Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, February 11th, 2019

Time of the meeting: 6:33 pm - 7:13 pm

Notes were taken by: Shuwen Yue

Present at the meeting:

Committee members

Chair: Kyle Oskvig
Vice Chair: Will Smith
Secretary: Shuwen Yue
Treasurer: ABSENT

Social Chair: Peter Czajka

Webmaster: Diana Valverde Mendez Garden Coordinator: Zoe Volenec External Relations Delegate: Nancy Lu

University

Michael Hebditch

ACC

Mark Clemmons

Residents

New board games

- Kyle: There are labels on every game asking residents to return it after they use it
- Diana: The other day I came here to look for a game but it wasn't here. Someone had taken it (and then later brought it back)
- Nancy: Sometimes people might bring it back to their place if the common area is occupied.
- Kyle: We want to encourage community, so we want to encourage people to play the games here in the common area
- Mark: We can put another sign by the bookshelf asking residents to bring back the games

Social Media

- Diana: I created a new Lakeside Comm Facebook user (friend us!) that can be handed on to future committee members. I also created a Facebook page for us to communicate to residents (like us!), as well as Facebook group where grad students can communicate with each other (join us!). See links below.

Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LakesideCommittee/

Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/401945047244761/

Biodegradable doggie poo bags

- Kyle: A resident suggested biodegradable dog poo bags

- Mark: I will look into if our vendor supplies these bags

Honey Brook CSA program

- Kyle: Diana found a resident to take on the role of organizing CSA for the next year
- Zoe: I have communicated with the resident about getting in contact with the previous organizer, I will check in on that again to make sure everything is going well.

Alexander road bridge closing / Safety walk

- Kyle: Traffic on faculty road may make it noticeably busier, what we can do to improve safety?
- A resident suggested better lighting and/or flashing crosswalks
- Nancy: The Hibben Magie area (not the circle) was brought up, they know it is a concern but nothing has been done yet.
- Zoe: How hard is it to put lights on Lakeside Road side?
- Michael: I am not sure if that area is under my control, I've mostly heard about that from operations side. It may require special approvals from town...probably some logistics regarding power lines running through there.
- Michael: We are in the process of scheduling the safety walk. We will walk a few locations starting at GC, then to Lawrence and Lakeside. We will go with people from public safety and report back with what we would like to get done. I am not sure what will get done before Alexander Road closure.
 - Who walks? Graduate housing advisory board, GSG, housing committees. It was previously organized by undergraduate student life, this year it is organized by housing.
 - We will have advanced notice of when the safety walk will happen. The safety walk will happen at 5pm on Wednesday, February 27th. Please email Nancy at nblu@princeton.edu with any concerns or if you would like to join.
 - We will send at least 1 email before the Safety Walk so people can voice any concerns about it
- Michael: The last I heard about when Alexander Road will be closed it was pushed back to Summer 2019 Spring 2020
- Mark: We can expect it to be bad during rush hour, maybe 8 AM 9:30 AM, but into the day not as much

- Will will do the flyer

Survey for Lake Campus

- It was sent out to all campus, all residents please go complete it. Closes Thursday 2/14.

Ladies room in the Commons

- Diana: A resident mentioned that there are no trash cans inside the stalls in the ladies room. There is a hole but no bag.
- Mark: They might be for toilet seat cover probably. But there should be trash cans there

Sustainability

- Diana: Residents can now put recycling in the blue containers without bagging it first. The sustainability breakfast went really well and we learnt a lot about what can and can't be done. I will email the residents soon with a complete summary of everything that happened in the breakfast.
- Diana: Dave Oettinger (Recycling and Solid Waste Manager) will be meeting on March 6 with the university's food waste hauler. He would like to start discussions for a pilot Lakeside project, through the university instead of the town. He would like our help getting some information about usage at Lakeside and a point of contact at Lakeside. I forwarded the email to the other members of the Composting Initiative, I believe we have the information required to answer his questions.
- Diana: The inactive Lakeside composting program is part of the town's program. As such the town subsidizes the composting program with the their other waste management programs (recycling and regular waste). However, Lakeside is only in the composting program. Because of this situation happening in a couple of places, the town is looking into creating a new pricing scheme. So if the town's program starts again, they might charge Lakeside more.
- Kyle: The Composting Initiative is probably best equipped with the data for answering these questions.
- Diana: Composting Initiative meetings: Wednesdays at 8:30 am email composting@princeton.edu for more information

GSG meeting

- Nancy: If you have questions/concerns, please send them before March 13, for the next GSG meeting
- Nancy: The GSG election is February 28. The referendum we want is to get housing representatives voting rights. We need ½ of all grad students to vote on this issue.
- Michael: There is a change in in the housing contract for DBar (non-resident GC membership) costs. Grad students will be charged \$15 automatically for a nonresident membership fee to be a member of the Graduate College. There is an opt-out option in the housing contract if you don't want to be a member. It has to be completed no later than 5 days after you sign the contract. You can find the <u>form</u> on the graduate school website and fill it out now instead of waiting for the housing contract.
- Michael: people living in GC and annexes, nothing changes for them

- Nancy: GSG wants to make campus club more of a graduate student space, if you have ideas you can email me (nblu@princeton.edu). That is why the conversations cinema event is happening.

Bus service hours

- Will: I talked to Kevin, he will be meeting April 1st with transportation services about bus services extended hours. It is also when the Student Transporation Board meets.
- Zoe: Can he bring up hours in the summer also, there is no on-demand bus

Wifi

- Diana: A couple of people have asked me about eduroam wifi instead of current lakeside wifi
- Nancy: The university will soon replace all puwireless with eduroam.
- Will: The university made a very conscious decision to not bring it to Lakeside.
- Kyle: Last year after the big storm this came up too. We found out then that it would be a massive expense and huge infrastructure project to connect Lakeside to the University internet network. Very unlikely to happen.