

York Board Meeting
November 11, 2009
GSUMC
Tom called to order at 7:02pm

Present: Tom, Anne, Jess, Helen, Kirsti, Lena, Leslie, Francis Ayley, George, Dave

Welcome and Introductions

Agenda Review

Announcements of Upcoming Events

--Franklin Park Grand Re-opening scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14th from 10-12.

--Tomorrow night, 7:30pm at Whatcom Museum, presentation on three districts being nominated for Nat. Historic Designation, including York. All are encouraged to attend.

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

--minutes not submitted yet

I. Current Issues:

Christmas Caroling, Tom

This year will be the fifth or sixth annual Christmas caroling and wagon ride. Wagon holds about 30 people, pulled by a pair of black Persherons. Meet at Nelson's, hot drinks provided, neighbors encouraged to bring cookies. Saturday, December 12, 6pm.

Should we announce the event in the Herald? No, just in the neighborhood. Lena will handle printing of banners. Need two more sponsors.

Newsletter, Anne

Anne passed around a draft of a two-sided flyer publicizing the wagon rides to be distributed early December. Looks great! Maybe include Garden Club Christmas dinner? Can we get this distributed in time? Anne will help update distribution list. Distribution will be December 5.

Wine and Roses Christmas Dinner, Anne

Hoping for new neighbors to host. Progressive dinner at three different homes—appetizer, main course, desserts. Gift exchange at the dessert house. Carol Dixon has offered to host again. Would likely occur the first weekend in December. Francis offers to host! Need one more host and an organizer.

Impassable Sidewalks, Kirsti

Quality Committee has drafted a document on impassable sidewalks with definitions of what City deems impassable. Encourage neighbors report impassable sidewalks by calling or emailing Kent Butenschoen of Public Works at COB: 778-7700 or kbutenschoen@cob.org.

What to do about lack of sidewalks or lack of curbs? Property owners should band together and present something to the City. It is suggested to get in touch with Linda Stewart.

Franklin Park Grand Reopening, Helen

It's going to be awesome! Twenty piece marching band, juggler, face painting, hot drinks, cupcakes, parade. Come! Saturday, November 14 from 10am-noon at Franklin Park.

Fourth Corner Exchange, Francis Ayley

Francis is President of Fourth Corner Exchange, an Alternative Monetary System (local currency, green money, etc.). Has recently moved into the neighborhood and wants to introduce his organization. See www.lifedollars.org for more information. Fourth Corner has 892 members and growing. There will be a new members meeting at the Public Market on Friday the 20th. Link to video on website: Money as Debt.

A way to take back your economic power!

Landlord Licensing, Anne

At August Board meeting, YNA approved supporting Landlord Licensing and working toward moving forward with legislation. Citizens' Forum meeting held in October showed much support for City-wide Landlord Licensing. Many City Council members seem supportive.

Anne and Dave may meet with Dick Conoboy (the "Zonemaven") soon to plan a strategy. Anne will email Board with information about this meeting. Richard Maneval, ABN President, is also interested. WA State Legislature may be crafting a bill regarding the issue.

YNA will form a committee to deal with this issue.

2010 Annual Picnic at Franklin Park, Tom (for Vale)

Vale is hoping to form a committee to plan a big celebration next summer at Franklin Park. If interested, talk to her.

II. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Vale is not here tonight, but it is suggested that she submit a report to the Board before the end of the year.

Planning: Anne attended City Council work session regarding Samish Way Urban Village. Generally seems like YNA's recommendations have been accepted (including looking at one-way streets for transition zones and also residential parking zones). YNA had positive impact on Planning Dept. regarding SWUV. Committee won't meet again until next year.

Historic Preservation: Might be nice to propose plaques for historic homes in neighborhood. Suggests forming a York Historical Society as a 501C3 status in order to apply for grants to help with fundraising and moving forward on getting historical status for other two sections of the neighborhood.

Nominating Committee for next year's Board: Anne and Tom. Everyone else can email suggestions to them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Minutes submitted by Jessica Bandstra, Secretary.