

Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, April 5, 2016

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. Treasurer: David Cho
4. Social Chair: Amanda Siemann
5. Garden Coordinator: Katie Wolf
6. External Relations Delegate: Akil Word-Daniels
7. Secretary: Christine Philippe-Blumauer

- **University**

- **ACC**

1. Gloria Yuen

- **Absent**

University: Olivia Martel, excused

Webmaster: Jon MacArt, excused

- **Residents**

1. Charles Swanson
2. Vicky G.
3. Levi G.
4. Sara Rodriguez
5. Maria Rogers
6. Eugene Evans
7. Jessica Brown

Discussion Points

I. Recycling Update

Recycling General

Isabella

In case you missed it, last week ACC sent out an email clarifying the recent recycling miscommunication. After speaking with University Building Services, it was determined that the information provided to the Lakeside Committee had been incorrect. Mark's email, which you should have received last week, IS the correct information. Here are some of the most important points:

- Recyclable material that was placed in the recycling receptacles WAS properly recycled, whether or not it was placed in opaque or clear plastic bags.
- Placing recyclable material in clear plastic bags is appreciated, but not mandatory.
- Cardboard, paper, bottles, and cans that are placed directly into the recycling receptacles without being placed in a clear plastic bag will be recycled.
- To conserve space and keep the area tidy, cardboard boxes should be broken down before depositing into a recycling receptacle.

Levi

What about the e-mails that were sent about recycling and were left unanswered?

Christine

Unfortunately, in parallel of the recycling issue, we also had an issue with our Committee e-mail account and so some e-mails went unanswered for a while because they were not forwarded to me so I was not aware of them since I was relying on the forwarding to be informed about e-mail instead of going into the actual mailbox. This is also what I told you during our Pie Day social event.

Recycling Britta Filters

Lian

If you drink filtered Brita water and care about the environment, drop off your used Brita water filter cartridges and products (e.g. packaging/pitchers) for recycling at the mailroom closest to Lakeside Commons with a post-it note. The wonderful Yibin Zhang (yibinz@princeton.edu) will pick them up from there and recycle them via TerraCycle. Feel free to email her or us with any questions/comments!

II. CSA share updates: tour of the farm and volunteers for the season

Katie

We have 14 Lakeside members so far. We have a meeting with ACC/GS to discuss opening our Lakeside site to all graduate students and postdocs this Thursday.

Sara

When does the season start and how long does it last?

Christine

It usually starts early June (depending on the weather and readiness of crops) and lasts until mid-November – approximately 25 weeks. A week or so before the season start, members will be notified about their first pick-up date.

Katie

We are looking for volunteers to help distribute on Tuesdays from 5 to 8 once the season starts. We plan on having a separate mailing-list for Lakeside members where people can organize trips to the farm, share recipes, give away their share when they are away etc.

Christine

We will organize a tour of the farm on Saturday April 23 at 10 AM. It will be open to all residents – not only members. The 23rd it is close to Earth Day so it will be a sustainability-themed community event.

Information about the tour will go out sometime next week.

III. Meeting with Hotwire the internet provider

Isabella

At our next town hall meeting in May, a Hotwire representative will join to answer any questions that residents may have.

They are also preparing a tip-sheet on internet usage that will be distributed in the next 2 weeks.

About battery drainage, they suggested turning off the Bluetooth. Also, if residents are watching TV with a TV box, they suggest residents use a wired internet since it is generally faster.

Akil

But turning off Bluetooth does not work.

Isabella

The policy remains to contact Hotwire directly when residents are experiencing issues.

Hotwire tracks information coming from Lakeside to see if similar problems occur at the same time.

However, we have not received e-mails with regards to Wifi issues lately.

Maria

How many IP-addresses do we have?

Isabella

We have 256 wired IP addresses and the same or more wireless and those can be split.

Also, we are not using all the band with at this point.

Vicky

What is the problem with i.e. Craigslist being blocked?

Isabella

If someone has a "shady" internet behavior with an IP-address, the person using the IP-address afterwards is being blocked as a consequence.

Vicky

Is this also how campus works?

Isabella

I will ask Jon to share his notes from the meeting.

Resident

What was their suggestion to resolve the blocked sites issue?

Isabella

We did not address this specifically.

Eugene

The system chosen by Hotwire is quite simplistic and as a consequence not very secure.

In absentia comment from Jon (webmaster)

I assume the resident was referring to the WiFi system -- it is, in fact, an enterprise-grade system and has the industry-standard level of wireless security. The fact that we have a shared password doesn't mean that the level of security is reduced; all data transmissions between devices and wireless access points (APs) are still encrypted. The danger with public, unsecured WiFi (no password, eg. Starbucks hotspots) as the Hotwire reps discussed yesterday, is that transmissions are not encrypted and can be overheard by anyone. Also, I'm not sure why it's necessary for Hotwire to produce a graphic with our bandwidth consumption -- we have a 1

Gbps connection to the complex, and individual connections are given a quota of 50 Mbps or so -- far more than anyone (except someone using BitTorrent, for example) would need.

The most important thing is to use ethernet whenever possible for the most reliable connection.

Isabella

Residents should address questions to Hotwire customer service or at the next meeting when the Hotwire representative comes.

Vicky

Can we see a graphic with the Lakeside band with consumption?

Isabella

We can ask Hotwire to share this.

Gloria

Ethernet access is right next to the cable one if residents want to use wired internet.

IV. Bike share program: We have Zagster in the parking garage!

Zagsters

Isabella

We now have a Zagster station in the garage.

Gloria

The bikes are in the garage temporarily. They will be located somewhere in front of the Commons in the long-run.

Akil

You can drop off your bike at any Zagster location in town, not only where you took it initially.

Sheltered bike areas

Isabella

A resident e-mailed again with regards to the fact that since there are not enough sheltered areas, some bikes are not being used regularly and take away sheltered space from those who do.

Christine

Just as with parking in the garage where some have to drive all the way up to the higher floors to park, there is no fair way to go about the fact that sheltered bike parking is scarce.

Isabella

For courtesy's sake, we can ask that people who do not use their bike frequently can consider parking them in the garage in the e-mail sent out to residents after the town hall.

Akil

How full are the racks in the garage?

Charles

About half full, ever floor has enough bike parking for 4 bikes. The space available is enough but the bike racks are inefficient, it would be good to have more efficient ones that can host more bikes.

Isabella

Could we talk to transportation/ACC to see if the racks can be replaced?

Gloria

I will talk to Mark about it, I don't know at this point what it would entail. The garage is monitored is by Transportation and Parking Services.

V. Air fresheners in the gym

Isabella

Some residents complained to the Committee about the air fresheners.

ACC has removed them and scent absorbers are being put in place instead.

Some residents also complained that sanitizing wipes are not refilled but ACC will be more mindful about it and gym users should contact ACC right away when they see that the wipes are out.

VI. Bulletin Boards

Isabella

Are coming to the elevator areas and the computer room.

Somebody in the Committee will be designated to review the flyers to be put up.

VII. Garage

Resident

What is the protocol for cleaning the garage, because in the winter some parts were icy and watery for almost a week. The 3rd, 4th floor were really bad.

Gloria

Safety comes first and we will look into this for next season.

Akil

Yes, it was pretty bad, I actually slipped on the stairs, it was a lot of ice.

Katie

If a resident sees something like this, they can reach out to ACC.

VIII. Upcoming events at Lakeside: Grad Student Appreciation Week

Amanda

Tomorrow: Graduate Talent Show from 8 to 10 PM

Thursday: breakfast from 8 to 10 AM from Corner Bakery

Friday night: Mocktails Hawaiian themed from 8 to 10 PM

Saturday: BIG event of the week, basket ball and volley ball tournaments, tie dye stations, scavenger hunt and sandwiches from Jimmy John's from 2 to 5 PM

Sunday: Indoor games and snacks from 2 to 5 PM.

If anyone wants to help volunteer to manage volleyball or basketball court, feel free to e-mail the Committee.

We're very excited and hope a lot of people come!

IX. Birds

Maria

What about the birds dying when hitting windows and doors?

Isabella

Mark spoke with pest control. Most deaths happened in the fall and a cause might be the bird feeders.

Maria

I did not see the deaths close to birdfeeders and decal such as the ones using on commercial buildings should be used.

We would not want individuals paying for the decals on their own however.

Charles

I also do not agree with removing the birdfeeder.

Christine

Decal on main entrances – doors and windows – are probably a good way to address this issue.

Gloria

We will see how we can go about this.

X. Community garden

Katie

It is close to be ready, we are waiting for a fence to come around. I have addressed some concerns because it is on a hill and might be flushed out. I have e-mailed Facilities to understand if they plan to have raised beds, how the tilting will be organized etc. It also seems that the plots will be rather small so I am also in touch with Lawrence to see if some Lakeside residents will be able to garden there if they want a larger plot. There are still some concerns and I hope to have more information about the garden before the next town hall meeting.

Christine

Will the garden open this year?

Katie

Yes.

Why is there PSE&G flags close to the garden

Gloria

It's marked for installing the fence.

XI. Lakeside Resident Survey

Akil

Fill out the Graduate Housing Survey. You can win a FitBeat or a Kindle by doing so.

Next Meeting Tuesday May 3rd, 2016