

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

1. President Chris Forrest called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 45 participants.
 2. **Crematorium Update:** Karen DeCamp, Cindy Camp and Bonita Cody reported on the campaign to oppose locating a human crematorium at Vaughn Greene Funeral Home at 4905 York Road. The membership voted YES on the following motions regarding the BMZA decision and further action:
 - a. YRP affirms its opposition to locating the crematorium at 4905 York Rd
 - b. YRP recognizes that conditions will not fully protect public health and are unenforceable but empowers the crematorium group to submit a list of conditions to the BMZA
 3. **ARP Letter:** Dan Pontious asked the membership to approve a letter to Mayor Scott recommending areas to spend American Rescue Act funds. The membership voted to approve.
 4. **York Road Corridor Study:** Marie Anderson presented on possible options for traffic lanes and transit. There will be public meetings held by DOT in December to gain community feedback.
 5. **Invest York Road:** Chris Forrest and Stephanie Geller updated the group: The initiative's free financial ed sessions have engaged about 50 community residents and are receiving positive evaluations. They will be on pause in Nov. and Dec. because of the holidays and will restart in 2022. And IYR is about to begin holding sessions to get residents' input about the project's development. Virtual sessions will begin this month, and there will also be in-person sessions starting in Dec.
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3. **Committee updates:**
 - a. **Public Safety** - Chris shared that the committee is working in these areas:
 - traffic safety
 - homeless services
 - food access
 - developing a training on mental health/trauma - as related to violence prevention
 - collaboration with Northern district police

-issue of influx of new substance abuse treatment centers

- b. **Youth Development** - continuing to support Govans Elementary and Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle School's efforts.
- c. **Housing and Community Revitalization** - Donna Blackwell shared that the committee recently met with DHCD, helped Peter Duvall complete a vacant housing survey, and is continuing work to focus efforts on the 500 block of Tunbridge and 5600 block of Govane.
- d. **Business Engagement** - Chris reported that the committee is developing a joint walk with Public Safety committee. Chris reported that there are funds for business facade improvements and there is a meeting this weekend. The committee would also like to bring back the business spotlight to the YRP meetings.
- e. **Public Spaces and Greening** - Marie Anderson reported that there are York Road Community days for the next 2 Saturdays at 10 am (November 6 and 13). Volunteers will be working at York/Woodbourne cleaning and planting pansies and planting fig trees at Dewees Park.

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 Wednesday December 1, 2021 at 7:15 via Zoom. All are welcome.