

York Road Partnership General Meeting

June 5, 2019

Minutes

I. Welcome and Remarks – Donna Blackwell

- a. Structural and systematic racism – affects kids and adults in York Road corridor.
- b. Black & brown housing stock has been devalued, especially relative to west side.
- c. York Road corridor must be aware and conscious of these dynamics.
- d. At YRP, at least we are attempting to talk with each other; be in community.
Hopefully that can help us to act together and make a difference.
- e. Key election coming up on 2020; we must vote!
- f. Kevin Brooks’ “3 Ps”: Participation, presence, power.

II. Chris Brooks, Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts

- a. Overall BOPA mission: Make Baltimore a more creative and vibrant city.
- b. Art @ Work: Part of YouthWorks – murals, “painted planters.”
- c. Three tiers:
 - i. Community engagement – art should reflect the values of the community; youth participants do this.
 - ii. Design Presentation
 - iii. Murals – aiming for two teams:
 1. One artist
 2. One apprentice
 3. 10 youth
- d. Looking for sites, e.g. DeWees
- e. July 1 – August 2

III. Justin Gallardo, Chesapeake Conservation Corps for North Baltimore Presbyterians

- a. Govans Presbyterian Church awarded \$1,110 mini-grant from Chesapeake Bay Trust for native plantings in the labrynth.
- b. Govans Pres. is at headwaters of Herring Run Watershed.
- c. May 15: At Glenwood Life with Jen DeFrancesco – native planting.
- d. Labrynth: Spiritual path; has some non-native plants and invasive species.
- e. Native plants generally have very deep roots.
- f. April 13: Towson University planting
- g. Deer problem: Goucher College now allows hunting!?
- h. Judy Fulton (master gardener), Myra Brosius, Tom Harris, Govans Creation Care Community
- i. **June 15 planting, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

III. Matt Achammer, Liquor Board Liaison

- a. Transfers coming up in corridor.
- b. Upper Fells Point just stopped a transfer to Boadway.
- c. State legislation sets hours for different classes of liquor licenses. Park Heights Master Plan area has hours 9:00 am – 10:00 pm. (2017 General Assembly changed hours to 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. 2018 legislature extended to 10:00 pm.)
- d. Minimum age to enter adult entertainment establishment just changed from 18 to 21 (military exception).

V. Announcements:

- a. Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative (BRNI): Application in works by GEDCO, Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, York Road Partnership,
- b. Guilford Elementary School Health Fair this Saturday, June 8, 10:00 am. Done with Walter P. Carter Elementary School. Fresh fruit available starting 11:00 am. Free massages; utility assistance, housing assistance.
- c. Lake Evesham hosting Antero Pietila to speak Sept. 21, 6:30 pm at Church of the Redeemer. Donations will support veterans charity chosen by Pietila.
- d. Summer Reading Challenge starts June 12, to mid-August. Prizes for kids who read over summer. Adults can register, too.
- e. New Library Mobile Unit: Will be at—
 - i. July 3 YRP meeting, if we hold it.
 - ii. Belvedere Square
 - iii. Govans Farmer's Market
- f. Andy McNeely hosting dinners each first Friday.
- g. Need plan for July, August, & September YRP meetings – St. Mary's not available.

Minutes taken by Dan Pontious