

**York Road Partnership
General Meeting April 6, 2022
Via Zoom
Minutes**

President Chris Forrest called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 50 participants on Zoom.

1. **Nominating Committee and 2022 Elections:** Karen DeCamp reported on the nominating committee (members Karen DeCamp, Malik Jordan, Bonita Cody, Lisa O'Reilly and Cindy Camp). The election is at the May 4 meeting. She thanked Marie Anderson and Nichole Battle for their service - both are stepping off the board. Member organizations were asked to submit their updated membership forms prior to the May 4 vote. This form identifies their organization's voting representative and alternate. Chris Forrest opened the floor for nominations. No one offered nominations from the floor.

The slate of candidates for 2022:

Executive Board:

President - Christopher Forrest. Winston Govans

Vice President - Phyllis Gilmore, Woodbourne-McCabe

Treasurer - Carol Rice, Guilford

Corresponding Secretary - *Open - still taking nominations*

Recording Secretary - Karen DeCamp, Radnor Winston

Board of Directors At-Large Members

Cindy Camp, Richnor Springs

Christopher Pisano, Homeland

Stephanie Geller , Community Wealth Builders

Anne Lansey, Kimberleigh Road Association

2. **Invest York Road:** Andrew Connor gave a presentation on Invest York Road which will be launching as a nonprofit to work toward buying commercial property on the corridor with small and large dollar community shares.
3. **Update from Sen. Mary Washington:** The Senator reported that she has secured \$3 million in funds to renovate and re-envision the 5225 York Road building - the Community Action Center, including enabling legislation that would expand the ability of the Community Action Center to offer physical health services such as dentists, doctors.
4. **Human Crematorium:** Karen DeCamp reported updates. She will be reaching out to organizational members to ask that they send letters in support of our petition to Circuit Court to review the BMZA decision on the Vaughn Greene human crematorium. We need written letters focusing on facts about why the BMZA got their decision wrong in approving the crematorium. Letters will be collected by Karen and submitted to the Court.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Public Spaces and Greening:** There is another York Road Community Day cleaning and greening the corridor. Volunteers welcome.
 - b. **Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization:** The committee is looking to organize another housing fair to connect residents with resources. The committee is tracking the progress of residents who were connected last year with resources. At the event, they will also be asking residents about their top concerns for their neighborhood.
6. Several announcements were shared about upcoming events.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR ALL:

Please make sure you are a member of our email listserv to get all the latest updates! Go to www.googlegroups.org and search for York Road Partnership. You may request to join the listserv.

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To see how to contact each committee and the meeting times, please visit the YRP Website: <https://yorkroadpartnership.org/committees>

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:15 via Zoom. All are welcome.