

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, January 20, 2021

Time of the meeting: 5:30 pm

Notes were taken by: Sara Sussman

Present at the meeting:

Committee members

Chair: Will Smith - present

Vice Chair: Julia Marino -present

Secretary: Sara Sussman -present

Treasurer: Emily Cuddy - absent

Social Chair: Lindsay Willmore - present

Webmaster: Matheus V. X. Ferreira - absent

Garden Coordinator: Jessica Wilson -present

External Relations Delegate: Maria Curria -present

University

Kevin Fleming

Kenneth Paulaski

ACC (American Campus Communities)

Mark Clemmons

Gloria Yuen

Solar Expansion Project Team

Ted Borer

Gerlinde Friedman

John Darst

Esther Walter

Residents

Iris Stone

Nancy Lu

Solar Expansion Project

Ted introduces Gerlinde Friedman, she works in administration of Facilities, she is available if you need someone to liaise with. John Darst is the person who you might see on-site, he has installed thousands of megawatts of solar PV.

John Darst: The company associated with this project is from France but they work all over North America. John is the construction manager on the eight solar PV projects in Princeton. If there are any changes necessary to implement, John will be in charge of implementing them.

Ted introduces the project:

Princeton U. is committed to be carbon-neutral by 2046. Building heating/cooling infrastructure, supplying renewable energy sources. Trying to install new things on campus. The team is under contract with EDF to build 8 solar PV arrays. Princeton runs a data center 3 miles north of here, they will install a solar PV on top of that, and one nearby. Also on the main campus there is the North parking lot next to Bowen research laboratory, they will be putting solar PV on top of that lot. They will also put solar PV on the west parking lot, it is near McMillen. Also near Faculty road on the visitor parking lot they will put a solar PV canopy above those parking areas. They will put a solar PV canopy on the top floor of the Lakeside parking garage. There will be some brief impact on Lakeside residents' life during the construction and the team wants to coordinate with the residents as best as they can while they get the job done. They will communicate more precisely closer to the date of the construction exactly what the schedule is and they will be sensitive and aware that everyone is trying to study and teach from Lakeside. They commit to being proactive about communication and, while getting the job done, be thoughtfully reactive and work out responses to all the comments they receive from the residents.

Iris: Is there any flexibility about the construction starting at 8 am?

Ted: The team has already shifted the union schedule (typically 7 am- 3 pm) back one hour to be more accommodating to the grad students. He says "we are still talking about what noise level we could minimize at the very earliest part of the day."

Garden

-Proposed changes to Lakeside Constitution, Article III, Section 10.

The Garden Coordinator is responsible for the Lakeside community garden. The **Garden** Coordinator oversees the upkeep of the community garden, organizes garden cleanup and maintenance with members of the garden, maintains a mailing list for the gardeners, assigns plots for residents who wish to garden, and ~~will be~~ **is** the point of contact for any garden-related matters. ~~Prior to the opening of the community garden, the garden coordinator will act as an advisor and student representative to ACC.~~ The **g**Garden **e**Coordinator must be present during **the** gardening season. The Garden Coordinator is responsible for co-administering Lakeside's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. The CSA also depends on robust volunteer efforts from participating residents, and if insufficient volunteer help is available, the Committee may suspend its operation. **The Garden Coordinator shall, with Committee approval, set dues for garden**

membership. Any changes to these dues from those of the previous year must be approved by a majority of Committee members at a regular Committee meeting prior to the beginning of the gardening season for those changes to take effect.

The committee voted on an amendment to the Lakeside constitution, (the amendment can be found in last month's meeting minutes and above). The amendment passed (6 for, 0 against, 2 absent). Matheus will update the constitution on the website accordingly.

Book Club

Julia's book club announcement: Julia will send out the email announcing the book club tomorrow. Julia would like to get a sense of what example books to propose in the email Google form. She is thinking, just use the first form to determine which genres are most popular and then use follow up forms to suggest example books. Lindsay and others agree that this is a good idea.

Planning Upcoming Events

Lindsay's two upcoming social events:

-February: Wine and Cheese. We can't distribute alcohol but Lindsay will assemble a charcuterie kit as well as some beverage and distribute it.

-April: Grad Student Appreciation Week event. Lindsay has sent an email to Dean Barkley requesting funding. The idea is to distribute lunchbox style food packs for grad student appreciation week.

Lindsay also says that the recent plant potting event was really successful. She thanks Jessica for donating so many plants. A resident said to Lindsay that "this was the Lakeside event that they were the most excited for". Lindsay suggests that in the summer we can have another gardening event. If so, Jessica volunteers to donate more plants for the event.

Kevin: "We haven't had any event request in a while, so it's worth a shot applying for funding from the Events Board if you have any of the above kinds of events that you would like funding for (gardening-based events, food-based events, book club)."

Lindsay specifically requests that any residents who are reading these minutes email her with event ideas!

Open Forum

Nancy: Will the Lakeside gym be open at any point this semester?

Mark: Not in the near future, we have to coordinate with EHS. New Jersey state code currently says that you need to have a staff member who stays at the entrance of the gym and checks

temperatures upon entry to the gym, and we aren't able to dedicate a staff member for that purpose.

Jessica: Colored printer availability. Can OIT get Lakeside a colored printer? It's inconvenient to go to Frist and also now there are undergraduates on campus again.

Mark: We will look into it.