

**York Road Partnership  
Leadership Board Meeting  
April 12, 2021  
Via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Chris Forrest, Phyllis Gilmore, Marie Anderson, Karen DeCamp, Carol Rice, Andy McNeely, Dan Pontious, Donna Blackwell, Denise Blackwell, Lisa O'Reilly, Stephanie Geller, Helene Perry, Cedric Crump, Sandi McFadden, Cedric Crump, Nichole Battle

1. **Govans Heritage & Community Engaged Learning:** Dr. Allen Brisee, Loyola Professor shared about the project: <https://govansheritage.org/>. He is actively looking for ideas from the community for research, oral histories, photos, etc. Contact him at: [habrizee@loyola.edu](mailto:habrizee@loyola.edu). He will present to the entire membership at the May meeting.
2. **Fiscal Sponsorship:** Both Banner Neighborhoods in Southeast Baltimore and GEDCO, have told us they are able to be YRP's fiscal sponsor. Banner would charge a 10% fee, GEDCO would charge 5-7%. The Leadership Committee voted to recommend to the full membership that YRP move its fiscal sponsorship to GEDCO. Nichole Battle abstained from voting. We will ask the general membership to affirm this at the next membership meeting.
3. **YRP Value Statement:** a draft values statement was reviewed and discussed. The next step is to look at an updated draft at the next leadership meeting, then to the membership.
4. **Election and Membership forms:** 20 organizations have returned their membership forms. Karen and Marie will follow up with any organizations that have not returned their member forms.
5. **Committee Updates**
  - a. **Youth Development:** Andy reported that the committee is drafting a resource map to youth programs and will send the draft for suggestions for additions.
  - b. **Housing and Neighborhood Development:** Donna reported that the committee is still preparing the housing workshop with resources for their "target" blocks of 500 Tunbridge and 5600 Govane - to help residents connect to services the city offers like HUBS, the Light program, etc. The committee will be meeting with Baltimore City DHCD to discuss the workshop.
  - c. **Public Spaces and Greening:** Marie shared that there is a Loyola cleanup this weekend 10-12.  
Please call 311 on businesses to report trash on business properties, especially national chains which should have resources to keep their properties clean: CVS, Family Dollar, Precision, Advanced Auto. Also, the area behind the shopping

center on the west side of the 5400 block has been a mess. Save the service request number and share with Councilman's office:

[Mark.conway@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Mark.conway@baltimorecity.gov).

**Public Safety:** Northern District police will joining the next committee meeting. The group will give an update soon on the proposal for cameras.

**Business Engagement:** there are 8 applicants for the financial educator positions with Community Wealth Builders. Interviews start this weekend.

4. **Crematorium Update:** Karen reported that a Sun reporter is working on a story and is interviewing residents.

5. **Crown Station:** Lisa reported that the Crown station is renovating and expects to open April 16. The new

6. **The Mayor has requested to attend and speak at the next YRP meeting.** He wants 10-15 mins on core priorities. Karen suggested we convene a small group to plan for the Mayor's attendance and present to him our priorities. We will use the general meeting agenda planning meeting to do this.