Open Gov Hack Night - Leadership Council Meeting #3

July 22, 2014

General guidelines

(borrowed from FreeGeek Chicago)
We want everyone to have a voice. At the same time, we don't want discussions to become unfocused or endless. So we try to follow some guidelines:

- We try to keep the meeting length under one hour.
- There is a 10-minute time limit to all topic discussions. If there is no solution after 10 minutes, we poll the room to decide whether to discuss the item further or table it until the next meeting.
- You really ought to sign up for our email discussion list at Google Groups.

Attendance

- Derek Eder
- Rene
- Will
- Scott Beslow
- Josh Kalov
- Demond Drummer
- David Melton
- Ameeda
- Elnaz
- Dennis
- Richard Lee
- Steven Vance
- Forest Gregg
- Eric van Zanten
- Bruce Paul
- Aaron Schleichkorn

Discussion topics

- Report backs by topic facilitators
    - **Transportation**: Steve Vance
    - **Education**: Elnaz Moshfeghian, Josh Kalov
    - **Environment**: Scott Beslow
    - **Vacant buildings**: Gene Lynes

- **New coders:** Karl Fogel, Demond Drummer
- **Orientation**: Christopher Whitaker

Notes:

Not enough people know about the Google Group
We'll mention it and the during introduction/announcements.

Facilitator/mentor policies
Topic facilitators are working out well. We'll keep the current configuration, with one minor adjustment: we will make it clear that new people are welcome to ask any of the topic facilitators for guidance or help, even if they look busy.

Explore new venues
The hack night has been growing in attendance steadily over the past two years we are no longer able to fit everyone in the IMSA room at 1871 (even after we removed all the tables). We'd like to look into other space options, and this google doc is a way for this community to offer suggestions.

A few constraints to note:

- a downtown location is preferred due to transit convenience
- the venue would ideally hold 80-100 people with space to work at afterwards
- the venue needs to provide wifi and a projector for presentations
- the venue needs to be open until 10pm or later
- we have no budget (the IMSA room is graciously provided to us for free by 1871)
- the venue would ideally have some tie-in to civic life and/or technology in Chicago

Presenter ideas
We can always use more presenters. If anyone has an idea for one, please add it to this Google doc. For reference, all past and currently scheduled presenters are listed in the Hack Night events doc.