

**York Road Partnership
General Meeting October 6, 2021
Via Zoom
Minutes**

1. President Chris Forrest called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 37 participants.
2. Councilman Mark Conway gave an update on his activities, legislation and community outreach.
3. Captain Saunders of the Northern Police District introduced herself and gave an update on crime.
4. Committee updates:
 - a. **Public Safety** - Chris shared that the next committee will be looking at mental health issues. New members are welcomed.
 - b. **Youth Development** - Phyllis Gilmore shared committee goals:
 - Walter P. Carter and Guilford Merger
 - Safe Spaces for Opportunity Youth
 - Job opportunities for youth
 - Sports programs in the community

The committee has been active with the Walter P Carter Elem/Middle School Family Council which meets the 2nd Tues of the month at 6pm. The committee continues to create safe spaces for youth. Chris and Phyllis are coaching soccer and basketball every Saturday 10am-noon at Dewees Rec Center. All are Welcome! The committee also participated in the Alhambra Park Peace Crab Feast.
 - c. **Housing and Community Revitalization** - Dan Pontious shared that the committee is working on a vacant home survey, has revised a factsheet with resources for home improvement including loan programs with Neighborhood Housing services.
 - d. **Business Engagement** - Meetings are the 3rd Thurs at 7 pm. The committee is looking at developing standard guidelines for outreach to businesses. Stephanie Geller reported on Invest York Road. There are financial education workshops happening and a contest for an Invest York Road logo. See www.investyorkroad.org
 - e. **Public Spaces and Greening** - Marie Anderson reported that they are getting fall volunteer days. The Americorps VISTA organized 2 successful volunteer days in the Govans Urban Forest (this is the protected forest between the CVS and the Govans Boundary Methodist Church). They installed a native plant area in

the back. The committee is focused on sprucing up the area including the planters near the outdoor restaurant seating areas, and Cold Spring Lane/York Road intersection

5. **Crematorium Update:** Karen DeCamp shared that there have been three hearing sessions on the proposed human crematorium for Vaughn Greene Funeral Services, 4905 York Road. The BMZA (Zoning Board) will deliberate publicly Oct 19 and decide whether or not it will grant this conditional use. A link will be shared with the listserv on how to join All hearings can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHAa8zfKf5XNHtT0AIGsNUHzbYTZN3cW>

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

To see how to contact each committee and the meeting times, please visit the YRP Website: <https://yorkroadpartnership.org/committees>

Next Meeting Wed November 3, 2021 at 7:15 via Zoom. All are welcome.