

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting – November 14, 2022

Time and location: 4 p.m. EST, on Zoom

Notes taken by: Isabelle Chen

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**
 - Alina Thokkadam
 - Sophia Yoo
 - Sara Sussman
 - Isabelle Chen
 - Allison Tang
 - Justin Sheen
 - Shaowei Zhu

 - **University:**
 - Michelle Ruggia
 - Kevin Fleming

 - **ACC (American Campus Committees)**
 - Mark Clemmons
 - Gloria Yuen

 - **Residents:**
 - none
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Agenda

Book Club

- Next meeting in December (12/14), during Reading Period.
- Book choice: *How to Stop Time*, by Matt Haig.
- Snacks provided by the Community Associate budget.
- Generally, good attendance, book club moving along smoothly.

Garden

- Allison was able to disconnect almost all of the hoses to drain them out.
- Herb garden
 - Allison is on the fence for what to do with it; quite overgrown.

- After Thanksgiving: a group could go out and trim the herb garden to clean it up and prepare for future use.
- This is next on the agenda, after taking care of the hoses.

Special Events

- Marathon event on Saturday (11/12), organized with Lawrence, went well, as did the basketball 3-on-3 (11/11).
- Next up: Canned food drive.
 - Where should the cardboard boxes be for the food drive?
 - Usually, they're at Lakeside Commons. Impractical to put them in the mailrooms, due to the already large number of boxes in these areas, and so that we can assure quality and donatability of all items.
- Kevin's baking extract event
 - Planned for Monday, 12/12, 5-7 p.m.
 - Committee will design a poster and advertise, as well as being present at the event to help.

External Relations

- Safety walk
 - Sophia brought a few campus safety concerns to the attention of the organizers.
 - Some students also had concerns about walking around campus after dark, so Michelle shared info about on-demand Tiger Transit and other after-hours resources.
 - If residents see any problems, such as burnt-out lights or dangerous parts of the sidewalk, they can reach out to Facilities to alert them. (Clarification: if the issue is on Lakeside property, bring it to Lakeside maintenance rather than Facilities.)
 - Michelle: everything reported during the walk has been taken into account, either by Student Housing or Lakeside, and maintenance tickets have been created for these issues.
 - Overall, the walk went well, and was well attended. About 28 issues noted during the walk.
- GSG meeting last week
 - GSG Events Board has a \$32,000-budget for student organizations and their events; this funding is still very available, so if any student organizations wish to organize events, they should submit an application! Caveat: the event must be open to the entire student body.
 - Related question: How much did Lakeside spend on events last year?
 - We typically have a budget of about \$1,000.
 - Last year, the committee went over budget, but this is why we should also file for assistance from the GSG Events Board.

- Typically, the GSG caps funding, depending on how much money organizations are requesting, and how they plan to distribute it. It depends on how many organizations are applying for funding during a certain year.
- Note: Lakeside Garden currently has a budget of \$600, so if we want to plan a garden-related event, we can. However, the garden space is not reservable through EMS.
- Also a discussion about student parking: GSG transportation representative is advocating to reroute one of the bus routes to travel more quickly between the stadium garage (where many students park) and campus.

Anonymous feedback from residents

- Roundabout near the Lakeside entrance
 - Dangerous for bikes. Students have suggested installing speed bumps or stop signs.
 - This is why bushes in the middle of the roundabout were removed this past year, to increase visibility.
- Intercoms and buzzers in apartment buildings
 - Several students have reported that the buzzer system is not working.
 - Gloria: We are currently working to update the systems, and hoping to have them done within the next few weeks. Once move-ins and move-outs are settled, we will send an email about reprogramming new numbers into the system.
- 751 Hibben Magie Rd
 - When using the ramp up to 751, people are getting an electric shock from the door.
- Lakeside gym
 - Would it be possible to have more weights in the gym room?
 - Gloria: the fitness center is actually not meant to have weights. Over the years, people have brought weights down and have been allowed to keep them there, as long as students put them away properly. However, moving forward, we can reevaluate this; it might just mean removing some of the treadmills/ellipticals, in order to make more room.
 - Gloria will send out a survey to residents to see if they would be in favor of this exchange.

Last thoughts:

- Sophia is unable to attend the GHAB meeting on 12/5; Isabelle will attend as her proxy.