



WEST CHESTER COMMUNITY CAMPUS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026 – 6PM
Borough Hall Conference Room

MISSION

The mission of the West Chester Community Campus Committee (WCCCC) is to promote and increase communication and collaboration between Borough of West Chester community leaders and residents and West Chester University officials and students on issues that affect health, safety, and quality of life for the campus and Borough community.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Neighbor as a moral concept not a geographic term
- Open-mindedness and inclusion of a diversity of stakeholders and perspectives
- Respectful communication, innovative thinking, collaborative problem solving, and an equitable approach to address community need
- Collective decision making and action to the betterment of our shared community

ATTENDEES

West Chester Borough Committee Members:

Therea Eadie (Mayor's Office), Officer Adriana Zeiders (West Chester Police), Chris Feryo (West Chester Business Owner), Orazio Nastase (West Chester Property Owner), Nicole Scimone (Ward 4 Council Representative), Woody Lathbury (Ward 4 Resident), Marty Nebel (Ward 2 Resident, Committee Co-Chair)

West Chester University Committee Members:

Dr. Sara Hinkle, (Student Affairs, Committee Co-Chair), Dr. Rita Patel Eng (Civic Engagement), Dr. Julie Dietrich (External Relations)

Others:

Daryl Cook (Ward 4 Resident), Lisa Kearns (Ward 7 Representative), April Locke (Good Fellowship Ambulance Co.), Carol Billek (Ward 2 Resident), Jamie Weiss (West Chester Police Dept)

☐ **Public comment regarding items not on the agenda (Limit to 5 minutes per speaker as per Borough Council.)**

☐ No Public Comments

○ **Approval of March Minutes**

☐ Marty Nebel, Motion to Approve April minutes

☐ Orazio Nastase, Second the Motion to approve minutes

☐ **Borough Updates**

- WCU master plan meeting #3 on Thursday at 6:00, probably not the last meeting. There was some discussion of who gets to ask questions and who has party status, i.e. who has been identified as someone who is affected by or is interested in the outcome of the master plan.
- Bollards, first section is complete, up and running, probably a photo op with county commissioners in June. Chris Feryo asked about the detour signs that are currently up at Matlack and Gay Streets and Nicole Scimone said that legally, they have to stay in place for the time being. The bollards were installed because they are safer and easier to open in cases of emergency
- Shared university shuttle, Julie Dietrich reported that the University Borough leadership task force has decided to administer a questionnaire to determine if residents would use the service. Officer Zeiders suggested that respondent addresses be included so that we could confirm that respondents were borough residents. Nicole read the current list of questions. Currently the questionnaire asks for the respondents ward number or if the respondent did not live within the Borough, with a link to the ward map and hopefully a link to the routes map that is maintained by the University. The questionnaire would be accessed via a link on the borough web site and QR code at Turks Head and handouts and on the Borough's face book page. The questionnaire would be up for a couple of months.
- Nicole Scimone also mentioned that the Borough was adopting ParkMobile as a parking app on June first, replacing FlowBird. Chris had some questions about the effect that this change would have in available parking on High Street.

☐ **University Updates:**

- Sara Hinkle reported on the April day of service in partnership with Safe Harbor with about 20 students participating.
- Dr. Hinkle also reported that the Move Out/Give Back program (May 7-8) had about 45 houses participating with about 100 items donated to the Community Warehouse Project. She described several changes that had been made over previous years and was positive about progress. The program only covers off campus housing. Carol Billek suggested that the process be a little more obvious as a way of making everyone aware of it.

- Property owner education day is scheduled for June 4th. The goal is to improve relationships and communication with property owners who rent to University students.
- Key dates for Autumn, Students start moving back into the residence halls on August 21st, classes start on August 24th, the University is trying 'Drop and Go' days on August 16th and 17th. This program allows students who sign up to put their things in their dorm rooms early, in an attempt to reduce congestion on move in day.
- Homecoming (September 25-27) and Family Weekends (November 6-8) are being separated this year. Nicole wanted to know why the two had been separated because last year, having the two together seemed to reduce some of the problems normally associated with homecoming. Julie asked if there was a policing aspect that the University should be aware of when scheduling these two events.
- Welcome to the Borough initiative (September 19). In past years, this has targeted new students during their first week back, however this year it will be held a little later to try to include returning students. Nicole asked if there is a way to include Borough officials in the events so that they can talk to students about general conduct and neighborliness. Sara talked about venues and situations that have been set up to welcome students such as a tent at the growers market, giveaways at the Welcome Center and involving several businesses in the process.

□ **Priority Projects:**

○ **Good Neighbor/Service (Theresa, Amber, Marty, Lexie, Julie, Orazio):**

□ There was conversation about the Adopt-a-Block/Spot neighborhood clean-up, which used to happen, but has fallen away. There was discussion of possible times around homecoming. The cleanup should probably be scheduled for some weekend in October. There was an extended discussion about previous cleanup efforts and ways to include both students and residents in the cleaning up process. Nicole recommended having smaller more regular cleanup efforts. Orazio Nastase recounted offering students a slice of pizza to help clean up trash around the Rigtown Oven.

○ **Communication (Rita, Sara, Aaron, Vince, Chris):**

□ Aaron Flook and Sara Hinkle are performing an audit of outlets that are available to get information out. Chris talked about using some of the informal methods of getting information that students are using. Officer Zeiders recommended using only official sites for getting information just to differentiate our information from junk.

□ There was discussion of developing a common strategy for creating newsletter items to publish on the Borough and University web sites.

○ **Biking (Nicole, Julie, Adriana, Woody):**

□ Julie Dietrich reported that we have a newsletter entry ready to put out with information about the lending library. Lisa Kearns pointed out that the lending library is planning to be closed over the Summer.

□ **Adjournment:**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:03

□ **Next Steps:**

- Share shuttle survey QR code at Turks Head; distribute via Facebook, newsletter, and events.
- Get Sean the ward map link and Routes link for the shuttle survey.
- Contact Amber about fall cleanup dates and fraternity/sorority participation.
- Communications subgroup to strategize on newsletter content cadence and a regular committee feature.
- Follow up with university leadership on rationale for separating Homecoming and Family Weekend.
- Confirm bike workshop summer hours before publishing the bike newsletter item.
- Explore incorporating borough/community messaging into the Welcome to the Borough fall event.

□ **Next Meeting:** scheduled for June 23rd at 6:00