

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Villanova CICD CARE Group
Minutes of the Meeting of August 18, 2016

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

Present

*Philip Ahr, Chair
Stephen Norcini, P.E.
Marilou Smith
Jane Galli*

*Robert Zienkowski, Vice Chair
Rick Leonardi*

Absent

Chris Kovolski

Also Present: *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

Jane Galli made a motion to adopt the agenda, amended to move item 7c to the top of the agenda. The motion with amendment was seconded by Rick Leonardi. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes

Stephen Norcini made a motion to adopt, seconded by Jane Galli. The motion to approve the minutes was passed 6-0.

Chair Report

No Report.

Planning – Item 7 – moved to top of agenda

c. Televising CARE Group Meetings – Discussion, possible vote for change.

The committee discussed having future VU CARE meetings televised as Roberta Winters from the League of Women Voters had a video camera set up to film this meeting for airing on television. Jane Galli would like to see the meetings televised in the best interest of communication, and for those who can't attend the meetings. The residents at the meeting expressed their views that it was imperative that the meetings be televised for transparency, and for convenience. Bob Zienkowski cautioned the committee regarding his experience and perception that open dialogue changes once meetings are televised. Discussion continued on televising the meetings, disbanding the committee, as well as thoughts on other means to which residents could be informed on what is occurring at the meetings and with the project. Commissioner Ahr asked that the vote to televise the meeting be delayed so that Chris Kovolski would have an opportunity to hear the residents, and vote on the matter. He explained that the committee is a partnership between Radnor, Villanova, and the neighbors, and he feels it is important that Chris be included in this important decision. It was determined that the next meeting would be held in the Radnorshire Room at which time the committee would vote on televising, and the meeting could go live immediately if this is what the committee decided. A motion was made by Steve Norcini and seconded by Jane Galli to have the next meeting on Wednesday, September 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Radnorshire Room. The motion passed 6-0.

Review

a. West Lancaster Avenue Lot

- i. Expected Opening Time (VU)
 - The West Lancaster Avenue Lot is open.
- ii. Tentative Schedule of Buffer Night check (headlight) and next inspection (VU)
 - John Hosbach and Steve Norcini will be doing their light/buffer night inspection on Wednesday, August 24. There will be a report provided from the inspection.
 - Roberta Winters asked if another inspection would take place after the foliage changes. John Hosbach will take seasonal changes into consideration during the inspection.
 - The intent of the buffer is to defuse the lights from the parking lot. It is not going to block all of the lighting from the site. Steve Norcini explained how the inspection would be performed with the use of a truck so that the beam of light will sit higher on the buffer than with a car. Bob Zienkowski assured the residents in attendance that VU would be required to put in additional plantings if necessary depending upon the results of the buffer inspection.
- iii. Timing of Guided walk-through of buffer for CARE members
 - Will be set up at September meeting.
- iv. Lighting discussion
 - 1. Scheduling light viewing from Aldwyn backyards
 - The doodle poll which had been sent out has since disappeared. There had not been a good response to this poll nor the previous ones.
 - A date in November is going to be selected for the light viewing from the Aldwyn backyards. Once the date is selected, a concerted effort will be made by the Committee Members to contact residents who could potentially be affected by the lights to attend a meeting in the backyards.
 - Rick Leonardi noted that the duct tape on the lights have been very effective in shielding the lights. If the lighting inspection goes well, VU will retrofit the lights with the shields they have ordered and received.

b. Overview of Construction Activity (RT)

- Steve Norcini reported that construction is going well. There are a few glitches as there are on every project, but the contractor is very responsive. The street sweeper is on site every day. Steve checks in with Marilou Smith every morning. The West Lancaster Avenue parking lot is basically finished, and the parking garage is progressing. Villanova has done some nice extras such as the sidewalk along Lancaster Avenue. The curbs are installed on Ithan Avenue and the sidewalk on the east side is done.
- Flagger Force has been put on notice that the Township is unhappy with their performance.

Communication

a. Update on Lancaster Ave sidewalk project

- The sidewalk on the east side is complete with the exception of some plantings which will be done along the walkway. The sidewalk in front of Geraghty to Moriarty Halls still needs to be done.

b. Pike Parking Structure Update

- Marilou Smith gave an update on the timeline of construction activity which is attached. Work on the Pike Parking Structure is progressing and anticipated to be open in January. The sidewalk on the southside of Lancaster Avenue will be finished by August 25. VU cannot move any of the sidewalk closed signs as they are required as part of the Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT.

c. Updated construction activity and schedule – see attached

- St. Thomas Way – all curbing is in and utility relocations are complete. Targeted completion – October 17.
- Ithan Avenue Widening-South Side – Work occurring with anticipated completion by September 19.

d. E & S controls (new and improved plan) for SE side of West Main Lot

- There was an issue with washout at the Septa tracks due to recent heavy rains. The issue has been identified and plans made to rectify.

e. Planting plan and schedule for Aldwyn Triangle

- Marilou Smith presented an overview of the plans for the plantings of the Aldwyn Triangle.
- The painted crosswalk from south campus and the Aldwyn triangle is faded and it may be necessary to repaint them until the new pedestrian crossing is installed.

Planning

Share VU move-in plans, note lot changes and signage (VU)

- Marilou Smith told the committee that move in day for freshman is tomorrow, and the contractors will not be working in the street. VU is doing its best to have a smooth move in day.

SEPTA station – discussion of need for improvements

- Bob Zienkowski led the discussion. SEPTA made improvements for the US Open to some of their stations in Lower Merion, and as part of the VU project he wants to see them make upgrades to the Villanova station. VU has spoken to SEPTA, and there are plans to improve and upgrade the Villanova station by putting in a new ramp.
- Lighting improvements at the station were discussed, and Annmarie Hessman mentioned the need for improvements to the bus stops at Villanova as well. VU will talk to SEPTA about needed improvements to their facilities.

New Business

No New Business.

Public Comment

- Annemarie Hessman asked if the light poles along N. Ithan Avenue are new as there appears to be a lot of glare coming from them. The lights are not new, but Marilou Smith will have them checked.
- VU has worked with the Radnor Police and the Township Traffic Engineer to develop an events plan for football games and other special events at VU.
- Lynn Ellis asked if VU can do anything about the freshman and sophomore students having cars although they are not permitted to have cars on campus. Some of the students still have cars and park them in the neighborhoods. Bob Zienkowski requested the neighbors to report any of these cars to the Community Development Department as the Township is watching for this.
- Roberta Winters thanked Marilou Smith for staying for the meeting, as it was not the intent to make her uncomfortable by video-taping the meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leah McVeigh