. In a way, including these documents makes the file more incomplete, in terms of verifiable truth, than if they were left out.

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Three of these people are meeting their corporate attorney at 2pm on Wednesday, October 26th:

David Shaw

[Contact info redacted.]

These people, and others that are part of the "Global Occupy Focus Group" have persistently acted against the best interests of the #OccupyPortland movement, including making a directed attempt to destroy the GA and facilitation process, in order to replace it with their own. These people must be rejected. These people have committed fraud against the 99%. These people have been bought out by the 1%.

Other members, besides those directly involved in the corporation, include:

Bosh Paro

Chase Wilson [*Not included in reprint of the section on flyer released the night of 10/26. See below.*]
Chiara DeLucia
Narco Corrido
Peter Davidson [*Not included in reprint of the section on flyer released the night of 10/26. See below.*]
Priscilla Schmidt [*Priscilla was never a member of the Finance Committee.*]

[It seems that these names were drawn from the emails circulated in the previous week, relating to plans to fix the GA. See "Email exchange between members of the Finance Committee, October 18-19th", above. I say this because two names, "Chiara DeLucia" and "Narco Corrido", seem to be explicit email pseudonyms that were included on those email exchanges, and not actual names. I don't know whose email accounts those might be.]

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The receipt transferring the occupyportland.org domain to "Occupy Portland":
<http://suxorz.com/?v=note.jpg>

Also included in this Anonymous leak were minutes from "G4" meetings on 10/13, 10/14, and 10/16. They have been included above in chronological order, as they were described to be as authentic, by Bosh Paro, who says he was at those meetings.

The Photograph of the Receipt mentioned in the Anonymous leak above, from Wednesday, October 26th.

Bryan Howarth confirmed that this receipt image was authentic, when he met with the web team on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 26th.

10/25/11

This is a receipt of payment and full transfer of occupyportland.org from Fern Capella Lassiter-Crank to Occupy Portland: Reid Jackson, Bryan Howarth, VIKI RIVVIA.

Any and all rights and privileges related to occupyportland.org are now the responsibility of the board members of Occupy Portland. I have transferred all of the passwords and login information to Occupy Portland for the sum of \$500.00.

Best,

Fern Capella Lassiter-Crank
503 960 6151
ferncapella@gmail.com

The Press Release, written by PR, and published on the Occupy Portland website the afternoon of Wednesday, October 26th.

A note was added to this press release when the website was back in the control of the web team, noting that fact.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PORTLAND, ORE. -- Individuals on the Finance Committee at Occupy Portland were able to take control the protest's domain name and and associate email addresses late Tuesday evening. Additionally, in a somewhat ironic twist, these individuals formed a (non-profit) corporation to which they transferred all of the money which had been collected for the movement through kind donations from our community.

The emails that were being used maintain contact the with the press, organize our online group discussions, and control the technical means of organization were all taken over by a handful of individuals that were able to get the passwords to these systems then lock everyone else out.

Unless restored immediately, OccupyPortland.org is no longer affiliated with our protest or our movement. The Finance Committee members that have acted on their own will need to account for their own actions. We cannot state with certainty the amount of the donations that were taken in through the internet. We will use all means at our disposable to account for every dollar and make this transparent as soon as possible.

We have restored the website at the backup address, OccupyPDX.org, and have full control over this domain and all of its email addresses. Nothing originating from OccupyPortland.org should be trusted to represent the Occupy Portland protest or the people of the Portland General Assembly. No emails originating from this address are affiliated any longer with any part of Occupy Portland.

If anything, this incident illustrates the very reason we are protesting. Our protest against corporate power and control is now colored by people who have used this very structure we are protesting against to deprive us of donations and resources that the community as a whole helped establish for our protest.

The ways in which these things happened is a perfect illustration of the corruption and secrecy that are problematic at every level of our society.

We have attempted to reach out to these individuals, but they have assured us that they have no intention of changing their course of action. In light of this, the public should understand that they are willfully and falsely representing themselves as speaking for the Occupy Portland General Assembly.

None of these actions were approved by the General Assembly. None of these actions were even explained to the General Assembly. These two things are facts which are impossible to dispute.

Occupy Portland will continue our protest in deference to the General Assembly, and will not let this distract us or slow us down. It is a shame a few people act in interests against the will of the movement, but in the greater scheme of things it will not matter. It is a minor bump in a road that is laden with mines on the path to achieve Accountability, Transparency and Justice.

Over the next week we will be participating in marches on our own and in conjunction with the AFL-CIO, we will be participating in a free concert and super rally with Pink Martini at noon Friday at Pioneer Courthouse Square, and we will be welcoming Michael Moore during his trip to Portland for his book tour.

A statement from PR to the GA on the night of Tuesday, October 26th. Composed and read by Jordan LeDoux.

Over the last 48 hours a set of events concerning some members of the Finance Committee has come to light. I am here to announce the facts as we know them so far in the interests of transparency.

On Sunday, a meeting between the Reid Jackson from the Finance Committee and anyone who was concerned about its operation was held. During this meeting many unfairly attacked Reid personally, however during this meeting we were told that the Finance Committee had no plans to immediately register a non-profit corporation, and that they would consult the GA before doing so. This was a false statement. The

paperwork for this framework had already begun at least as early as the previous Friday.

On Tuesday evening, another person on Finance, Bryan Howarth, contacted the original owner of the occupyportland.org domain and bought it from her for a sum of \$500 that came, from our understanding, from the donations that had been collected.

This caused a disruption of the website and many of our email accounts as the servers were changed without notifying anyone from Media or the Web Team.

Upon the disruption, members of Media, PR and Web Team began digging to find out what had happened and discovered the establishing of a non-profit in Occupy Portland's name. It wasn't clear at that time exactly who was involved or why it had been done.

It is important to note that this entire process began as a group of autonomous individuals who were trying to create ways to improve our movement, and that this was not a bad thing. The secrecy and lies of course caused problems, but the meeting of like-minded people to generate new ideas and approaches was never the issue. *[Many have objected to this language being used by the Media and PR teams, knowing what we now know, as they feel it is soft. It is important to note that many people at this time were willing to give the three members of the Finance Committee the benefit of the doubt.]*

We attempted to contact both Reid and Bryan to discover what had occurred. We were told by both that they, as representatives of the non-profit, would retain control of the email accounts and the domain name. This was unacceptable for a variety of reasons, such as the fact that one person was now effectively the recipient of all emails sent to our domain, and that this person had no oversight or transparency.

We communicated with them that we would have to eventually explain this to the press if things did not change, but before any kind of direct communication could work, the Oregonian was tipped off to the story and called me directly for comment. Again, in the interest of transparency, I provided the facts as I knew them at that moment.

The money that the finance committee was in charge of has not disappeared as some have reported. It was transferred from the finance committee rep to the non-profit corporation. Nobody stole our donation, but our donations are now controlled by a non-profit organization of which we still don't know the board of directors. *[This is untrue. The money never left the PayPal account, and was never controlled by the non-profit. However, Jordan, at the time, did not know that the money was still in the PayPal account, and Bryan had not yet spoke to the GA.]*

To the best of our knowledge, each of the individuals involved was acting in what they believed to be the best interests of our occupation, however misguided some may feel that was. We were able to return control of the domain name to our Web Team who has been managing it since this occupation began with direct communication between us and Bryan.

Anonymous Flyer distributed throughout camp and at the GA, the night of Wednesday, October 26th

I have retyped the text from the flyer here, for completeness sake.

[Page One]

A message to Occupy Portland from ANONYMOUS

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[This previous page is a direct copy of the earlier Pastebin leak, with two names removed from the lower list.]

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“Occupy Portland Inc.”?

On Monday, October 24, paperwork was filed with the Oregon Secretary of State’s office declaring “Occupy Portland Inc.” to be a non-profit corporation with Reid Jackson as the registered agent. [Actually, it’s been said the paperwork would have been filed at least a week prior to the information being available on the website on Sunday, October 25th.] This was planned and done behind the scenes by Reid Jackson, Viani Rivier and a shadowy group of people not living here and operating without the knowledge or the consent of the General Assembly or people living in camp. On the night of Tuesday, Oct 25, the occupyportland.org website and some associated email addresses were seized and were no longer under the control of the Occupy Portland media/web team (this has since been rectified). This was done by these same people, who have been taking donations on behalf of Occupy Portland and storing that money in Bryan Howarth’s personal PayPal account. Attempts by many occupiers to reach out to Reid and Viani and get some answers have met with no success.

This is a copy of the information about “Occupy Portland, Inc.” taken directly from the Oregon Secretary of State’s website. Anyone wishing to view the full document can go online and see it:
(http://egov.sos.state.or.us/br/pkg_web_name_srch_inq.show_detl?p_be_rsn:1546777&p_srce=BR_INQ&p_print=FALSE)

Registry Nbr: 808567-93
OCCUPY PORTLAND, INC
REID JACKSON [Contact info redacted.]

What is the “Finance Committee”?

The finance committee is a “closed committee” of people who have been handling Occupy Portland’s money in a shady and non-transparent way since the beginning of camp. [Defining this committee as a “closed committee” seems to be a statement of opinion, as what this means is not defined, and I have seen no other evidence that anyone was ever barred from being a part of that committee. However, the similar definition of “secret meeting”, while also very much seeming to be an opinion, is close to the core of the issues at work in this entire episode, as observers try to work out what would make a meeting secret or not secret, and a committee closed or not closed.] Bryan Howarth is currently holding all of Occupy’s money in his personal PayPal account, and no one who is living in camp is able to access that money to meet the acute needs of actual camp committees like Safety, Engineering, Sanitation, etc.

The finance committee (specifically Reid Jackson and Justin Masters) came to camp on Saturday 10/22 and

explicitly said that no paperwork had been filed to turn Occupy into a corporation and that they would never do so without camp's consent. Reid etc. then went 2 days later and established a corporation anyways, in direct opposition to the wishes of the GA.

The finance committee has said they desire transparency and accountability, but all their actions have proven otherwise. They set up this corporation after having explicitly said they weren't doing that, and they are in consultation with a tax lawyer about how/whether Occupy should be paying taxes (a very political decision that should be made by the entire camp). Every time they have shown up in camp (without numbers or any data) to provide answers, they have been shady and divisive, have called their opponents infiltrators, tea partiers and worse, have refused to answer questions about their plans, and have generally increased the level of distrust for them that is present in camp.

People camped at Occupy Portland now want to know where our money is, how to get it back, how to hold these people accountable for their efforts to take over this People's Movement, and most importantly, how to make sure this never happens again.

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Who is the "Finance Committee"?

The former finance committee was dissolved at the General Assembly on Tuesday 10/25 *[Note: this is not exactly true. The GA on 10/25 established a format for a new finance committee with procedure for populating it from members of other committees. An amendment was included specifically asking that the members of the former finance committee be included on the new committee, because they knew what was going on. This amendment was approved, and included in the approved proposal.]* and no longer has any legitimacy, and is not recognized by Occupy Portland. The former finance committee has several peripheral members who may or may not have been involved in this plot. Here are the members that campers need to be aware of, the ones behind this whole scheme:

Viani Rivier is the mastermind behind all of this. If you see her in camp, please demand answers about where our money is, why we're now a corporation, and why there is a G4 "ghost committee". She will be evasive and manipulative and is considered dangerous and not adverse to physical confrontation.

[Contact info redacted.]

Reid Jackson is the person who came to camp on Saturday to address these issues and openly lied to everyone about their group's plans for setting up this corporation. His name is one on the corporation.

[Contact info purged.]

Bryan Howarth is the one holding the money that was donated to Occupy Portland in his personal PayPal account. He is looking for ways to get rid of that money and not be held liable for it, and it's up to all of us as occupiers wanting more transparency to come up with ways to deprive him of these funds, and then propose those to the GA.

[Contact info purged.]

Justin Masters is another finance person who came with Reid Jackson on Saturday and openly lied to the camp about what the finance committee's plans were.

[Contact info purged.]

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What is the G4 "Ghost Committee"?

The G4 is a "Ghost Committee" (comprised mostly of people who don't camp) that has been having consistent meetings off-site about how to take over the leadership of this camp. They, including Viani Rivier, have been consistently talking with the Portland Police department about how the cops can help them make this happen. They have invited some individuals who they perceive to be powerful within the camp to be a part of their group in order to help legitimize their power grab, and those individuals have provided information

about their planes.

Their planes are: to turn Occupy Portland into a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation, rent an indoor space, move all the camp infrastructure there, and then let the camp fail and/or tell the cops that it's time to move in and clear us all out. Once Occupy has been taken indoors, it will be up to these people to decide who can go into that building, allowing them to "keep out the riffraff".

[I personally have heard every piece of this plan discussed, in several different venues and at different times. I can say specifically that I heard it discussed at an all-committee meeting on Friday the 21st by both members of the Finance Committee and the Peace and Safety Committee. I dismissed it at the time as ludicrous, because I thought the GA would never approve it. I can say that this definitely was a plan, though I don't know whose idea it was originally.]

Viani Rivier has been dispensing personal cash to individuals since camp began, in an effort to buy those individuals off. *[See Bosh Paro's Story below, for information possibly corroborating this. However, her motive to "buy people off" cannot be proven.]* She and others in the G4 including Julio Granda are wealthy individuals, unlike most of us in camp. With that wealth comes a sense of entitlement, and the thought we Occupiers are just a bunch of idiots and street kids who don't know how to run camp ourselves, so they need to run things for us.

This is not acceptable, and this power grab must not be allowed to go through.

Who is the G4 "Ghost Committee"?

Here is a partial listing of those involved in the G4 Ghost Committee, along with their email address and phone numbers when available. Notes from some meetings of the G4 have been posted online by Anonymous at the address listed below.

Viani Rivier *[Contact info purged.]*

Julio Granda *[Contact info purged.]*

Reid Jackson *[Contact info purged.]*

Marshall K *[Contact info purged.]*

Debbie Lee *[Contact info purged.]*

Alexander Baretich

Bosh Paro

Priscilla Schmidt

Jay (last name unknown, big dude with curly hair)

Gina Mason (short Gina with brown hair)

Notes from G4 meetings: <http://pastebin.com/aH9Vegzt>

What Can We Do About This?

This cannot stand. We as Occupiers need to hold these people accountable for their actions, including collusion with the police in an effort to co-opt and/or destroy Occupy Portland. *[Collusion with the police is a accusation I've heard several times, but I have never heard anything to prove it.]* Let's all demand:

1. A public accountability process in which these folks explain their actions to the group and/or seek forgiveness.
2. The dissolution of Occupy Portland, Inc. and any other entities associated with Occupy Portland but not approved by the GA.

3. Any remaining funds in Bryan Howarth's account be transferred over to someone or something that is actually accountable to our movement. Let's work together with Bryan on this.

Debrief Notes about the Confrontation at the Lawyer's Office, on Wednesday October 26th, Talking with Patrick Dougherty and Zach Parson.

The evening of the 26th I sat down with Patrick Dougherty (aka Professor) and Zach Parsons, to talk to them about the confrontation at the lawyer's office, earlier that day. First are Patrick and Zach's notes from the confrontation. Perhaps they are not very helpful in and of themselves, but they are included for completeness, and for the context they provide to my notes from speaking with them, which follow.

Lack of transparency
usurping power

why is occupy portland.org now redirected and now no longer under our control
who is making the changes to the website?

No comment
No comment

what are you doing with our money Brian response
finance committee acts autonomously to an extent and the fact the money goes to his account makes him look bad, transferring money to collective of occupy portland. Used his pay pal because too much money flow...he now wants to transfer it to an occupy account.

Wish he could just withdraw the money and take it to occupy, not that simple, so he is meeting with lawyer to see how that would work.

This whole thing is nerve racking, understands the need for transparency.
By law there must be a registrant, reid is liable for those funds. If occupy gets sued he gets sued.
This is a situation where we need to look at all the ways we can return the money to occupy portland.
Having the money in a personal account

who changed site, he says he cannot answer that right now.

When I came here this was compelled my own decision apart from occupy to seek a tax professional's advice, how do I have accountability while also not making things released to the public that he is not supposed to. I didn't establish the non profit, my goal from the beginning was to make sure it gets the right people, not just make camp needs but global vision as well.

I want to make clear our serious concern that the 501 does not reflect us at all.
GA decided that we will not create any legal entity with the name occupy, and it happened anyways.
Reid specifically said there was nothing in the works to set us up as a non profit, and now there is one.

Right after GA announced non profit our website went down and the owner of the website was contacted and asked to transfer/sell the website domain.

David Shaw the property owner appeared. We have five more minutes to have this meeting.

I can't comment. On the website changes at all. Simply because I don't have all the answers. Or about us moving into a physical space, no comment.
Brian the people you work with have you

help me to provide alternatives to what we have now, maybe use the wallstreet formant for donations.
Take that to GA so people like Brian don't have the responsibility
will you not associate with that non profit, yes if you work with me to change the format.

How much money do we have...it will all be accounted for...is what he said.
We are at about ten grand.
Brian would like to continue this

[contact info redacted]

talk with cathy at nlg
because there are people in finance committee that works in my office I shouldnt get into this. I will give you the name and number of Ashley Albies she is

[They leave the lawyer's office, and the conversation continues in Pioneer Square.]

we literally have two thirds of the main activists here talking to brian at pioneer square continuing with brian.

What can we do to lessen brians burden, get a legitimiante way to get the funds into the hands of the GA

I have been approached by lawyers who can handle this for us...Mike

I have a way that you can make sure money and donations and upkeep of our society without having to take on tax burden yourself ...instead of finance we circulate a very detailed wish list on our site and we can get things shipped to us. To no waste human resources why not have people ship stuff to us.

We dont need to get rid of cash altogether

we should have petty cash and a legal defense fund in a trust, that makes brian free and clear.

We have to est a parks fund...as a seperate and non occupy fund...reminds me that art from parks redirected us to a non profit that handles lots of the parks donations.

I would like to make it known that I am trying to work with everyone here.

Thoudands of people are getting info on fliers with wrong email address...someone else has our dns information for our email addresses...someone has control of our email addresses...

[This is them meeting just a bit later at the Library with Bryan Howarth to transfer the website back to the web team.]

library portland illona, mike, professor, zach, and brian

can we get our emails back...is that an option...before four fifteen

brian nods yes

we have expressed that the GA has spoken, decisions about website should go through GA.

He will give us the info that he has so we can make decisions through the GA.

Get to where it should be and from there based on the info we have than anything would have to go through the GA after repairs. As far as DNS not being pointed to where it is now.

Illona...current you are the only one with access to occupy portland...brian, that I do not know.

that is not working, someone may have gotten in and circumvented, it would seem others have access to our site. Brian says he did not share that with anyone, he was given this by Fern.

He is sending Illona and Zach a document

did you have an email setup so you would receive an email if password was changed....(brian) let me check.

The document was ferns bill of sale to the occupy portland selling the domain to the entity occupy portland.

This states the occupy inc bought the domain and that it would not be in an individuals name but under the umbrella occupy portland.

loki is now in and making the necessary changes and brian will no be locked out of the account.

The only thing I would suggest with that is to figure out what he needs to do for the transfer from the non profit.

The non profit will be under our control or dissolved.

We should contact the name that was given to zach as a legal advice lawyer about the non profit dissolution of power change.
Brian says that we should transfer the funds into a similar framework of wall streets.
Brian you have to release the funds to a legal entity for liability and protection.

Lawyer who will help us ashley albies [contact info redacted]
brian says as long as the entity is transparent and liable than he has no problem at all with it.
Brian will be attending the spending committee meeting with us at six at terry strump

who set up the occupyportland gmail....fern.
Discuss with finance as to what is going on so we can disseminate that info the the committees
we have a pretty decent idea what is going on we need to liberate the strained party from tethered accounts
people are already wanting to take their donations back...if people want to we should take give them the
money back...we need to announce that if people feel that our pay pal has been compromised we will given
the money back.

From the domain side of things loki has everything that he needs

fern gave brian the info about the website...they were having a conversation about how owned the website
and the potential problem that could cause, so from that there was a transfer to the entity that is now occupy
inc.
who paid fern? Brian doesnt know.
Brian doenst know who all had access to website info after it was transferred to occupy inc.
doestn matter now, just back story.

Gross number the net contributions \$ 13967.95 that is not taking into account pay pal feels.

Reid Jackson has joined us at the library upon invitation from Zach

brian is filling reid in on where we are at.

He shared us the gross pay pal total.

Given the situation he felt he needed to show us that at this point.

He also got us the domain stuff back to where it is.

He explained the fact about the discussion he had with fern about the domain. To protect the intergrity of
the website, keeping it in an entitiy an not a specific person.

He now is working to liquitdate funds to responsible group, and or entity as long as it is the best route for
occupy portland.

The domain name cannot be transferred from occupy portland inc for two months, we need gauruntee that
it will not be shut down by the owners or re taken by occupy inc. We will be given that agreement in writing.

Tomorrow we shall make a press release stating the integrity or reid and brian and stating the transparency
that we have had at this point.

Now that we are all here, one of my major concerns is where the cash donations went to. Reid says he has
not had his hands on any of that cash at all...how do we find this out? (I think its worth being said that the
finance committee doest hav ea heirarchy so people are individually its best we talk to viani about this issue
(brian))

Viani is not working with us well and will, Zach with be point of contact to talk with Viani about where the
money is. After patrick discussing the petty cash issue she hasnt showed up to take a drop. Reid states that
she has been in a physical confrontation with soemone and that may play into her not being around as
much.

We should all re gain trust with each other and try and build up again. (brian) what it takes at this point is to
address this no matter how uncomfortable it is.

Reid is making written guarantee about the security of the website and it not being touched by occupy inc.

the misconfiguration came from the dns change. At 2 am the website was header and a link to occupydx.org and a contribution button....that's it.

Why was the web team not approached to rectify that...

the access to the domain was linked to the hosting so there was no way to secure separately.

If there was access to more than, if you have a whole bunch of people with access it's not secure and there would be no way to make sure it's under occupy portland's control.

Do we all feel like we are all on the same page and we have enough questions answered to move forward to talking to GA and spending committee creating a way to remove the funds from Brian's account. Brian supports and agrees this as an end result. Brian wants no involvement of finance and neither does Reid.

There has been miscommunication but no loss and that is a good thing how paid five hundred dollars....Reid, private assets, not our fund. After the 60 days how much is it going to cost to get it back and is the committee ok with giving the site to Joshua Clay.

Who's private funds were used.

Some people don't want it to be known the work they do and money they contribute. Misfa, a good deed that doesn't need to be recognized.

Transferring the funds to Joshua Clay for one dollar.

Following are my notes in my own words of what they said about the confrontation to me, and in response to my questions. Jordan LeDoux was also there when we spoke, and some of his comments are there.

Around 2PM, Zach Parsons, Patrick Dougherty, (aka Professor), and others received an anonymous email warning them about a current meeting between the G4 and their tax lawyer, and leaked the address. It was also put in a Pastebin file, and the link was added to the comments of the Oregonian article of that morning, which Kip Silverman noticed and forwarded to the PR Google Group. This comment was later deleted. Folks rushed off to confront them at the lawyer's office with a video camera.

Professor, Zach, Illona, Gambit, Cascadian Joe, and others, went to the lawyer's office. They asked for NLG reps to meet them, but they did not get there in time, and they didn't end up needing them. There they saw Reid Jackson, Bryan Howarth, Viani Rivier. Reid left immediately when he saw the video camera. The confronters heard then that the focus was on moving the money out of Bryan's personal account. They asked about the DNS redirect, and got no comment. Bryan showed them his Paypal account, which held \$13,967.95. But this does not account for a lump sum of \$5000 in cash that Professor and Zach gave to Viani from cash collected at Info, plus more deliveries of nearly \$1000 a day for several days. *[Please compare this to the notes from conversation with Viani Rivier around 12AM, 10/27th, below.]*

They left the lawyer's office, and continued talking outside. Then a few of the confronters went with Bryan to MC Library, where he transferred the DNS login information to them, as well as signing a statement on video that released all interest and ownership in the website. Loki received all this and verified it, via Illona over IM. Zach and Professor reported that Bryan was very agitated during this meeting, asking several times if it was safe to meet them at the library. Their opinion is that someone had warned Bryan about meeting with them, and told him that it was not safe, and that they would harm him. But, they said he was very relieved once he had communicated with them, and transferred over the website so he did not have to deal with it.

As of the PM of the 26th, the original domain is back in the control of the web team.

Evening of 26th, Jordan's opinion is that we cannot prove Bryan and Reid acted with malice, however, that Julio and Viani did. Zach and Professor also echo this. *[Note: these are opinions, and there were no accusations linked to specific facts.]* Jordan says he has worked with Bryan previously, but had not realized it prior to this evening. He says Bryan is a fun, funny guy, who loves his daughter. Zach and Professor speak to Reid's integrity, although everyone admits that it is clear that Reid lied about plans for the non-profit when speaking at a meeting three days previous, on Sunday.

***Conversation with Viani Rivier the night/morning of Wednesday/Thursday,
October 26/27th, around 12AM***

Viani Rivier came to camp, and was confronted by a number of people. There is an audio recording of part of this confrontation, which I listened to, and wrote these notes. Most of the conversation is unhelpful, and is basically ad hominem attacks, and repeating very basic information (it's an argument). However, I took notes on what I heard in the recording, and they follow below, in my own words.

When she is shown the flyer [*Anonymous flyer that was handed out the GA on the 26th, see above*], she sounds as if she is taken aback by the amount of info on it. She had been denying the non-profit's existence up until that point, but stopped after seeing the flyer. She denies it is a lobbying organization, and at that point claims it is a non-profit.

She admits that Reid lied, and says he owes an apology. She said she did not mean to use anyone (regarding the non-profit) and is sorry anyone feels that way. She says her intent was to care for the group as a whole. She insures, with her word, that she will work with the camp to resolves these issues.

Note: in this conversation she mentions the sum of \$19,000, unprompted. It is unclear what money this is: if it is the PayPal money, the cash from Info, or the combination of the two. [*Note the mention of 19K in the Chat Logs of the 27th, below.*]

***Second Conversation with Viani Rivier the night/morning of Wednesday/Thursday,
October 26/27th, around 12AM***

After the confrontation above, Viani Rivier, Zach Parson, and Patrick Dougherty had a more private conversation, at which they took notes. The notes are unclear, but I spoke with them directly to verify certain parts of it. Sorry it is still confusing, but it details what they spoke about.

Meeting with Viani.

Where is the money being held
[*They are talking about the cash collected from Info and handed off to Viani from the beginning of the occupation, not the PayPal funds.*]

I am uncomfortable releasing that info because its a third party

are you comfortable revealing transaction details

absolutely
[*street address in SW Portland redacted*]

its under lock and key...

if we wanted to store somewhere else could happen
that is totally our deal if we want that to happen it can happen...

so can you provide transaction logs for us
absolutely, meet you this sunday and give us the originals

doesnt know about petty cash or about who is picking it up...

mentioned petty cash,

we are at negative cash as far as I know"

Viani bought 500 t shirts for approximately 3600 buttons 100 bucks plus stickers...plan was to sell them to

make revenue.

[I verified this statement with Zach & Partrick. She is claiming she spent \$3700 on 500 T-shirts, plus buttons and stickers. We know from Zach & Patrick that on the second day of the occupation, Zach & Patrick gave nearly \$5000 to Viani. And then successive days of nearly \$1000 a day for about a week. The last drop was a few hundred dollars, and there was no ledger at that time, so Professor wouldn't give her the money. She didn't come back. The ledger is still not found. Both of them have not seen anyone else ever come and pick up money. They have received no checks.]

That was my decision absolutely....

she purchased the t shirts....

we will get t shirts and buttons sunday as well.

If we are in the negative cash wish then how can we do this so everyone wins...

I dont want to take money out of the general fund...

you need liquidity, in that vein I am suggesting that instead of me requesting for all of the money back

Anonymous Pastebin Post of Thursday, October 27th, AKA "The Chat Logs":

This is the most controversial of the documents. It was sent by "Anonymous" in link form to the email accounts of various camp volunteers, and purports to be two separate chat logs between Reid Jackson and Viani Rivier, one from October 25th, another from October 24th. It cannot be verified, though certain specific items in the text have been proven to be true. Use your own judgment to believe what is true, I make no claim either way. Mostly (if believed to be authentic) it speaks to the fact that this was some sort of conspiracy. There is a concerted effort, according to the language in the document, by Reid and Viviani to mislead and recruit people to their effort, even while people were trying to contact them about the website. This document is also controversial because it would had to have been obtained illegally by Anonymous--unless of course, it was leaked by either Reid or Viani. What follows are first key passages I have extracted, that to me could be important. Then the full, unredacted text follows.

Line 41: [Viani, on 25th, 5:14AM] I think we should have a conversation with / wait / wait / wait / a pressssssssssssss release / we have a press release with Erica from Katu / and we can put Gina on to deoccupy the parks / boom. / what do you think?

5:15 AM we dissolve the current structure by doing so / all at once. / I have Erica's number. / But, first we need to get in conversation with bryan

[According to this, they tried to seize control via media, and were planning on using Gina Ronning to "deoccupy". They refer to her by name, elsewhere, though it seems they did not call her because the suggestion to do so here went unanswered.]

Line 65: [Viani, on 25th, 5:16AM]: let me check FB while you get Bryan in here so we can craft up a press release / I think a press release tonight / 5:17 AM will do the following / close or deoccupy the mess / thereby Reid: I tried.. his phone is going straight to voicemail

[Viani]: truly representing the 99% / clearing the park / and making a public cry for the city to provide a bldg for the homeless / boom.

[This would appear to be confirmation of the plan to declare themselves the leaders of the occupation via the media, "deoccupy" the parks, and thereby push the city to get a building for the homeless, freeing them to continue the movement as a non-profit.]

Line 104: [25th, 5:21AM]: Reid: oh shit.. Fern is asking about telling Loki that I did this / its look like I am doing all of this
[Viani]: huh? oh, on FB?? / 5:22 AM warn her of slander in a private chat and then close the chat window / defamation of character as well, / let me call katu first

[It looks from this like Reid was at partially responsible for buying the website domain from Fern, and then he might have intimidated her into silence.]

Line 127: [Viani, on the 25th, at 5:32AM]: we have to keep julio in the fold for a little while / we don't need him getting angry and retaliating / against us, / 5:33 AM he could easily use the current situation to escalate this situation
Reid: ok / trying to get his help

[Interesting for possibly defining the nature of Reid and Viani's relationship with Julio Granda.]

From the log on the 24th, there is confusion, as "Reid" is listed for both names. I reconstructed the names, moving from the comments about Viani's mom at the end, where I can tell which one was allegedly speaking. The name is only logged when the speaker changes. I have left it unedited in the unredacted portions.

Line 201: [Viani] "6:28 PM alex pio is funneling Jordan and seth our way...I think what we have to do is accept them into the committee and shut down the information channel."

[I was told by Jordan that Alex Pio referred him and Seth to the group, to help advise and calm things down. According to Jordan, Jordan only communicated with Viani and Reid once by email. Alex Pio confirms this statement, see his story below. Jordan did not wish to speak publicly.]

Line 231: [Reid] 6:39 PM well, maybe not / what is the benefit to us / we're are coopting them / the corporation has the right to restructure / besides that / no matter what they do...

[An admission that they thought they were coopting us.]

Line 241: [Reid] on 24th, " Besides, the money is already spent" [referring to "freezing our funding"]

[What money is spent? Perhaps it is referring to the cash given to Viani by Info, because it seems probably that the PayPal funds were never touched.]

Line 261: "6:47 PM [Viani]: This Michael character needs to go away / we need to find dirt on him"

[This is an example of their willingness to defame people.]

Line 293: [Reid]: why not propose that the camp site has its' own finance committee... / and watch this.....
/ right after that / we break away from "them: / [Viani]: I think we should hold this up until we speak to the attorney / [Reid]: disavow all responsibility from their actions / booooooooooM / no more 19K

[Leads one to believe that this was attempted as a coup. Also, the reference to the "19K" is curious. This could be the cash collected from Info, or perhaps it refers to that amount AND the PayPal sum.]

Line 306: [Reid]: by the way.. you will need to find someone to get all of your shit / because we won't be doing that either / have fun / oh no.. you had 2k go missing again / boo fucking hoo / [Viani]: we could also have them under the corporation as a line item / LOL 2k

[The "2K" figure is also curious. Whose 2K is it?]

The Unredacted Chat Logs (Online: <http://pastebin.com/0hX0YzWV>)

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60. what do you think
61. Reid: is Facebook exploding or anything?
62. me: you call bryan
63. Reid: yes
64. yes, not picking up at all
65. me: let me check FB while you get Bryan in here so we can craft up a press release
66. I think a press release tonight
67. 5:17 AM will do the following
68. close or deoccupy the mess
69. thereby
70. Reid: I tried.. his phone is going straight to voicemail
71. me: truly representing the 99%
72. clearing the park
73. and making a public cry for the city to provide a bldg for the homeless
74. boom.
75. what about callilng gina ronning.
76. 5:18 AM Reid: Lokie has called in a total panic
77. me: tht's fine...
78. relax
79. let's call and use KATU
80. email bryan
81. immediately
82. we need to shore the wound
83. 5:19 AM we need to address the public at large and clean up our image
84. what do you think?
85. Reid: where is Julio?
86. sounds ok
87. me: what about calling Debbie?
88. Reid: yes
89. me: let me call them so it looks like there was more than two of us.
90. okay, i'll call debbie
91. 5:20 AM Reid: ok
92. me: you call julio
93. you email bryan
94. i'll call katu to notify them of a press release exclusive
95. Reid: ok
96. me: what about national news?
97. let's wait for the national news for later.
98. but
99. it's coming.
100. this is good for business.
101. lol
102. 5:21 AM everything is fine Reid.
103. My mom sends you a hug.
104. Reid: oh shit.. Fern is asking about telling Loki that I did this
105. its look like I am doing all of this
106. me: huh? oh, on FB??
107. 5:22 AM warn her of slander in a private chat and then close the chat window
108. defamation of character as well,
109. let me call katu first
110. Reid: ok
111. 5:24 AM me: can we get debbie in here too Reid?
112. Reid: yes
113. me: her email is watsurvision@gmail.com
114. 5:25 AM Reid: go up to the people plus and add her
115. bryan is saying something about them taking it back
116. me: where is the people plus?
117. Reid: the website
118. 5:26 AM me: where is he talking?
119. Reid: I don't know
120. he isn't responding

121. me: where are you hearing bryan talking?
122.5:27 AM Reid: no.. he sent me a text message
123.5:28 AM ge her to accept my chat request
124. then I can bring her in
125.5:30 AM me: okay i am working on it
126.5:31 AM Reid: ok
127.5:32 AM me: we have to keep julio in the fold for a little while
128. we don't need him getting angry and retaliating
129. against us,
130.5:33 AM he could easily use the current situation to escalate this situation
131. Reid: ok
132. trying to get his help
133. me: okay, now...what was i going to do...
134. good...oh right, i'm getting debbie online
135. we need to get Michael the livewire guy with exclusive rights
136. with respect to what is published online, what do you think?
137.5:34 AM Reid: do we wait this out or?
138. me: now it's media strategy...thoughtful and compassion at the forefront of our minds and heararts.
139. no, we have to go at it..
140. Reid: uh oh.. twitter is exploding
141. me: but, i think we have to wait to see what is on the 11 nws
142. this isisgood
143. Reid: ok
144. me: this bolsteers the media attention
145.5:35 AM cameron is txtng me that carson wants my number except i don't know carson...let me think..
146. what would blankfein do?
147.5:36 AM what would buffet do?
148. what would obama do?
149. we spin it.
150. Reid: lol
151. yep
152. out of concern for exploitation?
153. me: let me make some emails to gina for our press person for the release in the morning
154. Reid: what does your mom say we should do?
155. me: i already called erica and let her know the situation and told her we will have a press release in the morning.
156.5:37 AM Reid: who is Erica?
157. me: and we will have gina and maybe bryan (if he wants online the livestream)
158. Erica from Katu
159. she said, "Oh,"
160. Reid: ok
161. me: "Thank You."
162. I said, 'sure.'
163. Reid: I won't be going near the occupation now
164. me: I think that is a wise decision Reid.
165. Reid: lol
166.5:38 AM what does your mom say?
167. me: okay, time for a couple of emails.
168. let me ask her what she thinks...i think she is in her bedroom, let me see...
169. Reid: ok
170. me: okay,
171. Mom
172. says
173.5:39 AM although they claim themselves to represent the 99% it's not true.
174. the other thing
175. they didn't make the provisions to take care of the mentally ill people in the camp
176. nor did they provide provisions for the homeless
177.5:40 AM Reid: anyone else calling or texting you?
178. me: they had a communication structure that didn't allow for a diverse audience and therein a wide perspective of views

179. yes, cameron is txtng me about osmeone named carson who wants to talk with me
180. however, i don't know a carson, do you?
181. who is carson? is that someone from the news channel?
182.5:41 AM I need to get michael to do our own livestream
183. no wonder i'm not getting any texts, my messages are full....oops.
184.5:43 AM Reid: lol
185.
186.
187.October 24th, 2011
188.=====

189.Reid: Bryan is going down to meet with Michael. He called him finally and asked him to meet him at Terry Shrunk
190. Reid: which Michael??
191. good morning sweetheart!
192.6:26 PM Reid: our crazy friend who has been proposing his little spending bill
193. the one we "kicked" out
194. as he says
195.6:27 PM Reid: okay, oh, i c, Bryan will take care of this--easy. He's a total diplomat and he knows how to deal with people.
196. Reid: Yep
197. Reid: everything is good, where did you hear this information?
198. Reid: I gave him a little history about him
199. from Bryan
200. spoke to him up until about two minutes ago
201.6:28 PM Reid: alex pio is funneling Jorden and seth our way...I think what we have to do is accept them into the committee and shut down the information channel.
202. Reid: yep..
203. Reid: okay, sounds good.
204. Reid: anyone can be part of a comittee. but it doesn't mean they have to know everything
205. Reid: rrrright.
206. Reid: big hug sex mama!
207.6:29 PM Reid: lol
208. Reid: hehehe.. I was thinking we should get special rings for the show power and solidarity to scare people.. bahahahha.. Just kidding
209. Reid: LOL
210.6:30 PM that's hilarious....
211. 6 minutes
212.6:36 PM Reid: Calling the bagdad today to find out if that guy is ligit or not and see if anything was booked for the day he said it was
213. Reid: Hi,
214.
215.I just received a call from Information this morning that there will be or the Financial Committee is requesting to have a proposal on the table tonight. This proposal will be in relation to changing or limiting the actions of the Financial Committee. It was a very general Hi and Hello this will be on the docket for tonight.
216.
217.That is all the information I received.
218.
219.Best,
220.
221.Ivy S.
222. check this out
223.6:37 PM Reid: nice
224. Reid: here's the funny thing
225.6:38 PM anyone who is part of the financial com. has to have consensus when proposing a proposal to the GA
226. eh hem.
227. Reid: yep
228. so GA tonight eh?
229. Reid: so, they can do whatever they want and it has no bearing.
230. yep....

231.6:39 PM well, maybe not
232. what is the benefit to us
233. we're are coopting them
234. the corporation has the right to restructure
235. besides that
236. no matter what they do...
237. Reid: so we freeze their funding.. sorry you are lmiting us
238. cant have any money
239. Reid: they still have to have it approved...
240. Yep.
241. Besides, the money is already spent
242. .
243. yo.
244.6:40 PM Reid: lol
245. yep
246. Reid: we're in the red
247. red
248. blood red
249. it's a revolution kind of blood red
250. Reid: haha
251. Reid: lol
252. Reid: you should let Bryan know this.. I'm sure Michael is behind this one too
253. Reid: soembody already put in the website put on the website that we will pay for the park damage
254. oh definitely.
255.6:41 PM can you text him??
256. Reid: yes
257.6:42 PM just did
258.6:43 PM what is wrong with these people? They are fucking crazy
259. crazy
260.6:46 PM Reid: that's hilarious, I just texted him too.
261.6:47 PM Reid: This Michael character needs to go away
262. we need to find dirt on him
263. I'm going to the GA tonight
264.6:48 PM they have some discussion 30 minutes before it about the facilitation process and what is wrong with it
265. Reid: good idea...i'm going to send you an email about a new proposal.
266. Reid: ok
267.6:49 PM Reid: let's not give them any information
268. let them hang themselves
269. Reid: not a word
270. Reid: a good point just raised
271. it's colder
272.6:50 PM people are going to be impatient
273. won't want to hang around....besides the fact the peeps are really going to feel pressed
274. for their generators and space heaters
275. Reid: yep
276. and you want to spend weeks voting that throug the GA?
277. where are you at seeing this?
278.6:52 PM Reid: i don't understand your last question, please elaborate.
279. Reid: I see the email. sorry
280. Reid: ohohoh
281. Reid: so what do I do.. stand up each night and say.. Finance is here.. I don't have anything to report every fucking night of the week
282.6:53 PM Reid: The first two agenda items were quick, easy endorsements. It would be great to get a more streamlined process for OP endorsing marches, rallies, statements etc. Do they all need to be brought to the GA? Could the Action Committee be empowered to give the OP endorsement for events? Should there be a better way to promote OP-related events on the website?
283. The final proposal carried more weight. It was a proposal to form a Spending Committee. It is my understanding that this proposal came about due to concerns with the financial committee. There was a lot of interest in the proposal and probably would have passed had the Financial Committee not gotten word that this was happening (they came after the evolution stage). I let them speak for

a bit and took 3 rounds of concerns. Lots of folks were feeling like something wasn't quite right about the situation and that full disclosure was not in effect. We still took the amended proposal to a vote and it did not pass, 21 yes to 17 no. I'm not sure if I was supposed to take a no vote or not. Can someone clarify this? The group agreed to meet tomorrow at 4pm at TS Plaza to go over the proposal again. A facilitator at this meeting could be helpful as I witnessed one person yelling at the group during the Financial Committee meeting held today 6:30-7 today.

284. yes, no shy, nothing to report everyday of the friggin week...
285. it's all their fear...
286.6:54 PM it's because they want control
287. you know what we can do now
288. we give them control
289. Reid: which I can use to my advantage.. Sorry, you expect me at every GA.. how am I suppose to create reporting?
290. Reid: i didn't pick up the cash last night anyway sooooooo
291. Reid: let them have it
292.6:55 PM do we have enough to pay the attorney?
293. Reid: why not propose that the camp site has its' own finance committee...
294. and watch this.....
295. right after that
296. we break away from "them":
297. Reid: I think we should hold this up until we speak to the attorney
298. Reid: disavow all responsibility from their actions
299. booooooooooM
300. no more 19K
301. Reid: I like.. that
302. Reid: lol
303.6:56 PM Reid: fuck all of you.. we are done!
304. enjoy
305. Reid: LOL
306. Reid: by the way.. you will need to find someone to get all of your shit
307. because we won't be doing that either
308. have fun
309. oh no.. you had 2k go missing again
310. boo fucking hoo
311. Reid: we could also have them under the corporation as a line item
312. LOL 2k
313.6:57 PM shit kate lore is callng me
314. Reid: ok
315. Reid: i don't want to talk to her yet
316. no
317. no
318. no
319. I like her but I am in the middle of this conversation with you
320. what do you think about keeping them under the corporation as a line item but
321. we don't have any fiscal responsibility for them...is that possible?
322.6:58 PM i can't go to the GA, Mom won't let me.
323. lol.
324. Reid: I'll go.. not saying a word
325. Reid: Mom says you can't go either.
326. lol
327. Reid: lol
328. Reid: lmfao
329.6:59 PM they will attack you and we will continue to be used as the scapegoat...which might not be a bad idea..
330. we all need to be reading a goodgood book
331. Reid: there we go
332. Reid: and all the smart tacticians, need to be cloned.
333.7:00 PM which part, the book, the scapegoat or getting cloning.
334. Reid: sounds good to me.. I am thinking if I want to go or not
335.7:01 PM Reid: the only thing you could do is go to the 4pm group that is going over the proposal and use the time to fully discredit him...what we
336. really need to do is read the minutes and find out the wording of the proposal..
337. wait, let's check out the minutes from last nights meeting
338.7:02 PM Reid: I dont have time to do that today..
339. yes.. I noticed those are slow to move up on the board today
340.7:05 PM funny.. 12 hours later.. still no notes?
341.7:06 PM restorative listening for 30 minutes before the GA. What a joke

342.7:08 PM what is our current reading list?
343. 6 minutes
344.7:14 PM Reid: gina mason just came over..sorry about the delay
345.7:15 PM stillno notes
346. ?
347.7:17 PM give me a few whilst i visit with my straight friend.
348. 7 minutes
349.7:24 PM Reid: no problem
350. yep, no notes
351. 18 minutes
352.7:43 PM Reid: Heading to Hillsboro.. Call me if you need anything before I get there.. How about bringing up a propsoal for tonight about days of the week that proposals come out and a week before they get voted on?

Notes from the 4pm, Wednesday October 27th meeting in the Media Tent, just after the alleged chat logs were leaked

Notes were taken by Sylvia, and posted to the PR Google Group that evening.

Hey all. Here are the notes I took from today's 4pm meeting with Communications-Media-Web-Video and Info, Police Liaison reps in the Media Tent. Again, they represent my interpretation of discussions.

In Solidarity,
Sylvia

1. Chat log sent by Anonymous

Everyone read chat log from Anonymous about alleged correspondence between Viani ("me" in the chat log) and Reid. We also aren't clear on who is "mom" in the log.

All cash appears to be all gone from (unverified) conversation between Viani and Reid in Anonymous chat log.

2. GA Proposals:

a) GA Proposed Proposal #1: Make a direct request to Finance Committee to return the money to Occupy Portland.

b) GA Proposed Proposal #2: Put returned funds in a trust fund thru a credit union with several different people as signers. Discuss with an attorney how to set up a trust fund to accept dollars already collected. Donate button is off of website. We are researching to come with a formal proposal tomorrow night.

Today, Kip, plus a guy who works with Randy, Michael blue hair and Michael red cap, Zach and Patrick met and after 40 minutes Zach, Kip Patrick and Michael blue hair looked into trust fund situation. Tomorrow, Kip and Zach are meeting tomorrow with attorney Greg Austin who will help us with legal aspects of trust fund. Meeting is tomorrow at 11am. Others suggest we should also talk to other lawyers we know.

[This previous proposal was the only one that was pursued to date, to my knowledge. The GA approved a version of it on the 28th.]

c) GA Proposed Proposal #3: Bryan, Reid and Viani are personas non-grata at occupation; their presence is a disruption and they have intentionally lied and misrepresented themselves and Occupy Portland. Counter proposal: Ask them to discuss their violations against GA and Occupy Portland.

d) GA Proposed Proposal #4: Ask contributors to make donations directly to committees. Alaina is working on language....

3. Cash donations to Info Table

Zach: Info has been collecting donations that used to go thru food. Donations were kept in a locked tent in a box. Finance approached Info and said they needed to come by and pick up a drop and take it to Finance. Donations came in daily: nearly \$5k after 2 days and thousands went to Finance. Info spent cash donations for small, legitimate things, e.g., gas and other small legitimate needs. Info spoke with Viani about a petty cash fund. Info estimates it gave Viani about \$2k day, gave somewhere between \$10k-20k.

Did info do any record keeping? Alex, Zach and Patrick kept cash info on a ledger but financial ledgers at Info are no longer there, don't know where they are. Info says Viani told them not to keep a ledger. They received cash only no checks. Zach and Patrick did not encounter anyone else taking deposits other than Viani. She never said where she was taking money. Zach and Alex were point of contacts with Viani. Info now has a financial transparency log book as of last night. Currently still collecting donations only because we have collectively decided not to.

All that remains at Info is 200 copies of how to request funds from Financial Committee and \$850 in petty cash. They have receipts for reimbursement totaling approx. \$380 (plus ~\$200 more in receipts we know of). Key is secured among rotating shift POCs.

4. Update yesterday's press release

We've said:

a) Oct 26: OP.org that was resolved and DNS is back in our control

b) At GA, OP Inc was created by mistake and doesn't represent movement as a whole and was not validated – this should go in next press release.

c) Jordan read press release statement at GA.

We've already corrected Oregonian.

a) They said \$20k is missing and was transferred to Inc – not true.

b) Finance is being reformed.

c) Amount is closer to \$13k

d) GA refused to take step of creating Occupy Portland Inc.

Next press release should include specific bullet points that can reiterate these points:

a) We are still investigating matters with the Finance Committee.

b) What else...?

[The press release was not updated, as it was felt that it contained all confirmed information, and nothing new was known that would be useful.]

More questions:

a) Do we have proof that any money is missing? Some people have seen Paypal exported spreadsheet with approx \$14k but not verified.

b) What is proposed if they don't return funds? Issue a deadline? What if GA doesn't approve?

Suggestions: If you do not, we will issue a press release to all people: if you have donated money through paypal we suggest you request it be returned. If you donated by cash, you can contact the people who have it, here's their contact info....

c) Bagdad fundraiser 11/8: Arlo is organizing it and asking what to do with money. He can develop a plan for distributing with transparency in lump sum or thru committees. He'll give us tickets sale numbers. Kip will get that info on website.

A Facebook Post allegedly written by Viani Rivier, from the evening of Wednesday, October 27th.

Viani Rivier To the Occupy Portland Communication team:

Please disseminate the following information to everyone involved in the occupy portland movement:

To Everyone Affiliated with Occupy Portland:

This is to serve as a formal and official notification of my complete removal of any and all associations and therein, all financial involvement with Occupy Portland.

Additionally, this is a formal request to remove any and all communication about me or my family on the www.occupyportland.org , www.occupypdx.org, as well as all Facebook pages and groups associated with your organization. This specifically addresses all those facebook pages wherein occupy portland has administrator moderators who control the information content. Further, this is to also notify occupy portland to cease and desist all communications wherein my name is mentioned in a libelous, defamatory content, intent and overall tone. This covers flyers disseminated throughout the camp and in all public locations.

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and dedication in occupy portland. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Viani Rivier

[It might be noted that this disavowal of associations with Occupy Portland contradicts Viani's promise to work with people in camp to resolve the current issues, a promise she made in the conversations with people at camp the previous night, on the 26th. See above.]

Email Sent by Reid Jackson to various Committees and individuals, the afternoon of Sunday, October 30th.

This email was copied to the PR Google Group not long after it was received.

From: Reid Jackson [contact info redacted]
Date: October 30, 2011 2:45:12 PM PDT
To: [contact info redacted]
Subject: Cancellation of Assumed Business Name

Occupy Portland,

Attached please find attached the notice of name cancellation that was mailed via USPS at 2:30 PM on October 27, 2011. I am choosing for my own safety to remain autonomous and separate from the Occupy Portland physical location and camp. I am withdrawing my participation with all groups within the camp and I will work with groups on a national level separate and automotous from Occupy Portland. I expect the slander being perpetuated by the media team and those that represent Occupy Portland towards myself, Reid Jackson immediately stop or I will be forced to act in behalf of myself in any manner seen fit by legal counsel and the Oregon Department of Justice. This includes the dissolution of the "Anonymous" letters crafted by specific individuals on the media and web team that are being shared throughout the camp. In addition, further illegal hacking of my Facebook, my email and any other intellectual property that I may hold be stopped immediatly. I expect that you will post the attached documents along side of your document posted on the Occupy Portland webpage, or immediatly retract the document that is in place on your web page. I have followed through on my promise, I expect that your team will stop the harassment being carried out to further demonize me.

Regards,

Reid Jackson

[In my own opinion, which is far from a legal authority, this letter constitutes slander in and of itself. All of the public statements crafted by the Media and Web teams were 100% accurate. Whereas, this letter specifically accuses those teams for crafting the Anonymous letters and for hacking his accounts, which is not proven, and as far as I know, untrue. If anyone has facts to the contrary, please forward them to me and they will be added to this record.]

Images of documents attached to Reid Jackson's email of the 28th



Assumed Business Name - Cancellation

Secretary of State - Corporation Division - 255 Capitol St. NE, Suite 151 - Salem, OR 97310-1327 - <http://www.FilingInOregon.com> - Phone: (503) 986-2200

REGISTRY NUMBER: 808567-93

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 192.410-192.490, the information on this application is public record. We must release this information to all parties upon request and it will be posted on our website.

For office use only

Please Type or Print Legibly in **Black Ink**. Attach Additional Sheet if Necessary.

- 1) ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME: Occupy Portland
- 2) PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Street address, city, state, zip)
2373 NW 185th Ave. #240. Hillsboro, Oregon 97124
- 3) SIGNATURES: (Authorized Representative or All Registrants must sign.)
By my signature, I declare as an authorized authority, that this filing has been examined by me and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct, and complete. Making false statements in this document is against the law and may be penalized by fines, imprisonment or both.



CONTACT NAME: (To resolve questions with this filing.)

Reid Jackson

PHONE NUMBER: (Include area code.)

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Required Processing Fee \$50

Confirmation Copy (Optional) \$5

Processing Fees are nonrefundable. Please make check payable to "Corporation Division."

Documents delivered by Brian Setzler, purportedly from Viani Rivier, on November 2nd.

These documents are on file with the Info committee. I'm going to summarize their contents.

Various Receipts [I'm not going to list these individually. But, all the receipts match amounts on the spreadsheet below, though not every entry has a receipt to match. Those items that had receipts are noted below.]

Occupy Portland - October 2011 Expenses - [Spreadsheet Form]

Vendor	Item	Cost	Date	Adam's Comments
Tracefone	Phone Minutes	81.35	10/5/2011	No Receipt
Office Depot	Printing Prepaid Card	40	10/8/2011	No Receipt
Dollar Tree	Office Supplies	6	10/8/2011	Receipt Included
Walmart	Park Safety Supplies	76.88	10/8/2011	Receipt Included
Fred Meyer	Office Supplies	84.57	10/8/2011	Receipt Included
Staples	Office Supplies	37.94	10/19/2011	Receipt Included
Dollar Tree	Office Supplies	1	10/20/2011	Receipt Included
Goodwill	Office Furniture	35	10/20/2011	Receipt Included
Clean Copy	Printing	7.5	10/20/2011	Receipt Included
Dollar Tree	Office Supplies	1	10/20/2011	Receipt Included
Fred Meyer	Office Supplies	12.79	10/20/2011	Receipt Included
PDQ Signs	Promotional Items	402	10/20/2011	No Receipt
Associated Prem.	T-shirts	2996.25	10/21/2011	Receipt Included
Associated Prem.	Buttons	310	10/21/2011	Receipt Included
Associated Prem.	Bumper Stickers	150	10/21/2011	Receipt Included
Home Depot	Generator	499.98	10/06/2011	No Receipt
Purchaser: Bosh Paro	Generator			
Unknown Vendor	Fuel	20	10/09/2011	No Receipt
Purchaser: Marcavius Mercury, Action Team	Fuel			

Unknown Vendor	Phone Minutes	45	10/11/2011	<i>No Receipt</i>
Purchaser: Freya Joy: Comm	Phone Minutes			
Unknown Vendor	Propane Tanks	40	10/11/2011	<i>No Receipt</i>
Purchaser: Nigel Food Comm	Propane Tanks			
Autopart Mart	Transportation	73	10/21/2011	<i>No Receipt</i>
Purchaser: Marcavius Mercury	Transportation Maint.			
Unknown Vendor	Printing	113	10/19/2011	<i>No Receipt</i>
Purchaser: Carrie Medina	Printing			
Total		5033.26		<i>This total, plus \$100 cash, matches the Cash Accepted form below</i>

Donations: Cash from Info Booth, October 2011

[This is a list of dates, amounts, and two signatures which are illegible. Note that these dates start on the 10th, even though Patrick Dougherty and Zach Parson state they gave her cash starting on the second day of the occupation, which would be the 7th.]

10/10/2011 2486
10/11/2011 242
10/12/2011 278
10/13/2011 398
10/14/2011 362
10/15/2011 0
10/16/2011 381
10/17/2011 299
10/18/2011 266
10/19/2011 213
10/20/2011 208

NOTE: NO PICKUP BECAUSE DONATIONS WERE STOLEN

Total: 5133

***Press release from "The Real Occupy Portland", dated November 2.
From the website <http://www.therealoccupypdx.com>***

PRESS RELEASE

An Apology to Mayor Adams and The City of Portland

November 2, 2011

Mayor Adams and the City of Portland:

We are concerned citizens and some of the original organizers of Occupy Portland in synergy with the Occupy Wall Street Movement.

Our intent was never to damage Lownsdale and Chapman Parks or to agitate and insult the police and city officials who have been so cooperative.

The "Movements" stated objective has always been to protest the misdeeds of the financial industry and the failure of Washington politicians to rein them in, resulting in the dire situation this country now finds itself. In short, 99% of us have been wronged by the other 1%.

The current situation in the two city parks downtown is true to arithmetic form:
99% of the people who marched on October 6 went home. 1% stayed.

The Citizens of Portland are due an apology for the damage that has been done to the parks and we, "The Real Occupy Portland", are committed to raising funds to help with reparation costs. Also, we will work with the City of Portland to help find the homeless and mentally ill acceptable resources and solutions to improve their living conditions as they are part of the 99% too. We remain committed to addressing the unacceptable practices of the financial industries; The Real Occupy Portland will take direct action in support of bringing these people to justice. Also, will continue to support the "Occupation Movement" using peaceful modalities. We also invite others to join us in solidarity.

Please accept our gratitude for your diplomatic courtesies and patience.

Sincerely,
The Real Occupy Portland and the 99%

Press Release from Portland Police Bureau regarding property damage on the night of Saturday, November 5th, with responsibility claimed by "The Real Occupy Portland".

It is unclear what relationship this responsibility claim has with other entities claiming to be "The Real Occupy Portland". Release is online at: http://www.portlandonline.com/police/pbnotify.cfm?action=ViewContent&content_id=2571

The Real Occupy Portland Claims Responsibility For Bank Vandalisms in NE

On Saturday November 5, 2011, at 8:34 a.m., Portland Police officers assigned to North Precinct responded to the Chase Bank branch, located at 4333 Northeast Sandy Boulevard, on the report of vandalism. Officers arrived and learned that sometime overnight, windows to the bank were broken and paint was thrown inside the location.

At 10:26 a.m., officers responded to the Wells Fargo Bank branch, located at 4233 Northeast Sandy Boulevard, on the report of several windows broken out.

No arrests and no suspect information was developed at the time but this evening an email was forwarded to the Portland Police Bureau from "The Real Occupy Portland" claiming responsibility for the vandalism.

The investigations into both vandalism cases are ongoing.

Anonymous email send to media outlets on November 5th claiming responsibility for bank vandalism

This email was received in a packet of information from the City of Portland, after people acting on the behalf of the occupation filed an information request.

In the early morning of the 5th of November a small part of the 99% decided to strike back at some of the institutions that we hold responsible for the creation of a violent and inequitable world.

We smashed out the windows of a Chase Bank at 4333 NE Sandy Blvd. and Wells Fargo at 4233 NE Sandy Blvd., and finished off by throwing a paint bomb through the shattered window. November was Ditch Your Bank Day, and we acted in solidarity with this. We support any and all tactics that confront the violent forces of capitalism.

We also recognize that the crisis we are in is not just about unregulated banks or the mystical "Wall St. elite."

Poverty, hunger, foreclosures, evictions, and destruction of the natural world are integral parts of capitalism that can't be regulated away. The whole system is rotten to the core and we're sick of being treated like collateral.

While the General Assembly at Occupy Portland has often criticized effective tactics and favored ineffective and non-confrontational tactics, we want to assert that the Occupy movement is not represented by this and we know already that within Portland there is support by many for tactics which seeks to actually confront and challenge those that are responsible for our dire situation.

We want to speak out against those who think they represent the rest of Occupy when they condemn David Burgess. Your racist and classist entitlement is disgusting and does not speak for us.

So we use action as our discourse rather than words and we intend to say much more in the days to come. We acted in solidarity with those arrested in Jameson Square and Terry Schunk Plaza; those who bravely upheld the GA's decision to hold Main Street; David Anthony Burgess, who has been unfairly condemned for what, if anything, would be an act of self-defense; and solidarity with other occupations that have taken the fight to our enemies, especially in Oakland and Rome.

- The Real Occupy Portland

Email Received by Portland Police on November 6th

This email was received in a packet of information from the City of Portland, after people acting on the behalf of the occupation filed an information request.

Portland Police Bureau:

This press release is in regards to an incident that was widely reported in the media this evening.

According to several news reports, two banks in Northeast Portland were vandalized, and a group claiming to be "The Real Occupy Portland" is claiming responsibility. According to reports, this claim of responsibility came from an anonymous email address.

"The Real Occupy Portland" is a non-profit that was set up 5 days ago. We are currently not affiliated with any other group in the city, and are still in the process of organizing the structure. The purpose of our organization is to support the non-violent Occupy Movement across the country.

"The Real Occupy Portland" is not connected with these acts of violence and does not condone any vandalism or violence.

Sincerely,

The Real Occupy Portland and the 99%.

Stories

Nate Perkin's Story

Nate offered this story to the PR Google Group of his own volition. He was the first to publicly tell his story, with the goal of clearing the air, being transparent, and helping to improve general communication about the whole thing. He said what he thought he knew, and then later made some clarifying statements and additions to me personally, which are added at the end.

No one has a complete picture of what's going on, including myself. Even the conspirators in this saga—Bryan [Howarth], Reid [Jackson], Vi[ani Rivier], et al—are detached from much of the reality of OP.

Sometime last week, I was walking around OP with Garret Satterthwaite. I believe we saw Cameron Whitten, and started up a conversation with him. It could have been someone else, but it's not relevant. At one point Viani approached us and said some cryptic things as usual. She said of me, "Nate's cool", and next thing I knew, I found myself walking with Garret out of Chapman, across 4th, to the other side of the building. There were around 7 people sitting there. I don't remember who was in this initial group; more showed up later.

The building security told us to leave, so we crossed the street and gathered next to the coffee shop. More people started showing up. I met Reid for the first time, and he seemed likable enough. It doesn't matter who was present at this point (and I can't remember), since more people showed up as we...

split up and began walking towards an undisclosed location. (Yeah, seriously.) We ended up at the restaurant of Hotel Modera. They asked for a table for 15, I think. The total amount of people rose to about 20-22. Alex Baretich semi-jokingly suggested that we turn off our phones and remove the batteries. Priscilla Schmidt took this idea very seriously. I assumed the idea was to prevent phone tracking; apparently not. I had my laptop with me and turned off the wifi, figuring that would be satisfactory. We waited about 80 minutes, most of us getting very annoyed, for Viani to show up. Over the course of that 80 minutes, it became clear to me that Viani was the hub of this group. Everyone knew her, and many people did not know each other or why we were there. She had gathered everyone together to discuss... something. I had a few good discussions about various things, mostly with Alex Baretich and Apollo.

When Viani finally showed up, the topic of removing cell phone batteries came up again. Priscilla asked if my computer was off, and I truthfully said no, explaining that I had turned the wifi off. She expressed that it wasn't. Apparently the issue was not one of being tracked, but a more internal trust issue—of being recorded. She proceeded to hold down the power button on my laptop.

Viani started by saying a few things; the details of each of these 'speeches' are difficult to remember, but they're not very important. Among the people who spoke were Vi, Julio [Granda], Gina Ronning, Apollo, and maybe someone else. They weren't planned-out speeches or anything like that, but they did most of the talking and people responded as necessary.

By the end of the meeting, the main ideas laid out were:

Get some sort of indoor 'occupation' going
to deal with infrastructure issues (for example, electronics not functioning outdoors in cold weather)
to move the occupation into a 'phase 2'
Occupy foreclosed homes
Create a (c)4
Write up an economic bill of rights — gina's idea, I think
Make some sort of announcement to the GA, about the (c)4, indoor occupation, and/or econ. bill of rights; a group of us were going to write it

Alex Baretich explained to me later, in two conversations, that after this meeting, he decided to "take a step

back" from the secrecy and bullshit. He has known Viani since high school, and apparently they had a fight in the car after the meeting. He described it something like "35 years of friendship down the drain".

The people who showed up to write the announcement were myself, Garret, and Emily. We didn't end up writing an announcement, though, because something had changed that made the announcement in its original form not possible. I honestly don't remember at this point why we didn't write it; I know we were thoroughly confused about what we were supposed to do. We decided to write a plan of action instead, to show to the others and confirm that we had the right idea of what was really planned. I think the three of us were having reservations but still, at that point, felt we might be able to steer things in a more ethical direction.

This was our tentative plan of action:

Due to local politics and culture, we are able to establish, for other occupations (and our own), a plan of action:

Stage 1

- announce an economic bill of rights
- which will provide:
 - a unified direction
 - a more effective moral paradigm

Stage 2

- utilize an external working area to:
 - provide a failsafe:
 - in case of loss of civic support and/or the death of OP
 - create a better framework for:
 - operation of:
 - committees
 - the GA
 - internal infrastructure
 - offset the physical instability of living in a tent city
 - deal with storage and use of equipment:
 - that cannot survive Portland winter
 - which keeps getting stolen

Stage 3

- due to the extension of OP into this hybrid model, it is thrust into a position to directly foster unity and effectiveness amongst all occupations
- powerfully reach out to non-Occupation support

Stage 4

- utilize the unified hybrid Occupation model to promote equality (globally) in:
 - political participation
 - voice in media
 - social and economic opportunity

This was emailed to Julio. He passed it along, and I know it reached Vi, Reid, and Debbie.

There was impromptu gathering (more like we all just ran into each other) on the sidewalk of Lownsdale along 4th sometime between that meeting and last Friday [*the 21st*]. The people who had read the PoA expressed to Garret and me that it was 'brilliant' and said some things about our intelligence. It was a little surreal.

On Friday night [*October the 21st*], 10 of us ended up at Brasserie Montmartre. There wasn't much productive conversation; most of it was Julio spouting bullshit about how we need a 'corporate structure' for the movement to succeed. Jess and Emily were visibly upset and left around 10pm. The rest of us were there until 12:30.

I saw, that night, on Reid's phone, something that seemed to prove he had filed paperwork to create a 501(c) 4 called Occupy Portland, Inc. The next day, at the open Finance meeting at TSP, Reid said no paperwork had been filed.

Julio often interjected into conversations about his 'influence' and 'contacts' that would provide things for us. There was something about the city giving us a workspace. There was talk of having two buildings, one as a homeless/mental illness shelter and one for offices. See the attached flyer. Julio is involved with Peace & Safety here at OP, and that proposal came out of Peace & Safety.

Semi-related, and very interesting: last night, Carrie [*Medina*], Paul [**last name?*] and I attended a meeting (not a secret one!) with Pink Martini and the various speakers they have lined up for the concert this Friday. Also in attendance was a representative of the mayor's office—somewhat surprising, given that Sam Adams will not be speaking at the concert (at Thomas Lauderdale's request). She asked me at one point during the meeting if Julio was still a good point of contact for things relating to OP.

I do not know how often Vi, Reid, and Julio talk with the city/police. I know that Vi has been in communication with Sarah Westbrook (ask Alaina [**last name?*] all about that) and has mentioned a few times that she has the ability to keep the camp from being raided. But these people like to exaggerate, so I don't know how much truth there is to that.

[*Separate from this statement, Nate also mentioned the following things.*]

Relating to Julio: he whispered to Emily (the night of the meeting at Brasserie Montmartre), something to the effect of "we're all gonna get paid". She was rightly horrified. Viani exclaimed at one point, "we're fucking geniuses." It certainly felt like a meeting for blatant scheming in absolute disregard for the situation at the camp.

The night before the open finance meeting, [*The meeting was Sunday, so this happened Saturday.*] Reid said something. I'm sure I'm going to botch this, but the attitude was definitely there. As he showed me an email on his phone with a line that clearly said 'Occupy Portland, Inc' with the registry number below it, he said, "we're going to be Occupy Portland. Legally, they won't be able to touch us." At the finance meeting the next day, when asked about possibly creating a (c)4 called "Friends of Occupy Portland," he nodded his head and said that was a possibility. Seeing as he'd already filed paperwork for Occupy Portland, Inc, I think it's pretty easy to conclude that his intentions are not simply misguided but knowingly in contradiction to the ideals of OP.

Gina Ronning's Story

Gina related this info on the PR Google Group, of her own volition. It is from a couple of threads, and I've identified where the difference is.

People should not be vilified until all facts are made known. Since my name is on this list I too would like to share my story. I do not support or care for clandestine processes. I was at that meeting that is described in the previous e-mail [see "*Nate Perkin's Story, above*], and here is how and why.

The day before the meeting described in the last e-mail, Marshall [**K, more of a last name?*], an interesting character who blows in and out of safety (and who I have not seen since all of this started) informed me of an off site meeting with the G4. Not really knowing who all of them were or what they were up to, Marshall invited me to the meeting. He told me what time and that he would meet me later to take me. Well when 4:00 rolled around he never showed up. Both being on Safety, I called Julio [*Grandal*], since he and Marshall talked a lot. I asked Julio if he had Marshall's contact info and he said "no". I then asked Julio (not knowing for sure) if he was planning on meeting up with folks before the GA. He said "no." I then repeated my question suspecting a different truth, and stated "are you sure because Marshall invited me." Julio then replied by saying, "Oh yeah, that meeting." He then reluctantly gave me the location. I went to the off site meeting where there was Viani [*Rivier*], Reid [*Jackson*], Cameron [*Whitten*], Alex [*Baretich*], Viani's good friend and one other person I can not remember the name of. Viani saw me and freaked out. She apparently called Marshall, and told her I was "cool" whatever that meant. She was very surprised to see me there.

Anyway the meeting was about addressing the issues in the camp. I was frustrated by their conversation because none of them to my knowledge actually have worked the camp or were staying there. They asked me my thoughts and I explained that if they want a more unified movement they would need to do several things: be there, be open, and work on community building. I then discussed some ways and means of doing

this. Then the meeting was over and I didn't think much of it other than I was annoyed by the apparent secrecy or "in group" that was created. This was the first time I met with them.

The next day or the day after, I can't remember exactly....On the night of the meeting discussed in the e-mail (a meeting I knew nothing about in advance) Julio came up to me at Peace and Safety and asked to speak with me alone. I did, because I like Julio and at the time he was a very active and important member of Peace & Safety. Well, he took me to a bar down the street, where Viani also met up, and the two of them wanted to 'talk' to me. No one else was there. I knew both of them casually, so I didn't think much of it at first. They simply said they respected my opinion and voice and wanted my perspective regarding the future of the movement. I gave them some ideas and thoughts I had, and we discussed issues regarding peace and safety. Viani and Julio expressed similar concerns and therefore wanted to discuss how to make them known to the greater community. I expressed my concern of not utilizing the GA process and other community building aspects. They asked me what my ideas were regarding the future of the camp, so I shared my ideas, and they with me. Viani took notes and said that she wanted to do anything she could to help the occupation. I reiterated that the best way to do that was through processes, but neither Viani or Julio felt that the GA process was fair or structured. After this meeting was over they said they were going to take me to the main group. This is when we went to the hotel (an outside patio restaurant area).

As we headed that direction, we ran in to Gammit [*off-thread she corrects this to Garret Satterwaite*] and another guy who I do not know the name of. They were also apparently going to this meeting. Gammit [*Garret*] and I needed to eat so we went down the street to get dinner to go. I knowing Gammit [*Garret*], wanted a chance to talk with him alone before going to this meeting. I asked him what he thought of it and he said what I had already been feeling, which was that he had liked the ideas being expressed, but was feeling very uneasy about the processes. I asked him if he had been to meetings like this before and he said no and that like me, this was something he was being pulled in to. As we approached the hotel (a very high end hotel) [*Hotel Modera, per Nate's story*] I stopped Gammit [*Garret*] outside the door and stated (because at this point I really started to question the agenda) "why would a movement seeking to question greed meet at such a high end place?" Gammit [*Garret*] agreed and we both expressed a desire to be cautious. When we went in, there were about 20 people or so , some I knew, some I didn't. Out of the people I can remember who I had met or known were:

Debbie [*Lee?*], Jason [**Last name?*], Julio, Viani, Reid, and many others most of whom I had never met formally. The meeting was a meeting about the focus of the movement and was more like a brainstorm. Viani wanted me to share my ideas regarding a master framework or moral paradigm. I expressed my thoughts and ideas, and people engaged in discussion and talked. Nothing was said about what to do, and nor was there any real discussion on how to implement anything. It appeared as though this was a networking meeting. I did meet some really nice people there. I did suggest that those interested in doing any of the ideas presented at the meeting should form working groups so that proposals could be made to the GA. Several liked this idea and others were indifferent.

After that meeting I took some of those ideas seriously, as Peace & Safety do have real concerns and issues regarding the future and sustainability of the camp. PLEASE NOTE: Ideas expressed by many of the individuals listed are indeed their own. It is possible that Viani and whoever else in that core group intentionally sought out individuals of like minds for whatever reason, still remains unknown to me.

Nonetheless I am beyond frustrated, because I am passionate and dedicated and do not want to be a victim of some sort of manipulation scheme. Though I do not camp, I am down at the occupation almost every day and work 10 or more hour shifts. I believe in integrity, honesty and transparency, and from the beginning of this movement I have worn my heart and values on my sleeve. I also very much am a processes driven person. The Peace & Safety proposal was crafted by me, based on the support and concerns made by the Peace & Safety Team as well as other Occupiers. The G4 as they are called did not know about the proposal, nor did they know that the Peace & Safety team would bring it out in the open to the GA. I took the proposal to the GA on purpose, so that all of this could be exposed and made open and so that nothing would be kept a secret. I DO NOT WANT TO BE IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS DRAMA OR SECRECY BS.

By bringing these issues out, people could actually have a chance to discuss it, AND it was also a test to see if those folks really had the best interest of the occupation in mind. The proposal was posted online the night before, none except Viani showed up to the GA the night of the proposal announcement. Additionally, I suspect more meetings have happened since the last time, and not surprisingly I was not invited. (HA! I guess I am no longer "cool")

Anyway, I am not sure what is going on or why. I don't know any of these people real well or their backgrounds. Both Julio and Viani come from corporate backgrounds. That's really all I know. AND not to be paranoid BUT Viani is in one of my classes this term and she says she is in my department, though I have never seen her before and the CR department is a very small cohort. Could be a coincidence I suppose, but its weird that she is in my class and that I met her right around the time of Occupy.

This is everything, please feel free to ask me any questions, I sent out another e-mail regarding further perspective on this issue.

[This next paragraph Gina added as a response a little while later.]

And John [*last name?] from engineering also was being pulled in to the group, he also expressed a feeling of uneasy. John struggling with his own economic and displacement issues, he apparently was approached by the group and offered money as well, or at least some form of compensation if he left the occupation to work as an official rep for the other group. He pulled me aside to ask me my thoughts, I threw the question back at him, and asked him what his gut feeling was telling him, he expressed the same concerns as everyone else.

[What follows is from a separate thread.]

I do not know Bryan [Howarth] (met him for the first time this evening at the GA) *[This is written the night of Wednesday the 26th]* but Julio [Granda] was on Peace & safety so I know him more, and Viani [Rivier] is a student at PSU, she is actually in one of my classes, I will most likely see her tomorrow. As for Reid [Jackson], I have also met him a couple of times, as he has been at several GA's.

I do not agree with their disassociation with process, which has been made evident by their lack of attendance at the occupation as well as some negativity I personally have witnessed. However I would like to say that they are indeed hardworking very intelligent people who in my humble opinion are just not well versed in a collective culture. Please remember that many of the collective values espoused by Occupy are not the dominant ones in our culture, and many in the middle and upper classes only know how to operate withing hierarchy. Collective decision making processes appear to many as unstructured chaos. I believe after having numerous conversations with these folks, that this whole fiasco is a result of culture clash.

I don't know much about Viani, but what I do know is that she was an early and continuous financial supporter of the movement. I believe her intentions are good, but as I said, not patient or tolerant of the GA processes (and with good reason LOL). This doesn't justify the stress placed upon the community, but it is an explanation. I hate to see division, and I suppose my inner peace maker takes over in situations like these. Not sure about Julio, but both Viani and Reid are people who would probably meet with you if you asked in the right way, providing it was a safe space where they would not feel threatened or attacked.

I will say that Viani was physically pushed around by someone and feels uncomfortable being present currently. *[I personally spoke with Gina about this accusation. There has been a lot of talk about threats of violence made towards the Finance Committee, but nothing verified. This particular confrontation was a verbal argument that included "aggressive finger pointing". As with everything contained in this document, if you can provide any verified information to clarify, please do forward it to me.]*

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help the community at Occupy resolve this issue.

Alex Pio's Story

Alex Pio related this story to the PR Google Group, of his own volition.

The 'Alex' that Nate [Perkins] talked about being in that secret meeting *[see Nate's Story, above]* is not me, its Alex B [Baretich], whoever that is. I mostly interacted with Viani [Rivier] when she came to pick up our info cash, which we were uneasy with keeping at camp since it was beginning to add up. I now know I should have asked many more questions about where it was going.

I honestly trusted her and her intentions :(

As for the pastebin released by Anonymous, I was mentioned at one point [*The chat logs of October 27th: line 201*]. After last Sunday's heated finance Q&A, I realized that Reid [*Jackson*] didn't really know what he was doing because it seemed weird to me that they'd create a c4 named 'occupy portland' rather than a PAC along the lines of 'friends of OP' or something. I wanted them to be well-informed during the planned Saturday open working group meeting to find the best solutions for the entity to house the movement's money.

I urged Viani and Reid (because they were the only 2 finance committee members I had ever met) asking them to reach out to Jordan Leonard and Seth [*Wooley*] because they have lots of knowledge on financial matters. As far as I know only Viani, Reid, Jordan, Seth and me were aware of this exchange, meaning that at least that part of the pastebin is true.

In the interest of full transparency, I'd like to let it be known that I only spoke to one other finance committee member- Bryan [*Howarth*]. I called him last week voicing my concerns over the lack of communication of the finance committee, worried it would cause a serious rift between them and the camp if it was not addressed.

Then the morning after last Sunday's [*the 23rd*] heated finance Q&A in TS Plaza, I wrote a concerned email to all finance committee members, which is pasted below, [*it is above in the Documents section, as "Email exchange between Alex Pio and members of the Finance Committee, October 24-25th"*] along with all responses. I was afraid that shit would hit the fan and that it was mainly a result of bad communication and good intentions of the finance group. I had no idea how deep it went and am now really pissed, incredulous and sad that I put so much trust and good faith in them. In retrospect, I was way too nice and diplomatic in these emails and feel pretty duped about the whole thing. And to clarify, at one point I state I lost respect for people's aggressive remarks to finance- I was not criticizing the remarks, but the fact that they were voiced in such a rude and unconstructive manner during that Sunday's Q&A.

Jordan LeDoux's Story

Jordan posted this to the PR Google Group of his own volition, the evening of Thursday, October 27th.

Alright everyone. Here's a debrief of the situation we all found ourselves in. What went right, what went wrong, and where to go from here.

The nontransparent actions by some individuals, all to varying degrees, over the last week or more went largely unnoticed by the camp at large. Up until Bryan Howarth misunderstood what he was supposed to do and took control over the OccupyPortland.org domain. This was something very visible that caused many of us to start digging to find out what happened, and we uncovered a whole lot more than we bargained for.

Monday night, while investigating with Loki [*Brennr*] in the domain issue, he discovered the filing with the state of the non-profit. Having been at the Finance meeting on Sunday, I knew this directly contradicted something that had been said there. After confirming the filing, Loki and I agreed that it needed to be announced to the GA (which was still in process for the evening, it being approximately 8:55 PM when the filing was discovered). The reason that we felt the GA should know about the filing was because it directly contradicted decisions that the body had made regarding this issue up to that point. Additionally, there was a perception at the time because of the apparent hostile takeover of the domain that this *could* have been a coordinated effort to co-opt the entire thing. While this sort of sensationalism was not the phrasing I used at the GA, many people did jump to their own conclusions based on the limited information we had at the time.

The night ended with confirmation from Reid (Jackson) that papers had been filed, refusal from Bryan to

hand over the domain, and a "no comment" from Viani [*Rivier*] who was sleeping when I called her.

The next morning, without any apparent movement on the subject anywhere else, I composed an email to send to Bryan that was fairly sternly worded. Among other things, it laid out the details of a press release which was our last option that included what we understood to be true at that time. This email was given by someone to The Oregonian.

Anne Saker from The Oregonian, who has been generally sympathetic in her reporting up to this point, called me on my cell phone at work, explaining she had received my email to Brian from an anonymous source. I explained to her that we were still finding out all the facts, and that I knew there were things in there that had to be wrong, but were our best guesses at the time.

She asked me several things, such as where the money was ("We're not sure right now"), how much there was ("Again, we're trying to find out, but the most common number I've heard is about \$10,000, and the highest I've heard is \$20,000"), and who was involved. I asked her to please wait on the story until we could get more information, but she was quite adamant about publishing before another outlet got the story. Because of that, I provided her with Reid Jackson's and Brian Howarth's numbers so that she could possibly get a hold of them and they could have a side to the story that was going to be published.

Shortly later, The Oregonian published a story where it became clear that Anne misunderstood several of the things I had said, and after talked with Reid later that night, also seemed to have misunderstood his side of things.

The Oregonian story got every news agency in the city emailing me and calling me. I didn't have anything other than what we (mainly me, Kip [*Silverman*] and Paul [*Cone*]) had worked on as a press release. I sent this release out and informed the media that I was unavailable to take calls for the rest of the afternoon.

I tried to field some email questions, but overall, I mostly told the media that they had a press release, and to work with that.

Anonymous, or someone who claimed to be from Anonymous, got involved, and posted up a piece which contained both true and false information. One of the true things was of a meeting occurring between the people we had been trying to talk with for the past 12 hours and a lawyer downtown. PR and Media grabbed cameras and ran down to the lawyer's office, and through this meeting the people there were able to resolve a lot of the immediate issues. Bryan, who had been misled to believe that we were dangerous or that we were unwilling to listen and work with him, finally turned the domain back over to us, and a longer discussion over his side of things occurred.

After I got off work shortly later, I drove down to the occupation as I had promised to give an update on what we knew to the GA. I went to the media tent and began typing. Through the course of writing up this bit, Lena [**last name?*], Adam [*Rothstein*] and eventually Patrick [*Dougherty*] (aka the Professor), were present. I had a brief conversation with Patrick about the meeting at the lawyer's office, but the tight time because of General Assembly, and the nature of the information being conveyed created a misunderstanding which led to a piece of false information being announced to the GA. (That is, that the money had been transferred to the non-profit.)

Fortunately, Bryan had come down to the General Assembly so that he could address everyone as well, and was able to provide much more information than I could.

I went back to the media tent to get an ACTUAL debrief of the lawyer's office meeting with Patrick, Alex [**last name? I personally can't remember who it was.*], Nate [*Perkins*], Jacob [*Clary*] and Adam. It was fantastic to see the other side of everything and learn how much of this had been lack of communication or misunderstanding.

In deciding how to help resolve this situation, we discussed ways to deal with the media on this issue and how to present a more factual account that also sounded positive, for which Alex and Patrick had several good ideas.

I decided at that point that I was done with PR. Initially I intended that to mean for good, (I even had people ask me to resign and that option looked awfully relaxing), but shortly after decided that what I needed was instead a break. I walked over to LiveStream and had a lengthy chat with a bunch of our online supporters, answering questions and overall disseminating information.

Later that evening Viani showed up to camp (while I was on the phone with Reid Jackson actually) and was livid with me. Turns out, she thought I had intentionally leaked the email to The Oregonian and started this whole public shitstorm on purpose. While we did intend if all else failed to go to the press, I explained that we had always viewed that as the least favorable way of dealing with this, and tried to give ample time for discussion to prevail. Indeed, if The Oregonian hadn't gotten the story, we never would have had the chance at the face-to-face with Bryan. Although the media drama kind of sucked, it spurred everyone to find resolution quickly and melted the secrecy away like ice in the Mojave.

I gave my side of things to Viani, which caused her to calm down and we continued with a more friendly discussion where she didn't really explain much other than to state in no uncertain terms that she only had the Occupation's interests at heart, and would not try to co-opt anything. She pointed several fingers for specific problems we encountered, (blamed Bryan for acting on his own with the domain, although that isn't what Bryan told us or what Fern [*Capella*] told us, and Reid for filing both early and incorrectly), but overall seemed interested in finding a solution to the problems that had arisen.

This entire problem had NOTHING to do with the ideas anyone had. It had everything to do with secrecy and lack of transparency. It created a vacuum of information that was filled with something once it was discovered. The catalyst for this entire series of events was the domain name, but it turned out to lead us down a crazy, winding road.

Although it was brutal and rough for several people, myself included, me, the rest of the PR team, and the people on Media forced transparency onto this issue where it hadn't been before. That was our goal, and it was accomplished.

We could have done this a whole lot better. Our first real point of failure was that the Finance team did not return our calls or requests for clarity in a timely manner. We attempted to directly contact them and have an in depth discussion from 7 PM Monday until we crashed the lawyer's meeting Tuesday afternoon. Their stonewalling created a lot of fear, uncertainty and doubt.

Additionally, while making things transparent was important, PR and Media (and I will personally take much of this blame) should have been more careful about the avenues pursued to dig up information and the process of disseminating it. We succeeded in bringing a lot of transparency to this issue, and some of that success actually happened because of the absolute mess that was created in the press, but there was a lot of untrue information (that was the best information we had at the time) that some people picked up and ran with as soon as they heard it.

Anonymous getting involved was something we couldn't control. They were able to post a photocopy of the actual bill of sale for the domain almost two hours before we even met Bryan in person. Clearly, they had even more information than we did, and they operate entirely to their own tune. We certainly appreciate the support that members of Anonymous sought to provide, but even they get things wrong sometimes, and we're still trying to figure out how much of that is accurate.

Overall, this was a fantastic learning experience. If you want to take one lesson away from this, it should

be the following: secrecy, of any kind, is temporary; and when it falls apart, unless you are proactive about giving people information, it falls apart badly for you. People assume you have something to hide when you are hiding something.

I am now going to take a break. This whole thing took so much out of me I don't even know if I can accurately explain it to anyone. I also am a bit disheartened that I am becoming a "someone"... I've been told many times that I am good leader, or a natural leader, but I know how those ideas make so many people nervous, and I want to respect that so much.

I'm the kind of person that always has something to say, and often that means that someone is always listening. Leaders speak, and people often recognize the ones they listen to as leaders.

I don't personally feel this aversion to leadership is productive. Leaders are important, IMO, so long as you are always encourage to be your own person. The fact that someone else is a leader does not mean you should be a follower. Ideally, I would see the people who jump into leadership roles presenting suggestions that get discussed for their merits. The leaders would then simply be those who often produce productive suggestions.

But I digress... I am going to take a day off. I'll still route requests sent directly to me back to the group, but other than that I'm taking some time to... decompress. That is from work, not from socializing, so if someone would like to meet up with me, or just chat, I'm always up for that. What I need to step back from for a day or so is the race to get things done.

I appreciate all of you guys. You've all been so fantastic, and everyone at this camp constantly surprises me with their intelligence, ingenuity, and respect. I'm so happy to be working with you guys on something so important, and I want everyone to know that no matter what happens... even this kind of stuff that can shake you in very core ways... what we are doing is important, and we can't depend on anyone else to do it.

I hope you all have a great day,
Jordan LeDoux

Bosh Paro's Story

Bosh Paro spoke to be personally on Saturday, October 29th. I took notes about what he said, and they are presented in my own words. The conversation was brief, and probably the most important part was that he confirmed some meeting notes released in an Anonymous leak to be authentic (see the "Global Occupy Focus Group" minutes of October 13th, 14th, and 16th, above). He also spoke about his confusion re: record keeping on Finance issues.

At one point early in the occupation, Viani gave Bosh \$80, because he was "head of outreach". She said he should use it for flyers, or something that he needed it for. AB asked how he should give her receipts for it, and she said that wasn't necessary.

He attended several G4 meetings. On the 13th, the 14th, and the 16th (at The Society Bar). He says the leaked minutes from the first Anon leak are authentic.

He says many people listed as being on the Finance Committee, i.e. that have their contact info listed with Info committee and elsewhere, were not actually on the committee, they were just listed. He cites Joshua Clay, and Jeanne. *[I'm not sure what constitutes "actually being on a committee", but there it is.]*

Viani also compensated him \$461.48 (on 10/25) for a generator bought on 10/06, that he has a receipt for. At

that time she also compensated him for \$40 that he had withdrawn from an ATM and given to Julio Granda on 10/14, who needed it for "sanitation". Julio's signature is on the back of the ATM receipt, noting that he got the cash. Viani gave him this compensation in cash, and didn't want the receipts at that time. He has given me copies of these receipts. *[I have hard copies of both of these receipts. In and of themselves they don't seem that important, except in the context of Alexander's remarks.]*

Viani gave him a throw away phone, after his fell in a puddle. She also gave him cigarettes and food, but it wasn't clear where these came from.

He attended the meetings on the 13th, the 14th, and the 16th, and verifies the leaked minutes. *[He also corroborated Nate Perkin's account of the meeting at the Modera Hotel (see Nate Perkin's Story, above), though he did not read it in full, so I would not interpret this as a full sign-off on all the details and events.]*

Statement by Owen Sanders on November 11th

Emailed to me. The statement isn't entirely clear on the when or where, but it seemed serious, such that it ought to be included.

I said I had serious misgivings about Julio's new venture on facebook. Someone challenged me to substantiate my claims. I said I had a recording of Julio saying he wanted to get a salary on this with no cap so he could make as much as possible, hopefully "millions". I said I was worried that he was trying to co-opt the movement and turn it into his personal cash cow. I also expressed my concern that the name the "real" Occupy Portland was an attempt to delegitimize everyone who works on this movement who doesn't work for Julio.

Debbie Lee, his colleague, said that wasn't true. I got her to agree to talk with me over the phone about it and set up a sit down between me and Julio with a professional mediator. We talked the next day. She said she would tell Julio to call me about it. Julio never called me, so I called him after a while. I stated our case about the name the "real" Occupy Portland being offensive. He said he would consider changing the name and sitting down with me only if I gathered 10,000 signatures demanding it. I said that was ridiculous, and repeatedly asked him if that was his final offer. He stood firm. So I posted on facebook the contents of our conversation, and what he had said. He then called my cellphone and proceeded to threaten me and my family. He said he would come to my house and beat me and my family senseless. To clarify his position before he hung up on me, he said "And that's a fucking threat".