

# Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, May 3, 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**

1. Olivia Martel

- **ACC**

1. Mark Clemmons

- **Absent**

1. Webmaster: Jon MacArt, excused

- **Residents**

1. Merle Eisenberg
2. Levi G.
3. Charles Swanson
4. Maria Evans
5. Eugene Evans
6. Genner Gliner

## 7. Jessica Brown with Teddy Brown

# Discussion Points

## *I. Internet*

### Isabella

Hotwire representative couldn't make it tonight after all. However, ACC provided us with a link to where we could contact a dedicated Hotwire manager directly. The link will be in the minutes.

To contact to Hotwire's account manager for Lakeside, Mike Jhagroo:

<https://gethotwired.com/lakesideapartments>

## *II. Mailboxes*

### Isabella

A resident complained about the mailbox system recently.

Mark has been in communication with and met with the resident who raised concerns regarding the physical placement of mailboxes throughout Lakeside.

However, mailboxes are actually owned by the USPS and are considered federal property. Therefore, the USPS must approve of any changes to the locations of the mailboxes.

The decisions over where to install the mailboxes were made by the architects during the initial planning of Lakeside. Neither ACC nor Housing were directly involved in the design of the apartment buildings.

The current system is such that some residents in one mid-rise building need to walk to the closest other mid-rise building to receive their mail. This is to avoid that some residents have to walk unreasonable distances – i.e. residents living in a townhouse on one end of the property to the mid-rise at the other end.

### Charles

Will this change?

### Mark

Not in the near future, because the boxes are owned by USPS which is not very agreeable to change and slow too.

### Merle

How are the boxes numbered?

Mark

It's the USPS system. They know which number corresponds to which unit.

Isabella

Does anyone have to enter their mailbox number?

Mark

No. When providing their address, residents only indicate their unit number and USPS knows how to distribute according to their system.

Christine

This "oddity" of mail distribution should be mentioned to incoming residents via the ACC welcome guide so as to prevent the same confusion each year.

Isabella

We can also add this information to our FAQs on our website.

Maria

Can we have a map of the vicinity to find where to put lost packages

Mark

It should be brought to the Commons.

Merle

Is there any sense that USPS would deliver to the town houses?

Mark

I can ask USPS but it is unlikely.

Maria

For reasons of weather and safety it might not be advisable.

### *III. Fertilizer use*

Isabella

Fertilizers used were pet and child safe and were not used near the garden.

Akil

Down by the lake there are ticks and some were found on dogs already even if it is early in the season. And some kids go down there too. Can these areas be treated for ticks? There is also wildlife walking around down there, such as foxes. Something which residents might also be aware of for their pets' and children's safety.

Genna

Residents should be warned of ticks which carry disease here in NJ.

Isabella

We can put information on ticks and wildlife in the minutes and also up on our website.

#### *IV. Pest control*

Isabella

Residents with pest issues can submit a work order and pest control will take care of it, they are on site every Wednesday.

#### *V. Long Grass on Faculty Road*

Isabella

We received an e-mail from a resident that grass has been planted on the embankment along Faculty Rd. between Lakeside Rd. and Hibben-Magie Rd. The grass looks like it might grow to be tall grass (can that be verified?), and the resident is concerned about the visibility of pedestrians at the crosswalk across Faculty at Hibben Magie, which is already a bit obscured by the embankment.

#### *VI. Lawn mowing schedule*

Isabella

Another resident mentioned lawn mowing before 9 AM as a noise issue.

Mark

I will look into having them start later.

#### *VII. Speed Limit Signs in the Garage*

Isabella

A resident also complained about speeding in the garage. Is it possible to add a speed limit sign in the garage? I'm not sure how much it would help, but the way people fly through the garage is really dangerous.

Christine

Maybe ACC can send out an e-mail reminding residents of speed limits in the garage and the vicinity in general.

## *VIII. Community Garden & CSA shares update*

### *Garden*

#### Katie

We have 35 gardeners. As of now we even have a waitlist.

People who requested 5\*10 plots received them. People who asked for a larger size had to agree on downsizing. Could only get less. So there is a high demand, which shows that increasing the size of the garden in the future should be considered.

Gardening has not started yet because of the rain but tools are ready and the garden too.

We ask non-gardeners to stay out of the garden for its preservation and because garden users are asked to abide to specific rules that non-users are not aware of. Ultimately there will be a lock on the garden gates.

### *CSA*

#### Christine

We currently have 25 shares and are now gearing-up for the season to ensure that a volunteer will be present on-site every week for the share pick-up – Tuesdays from 5 to 8 in the Commons. First pick-up will most likely be June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Strawberries are ripping as we speak and members will most likely have pick-your-own privileges at the farm already this month.

#### Maria

What about opening it up to all graduate students?

#### Christine

We were asked at no point to cap the number of shares in our initial negotiations with ACC, Housing and the Graduate School. Last week, however, during a meeting when the issue of opening the CSA Lakeside drop-off to all graduate students, we were told by the University that we could open it to Lawrence residents but had to cap the maximum number of shares to 30 even if it were Lakeside applicants only...

(Note: the Lakeside Committee, in fact, and considerate of the fact that this is a pilot project, actually only advocated to open it up to Lawrence residents who live close-by and can use the TigerTransit bus to get their share)

## *IX. Room Draw info*

#### Isabella

If your Lakeside contract ends on June 31st but your new contract does not begin until August 1st, you will be given an extension to stay in your current unit for the month of July. Housing

needs time to turn over apartments for new residents, which is why we can't move into them immediately—but you will not need to move to another location for the month of July.

Information from the committee's meeting with ACC last week:

2016 Room Draw resulted in 163 students on the Wait List. There will likely be another 100 or so Visiting Student Research Collaborators (VSRCs) who apply for on-campus housing in the Fall. The Graduate School admitted 637 students for the 2016-2017 academic year, which is the largest class on record. However, there are only 525 beds currently available for the incoming class.

The Housing Office has seen an increase in applications from families with children who would like to live in 3-4 bedroom apartments at Lakeside. (Previously, families in similar circumstances had chosen to live off-campus.) However, given the supply constraints regarding on-campus housing, the Housing Office cannot afford to reserve all of these bed spaces for families.

The current situation regarding on-campus housing is likely to persist for at least another decade

## *X. Bike racks*

Charles

What are the news with regards to bike racks in the garage?

Mark

Nothing at this point.

Charles

Suggests expanding bike storage space in the garage by placing bike racks between the current small bike rack posts in the garage. This would not require any construction, but would increase the space available to residents with bikes.

## *XI. Events*

Amanda

There will be at least one more event in May: a breakfast or something around gardening. We will also try to have a bigger end of year event which is pending on receiving funding.

The graduate student appreciation week events also went very well.

Mark

We ask that residents register events to prevent damage. We've had issues with the Commons being left in very bad shape. Going forward, with the summer coming, we will remind people of their responsibility to clean-up.

Christine

Maybe an e-mail from ACC can be sent out about this too if needed.

Maria

We can also try to develop a Lakeside culture of respect and encourage our peers to clean-up behind them.

*Next Meeting Tuesday June 7th*