

**York Road Partnership
General Meeting May 4, 2022
Via Zoom
Minutes**

President Chris Forrest called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 45 participants on Zoom. Chris recognized the recent passing of Precious Fraling.

1. **2022 Elections:** Karen DeCamp presented the slate and candidates greeted the group. Note, we still need to recruit a corresponding secretary. She thanked Marie Anderson, Nichole Battle and Andy McNeely for their service - all 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. The following slate was approved unanimously by 22 voting organizations

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. **York Road Bus Lane Pilot:** Jamie Richardson from MTA/MDOT presented on a 6-month pilot of dedicated bus lanes from Radnor to Bellona during peak hours. An ad hoc group of YRP members met several times to discuss this. The temporary bus lanes will be curb lanes starting this summer and looked at ways to speed up bus traffic, making bus usage better for riders. MDOT will look at data and determine next steps next winter. Contact info for the project staff at MDOT: Jamie Richardson (Bus Lane Pilot Project) jrichardson@mdot.maryland.gov
Patrick McMahon (North-South Corridor Study) pmcmahon@mdot.maryland.gov
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If you are interested in having MDOT present to your organization, church, school, non-profit, etc. please send an email directly to Jamie Richardson at jrichardson@mdot.maryland.gov.

3. **Govans Prebyterian Urban Farm Proposal** – Jody Morris and Pastor Tom Harris presented their vision for an urban garden on their front lawn, engaging partners, bringing people together for fellowship and hire a farm manager and farm team members from the community.
4. **Human Crematorium:** Karen DeCamp reported updates. The crematorium group collected and submitted letters supporting our petition to the Circuit Court. Thank you to Senator Washington for writing a very substantive letter. We have a hearing in Circuit Court on the matter - July 11 and the public can attend. More details to come.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Public Spaces and Greening:** Marie reported that there were 4 large scale volunteer days with 423 volunteers and accomplished 21 projects in the Govans Urban Forest, at the Post office. They are looking to put together a list of local master gardeners (email memcsweeney@loyola.edu).
 - b. **Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization:** Donna Blackwell reported that they have been working for 2 years on reducing the number of vacant houses in Mid Govans – the 500 block of Tunbridge and the 5600 block of Govane Ave. The committee is organizing another housing fair to connect residents with resources. More details soon. Next meeting is Mon May 23 at 8:30 am.
 - c. **Public Safety:** Chris and Katrina Odom reported that the company opening a drug treatment center at 4705 York Road has begun unpermitted renovations at the property. The Wilson Park Community has applied to Community Law Center for help with an MOU but CLC has not responded. The community is seeking support and ideas for dealing with this new drug treatment clinic which will be dispensing methadone.

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, June 1, 2022 at 7:15 in person with a hybrid option. Location TBD.
All are welcome.*