Trapp Seminar

Wermes: Shared a Washington Park anecdote about City Flea, the splash ground. Diversity of the park. So—have things changed?

* Eble: So… your anecdote is contrary to his idea?
* Wermes: Gentrification is going on, but in terms of lower-income community not enjoying might not be totally correct. MACH-1, Jody Buckmaster… shared own guilt.
* Andrew Smith: People feel intimidated by it. “White people coming from the north” to enjoy the park. Lumenocity… I would feel intimidated, too.
* Chase Hawkins: I agree with Jake—was in Washington Park in the summer. Service trip. Yoga classes… but they do bring in things that appeal to “lower-class” folks. Every Friday, there’s something at Washington Park that appeals to lower-income folks. Still, there are problems.
* Wermes: Does feel bizarre—the layers of socioeconomic classes. Homeless person with a brown-paper bottle and a Segway. But, in the future, it might get more homogenous.
* Zane: Gentrification—people being pushed out. People may not be gone, but…
* Wermes: Clarified his ideas—more of a high-income area.
* Zane: Shared own experience… interrupted by a melee
* Andrew Smith: Sense of racial split…?
* Aidan: That’s racial?
* Smith: Not race—it’s socioeconomic…
* MELEE
* Zane: Income level… if that tends to be one class… somewhat post hoc…
* Aidan: It’s observational…
* Zane: We’re not trying to be racist…
* Andrew Smith: Help anybody we can… not about race. Majority of black people…
* Aidan: Helping people = racist…
* Zane: Difference between a yoga class in the morning, a cheap pancake breakfast in the afternoon.
* Wermes: We can agree that there are many people who are impoverished who are African Americans. They do live in a condition that tends to be
* Eble: Statistics… Trapp’s claim about Washington Park?
* Zane: Gentrification?
* Harrison: A new part of town = gentrification…
* Andrew Smith: Main intention = helping the poor?
* Alex Gruber: The street car…
* TJ Peloquin: Argument—swimming pool / basketball court. Problem is if you eliminate the culture and instill a new culture…
* Spencer Ballard: Not so much argument—NAACP came into this situation because it wanted recognition of this problem. Trapp touched on this saying “There’s no room…” Read from page 92.
* Eble continued reading from this paragraph.
* Spencer Ballard: Spoke about his split ethos: Excited about park, but also recognizes that the problem lies in eliminating culture.
* Harrison: Addition to racial debate…
* Eble: As opposed to it being one or the other?
* Andrew Smith: Won’t change because of the culture.
* Sam W: Read from quote at the start of 89
* TJ: Read from main claim—92-93.
* Eble: Challenged Sam…
* Wermes: Using this as an analogy for the community around Washington Park… that one small area with a lot of different people cannot be made to please all.
* Ballard: Ties into actual interaction of rich / poor
* Wermes: This increases cost of living…
* Gruber: I don’t know if upper-class folks’ intention is to increase cost of living…
* Eble: The road to hell is paved with good intentions.
* Gruber: Huh?
* Eble: Talked about intent / consequences in OTR
* Gruber: I’m confused…
* Zane: If intent was good or bad, it doesn’t matter…
* Andrew Smith: In ten years… shared own experience… you don’t see the poor folks… it’s good, but…
* Alex: Cyclical… shared experience of a golf course.
* Eble: OTR—special?
  + Sam: Architecture.
  + Smith: History… hipsters… in ten years, will hipsters have kids and live there?
  + Alex G: When the hipsters have kids, they might move to Hyde Park, Oakley, Northside
  + Smith: Stereotypical—Hyde Park…
  + Alex G: Generalizing—lots of young people living in Oakley…
  + Eble: Read from paragraph 1 on page 78

Logan Cooper: Northern Row dog park…

* TJ: Upper and middle class folks’ perceptions of dogs. Lower class people use their dogs as protection, whereas richer use them as kids.
* Sam: The homeless guy—“Is this your guard dog?”
* Chase: Ironic—how he contrasts the two. How can Washington Park be a focal point of the neighborhood and not represent it? Read from page 84.

Logan: Satirical article with “Stuff White People Like.” Helping poor people—difference between making the neighborhood better and actually helping poor people. Existing culture isn’t taken into consideration.

Andrew Smith: Question I have for the hipsters there… what’s their view?

* Zane: Page 96—why shouldn’t we have what we want to do, too?
* Eble: He has that ethos. Read from the text.
* Zane: Mindset—why can’t I have what I want here?
* Andrew: Columbus—pushing out the Native Americans…
* Eble: It’s progress, you sonsabitches.
* TJ: Tough comparison…
* Spencer: People are living there, building bars…

Economic decisions have collateral damage.

* Sam: Columbus… small pox…
* Spencer: Collateral damage wise… where do they go from there? Taking out the Drop Inn Center…
* TJ: Gentrification of one neighborhood = reverse gentrification of another.

**BREAK**

Gruber: Ideas about people having a vision of Cincinnati.

* Smith: Yeah… living in Symmes township
* Dalton: Like Eble’s argument that a man can have an argument about being a man…
* Gruber challenged…
* Dalton: They live in a close vicinity. I’m not saying that a white dude from West Chester should tell you what is happening.
* Gruber: Construction of Washington Park… cost the city of Cincinnati $15 million.
* Dalton: Put your money where your mouth is.
* Eble: People do—they shop…
* Smith: Hipsters going to schools…
* Zane: Graduation rate in 2001 was low; now, in areas downtown, rate is higher.
* Gruber: Also, Walnut Hills is a Cincinnati public school… probably the best public school.
* Eble: Unique mix of skills, backgrounds…

Smith: Does he have kids?

Sam W: Can he bring his dog?

Dalton: Zane’s statistic about school—is that statistic even legitimate?

* Zane: That’s two schools…
* Smith: Interesting to see the statistics… taking out certain schools…
* Aidan: What’s the exact statistic now?

Eble: Common characteristics of week’s readings…

* Zane: Focus on poverty…
* Wermes: Build ethos…
* Eble: What kind?
* Wermes: Different kinds of ethos…
* TJ: All recall personal details, personal narrative, apply it to a more general issue.
* Logan: Difference between Trapp, other white hipsters—he’s forced to interact with his neighborhood via his dog. A natural segregation hipsters bring in.
* Eble: Talked about the end…

Smith: Budgets—impossible to have a kid. Can’t do it…

* Zane: Many people had different income totals… took out income taxes, $920.40 a month.
* People compared income…
* Smith: Average Cincinnati rent…
* Harrison: $300
* Zane: $375, didn’t include utilities..
* Alex: $550 plus utilities… I was pretty thin…
* Logan: I was able to figure out survival, but not accounting for any emergency, medical problem… I had $20 left over. Not very practical.
* Aidan: I must have splurged…
* Gruber: Bus…
* Smith: Obamacare
* Gruber: Had to have a major crisis…
* Harrison: I was looking for something to cut—cut my entertainment to $20…
* Gruber: How do you calculate grocery?
* Eble: Effect on diet…
* Zane: $20 for friend driving…
* Eble: Other trends?
* Zane: I cut healthcare…

Logan: Raise the minimum wage?