

**York Road Partnership
Leadership Board Meeting
December 13, 2021
Via Zoom**

Minutes

Present: Chris Forrest, Karen DeCamp, Lisa O'Reilly, Stephanie Geller, Sandi McFadden, Donna Blackwell, Marie McSweeney, Phyllis Gilmore, Nichole Battle, Carol Rice, Helene Perry

1. **YRP Organizational Goals:** The board reviewed and discussed the internal organizational goals for 2021 that were set at the last leadership retreat and discussed how we might track, adjust, add to these for 2022. Ideas included looking to tie these to committee goals and YRP goals for change we seek to make. Also raised were the need to focus on outreach, leadership development and possibly find some community organizing skills training for the board.
2. **January Retreat Planning:** the board will be meeting for two Saturdays in January to plan for 2022. Marie is leading the planning and seeks board members to help plan the retreat.
3. **At-Large Board member vacant positions:** Two positions are open because Cedric Crump and Andy McNeely have obligations that make it necessary for them to step back. The board decided to ask the three individuals who ran for at-large positions previously if they are still interested in serving out the terms (through May), then appoint two to serve out the terms. Then the board would notify the voting members and ask for feedback before sending to the entire YRP listserv.
4. **Marjorie Lane Apartment Issue:** the board discussed Evesham Park's opposition to converting this apartment building into a residential drug treatment program. Next steps include finding more information about the laws and regulations that would apply as well as getting a written copy of the developer's plans for the facility. Chris is planning to set a meeting to discuss the issue of drug treatment and residential facilities and understand the density of programs and look at how YRP can formulate a comprehensive strategy instead of piecemeal as they come to light. 4705 & 4707 York has been proposed as a drug treatment center but will need an ordinance to change its zoning. They have not received any accreditation yet from the state to operate.
5. **Committee Updates:**
The Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee is asking the board to consider the idea YRP as a staffed organization, so that we can move more quickly and possibly develop vacant homes

The Business Engagement Committee has met with Malik Jordan, who has been hired by Loyola to try to get businesses on the 5400-5700 blocks to apply for facade improvement grants.

Thursday December 16 is the liquor board hearing for the York Club Tavern which is seeking a transfer from a contract buyer. The surrounding communities are opposed.