Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, Feb 8, 2018

Time of the meeting: 6:30 to 7:30pm

Notes taken by: Peter Landgren

Present at the meeting:
• Committee members
  1. President: David Cho
  2. Vice President: Will Smith
  3. Treasurer: Sravya Jangareddy
  4. Social Chair: Liz Davidson
  5. Garden Coordinator: Kyle Oskvig
  6. External Relations Delegate: Nancy Lu (Absent)
  7. Secretary: Peter Landgren
  8. Webmaster: Jon MacArt

• University
  1. Olivia Martel

• ACC
  1. Mark Clemmons (Absent)

• Residents
  1. Private

Meeting Summary:

• Proposal for Lakeside lending list for underused items such a vacuum cleaners or cameras. A survey will go out soon, followed by a list to the link.

• Lakeside Wine and Cheese prep is going well. Stay tuned for another Lakeside event during grad student appreciation week!
• Some residents are forming a student group focused on composting and green initiatives in graduate housing. Please reach out if interested.

Discussion Points

1. Lakeside Social Infrastructure Community Proposal

Resident: I’d like to propose a Lakeside lending program, with the goal to increase community involvement while decreasing outlays and carbon emissions. I’d like to have a list of things that residents are willing to lend, and then people can contact the lenders and work out terms. The list would be the primary infrastructure needed. I think this could be particularly valuable for the beginning of the year when people move in. It is somewhat similar to tigertrade, but that’s not set up for lending and this would be specific to Lakeside.

Kyle: So would it be limited to Lakeside, or just anyone who has the link?

Resident: So it gets diluted as it gets more removed from Lakeside, but it could get hard to restrict technology.

Jon: It may be self-policing, people may not want to come over from Lakeside. We could also purge entries if they get too old without a rental.

Resident: I tried a beta version of this with a few friends, and people signed up but I don’t know how many people used it.

Liz: We could also have people list the dates that their stuff is available, it would make it easier to clean the list.

Olivia: You could also reset the list in July.

Resident: So I think the hurdle for this would be setting it up, as well as advertising it.

Jon: We could host this on the page, and we could manage it through the committee’s google doc.

Kyle: Do you see car sharing being a part of this?
Resident: I honestly hadn’t thought that big, but I don’t see a reason why not.

Jon: That could be an issue for liability.

Olivia: I think a good thing to include on a google doc and publicity is a brief disclaimer that the committee has no responsibility for people misusing items.

Olivia: When we initially talked about this it was mostly envisioned as a green-oriented sharing program, but not as a way to make money.

David: It sounds like a great idea to me, and good to keep it non-commercial. Would you be willing to help set it up?

Resident: Yeah definitely.

Jon: I can help too, we can figure out how to get it up.

Olivia: How about you do a draft of the form and send it to me?

Jon: Yeah definitely.

Olivia: Lawrence also has a listserv for borrowing things where people can email out.

Jon: We could do that, or coordinate that through something like Slack.

Olivia: So do we want to do that too?

Peter: Maybe we can start with one and see how it goes?

2. Wine and Cheese Social

Liz: Wine and cheese social planning is going well, the last thing we have to do is get the cheese. There’s one unknown factor in the budget where I budgeted for the worst-case scenario. Public safety isn’t sure what sort of officer we need, and they have different pay rates. They said they couldn’t tell me yet, and it would be great to have the cheaper option.

Olivia: I think it may depend on who is on duty that day, so they may not know. I can look into it if you want.
Liz: So after this we will be about out of money, but Gloria and I are looking into getting some money from the grad school for an event during grad student appreciation week. We’re hoping to do a lunch event, so that would be food and some other small expenses like tables. We’ll plan to do something indoors due to the potentially bad weather.

Olivia: What day would you have it?

Liz: Probably on the weekend.

Olivia: So I can’t find the dates right now. So something to keep in mind for the future is that we like to have two events in the Fall and two in the Spring, so in the future it could be good to spread out the funding more. But the events you’ve been having have been great.

Liz: So I should have enough for something else even if we don’t get funding, I have some ideas for a low-budget event.

3. People Leaving Free Stuff in Buildings

Kyle: So people have been leaving a lot of “free” stuff in the lobbies of buildings and it can get a little cluttered. But without ACC here we may not know.

Olivia: We could also have a place on the lending list to put free things.

Resident: Synergy!

Olivia: Let’s keep that in mind as we do the form.

4. Composting Group

Kyle: So a group is trying to start a group to organize composting for graduate housing. So we’ll see what happens and hopefully get an update this next month.