Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, Nov. 3, 2015

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

Notes taken by: Christine Philippe-Blumauer

Present at the meeting:

Committee members
1. President: Isabela Morales
2. Vice President: Lian Zhu
3. Secretary: Christine Philippe-Blumauer
4. Treasurer: David Cho
5. Social Chair: Amanda Siemann
6. Webmaster: Jon MacArt
7. Garden Coordinator: Katie Wolf
8. External Relations Delegate: Akil Word-Daniels

University
1. Olivia Martel

ACC
1. Gloria Yuen
2. Mark Clemmons

Discussion Points

I. Report on Meeting with ACC

- Monthly inspections – check safety equipment, no proactive check of damage, if damage is seen then residents will be notified and possible further steps for damage discussed with residents.

Is there an option for after 5pm schedule?
→ Yes.

Pet owners can also reach out to ACC to reschedule.
Can we decrease the rate of inspections?
→ Olivia is looking into this with the University

II. Internet

- In case of wifi disruptions: reach out to ACC
- Safety messages from Google: allude to irregular traffic,
- Will Lakeside ever be connected to the University network?
  It is not planned as such.
  → Olivia will try to find out more
- General internet usage issues: send out a survey to all residents
- It seems that more IP-addresses are needed for the vicinity
  → ACC is looking into this

III. Electric bills: report on the Lakeside Committee's meeting with ACC about residents' utilities billing

- No new information on potential irregularities
- Will the University issue a statement to residents about why sub-metering was selected at Lakeside?
  → Olivia: so far they were not into this option
  → Akil, Isabella, Bryan are going to meet with the University mid-November and will push for such a communication
- Online payments for utilities:
  → Olivia: It can’t go through student accounts
  → Mark: ACC payment systems is managed by a third party. If it’s not a set amount you can’t have an automatic system and one-time payment would be very expensive.
  → Jon: it is possible to send checks online
Isabella: make information about online checks available on our website

IV. Smoking at 351 Lemonick Court
- Someone was throwing their cigarette buds in the mailroom
  → Isabella: people need to be at least 25ft away from building to smoke
  → Olivia: residents annoyed by smoking should address the smokers directly before we send out an e-mail to all residents
  → Christine: maybe add a sign in the hallway at 351 Lemonick Court.

V. Storm drain without a cover
One storm drain (close to playground and 751 Hibben Magie) has not cover. Can it be covered since children/animals could fall in?
→ Mark is looking into it.

VI. Pets in midrise buildings
- Residents with allergies had concerns to be in places where pets have been and thus experience allergies.
  → Mark: Pets have to be brought in and out through the specific unit doors and are not allowed to go through hallways because of possible allergies and safety
  → Isabella: We can add this information to the website

VII. Landscaping maintenance
- Tics:
  → Akil concerned about tics in the high grass for dogs and children
  → Isabella: we can add information about tics in New Jersey on the website
- Some residents feel its too early, others that it’s to frequent
→ Christine: there might be no way to accommodate everyone’s schedule and noise tolerance
→ Mark: the landscape needs a lot of maintenance

VIII. Re-plastering of access to midrise buildings
- Safety hazards with ladder and paint on bikes, will there be more of these maintenance works going on?
→ Mark: No, re-plastering is finalized

IX. Building directories and Mail
- When USPS delivers on Sundays, the packages stay outside.
  → Mark: USPS carriers who are not regulars have no access, which is the case of carriers who come on the weekend
- A resident mentioned that FedEx and UPS do not get the same access as USPS
  → Mark: said that all regular delivery drivers (including FedEx and UPS) DO get access. It’s just the non-regulars who come on weekends who don’t always.
- It is often hard to track packages down.
  → Michelle: the problem is probably more with USPS rather than Lakeside.
  → Christine and Akil: have sensitive items sent to campus
- What to do with wrong-delivered packages?
  → bring them to the front desk
- Can we have more information on how packages can be sent to the front desk to ensure proper delivery?
  → Isabella: we will end information to the website
- Building directories, when are they being set-up?
  → Mark: right now we’re fine tuning the sound level for it to work properly.
X. **Sprinkler incidents**
- Is this being addressed?

XI. **Upcoming events: Thanksgiving potluck**
- Weekend before Thanksgiving or on day of Thanksgiving
- Amanda won’t be here on the 26th
  → Katie could maybe take the lead on the 26th
  → Alternatively: host the potluck the Sunday before Thanksgiving