

York Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting

Nelson's Market, 514 Potter Street

June 20 2024 Minutes

Approved: Motion 2024-09-25.1 ✓

Present: Colin Beazley (President), Mark Ellis Walker (Secretary), Jeremy Ferrera, Kevin Cussen, Megan Doyle, Élan Engel. **Quorum satisfied.**

Absent: Chris Donaldson (Vice President), Opie Knechtel (Treasurer), Tom Scott, Mars Lindgren, John DeOrio, Paul D'Agnolo, Todd Kleinbrook.

Guest: June Hathaway.

Action Items for specific Board members are listed at the end of the Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

1. Recent Events Debrief

The joint Sehome/York Spring Social and Information Fair was held on Thursday, May 16, at Harriet Spanel Park. Representatives from the City staffed tables with information on the Rock Hill Park renovation (Jonathan Schilk), Emergency Preparedness (Greg Hope), and the Comprehensive Plan Update, and members of both neighborhood associations' Boards were present to discuss our activities (from YNA: Colin, Jeremy, Chris, and Mark). Turnout was decent, although the City representatives' estimate of attendance was closer to 150 than the ~75 Colin and Mark noticed.

Chris and Colin from the Board, along with former Board members Anne Mackie and Lisa Anderson among others, attended the opening ceremony of Samish Commons on Tuesday, June 11. The mayor was unable to attend due to illness, but most if not all City Council members were present. Speakers were very positive regarding the York neighborhood's involvement in this project's genesis.

On Thursday, June 13, the Wine & Roses Garden Club (a quasi committee of the YNA) held its June Fête in Mary Ann Newman's backyard at 1410 Ellis Street, attended by some 15 or so Yorkers (some Board members among them). Their annual Plant Exchange, held over the last weekend of April, was also a success and seemed especially popular with younger Yorkers this year.

2. Dumpster Day Planning

Colin reported that four or five volunteers were still needed and gave a rundown on what other preparations had been made. Board members should continue to solicit volunteers. Nelson's Market will be providing coffee.

Going forward, setting the date for Dumpster Day should be targeted to the last weekend in June; also, because of the availability and delivery/retrieval of the dumpster itself, a Sunday won't be feasible.

3. York Yard Crawl

June and Megan gave a general overview of what has been planned for the event, which will be held on Saturday July 27 throughout the neighborhood from 4pm to 8pm, and noted that the Sunnyland Stomp says that their event now has more of a yard-sale emphasis than was originally conceived of. As couches are one of York's unique concerns, it was discussed that we might encourage things related to those; for next year's event, we might want to schedule the event to be on the day before Dumpster Day, so that Yard Crawl happenings utilizing/featuring items to be dumped can have their removal conveniently assembled, and photography for a subsequent themed fundraising calendar along the lines of the Couches of York one could be part of the event...also perhaps a sort of Couch Scavenger Hunt to locate identified ones. Photography of Yard Crawl happenings should be encouraged, such as of 2023's 35 registered events.

Possibilities for promotion of the event via media such as local newspapers were discussed, and June will reach out to the university's *Western Front* and Megan will tap a contact of hers at the *Cascadia Daily News*. Board members should also anticipate putting up posters for it and distributing flyers at some point.

Regarding sponsorship of the Yard Crawl, June will be approaching potential sponsors but says that Crosby Glass Studio (Erin Crosby) and Hardware Sales are already likely; Jeremy and Megan (for Edward Jones and Hyland House respectively) signed on as \$100 sponsors. Colin will connect June and Opie to arrange for the coordinated invoicing of sponsors. Monies put up by sponsors is intended to help put on Yard Crawl events, but whatever is left over should go toward future YNA events' costs. As for the event budget, June anticipates that \$400 should suffice.

Megan proposed a YNA Board meet-and-greet event be hosted at her apartment building (Hyland House, across the street from Nelson's) from 4pm to 6pm and that the Rock Hill Park Refresh team in particular be present to help inform neighbors about that project. Mark, Colin, and Kevin all indicated they can be there for it.

She also suggested that there be a Cleanup Day on the following day (Sunday the 28th) for which her dumpster could be made available for a small reimbursement. Colin also floated the idea of Nelson's Market offering a reduced-price breakfast burrito to participants as an incentive.

4. Annual Picnic

By consensus, the date of September 8 (the second Sunday of the month) was chosen for the picnic. Colin has already reached out to Wild Geese of the West, the band who played at the 2023 picnic, and says they are definitely interested. As an employee of Hardware Sales, Megan has free access to rental items there and can get us their "party tower" (including speakers and lights) as well as tables and chairs. Colin will try to get us the Parks Department's Party Trailer too.

5. Newsletter

Mark says he's trying to get the next issue out for distribution in early August but doesn't have much content lined up yet. Potential content was then discussed, with some Board members offering to write items.

As for alternative options for getting the newsletter printed more cheaply than at Copysource, which were discussed at the April Board meeting, Jeremy reported that Minuteman Press's quote wasn't a significantly better price. The possibility of using the School District's new printing facility hinges on the project being school-related and therefore doesn't appear to be an option for us.

6. Parks Update

Word from Jonathan Schilk is that the Rock Hill Park Refresh has been "delayed" due to the preparation for improvements at Bloedel Donovan Park having issues with archaeological findings, stretching out that project's schedule and thus impacting ours.

7. Next Meeting

The Board usually doesn't meet during the summer, but getting the Annual Picnic coordinated in a timely fashion will require that at least those Board members considered part of the Picnic Committee should meet, so July 24 was chosen (which would be the usual fourth-Wednesday Board meeting date) for a 6:30pm gathering at Nelson's for this purpose.

After a brief raising of the question of the status of the YNA website's development, **the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.**

Action items for all Board members:

- Anticipate distributing flyers and putting up posters to promote the Yard Crawl, and encourage neighbors to participate with an event of their own or by attending others.

Individual Action Items:

Chris:

- Promote the Yard Crawl via social media.

Colin:

- Connect June and Opie to arrange for sponsors' invoicing for the Yard Crawl.
- Try to get the Parks Department's Party Trailer booked for the Annual Picnic.
- See if Nelson's Market would offer a reduced-price breakfast burrito for participants of a Cleanup Day following the Yard Crawl.
- Help host the YNA Meet & Greet during the Yard Crawl.
- For the newsletter, forward relevant info to Mark regarding upcoming city projects impacting York (e.g., two planned roundabouts and one other project) as well as a brief summary of the Urban Forest Report; if possible, reach out to educators who live in York so we can do a little piece featuring perhaps five of them ahead of the start of the school year.

Kevin:

- Help host the YNA Meet & Greet during the Yard Crawl.

Mark:

- Contact June about coordinating promotion of the Yard Crawl via the YNA website.
- Help host the YNA Meet & Greet during the Yard Crawl.
- Continue preparation of the August newsletter.
- Transcribe and distribute minutes for this meeting for Board review.

Megan:

- Prepare verbiage for communicating that the Yard Crawl is now a YNA event and not a standalone one, and supply it to Chris and Mark for publication via social media and the YNA website.
- Host the YNA Board Meet & Greet event during the Yard Crawl.
- For the newsletter, write a property-maintenance feature and a piece on the success of her use of the City's SeeClickFix app (and how it works) to fix a broken water main adjacent to Hyland House.
- Reserve Hardware Sales's party tower, tables, and chairs for use at the Annual Picnic.

Opie:

- Coordinate with June on invoicing Yard Crawl sponsors via the YNA.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Ellis Walker, Secretary.