

**York Road Partnership
General Meeting October 10, 2022
Via Zoom
Minutes**

Present: Chris Forrest, Christopher Pisano, Helene Perry, Kyra McDonnell, Dan Pontious, Donna Blackwell, Phyllis Gilmore, Anne Lansey, Cindy Camp, Carol Rice, Karen DeCamp
Absent: Stephanie Geller

President Chris Forrest called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

1. **The October General meeting** is this Thursday, October 13 because the regular first Wed of the month is Yom Kippur this year. The group discussed the Transportation plan that is on the agenda and how to ensure that we get as much stakeholder input as possible, especially ensuring that we do some additional flyering, etc on the east side, outreach at schools. Churches and businesses.

2. **Loyola Strategic Planning** - Kyra proposed bringing the Loyola strategic plan consultant to the next YRP leadership meeting in order to gather input for the plan. Dan suggested we lengthen the meeting so we don't have to rush YRP business.

3. **Fundraising:** Christopher Pisano suggested a couple options for fundraising for YRP activities, youth programs such as a spaghetti dinner, Giving Tuesday. A spaghetti dinner would help us build community and connect in some businesses.

4. **YRP Celebration at Full Tilt:** Chris Forrest reported. We are looking at Nov 30 tentatively. Christopher Pisano offered to help organize the event. Chris will reach out to extended leadership to recruit more folks to organize the event. We would advertise to all of York Rd community so we may have people who have never attended a YRP meeting before. We will want to have updated YRP materials and a slide deck.

5. Committee Reports:

Youth Development - meeting and funds from Loyola Congressional earmark: Will take place Oct 19 to discuss funds available for youth activities. Sandi reported that the Foosball court is installed at the DeWees Rec Center. Other improvements are underway. There is also a brand new Rec Center director. Govans Elementary was not able to accommodate all the children in the afterschool program (they only have seats for 100 and 80 on the waiting list). They have shared that there are some spaces at Dewees in the afterschool program.

Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization - Donna reported about the City Comprehensive Plan. We will promote a meeting being held Oct 20, 5-7 pm at Govans Presbyterian. Dan reported that he would like to invite neighbors near 5810 York Rd, site of the proposed apartment building to discuss the issues.

Public Safety - next meeting is Tuesday Oct at 7pm. Chris will be coming directly from a meeting with the commissioner. They want to discuss the effectiveness of Safe Streets and Peace Team. There is a grant due in three weeks with violence prevention funds. We would need to find a partner if we were interested in applying because we cannot implement ourselves.

6. **Corresponding Secretary:** Chris and Karen will meet to generate a list of people we might approach about the Corresponding Secretary position.

7. **Human Crematorium:** no news from Circuit Court yet.

8. **Roster of Leadership Committee Members:** Karen will draft and share with the group so we have each other's contact info