

**TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR**  
**Villanova CICD CARE Group**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of December 1, 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**

*Philip Ahr, Chair*

*Rick Leonardi*

*Robert Zienkowski, Absent*

*Stephen Norcini, P.E.*

*Chris Kovolski*

*Marilou Smith*

*Jane Galli*

**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 Steve Norcini. Motion passed 6-0.

*Approval of Minutes*

Jane Galli made a motion to table the approval of the November 3 meeting minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Chris Kovolski. Motion passed 6-0.

*Chair Report*

Phil Ahr welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that upon the adjournment of tonight's meeting, there will be an additional special meeting with the neighbors on Aldwyn Lane for the night viewing of the West Lancaster Avenue parking lot lights from their back yards. A majority of the neighbors responded that they would be in attendance.

*Review*

a. West Lancaster Avenue Lot

i. Follow up from Night Inspections - items to be done

- Steve Norcini explained that in August a night inspection was done with he and John Hosbach, Township Arborist. From that inspection it was recommended that the 10 trees which were being held in abeyance from the VU sidewalk project be planted in the buffer, as well as moving several of the shrubbery which had been previously planted. There was an afternoon meeting which confirmed that this recommended planting work has been completed. Steve feels the one tree planted by the Septa building could have been a little larger, but believes the buffer will be rather effective. John Hosbach's report has not yet been received from this latest meeting, and we should have it for the next meeting. Marilou Smith added that VU complied with the Township Arborists recommendations. Mr. Ahr asked about the progress of plantings on the Aldwyn Triangle. Marilou Smith reported that 100 trees were installed over the past week in the Aldwyn Triangle, and work will be finished on the triangle on December 2. Jane Galli asked about the extra trees which she saw on site. Mrs. Smith explained that another 22 trees have been delivered for planting around the Pike Garage.

b. Access Road along Rt. 100

- Jane Galli shared her concern regarding what appears to be a lack of space from the parallel parking for SEPTA and what will be the access road for VU. Rick Leonardi explained that many of SEPTA's riders are dropped off and picked up by waiting vehicles, and there doesn't seem to be the usual accommodations such as a loop or parking area in the plans. Waiting cars are blocking the driveway. Chris Kovolski stated that VU will keep an eye on the situation. Marilou Smith explained that the main parking lot will be closed in about a month and will become the housing project. The normal traffic that is their now will be using the Pike Garage which will change the traffic in that area which will then mainly be SEPTA traffic.

- The access road will be a road through the dorm area.

- A stop sign was recently installed where the access road meets Ithan Avenue.

- Rick Leonardi also mentioned that the sign with the bridge clearance height needs to be reinstalled.

- Phil Ahr explained that as the project progresses SEPTA ridership may change and VU CARE will continue to monitor.

c. Overview of Construction Activity (RT)

- Steve Norcini reported that with the completion of the West Lancaster Avenue Parking Lot, and the stormwater management of the Pike Garage the engineering component of this phase of the development is complete. The structures being built fall under the Township Codes Department, and the HOP are permitted through PennDOT. The work on Route 30 is complete for now with the traffic signals up and functioning.

Communication

a. Update on project schedule

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

i. Roadwork activity – Marilou Smith reported that the HOP work with the right turn in and right turn out of the WLA, as well as all paving is complete. St. Thomas Way has been approved and is fully open; Church Walk is closed. The sidewalk from St. Thomas Way to Ithan Avenue is open. The Ithan Avenue work is complete including the paving. Next week there will be a meeting with Gilmore, McMahon and PennDOT to check all the signalization.

ii. Ithan Garage – planning to finish at the end of December/early January with anticipation of receiving the CO by the end of December.

iii. Landscaping on Aldwyn Lane has been installed but not inspected by landscape architect.

iv. Pedestrian Bridge – the bids were received by PennDOT for the Pedestrian Bridge but they came in over budget. The PennDOT scope of the project will be lessened, and the project will be rebid. The pedestrian bridge project will remain the same, except for which entity is responsible for various components. Still planning on starting construction by March with completion in December 2017.

v. Residence Halls – The residence hall construction will begin in January

vi. Follow Up: Pedestrian safety at West Lancaster Avenue Lot – Chris Kovolski explained that while the students are on break the main parking lot will be closed and upon return the students will be directed to the new parking garage. The fencing along the northside of Lancaster Avenue will be installed sooner since that part of the pedestrian bridge project will now be in Villanova's scope. This fence should help deter some of the jaywalking on Lancaster

Avenue and help with pedestrian safety. Villanova has also installed signs to keep pedestrians on the sidewalks and crossing the streets properly. They will continue to monitor to address pedestrian safety as possible.

Field Visit

a. WLA light viewing from Aldwyn back yards

- Steve Norcini explained that the Township has engaged FXB Engineering to provide an independent high-level review and assessment of the site lighting at WLA as it pertains to the Township SALDO and Zoning Code. Christian Kramer from FXB will be attending the Aldwyn neighbor's backyard light viewing meeting following this meeting. He will be walking with the group, observing, reviewing, assessing and listening. Mr. Norcini will receive a report from FXB before the next meeting with their assessment regarding the compliance of the VU lights with the Township SALDO code.
- Chris Kovolski explained that VU has been pro-active in placing shielding on some of the parking lot lights. He asked Marilou Smith to give an overview of the WLA parking lot lighting plan. Marilou Smith explained how and to which lights VU has installed black out shields. VU will provide an updated lighting plan to FXB.
- Rick Leonardi thanked VU for recognizing the problem and for shielding some of the lights. He recognizes that the shields have been effective in several ways and believes they have reduced the luminary output from the area. He would like to see all of the lights have shields. Marilou Smith explained that VU only shielded the lights which they felt would impact the neighbors, and that although the area seems bright there are certain levels required for public safety.
- Phil Ahr asked Steve to review exactly what the electrical engineer will be looking for in his assessment. Steve Norcini explained that the engineer will be looking to see if you can see the lighting element from off the property. He will also be checking to see that the submitted and approved lighting plan is what has been installed. He will be viewing from the backyards of Aldwyn Lane and seeing if the concerns of the residents can be addressed within the Township code. Mr. Ahr expressed that we need to hear all of the neighbor's concerns, and although some of them may not fall under the SALDO code, he wants to be sure that all are noted and that all concerns are addressed as possible through the code or other means. The Electrical Engineers report will be available for the next meeting.
- This night meeting is for the VU CARE Committee and residents on Aldwyn backing up to the site only.

New Business

- Jane Galli asked how changes occur in the plans which were submitted by VU and changes which occur prior to construction. For example, there were steps in the approved design from WLA to Lancaster Avenue. Steve Norcini explained that plans are submitted and reviewed several times, and it was determined that the steps were not ADA compliant and needed to be removed. Small changes and revisions which are not subjective can be reviewed and approved by the Township Engineers.

Public Comment

Annemarie Hessman, Rosemont - is looking for a schedule for Pike Garage as there continues to be disruption to the sidewalk in that area. When will the sidewalk be finished? Marilou Smith stated that the sidewalk had to be ripped back up but it is formed and ready for re-pouring as soon as the weather cooperates.

What are the plans for the area where the Performing Arts Center is to be constructed in the interim? Marilou Smith explained this area will be a parking area in the interim for the contractors working on the housing.

Ms. Hessman is looking forward to the finished sidewalk.

Toni Bailey, Rosemont – thanked VU for bringing their Director of Environmental Health & Safety, Alice Lenthe to the last meeting regarding the dust, however, she would like Radnor Township to bring in a professional regarding this issue.

Jane Galli read a letter from Roberta Winters regarding the VU development. She wrote about the dust, the lights and daylighting the underground stream and doing what is right to others.

Set Next Meeting Date

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Leah McVeigh*