

**York Road Partnership  
Leadership Committee Meeting  
September 9, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

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

**1. Elections Recap/Feedback**

The group agreed that the election went well and suggest two items for next election:

- Nominating committee should reach out to all Leadership Committee members to ask if they are interested in running
- After announcing election results in the General meeting, newly elected people should be given a minute to say a few words so any newer people can see who they are

**2. YRP retreat:** planning committee meeting Sept 12 at 2 pm

**3. Fiscal Sponsorship:** The Leadership Committee agreed that a small group including Carol and Curt Schwartz research possible new fiscal sponsors and the process to YRP becoming a 501 c-3 nonprofit as well as inviting our current fiscal sponsor's interim CEO, Reggie Davis to meet with the Leadership Committee.

**4. Committee Items/Updates**

**a. Housing and Revitalization:**

- Capital Improvement Program (CIP): a group of YRP members have met and drafted letters to City agencies with CIP requests, focusing mostly on the southern end of the corridor. See letters [add link}. Marie is meeting with Councilman Henry's staff to finalize letters, including a letter summarizing all the agency asks to incoming mayor Brandon Scott.
- UB fellowship cohort is working with the committee to pitch development of 3 houses in Mid Govans/Winston Govans to Baltimore Community Lending. Community is invited to attend the virtual pitch session. Sandi will share link.

**b. Public Spaces and Greening:** Donna raised the issue of trash and upkeep on the corridor now will be more difficult without the RBDL funds that the Govanstowne Business Association, now defunct, used to use for that purpose.

**c. Business Engagement:** Stephanie shared about Community Investment Fund – Financial Training Session.

**d. Public Safety:**

- Phyllis shared that there is a hiring process ongoing for Safe Streets staff - site supervisor, violence interrupters, outreach worker
- Marie and Donna shared about the request for a traffic study on York Road, DOT says they do not do traffic studies anymore. A smaller group led by Marie to follow up with DOT.

**5. New Item: Vaughn Greene proposed Human Crematorium:** Karen shared that MD Dept of Environment, at our request, will be scheduling an informational meeting about

Dept of Environment, at our request, will be scheduling an informational meeting about the application for an air quality permit. Karen will draft a communication to the listserve and seek neighborhood feedback to inform a YRP position.

**6. Letter of Support:** Carol requested a letter of support for Be A Chef For A Day's grant request for their meal distribution program. The leadership agreed. Carol will draft and circulate.

**NEXT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020