

**York Road Partnership  
Leadership Board Meeting  
November 8, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

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

1. **Board Job Descriptions:** Marie led a discussion of the roles of board members. The board reviewed the draft "job description" for the vice president, the corresponding secretary, and the at-large members. There was discussion of how to spread out the work, the need to deepen the role of the at-large members. Also discussed was the need to see/understand the specific roles of Loyola staff in supporting the YRP. Karen suggested that a standing agenda item each month be Organization Building where we look at metrics of participation, discuss leadership development, pay attention to tasks needed to maintain and grow the organization.
2. **ARPA Funding** - The YRP letter to the Mayor was sent today. We can share with listserv with a link to the mayor's survey. Marie shared that Loyola can apply for ARPA funds and is thinking that it will apply for the following projects:
  - 4 Art @ Work Projects
  - 1 year worth of funding for corridor cleaning w/ My Father's Plan and the League for People with Disabilities
  - Commercial pedestrian lighting for 5400-5500 blocks
  - Operating funds for 1 position to coordinate all projectsWe will put a public call that any organizations that want a letter of support from YRP should submit a request to the leadership by November 17 and we will bring for a vote to the Dec 1 YRP general meeting after a discussion at the Nov 22 meeting - at which we create the general meeting agenda.
3. **Evesham Park Request for YRP Support in Opposing the Conversion of Marjorie Lane Apts to a residential drug treatment center:** Proposal is to put 32 residents in 17 apartments with 1 staff person and 1 case manager. Lisa shared that there are at least 14 treatment centers/behavioral health centers on the corridor plus other recovery homes scattered throughout the neighborhoods. Carol moved that we recommend to the membership that YRP support Evesham Park in their opposition to this proposal. Vote will take place at December 1 meeting. The board agreed.
4. **Deweese Rec Center:** Sandi and Marie shared that the Deweese director is out on long term sick leave and that there is minimal youth programming. There is a fun night at the

center Friday Nov 12 at 6 pm and board members are encouraged to attend. The Friends of Dewees group is working to hold Rec and Parks accountable to staffing the center and offering programming.