

**York Road Partnership
Leadership Committee/Board of Directors Special Meeting
October 24, 2020
Via Zoom
Minutes**

Attending: Chris Forrest, Phyllis Gilmore, Marie McSweeney, Nicole Battle, Carol Rice, Karen DeCamp, Nia Govan, Stephanie Geller, Donna Blackwell, Sandi McFadden

President Chris Forrest opened the discussion of three items for action by the board.

1. Recording Secretary Karen DeCamp shared that a small group of YRP members (Karen, Sandi McFadden, Phyllis Gilmore, Karen Anthony and Hazel Johnson) met to discuss concerns with the proposed human crematorium at Vaughn Greene Funeral Home, 4905 York Road including concerns about pollution and affects on the health of children and families as well as neighbors' ability to enjoy their property. While it was stressed that the group supports Vaughn Greene as an important business in the community, that this location for a human crematorium is not good for the community.

Karen moved that YRP:

- Send a letter of opposition to the air permit for the crematorium, and
- Apply for representation from Community Law Center

By a vote of 8/9 board members present, the board agreed.

2. Proposed Fence at 5225 York Community Action Center - Phyllis Gilmore updated the board from email discussion of the board and agreement to seek a meeting with Tisha Edwards Mayors Office of Children and Families and DGS to oppose the installation of a fence in front of the property to decrease loitering. Bill Henry's office has requested the meeting on YRP's behalf. At the meeting, YRP will ask for the budget and suggest alternatives including involving Neighborhood Design Center to help with a design for the space.
3. DeWees Park Improvements - Sandi McFadden shared that the Dept of Rec and Parks has pushed construction back to next year and is requiring YRP and Mid-Govans to scrap the design that has already been developed with community input in order to bid it out to contractors. The board agreed to send a letter to Rec and Parks asking that the existing design be used.

NEXT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, November 11, 2020

