

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Villanova CICD CARE Group
Minutes of the Meeting of November 3, 2016

The Villanova CICD CARE Group met at 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room of the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087

Present

<i>Philip Ahr, Chair</i>	<i>Robert Zienkowski, Vice Chair</i>
<i>Stephen Norcini, P.E.</i>	<i>Rick Leonardi</i>
<i>Marilou Smith</i>	<i>Chris Kovolski</i>
<i>Jane Galli</i>	

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, seconded by Rick Leonardi. Motion passed 7-0.

Approval of Minutes

Steve Norcini made a motion to adopt, seconded by Jane Galli. Motion passed 7-0.

Chair Report

Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Review

a. Dust Discussion Follow Up

Chris Kovolski introduced Alice Lenthe, the Director of Environmental Health and Safety for Villanova University to follow up on the discussion from the last meeting regarding dust.

- Alice Lenthe provided the committee with her professional credentials and explained the role of the Environmental Health and Safety Office of the University. Ms. Lenthe spoke in regards to dust control at the Lancaster Avenue project. The soil management component of the project is managed through the Sedimentation and Erosion Control plan required by the County, and explained that with this type of project, there are no air quality standards for dust emissions. The project is following the industry best management practices for dust control for which the following practices have been put in place: access roads have gravel the first 25 feet, the parking areas are gravel, there are limited access points, the speed is limited to 15 mph., unpaved roads are water misted 3 times a day, the paved roads are wet swept each day, vehicle tires are sprayed with water prior to leaving the site, the stock piled soil is kept to a minimum, and spray seeded, and the drop height from equipment is minimized. Ms. Lenthe noted that dust does occur intermittently on the construction site, and can be a temporary nuisance, but because the project is phased, the disturbed area is limited. In Ms. Lenthe's opinion, the dust

- control measures being used by the contractor define the best management practices as required.
- Chris Kovolski asked whether there should be concern for the health of the students walking around campus. Ms. Lenthe explained that her job is to protect the health and safety of the students, and that in her opinion since there is only intermittent exposure she doesn't believe there is any serious issue for the students.
 - Jane Galli asked about the next phase of the project where ten acres of asphalt will be disturbed. She has read that asphalt made before 1960 may contain asbestos, and she would like to know how this may be handled. Ms. Lenthe doesn't believe there is asbestos in the asphalt, but there are policies and procedures which must be followed for all the materials removed from the site.
 - Mr. Zienkowski in his opinion feels the contractor has underperformed in controlling the dust. He feels the Township has to constantly advise the contractor, and they need to do a better job.
 - Marilou Smith, VU will continue to emphasize the dust control with the contractor and will continue to monitor and lean on the contractor for better compliance.
 - Mr. Ahr thanked Ms. Lenthe for attending and for her presentation. He asked several questions:
 - o Does the Environmental Health and Safety Office do any monitoring in regards to the dust control for the project? – Yes, a representative from her office meets with the contractors' health and safety inspector regularly on site to monitor the project site for dust and safe practices.
 - o What conditions might give Ms. Lenthe concern with the project? – dirt in the roadway.
 - o With the report of visible dust in the area and with no air quality standard requirements are the students/faculty being told to take personal precautions in regards to the dust and their own respiratory health? Chris Kovolski has spoken to the Director at the Health Center and although this fall the University has seen an increase in allergy and respiratory concerns, no one has come to the Health Center pointing to the dust from the project as the cause of their respiratory conditions.
 - Mrs. Galli thanked Villanova for bringing their expert and for taking the concerns of the residents seriously.

b. West Lancaster Avenue Lot

- i. Guided walk-through of buffer for CARE members (11/3) - The guided walk of the buffer at the WLA was held today with good attendance from the VU CARE committee. Rick Leonardi reported that his impression of the buffer is that it's performing as well as one could expect, and if allowed to grow, he believes it will achieve the screening effect. There were a few tweaks which were recommended and which when done should improve the screening even more. Steve Norcini reported that 10 trees will be planted and 5 viburnum will be moved to provide for better coverage. The buffer is in good shape, but it is a buffer and not a wall. The plant choices are good and it was a very productive meeting. Chris Kovolski thanked everyone for their positive comments. Phil Ahr also was pleased with the vibrant buffer but noted the 3 areas which were identified in the night inspection which will be addressed with the 10 extra trees.

The plants will continue to grow and spread and it will take several years for the plants to reach their full screening potential. Everyone in attendance at the meeting appeared satisfied.

- ii. Scheduling WLA light viewing from Aldwyn backyards – TBD
 - The WLA light viewing from the Aldwyn neighbor backyards will occur on December 1, following the VU CARE meeting. A letter will be sent to the neighbors inviting them to attend the viewing and also to seek permission to enter their properties.
 - VU has already shielded the top 2” of each light. Phil Ahr noted that the purpose is to make sure you cannot see the lighting element.

c. Overview of Construction Activity (RT)

- Steve Norcini noted that the WLA is complete and is being utilized. The Parking Garage installation has gone pretty smoothly, and the crane has been removed. The majority of the HOP work is done. Ithan Avenue from Lancaster to Aldwyn will be closed from November 7 to 12 in order to expedite the work required there. Road detour signs along with police details will be set up in several locations to assist with traffic. Phil Ahr commented about the closure and explained the steps that the Township has taken to mitigate the effects.
- Sarah Cohen from Gramont Lane spoke to the Committee regarding her concerns for the traffic trying to get out onto Ithan Avenue from the side streets during this closure. Phil Ahr and Bob Zienkowski both assured her that her concerns have been considered. The police detail will be stationed at intersections, and will be communicating to keep traffic flowing.
- Steve Norcini commented that the Township is having PECO off the streets in the area during the closure on Ithan so that the detours onto Conestoga Road can be effective.
- Jane Galli is also concerned with cars finding their way down Lowry’s Lane and the neighborhoods during this time. Mr. Zienkowski explained that people will look for shortcuts and it will be interesting, but adjustments will be made to address complaints and concerns as they occur.
- Chris Kovolski spoke in regards to VU’s outreach to the local schools and districts to notify them of this road closure so that parents and buses could make adjustments.
- Discussion continued on the Ithan Avenue road closing. It will be closed for 1 week, weather permitting.
- Bob Esgro from Aldwyn Lane spoke regarding his concerns with cut through traffic on Aldwyn Lane. Police will be stationed at Aldwyn Lane to prohibit the roadway from being used as a cut through and only residents from Aldwyn Lane will be given access.

d. Review of Lancaster Avenue road work and traffic mitigation (RT/VU)

- The roadwork on Lancaster Avenue is complete.

Communication

a. Update on project schedule

- Marilou Smith provided the group with an update on the project work schedule.

- i. Roadwork activity (S. Ithan Ave) – covered earlier in the meeting.

- ii. Ithan Garage – planning to finish at the end of December with opening in January.
- iii. Aldwyn Triangle – plantings will be done between November 21 & December 2.
- iv. WLA Buffer – 10 additional trees will be planted in the next 2 weeks.
- v. Pedestrian Bridge – construction to begin in January or February.
- vi. Residence Halls – The residence halls construction will begin in January
- vii. Pedestrian safety at West Lancaster Avenue Lot – Chris Kovolski told the committee that VU has taken action regarding pedestrian safety concerns by installing signs in various spots along Lancaster Avenue. This is a work in progress and VU will continue to be diligent in this regard. Fencing is being proposed to discourage some unsafe crossing.

Planning

a. SEPTA station improvements – Marilou Smith is in contact with SEPTA, and the VU SEPTA station improvements are on SEPTA’s list, however there is no capital funding assigned to this project at this time.

New Business

- Jane Galli asked if the stone coating on the pedestrian bridge will be the same as on the Parking Garage. Marilou Smith replied that the coating will be similar but not exactly the same. The bridge ornamentation still needs to go before the Design Review Board.
- Bob Esgro, 46 Aldwyn Lane – spoke to the committee regarding his concern for the two crosswalk 360 degree lighted poles which will be installed as part the crosswalk and which the lights/flashing will bleed into the residential area. He explained his concerns and how these poles exceed what is installed in Philadelphia. Steve Norcini explained that back in the planning stages of the project there was serious resident concern for pedestrian safety of the students crossing Lancaster Avenue. To address these concerns, the traffic engineer recommended these poles for the crosswalk to comply with PennDOT’s requirements. Steve would like to review the poles at night, and there may be a dimming option. Chris Kovolski explained that these poles have been ordered and will be installed, and were approved. VU has had discussions with Mr. Esgro and his wife, and will try to find solutions once we see the impact; however, student safety is the priority as well as meeting the crosswalk code requirements.

Public Comment

Roberta Winters, Williams Road, thanked Villanova for bringing the Director of Environmental Health & Safety to the meeting. Mrs. Winters expressed her concern for the diesel emitting vehicles on the construction site. She also would like VU to do bore samples of the asphalt to check for asbestos as well as do water testing prior to construction. Steve Norcini explained that VU is required to follow the Sedimentation and Erosion Control permit which does protect water quality as well as dust control. He is unaware of any pre-construction testing requirements.

Old Business

Chris Kovolski invited everyone to the Villanova Basketball Exhibition at the Wells Fargo Center on Saturday, November 5. He hopes to see a lot of fans there.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 1 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leah McVeigh