

York Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom.US

July 22, 2020 Minutes

Approved per **Motion 2021-04-28.1a**

Present: Tom (President), Anne (Treasurer), Emma, Mark and Jeremy. **Quorum satisfied.**

Called to order 8:02pm by Tom Scott, President.

Agenda reviewed/approved. Moved: Anne; Second: Mark; Passed unanimously.

New Boardmember Jeremy was officially introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Motion: 2020-07-22.1 Approve the Consent Agenda as previously published and herein presented. Moved: Emma; Seconded: Jeremy; Passed unanimously.

1. **Motion: 2020.07-22.1a** Approve Minutes from April 29 Board Meeting.

The Board discussed “perking up” the web site.

- Heritage Tree list ©2009. Some additional work or review may have been performed in 2015 but the map was not updated at that time. **Action item:** Some of the Board volunteered to walk the map and update it for any trees which may have been removed since 2009.
- “Trees of Harriet Spanel Park” map. This map does not include the date created/updated. However, it may be dated. **Action item:** Board volunteers will walk the park reviewing the trees against the map updating the map as appropriate.
- York Historic Walking Tour Map: It has not been updated in a long time. Mark has since taken color photos and time has come with changes to be reviewed as well. It was noted that the newer pictures are at a higher resolution. Tom noted that the lower resolution pictures might still be useful as thumbnails for the web site publication. **Action Item:** Mark, possibly others, will review newer photos and put together a new collect from which to republish the walking tour. The new publication may be hardcopy but certainly will be packaged for the web site as well. Anne will work with Mark on this.
- **Action Items:** Add a new menu item to the Yorker Online (the web site) for “*Points of Interest*” or similar title which will access the maps, tours and similar documents already online as well as others. Update the home page as new items are updated or added.
- **Action Item:** Update the colors to match the new and repainted “Welcome” signs.

The Board discussed City Planning and some of the recent and near future building projects in and near York.

- Site on 1100 Grant block was bulldozed.
- Project on corner of York & Humboldt Streets included a DADU (addressed from York), another structure and a larger dwelling (also addressed from York, 511 York). There is conflicting information regarding the larger dwelling and whether it has 7 or 5 bedrooms. It is currently advertised on Zillow.com as 7bd/3ba 2,400sqft for rent at \$4,500/mo. Questions were raised regarding the propriety of the structures given that it is questionable regarding:
 - Its location in the Historic District and the structure design(s);
 - The DADU and if there is any planned owner occupancy as required in the Single Family zone (Subarea 5);
 - Will the 3 or More Unrelated Rule apply;
 - How many lots are involved (Tom thought it is a “double lot”)?www.zillow.com/homedetails/511-York-St-Bellingham-WA-98225/2082926114_zpid/
- The 3 or More Unrelated Rule was discussed relating to the York/Humboldt property and the current review of said rule by City Council. Relating to this topic, the question of Open Meetings and Public Input was briefly discussed.
- Progress of the Aloha Site redevelopment.
- The two motels on the north side of Samish, just east of York but in the Samish Way Urban Village, which are about to be redeveloped.

Emma announced she has a couple prospects for Student Reps on the Board and is following up on them. She asked regarding what additional incentives might be used in the recruitment effort. It was recommended she contact Chris Roselli regarding that. It was noted that sitting on the Board provides some grist for resumes as well as some practice leadership experience such as applying what some students may have learned in student government to a real world venue.

The Black Lives Matter movement was discussed and how & if appropriate YNA may respond in support.

- **Action Item:** Emma will look into and e-mail to the Board ideas and results from outside communications.
- It was noted that, days ago (7-16-2020), Bellingham School District’s Superintendent Greg Baker announced “Our **first responder** lunch program is now on hiatus. This program served not only **police**, but also **firefighters** and **EMTs**. This may help limit the worry and anxiety that some students have reported.”

(**Emphasis** added).

- July 16 Announcement: bellingshamschools.org/news/planning-for-the-2020-21-school-year-police-in-schools/?fbclid=IwAR30tMSovUesiDL6kMbVDW-Kcz5TRWzEb2X6PKVebotJUubslt1BJIKXK-o
- July 17 Announcement: bellingshamschools.org/news/update-police-in-schools/
- One private citizen who is also a first responder posted his own strong response/rebuttal to the BSD announcements:
www.facebook.com/MrEricOsterkamp

(above link is valid but might not be serviced by Facebook unless copied and pasted into your browser)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm by Zoom.

Action items:

1. Board volunteers to walk the Heritage Tree List updating as appropriate and submit back to Mark & Tom to update map and republish.
2. Board volunteers to walk Harriet Spanel Park updating the “Trees of “ HSP map as appropriate and submit back to Mark & Tom to update map and republish.
3. Mark, possibly others, will review newer photos for the Historic Walking Tour Map and put together a new collect from which to republish the walking tour. The new publication may be hardcopy but certainly will be packaged for the web site as well. Anne will work with Mark on this.
4. Add a new menu item to the Yorker Online (the web site) for “Points of Interest” or similar title which will access the maps, tours and similar documents already online as well as others. (Mark & Tom).
5. Update the web site home page to reflect the new *Points of Interest* menu.
6. Update the web site colors to match the new and repainted “Welcome” signs. (Mark & Tom).
7. Emma will look into possible responses to Black Lives Matter and e-mail to the Board ideas and results from outside research and communications.

Respectfully submitted, Thomas R. Scott, President.