



Agenda

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 @ 7:15pm

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

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7:15	Welcome- New & Seasoned attendees	Donna Blackwell-YRP President
7:20	Committee Report Outs	Committee Chairs
7:30	MD Medical Cannabis Committee	Intro by Curt Schwartz- YRP Treasurer
8:05	YRP Membership	Kristie Hazard- Recording Secretary YRP
8:15	Close out	Donna Blackwell- YRP President

Meeting called to order by President Donna Blackwell at 7:15 pm.
Donna welcomed all attendees and asked that Committees Report Out

Committee Reports:

Youth Development

- No meeting was held in July
- Next meeting is schedule for Thurs, August 16 at 6 PM
 - Location: Billy Henry's District Office- 5225 York Road
 - Agenda: Developing plan to support new goal of Increase access to resources/services/facilities for youth 5 to 17 to provide them with opportunities so that by the time they are 18+ they are either employed or in school
- Lisa mentioned a new Youth Outreach Center near by
 - Sandi is familiar with them
 - Woman is a RN- She attended July meeting; her fiancé is also involved
 - 500 Tunbridge Road... name may be Uplift Resource Center
 - Giving out free lunches

Public Spaces & Greening

- Next Meeting- 1st Tues of Month at 8 am at 5104 York Road (Loyola Public Safety Meeting)
- Karen asked about getting new trees planet in commercial area... yes they can get help with this
- Cedric was wondering if they can help with tree trimming in public areas... yes. They can contact forestry

Business Development

- Next Meeting- 3rd Thurs of month at 8 pm at 5104 York Road – Loyola Public Safety
- Ad Hoc Liquor has been busy working on addressing establishments that are in violation of liquor laws

- York Club Tavern at 5407 York Road- received notice that they were serving underage youth
 - 4th violation
 - Asked to have the license revoked
 - Obtained letters from Bill Henry and Maggie McIntosh as well as community organizations to support revoking their license
 - License was suspended for 30 days
 - Owner trying to sell the business and liquor license
 - There is a new owner and trying to obtain a MOU with the new owner- trying to schedule meeting
 - Goal is to get the new owner to take the license out of the corridor
 - Business attracts loitering
 - Looking for feedback on what they 5400 block looks like while the Tavern is closed
 - Have also asked Major Gibson for call statistics before and during the shutdown
 - Looking to see if there are other business that are causing issues on the block. Will utilize a multi-agency inspection approach to dealing with these businesses.

Public Safety

- Next Meeting- 3rd Thurs of month 5104 York Road at 7- Loyola Public Safety Committee
- Looking at lighting issues on York Road; did a public safety walk with the police and the Mayor in July. Lighting was identified as an issue.
 - 2 follow ups done with Mayor's office and no response yet

Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization

- Next Meeting- September 11 time TBD at 5104 York Road- the Hut
 - Working to identify vacant properties

MD Medical Cannabis Commission:

Joy Strand- Executive Director

Will Tillberg- Director of Policy

Medical Cannabis only legal in MD

Only certain patients qualify for medical cannabis

- Must register with the state first- free process
- Practitioner can then certify you and add you to a database which the dispensaries must use
 - Only registered practitioners can prescribe

14 or 15 growers and processors are certified

5 independent testing labs in MD

Pre-approved 102

- Originally had 700 applications
- 37 still to be license
- 65 dispensaries licenses
- 2 dispensaries in each State Senatorial district
- Dispensary still needs to meet zoning codes in the district they are assigned

- Dispensaries were given 1 year to become operational from Dec 2016... only 8 were operational because of industry delays
- Requirement
 - 25/7 video surveillance 365 days a year
 - Secure vault
 - No flower products in the reception area
 - All customers are monitored
 - Cannot get into the sales room unless you are a registered patient
 - Patient is limited to how much they can buy in 30 day cycles... updated real time
 - Staff at the dispensaries are registered with the commission
 - Must have background check and drug testing
 - All cash business... no cash or credit cards

Over 30,000 patients are registered to buy/use medical cannabis

Minors are not allowed access without a parent or guardian (caregiver)

Caregivers must register

Compliance and Enforcement Division of the Commission

- 13 investigators that monitor the dispensaries
- There are both scheduled and unscheduled visits
 - Visits will also be made based on any complaints

There is a tracking system that tags a plant 8 inches or taller and tracks the plant all the way to the medicine at the dispensary which is then tracked to the patient

Hours of operation

- Commission has no authority over hours
- Most common times are 10 am to 8 pm 7 days a week

Price controls

- Commission has no authority on prices
- Patients can shop around
- .08 is about \$50, slightly higher than street price
 - Benefits: medical cannabis plants come from growers that are registered and tested
 - No sales tax on the medical cannabis

Commission looking to see if there should be restrictions on how the dispensaries can advertise including at the physical location

- In process of obtaining public feedback

About half of the dispensaries have medical directors

Dispensary on York Road will be opening another store next door that sells holistic products

- Grand opening may be in next 5 weeks

YRP Membership- Meeting was running late- agenda item pushed to a future meeting

Announcements

Peace Walk at 5104 York Road tomorrow 8/2 at 5 pm

Uptown Ministry running camp in Woodbourne McCabe- if you'd like to volunteer stop by- 10-3 2nd Presbyteiran next week- call Pastor Jenn

New Community School Organize at Guilford- health fair at Walter P Carter Sat Aug 18 at 2 pm Aug 6 at 3 pm- 2nd in school design meeting at Govans

- Next meeting Sept 6 at 3 and 6

Kevin from Mayors office- Back to school rally at War Memorial- 8/4
Let him know if you are having National Night Out Event
AFRAM- Aug 11 and 12

Front Porch Ministries- Sandi McFadden on staff part time
Dinner every Sunday night

Meeting was adjourned by President Donna Blackwell at approximately 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Kristie Hazard, Recording Secretary

All meetings are open to the public.