

Action Plan David Runco

1. Volunteer on CNU XVII Host Committee.
The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) holds their Annual Congress in Denver in 2009.
2. Presentation to Tryba Architects of the documentary about highways and GM "Taken For A Ride"

Action Plan

- 1) Volunteer on CNU XVII Host Committee

Tactic

Join the CNU Mountain West Chapter, <http://www.cnu.org/mountainwest>

Select a CNU XVII Local Host Sub-Committee, e.g.

Sub-committees:

Program: Chair Peter Park, work with CNU staff to establish program format

Outreach/Publicity/Co-Partnerships:,

Guided Local Tours:, etc.

Timeframe

Spring 2008 – ongoing through June 2009

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2) Documentary "Taken For A Ride"

Tactic

Purchase this documentary, obtain as a DVD

52 min./ VHS

Institutions (Colleges/Universities)_____ \$225

Community Groups/High Schools_____ \$80

Timeframe

2 – 6 Months, by Spring 2008

So What is the goal of my Action Plan

- To inform others, as well as to become better informed myself...on these topics:
 - i. Transit and Transportation funding policies
 - ii. What are the arguments for and against transit, density, highways? Are they valid?
 - iii. Does the media skew coverage of transit and funding?

Tactic

- Share relevant and informative resources, articles, links, videos etc.

Project for Public Spaces



www.pps.org

a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining public places that build communities. Planning and design rooted in the community forms the cornerstone of PPS's philosophy. Building on the techniques of William H. Whyte's Street Life Project.

Founded in 1975 by Fred Kent, PPS works with individuals and communities to create a vision around the places that they view as important to community life and to their daily experience. One key to this process is reaching out to people - including those who might not otherwise participate in an improvement effort - where they live, work and congregate.

Brookings Institute

- Brookings Institute says this:
- Myths and Facts about transit

Authors on Urbanism

Jane Jacobs – The Economy of Cities

Lewis Mumford – The City in History:

Wm. H Whyte – The Exploding Metropolis

Andres Duany – Suburban Nation

Peter Calthorpe – The Next American Metropolis

Peter Hall – Cities of Tomorrow: A History of
Urban Planning and Design in the 20th Century

Peter Katz – The New Urbanism: Toward an
Architecture of Community

James Howard Kunstler – Home from Nowhere,
Geography of Nowhere

Documentary Videos

- Taken For A Ride - Why Does America Have the Worst Public Transit in the Industrialized World, and the Most Freeways?
Taken for a Ride reveals the tragic and little known story of an auto and oil industry campaign, led by General Motors, to buy and dismantle streetcar lines. By Jim Klein
- Who Killed the Electric Car?
- Orwell Rolls In His Grave
- Save Our Towns, Save Our Land
- Century of the Self – Adam Curtis

Argusfest

- You might want to visit:

www.argusfest.org

- A community organization in Denver, organized by Jason Bosch
- Holds public awareness raising events on human rights, social justice, media, environmental, and animal rights/welfare issues.
- Mercury Café / Oriental Theatre
- Join email list

Thank You!

- The Academy presenters were terrific
- I've learned from this experience
- Multi-disciplinary teams facilitate the most learning