

York Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2016, 7pm
at Garden St. Methodist Church

Attendees: Board members Cory Anderson, Don Hilty-Jones, Ben Larson, Anne Mackie, Kim Niederhauser, Kim Owen, Audrey Roberts, Tom Scott, Mark Schofield, Edward Tabor

Guests: Lydia Place - Emily O'Connor, Director, and Steve James, Board member; York residents -- Sean Wheeler, Chloe Smith, Abby Smith, Meghan Schilling, Britney Dover; Bellingham Fire Dept. - Ed Jirsa, Hunger Elliott, Jake Jarvis

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Don Hilty-Jones.

1. Introductions.

2. Agenda review.

3. Approval of Minutes for May 17 general meeting.

MOTION 2016.08.10.1: Cory Anderson moved and Kim Niederhauser seconded acceptance of the meeting minutes. Approved unanimously.

4. Police Report: Officer Osterkamp was unable to attend; no report.

5. Guest speaker: Emily O'Connor, Lydia Place, Executive Director.

Emily discussed Lydia Place's expansion efforts and plans to purchase the "Belltower" church in York, corners of N.Garden, E.Champion and Ellis streets. Funding for the project comes in part from the Home Fund tax passed a few years ago. The space will be used for offices and three residential apartments, which it currently has; plus the large open sanctuary room will be available for classes and group activities. Also in attendance was Steve James, Lydia Place Board member and President of Puget Neighborhood. The York Board supported the purchase by Lydia Place of the property and hopes to keep lines of communication open as they move into York.

6. Neighbor Relations

A discussion was held about student rentals, neighborly relations, illegal rental units, and problem landlords. It was agreed that York is challenged by these issues, and as an organization we want to be inclusive of all residents but want everyone to adhere to the laws and be considerate of one another. Using *The Yorker* newsletter we will continue to do more education about "how to be a good neighbor."

7. Annual Picnic Planning

The picnic will be held Sat. Sept. 17, 3 to 6pm, rain or shine. As in years past, there will be a pie raffle, kids talent show, piñata, prizes, hot dogs, and games. It was agreed we would not finance a porta-potty.

MOTION 2016-08-10.2: It was moved and seconded to allot \$200.00 from the general fund for picnic expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Yorker Newsletter

Articles are due by August 26 for a September edition. Kim presented a list of articles for review.

9. Treasurer's Report

To date we have \$1,095 in donations from our fundraising campaign. This includes three \$100 business donations (ModSocks, Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, and Skyline Physical Therapy); plus a \$100 in-memory donation for Mel Charlton. The fundraiser mailing cost approximately \$150 (copying, postage, envelopes, labels) and was well worth it. Prior to the campaign our operating account balance was \$209 and is now \$820. Expenses have included the May newsletter and fundraising letter expenses. Savings are \$1,799; Parks account has \$2,020.

10. Committee Reports

A. Planning – An August 1 vote by Council to remove owner occupancy for ADUs received strong push back from the community. At the August 4 Council meeting, York residents Anne Mackie and Sean Wheeler spoke against the motion and were rudely ruled out of order by the Chair when they briefly ran over their three minute times, by seconds. This resulted in a groundswell of community support for them that generated many letters to Council and comments on NextDoor. The public hearing will be held Oct. 17.

MOTION 2016-08-10.3: Cory Anderson moved and Tom Scott seconded that the York Board will submit a letter for the Oct. 17 public hearing in support of maintaining owner occupancy requirements for ADUs in single family neighborhoods. Passed unanimously.

B. Franklin Park – A work party will be held Sat. Oct. 15, 10am to noon. Parks Dept. is still working on repairing damages caused earlier this year by a vehicle. Mark is trying to get this expedited in time for the picnic.

C. Rock Hill Park – A work party will be held Sat. Nov. 12, 10am to noon.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9pm.

Minutes submitted by Anne Mackie, Secretary.

Approved (date) Oct. 14, 2016