# Radix DAO Weekly

*The week in governance, without the scroll-back*

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Telegram + RadixTalk

COMMUNITY MOOD · DAY BY DAY 5/10

Governance this week was dominated by a raw debate over how the DAO awards large contracts, after flightofthefox's Xi'an proposal passed with overwhelming support. The council kept the community updated on the Foundation-to-DAO transition, while forum proposals on dApp funding and Gateway maintenance met a sober funding reality.

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| MESSAGES | PEOPLE TALKING | BUSIEST DAY | NEW MEMBERS |

MESSAGES / DAY  peak 212/day · most active: Phil Gibson, Gary

## WHAT THE ROOM TALKED ABOUT

### Was Xi'an funding process-sound?

A long argument followed the near-unanimous passage of flightofthefox's Xi'an funding proposal. Phil Gibson questioned awarding ~$300k to a single bid without competing bids or credential checks; most of the room pushed back that no realistic alternative existed and the proposal is milestone-based.

driven by Phil Gibson, Adam, avaunt

### Who pays for dApp development?

Leonets proposed $23,000 over 15 months to rebuild Root Finance V2. Forum and chat responses were mixed: Mr. Peanutbutter welcomed it but asked that the existing dApp be fixed; Timan said neither community nor Foundation can currently fund dApp development.

driven by Leonets, Timan, linuxx

### Foundation handover continues

The council cross-posted updates: the Stokenet migration is nearly done, and the Foundation will stop operating the Olympia Explorer on May 30 — the repo is now public so anyone can run the frontend locally against a community gateway.

driven by projectShift

### Gateway's future maintenance

Pawel_XRD, who worked on the Gateway at the Foundation and RDX Works, opened a forum thread asking whether the DAO wants ongoing engineering maintenance and feature development for the Gateway, separate from hosting costs.

driven by Pawel_XRD

## THE BOTTOM LINE

#### REMEMBER THIS

The Xi'an funding proposal passed near-unanimously, sparking the community's biggest governance debate yet about procurement process.

#### NEXT WEEK

Watch for: whether the council or community acts on Phil Gibson's call for a formal procurement framework, and what happens to the Olympia Explorer after May 30.

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# From the council & the crowd

*What the tracked voices said, and the week's best exchanges.*

## COUNCIL & INSIDER WATCH

The council continued posting updates on the Foundation-to-DAO transition: Stokenet migration nearly complete, and notice that the Olympia Explorer shuts down on May 30. projectShift cross-posted the council's working notes to the main chat.

**avaunt** TRANSITION RAC

Defended the Xi'an funding outcome, saying the proposal would not have passed with an untrusted recipient and that the community lacks three capable competing developers.

*"The proposal wouldn't have passed the Temp check if foxy were 'some random'."*

**projectShift** TRANSITION RAC

Kept the community pointed at council updates on the Stokenet migration and the Olympia Explorer wind-down, warning the shutdown window is shorter than expected.

**Mr. Peanutbutter** TRANSITION RAC

Welcomed the Root Finance V2 proposal but asked the team to first update and fix the existing dApp; separately helped a user claim a subintent giveaway step by step.

**Timan**

Told proposers that neither the community nor the Foundation can currently fund dApp development — new dApp work must be self-funded.

*"you will have to fund it yourself."*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**"Is there a proper procurement/RFP process the community should have followed for funding Xi'an?"**

Adam explained that sourcing multiple bids was already tried for projects like the Gateway and didn't meet the cost/benefit bar; given the tiny pool of people capable of building Xi'an, choosing flightofthefox carried lower risk than an unknown, and competing proposals can still be put in before the next milestone.

ASKED BY PHIL GIBSON · ANSWERED BY ADAM

## DEBATE OF THE WEEK — PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR XI'AN FUNDING

### ONE SIDE

A single-bid award of roughly $300k without competing bids, credentials checks or a formal RFP is commercially immature for a DAO treasury.

### THE OTHER

There were no realistic alternative bidders after months of searching, the funding is milestone-based and XRD-denominated, and a mandatory bidding process would have delayed the only viable path to Xi'an.

*Still open — expect a rematch.*

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# Around the ecosystem

*What shipped and launched, and the week's best lines.*

## HEARD IN THE ROOM

> *“If foxy falls off his motorbike after having a few shandys, now Xi'an hits the fan. Touch wood, he doesn't. But that, to me, is not an acceptable risk.”*
>
> — PHIL GIBSON

> *“Radix has some very clever and experienced people in the community, across a broad range of skills. We won't always see eye to eye, mainly because there is not blueprint to building and scaling DLTs.”*
>
> — ADAM

## THE PULSE

**The mood:** Tense and divided over how the DAO should award large contracts, tempered by relief that the Xi’an funding vote passed overwhelmingly.

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# The tracker

*What the room expects to happen — and how last week's calls went.*

## PREDICTION TRACKER

NEW

**The community will debate a formal procurement framework**
Phil Gibson expects the debate before future large proposals.

NEW

**Next Xi'an milestone open to competing bids**
Per flightofthefox, a rival bid can still be placed before the milestone triggers.

NEW

**First public Hyperscale test after beacon chain**
Punk expects the test once the beacon-chain phase lands.

## WORTH A CLICK

### Xi'an consultation results

consultation.mountain-top.live/proposal/0

The vote where ~1.1 billion XRD backed Foxy's funding.

### Olympia Explorer source

github.com/radixdlt/explorer

Public repo before the hosted Explorer shuts down.

## JARGON, DECODED

**RFP (Request for Proposals)** — The DAO reaching outward to invite external parties to bid on work it wants done.

**Beacon chain** — In Hyperscale-rs, a chain that tracks shard topology, stake pools and emissions but never processes transactions itself.

## LINKS

THE CHAT THIS DIGEST READS

t.me/radix_dlt

RADIX

radixdlt.com

EVERY ISSUE ON THE WEB

telegram-mcp-phi.vercel.app/dao

SISTER DIGEST — THE HYPERSCALE BUILD

Hyperscale Weekly

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