Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, May 11, 2017

Time of the meeting: 7:00 to 8:00pm

Notes taken by: Peter Landgren

Present at the meeting:

• Committee members
  1. President: Isabela Morales
  2. Vice President: Jessica Brown
  3. Treasurer: David Cho
  4. Social Chair: VG
  5. Garden Coordinator: Kyle Oskvig
  6. External Relations Delegate: Merle Eisenberg (Absent)
  7. Secretary: Peter Landgren
  8. Webmaster: Jon MacArt (Absent)

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Discussion Points

1. Landscaping

Isabela: We have had questions about the flickering lights, which are creepy but make for good snapchats. There was damage to some underground wiring which will be replaced soon, right Mark?

Mark: Yes, we’re checking 300 feet of wire and it will be hard to know how long it will take. All the wiring is in a loop around the site, so we have to go through each section of wiring. We’re trying to figure out if we need to tear up the sidewalk. The current plan is not to.

Isabela: Also, the design for the meadow area by the lake has been received.
It’s based on the plan that has been approved by the township. Now contractors need to bid on the work. There will be a canoe rack and a grill/picnic area according to the current plan.

2. Transportation Update

Isabela: Merle is now on the transportation committee, and he has some updates. The central line will no longer run to Firestone. For reunions there will be signs and possibly a live human being directing people away from the Lakeside garage. Last year some groups put Lakeside parking on their map so that may have caused the overcrowding problems.

Mark: Merle confirmed it’s not on the parking map this year.

Isabela: Also, if you have people staying with you make sure you get a parking pass. There will possibly be a bus running to DBar starting in January 2018. Also, to get the OnDemand bus, please use the app instead of calling the office, as this places you directly into the queue.

Resident: What’s the name of the app?

Isabela: I believe it’s the transloc app.

Isabela: Also, we have an update on strollers on the buses:

- If the bus is full or the driver anticipates a full run on a given trip (like peak-hour service for Lakeside/Lawrence) then the driver will request that anyone boarding with a stroller remove the child and collapse and stow the stroller out of the way.
- When space allows—ultimately up to the discretion of the driver—children may remain seated in the stroller as long as the child is strapped in to the stroller using a five-point harness system and the stroller is secured in the wheelchair securement area.
- Maximum size for an un-collapsed stroller is 48” long by 24” wide.
- Upon request, the driver can kneel the bus and deploy a left or extend a ramp to allow passengers with strollers to board.
3. Amendment
Isabela: The amendment we discussed at last month’s meeting was passed unanimously over email. It has added CSA responsibilities to the treasurer and garden coordinator positions upon the condition of sufficient volunteer involvement.

4. Storage Violations in Common Areas
Isabela: The fire marshals inspected the buildings and were not happy to find things like bikes, strollers, and other items in the hallways and stairways. Outside your own door you should not have anything more than a mat and a pair of shoes. You can be fined if this continues, so take your things inside.
VG: What will ACC do with items stored in the stairwells?
Mark: We’ll tag them and give people an opportunity to remove them, and then move them.

5. Move out Information
Isabela: Please be thorough in cleaning your room and completing all the required tasks as given in the email that went out from Mark.
Jessica: And if you’re moving out early, be sure to fill out an Intent to Vacate notice in the housing system. I was at the Graduate Housing Advisory Board meeting this week, and they said there is no penalty for not giving 30 days’ notice at this time of year since it helps them with planning (and then you won’t have to pay rent after you’ve moved out!).
Mark: Also, even if you’re leaving on the 30th you should fill out a move out form. Note that even though it’s a holiday we will start checking rooms on the 1st, we need to get those rooms turned over so don’t think you can stay in the room over the holiday weekend.

6. Great Maintenance Experience
Resident: I had an AC problem, and I reported the problem, and the next day they replaced the entire unit in the ceiling, it was great!
Committee Member: Yes, it was a great maintenance experience.
Jessica: They took care of my ants very quickly too.

7. Compost Bin
Resident: We saw it should get picked up every week, but it seems like it’s getting really full.
Kyle: It should be weekly.
Jessica: There also are some bags of compost by the bin.
VG: Can we figure out what day of the week the compost is scheduled to be picked up?
Kyle: Yes, but if they come weekly it shouldn’t be a problem.
Resident: You can also freeze the compost, multiple ones were full.
Jessica: That’s a great idea, good dedication!
Resident: Maybe people should stop putting things in if they’re full, it could lead to animals getting in.
Kyle: Verdict at this time is that the volunteer residents are aware of this and sustainability knows, but since this is being raised in the committee I’ll prod. The bins haven’t been getting picked up as they are supposed to.
[Update: apparently only one of the four bins at Lakeside is getting weekly pickup service; resident volunteers have promised to contact the city and sort this out.]

8. Traffic Circle
Resident: There was a bad accident at the traffic circle involving a biker. We raised this issue last year and are concerned about it.
Mark: The traffic circle at the entrance of Lakeside is being studied by an outside traffic consultant. The consultants have recently provided their recommendations to the University Architect’s Office. The tentative plan is to implement their recommendations soon after Reunions. The
recommendations were made to improve pedestrian and bike safety.

9. Garden Update

Kyle: The garden is up and running, and we have 29 happy gardeners.
Jessica: I noticed the hose cover was in place too, that’s great.
VG: How many gardeners were there last year?
Kyle: 35, which was a bit squeezed, so this year everyone got the space they requested.
Jessica: Did you get the new soil?
Kyle: Yes, and wood chips for the paths. It will be much less soupy this year.