

YORK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2015, 7p.m.

at Garden St. Methodist Church

President Lisa Anderson called the meeting to order at 7pm

Attendees: Cory Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Don Hilty-Jones, Anne Mackie, Kim Owen, Mark Schofield, Eddie Tabor

Absent: Kirsti Charlton, Tom Scott

Guests: Ofc. Eric Osterkamp, BPD; Audrey Roberts (co-steward, Rock Hill Park); Alec Regimbal (WWU Journalism student)

Announcements: The fundraising letter will be ready to mail out in the next week; board members were asked to help.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Meeting Minutes:

MOTION 2015.11.11.1 – Mark Schofield moved and Don Hilty-Jones seconded approval of the meeting minutes of August 12 Board, October 11 General, and October 11 Board. Unanimously approved.

2. Police Report: Officer Eric Osterkamp addressed five issues: (2.1) York crime: There's been no up-tick in crime in York within the last 30 days with the exception of recent bike thefts where bikes have been left unlocked. (2.2) As the holidays approach, people should be reminded to make arrangements for a safe place for UPS and Fed X deliveries to be left because there have been thefts. (2.3) York is invited to attend Puget Neighborhood's meeting Tues., Nov. 17. , 7pm at Carl Cozier school to hear information about the new student housing development on Lincoln St. behind Fred Meyer's.

(2.4) The Mayor has established a task force to lessen the impact to neighborhoods of off-campus student housing by specifically looking at problems with parties, noise, litter, and landlord issues. Solution models from other university communities (Ft. Collins, CO, and Tempe, AZ) are being considered. A report will be presented to City Council soon.

(2.5) "Bellingham Neighbors Together" is a new BPD program that will utilize volunteers to reduce crime in neighborhoods. More to come on this at the January YNA meeting. BPD is setting up a new website for information and safety tips. Officer Osterkamp asked that people submit ideas for topics to him.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board membership

(1) Robb Correll has submitted his resignation from the board due to a lack of time to continue.

(2) **MOTION: 2015.11.11.2** Don Hilty-Jones moved and Kim Owen seconded to approve Aubrey Roberts as a new board member. Passed unanimously.

2. Annual Horse Wagon & Caroling Party – Sat. Dec. 12, 5 to 8pm at Nelson's Market. To do's: Wagon arrangements (Tom); music (Don); tickets, traffic/safety management (Lisa & Cory); hot cocoa (Lisa to ask Kirsti and Judy); cookies – everyone; publicity (Anne and Lisa). Bellingham Firefighter Scott Rykman has offered to bring a 1920 fire truck with Santa Claus. Approved!

3. Holiday Progressive Dinner – sponsored by York's Wine & Roses Garden Club; Fri. Dec. 4, 6pm. Anne is coordinating.

4. January Annual Meeting – Wed., Jan. 13, 7pm. Suggested guest speaker: BPD Chief Clifford Cook. Meal will be a soup supper. Board elections will be held at this meeting. Current members should let Lisa know if they plan to continue. The board is asked to help recruit new members.

5. Yorker Newsletter – To be published first week in January rather than December.

6. York Meeting Signs – Don reported that replacements will be needed in 2016.

III. REPORTS

1. ADU Task Force – Anne reported that at the Oct. 28 task force meeting no action was proposed by the Planning Dept. to amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance. General consensus of participants was that changes would be premature until after rental registrations have been evaluated to determine the true number of ADU's (legal and illegal) in the city. Lisa will present on behalf of the YNA Board at the Planning Commission work session Thurs., Nov. 19, these points: (1) YNA is not categorically opposed to ADUs in single-family neighborhoods, but we urge the Planning Commission to recommend no updates to the ADU ordinance until after the rental registrations can be evaluated. (2) Properties with ADUs must have owner-occupancy at the property. (3) Design, size, and scope must be well defined.

2. Waste Task Force – Eddie reported on the meeting held Nov. 2 that he and Anne attended. The task force includes Campus Community Coalition, Public Works, BPD, and neighborhoods. Its goal is to reduce the amount of illegal dumping of furniture, appliances, trash, etc. in the city through an education and enforcement program. Public Works reported that \$26,000 was spent in 14 months to clean up the trash. The task force will meet again in January. Eddie will continue as YNA's representative.

3. Rock Hill Park – Audrey reported that work parties are suspended through the winter. Anne recommended that the Parks Dept. be asked to remove the overgrown barberry shrubs along the alley to open up visibility into the park. The board agreed that we should work with home owners around the park to install motion detector lighting along the alley; YNA could provide some funding for this. Anne to research costs.

4. Franklin Park – Mark reported that a work party organized with Parks Dept. will be held Sat. Nov. 21, from 10am to 2pm. The focus will be on the Franklin St. island berm.

5. Aslan Brewing parking – Last month the YNA Board submitted a letter to Planning to express concerns about Aslan's Conditional Use Permit request to eliminate their off-street parking and replace it with a grain silo and large dumpster container, which we think doesn't fit with the use for this location. Tom is asked to follow-up with Planning.

6. Treasurer's Report – Don reported there is \$4,948 in the YNA account. We received our annual \$500 reimbursement from the City for newsletter printing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Minutes submitted by Anne Mackie, Secretary