

**York Neighborhood Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
April 13, 2016, 7pm  
at Garden St. Methodist Church

**Attendees:** Cory Anderson, Don Hilty-Jones, Anne Mackie, Ben Larson, Kim Niederhauser, Kim Owen, Mark Schofield, Tom Scott

**Guests:** Chris Comeau, City Transportation Planner; Amy Cloud, City Public Works; BPD Officer Eric Osterkamp; Dan Danhart (student); Lisa Anderson; Rebecca Way (student); Carmen Rasmussen (WWU)

President Don Hilty-Jones called the meeting to order at 7pm

**1. Introductions**

**2. Agenda review**

**3. Transportation Presentation** – Chris Comeau presented information from the Lakeway Drive bikeway study, which focused on multi-modal transportation planning and an overview of the citywide bike network. Lakeway Dr. ranked #2 out of 186 bikeway links and ranked #1 as needing further study. The city will continue to look for grant funding for these projects.

**4. Approval of Minutes**, March 9, 2016 general meeting.

**MOTION 2016.04.13.1: Cory Anderson moved and Mark Schofield seconded to approve the March 9, 2016, general meeting minutes. Approved.**

**5. Police Report:** Officer Osterkamp reported on a drug house at 1120 Grant St. that was evicted. There were four vehicle prowls in York last month; three forced break-ins; all stolen items were visible from outside the vehicles. An officer was attacked with a knife in York (reported in the news).

The city and university are initiating a “Town & Gown” project that will have \$10,000 in grant funding from the state. A visit to Colorado State Univ. is planned to gain more information about their program, which has received national recognition.

Mac’s Motel is now closed, due to violation of its state license to operate as a motel. The Mayor had directed that homeless camps were to not be cleaned up, but a new program is being developed to move forward on homelessness. There were 110 camps. Bellingham appears to be a destination city.

Renter safety issues were discussed and information from the women who were burned out of their Ellis St. house was reported. They have not received any funds that they were owed by the landlord.

**6. Planning Committee Report (Anne)**

Have been participating in the Planning Commission work sessions on the Comp Plan Feb. 18, March 3, 17 and 31. Public Hearing was held April 7. ADUs received much comment from the public and neighborhood reps with the desire to maintain owner occupancy requirements. MNAC will discuss the Comp Plan April 20. Board members were encouraged to attend. A new Bellingham Neighborhood Coalition has been formed and includes reps from York, Sehome, Sunnyland, Samish, Puget, Birchwood and South Hill.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** \$40 in donations received since last report. Anne is still getting added to the WECU account as the new Treasurer.

**8. Dumpster Day:** June 18 – Cory Anderson is coordinating with help from Carolyn Mulder. A new guy has volunteered to pick up electronic items.

**9. Waste Task Force:** Carmen Rasmussen reported that WWU will be putting out “Don’t Trash Bellingham” yard signs and offering a free dumpster at the end of spring quarter.

**10. Plans for May General Meeting:** The board agreed to focus on the topic of Homelessness and do a showing of the new films produced in Bellingham by the coalition. The board will host a Spring Salad Bar + fresh bread.

Meeting signs: it was decided to not put them out as early as a means to protect them from the wind.

**MOTION 2016.04.13.2: Tom Scott moved and Kim Owen seconded to allot \$100 for sign repairs. Passed unanimously.**

**11. Yorker newsletter:** April 20<sup>th</sup> is the article deadline to Kim. The May issue will be printed by May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Lobby Day** – Ben Larson reported on the successful meetings for Lobby Day that WWU students participated in. Issues they addressed with elected officials included voter accessibility and engagement, tenant waste reduction, affordable housing for students, lighting improvements, and residential parking zone.

**13. Franklin Park** An April 16 work party is planned as part of the Earth Day celebrations.

**14. Rock Hill Park** – Audrey is out of town on an internship; there was no report.

The meeting adjourned 9:25pm.

*Minutes submitted by Anne Mackie, Secretary.*

Approved October 12, 2016