

**York Road Partnership
Leadership Board Meeting
June 21, 2021
Via Zoom**

Minutes

Present: Chris Forrest, Karen DeCamp, Lisa O'Reilly, Stephanie Geller, Dan Pontious, Phyllis Gilmore, Sandi McFadden, Carolyn Anewich

1. **Board Member Expectations:** draft roles for each board member were discussed. These are based in the bylaws, but are fleshed out to further represent actual work together.
 - Share job descriptions:
 - o [President](#)
 - o [Vice President](#)
 - o [Treasurer](#)
 - o [Recording Secretary](#)
 - o [Corresponding Secretary](#)
 - o [At-Large](#)
 - Homework for next Meeting: Fill in missing information, get feedback from board members

2. **Committee Updates:**
 - **Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization** - Dan shared that there are people moving through the pipeline to get homeowner repair assistance (these are people who attended the committee's Housing Workshops. At the next meeting, there will be discussions of the Middle Neighborhood strategy, how to get vacant properties in the hands of people who will fix up and occupy them, further follow up with the people who attended the housing Workshops.
 - **Public Spaces & Greening** - Sandi shared that there is a new Rec center director at Dewees Rec Center. There is a community meet and greet at 5pm on July 13.
 - **Public Safety** - no new updates
 - **Business Engagement** - Chris and Lisa shared that they met with other stakeholders and Councilman Conway regarding Studio Sevyn, the proposed event space next to Full Tilt. Concerns were shared about the business operating without the proper zoning and have been holding events and had police called several times. Northern District Police have said they will not support the zoning change for this business. Chris and Lisa proposed that YRP withdraw its letter of support for the zoning change that the business is seeking. Chris will send an email to the board

3. **YRP Task List & Immediate Business**
 - **Crematorium Updates** - Karen reported that there is a strong core group of neighbors and the next steps are creation of a fact sheet to distribute to neighbors. We are waiting

on word from the City Zoning administrator in response to a letter from MDE seeking clarification on the need for a conditional use approval. MDE is seeking the City's input, as MDE is not the decision maker on whether the City's zoning requirements are being fully met.

- **Fiscal Sponsorship** - we are working through the transition to GEDCO as our fiscal sponsor now that an agreement has been signed
- **Invest York Road** - financial education classes are beginning soon, please help market
- **Next YRP General Mtg Agenda** - Committee updates, crematorium update, community walk, meet and greet with Dewees rec director, York Road transportation update
- **GEDCO Auction Update** - The closing for their new building at 5217 has been pushed to June 28
- **Post Office Concerns** - In addition to slow mail delivery, there are concerns about the maintenance of the post office grounds. Dan will follow up with Senator Washington to coordinate in advance of her meeting with our federal legislators
- **In-person meetings** - this will be discussed at an upcoming YRP General meeting.