

*Below are minutes of the 2nd meeting (held on January 10th) to organize anti-war actions on the 7th anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.*

*Thank you once again to Erin Cox of the 8th Day Center for Justice for not only compiling these detailed notes, but also helping host the meeting!*

***While there are other debates and decisions described in the notes, two stand out for special note:***

***1) Due to various factors described below, the group decided to hold the main Chicago action downtown on the evening of **Thursday, March 18th** (instead of the previously agreed upon date of March 13th); and,***

***2) The next meeting of the group will be at **3 PM to 5 PM, Sunday, January 24th** at the 8th Day Center for Justice, 205 W Monroe Street, 5th floor (wheelchair accessible). Due to security arrangements for the building, please do not arrive earlier than 2:45 PM nor later than 3:15 PM (anyone arriving later than that will have to call to be let into the building).***

*A Facebook event for the next meeting has just been set up. Please go to XXXXXXXXXX to indicate you are attending, and use Facebook to invite others to the next meeting. These minutes will be posted there. Minutes of the first meeting are available at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=224816483726>*

*Here are Erin's notes from the meeting:*

Sorry I had computer problems and missed introductions.

## **2. Information regarding struggles from last mtg:**

-Andy: Having demo at Devon Ave in Pakistani Neighborhood. WE did outreach but did not get the kind of buy in we thought necessary to carry out this march. IT worked out well in Pilsen Neighborhood last year b.c support, There was a lot of fear in Pakistani neighborhood due to what happened in Detroit. Therefore, we have to say that Devon Ave is off the table. But there may be particular developments in the next few months that people might want support in that area.

-Eunice has been having conversations with CAMI about perhaps doing it in Pilsen next year. I would defer to people in that neighborhood to discuss.

-Chris- Got a text from contact in Devon Ave, not getting a lot of traction in that community. HE thinks once the weather lightens up that might happen.

-If we wanted to do it down in Obama's territory would that be too late for the permit? Yes, Hyde Park would be a possibility.

-Suggestion to return to Pilsen community.

Ali: March 20<sup>th</sup> marks the open-ended war against the world. Downtown is my choice. You can find the best representative of the ruling class. Neighborhoods don't get that much coverage.

Eunice: We had a mtg last Wed and our concern with Devon was community participation. WE thought last year was successful with Pilsen. However, we were disappointed b.c after the march, everyone disappeared. We want to strengthen relationships. Pilsen probably wont work. I would be interested in Hyde park personally, but Pilsen is saying that

Patrick: March 14<sup>th</sup> is the St. Patricks Day March – The City's st. Patrick's Day Parade.

Magda: last meeting was outreach to 3<sup>rd</sup> world communities. We did try, and I did want to acknowledge support of this-would like to say that I would like to continue this discussion.

### **3. Details about Date/Time about March:**

-Lora: Have we ever tried to enter the St. Patricks Day Parade? How successful was that?

Chris: Courts have ruled it not legal. The city is in the legal rights to bar participation of any non registered group. People who are going to participate in an action like that better be prepared to go to jail.

-Clarification is legal participation in St. Pats? No. US Supreme Court decision against it.

Loral: Action on the 13<sup>th</sup>: Voted to support a centralized rally with a Centralized msg.Near West Suburban Coalition for Peace and Justice Cannot support a Michigan ave. Local media cannot give us coverage. Decentralized action They are not going to let us take over LSD> Its just not going to happen because they are so prepared for us.

Joe: It matters what kind of #'s etc. Part of the action is to take off parking meters as we go.

Dick: Official Website said that its on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. Listed for MAIN CITY SPONSORED ANNUAL ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE listed for 12:00pm Official approval requires 18 months getting it in advance. Therefore the option of officially participating in this is closed.

Ali: I don't think we are in the business of competing with ST. Patricks. WE have Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We don't have to worry about St. Patricks Day parade. Forget about St. Patricks day parade. We want to have our program away from it.

Sean: I don't think we have to compete with ST. Patricks Day. IF main event is on a Sat. then we should consider Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>. I would prefer doing it downtown, it is the place that everything runs to. Devon ave would have been a good site

Andy: Strong advocate for the 14<sup>th</sup>. (Sunday) Over the Monday or the Friday. Monday's or Fridays exclude suburban participation. Suggest 2pm Downtown March 14<sup>th</sup>. I know we don't like to be surrounded by lots of cops but we were surrounded by lots of cops in Pilsen. Advocate a march route on State street.

Chris Geo: I support Andy's proposal for Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>. I am ok with Cops there as well as the tourists in the City. WE create more discomfort for the state with pushing civil liberties rights—we don't have support for Devon, so I think this is least bad option.

Angie: WE aim for these marches to be inclusive, we need to dramatically shift how we talk in this room. Catagorizing all people of color to be 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries is ridiculous. It is important for me to remember what I say when I say it.

James: Support Downtown final meet up. I think you would have better press for St. Patricks Day

Andy: Proposal is March Downtown Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> beginning 2pm along the route city has historically granted to us. (Predicated space available)  
historically granted by the city.

Magda: Friendly Amendment: Someone mentioned theatre marches, for like of a better term 3<sup>rd</sup> world people—friendly amendment: That we allow participation of different communities around the city via theatre marches.

The group voted on whether or not to call to question on Andy's proposal. The group voted to vote on Andy's proposal. The vote failed because there was not modified consensus. Modified consensus is 3/5<sup>th</sup>s

Andy: I will be happy to check out Daley Plaza and Federal Plaza.

Ali: Gather at Oak and State: Better chance to march down Michigan ave. My suggestion is go for that to include route on Michigan ave. If Sunday is a problem lets think of another day ahead of time during the week.

Lora: Water tower Square: (Andy responded we could not get a permit for that)

Chris Geo: Festival of lights march pretty successful. I think we should consider marching Wed. Evening, allows us to get folks after work. We know its worked in the past. Like the idea of marching north to south.

James: I would like to explore the 13 people who voted against. Were your objections location, route and/or dates?

-Location: 5 opposed

-Date of march: 8 opposed

Sean: Weekday night in the past? What was the participation in the suburbs? In terms of the route—I think we need the easiest route and thing for people to sign onto, including churches etc. I think we have to think about what will offer the broadest participation.

Patrick: Theatre marches? Yep, just do it.

Claire: Support March 20<sup>th</sup> as well because the police are not going to want double overtime on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dick Reilly: I believe in the discussions we had previously because there was a parallel effort to have a plus caravan effort on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Loral: I think Downtown location will be good for people in suburbs. I want to counter what Stan said, I read the minutes, The spirit of the discussion was to have something in Washington DC and support that and have a march beforehand.

Magda: Not clear about theatre marches. I have a real reason for theatre marches. Local organizing and action in communities. It puts communities at alert and do organizing. We are talking about our people but I know as a Latina, I would like to see some propaganda. I would like to see people organizing against the war. I am appealing for the two possibilities of theatre marches. I think we can get more publicity on a Saturday, but I stand with the original.

Sioban: I would like second the fact not to have it on a Sunday, I think if we could incorporate Candle light vigils, b.c suburbanites like that.

This demo is part of a national demo. The way to make that most effective is to have the best possible turnout on the 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a way to make an impact on an international scale.

Andy: Withdrawl. Original proposal and put forward proposal for Wed. March 14<sup>th</sup>, Assembly at 5:30pm Rally for 1 hour at Fed. Plaza. 2 options for near northside Bughouse Square, Ogden, the city is not going to allow us to march until 6:30pm. If Fed plaza is not available then daley plaza and then march to Michigan ave on a route that we have historically taken. Daley or Federal Plaza North. Favor Federal not only with Symbolic but also if we get Daley we have to deal with insurance, which is a big hassle.

James: Call to Question:

**Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm Federal or Daley Plaza Rally for 1 hour rally then march to Michigan ave north  
31 voted yes, 3 opposed to voting for the proposal**

**Final Vote: 32 in favor  
Abstention: 3  
Opposed: 5**

**Therefore the Proposal Passed.**

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Chris Geo: Proposal to develop draft language for a flier for endorsement appeal. WE can then start producing content for these actions as they come up.

Sean: I am not opposed to this, but I think it would be very preliminary because it would be developing themes etc.

Troy: I would like to move on to finances and then can we deal with the committee stuff. I would like to call to question the proposal.

The group favored moving on to the finance question. Vote approved to place time limit on finances.

**Andy: Proposal that is similar to previous years, Endorsing orgs agree to contribute \$35 or more, finances not a barrier to endorsements, endorsing organizations agree to advertise for the march on list serves etc. to promote activity and take care of publicity of posters in particular area or suburbs. Committee's are authorized to spend up to \$150 for each particular line item. Expenditures over \$150 have to be authorized**

The group stated that they would defer the question of Fiscal Sponsorship until 8<sup>th</sup> Day discusses if they can have fiscal sponsorship.

Kick Boeing to the Curb would like to give money from the group to the March 20<sup>th</sup>. WE have \$600 that we would like to donate to March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Next item: Name for Group:

Proposal: March 20<sup>th</sup> group

Andy: Those of us who have done this several times M20 has reverence. For people outside of this group it doesn't communicate anything. I would suggest: "Chicago Still Says no to War"

Spencer: I would suggest: “No War Chicago” we need to brand ourselves in solidarity with M20 but not be m20.

Siobhan: I think Chicago should be in the title. M20 doesn't resonate to other people.

**The following names were proposed for the group:**

Chicago Still Says No to War Favor: 2

M20 Mobilization: 11

No War Chicago: 3

Chicago Anti-War Coalition: 12

Chicago Demands Peace Now: 5

M20 War Has Failed Consider Peace: 1

Chicago M20 Chicago Anti War Coalition 19

M20 – Chicago Anti War Coalition

Chicago Demands Peace Now

Chicago Cant Afford More No More: 1

M20 Mobilization

Chicago Anti War Coalition

Chris: Concerns: this sounds like CCAWR as well as the fact that we are not a working Coalition

Vote:

M20 Mobilization: 21

Chicago anti-war coalition: 17

Had to vote again b/c we need 3/5<sup>th</sup>s majority so that we can move forward. A name needs to go on permit application. Now we are voting to cut off discussion.

Revote: 2 names left:

M20 Mobilization: 30

Chicago Anti War Coalition: 8

**Final Votes and Decisions:**

**M20 Mobilization - name of the group**

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\*Fiscal Sponsor deferred until next meeting.

**Final Decision for March:**

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