Re: Field Note from Monday

By: R. Kippen Wednesday, 5 April 2017, 11:55 PM

Hey there,

I have attached two field notes I wrote after we got off Zoom on Monday night. I had volunteered during my lunch break on Monday afternoon to paint a mural in downtown Watsonville as part of Regeneration- Pajaro Valley Climate Action, a new nonprofit that was co-hosting the mural event.

I enjoyed the experience but also had some critique. It is a beautiful mural and makes a dull parking lot vibrant, but I felt like there was missed opportunity to share why the mural was significant and to encourage participants to get creative and to consider climate change. Several of the participants were Santa Cruz based folks, some teens from a Watsonville group and the artist who outlined the mural was from Monterey. There was a gang shooting two days before the mural was painted on the same street. I kept thinking that it was important that we were all there together making the street more beautiful, but it felt like acknowledging that was left out.

Here are my messy notes as well as two photos from the event.