

# Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, September 17th, 2019

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**Time of the meeting:** 7:00 pm

**Notes were taken by:** Shuwen Yue

**Present at the meeting:**

## **Committee members**

Chair: ABSENT

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**

Michael Hebditch

Kevin Fleming

## **ACC**

Mark Clemmons

## **Residents**

Himanshu Khanchandani

Henry Lin

Kurt Ristroph

Rachel Lee

Brianna Romer

Lindsay Willmore

Meera Gupta

Nivedita Rangarajan

Shruthi Ravindranath  
Vidhya Ramaswamy  
Grace Lee  
Emily Cuddy  
Lena Barrett  
Thao Nguyen  
Laura Leal  
Matheus V. X. Ferreira  
Jessica L. Wilson  
Matt Mleczko  
Julian Dean  
Gian Duri Rominger

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### **Internet improvements at Lakeside**

- survey results indicate the current internet network is suboptimal due to
  - (1) **unreliability** (extended outages even in fair weather). Often there is no timeline for when it will be fixed.
  - (2) **not being on the university network** (needing to use VPNs and proxy servers to connect to university resources and library subscriptions)
  - (3) **security concerns** (proprietary data is vulnerable to theft on a network like the current one, not as secure as eduroam)
- Nancy: Donna Tatro (Associate CIO for Enterprise Infrastructure Services) will be attending the October 15 town hall meeting to talk about the internet
- Issues with extending eduroam
  - Mark: Would cost several hundred thousand dollars just hardware alone, not including additional items in the contract lakeside has with the provider.

- Will: Since leaving the contract early is extremely expensive, perhaps we can make a possible switch when some of the hardware starts to wear out
- Mike: All the infrastructure has a lifetime, it might be a couple more years before the current hardware needs to be replaced, so that would be a good time to revisit this and discuss making a transition

### **Shrubbery/crosswalks/safety walk concerns**

- Alexander Rd. bridge outage (and consequent detour onto Faculty Rd.) is scheduled to begin November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and continue through April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Mike: In the short term, transportation services will work on it. In the long term: housing helps conduct a safety walk where we discuss issues like the traffic circle, potential problems around campus, around grad areas, and then we present to pedestrian safety committee. I spoke to Mike Stillwagon, one of the members of the committee, about putting in a formal request for a traffic study. We will try to get a different group of consultants to come out to take a look again and make formal recommendations for the traffic circle. We are still in the early stages of this.
- Will: Perhaps we can get short-term patches like improved signage, esp. with the upcoming bridge outage

### **Filtered water bottle refilling station**

- Mark: Still being worked on

### **Will's amendment on Article V - Referenda**

- Will: This is a change on a portion of the Lakeside constitution. Currently it is very hard to challenge anything done by the lakeside committee, and this amendment will address that. Unfortunately it will not be ready for this cycle of the committee. Hopefully we will see it to fruition with the next committee. We are hoping to have this on the ballot, along with the elections

## **CSA**

- Diana: The CSA starts at the beginning of the summer. An organic farm nearby delivers a box of vegetables for what is harvested that week. For around \$10 each week, residents can get vegetables each week through the summer until about October. You can also go there and pick your own. You have to be here at the beginning of the summer to sign up. So if you just moved to lakeside, that's why you haven't heard of it. If you have any questions, feel free to email us (lakesidecomm@princeton.edu)!

## **"Pesticide" lawn flags**

- In May, we asked that the landscapers not to leave PESTICIDE warning flags in the future if they're not actually applying pesticides (they are instead applying herbicides)
- Mark: They haven't changed their flags as they want to keep people off the grass

## **Outdoor pest control at Lakeside**

- Resident reports seeing traps labeled "rodenticide" in multiple Lakeside trash disposal areas, and there is concerned about the use of poison, especially because a couple of the disposal areas are right next to the woods
- Mark: Traps have been removed

## **Dangerous parking violations at Lakeside**

- Resident notes frequent temporary parking along Lakeside Rd. near the roundabout entrance
  - Will: this is dangerous, given the curve and limited visibility in that spot, also a concern for buses. can we have have signage installed to warn people away from this?
- Another ongoing parking problem: most nights, and every weekend, there are cars parked all night along Hibben-Magie Rd., both in the 15-min. loading spots, and right in the street

- There's apparently **zero** parking enforcement by the university overnight, esp. on weekends
- Inconvenient for other residents in various ways, but the biggest problem is **blocking emergency response vehicles** in the Hibben-Magie cul-de-sac, where – once the 15-minute spots are full, people just park along the curb until the whole cul-de-sac is lined with cars
  - 1) this **blocks access to the fire dept. connection** for 751 Hibben-Magie, because a car is parked right in front of it
  - 2) this prevents long vehicles (like fire trucks) from being able to circle the cul-de-sac at all, because it doesn't have room to turn.
- Possible Solutions
  - **increase awareness** of guest parking policy
  - **enforce parking rules** by patrolling and ticketing very early in the morning, especially on weekends
  - **signage** in the cul-de-sac?
  - **painted curbs and/or street markings**, at least directly in front of the hydrant and FDC?
  - bring this up at the next **Safety Walk**
  - If residents need parking for guests, they can get guest parking passes from housing office so that they can park in the lakeside garage
- Will: We will talk to Mike and Mark about longer term solutions to this, to make it clear that people should not park in these locations. We can try to get signs, and maybe longer term paint the curb.
- Mike: We have already spoken to parking enforcement.

### **Partial internet outage over Labor Day Weekend**

- At least one resident was not happy with how little communication/action to resolve this there was over the weekend.

- Mark: The issue was building-specific. Since the internet is still available in the Commons, the issue was addressed on Monday.
- In the event of an internet outage, you can contact me (MClemmons@americancampus.com) and/or Hotwire (1-866-347-4668)

### **Garden Update**

- Zoe: Largely good beside some issues with absentee plot-holders. We have a few new plots open up since some people decided to clean their plots early. We also got a new composter. The garden season is from May until November/December, new residents can be on the lookout for new signups for next year in April. It is a responsibility to sign up for since you want to take care of it so other people don't have to suffer the repercussions of your weeds.

### **Composting**

- Diana: We are starting a trial program with Organic Diversions to bring composting to Lakeside. There will be 9 bins across 3 locations by the midrise apartments. The trial period will be over 1 year, and it will be evaluated based on contamination levels. The compost is mostly destined for animal food, so nothing animals can't eat (including compostable bags)
- Resident: Can there be signage around these areas for things that can be recycled?
- Diana: I will ask the Sustainability office about this, also the Sustainability office is going to launch an app that can tell you whether or not an item is recyclable.
- Diana: Also, the Sustainability office is starting a new program where each month, they will do a lunch with students to talk about sustainability (how to recycle, how to do a sustainable movement, etc).
- Resident: From committee meetings last year, it seemed the consensus was to have no bags for recycling?
- Diana: You can have no bag. If you bag it, it needs to be in a blue or transparent bag, for other bags it will go to the trash. Recycling companies will open the bag and decide to accept or reject it based on contamination. "Over recycling" is one of the biggest problems - if you are not sure it can be recycled, put it in the trash.
- Diana: If you have any questions about recycling, please let us know ([lakesidecomm@princeton.edu](mailto:lakesidecomm@princeton.edu)). Most people come from different

backgrounds, and recycling rules are not homogeneous, so feel free to reach out!

### **Bike Security**

- A recent incident of attempted bike theft occurred, and although is not likely to repeat, it does show that Lakeside is a target for bike thieves, and residents need to take precautions
- A Public Safety officer will be attending October meeting to answer safety and security questions
- Will: Get a U-lock, they work better than chains. Princeton is generally pretty safe but don't leave stuff around for people to steal it.

### **GSG meeting on 9/11**

- Nancy: GSG bought an ice machine for GSG parties but had to returned because it was not as advertised
- Nancy: There is a new grad alum elected position to university Board of Trustees. The requirement is that they need to have graduated in the last 5 years
- Nancy: Gmail is now available for grad students. An issue that was brought up was that international students from China cannot access gmail. GSG is looking into this more. Also, GSG is looking into grad students getting access to their Princeton email after graduation
- Nancy: The Princeton Things party was a huge success, ~ 500 people showed up
- Nancy: The mental health office (or GSG??) has more funding this year.
- Nancy: GSG has more funding this year and want to do more events but they need more volunteers.
  - [Weekly Happy Hour](#), email Madalina Vlasceanu [mov@princeton.edu](mailto:mov@princeton.edu)
  - Mental Health Month (November), email Sarah Marie Bruno [smbruno@princeton.edu](mailto:smbruno@princeton.edu)
  - Special Events setup/cleanup, email Gabriel Moore [gmmoore@princeton.edu](mailto:gmmoore@princeton.edu)
  - IM Sports Coordinator, email [gsg@princeton.edu](mailto:gsg@princeton.edu)

- Transportation Advisory Council, email Laura Bustamante [lauraab@princeton.edu](mailto:lauraab@princeton.edu)
- University Student Life Committee, email Mai Nguyen [mInguyen@princeton.edu](mailto:mInguyen@princeton.edu)
- Campus Safety Walks, email Laura Bustamante [lauraab@princeton.edu](mailto:lauraab@princeton.edu)
- Graduate eco-reps program, email Karina Alventosa [kmla@princeton.edu](mailto:kmla@princeton.edu)
- Blood Drives, email [gsg@princeton.edu](mailto:gsg@princeton.edu)
- Zoe: Dean Barkley talked about how the health insurance coverage has changed. If you do have a situation where you have to see an out-of-network provider for some reason, you can come talk to them. They are not trying to create a burden for anyone, they want to help us if possible.
- Resident: Dean Barkley also talked about the issue of relocation costs for international first year grad students. She mentioned a hardship fund which is able to make some contribution for students who are having a hard time, you can contact the Grad School for more information on this ([nbarkley@princeton.edu](mailto:nbarkley@princeton.edu))

### **Transportation Advisory Council**

- The transportation advisory council gives input on bike/car/walking. Will is joining this, email him if you have any questions or suggestions ([wrs3@princeton.edu](mailto:wrs3@princeton.edu))
- Resident: If they suggest to widen a road, please block that because people tend to drive faster leading to more deaths for bikers
- Zoe: The Princeton township is trying to make things more bike friendly
- Resident: Tiger Transit bus frequency really drops during summer. They seem to think that undergrads are using the bus, but it is actually mostly grad students, and most of us are here over the summer. Umatter also does not run over the summer.
- Nancy: During the summer, the university has set budget for transit and can only afford so many buses. It is a higher up problem, the university needs to



give Transportation more money. However, the FirstTransit contract (for the current bus system) is ending soon, so they are renegotiating soon. Summer connection runs until midnight over the summer (instead of Umatter)

- Resident: The app sucks
- Nancy: Charlie Tennison at the Transportation office says their main suggestion is to call the transportation number to keep track of complaints (609-258-7433). He says that most of the time, the issue is faulty equipment or driver does not turn it on.
- Resident: Is it possible for the PDF of the timetable be put in the app itself? Or at the bus stops?
- Nancy: I will ask Charlie. (He said that we will look into it per his email on 9/18/19)
- Nancy: Transportation knows that the infographic at bus stops is not informative, they are working for that
- Kevin: Charlie looking for any student leaders if interested in joining transportation committee, contact me ([kevinaf@princeton.edu](mailto:kevinaf@princeton.edu))
- Diana: The weekend shopper ends quite early, maybe it could end a bit later
- Ben: There seems to be disagreement among drivers on where to stop at Wegmans
- Resident: Transportation may be considering Uber/Lyft partnerships for students getting to medical appointments
- Will: That might be more long term, hopefully will happen. It would be semesterly or yearly credits for when bus is not running very frequently
- Nancy: Uber/Lyft drivers are not allowed on Elm Drive, so Transportation is working on finding pick up zones (more of an undergrad issue)
- Will: First meeting next Thursday, please pass along any comments for it ([wrs3@princeton.edu](mailto:wrs3@princeton.edu))
  - Already plan to bring up weekend/evening service and electric buses

### **Election Committee (for Lakeside Committee elections)**

- We need an Election Committee of 3 people

- Kyle and Kevin have already agreed to join this committee (Current Lakeside committee votes and approves this)
- To join the Election Committee, you need to be BOTH:
  - not running for (re-)election to the Committee for 19-20, AND
  - willing to serve on the Election Committee?
- If you know of anyone who wants to help, as long as they are associated with the university, please let us know ([lakesidecomm@princeton.edu](mailto:lakesidecomm@princeton.edu))

### Miscellaneous

- Ben: If you would like an idea of some of the things that we have done this year, here is a handout of our End of Year Report
- Will: There is a Graduate Housing Advisory Board meeting coming up. If you have any housing concerns, contact Will ([wrs3@princeton.edu](mailto:wrs3@princeton.edu)) or Nancy ([nblu@princeton.edu](mailto:nblu@princeton.edu)) to make sure your voice is heard
- Nancy: The next GSG meeting is October 16
- Resident: Last year, there was a furniture reuse system, a collaboration between Lakeside and the Office of Sustainability
- Mark: We are meeting soon to work on that
- Resident: Is it possible to expand card access to beyond just residents?
- Mark: All grad students have access to the Lakeside Commons, other areas the visitor should be accompanied by the host.
- Resident: The slots for cars going into the garage are very narrow. The design is poor, the middle island makes no sense, and the pedestrian area is very wide
- Mark: The island is so that we may want to put up arms one day. I can look into it
- Resident: Someone at the BBQ said that they want a bench overlooking the lake
- Mark: Hopefully by next Spring, grounds and building maintenance is working on it. Feel free to contact me if you have questions ([MClemmons@americancampus.com](mailto:MClemmons@americancampus.com))
- Resident: Can we get a foosball table in the Commons

- Will: We discussed this before and determined that the noise level would be an issue. If outdoors, noise could still travel