

York Neighborhood Association
General Meeting, June 14, 2017, 7pm
Garden St. United Methodist Church
MINUTES

The meeting was preceded by a summer salad dinner.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President, Kim Owen.
Announcements: People were asked to make a donation for the YNA annual fundraising.

I. Topic: “Report on Samish Way-Maple St.-Ellis St. Corridor Study,”
speaker Chris Comeau, Transportation Planner, City of Bellingham. Chris addressed these topics:

- The study is preliminary, focusing on pedestrian and bicycle safety along this high-traffic corridor. There is a lot of sidewalk bicycle riding in this area. The city will consider “parking protected bike lanes” and Chris showed examples. Bicycle routes might include residential side streets.
- The Bellingham Housing Authority plans to construct 160 apartments at the former Aloha Motel site; funding is still being sought. This development is occurring *after* the Samish Way Urban Village planning was completed, so the plan needs revisions to accommodate this new residential and business complex.
- The pedestrian crossing at Lakeway and Grant will be upgraded to a “Red HAWK” crossing in summer 2018. The current crossing system at this location will be moved to the Otis/Maple St. crossing (by Pipeline Pizza).
- Next steps for the projects: look for funding grants; consult with business owners along Samish corridor; write bicycle/pedestrian safety grants. It will take millions.

II. TOPIC: “Survey Report on York’s Hot Issues,” speaker Kim Owen, YNA President.

Kim presented the results of the May-June neighborhood survey. There were 72 responses. She explained the process we will use at our fall meeting to identify projects based on “results driven accountability” to turn issues into goals.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Minutes submitted by Anne Mackie, Secretary

Minutes approved 7-25-17