

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting – December 12, 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
 - Justin Sheen
 - Shaowei Zhu

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

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

 - **Residents:**
 - Thalia
 - Jan Ertl
 - Ishita Chaturvedi
 - Amari Tankard
 - Ladi'Sasha Jones
 - Tal Rubin
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Agenda

Book Club

- Next meeting: this Wednesday, December 14.
- Expected attendance: 20 people.

Garden

- In good shape for the winter. Sara and Alison did garden cleanup last week, weeded the herb garden area, and put away all the hoses.

- For the spring, we'll need to stock up on the seed supply for residents. Gloria suggests not storing this in the tool shed in the future, as chipmunks will eat them; Alison might be able to keep them in her unit until it's time to distribute/plant them.

Social Events

- Kevin's extract event: this evening from 5-7! Committee and community members can come and make vanilla or cinnamon extract.
- Anne will be hosting a board game night on 12/20, from ~5-7.
- Sara suggests putting events on in the first pages of the newsletter so that they're more visible to residents.
- Two big events in the spring are the grad appreciation lunch and the wine and cheese night. Justin suggests switching things up by having wine and cheese first, then grad appreciation lunch in April.
- Justin: could we collaborate with GSG to plan the wine and cheese night? In the past, they hosted GSG happy hour at Lakeside, which is the same event as wine and cheese night.
 - GSG social chair: Haneen Khalid. GSG treasurer: Jan Ertl. We will email them, and Sophia will bring this up at the next GSG meeting as well.

External Relations

- GHAB meeting last Monday: Isabelle was proxy for Sophia. We went through each question on the annual student housing survey. People offered comments, and the questions we focused the most on were those that asked: "What is the maximum price you'd be willing to pay for a studio/one-bedroom/two-bedroom, etc.?" It was unclear how these answers were used, so it was decided that they would be eliminated from the survey.

Residents: Open Forum

- **Thalia:** question about parking at Lakeside, especially those with children who have to go back and forth to the parking lot. Many parents are getting tickets because they're parking for a short time outside their buildings, and parking enforcement happens to come by at those times. Could there be more flexibility in this area for people who need it?
 - Parking and Transportation enforces all parking, not Lakeside, so it doesn't seem like there's much flexibility in terms of giving people a pass to park in front of their buildings.
- **Ishita:** Packages being stolen from Lakeside. Ishita had a very expensive package stolen from 600 Hibben Magie; others' packages are being signed for by strangers and stolen.

- GSG shared the concern with public safety: that packages are being stolen in Lakeside and Lawrence. They proposed putting cameras in the mailrooms. But, Gloria says that we are not permitted to have cameras on Lakeside property, due to privacy issues. We've encouraged everyone to have packages of value delivered to the office during business hours; Gloria/Anne will sign for them and hold them safely for you.
 - There is a larger discussion about cameras on campus, after recent events on campus. Higher-level administrators are taking a look at this, but it does have to happen at this higher level.
 - Could there be some sort of employee like the Porter's Lodge at the GC? It's an idea, and public safety is aware of this suggestion, but it is cost-prohibitive for Lakeside and Lawrence.
 - Gloria encourages that residents check everywhere for their packages, because they're often delivered to the incorrect building.
 - Where is the info for having packages sent to / signed for at Lakeside? It's in the move-in guide as well as on signs posted in every mailroom. It could be worth it to send it in an email to residents, as well as putting it on the Lakeside committee website; Gloria will send info to Shaowei for him to post.
- **Sara:** Someone on the Lakeside Slack said that a last-minute invitation to attend a town hall is like a "non-invitation"; so, Sara's plan is to send a meeting reminder a week in advance, and then Shaowei will post each town hall date on the website, both on the website's homepage and in the calendar.

Anonymous comments from residents

- Two comments about stolen packages and mailroom questions that were addressed earlier
 - Isabelle will post meeting minutes so these residents can see the discussion.
- Another comment about bike removal, which seems like it hasn't happened around 151 Taylor Court, as there are still bikes with tags on them.
 - Gloria will investigate.
- Every year, the landscapers cut thickets; when are they going to cut the thickets behind the bikes at 600 Hiben Magie?
 - Gloria will check with maintenance. But there are limits on how much maintenance can cut, in terms of grass and shrubbery.
- What are the exact recycling rules? Do we need to put recyclables in bags?
 - Gloria: you do not need to put them in bags (in fact, you shouldn't, because most bags are not recyclable!); everything can be mixed in the large blue recycle bins. The metal crate in each garbage area is for broken-down cardboard boxes; this makes more space for other recyclables in the blue bins.
- Compost: could we be clearer about the rules? Because residents often find trash/recycling in the compost bins. Could there also be more bins around Lakeside in general?

- There should be a compost bin in every wooden-fenced garbage/recycling area. Gloria will also send a reminder not to put trash in them, but instructions are also near the bins themselves. Michelle suggests putting instructions on the bins themselves, because if the bins get shifted, they won't be removed from the instructions.
- For the Lakeside exercise room, could we use reusable/washable towels to wipe down equipment, instead of single-use paper towels, for sustainability reasons?
 - We currently only have disinfectant wipes, because of Covid. We will think about the multiple-use towels.
- Could we put speed bumps at the roundabout?
 - This came up at the last town hall as well. Michelle added it to the list of issues flagged during the safety walk back in November, so this issue is being addressed. A few years ago, there was a traffic study that deemed speed bumps unnecessary, but this might be changing.

Last thoughts:

- Jan suggests that we do have a town hall in January, so that more residents will be able to attend. So, we will have the Lakeside pre-meeting (committee only) on 1/9 at 4 p.m., and the town hall (open to residents) on 1/23 at 4 p.m.
- Alina suggests that we also send meeting minutes to residents directly, because they perhaps wouldn't think to check the website to view them.