

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Villanova CICD CARE Group**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of September 21, 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 Bob Zienkowski. Motion passed 7-0.

*Approval of Minutes*

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

*Chair Report*

Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the 1<sup>st</sup> televised meeting of the VU Care Committee. Being as this was the first televised meeting, Commissioner Ahr gave an overview of the committee mission, and introduced its members. In the best interest of Radnor residents, the Board of Commissioners voted to begin televising the VU Care meetings beginning with this meeting.

*Review*

a. West Lancaster Avenue Lot

- i. Review of buffer night check
  - Steve Norcini and John Hosbach did a night inspection on August 24 for headlights breaking through the buffer. The report was provided to the VU Care Committee, and a map key will follow. Deficiencies in the buffer were found at VU8 and VU10. The 10 trees which are being held in abeyance from the sidewalk project will be needed for the buffer. Chris Kovolski will discuss with staff the moving of any shrubs in the buffer which were planted per the approved plan.
- ii. Schedule for guided walk-through of buffer for CARE members
  - Mr. Norcini will check with John Hosbach for available dates to schedule a guided walk of the buffer for the CARE members.
- iii. Scheduling WLA light viewing from Aldwyn back yards
  - Will be set up at a future meeting for a date in October or November.

b. Overview of Construction Activity (RT)

- Steve Norcini reported that the West Lancaster Avenue Lot is mainly complete, and Villanova is now focusing their construction on HOP work. The HOP (highway occupancy permits) are handled by the state along with the inspections to go along with them. There is curbing and widening work taking place along Ithan Avenue as well which is reviewed by Radnor.
- Jane Galli wondered if the sidewalk which has gone in takes the place of the sidewalk on the plans from St. Thomas Way to Ithan. Marilou Smith explained that the sidewalk on the plans will be installed as the project moves forward.
- Rick Leonardi asked about the traffic signal changeover process. This was explained by Marilou Smith and Steve Norcini. The new signals will be installed, and once they are working properly and inspected, the old signals will be removed. This is a normal change over process.

c. Event handling during construction: traffic, parking, adequate police presence, etc.

- Chris Kovolski noted that the school year began with a new parking process, and with this comes an adjustment period. A few events occurred during peak traffic times and there were some difficult traffic situations, but VU and the Township are communicating about special events, and with the proper allocation of resources things are getting better as people are also adjusting to the changes.
- Jane Galli mentioned that parent's weekend at VU just occurred and she noticed tailgating in the Santander parking area. Chris Kovolski noted that VU leases the Septa parking lot, but did not direct anyone to Santander. Discussion continued on the VU event tailgating. There will be No tailgating permitted in the parking structures (garages) on campus.
- Toni Bailey asked the date of Homecoming and whether it will coincide with Hoops Mania. Homecoming will be October 22, but unsure of the date of Hoops Mania.

Communication

a. Update on project schedule

- Marilou Smith gave an updated presentation on the project schedule.

b. Update on Lancaster Ave sidewalk project

- The sidewalk project is complete.

c. Pike Parking Structure Update

- The Pike Parking Structure is a week or two ahead of schedule and the hope is to have it occupied after Christmas break in January.

d. Updated construction activity and schedule

- i. St. Thomas Way – St. Thomas Way has been paved and the project is moving on to the installation of the traffic signals. Anticipated completion by mid-November.
- ii. Ithan Avenue Widening-South Side – Work occurring with anticipated completion by the end of October.

- iii. Lancaster Avenue – There will be a new water main installed and then Ithan and Lancaster will be milled and paved. Two lanes of Lancaster will be shut down and the intent is to do this work over fall break around October 10.
  - Bob Zienkowski asked about the relocation of two fire hydrants on the south side of Lancaster Avenue. Marilou Smith explained that the sidewalk will be relocated and the fire hydrants will remain.
  - The inspector on the VU job has been removed and a new inspector has been placed on the job by Radnor Twp.

e. Overview of roadwork (VU)

- Phil Ahr asked what the expectations should be with the lane restrictions from the work on Ithan and Lancaster Avenue. Marilou Smith explained that with the installation of the traffic signals, the contractors are going to try to do most of the work from the corners of the intersections which should minimize the lane restrictions on Lancaster.
- Bob Zienkowski mentioned that the Township needs to get PECO back to finish the work on Lancaster Avenue to County Line Road. Steve Norcini has a meeting set up with PECO to discuss their project.

f. Traffic mitigation on Lancaster (RT)

- Steve Norcini explained that the Township is requiring VU to hire a police detail to control the traffic signals during parts of the construction. VU is also using a sign board to direct cars into the parking areas during special events.
- Rick Leonardi requested permanent speed tables be installed on Aldwyn Lane.
- Phil Ahr asked about Conestoga Road – Aqua will be working along Conestoga through November and then PECO will be following them. Expect construction along Conestoga over the next six weeks.
- PECO and Aqua have many projects occurring throughout Radnor Township at this time.
- Jane Galli has concerns with the grading of the Pike Parking Structure and stormwater. Marilou Smith explained that the development project has many different stormwater collection/management practices which have been built into it, and stormwater flow should be improved.

g. Pedestrian Bridge update and timeline-

- The pedestrian bridge is out to bid through PennDOT. The bid letting is scheduled for January with an anticipated construction timeline from February to November. A lot of work will occur on the church side of Lancaster near Church Walk. Lancaster Avenue may need to be closed for 3 nights as the project progresses for bridge placement.
- Rick Leonardi stated his position on the design of the bridge in particular the 4 metal 6' crosses which are part of the bridge and will be facing traffic. He is concerned with tax payers funding religious ornaments and asked for review of the bridge design as well as the money being used for its fabrication and installation.
- Chris Kovolski explained that VU is paying for the crosses as well as their installation. There is some state funding being put toward the bridge project but not for the crosses. The crosses will

also be installed outside of the highway right of way. Bob Zienkowski is going to have the solicitor review the pedestrian bridge design and funding.

h. Other

i. Daily reports – are they still on the Radnor website?

- Steve Norcini explained that the daily inspections are posted online and currently include the reports through August. Updates will continue on the website as the reports are received from the inspectors.

ii. Large plate along path to South Campus – will asphalt be placed around it to avoid tripping hazard?

- Rick Leonardi is concerned with the large plate covering the roadway south of the garage. Marilou Smith explained that the plate is covering the stormwater line and will be removed once the line is closed up.
- Rick Leonardi also mentioned the speed hump which crosses Lancaster Avenue by the church and asked if it can be addressed. Steve Norcini stated that the Township has contacted PennDOT regarding this bump, but it is not part of the VU project.

Planning

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a. SEPTA station improvements – any new outreach or information?

- VU is working with SEPTA

New Business

No New Business.

Public Comment

- Annemarie Hessman is concerned for the air quality as she has noticed giant clouds of dust in the air at the site. She does not feel that the dust is being managed and would like to have more confidence in the air quality management. Steve Norcini told her to contact us immediately if she sees clouds of dust so that he can have it immediately addressed by the onsite inspectors.
- Annemarie Hessman has complaints about the sidewalk/pedestrian walkways. She would like better signage on the detours for pedestrians. Marilou Smith believes this has been corrected and a path has been defined and is clear for pedestrians.
- Phil Ahr requested the Township and VU make sure they are looking at the project through the eyes of a pedestrian. Rich Leonardi asked that consideration also be given to the construction site at night.
- Chris Kovolski announced that Saturday, September 24 is the St. Thomas of Villanova day of service which brings out approximately 4000 volunteers to the communities. There will be over 200 volunteers working throughout Radnor Township.

- Radnor Township will be hosting an Electronics Recycling/Paper Shredding Day at the Township Building on October 15.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Leah McVeigh*