

Lakeside Planning Meeting, May 9th, 2019

Time of the meeting: 6:32 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

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Michael Hebditch

Kevin Fleming

Rob Staudt (PU Planner/Manager Campus Grounds)

ACC

Mark Clemmons

Resident

Jessica L. Wilson

Traffic circle on Faculty Rd

- Rob: We have looked into how to get the right sidelines around the circle without the cars seeing through it and looking at the traffic light ahead. Our traffic consultants want the traffic circle there, and the recommendation would have to come from them. I definitely think we should look at signage. We can talk to the university architects office to and talk about what we would need, discuss widening/narrowing the road, talk to civil department, to see what we can come up with. I don't think we can take the shrubbery out, but maybe we can reduce it.

- Kyle: We've found that the shrubbery-obstructed sightlines are a hazard not just for pedestrians in the crosswalk, but also for cyclists riding in the circle itself
- Jessica: Cyclists go 20 mph, cars go much faster. It would be best to have full visibility and speed bumps on either side of the road. I have found a paper that says widening the roads generally increases speeds and fatalities.
- Rob: I agree narrowing it usually helps. One idea is to keep the road narrow and increase the circle width. But that would be a major project, may require warrants. I like the idea of rumble strips or speed humps.
- Jessica: Also any reminder for cyclists like gray paint.
- Rob: And just widening the asphalt isn't necessarily going to help, but marking that this is distinctly a bike lane.
- Mark: Is the road university owned or township?
- Rob: University
- Kyle: Regarding the posting of new signage, does that require university or township approvals? What is that approval process like? How long would it take?
- Rob: It depends. I can talk to civil to come up with a plan, then we run it by the town, the architects office then comes up with design, DOT regulations need to be met, we will need traffic consultants to make sure measurements are right. It could take a couple weeks plus. I will look at the signage approval and what it would take.
- Kyle: What we landed on was that the most effective and short term solution, ideally, would be adding signage to the crosswalks, something like on Washington Rd., with flashing signs
- Diana: Why there is a roundabout there, it seems to be just a T?
- Rob: It is just a T, and I'm not sure about that. Sometimes based on the amount of traffic, a circle can keep traffic flowing. Why have a light there all day if there is only a few times where there is heavy traffic. Traffic engineers will look at that and make those decisions based on those factors.
- Rob: Regarding the flashing lights on Washington, I know those are very good. There are also flashing lights at the Faculty Rd crosswalk near the boathouse now: have you seen improvement, has that helped?
- Zoe: I think it works pretty well, for the most part people will stop. Definitely easier to cross there than close to the traffic circle
- Rob: That would tell us that is working. And we would need to think about keep them constantly flashing or when triggered.
- Mark: It definitely helps at night. But units close to that area, I imagine they won't want all the sounds and lights all the time.
- Rob: I will try to follow up on some of these things, signage and flashing lights, and look in to the approval process.
- Kyle: As far as timeline goes, our concern is the Alexander Rd. shutdown, and how it might make the situation worse; what is the latest on the dates of the planned bridge outage?
- Rob: It will shut down in October or November 2019, and the target construction window is 180 days.
- Zoe: Is there anyway we can get signs to tell cyclists to dismount their bikes when they cross the road by the boathouse. I go by in the morning when it is still dark, and they

just zoom through without looking. This is especially dangerous for someone not familiar with the area.

- Rob: That is a good idea.
- Diana: Would it be possible to put one of those blue-light emergency stations along the South Dr. to Faculty Rd. footpath through the woods?
- Rob: Definitely for the Faculty Rd. circle crosswalk, we are going to add a light to. I will talk to them about the South Dr. to Faculty Rd. footpath.
- Rob: We are also helping out with meadow by Lakeside, if there's any concerns about that, you can also let me know.

Damaged tree by lake

- Kyle: University facilities have been made aware of the beaver-damaged tree by the lake. It is their decision to take it down or not. As of earlier this week it was still standing.

Filtered water dispenser in the Commons

- Kyle: I followed up via email about putting a filtered water dispenser in the Commons. Because of ACC arrangement, University Sustainability can't fund it as part of Drink Local. But ACC is willing to fund it! It will be installed sometime in 2019.
- Mark: There is some electrical work to be done. It will just replace the old water fountains near the restrooms

Lakeside constitution amendment proposal

- Kyle: Next up, Will's proposed amendment to the referendum section of the Committee constitution
- Will: It is on hold until fall.

CSA

- Kyle: CSA ad went out by email. As far as we know, it is healthy and ready to go, thanks to Zoe and Ben!
- Zoe: They are going to get us numbers
- Kyle: Do we know when deliveries start?
- Zoe: Changes year-to-year
- Diana: They think season will start early this year

Pesticides labeling

- Kyle: There is concern regarding the chemicals being applied by landscapers. They stick flags in the grass that say "pesticide," but we've determined that they're NOT spraying any pesticides. They spray fertilizers and herbicides for routine lawn care.
- Mark: I'll talk to landscapers about using different flags
- Will: We can also put information in email

Traps for pests

- Zoe: Somebody has put black boxes, traps or baiting for rodents. They leave the labels blank. But it is possible that the traps have vitamin k1 blockers, which causes hemorrhaging. And anything that eats those rodents will die. If that is being used, people need to know. If it is not being used, that needs to be written on the box.
- Kyle: This is at all the trash disposal locations? Two of them are close to the edge of the property, so the poisoned rodents might be vectoring the poison out into the woods
- Ben: Is there a reference of all the sprays and chemical used at lakeside? If you come to the meetings you hear about all these, but if not it would be nice to see a MSDS of these?
- Mark: We don't have these just posted somewhere, but it is available for people who want to see.
- Mark: I'll talk to our pest control about the traps.
- Kyle: We'd like to know which poison(s) are being used, as well as the nature of the problem that the exterminators are trying to solve -- what pests are they trying to kill, how many, etc.

Invasive plant species

- Kyle: We received an email about invasive plant species (Japanese knotweed). ACC is on it and will target it with herbicide in future.

Pets in mid-rise buildings

- Kyle: We received an email from a resident who seems to live in a mid-rise building and has seen multiple households and has encountered multiple households walk pets in hallways or elevators against policy
- Mark: It could be assistance animals, which are allowed. I will get in contact with the concerned resident.

Exterior lights

- Will: A resident is concerned about a light outside a townhouse that is burnt out, and getting those replaced.
- Mark: We usually do a walk around once or twice a month. Just send me an email saying which one it is.

Transportation advisory board meeting

- Will: summer tiger transit schedule finalized:
 - runs 8am - 11 pm
 - every 20 min from 8-11 am
 - every 40 min from 11:20-4 pm
 - every 20 min from 4-9 pm
- Will: we are trying to get them to run latter in academic year: specifically on evening circulator run later and saturday weekender
- Nancy: They won't put an Equad stop in PPPL line. And they might make 201 Nassau an official bus stop.
- Nancy: Also, if a bus is running late, you can screenshot where the bus is at that time and send it to transportation. That would be useful to them as a statistic.

- Will: They are also looking into electric buses for in the future,

Graduate housing advisory board meeting

- Mike: composting update - we are still in the process of getting a quote from Organic Diversions. We are looking at 3 55-gallon bins at each complex. This would be a similar volume to what was provided by township. We are now trying to figure out where funding will come from short term and long term.
- Mike: We are also looking at updating communications for the pre-draw and room draw process. We found that a lot of people rely on those emails as the primary source of information rather than the housing guide itself. So we are working to cut out extra stuff and clarify the important information - who has to submit a form, deadlines, etc. We will try to make it more readable and replace jargon with normal language. If anyone has individual feedback, you can send me an email about that I will try to work that in (mhebditc@princeton.edu)
- Ben: Is there a timeline on composting?
- Mike: Unfortunately I don't. Hopeful we will make progress on it over the summer.

GSG meeting update

- Zoe: OIT is in the process of updating the internet, firewalls, accessing certain things remotely. Most departments have talked to them already to make sure things are not affected. It will happen on June 13, just so everyone is aware.
- Will: GSG budget
 - previously, the budget timeline was Nov 1 - Oct 31, which doesn't line up with the rest of the university. They would like to shift that to July 1 - June 31.
 - They are starting a *Regular Students Event Funding Initiative*
 - They increased funding for other social events, additional \$5000
 - They will add an additional party, currently 4 parties per year
- Zoe: They will also also try to do non-alcohol based events, and try to make grad student Garden Theatre nights
- If you have ideas for events email GSG (gsg@princeton.edu)
- Will: Acupuncture coverage by university insurance is getting cutting from 30 sessions a year to 20.
- Zoe: They are trying to a better job of explaining (the in/out of network issue) and just trying to be more upfront. They will make the information about the changes available at some point
- Kyle: Events board will have more funding, but will the maximum grant for each event go up?
Will: No, the per-event max is unchanged. Total events board funding goes up from \$10,000 to \$12,500. They are trying to expand it, it's currently sponsored by the Grad School, VP Calhoun, and GSG
- If you are interested in participating in GSG assembly (gsg@princeton.edu)
- Jessica: If you have thoughts about the re-enrollment process, please also contact GSG
- Will: There is not a meeting until September.

Location for abandoned furniture

- Jessica: Some people were asking tents in Lakeside for abandoned furniture
- Mark: We tried something like that in the past, but it didn't pan out. Instead, we sent out information about campus donation centers
- Zoe: If they're not too heavy, they can also take things to tents on campus where the undergrad put their furniture.
- Mark: Its difficult with grad students because it is almost 2 months during which people move out
- Diana: For the on campus donation sites, it will be May 20-25 and June 4-5, located around campus. It is organized by the Sustainability Office. Accepted donations include:
 - all clothing
 - linens (sheets, comforters, towels)
 - furniture (couches, chairs, tables, lamps)
 - electronics (TVs, computer monitors, chargers, etc.)
 - electrical appliances (mini fridges, microwaves, fans)
 - dorm essentials (desk lamps, rugs, shoe racks, shelves, hangers, mattress toppers, shower caddies)
 - new or barely used school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, unused notebook paper)
 - unopened toiletries (mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes still in packaging)
 - unopened food
 - books (textbooks, paperbacks, etc.)

Extra wine bottles for decoration

- Diana: We have a lot of wine bottles left. If you couldn't make it to the Sustainable Crafts Night event and would like to make a glass of your own, let us know and we can get it to you.