# Event Garde's Community Agreements



## Make space, take space

- Let one person share at a time
- Ask yourself W.A.I.T and W.A.I.N.T.
- Ask yourself if it's already been said

### • Encourage healthy conflict/tension

- Address problems, not people
- Share your experience/feelings
- Practice letting go of defensiveness
- Practice calling one another in vs out

## • Listen to understand vs. respond

- Ask questions of clarity
- Reflect back: "I understood you to say..."
- Use tech to keep you in the room

# • Value effectiveness over efficiency

- Spend our meeting time on tasks/relationships that add value to our work
- o Post values and agreements during meetings
- As often as possible, use collective decision-making practices when impacting the team

#### We are all learning, we are all wise

- Share your expertise
- Make space for the expertise of others
  - Share from your own experience

### Both/and thinking

- o "Yes, and...."
- o "I understand you and..."

# Take accountability

- Use "I" statements
- Tend to the impact vs the intent
- Oops and ouch

## • Take good care of ourselves

- Maintain schedules that allow for non-work needs
- Communicate changes to shared work tasks based on needs of all involved