neighbors

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call for proposals

Speakers are asked to submit proposals that focus first and foremost on their work. The following prompts may be used as a way to frame submissions, but additional tracks may be developed based on emerging themes. Submissions are due by Sunday, March 15th at 10pm EST. Presenters will be notified by April 1st.

Breakout Sessions (90m)

Next Door Neighbors
Neighbors are perhaps the most basic unit of community. These relationships invite conviviality. We say hi to our neighbors. We share food and drinks in our backyards. We build spaces like front porches and community gardens in hopes that these interactions are lasting. These relationships create tension. We ask neighbors we share walls with to turn their music down at 3am. We ask them to keep their rambunctious dog leashed. These relationships build trust. We give neighbors an extra key to our house. We know they're keeping an eye out for us. We look after their children. These relationships create communities— communities with whom we design. Who are your neighbors? How do the themes of conviviality, tension, trust, and community shape your relationship with them? How do these relationships, in turn, shape our communities?

Neighbors in Practice
This track seeks conversations that delve into the emerging practice of community design. In a field that relies on collaboration over competition, how does community design serve as a neighbor to other practices? How is community design expanding its engagement with its neighbors in practice, beyond the design profession? How do we address the critiques we face from our neighbors in practice, such as retaining expertise and defining the measurable impact of community design? Who are the community leaders making change at a micro level and how does this change manifest itself into the broader practice of community design?

Community Design Round Up (5m. Yes. 5 minutes)
This format highlights emerging professionals through short, intense presentations using only five slides. We encourage all emerging professionals to submit projects and ideas that relate to the theme of Neighbors. Each presentation will only be allowed 5 minutes. The goal is to have numerous short presentations that are substantive and thought-provoking.

Submission Instructions
Please submit the following information in the body of an email to tyler@storefrontrichmond.org with the subject line: ACD RVA [Breakout OR Round Up] Submission.

Breakout Submissions
- Full Name(s) and title(s) of presenter(s) with contact information (email, phone number)
- Organization, Firm, Institution, etc... you represent with website info (if applicable)
- Title of Presentation
- An abstract (500 words max) of your presentation
- Brief 1-2 sentence description of the flow of your presentation (e.g. I will have a 30 minute presentation with slides and will then open up the floor for discussion.)
- AV/Technology Needs

Community Design Round Up Submissions-
- Full Name(s) and title(s) of presenter(s) with contact information (email, phone number)
- Organization, Firm, Institution, etc you represent with website info (if applicable)
- Title of Presentation
- An abstract (200 words max) of your presentatio

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