

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, March 14th, 2019

Time of the meeting: 6:34 pm-7:08 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: Absent

External Relations Delegate: Nancy Lu

University

Kevin Fleming

Michael Hebditch

ACC

Gloria Yuen

Resident

Rachel Richman

New board games in Commons:

- Kyle labeled every new board game with several labels, stating that they are only for use in the common room; unfortunately, some people have ignored the labels and taken away some games, and some of them have not been returned.
- **NOTE FOR RESIDENTS:** please leave games in the commons at all times, including to play them! The point of the games is to build community at Lakeside, so we want them played in the common room. And if you currently have any of the games in your

possession (notably *King of Tokyo*), please bring them back right away. If a game is borrowed but never returned, it's not borrowed at all -- it's stolen.

Social media

- Kyle: have we been getting any communications from residents via this channel?
- Diana: no, not for the moment.
- Ben: there is a lakesidecomm user, and also a group?
- Diana: yes, there are about 10 people in the group currently. There is also a facebook page. I'll add you guys and you guys can invite more people.

Biodegradable dog waste bags

- Kyle: in response to a resident request made several weeks ago, this was confirmed today; biodegradable dog waste bags will be in place all around Lakeside within the next couple months.

Noise complaint about snow clearing

- Kyle: there have been complaints about the noise of clearing it early in the morning, but it is entirely reasonable for maintenance to clear it off in the morning as early as possible. This is not the first time that we have had complaints about jet-engine leaf blowers and the noise and pollution they cause here year-round. We raised this issue with Mark, who said it is up to the landscapers what equipment they use, and ACC is not inclined to ask them to change anything.

Broken bird houses

- Kyle: email today from a resident about some bird houses on premises are either in ill repair or knocked over. They wanted to know if those can be repaired or setup
- Gloria: maintenance will take care of it

Wine and cheese on Feb 23:

- Great success!

News from GSG meeting:

- Nancy: We now have voting rights. However, because only 18% of the graduate school voted, we are not sure if it counts, one assembly member has a grievance (technically 33% of people have to say yes). But I'm just going to assume we have voting rights
- Nancy: changes have been made to the health plan, and there has been backlash because changes were made in the middle of the year and no one knew about it
 - decreasing acupuncture from 30 visits to 10 visits (because of backlash it is now at 30)
 - massage-10 visits per year
 - chiropractor still 30 visits per year, unchanged
- election for CPUC
- For events board funding, they generally give out \$1500 per student group per year

Funding/budget:

- Ben: we have \$180 after wine and cheese, we can do something else
- Peter/Nancy: we also have \$280 left that we can request from GSG Events Board until we hit the annual \$1,500 ceiling

Grad student appreciation lunch

- Peter: we did get funding for upcoming lunch - \$1220. For future reference, we can just apply to events board for wine and cheese.
- Gloria: The event will be April 6, in conjunction with the university's grad student appreciation week
- Diana: We still have empty wine bottles from Wine and Cheese, we saved them for an event for residents to make vases with them and decorate. This would be a good event to use them at.
- Gloria: I'm find with that, but there's going to be a lot of people, foot traffic, and not much space, a lot of foot traffic. So I'm not sure how feasible that is space-wise. May would be the time of my final events
- Diana: Ok lets do it in May
- Peter: Catering for the Appreciation lunch will be from Mamoun's

Sustainability

- Diana: On continued talk with Dave - he went to the provider, Organic Diversions, and got a quote for Lakeside as pilot for composting (same as eating clubs)
- Michael: We are looking into feasibility of costs of this pilot, maybe also graduate annexes, undergraduate annexes, will also get involved in it. So we are looking at scope of it before taking it on.
- **NOTE FOR RESIDENTS:** there is no need to bag your recycling, but if you do bag it, you must use clear plastic bags or blue bags. (If at the waste management plant they can't easily tell that your items are recycling then it will go to the landfill).
- Diana: A resident told me there is still signage near the recycling dumpsters asking to bag all recycling. We should go around and take down the signs.
- Gloria: Those signs provided by university, probably want to check with them before removing them, or if they can provide new correct ones
- Kyle: yes, we will get appropriate confirmation first: the Committee will not be doing any vigilante sign removal.
- Diana: The University is moving towards not using plastic bags for recycling since the bags cannot be easily recycled. The purpose of bagging was mainly for transportation, but since trucks pick the items directly in the bins there is no need for bagging. If people need to bag their recycling to transport it to the dumpster then please make sure it is on clear or blue bags. Better yet empty the contents from the bag into the bin and re-use the bag next time.

Update on Alexander Road closing

- Rachel: Concerned about increased traffic on Faculty Rd. due to impending closure of Alexander St. Have there been any updates?
- Kyle: We have been talking to people about this already, it is certainly a concern. There was the safety walk a couple of weeks ago -- who was on it?

- Michael: We walked to many of the residential areas, tried to get an idea of improving signage and improving visibility. Currently I am working with Mike Stillwagon, who is the Associate Director for Housing Facilities and Planning, and we are still in the process of collecting feedback from the walk.
- Rachel: Princeton could maybe put up signs further up the road?
- Michael: I am not sure what the scope is we (the university) can do. Flashing signs might require approval from township
- Kyle: Is it your sense, Michael, that signage improvements can be made by the time the Alexander Rd. closure begins this summer? Or at least by the start of the 2019-20 academic year in September?
- Mike: I'm not completely sure, I'll have to follow up more with the people who do more of the bigger picture work there. I'll follow up with what are the big approvals needed, whatever is within power of the university. Flashing signs and lighting might need more municipal involvement, which might be more complicated.

Giant sight-obstructing bush in the Faculty-Elm traffic circle:

- Kyle: Did the bush come up in the safety walk?
- Michael: It did come up, but everyone basically said that the bush was initially planted because the traffic consultants determined it was safer for it to be there.
- Kyle: The consultants, yeah...This is where we've been stuck for awhile now. In light of resident concerns in the years since Lakeside opened, we think it is time for the University to re-evaluate that decision. Given the number of resident concerns, the injured cyclist(s), etc., maybe the bush was good in theory, but is not working out well in practice. How can we spur the University to initiate this kind of formal re-evaluation?
- Michael: I'm not sure how that would begin, there's a lot of hands in that piece, a lot of it in transportation and architecture office than housing, but I'll certainly bring it up
- Ben: Would it be reasonable to get transportation people to come here (at Lakeside) to discuss concerns?
- Mike: I can try to find who the right people for this is.
- Kyle: Good idea
- Rachel: Any signs would help. People in this country don't know how to use roundabouts, it is really unsafe. Hopefully it won't be too bad when Alexander closes, but it seems like we should have contingency plan.
- Kyle: If we can get some people from transportation to come to one of our meetings then we can talk to them about this
- Will: Other minutes from the safety walk - it was brought up that the traffic circle itself could be widened, so drivers couldn't go straight through the circle and actually need to go around it.