Report of Meeting 3 burgerberaad schone stad

Bijeenkomst 3: meer leren over het onderwerp

Saturday, April 21, 2024, 09:30 AM – 03:00 PM, B Amsterdam
Number of Participants Present: 94

Agenda

1. Opening & Welcome
2. Excursions
3. Information Fair featuring Residents' Initiatives and Lunch
4. Initial Drafting of Recommendations
5.

Who is present?

- The organization and facilitators
- Researchers from The Hague University of Applied Sciences and Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences are observing and conducting an independent analysis of the civic assembly.
- Interpreters for non-native speakers
- Neighborhood Initiatives

1. Opening & welcome

Introduction

The third meeting takes place at B. Amsterdam in Amsterdam West. The moderator, Menno van Tartwijk, welcomes the participants of the citizens' assembly. We start with a small, literal warm-up: everyone who agrees with a statement from Menno imitates Menno's movement.

The question, "How do we collectively keep the city cleaner?" is at the heart of our discussion. We are working towards recommendations on how the city should manage waste. The city council will adopt the recommendations, provided they are legally and financially feasible and practically implementable.

In the first two meetings, participants got to know each other and the issue. There were also expert sessions where participants engaged with experts and gained a lot of new information.

During this third meeting, Menno explains, the group will split into four excursions. We will visit the AEB, Vosse Groen Recycling, the recycling point and yard at Henk Sneevlietweg, and a part of the group will conduct CROW measurements at two locations in the city. Then, during lunch, participants will converse with neighborhood initiatives and begin drafting the initial outline of recommendations.

Menno also mentions that a journalist from Het Parool, who is a participant in the citizens' assembly, has identified himself. Semme is part of the citizens' assembly as a participant, not as a journalist. He will also adhere to the agreements made regarding the press.

The fourth meeting on May 23 will focus on the initial recommendations. These will be reviewed by an assessment committee after the meeting to ensure they are feasible and implementable. This helps increase the likelihood of the recommendations being adopted by the city council. On July 6, the feedback will be presented by the assessment committee, and you can refine the recommendations. On July 15, you will vote on these recommendations. You are the owners of the process, and we are here to guide you.

2. Excursions

AEB

In the morning, the group splits into four. Some participants head to the AEB, the Amsterdam waste-to-energy plant. The excursion begins with a presentation, after which participants change into safety clothing and split into groups: one visits the Control Room and Crane Operators, while the other visits the sorting installation.

Vosse Groen Recycling

Another group of participants visits Vosse, a family-owned green recycling company. Kees Vosse starts with a tour of the premises where green waste is received, demonstrating how it is processed in the shredder and sorted into small and large wood. During the tour, the machines are demonstrated, giving participants an insight into the process of obtaining a quality product.

Demonstrations are also given on how compost is produced and sieved. Vosse's presentation is available on the participant platform.

Henk Sneevlietweg: Recycling Point, Waste & Raw Materials, and Supervision & Enforcement (Afval & Grondstoffen en Toezicht en Handhaving)

At Henk Sneevlietweg, participants visit the recycling point, where they are guided around the premises. This visit continues at the yard, where the group is shown around the waste and raw material vehicles and allowed to ask questions to a team leader from enforcement.

CROW Measurement in Overtoomse Veld & Schinkelbuurt

Together with inspector Nathan from the municipality of Amsterdam, participants measure how clean the city is perceived in two neighborhoods using the CROW method (the method used to determine if a place is clean enough). After a brief presentation at B. Amsterdam, participants, led by Nathan, conduct measurements in Overtoomse Veld and the Schinkelbuurt themselves. Nathan's presentation is available on the participant platforml.

3. Neighborhood initiatives

Upon return, next to the information fair, neighborhood initiatives from the city were ready to engage in discussions with you and provide information. VuilnisOproer Nieuw-West, De Groene Hub, Inge van Bremen from Centrumeiland Schoon & IJburg Schoon, Anne-Marie Rosén from IJburg Schoon, Hans van Zijl (greening Transvaalbuurt), De Schoonste Straat, and Werkgroep De Schone Pijp were present. More information about these neighborhood initiatives can be found here.

4. Initial Drafting of Recommendations

In the afternoon, participants delved into the ideals that were brainstormed during the previous meeting. Over 200 ideals for a clean city of Amsterdam emerged during that session. We have collected these for you and divided them into 11 clusters/topics. These are the topics:

- Neighborhood/Resident Initiatives
- Technological Solutions
- Prevention and Behavior Change
- Awareness and Education
- Communication and Information
- Waste Processing
- Waste Separation
- Collection and Cleaning
- Rules, Enforcement, and Oversight
- Entrepreneurs, Businesses, and Business Waste
- Sustainability, Recycling, and Reuse

- Miscellaneous

These topics were spread throughout the space at B. Amsterdam. All participants joined one of the topics. This resulted in smaller groups of approximately 7-10 people per theme. These groups exchanged experiences from the excursions earlier in the day. Subsequently, the topics were clustered within each theme. Within each group, subgroups of 3-4 people were formed to work on a cluster or topic. On a form, the following questions were answered for each topic:

- What is the problem or challenge?
- For whom is this a problem or challenge? And why?
- What would you like to achieve?
- What is needed for that?
- What is currently standing in the way?
- How can we…?

These forms were digitized by the facilitators and serve as the starting point for developing recommendations during the next meeting. In total, 44 forms were worked on, resulting in 44 outlines for recommendations.

5. Closing

We conclude the day in a plenary session. Several participants shared about the ideals they worked on. Menno mentioned that we will continue with these during the next meeting. Additionally, there was an opportunity to write down any need for more information to formulate good recommendations. The organization is working hard to address these additional information requests and gather the necessary data for you for the next meeting.

The next meeting, on **Thursday, May 23**, will again take place at Pakhuis de Zwijger.