

# DELEGATIONS Meetup

## MAKING LOCAL

Working Session @ NOMCON

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### *Session Attendees*

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### *Intentional Inclusion*

How can your session and this topic generally be more intentionally inclusive?

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### *Session Background Research & Resources*

- City Delegations in attendance: <https://www.nomcon.org/city-delegations>
  - City of Atlanta
  - City of Boulder
  - City of Chattanooga
  - City of Chicago
  - City of Houston

- Indiana State
- City of Nashville
- City of Wichita

## *Session Conversation & Notes*

- Quick Delegation Photo & Introductions
- How does your city work to support the maker movement?

City of Atlanta delegation (8) - Maker Faire Atlanta, Southeast Makers Alliance, 5-10 strong community makerspaces (Decatur Makers, MASS Collective, Geekspace Gwinnett, Freeside, Maker Station, Roswell Firelabs, etc.). Higher ed (Georgia Tech, GSU, etc.), STEAM truck (mobile makerspace), rich startup ecosystem in Midtown, wider connections to regional spaces across the state. Deep engagement with underserved communities with foundation support.

City of Chattanooga (5) - Art120, library investment, focus on children, building community, city involvement, self-directed

- post-its, inclusive, form consensus iteratively
- had freeway running through downtown, pollution, etc.
- community project to resurrect carousel, convened people, focal point for remain

City of Boulder (4) -

City of Wichita (3) -

City of Eugene Oregon (4) - Just getting started building community. Makerspace but not broader conversation

- What does it take to organize your maker communities
- What value do you see in attending the conference as a city delegation?
  - Actually getting to spend time engaging with each other which doesn't happen as often as you might expect when you are all "at home"
  - A sense of momentum. Is there something cohesive that ties it together, A language that allows us to talk to about maker movement.
  - Networking. People are affiliated with various maker activities and it creates a larger community. Most important are the people and how they made us feel.
- What lenses do you see the maker movement?
- How can we connect cities together to support each other
- peter hirshberg, author of "Maker City" book attending session
  - please give us feedback about what's working and what's not; see him

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## *Proposed Project Ideas*

- Sister cities for mentorship
- Layers of round tables
- Dan S -- how can we bring cities together, and communities within cities, to help learn how to do these things right?
  - like a sister city initiative
  - Roundtables, maybe layered city/regional, maybe multiple layered RFC or MCP-like document series to carry roundtable institutional knowledge forward (ref [bit.ly/mcp-index](https://bit.ly/mcp-index))
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