Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, May 10, 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
  7. Secretary: Peter Landgren
  8. Webmaster: Jon MacArt

• University
  1. Michael Hebditch, Housing Office
  2. Lily Secora, Graduate School

• ACC
  1. Gloria Yuen

• Residents
  1. Private
  2. Private

Meeting Summary:

• Committee will discuss signing up for composting and potentially designating someone in the Constitution to sign up every year.

Discussion Points

1. Composting
Resident: I’m a member of the Grad Student Composting Initiative, and wanted to check in about its status and what you were thinking regarding the composting contract for next year.
David: So we did discuss it internally, and I think we’ll wait until Mark comes back to finalize it. We need someone to resign the contract this year right?
Resident: Yes, and this year one of us can sign it, but we’d like to have it institutionalized for the future. Right now our contract has run out, but they’re generously letting us keep the bins for now.

David: Can you clarify the contract at all? And what the composting contract means?

Resident: So another resident signed up this year, and there haven’t really been any issues. I know she’s worked with you on contamination.

David: So to clarify, if the bin was lost or stolen would the resident be responsible?

Resident: So the township is very benevolent, I don’t think they would go after the resident. I’m guessing the resident would be on the hook for the replacement fees but those probably wouldn’t be that high.

Gloria: So if that happens the resident can come to us and we can work it out. We just need a person to sign up since it’s a residential property. That’s the only reason we can’t do it ourselves.

Resident: And the hasn’t had any issues with vandalism. I can ask the resident for the contract too.

David: That would be great. We’d like to put something in the Constitution going forward so we’d like to have something clear and know the language.

Resident: And if none of you are comfortable doing it, someone from the Grad Student Composting Initiative can sign it this year. And thanks to the committee, the grad school, housing, and ACC for making this possible.

2. Enterprise Car Rental

Peter: A resident e-mailed to inquire about a recent announcement that the Enterprise Car Share program is “taking a break for the summer” and that “there may be fewer or no vehicles located on campus over the next few weeks.”

Gloria: I haven’t heard anything about it.

Liz: In previous years it hasn’t been an issue.

Nancy: I can bring it up when I go to the transportation meeting next week. If there are any other transportation-related issues, just let me know.
Kyle: Could we ask for an update regarding an inquiry from the previous month about one of the Enterprise Car Share spots in the garage always being open?

[N.B. The Committee has subsequently learned that the reduction in Enterprise Car Share vehicles over the summer will only apply to undergrad locations across campus. Service will not be curtailed — and may even be expanded — for grad locations across campus. In fact, the additional Enterprise Car Share spot in the Lakeside garage was created in order to accommodate this potential expansion in service.]

Resident: Our garage also doesn’t have an EV charging station, so that’s something to mention.

Gloria: The garage doesn’t have any electrical outlets, so it would require major construction.

3. Garden Update
Kyle: Everything is going well, we’re open for business. Our raised beds were installed, and we got dirt. There are a few loose ends on the funding of the raised beds for that we can talk about later, but that’s mostly squared away. I’m working on fixing the fence to prevent another woodchuck invasion. We have 28 users this year.

4. GSG Meeting
Nancy: They did the safety walk, and one thing Lakeside residents talk about is the shrubs in the round-about. They had a safety specialist come in and the reason for the shrub is to prevent drivers from looking through the intersection at the traffic light and not seeing things in front of them.

Resident: It would be great to have a place with answers to some of these common questions, it’s great to know there’s a reason why decisions such as these were made.

Jon: Does anyone know if there’s a strategy to the garbage bin layout near the entrance to Lakeside Road? It can be a little tight.

Gloria: Not that I know of, we have signs up about reducing speed but we can only put up so many before it gets confusing.

Nancy: The GSG is also looking for paid volunteers to work at the furniture drive.
Will: They’re also working on getting the housing committees a vote on the Assembly, which would be great for next year.