

Notes monthly meeting PERMANENT

the connection was down at the beginning of the meeting so we could not access the agenda, that's why we had to free style a bit.

Attending: Rob, Jesse, Wessel, Ben, Dries

Introduction Dries van de velde

dries contacted us that he is interested in the project and wants to participate. He has a lot of experience both in practice and in research in models for artist work spaces. Interested in durable cultural spaces and as commons.

Specifically interested to help with info meetings (lectures/workshops) and very knowledgeable in setting up collaborations.

Action:

Add to telegram (rob)

Give access to nextcloud (rob)

Short evaluation Argos

Ben was part of workgroup squatting. Was really interesting. Could in a way be something that could be a tool for permanent to bring some problematics in focus

Rob was in Commons learned from commons josephat that political support can fluctuate and parish that you have to keep in conversation, but that you have to be prepared. Grouping legal knowledge, architectural knowledge, financial knowledge, together in order to stand up to developers. Contact with people of commons josephat can help also to include french speaking BXL'ers, contact with progressive lawyer network, ...

Jesse - juridische ondersteuning kent twee mensen bij cultuur loket. Julie...? En ...? gaat hen contacteren

- after life of the table (rob)

Argos and Globe Aroma asked if they could have a table like that. Emma came up with the idea that it would be possible to have the table at different locations throughout the city (muntpunt, ...) and in this way it would become a recognisable point for discussion about the city in general and an information point for permanent in specific.

Action:

See into possibilities on how to develop the table in collaboration with Argos and Globe Aroma (Rob)

ACT

- zoom meeting

We had a meeting last tuesday. Everyone kind of has the same problem they have to put their project on hold or slow them down. This brings in the question of when to restart and how to plan for the coming year.

The general programme is extended with 6 months.

- Money ACT transferred/- LVL5 payed back

First instalment production budget of ACT is transferred to the permanent account

The advancement LVL5 payed like the traintickets are payed back to LVL5.

We also received 500euro from argos

LVL5 has been payed back for the materials the bought for the workshop.

Mae has been payed a volunteer fee of 90euro for hosting the table at argos (we (the core team) said that people who do not have a contract would get a fee)

Cosmopolis

- application

Lynn (VUB) and Wouter had a meeting with bas van heur of cosmopolis a while ago there an opportunity for some funding came up. There was some confusion about the relevance of this and wouter did not want to do the work alone I guess, but also was late to communicate it. A few days before the deadline bas asked about it and Els wrote the whole application. The situation was not ideal there was some confusion and miscommunication about this maybe?

I put the application on the nextcloud:

<https://cloud.permanentbrussels.org/s/m9FTPbosnX99sxq>

Action:

Maybe we can discuss the process of the application and the content next meeting.

Lecture Brenna Bhandar

- Mail CLTB

Cltb is postponing the conference of which Bhandar was part to december. They propose two options: option 1. we keep the lecture on 2/6 and they

propose to frame it with some local organisations etc. option 2. we postpone the lecture and organise it within the cltb conference in december.

Comopolis also wanted to invite bhandar so in any case the costs could beshared.

Rob/jesse/wessel: the lecture of bhandar does not so much have a connection with permanent, it needs to be framed at least, is there enough time to organise option 1.? also because kaai is already making the programme (see next point) would option 2. not just be better since we also have no idea what the situation will be on 2/6.

Action:

Call geert and discuss both options and decide (rob)

- Mail Kaai

kaai is already working on the programme for next two months and want to know if we want to go through with the lecture and need more info.

Action:

Depends on decision taken with geert (Rob)

Graphic Design

- What has been talked about with OSP and DEAL

Last meeting we agreed that DEAL and OSP will work together to propose a graphic design and toolbox for permanent together with illustrator Jerome Degive. For this the budget of 2500euro is reserved from the ACT budget.

?: we can continue with this and have a sort of website launch somewhere before summer possibly in combination with a public conversation with some local heroes, Dries would be interested to help and make suggestions here.

Action:

D-E-A-L and OSP plan a remote work session on 13, 14, 15 of April.

Social media

- which accounts are in place, - what to wait for, and when to start.

We have insta, Fb, and mailchimp

Rob: I guess use should coincide launch website etc.

Action:

waiting for D-e-a-l osp to make the first steps in the graphic design and then see how to integrate it in these formats.

Plans petit chateau

- Rob contact regie der gebouwen

Has gotten some names, emails, numbers. Is trying to call but they don't seem to pick up at the moment...

Action:

keep on banging their door (rob)

Planning next steps (restating that petit chateau is our point of entrance)

- indicate some keypoints coming year

Before Summer: Website launch

*Work on concrete proposal and plans
gather info and knowledge*

After Summer: Public action can maybe begin after summer, but we always have to see how the situation is.

*CLTB conference
create group of experts*

- Situating our position now

- how is the contact with pascal smet

I think we haven't heard back. So for now any funding for paying Rob 2 days and wouter 1 day is not realistic. In general feeling after conversation seems good but we have to keep contact because they can move on very quickly...

Be ready to pick up the conversation again when the storm is over...

Also do not only bet on smets, contact close, vervoort, ...

- What about Molenbeek Jef van damme?

There was some contact but not sure about how this idea of the contract quartier developed.

- what points in the 'regeer akkoord' can we use as leverage?

In the references are some files that are helpful to look into. Rob noted down some points in the government agreement that we could go for.

This is really important. Connecting to this agreement means they can reach their goals!

Actions:

not discussed everyone should look into it...?

- Situating partners
 - next steps per partner
 - Globe aroma

Rob went to a meeting of globe aroma they are really well connected, in general they are very positive and would like to support but they will take any chance they get so if there is another opportunity they will do that.

Action:

Keep in contact and develop a good bond of support (rob)

- Vub

They are enthusiastic would like to develop a city campus.

Action:

Have a meeting again when we have a more concrete plan as in m2 etc.

- Cltb

In contact and I think enthusiastic but probably more engaged when it becomes more concrete.

- People that we should contact
 - commons josephat
 - academic linked to Isabel Strengers (commons)
 - academics working on blockchain?
 - the foyer museum of migration

Not really discussed during the meeting

Temporary Solution

- contact need company

Jesse is going to contact need company just to hear a bit about the situation

In general:

there seems to be a discrepancy between long-term goals and actions and short-term needs.

People on 6th floor want to move out as soon as they can.

LVL5 says they will stay till the end because difficult to find something now for everyone, why hurry first organise...

Rob/Dries if everyone is going to search themselves this will compromise the position of everyone.

But it is realistic that smaller groups will form etc. key is not to become fragmented and get into competition.

→ to answer to the need of more and different spaces could we not make a label and a support structure for these places so that the political force we have collectively is not dispersed?

Collective label so that different locations could emerge but collectivity remains.

This will also help to realize the goal of permanent in the end.

Permanent → structural change

Info sessions → steps towards permanent

Archipelago → answer to direct and practical need, tool to remain collective, support structure to help a wider group, could develop like an artist studio organisation like nucleo which will have political support to organise artist studio's in bxl. LVL5 could function as a stepping stone.

Action:

Jesse will work this out a bit with Rob, Ben and Wouter.

Working groups and core team

- what workgroups to form now, we can continuously evaluate if we need others or more.

Only formed a workgroup to work on the temporary 'label' solution