



## WEST CHESTER COMMUNITY CAMPUS COMMITTEE Meeting Agenda

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September 11, 2025 – 6PM

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Borough Council Chambers

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### 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:** Justin Robbins, Lexie McCarthy, Marty Nebel, Nicole Scimone, Jordan Norely, Rita Patel Eng, Sara Hinkle, Caleb Wolfram, Amber Decker Haynes, Daryl Cooke, Lisa Kearns

### AGENDA ITEMS

- **Appointment of new secretary**
  - Volunteer from Amber Decker Haynes, WCU Representative
  - Confirmation from the committee for new appointment, Amber Decker Haynes
- **Introductions Based Upon Any New Participants**
  - Justin Robbins – Representative from Good Fellowship Ambulance, filling in for April Locke
- **Public comment regarding items not on the agenda**
  - None

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes to Date**
  - Motion to Approve August Minutes
  - Initiated by Caleb Wolfram
  - Second the motion by Nicole Scimone
  - Group vote in favor of motion to approve West Chester Community Campus Committee Meeting Agenda Minutes
  
- **Borough and University Updates**
  - Borough Updates
    - Council is working through the Campus Master Plan that was submitted by WCU
    - There is a new Development Plan that is being presented for 410 S High Street
      - Working with Zoning, commissioner, residents
      - Working to adapt to townhomes instead of block apartment buildings
    - New Building and Housing director for borough, Aaron Flook. He was invited to attend WCCCC meetings and looking to keep him engaged with this committee. He will be invited to be Zoning Director in addition to Building & Inspection Director.
    - Comment that residents are noticing more inspections for trash from Borough Codes staff
    - Borough Police hired a mental health social worker to support police and borough staff
    - Good Fellowship approved for pilot from Commonwealth to transport patients to New Haven Hospital for mental health instead of Emergency Room
      - Idea for partnership to university for potential Social Work intern or collaboration with on campus mental health partnerships
    - It is budget season for borough
  - University Updates
    - WC Public Safety are engaging in a Crosswalk Etiquette 101 campaign. During the month of September, they will be stationed at different crosswalks around campus handing out flyers with crosswalk etiquette tips.
    - WCU was recognized as one of the Philadelphia region's 50 most community-minded employers for 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
      - Measure and recognizes civic-minded companies using their time, talent, and resources to drive social impact within their organization and communities
    - Update that State grants haven't been given out for financial aid and thus students are facing issues with rent payments in the borough
    - Saturday, 9/27 Department of Public Safety is hosting a Safe Traffic Seminar and involves WCU Borough PD, Coatesville PD, State Troopers, and WCU Criminal Justice
    - Upcoming WCU events:

- Game Day Saturdays – 9/20
    - Please attend the games! Looking to increase attendance at games!
    - Amber to send follow up email with flyer
  - Homecoming & Family Weekend – October 3-5
    - Amber to send follow up email with flyer
    - Programming to occur Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
  - WCU Representatives looking for any outstanding feedback for community issues since student move in?
    - Residents are noticing trash, but not worse than the past years
    - Residents state noise and community issues on Walnut/High seem to be normal and no overt disruptions
    - Resident concern with noise, parties, and trash disruptions on South Adams Street
- **Priority Projects**
  - 2024-25 Project Updates:
    - Good neighbor messaging and events (Julie, Chloe, Kane)
      - Need to finalize this one
      - Survey was being created, but Julie will send WCCC Chairs closing update
      - Chloe has class on Thursdays, but Lexie will keep her in the loop for moving forward
    - Borough rental point program (Nicole, Lexie)
    - Communication (Rita, Sara, Lexie, Dave, Ramsay)
    - Community cleanups (Nicole, Kane, Caleb)
    - Bike racks (Nicole, Kane, Caleb)
  - Discussion: Priority Projects for 2025-26
    - Good neighbor/service projects
      - Suggestion for weekend part time staffing for first few weekends
      - Discussion of trash citation/policy
        - Idea is to educate first and give warning and then hand out citations
        - Is this a priority?
        - Idea for pizza box specific trash can
    - Borough rental point program
      - Hearing will be next week to approve updates to rental point program
      - Not needed for a group to work on, but rather there will be a borough update and this group can act as reinforcement for good neighbor
    - Communication
      - Important to keep for the mission of the group
    - Bike racks
      - Received feedback survey, Nicole has begun to make pivot tables to identify some trends

- Feedback from survey seems to be equal parts students and residents
  - Can move forward with identifying issues and can work on as a team
  - Discussion on how to expand the group for commuting, parking, overall transportation and connection to the Borough's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
  - ITGA Involvement
    - Discussion on this group would do, but may not be a priority for this year
    - Decision to keep on radar
  - **Final selection of priority projects:** Good Neighbor/service projects, Communication, Biking
- **Other**
  - ITGA (International Town & Gown Association) Conference: May 19-22, College Station, TX
  - WCCCC Ordinance: After approved by ACT Committee, a public hearing will be held to amend the ordinance, most likely on October 15