

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

Minutes

Present: Chris Forrest, Karen DeCamp, Lisa O'Reilly, Stephanie Geller, Dan Pontious, Phyllis Gilmore, Sandi McFadden, Carolyn Anewich, Donna Blackwell, Marie McSweeney, Nichoie Battle, Brian Davis, Helene Perry

1. The Board approved the draft Values Statement. The Corresponding Secretary will send it to the voting members for approval.
2. **Board Member Expectations:** draft roles the President and Recording Secretary were discussed and edited. These "job descriptions" are based in the bylaws, but are fleshed out to further represent actual work together.
 - o [President](#)
 - o [Vice President](#)
 - o [Treasurer](#)
 - o [Recording Secretary](#)
 - o [Corresponding Secretary](#)
 - o [At-Large](#)
 - Homework for next Meeting: Add your suggestions for Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Members
3. **Committee Updates:**
 - a. **Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization** - Donna shared that the committee is meeting with DHCD to determine how many neighbors referred to DHCD programs were actually able to access help and to ask DHCD how much in funds from federal the American Rescue Plan will be requested for DHCD to do home repairs like eliminating the backlog in the LiGHT program.
 - b. **Public Spaces & Greening** - Marie reported that the committee is in the midst of a street tree inventory. Helene stressed that the committee is trying to make sure that there are trees planted where they can and trees replaced when they die or are damaged. The condition of the post office was discussed, Dan will pull together a meeting to discuss and recommend for YRP action.
 - c. **Public Safety** - next meeting is July 22, 6 pm. The new Safe Street director will attend. It will be a hybrid meeting.
 - d. **Youth Development** - Sandi reminded the group that tomorrow is the meet and greet event with the new Dewees Rec Center Director and encouraged committee members to attend the BNI Data Week presentation on using data to

improve youth services. Chris shared that there are efforts to revive the Dewees Rec Leagues.

- e. **Business Engagement** - Chris and Lisa shared that the next meeting is July 22 at 7pm. They are hoping the Crown Station owner will join. There will be a community business walk July 23. There will be meetings soon to discuss organizational structure for Invest York Road.

4. YRP Task List & Immediate Business

- a. **Crematorium Updates** - Karen reported that the core group is meeting Thursday, June 15 at 7pm to discuss the next steps - creation of a fact sheet and the outreach plan to reach more neighbors.
- b. **Fiscal Sponsorship** - Chris and Nichole shared that GEDCO is officially our fiscal sponsor now and that a separate checking account has been set up for YRP funds.
- c. **August Meetings** - The board agreed to take a break for August on the General meeting and the Board meeting. No meetings in August.
- d. **Art@Work mural** will go up at 4300 York Road. Planning meeting is tomorrow night and the mural will be complete for an August 5 celebration.
- e. **YRP Zoom account** - Chris would like to purchase a Zoom subscription for YRP. The cost is \$150 for a year.
- f. **Representing YRP in the Community** - Chris asked the board to be extra aware and careful of how we communicate on behalf of YRP in the community versus as ourselves as private citizens.