

Minutes, Lakeside Committee, September 20, 2016

Time of the meeting: 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm

Notes taken by: Jon MacArt

Present at the meeting

Committee:

1. President: Isabela Morales
2. Treasurer: David Cho
3. Social Chair: Amanda Siemann
4. External Relations Delegate: Akil Word-Daniels
5. Webmaster: Jon MacArt

Absent:

6. Vice President: Lian Zhu (Excused)
7. Garden Coordinator: Katie Wolf (Excused)
8. Secretary: Christine Philippe-Blumauer (Excused)

University:

1. Olivia Martel

Residents:

1. Charles Swanson
2. Mary Burroughs
3. Maria Evans
4. Jeni Sorli
5. Mai Nguyen
6. Jessica Brown
7. Taylor Zajicek
8. Massimo Balloni
9. Elijah Kolmes

Points of discussion

Family Parking in Lakeside Garage

The Lakeside Committee is looking into ways to designate certain parking spots on the first floor of the parking structure as family parking, to help parents get in and out with their kids, groceries, etc. without having to cross the parking structure where cars may be driving/speeding.

Akil: Possibility of family parking in Lakeside Garage. Parking & Transportation can't enforce just yet, but Committee could ask residents to abide by an "honor rule"

Isabela: We'll list in minutes and solicit feedback from residents.

Akil: We could put up our own posters

Olivia: Possible survey to residents: "We're thinking of asking for family parking..." No great feedback that it's absolutely going to happen.

Charles: Put up a sign that says "Maybe you should leave this spot open if you're not a family"

Resident: We also have non-residents parking in garage -- undergrads and staff

(Non-Lakeside residents are assigned parking in the parking structure; it's not exclusively for Lakeside since it's University parking.)

Akil: Undergraduates are no longer allowed to park on campus this year.

Isabela: First step regarding family parking/ other parking issues is soliciting feedback with survey. Then we can move forward with determining signage, etc. Priority will probably be for families with children.

Charles: Would also be good to put signs on the bottom floor to discourage residents leaving long-term parked cars in the way

Resident: Probably wouldn't want to dilute attention from priority on parents.

Resident: People also drive too quickly in the parking garage. To expand on these goals, perhaps provide signs to remind drivers that children may be present.

Olivia: Genna from GSG has met with T&PS to do a safety walk. Some signage may be in the works. Everyone, please remember to slow down in the garage. The Committee and residents have a lot of power to encourage good behavior on a peer-to-peer basis.

Constitutional Amendment Announced for Next Week

The amendment expands the duties of the Vice Chair and makes provision for the committee's new storage space in the Commons. It will add the following (red text) to Article III:

Section 5: Vice Chair

The Vice Chair performs the duties of the Chair in their absence and assists the Chair if their responsibilities are particularly heavy. The Vice Chair is a member of all subcommittees and works closely with the Chair. The Vice Chair is responsible for maintaining the Constitution, managing Committee member attendance and participation, and acting as Parliamentarian of the Committee. Due to the provisions on the Chair, the Vice Chair must be a graduate student. **The Vice Chair will also be in charge of quarterly clean-ups and maintenance of the storage room.**

Section 14: Storage Closet Privileges

All and only members of the current Lakeside committee will have access to the key code to the Lakeside storage closet. This key code will not be given to residents, but members of the Lakeside committee will coordinate to provide access for community items and events. The Vice-Chair will oversee the maintenance/organization of this closet.

Isabela: The Committee will vote on this electronically in one week.

Basic FAQ for New Residents

Isabela: Website has general information for new residents

- <http://lakesidecommittee.princeton.edu>
- **Internet problems:** Contact the ISP (Hotwire) directly. Lakeside has a dedicated account manager who tracks usage and issues for our community specifically (Mike Jhagroo, mjhagroo@hotwiremail.com).
- **Recycling.** Blue bins are for mixed recycling. Everything (recycling and regular trash) should be bagged; it's good to use transparent bags for recycling, but not required. Flattened cardboard boxes go in open bins (except pizza boxes, which are trash -- for that matter, anything with food is trash). Committee is still exploring options for composting.

Herbicide Questions

Resident: Lakeside management should provide greater advance notice of pesticide/herbicide spraying. Is it toxic? Should we be given more notice if we can't walk in it for 48 hours?

Akil: Could be related to landscaping by the lake / invasive species.

Note: Email dated 9/20/16 specified herbicide use near the lake, which is off-limits to residents.

UPDATE from Mark Clemmons:

This application of herbicide is similar to the other applications that have been conducted on-site over the past few months. The specific areas that will have herbicide applied will be identified with signage throughout the property. The goal is to contain any noxious weeds in the meadow areas. We recommend that residents stay away from the specific areas in the event that they

are allergic to any herbicides that are applied. The following herbicides will be used by a certified applicator:

- Aquaneat Aquatic Herbicide
- Clean Slate Herbicide
- Alligare Triclopyr 3
- Bullseye
- Streamline Herbicide

Elections!

Isabela: Next month, we will be electing this academic year's Lakeside committee.

- Nominations: Yourself or (ideally with their permission) another resident. Deadline for nominations: Oct 11
- Elections to be held Oct 25 (Tuesday)
- Looking for three residents (not running for election) to sit on Election Committee, which will be in charge of gathering declarations of candidacy, sending emails, and running the election.

Volunteers at the meeting:

- Taylor
- Eight positions on the Committee -- see website for details:
<https://lakesidecommittee.princeton.edu/2016-elections/>
<https://lakesidecommittee.princeton.edu/lakeside-committee-constitution/>
- Note: Committee Chair must have served on the Committee for at least one term

Olivia: Social chair is required to organize two events per semester; we've been fortunate to have a social chair who organizes two events per month.

Isabela: Except for new residents, candidates must have attended at least one Committee meeting in the past calendar year.

UPDATE: This meeting, Sept. 20th, fulfills that requirement. New residents who attended this meeting ARE qualified to run for office.

Resident: Throughout the nomination process, are we allowed to ask who are the candidates for each position?

Isabela: I encourage the Election Committee to consider keeping the candidates list updated throughout the process. Graduate School is overseeing elections, and we will have an independent committee to run the process. Committee members will have housing priority for the next academic year (if they do their job on the committee).

Resident: How does housing priority work?

Olivia: In a nutshell, priority decreases with program year. Princeton only guarantees housing for 1st years.

Jessica: Current first- and second-years are given the option to retain their housing for the next year.

Excessive Noise at Night

Resident: Problems with people playing basketball late at night (noise). Have confronted them and the disruption did not stop. Contacted Gloria. Contacted Public Safety, who said that “dorm rules apply to Lakeside; people are allowed to play basketball until 2:00 am.” Courtesy policy doesn’t work; people need a sign prohibiting basketball late at night. I will also tell Public Safety that it’s not a dorm.

Isabela: We can send out emails to remind residents to be considerate of their neighbors. Obviously, won’t fix everything, but this is what’s in our power.

Olivia: Whom did you speak to at Public Safety?

Resident: I will send you the information.

UPDATE: University apartment rules state that people are allowed to play basketball until 12 midnight on weekdays, and 2 am only on Friday nights and Saturday nights.

Full noise policy from Housing website:

<https://hres.princeton.edu/graduates/resident-services/dormannex-policies-regulations/dormannex-residential-life-policies>

“Every Princeton dormitory or annex resident has the right to a reasonably quiet environment, one conducive to study and to the pursuit of his or her other interests.

The University expects all students to respect this right and to be aware of the impact their activities may have on neighbors. Place stereo speakers away from windows and doors and in a position that does not interfere with the activities of others.

Social gatherings are an essential part of campus life, but when you host a party be considerate of your neighbors. **If the Department of Public Safety receives complaints about loud noise, prior to midnight on weeknights or 2:00 AM on weekends (Friday to Saturday and Saturday to Sunday only), they will ask the hosts to reduce the noise. After the curfew hour, Public Safety is authorized to end the activity in question.**

If you are bothered by excessive noise, contact the person(s) responsible. If a satisfactory solution is not reached, call Public Safety for assistance. All noise complaints are noted by the Department of Public Safety. Especially flagrant and/or repeated violations of this noise policy may result in University disciplinary action.”

Any questions may be directed to lakesidecomm@princeton.edu