

**York Road Partnership
General Meeting February 3, 2021
Via Zoom
Minutes**

1. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Updates: Marie Anderson and Vidushani Jayalal shared updates on the process by which YRP developed requests for capital funds for projects in the YRP over the last two years including consulting community plans already created, committee meetings, letters to agencies and meetings with agency heads. This work resulted in in CIP and other funds for the following projects:
 - \$250k from the State for a York Road Study with DOT that will be complete in summer of 2021
 - \$400k from Rec & Parks for Dewees Park
 - Progress towards transitioning Lortz Ln into protected pedestrian path for students/access to Govans Library
 - Sidewalk improvements around Govans & Walter P Carter for pedestrian safety
 - Officially closing Alhambra Rd. to traffic for park safety
 - Enlarging street tree pits on York Road corridor
 - 127 new trees planted in Alhambra Park & in eastside neighborhoods

2. Community Investment Trust (CIT) Updates YRP Business Engagement Committee
Chris Forrest gave an update that the CIT is moving forward with financial education and the process of evaluating and acquiring property that the community would control using the CIT model.

3. Crematorium Campaign: Karen DeCamp and Sandi McFadden reported that the MDE Secretary has responded to a the 43rd delegation that it would organize another meeting regarding the crematorium in order to further understand the community's concerns. Karen, Sandi and Chris are organizing a meeting Feb 18 at 7 pm in order to further involve the most affected neighbors and develop our strategy and next steps. Member orgs will be contacted via email to formally adopt the YRP's opposition to locating a human crematorium at the proposed site. Member orgs are encouraged to send their letters regarding the crematorium proposal to MDE Secretary Ben Grumbles.

Next Meeting Wed March 3, 2021 via Zoom. All are welcome.