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YORK GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2015, 7p.m.
at Garden St. Methodist Church

A baked potato dinner preceded the meeting at 6:30pm
President Lisa Anderson called the meeting to order at 7pm.

I. Announcements:

1. Volunteers are needed to hand out The Yorker newsletter in December. See Kim Owen.
2. The YNA Board will meet briefly after tonight's meeting and again for its regular meeting on Wed., Nov. 11, 7pm at the church.
3. York's Wine & Roses Garden Club holiday progressive dinner on Sat., Dec. 5.
4. Residents were encouraged to report vandalism and to support positive volunteerism.
5. A petition to request the City to improve pedestrian safety at the Ellis St. and Gladstone crosswalk was circulated.
6. YNA received notification from the City regarding a request by Aslan Brewing Co. to reduce on-site parking from eight spaces to zero. The YNA Board will discuss this item at its meeting tonight.
7. Franklin Park Work Party will be held Sat. Nov. 21, 9am to noon.

II. Meeting & Program on Emergency Preparedness

A. Speaker **Dan McShane**, geologist with Stratum Group, gave an informative presentation about the earthquake potential for the Cascadia area. He explained that the York neighborhood sits on relatively safe bedrock and would do better than many areas in a quake. A lively question and answer period followed.

B. Speaker Paul Gazdik, Coordinator, City of Bellingham Emergency Management, presented information about how to be prepared for a disaster. People should be prepared to sustain themselves for a two-week period in the event of a major disaster. He provided information about resources: (1) "Alert Sense" is a public alert notification system like "Amber Alert" that issues emergency messages; (2) "Whatcomready.org" is a blog that offers county-wide emergency information; (3) Ready.gov – provides emergency plan information and tips; (4) CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training is available for anyone who wants to volunteer: Whatcomcert.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Minutes submitted by Anne Mackie, YNA Secretary