

VOTED HUB ASSET · TNN RETREAT

COMMON STAKES

The café distilled this one into four numbered stakes and wrote the logic on a single green card. The dots landed on the front of it: someone has to start it, and the work is connection across difference. The card carries the rest of the chain all the way to a mutual obligation.

Component 5 of the retreat set · distillation first, then the four stakes

THE CAFÉ'S DISTILLATION · THE REAL RESULT

COMMON STAKES BECOME MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

WHERE IT STARTS · DOTTED

Common stakes require grassroots catalysts to cultivate connections across differences.

WHERE IT GOES · LINKS TO MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS

That connection compels responsive or proactive action, which becomes a mutual obligation.

The group wrote the whole logic on one green card and tied it to the Mutual Obligations board. Common stakes are the front end of obligation: shared concern, a catalyst, connection across difference, then action that neighbors come to expect of each other.

PULL FROM HERE

THE FOUR STAKES

The café numbered these itself. The dots concentrated on the first two. They keep the café's numbering as the filing handle; the line under each is the concrete, notice-if-missing dimension you lift. Counts are provisional, from the photos.

1

GRASSROOTS CATALYSTS

Specific people, the instigators and connectors, take it on themselves to bring neighbors together.

~6 dots · most

2

CONNECTION ACROSS DIFFERENCE

Neighbors who differ still come together around shared cares and concerns, and can hold the difference rather than split over it.

~5 dots

3

RESPONDING TO HARM TOGETHER

When a flood covers the street, or an outside force threatens the neighborhood, people show up and respond together.

café-numbered
0 dots

4

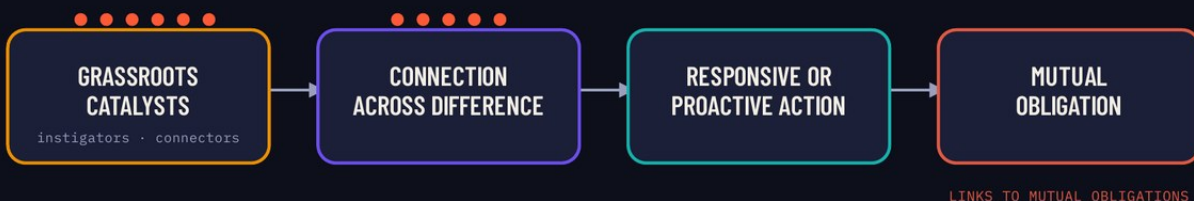
CREATING NEW INITIATIVES

Neighbors start new things for the common good, not only maintain what already exists.

1 dot · to Mutual Obligations

Stakes 1 and 2 drew almost all the dots, roughly a dozen between them, with stake 1 slightly ahead. Stake 4 held a single dot and an arrow the group drew to Mutual Obligations. Stake 3 drew none. Read 1 and 2 as the heart: someone starts it, and the work is connection across difference.

The group wrote the logic on one green card, and the board acts it out from left to right. A catalyst starts it. Connection across difference does the work. That compels responsive or proactive action. And the action becomes something neighbors hold each other to, a mutual obligation. The dots landed on the front of the chain, where it begins.



THE STAKES IN DETAIL

01

● ~6 dots · most

GRASSROOTS CATALYSTS

The vote leader. Not everyone starts things, specific people do. The group labeled the roles by name in red marker: connectors and instigators.

instigators (named on the board)

connectors (named on the board)

grassroots catalysts to bring neighbors together

hold community meetings regularly

shared responsibility

02

● ~5 dots

CONNECTION ACROSS DIFFERENCE

Close behind. The work itself: bringing people who differ around shared cares, and being able to hold the difference rather than break over it.

neighbors invite others into common cares & concerns

asking for help on public issues

we are able to hold "difference"

aligned incentives

a shared vision of the common good

03

0 dots

RESPONDING TO HARM TOGETHER

No dots, but the most specific notes on the board. The group named both the everyday stakes and the threats they guard against.

responding when a flood covers the street (any natural disaster)

resist outside forces that don't have their flourishing in mind, such as development

people feel safe being outside (work, school)

a sense you can walk around safely

everyone has to sleep

04

● 1 dot · bridge

CREATING NEW INITIATIVES

A single dot, and the arrow the group drew to Mutual Obligations. Where shared stakes turn into something neighbors build, and hold each other to.

creating new initiatives for the common good

common goals clearly defined and measurable

ie. lower poverty, more high-school graduates

neighbors name their local reps

links to Mutual Obligations

OPEN, AND WORTH CARRYING FORWARD

This board did its thinking in a chain. These are the threads that run off it, and the clearest seeds for tomorrow's enabling-conditions and barriers work.

T1

THE ROLES HAVE NAMES

The group labeled the catalyst roles directly, in red marker: connectors and instigators. That is the broker layer of common stakes. Not everyone starts things; specific people do, and the board said so without being asked.

T2

MAKE THE GOALS MEASURABLE

A recurring note: common goals should be clearly defined and measurable, with real numbers, lower poverty, more high-school graduates. Common stakes stay vague until someone names the number.

T3

NAME THE HARMFUL FORCE

Stake 3 drew no dots, but the group named what it guards against: outside forces that do not have the neighborhood's flourishing in mind, with development called out by name, and disaster like a flood over the street. Low on votes, high on specificity.

T4

IT BECOMES A MUTUAL OBLIGATION

The green card and the arrow off stake 4 both point to the Mutual Obligations board. Common stakes are where shared concern turns into action, and action is what becomes an obligation neighbors hold each other to. The two read together.

CONNECTING FOR CHANGE

Common Stakes · voted hub asset · v0.1.0

Provisional. Built from session photos and dot voting. The dots concentrated on stakes 1 and 2; the four stakes are the café's own numbered synthesis, and the green card is its one-line distillation. To be reconciled against David's transcription for the final asset.