



Host Your Own Small Group Discussion

These are the discussion questions used during our event.

Discussion introduction: Our goal is to hold an action-oriented, opportunity-based discussion where we can all get to know each other while we're at it. While it can be tempting to say *Someone should do something about that*, we recognize that we just may be that "somebody." There is power in the action of everyday residents to enact the change we wish to see in our community!

Ice Breaker: Ask each participant to share their name/identifiers and then answer: "If money was no object/there were no barriers, what earth-friendly practice would you adopt?" (examples: save the rainforest, eliminate all litter, develop such high-tech public transit that individual cars wouldn't be necessary, make composting standard, make recycling easier, etc etc)

Safety & Housing: The survey reported that litter/trash was an issue they were most willing to take action on. Why do you think that is? How might this action change the way you feel about where you live?

Civic Engagement: What are some strategies to bring this small group discussion to others in your neighborhood? What are some ways you can amplify your voice to make change with local government or with your neighborhoods?

Accessibility: Several survey respondents brought up sustainability as an equity issue. Respondents commented on access to information about sustainability, the cost of

sustainability practices, and access to affordable housing along public transit routes. What role do you see equity and accessibility playing in sustainability here in the Heights or in your life?

Action Step: Based on what you heard and learned today, what is one earth-friendly practice you think you could commit to for 30 days? (examples: walk or ride a bike instead of drive somewhere; start composting; recycling; neighborhood cleanup, join CHGT)

One sentence: What energized you most about today's discussion?

Next steps: What would this small group like to do to keep the conversation going? (if you run out of time for this one, facilitators should note they will be doing a follow up to talk more about how to stay connected)