

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, March 28, 2022

Time of the meeting: 10:00 am, zoom

Notes were taken by: Sara Sussman

Present at the meeting:

Committee members:

Julia Marino

Sara Sussman

Alina Thokkadam

Amy Chan

Pooja Ramamurthi

Courtney DelPo

University:

Michelle Ruggia

Kevin Fleming

ACC (American Campus Communities):

Gloria Yuen

Residents:

Camila Llerena-Olivera

Agenda

1. Book Club

The Lakeside Book Club is starting up again, and the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30PM in Lakeside Commons B!

The book that we will be discussing is *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen.

Please fill out this Google form if you'd like to participate:

<https://forms.gle/JbfUSvRc6uj5jp5w5>

If you sign up to order a free book, please be sure that you are available to attend the book club discussion (4/13 at 7:30PM). Once you sign up, I will send you instructions for how to apply for reimbursement through Concur.

2. Garden Update

Pooja says: we recently got the garden cleaned up, completely reorganized the shed, mulch on pathways, weeded and took out the trash. Issue is about the deposit amount that the residents have to pay, Pooja thinks that we should increase it by \$10 or so, because people left their shed/plots in a really bad condition and there should be a little more accountability. Maybe we have time to amend the policies, what is the timeline?

Kevin: The garden form has to come out in a few days but we should work together to communicate for residents about accountability.

Pooja wants to hire grad students to help maintain the garden (if not help from facilities), because she says it is not sustainable for just herself and her friends/the other Lakeside committee members to maintain the garden in the "off-season".

Gloria says every year we do send facilities to weed the top part of the garden, but that historically it has been primarily the fact that garden plots being specifically different for various residents that caused no facilities action in the garden.

Pooja says she is asking for help not with the plots, but the pathways between the plots and a pile of organic waste next to the shed.

Gloria says she will talk to the landscapers about the pile of organic waste.

Pooja says let's continue having conversations about this and Julia suggests scheduling a follow up meeting.

3. Grad Student Appreciation/Wine and Cheese

On Saturday, April 9th there will be our Graduate Student Appreciation Lunch from 12:00pm – 2:00pm, ET on the Lakeside BBQ Patio (in case of rain Lakeside Common B). Come and enjoy lunch courtesy of the Lakeside Committee and the Graduate School! Plenty of delicious food options (including Mamoun's) will be available while supplies last. No attendance limit, but let

us know if you plan on coming by registering through MyPrincetonU: <https://cglink.me/2gi/r1557832> . For more information, please email lakesidecomm@princeton.edu.

On the evening of April 23 there will be a Wine and Cheese event in Lakeside Commons. Please look for an email coming with more details about this soon!

4. End of Year Updates

This is the last official town hall of the semester. We look forward to seeing residents in September for the next official town hall.

5. Results of Resident Survey

Intercom system in 751 Hibben Magie Rd. The resident is frustrated that the intercom system doesn't seem to be working there. Gloria says they are aware of the issue and that it's a system issue more intensive than just replacing a part. Gloria will send an email alerting residents that they are aware of this issue. There is no finalized timeline as they are still diagnosing the issue.

Stolen packages. Can the Lakeside committee help with the issue or is a safety camera an option. Gloria: Residents should contact Public Safety and file a claim with the delivery service to verify that it is delivered if they believe their package was stolen. Gloria has specifically talked to Amazon already to ensure Amazon delivers packages to the correct location within Lakeside. It is encouraged that they call Amazon. Safety cameras are currently not an option because the University does not allow them on campus for various reasons. Also delivery services can drop off packages at the Lakeside main office if you are concerned about the safety of your package. Michelle: This is a multi-point issue, mail and print services at Princeton are working on it. All 3 grad committees and the undergrads are also complaining about stolen packages, so this is a university-wide issue.

Rowing machine and free weights in the Lakeside gym: Gloria has addressed these points before, she will re-summarize these points: adding a rowing machine would require removing 2 treadmills. Space in the gym is limited. Since the treadmills are in use a lot it seems like that would not be a good idea. Free weights are a liability because there are mirrors, also people were not cleaning up when we had weights in the past and people tripped on the weights which is also potentially a liability. There is also a space constraint, the little free space in the gym is used for a yoga mat/meditation and that space would be taken away if free weights were installed.

Brighter lamps in the common rooms: Gloria says she will have maintenance look into it to see what we can do.

Room reservations for Lakeside: "Why aren't reservations being confirmed in EMS? Has been a problem all year." Gloria: We recently updated the system so that there is only one form via EMS. Also, Dean Barkley still has to approve all events first before Gloria can approve it. There's no way for Gloria to review those that go to her first but we are currently working on

fixing this so that Gloria herself can go into EMS and approve it. Until then- students have to send in the EMS form and if they don't get a confirmation from Dean Barkley their event cannot take place. We encourage you to submit the form via EMS at least 7-10 business days in advance since it takes several days to get the approval. Gloria will also send an email to confirm the event. Residents can use this confirmation email as a validation if it somehow doesn't show up in the portal.

Doors leading from elevator rooms to corridors are often closed. This hampers students with babies and strollers and is an accessibility issue. Gloria re-walked the property with fire instructors, unfortunately the fire code is that those rooms between the elevator and the corridor need to be closed at all times. However, there are a few doors which people can keep propped and Gloria will make sure those are open.

6. Open Forum

Camila: We threw out half of our seed bank supply during the garden cleanup because there was a mouse that has made its bed in the seed box. Can we get more seed supply and can we put them in a plastic container rather than wooden box/plastic box for next time?

Pooja: All this makes sense and we have funds for this so this shouldn't be an issue.

Camila: Excess plastic pots when we were cleaning out the shed. Maybe people buy really small plants and transplant them and then put the excess plastic pots in the shed. Does it make sense to have a supply of small plants for residents to use for transplanting?

Pooja: I don't know the specifics yet, this can be something we can discuss as a garden community this spring after we have sign ups.

Camila: The Lawrence garden committee has their own slack channel, should we have our own slack channel?

Pooja: Yes that sounds like a great idea, I will do it after sign-ups.

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Michelle: Room draw application closes on April 5th, reminder to residents to fill out your application by then!