

York Road Partnership  
General Meeting Minutes  
August 2, 2017

St. Mary's of the Assumption Church Hall – 5502 York Road

The August meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by President Donna Blackwell

President Blackwell welcomed all present and asked each member to introduce him/herself.

Jane Coffey a Volunteer from Chesapeake Climate Action Committee made a presentation on Community Solar in Baltimore discussing solar opportunities for homeowners and renters alike. Community solar is looking for locations to place solar farms in Baltimore. Interested individuals can consult [www.ChesapeakeClimate.org](http://www.ChesapeakeClimate.org) for more information.

Gavin Patashnick, Assistant States Attorney responsible for the Juvenile Division made an interesting and eye opening presentation about the Maryland Juvenile Justice System in Baltimore. Much clarity was given as well as explanation of the system.

43<sup>rd</sup> District Delegate Curt Anderson addressed the YRP seeking the opinion of its members regarding the proposed bill in City Council requiring “Mandatory Minimum” sentences for first time gun offenses. Del Anderson further expressed his desire to propose a bill in the State Legislature requiring mandatory minimum sentences for first time gun convictions applicable only to Baltimore. Much interest was created by this proposal most of which producing a negative response from residents present.

Announcements:

- Marie M. Anderson announced volunteer opportunities for August 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Sandi McFadden announced the Govans back to School Bash, Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>
- Lisa O'Reilly announced that neighbors are organizing local Community Prayer walks on Friday Nights continuing through summer in Woodbourne – McCabe and in Wilson Park.
- The Italian Cultural Center and the Evesham Park Community are presenting “FERRAGOSTO” on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> ;:30 PM to 7:30 PM. <http://www.italymd.org/>
- Kevin Gillogly – Office of the Mayor announced Mayor's Back to School at War Memorial August 5<sup>th</sup>, AFRAM at Druid Hill park, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Empowerment to Employ Event at Baltimore Convention Center, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Meeting was adjourned by President Blackwell at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Francesco Legaluppi, Recording Secretary/ Treasurer