

Board of Directors
York Neighborhood Association
Emergency Meeting Minutes - April 12, 2009

An emergency meeting of the YNA Board of Directors was called April 12, 2009. All Board members were invited to attend. In attendance: Vale Bates, Kirsti Charlton, Lynn Gobush, Lesley Keenholts, George Liepart, Anne Mackie, Carolyn Mulder, Tom Scott

The By Laws were reviewed to determine if the meeting was called according to procedure outlined in the By Laws. It was determined that the requirements were satisfied as any two (2) Board members may call a Board meeting and four (4) had done so. Further, it was determined that a quorum was present.

The reason for the meeting was to discuss a letter sent to the City Council, dated April 8, 2009, by Nick Hartrich who signed the letter as President of the York Neighborhood Association. (The letter is included in Council members' packets for the April 13, 2009 meeting at which the YNA is to request that the City Council docket the Neighborhood's proposed plan amendments.) The letter, contrary to past General Membership motions and Board motions, indicated that YNA was against docketing the Neighborhood Plan Amendment Proposals that YNA had submitted in their December 1, 2008 Neighborhood Plan Amendment Proposal Application.

YNA Board members discussed how to inform City Council members that neither the YNA general membership nor Board of Directors authorized the letter. Tom Scott moved as following:

Board Motion 2009-04-12.1: Due to the unannounced and unauthorized letter of April 8, 2009 by Nick Hartrich to City Council, in which he misrepresented the Association's position on docketing YNA plan amendments, that Nick Hartrich be removed from office of President effective immediately. Tom Scott moved, Lynn Gobush seconded.

A friendly amendment was offered and accepted that if Nick resigns, then this motion and amendment will be expunged from the Minutes of this meeting.

After discussion of the motion, which included concern that Nick was not present (several attempts had been made to contact him) to speak on his behalf, members approved the motion, with six in favor, none against and two abstentions.

Members agreed that the Board of Directors would fill the vacant office of President at the YNA general meeting scheduled for April 15, 2009. In the meantime, the Vice President, Lena Bagwell, will assume the duties of President per the By Laws.

Members discussed the content of a YNA Board letter to be addressed to City Council members, to inform them that the Nick Hartrich letter misrepresents the YNA position and asks that his letter be removed from the meeting packet provided City Council members. If this cannot or will not be done, then the YNA Board letter requests that the Nick Hartrich letter be annotated regarding the misrepresentation of YNA's position. The YNA Board letter was composed, printed, and signed by all Board members present. The YNA Board letter will be e-mailed to all City Council members and a hard copy taken to City Hall on Monday, April 13, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsti Charlton
Acting Secretary