

## Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, November 8th, 2018

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**Time of the meeting:** 6:31 pm - 7:01 pm

**Notes were taken by** Shuwen Yue

**Present at the meeting:**

**Committee members**

Chair: Kyle Oskvig

Vice Chair: Will Smith

Secretary: Shuwen Yue

Treasurer: Ben Weiner

Social Chair: Peter Czajka

Webmaster: Diana Valverde Mendez

Garden Coordinator: Zoe Volenec

External Relations Delegate: Nancy Lu

**University**

Kevin Fleming

Michael Hebditch

**ACC**

Mark Clemmons

**Residents**

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**Formal motion for a resolution to thank David Cho for his exceptionally hard work on the Committee:**

- **Whereas** David Cho was a founding member of the Lakeside Committee in 2015, who helped write its constitution; and
- **Whereas** in subsequent years, David displayed exceptional dedication and hard work in serving the Committee as Treasurer and as Chair; and
- **Whereas** David has now ended his Committee career and absconded into a well-earned retirement;
- *Resolved* that the 2018-19 Lakeside Committee recognizes and thanks David for his many and valuable contributions to the Lakeside community.

The Chair moved to pass the resolution; the Secretary seconded; the resolution passed with unanimous approval on an 8-0 vote.

### **Recreational table in the Lakeside Commons:**

- Kyle: Some residents have suggested foosball and pool tables, but they are too loud. If residents have other ideas for recreational anchors in the commons, they can contact the committee and we would discuss feasibility.
- Nancy: There was also the discussion of getting new board games that will stay on the bookshelf for general use.
- Kyle: If people want particular board games, they can email the committee ([lakesidecomm@princeton.edu](mailto:lakesidecomm@princeton.edu)) and then we can relay that information to Mark.

### **Workout room equipment/spray**

- Issue: Residents request paper towels and spray in the workout room, but some people have complained about the smell of the spray
- Will: The plan was to figure out what Dillon gym is doing for their spray and copy
- Mark: If residents want new equipment, they can recommend a certain model, send an email to Gloria ([GYuen@americancampus.com](mailto:GYuen@americancampus.com))
- Nancy: Residents have asked specifically for a rowing machine and a bike.

### **Old and Dirty Toys in the playroom**

- Kyle: The ACC and committee both don't want to confiscate things and guess incorrectly about what is popular and what is unwanted.
- Nancy: Last year volunteers organized the cleanup.
- Kyle: We can help organize that if needed, although it would probably be most efficient for residents who frequent the playroom to coordinate the cleanout amongst themselves, maybe leaving a suggestion sheet in the playroom for people to fill out.
- Mark: They have playdates, the kids, so I'll try to get that together. But this time of the year, they are probably using all the toys.

### **Birds hitting windows / other animal issues**

- Issue: birds are flying into alcoves and hitting windows and dying
- Kyle: This is a recurring issue, thanks to the design of our mid-rise buildings. ACC has looked into it and consulted others, but no good solution has presented itself. Due to the architecture of the glass entryways, window decals would not be an effective deterrent.
- Kyle: A resident is concerned about cats that belong to people but are roaming outside - what is the policy on that?
- Mark: Technically they are not supposed to be outside.
- Kyle: Are they all registered?
- Mark: Yes but they all look similar. If we see them we try to contact owners. The leash law (certain animals are not allowed to be outside without being on a leash) applies to cats too. If someone has a concern, they can identify whose cat that is, and we will look into it.

### **Spouses getting emails sent to all residents from the Lakeside Committee**

- Kyle: Spouses can email us ([lakesidecomm@princeton.edu](mailto:lakesidecomm@princeton.edu)), and we will give them instructions on how to get on the Committee's email list. They will then receive all emails sent by the Committee to Lakeside residents.

### **Social media**

- Facebook pages/groups for Lakeside
- Diana: I will work on it during the weekend

### **Shrubbery**

- Issue: residents have complained that the shrub at roundabout makes it dangerous for bikers and pedestrians to cross
- Kyle: University consultants concluded it was safer to keep the shrub, but the university safety walk is the place to go if there is more concern about it, so we will be doing that.

### **Google maps building locations**

- Kyle: A resident said a delivery person was confused about where to find one of the Lakeside buildings. Google maps had marked the wrong buildings for addresses. I labeled every building with the proper address, but it is not clear how long it takes Google to review and approve these changes for public view
- Mark: People input is how that gets fixed. Amazon, for example, their people all have a note to come to the office first when they deliver and get instructions on where to go. But it depends on how often Amazon switches companies. In the past 6 months, they have switched twice already.
- Diana: Would it be possible to put a map somewhere outside to see so people know where they are going?
- Mark: Not really. We can try putting something in the Commons, but we don't want a traffic jam at the front where people are stopping to look at a map trying to figure out where they are going.

### **Composting**

- Diana: I have a contact through the composting initiative, he is one of the people in charge of recycling at the university. He offered to hold a meeting with residents to talk about what is recyclable and what is not. Is the committee interested in sponsoring that? His name is Dave Oettinger.
- Kyle: He was the guy we talked to about composting before we had composting at all at Lakeside. At the time we wanted to get composting from the university, but he shut it down because he didn't want to deal with another source of contamination (there was a contamination problem at the time).
- Will: Maybe he can come to the December meeting?
- Zoe: But a lot of people might have left by then
- Diana: Through the Composting Initiative we're trying to get the university to include lakeside as a composting site when they renew their waste management program. Hopefully, this will happen but will take some time.

- Diana: Also there was a report of some plastic contamination on the composting bins at Lemonick Court by one of the residents, but overall we are doing much better.
- Diana: The campus biodigester is looking for people to help run it, it is a paid job. See link: <https://biodigester.princeton.edu/>

### Bus timetables and phone number

- Nancy: I talked to Gloria about this already, but can we put timetables at the front office with the Tiger Transit on-call number? Most of the time when the tracker is not working on the app, it is because the bus driver didn't turn on their tracker. So if more people call, it will get them to turn on their tracker.

### Social events

- Peter: The election watch party went well, 20-25 people
- Ben: we had a discussion about breakfast and lunch
- Diana: Or a gingerbread house event, it was done last year and it was well attended
- Mark: The breakfast event is the most attended program because people can take food and leave
- Kyle: It is a service to the community to provide the food, but "grab-and-go" is not very social; our social events budget is meant to foster community at Lakeside, so the breakfast may not merit much of the budget.
- Nancy: we also had a grab and go breakfast last year
- Mark: You can ask Gloria for money, she has money for programming
- Coffee Connect is Wednesday, Nov 21, 8 am - 10 am in Lakeside. There used to be Coffee Connect only in Campus Club, but now it is at the GC, Lakeside, Lawrence, and Campus Club

### Housing

- Mike: We need more volunteers for grad housing retreat. We have grad students discuss with housing staff about how to improve policies for grad students, talk about how the grad housing survey turned out last semester, etc. Send me an email ([mhebditc@princeton.edu](mailto:mhebditc@princeton.edu)) if you are interested in attending. It is Friday, Nov 16, 9 am - 1 pm. The expectation is that attendees will stay for the duration of the event, barring a hard scheduling conflict.
- Nancy: Regarding housing, are you guys putting together an info sheet about how priority works and the chances of getting housing?
- Mike: We are putting together an FAQ on our website. We don't start getting to that until January at info sessions, but yes we are hoping to get more information in the short term to put on our website. Most of the room draw material gets published in January or before February 1.
- Ben: Does that include statistics about the chances of getting a room?
- Mike: I'll look into the stats, but we did change our housing system, so the way the stats work kind of changed. But I'll try to preserve the basics - how many people applied, how many people were successful, which units were available, etc. Some years we have more retention than others.

- Nancy: When I looked at the stats sheet from when I first did room draw, it was different from when I looked at it 6 months later. The new version had information removed. Basically, I think we want people aware of what their chances are of getting the housing they want.
- Kyle: If it is a black box, people get nervous about it.
- Mike: I am not sure, but earlier versions did have those stats. Angie Hodgeman is the one in charge, and she is out until January. So I would like to get that number but she is the only one who has those numbers and she is not in for a while. But I'll try to get and include it in the stats

### **GSG**

- Nancy: Next GSG meeting is next Wednesday. Email me with concerns ([nblu@princeton.edu](mailto:nblu@princeton.edu))