

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Villanova CICD CARE Group
Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2016

The Villanova CICD CARE Group met at 6:30 PM in the Administration Department located on the 2PPndPP Floor in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Present

*Philip Ahr, Chair
Stephen Norcini, P.E.
Chris Kovolski*

*Robert Zienkowski, Vice Chair
Rick Leonardi
Marilou Smith*

Absent

Jane Galli

Also Present: *Lt. Andy Block, Radnor Police; members of the public, and Leah McVeigh, Administrative Assistant.*

Phil Ahr called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Agenda

Phil Ahr made a motion to adopt, seconded by Rick Leonardi. Motion passed 6-0 with Mrs. Galli absent.

Approval of Minutes

Chris Kovolski made a motion to adopt, seconded by Rick Leonardi. Motion passed 6-0 with Mrs. Galli absent.

Chair Report

Phil Ahr congratulated the VU Men's Basketball Team for winning the NCAA National Basketball Championship Game on Monday, April 4. Chris Kovolski thanked Lt. Block and the entire Radnor Police Department for the plan and its execution to keep the students and public safe during the basketball celebrations. Lt. Block spoke about the success of the celebration and safety plan.

Communication

VU Update on Parking Circulation since Reopening SAC and closure of EML

- Chris Kovolski reported that the parking status continues with students facing parking challenges during peak times. The staff is helping to direct students to open spots, but the challenge is to change student behavior so they allow ample time in their schedules to find parking. Rick Leonardi suggested VU hang an "all traffic turns left" sign as you enter the SAC garage. VU will continue to monitor the parking and address the challenges.
VU has plans to update the campus map over the summer and are working on improving signage throughout the campus as soon as possible.

VU Overview of the parking garage on EML and next part of Phase II

- Marilou Smith reported that the contractor is drilling holes and installing sheeting which is required for the retaining wall being installed so that the construction doesn't undermine Ithan Avenue. Excavating

for the lower level, drilling for caissons, and pouring concrete will begin next week. VU is very sensitive about staying on schedule to adhere to the state Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP).

- Pedestrians will not be permitted through the construction site therefore the sidewalks on the southside of Lancaster Ave will be closed off to pedestrian traffic during the HOP work. Pedestrians heading east and west will need to cross Lancaster Ave at Lowry's Lane at the crosswalk. The sidewalks will be closed several months with most of the work being done over the summer, and will remain closed during the entire construction of the parking garage.

AnnMarie Hessman asked if a temporary crosswalk could be added on Lancaster. This isn't possible because PennDOT only allows crosswalks at traffic light intersections.

- Steve Norcini noted that the sidewalks on the South side of Lancaster are in bad shape.
- The committee continued discussion on the sidewalks, crosswalks and safety concerns and brainstormed ideas for vehicle traffic awareness of pedestrian crossing.

Resident Members request the plans for Pedestrian Bridge When Available

- The Township only has the SALDO plans for the bridge and due to security reasons will not be posting the bridges structural plans.
- Rick Leonardi expressed his interest in the specifics of the lighting for the bridge in regards to safety and also brightness. Chris Kovolski stated that the University is working with a lighting consultant and will bring information to the next meeting.
- Rick Leonardi also expressed his concern with the orientation of the bridge and believes that the University is making a big mistake as the bridge is 2 degrees off axis from the church. Chris Kovolski stated that the plans cannot be changed at this time, and it is not this committees task to change the bridge.

Review

Construction progress / issues / target completion date

- Phil Ahr asked VU for a timeline for construction of the West Lancaster Lot & Pike Garage
 - o West Lancaster Lot – Spring 2016 in time for commencement.
 - o Pike garage – end of December 2016. Weather dependent.
 - o Widening Project – S. Ithan & Lancaster – to be done in conjunction with Pike Garage with a winter completion
 - o Pedestrian Bridge – Scheduled to start in September. Targeted for completion by June, 2017. PennDOT is building the bridge so VU has little control over that project. The actual bridge construction over Lancaster Avenue should only take a few nights.

Consideration of pedestrian and traffic safety –

- Phil Ahr is hearing of a lot of jaywalking occurring.
- Lt. Block stated that there is some congestion, however, cars are not speeding on Ithan and there are occasional jaywalkers but it is not a consistent issue. Resident, Tish Long asked if a police officer could be placed at Lancaster & Aldwyn during peak travel times, but Lt. Block explained that the Township doesn't have the resources to place an officer. Aldwyn Lane residents can proceed in either direction or

their block when exiting their driveways. The committee discussed various sign options to create awareness, but must follow PennDOT guidelines.

Planning

Pedestrian Access – Timing for sidewalk closure for Lancaster @ EML/Pike – Summer 2016

MAY: Traffic planning for Ithan & Lancaster – Left turn extensions

- Lt. Block explained that the planning for this all falls under the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT, who also provides all the specifics. The Township will post this information when it becomes available.

WLL – When may residents get closer look at buffering, prior to RT inspection?

- VU stated that the residents may get a look at the buffer when the lot re-opens and that the Township Arborist, John Hosbach, will be inspecting the buffer. The plantings will have no bearing on the opening of the parking lot. Chris Kovolski explained that VU understands their obligation to maintain the vegetation and buffer, and that residents are not permitted on the construction site. The inspections will be conducted by John Hosbach, Township Arborist. Steve Norcini stated that the residents must have faith in John Hosbach and the staff. Chris Kovolski noted that there also must be faith in VU. Phil Ahr knows that all sides have a strong interest in the project and we all need to be committed to its success. Resident Tish Long is a neighbor to the University, and noted her concern for the success of the buffer. The committee continued discussion, and will discuss the buffering again in the fall if a problem exists.

Follow Up from Last Meeting

Speed Bumps installed on Aldwyn Lane

- Tish Long noted that the temporary speed humps on Aldwyn are working great, but there should be one more for a total of three. Mr. Norcini explained that permanent speed humps need approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Strong SEPTA safety gate on Aldwyn – PECO response

- The safety gate on Aldwyn does not belong to SEPTA, but belongs to PECO. Steve Norcini has a call into PECO to determine who is responsible to make decisions and upgrades to the gate.

Pedestrian Safety – Consideration of wider south-sidewalk-Lancaster @WLL

- Steve Norcini has verification from Amy Kaminski of Gilmore Associates that the sidewalks throughout the Villanova project are more than four feet wide and are or will all be ADA compliant. VU will be providing ADA curb ramps, and will be in full compliance with all ADA requirements.
- Chris Kovolski explained that the University has looked at the sidewalks on the southside again, and an opportunity exists to make the sidewalks six feet wide, but at significant cost. The decision to make this upgrade change must happen quickly and the University would need some leniency regarding tree removal/planting and stormwater management requirements from the Township. Mr. Norcini explained that he cannot waive any requirements but since the neighbors are very interested in this matter, he would suggest VU draw up the plans and present them to the Board of Commissioners and Township

Manager ASAP. VU stated that if this new work would require a Highway Occupancy Permit that it could not be done. The committee had further discussion and supported the concept of the wider sidewalks along the south side of Lancaster Avenue. VU will move forward to the Manager and BOC.

Consideration of access time for Dumpster behind Moriarity Hall

- VU will have a later collection time for the dumpster behind Moriarity Hall.

New Business

- No new business

Public Comment

- Annmarie Hessman noted that the neighbors all seemed to be happy with the crowd control after the championship basketball game on Monday night.
- Sara Pilling asked about the yellow swing gate at Campus Corner and noted the jaywalking of the students to get to the parking lot. VU will consider.
- Marilou Smith noted that VU is looking at new light poles and fixtures for campus site lighting. She showed the committee pictures of three light poles and fixtures under consideration, and discussed the dark sky compliance standards of each. VU as well as the CARE Committee liked the Sternberg Main Street Light but it is not fully dark sky compliant. VU will seek a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board for approval for this lighting fixture. The committee also had some discussion on the lighting for the parking garage, but will discuss again at a future meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be Thursday, May 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah McVeigh