

**York Road Partnership
Leadership Board Meeting
September 13, 2021
Via Zoom**

Minutes

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

1. **Discussion of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds coming to Baltimore City:** The board discussed a process by which YRP committees would meet and recommend to the board their ideas for the use of these funds in the York Road Community and find organizations that have capacity to implement the projects. The committee work needs to include understanding what other organizations and city agencies are applying for. Each City Councilperson has the ability to "favorite" 10 projects, as per the City's process. The minimum amount for each project is \$250,000. At the September 27 agenda-setting meeting, this group will discuss the recommendations and next steps.
2. **Board "job responsibilities":** The board discussed the draft "job responsibilities" of the YRP Treasurer, as part of a set of conversations about YRP operations and our efforts to develop detailed role documents for each board position. See draft doc here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ajxhLFfpCZAvfHmwWmFN3J5WGfdSQ-z07yGPYEV_GMU/edit
3. **Committee Updates:**
 - a. Youth Development: Phyllis shared that they are working on the merger of the Walter P Carter and Guilford Schools, specifically traffic calming and getting a PTSA started (parent, teacher, student association)
 - b. Public Spaces and Greening: Marie reported that there was a volunteer day Saturday in the Govans Urban Forest with the Loyola men's rowing team
 - c. Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization: Dan reported that the committee is interested in looking at the applications for the Winston and Guilford school buildings
 - d. Public Safety: Phyllis walked with a team from Roca to observe how they interacted with youth.
 - e. Business Engagement: no new updates
4. **Crematorium:** Karen DeCamp reported. Third session of the BMZA hearing is this Thursday, September 16 at 1:00 PM. The BMZA will take testimony from people who have not testified so far. Senator Mary Washington will testify and we are coordinating with her. The Vaughn Greene team will have more time for their rebuttal. There is a concern that nothing that Vaughn Greene

is promising is legally binding (removal of amalgam fillings and prosthetics before cremation, not incinerating medical waste, not taking bodies from other funeral businesses).

5. **Invest York Road:** Stephanie asked the group to publicize the financial literacy classes