

Date: Sept. 8, 2022

Time: 18:30-20:00 (PT)

Location: Zoom (link below)

Subject: Introduction to Consensus Decision Making via Community Development Workshop

Facilitator: Laura Chatham

Note taker: Laura for main room;
volunteer for ea/ breakout room

Overview

Consensus Decision Making (CDM) is a process in which a group reaches a decision that is in agreement with *everyone* in the group (*not* a democratic majority). This is done through open discussion supporting all members sharing their ideas or concerns, maturely talking through disagreements, and ultimately reaching a higher quality decision that everyone will support going forwards.

This workshop is a continuation of August MCM, serving to introduce OKC members to the basics of CDM and give time to practice by each community group discussing their core characteristics, including modes of communication, goals & values, name, and (if time) the physical design aspects of a community that will best complement their goals & values.

AGENDA ITEMS

Time	Topic & Details
18:30	○ Welcome – time for introductions/social catch-up & questions
18:40	○ Presentation Starts: Intro to Consensus Decision Making (CDM) ○ Questions / Discussion
19:00	○ Workshop Starts ○ Each Community Group introduces themselves w/ progress update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• list members; have you started a communication channel?• have you set a meet date, either 1-off or regular?
19:15	○ Community Breakout Rooms to continue working on August Deliverables via CDM. (A) Most importantly is for groups to discuss basic community characteristics (listed in order of priority): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accurate members list w/ all required contact information• Communication Channels & Meeting Times• Community Goals & Vision Statement• Community Name (can be just a placeholder) (B) After part (A) is complete, then groups can move onto drafting their physical property design. If a group has a particular property in mind, it is recommended to design based on its real characteristics & restraints. Some aspects to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location, terrain, size, on-grid/off-grid utilities...etc• Distance to amenities• Approximate number & type of units• Common facilities (eg. dining hall, kitchen, garden, toolshed, pathways)• See OKC Property Selection Criteria for more ideas!

****NOTE:** The results of this workshop are **DRAFTS** only. Until a group is stabilized in its core membership and/or property is secured, community features cannot be guaranteed.

- 19:50
- CDM Workshop debrief
 - Upcoming Events, inc. next MCM: **October 13th, 2022** – Intro to Building a Budget & Project Feasibility Study
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OTHER INFORMATION

Special Notes

- The more everyone knows about CDM before the workshop the better, so please **take the time to review some of the resources below.**
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Resources

Zoom Link: <https://ubc.zoom.us/j/69912347479?pwd=dFBXZ3ZlL05taEZGK3JhT2FBS1Evdz09>

(Every 2nd Thurs / month, **7:00p - 8:00p (PT)**)

CDM Resources:

- OKC August CDM Presentation & Workshop Deliverables:
<https://sustainablecommunities.ok.ubc.ca/research/cohousing/#okcresources>
 - CCN: <https://www.cohousing.ca/articles/the-consensus-decision-process-in-cohousing/>
 - Consensus Home: <https://www.consensusdecisionmaking.org/>
 - Seeds For Change: <https://www.seedsforchange.org.uk/>
 - CDM Models (Podcast):
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1Oq7LEToMKTT1hwJSDTIqD?si=92d72e38adf0468b>
 - How to Do CDM (Podcast):
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2P43EtBruVwr4TDcLVzPYk?si=4beda8cbd991420d>
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