



WEST CHESTER COMMUNITY CAMPUS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026 – 6PM
Borough Council Chambers

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

Committee Members: Theresa Eadie, Officer Adriana Zeiders, Chris Feryo, Orazio Nastase, Nicole Scimone, Lisa Kearns, Woody Lathbury, Marty Nebel (co-chair), Vince Range, Aaron Flook, Dr. Julie Dietrich, Dr. Lexie McCarthy, Dr. Sara Hinkle (co-chair)

Additional Attendees: Angela Hade, April Locke, Daryl Cooke, Carol Billek, Fran Orobono

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Introductions Based Upon Any New Participants**
 - Welcome new committee members:
- **Public comment regarding items not on the agenda (Limit to 5 minutes per speaker as per Borough Council.)**
 - Daryl Cook cited a report from the planning commission meeting that the traffic study is recommending that University Avenue be made two way between Church Street and High Street.

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Marty Nebel, Motion to Approve March minutes
 - Vince Range, Second the Motion to approve minutes

- **WCU Borough shuttle collaboration**
 - Julie Dietrich has spoken with John O'Brian about getting help creating questions for a survey that will give us a clearer picture of the demand for the service. The goal is to get these questions ready for the May meeting.
 - PASSHE has typically opposed this effort, but is now showing some willingness to at least discuss it. They may require some way of establishing ridership permitting.
 - Carol Billek pointed out that there is already a system in place to get senior SEPTA cards through Senator Committa's office and perhaps they would be willing to do something like that for Borough Residents.
 - Currently, the shuttle is available to students, faculty and staff of the University. Lexie McCarthy pointed out that there may be some pushback from students.
 - Also, some students are minors, and then there was discussion of allowing high school students to use the service.
 - Julie Dietrich described the process by which these discussions are taking place.
 - Daryl Cook reported that SEPTA GO will be replacing the rt 92 bus. It won't be a point to point service, but on demand pickup with a 30 minute pickup window. There is also the Chester County service.

- **Borough Updates**
 - WCU Master Plan Hearing #2 was last night, next one Monday May 28th at 6:00. There was conversation about the history of, and the reasons for the University having a Master Plan and what effect it has on permitting, land management and general planning for the Borough and surrounding townships. The approval of the master plan does not mean that any specific projects are approved and that all building and land management projects will be subject to regular approval and permitting processes.
 - Angela Hade had questions about increases in the student population to which Julie Dietrich responded that enrollment was not being increased and that the additional living units in the master plan were for on campus housing for existing students.
 - Officer Zeider said that the Police Department needs to have at least some idea of what the University has in mind because the student body is almost as large as the full time population of the Borough.
 - Aaron Flook explained the relationship between the Universities Master Plan and the Borough's Master Plan, and the way that permitting and approval fits into the Master Plan.
 - Lexie McCarthy pointed out the difficulties that the University has in accommodating the student housing demands.
 - Chris Feryo brought up the fact that a new section of High Street will now become paid parking with a three hour limit which will take some of the parking out of circulation

- Lexie McCarthy pointed out that M lot, which includes the parking garage and K lot are available to students and staff and faculty for \$30. The garage parking is available to the students for \$250 per semester.
- **University Updates:**
 - there was a vigil for the student who was killed on High Street. The vigil was well attended. A question was asked about how quickly the investigation would be completed. Officer Zeiders reported that because it was a fatality, the investigation will require more time. Charges will be brought against the driver of the car on Wednesday which starts the legal ball rolling.
 - Lisa Kearns pointed out that the Borough and the University should work together on safety programs for the students and pedestrians in general such as better lighting on High Street.
 - Aaron Flook said that the Borough is looking at less expensive options for traffic control such as painted bump-outs and collapsible bollards as a means of slowing traffic and the Borough and the planning commission have already been working on prioritizing these project on roads that intersect with High Street. Also maybe not allow cars to park so close to intersections to improve visibility.
 - Marty Nebel asked about the possibility of having University police cars in visible locations to slow people down. Officer Zeiders made the point that the University police are extremely cooperative and supportive of West Chester Police efforts.
- **Priority Projects:**
 - Orazio Nastase has joined the Good Neighbors group.
 - Chris Feryo has joined the communications project.
- **Good Neighbor/Service (Theresa, Amber, Marty, Lexie, Julie):**
 - April 19th Community Clean Up
 - Lexie McCarthy reported that turnout wasn't great for the borough cleanup event in part because of the weather, and in part because of the memorial for the student who had died.
- **Communication (Rita, Sara, Aaron, Vince):**
 - Aaron Flook said that their group was recommending that the University and the Borough mirror their communications because their target audiences consume information on different platforms.
 - Officer Zeiders pointed out that the police department is very interested in getting information out through as many outlets as possible to keep people informed and reduce misinformation.
 - Aaron Flook also recommended establishing a set of "point people" with whom to communicate. Lisa Kearns asked Aaron if he could present to the ACT committee of Borough Council.
- **Biking (Nicole, Julie, Adriana, Woody):**

- Nicole Scimone reported that we had gotten the results of the survey and that there are issues that came up as a result of the survey, including that most people had no idea of the Universities bicycle programs.
- **Adjournment:**
 - The meeting was adjourned at 7:17
- **Next Meeting:** scheduled for May 26th at 6:00