

ITAA General Meeting Minutes, *submitted by Jacolyn Marshall*

Monday, August 4, 2025, 6:30 P.M. Approximately 67 members attending on Zoom

Margrit McIntosh: Welcome

- Provided an overview of today's agenda featuring our guest speaker and team reports.

Guest speaker: Phineas Anderson, co-founder of Democracy Unites Us (bio in the appendix)

- 8 Tesla protests began with 54 participants; 1200 showed up at latest event, the best in the nation
- Protests make a difference; personal story of a depressed young woman who was inspired by what she witnessed and joined DUU with over 2,000 members on our email list
- DUU = Democracy Unites Us democracyunitesus.org
- Democracy Town Criers – a new event to educate people about the issues in small groups of 4-8 people with scripts who show up in random areas and start sharing their message
- DUU is connecting with faith communities to find other ways to connect with people, like Moral Mondays.

Guest speaker: Jim Driscoll, No Trouble non-violence group (bio in the appendix)

- Affinity groups show up to exert non-violent economic pressure
- In Tucson Ciscamani is one of Trump's pillars of support; Jim Click is one of Ciscamani's pillars of support which led to 21 people shutting down access at Jim Click's Kia dealership for one hour.
- Media coverage and non-violent training are key components for success; more trainings are coming up
- Building non-cooperation requires trust and strong groups of potential arrestees and sign wavers
- Next action August 23rd at Jim Click Kia dealership
- Sign up for Jim Click Campaign: <https://forms.gle/QC3PsfrmU21smKjQ6>
- Link to Zoom for Click Planning Group tonight at 8 pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81767691850?pwd=1gidVV71bp85vP3zbPbb7vSiu7qlnK.1>
- Notes for ITAA talk on Affinity Groups:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RL_JJo7bXp_hHhI3AhKrHhomXU6wtK0oih3KPLdDusw/edit?usp=sharing

Margarit McIntosh: One Million Rising Movement

- Goal is to inspire one million people to talk to others about resisting and taking part in individual, group, and national actions
- Movement consists of everything from low-risk boycotting and post carding to mass protests to compel institutional pillars of power to apply pressure on Trump
- Shared a short video on social non-cooperation, political non-cooperation, and economic non-cooperation

- We must act like the winners we are by building the movement through the use of social media and personally encouraging others to join us.
- Many members in attendance commented on how hopeful and energized they felt after watching the first two trainings!
- Next and final training Wed. Aug. 13, 5:00 P.M. Arizona time; register here: <https://www.mobilize.us/nokings/event/803953/>
- Indivisible / No Kings is up to 1390 gatherings nationally! Host your own meeting - who's in your circle of ten friends? That's who you invite. "You're in my circle of ten, come to coffee to discuss the resistance" <https://www.nokings.org/rise>

Jeanne Hardie: Treasurer's Report

- Fundraising in June: ITAA earned Indivisible's \$500 match plus \$357 in member donations
- Distributed Funds Account beginning balance: \$7653, ending balance: \$7962
- \$200 donated to keep anti-Ciscomani billboards up on 1-10
- Unrestricted Funds Account: \$580, some of which will fund our post carding events
- Expressed thanks for all donations received, especially recurring ones

Amy Gosla: Events and Social Media Team

- 4,000 followers on our BlueSky account; 219 on Instagram; and 913 on Facebook
- Sunday, August 10 Lamplighters Illuminate Injustice protest at Reid Park 8:00-10:00 am
- Thursday, August 14 Social Security's Anniversary Sit-in protest at Ciscomani's office 9:00-10:30 am
- Take Action Tucson.org is the best place to find events. <https://www.takeactiontucson.org/>
- Voter Registration Events require training; next zoom training is August 28 at 3:00 pm; email Amy if you are interested. 31 people have signed up so far!
- Mid-term elections are coming sooner than you think.

Nancy Atherton: Post Carding Team

- Anyone interested in writing post cards for the upcoming general election to contact Nancy at ncatherton@gmail.com **as soon as possible.**

Jacolyn Marshall - Letters to the Editor Team

- 113 letters published in the Daily Star and amplified on social media this year.
- Our letters to the editor focus on stating the facts and persuading others to take action.
- They raise awareness and make a difference
- Requested anyone interested in joining us to email Jacolyn@comcast.net

Lisa Vaughn: Boycott and Build Team

- Working to get the word out to other groups to grow our group.

- Developing flyers to share with friends and family and planning tabling events.
- Visit our web page to view flyers and information on sites to boycott:
<https://www.indivisibletucson.org/boycott-and-build.html>

Joe Alexander: State Committee Team

- Will continue collecting information on how our legislators have performed, analyzing the bills they proposed and their voting records.
- Will be focusing on LD 16, LD 17, LD 18, LD19 and LD 20 in particular.

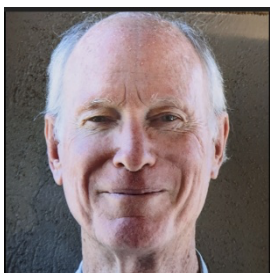
Laurie Soloff and Kate Wilczek: Pressure Ciscomani Team

- The Pressure Ciscomani team has a Substack channel:
<https://cd6pressureciscomaniteamofitaa.substack.com/>
- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/16crSbJwGg/?mibextid=wwXifr>
- Instagram account:
<https://www.instagram.com/holdciscomaniaccountable?igsh=MXR3N2R2MWwzeGZ2cg==>

Margrit McIntosh: Closing Remarks

- Please support the Tucson Kids Team, a group that represents children in immigration court. There are multiple roles available, not just for lawyers. Laypersons can be trained to help children fill in asylum paperwork. Please email TucsonKidsTeam@proton.me [CASE SENSITIVE EMAIL ADDRESS] if you can help.
- The chat from this meeting will be pasted in at the bottom of the email that sends out the Minutes.
- Plan to attend our next general meeting on Monday, September 1 at our new 4:00-5:30 time.

APPENDIX: Bios of our speakers



Phineas Anderson is a retired K-12 principal and school superintendent with a master's degree from Harvard's Graduate School of Education. A scholar and activist, he was involved in civil rights actions in the sixties. He

organized the first exchange of students between the USA and the USSR, and his 200-page curriculum guide on gangs was distributed to every Junior High School in Philadelphia and helped reduce gang violence.

Phineas helped produce a film on nuclear weapons that President Obama showed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the White House. He was Director of Fire Policy and Research and Development at the U.S. Department of Commerce and headed a task force composed of members of ATF, FBI, IRS, and others to reduce acts of arson in America. He served as president of Tucson Tomorrow, an organization of community leaders planning the future of the city.

Never having organized a protest before, Phineas (at 83) and his wife Mitchell (78) organized the eight Tucson Tesla protests, many of them the largest in the nation. As others joined them, Democracy Unites Us (DUU) was formed. DUU organized the NO KINGS protest, an 18-mile-long motor march with 12,000 participants, and the “Good Trouble” rally honoring John Lewis.



A Marine combat veteran of Vietnam who gave up two draft deferments to volunteer, Dr. Jim Driscoll quit teaching at MIT’s Sloan School of Management in 1982 to work full time ever since in movements for peace and justice beginning with the Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

With a BA and MBA from Harvard and a PhD from Cornell, Jim has played leadership roles ever since in the Nuclear Weapons Freeze, large scale civil disobedience action at the Nevada Test Site which successfully helped end US underground nuclear testing. He was instrumental in passing Arizona’s originally best-in-the-nation Clean Elections law which resulted in public funding of all state elections.

Jim was also instrumental in Extinction Rebellion’s large-scale disruptions of DC demanding climate action and most recently organized the blockade of Jim Click’s KIA dealership protesting his role as one of Ciscomani’s and hence Trump’s “pillars of support.”

As described in the One Million Rising training, most scholars of the resistance to authoritarian takeovers cite the need for large-scale, nonviolent, noncooperation that consistently applies economic and political pressure against the authoritarian. The basic building blocks of most noncooperation campaigns are small affinity groups linked in nested spokes-councils making decisions by consensus. Dr. Driscoll will describe that model and encourage us to develop it here in Tucson.