

**York Road Partnership
Leadership Board Meeting
May 7, 2021
Via Zoom**

Minutes

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

1. **YRP Values Statement:** The leadership committee reviewed the draft values statement and agreed to submit final suggestions to Marie by Friday. This is an evolving document.
2. **Board Job Descriptions:** The leadership discussed creating detailed job descriptions for each elected member position and reviewed Marie's example of her role as corresponding secretary. Nichole suggested creating a 1-page committee description for each committee that includes the committee scope, issues past and present and a committee roster. We will prioritize board job descriptions and then move to committee descriptions. Each board member will work on this for their individual roles and send to Marie to compile for review by this group.
3. **Committee Updates**
 - a. **Youth Development:** Andy reported that the committee is still working on a resource map to youth programs. He hopes it will include sports, schools, daycare mental health, etc. Andy will share this week and wants feedback.
 - b. **Housing and Neighborhood Development:** Donna reported that the committee held the two housing repair workshops to help connect homeowners to resources. The middle neighborhoods strategy will be a topic of discussion at the next committee meeting. The committee is still working on the issue of vacant homes. Donna suggested that each neighborhood look at their neighborhood page on Live Baltimore and update it and find folks to be a neighborhood ambassador.
 - c. **Public Spaces and Greening:** Marie shared that the committee has almost doubled through intentionally sharing with the listserv and social media. There were very successful clean up events with over 80 volunteers cleaning and planting. An intermittent wetland was identified in the Govans Urban Forest next to CVS and near Crowson. Two projects with a Loyola class were completed this semester to highlight greenspaces and trees along York Road.
 - d. **Public Safety:** Chris reported that Safe Streets will join the next committee meeting. There will also be a discussion of cameras.

4. **Loyola York Road Initiative:** The Farmers Market will begin again Wed June 2. There will be a pre-order system again. They will employ 3 Youth Workers. Art @ Work will have 10 YouthWorkers and will complete a mural as part of the Walter P. INSPIRE program.

5. **Follow Up to the Mayor's Meeting:** The leadership committee discussed following up with the Mayor to press him for help with middle neighborhoods ask, the crematorium, vaccination access for east side neighborhoods and INvest York Road. We will also request a meeting a few months out with the Mayor and the YRP board.

6. **Crematorium Update:** Karen reported the Sun reporter has published a story and she has shared that with the listserv and the Facebook page along with a link to a Googledoc that lists actions that citizens can take. There will be a pre-meeting scheduled before the upcoming meeting with MDE (Maryland Dept of Environment and community leaders).

7. **Fiscal Sponsorship Change:** Chris will be meeting with GEDCO on details of switching to GEDCO as our fiscal sponsor.

6. **Next General Meeting:** DOT will present initial concepts for York Road Study, Prof. Alan Brizee will present about the Govans Heritage & Community Engaged Learning and seek feedback.