

**York Road Partnership
General Meeting June 2, 2021
Via Zoom
Minutes**

1. President Chris Forrest called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 46 participants.
2. **Northern District Commander, Major Jeffrey Shorter** gave a presentation and shared crime statistics and took questions from the participants.
3. **Shantay Jackson, Director of the Mayor Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement** presented about her office's efforts.
4. **Crematorium Update:** Sandi McFadden and Karen DeCamp reported that about 15 community leaders are meeting tomorrow evening with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and Vaughn Greene Funeral Services and city and state health department officials. Mayor Brandon Scott will be attending. The MDE Secretary asked for this meeting to hear community concerns and to make sure that neighbors from the most affected neighborhoods are included in the meeting, including Richnor Springs, Winston Govans, Rossiter Ave, Radnor Winston. Please see this link for more information about how to take action on the crematorium:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1i97X2O4_V-5Ncg02ggrouOIJlhZ6rPM8A_Isu0dbNO Dk/edit
Contact Karen at kmdecamp@gmail.com if you want a sign.
5. **Committee updates:**
 - a. **Public Safety** - no new updates -- next meeting is June 17.
 - b. **Youth Development** - there are two school buildings being surplused and applications are being taken by the city now for future use (Guilford and Winston buildings). The committee is monitoring this.
 - c. **Housing and Community Revitalization** - Donna shared that the YRP Housing committee met and reviewed, using a standard rubric, all proposals it received for state funding from BRNI (Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative) after asking for proposals publicly through the YRP Listserv. GEDCO is the state-designated organization that can submit applications for all organizations in this area. The committee is making the following recommendations and asked for approval from the YRP member organizations:
 - **\$250,000 for Rebuilding Together Baltimore** toward the \$560,000 cost of home improvements for 30 low- and moderate-income senior citizen homeowners in the corridor. (This is much like their 2020 BRNI award,

which should help 18 senior homeowners.)

- **\$360,000 for Be a Chef for a Day** towards about \$1.5 million expense of acquiring and renovating 4705 and 4707 York Road in Wilson Park to become a Day Arts Community Center.
- **\$25,000 for Community Wealth Builders** toward \$90,830 cost of conducting financial education workshops, creating Invest York Road as a vehicle for community ownership of selected York Road commercial properties, and identifying initial property to acquire.
- **\$165,000 for Baltimore Seed Properties** toward \$1.2 million cost of building three new net-zero-ready homes for low-to-moderate-income families in Mid Govans (two lots on Govane Ave.) and Winston-Govans (one lot on Beaumont Ave.).
- **\$20,000 for Community Development Services (Peter Duvall)** to continue strategic code enforcement work (now being funded by Loyola) that is critical to addressing vacant homes and other nuisance properties in York Road communities.

11/30 member orgs voted in favor, meeting quorum requirements.

Dan Pontious asked the members to vote to support a letter to Councilman Conway to ask him to support Mayor Scott's veto of the Security Deposit Alternatives Bill. 11/30 of total orgs voted to approve, meeting quorum requirements.

- d. **Business Engagement** - meeting to be scheduled soon. Invest York Road is offering financial education classes now and has a website.
- e. **Public Spaces and Greening** - Marie Anderson reported about the York Rd study and on June 15, DOT will have a public meeting to present concepts for a complete streets model. MTA's Patrick McMahon reported that MTA is studying 3 north south corridors: York Charles St and Loch Raven for possible future transit investment (bus rapid transit, light rail, etc). There is a survey out. Marie also reported that the St. Mary's Trashbashers have been picking up trash on York Road every 2nd and 4th Saturday morning for almost 6 years. And in addition they have just contracted with the League for People with Disabilities for additional trash pick up 2 days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

6. **Fiscal Sponsorship** - YRP is still working on details of moving its fiscal sponsorship to GEDCO.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR ALL:

Please make sure you are a member of our email listserv to get all the latest updates! Go to www.googlegroups.org and search for York Road Partnership. You may request to join the listserv

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Next Meeting Wed July 7, 2021 via Zoom. All are welcome.