

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting – November 20, 2023

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

Notes taken by: Isabelle Chen

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**
 - Allison Tang
 - Isabelle Chen
 - Justin Sheen
 - Sophia Yoo
 - Arseniy Andreyev
 - Sneha Srinivasan
 - Christian Kragh Jespersen

 - **University:**
 - Amber Serrano

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

 - **Residents:**
 - Zaid Zada
 - Yoon Chang
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Agenda

Book Club update

- Justin will send out a form to all residents soon, asking about interest and if anyone has a suggestion for a specific book.

Social events

- No updates so far. Sneha will start hosting in the spring, unless there's committee/resident interest in an event at the end of the year.

External relations

- Not much to report. Sophia recently attended the GSG meeting, but besides their elections, there is nothing big going on.

Open forum

- A resident who lives in 351 Lemonick Court would like to bring accessibility problems to the Lakeside committee / admin's attention. As she is in a wheelchair, she has difficulty opening the manual doors to the building, as her unit is not on the side that has the powered door. It is frustrating because it is supposedly an accessible unit.
 - Gloria asks them to put this in writing to her, Amber, and Michelle, with specific information about what type of accommodations are needed within/outside of the apartment, and the admin can see how they can help.
- One resident brought up the fact that there was recently a marathon in Princeton that completely closed down Faculty road. Residents weren't notified of this, and so there was no way for cars to get out of Lakeside.
 - Amber: since it was a Campus Rec event, it might be worth reaching out to them to say that in the future it would be best to notify residents of road closures.
 - Gloria confirms that she didn't receive any emails about it. She says she will reach out to TPS to ensure that this won't happen again.
 - Sophia had this issue too, coming back into Lakeside that morning. This would be a terrible situation to run into in an emergency.

Resident feedback from the anonymous form

- Could we please restock the cleaning wipes in the gym?
 - Gloria: Already taken care of!
- Intercoms still don't work.
 - Gloria and Anne haven't been notified of any problems so far; what building is this in? If you continue to have problems, please contact the managers directly, and in the meantime, they will check the various buildings' intercoms.
- In the garage, there are only two Enterprise cars, but four designated spots for them. Could those extra two be removed?
 - Gloria: TPS is the one that designated those spaces; we have to keep all four because the number of cars in those spaces depends on when/where each car is returned, especially given that you can pick up and return rentals to different locations. Gloria has already checked about the removal, but for now, TPS would like to keep all of those spots.
- A resident wonders if the gym lights could go off at night, because they can see the bright light at night.
 - Gloria will work with maintenance to see what they can do. Currently, it's a switch—so, as Sophia suggests, why not just add a sign reminding everyone to turn off the lights, especially at night?
- Question about the correct flow of traffic on the first floor of the garage, where there have been some near-accidents. Could we install some clarifying signs?

- That part of the garage is two-way, so there should be enough room for two cars to pass at the same time, but of course everyone should be driving cautiously. A while back, there was a proposal to install mirrors so people could see around corners, and we could revisit this with TPS if there's enough demand. We did repaint the poles at the entrances and exits last year, as well, to make them more visible.
 - It would be useful to have a meeting with TPS and our committee, to reiterate some of these concerns.
 - Gloria will open an email (and CC Sophia) to TPS to raise this issue.
- On a similar point, Arseniy wanted to follow up on the idea of placing speed bumps in Lakeside to reduce the possibility of speeding.
 - Gloria: this would be a bigger conversation, because it would be a significant construction project, and we would have to take into account whether the buses would be able to go over them easily. We will ask TPS about this as well.
 - There are “slow down” and “children at play” signs that people totally ignore—would it be useful to impose fines for speeding? → the only problem with this is, the speeders are often non-Lakeside residents, and so proposing a fine would perhaps be impractical.
 - Justin adds that we often get a request to put speed bumps at the roundabout just outside of Lakeside. After many safety walks, the shrubs in the middle of that roundabout were removed, which is a step in the right direction. The safety committee is aware of the frequent requests to add speed bumps, but anyone who would like to advocate further for this can contact Princeton EHS (Environmental Health and Safety), as they are the ones who organize the safety walk.
- Is it okay to use nails in Lakeside?
 - You are, but understand that any significant modifications and damage are liable to cost \$25+. 1-2 pinholes or nail holes here and there shouldn't cost anything, but something bigger might. We highly suggest using Command strips and hooks, just because they cause less damage to the wall. If you do use nails, we'd rather that you don't patch it or paint over it, because in the past, people have tried, but have done it incorrectly, causing even larger damage.
- Request for a vending machine and a bench in the gym.
 - No on the vending machine, because we unfortunately don't have the space. Same for the bench, unless residents would want to give up a machine to make room for different equipment.

General updates

- The Lakeside garage lights are being replaced! Gloria has sent several updates and reminders for residents to move their cars.

- Gloria: thank you to all residents who participated in our food drive. In terms of upcoming events, we will be doing a community breakfast at the end of the month, and then next month, Amber and ACC will be hosting a holiday cookie and graham-cracker house building event (likely December 14th).
- Sophia: realized that she never got information about the Safety Walk, which already happened, so she missed it. Since EHS recently took over the role, perhaps they aren't aware that delegates from housing committees are supposed to participate. Sophia will reach out to Kelly States at EHS.

Garden update

- We got the garden cleanup mostly done, aside from a few holdouts. Christian is working on making a programming schedule for next year.

Next Lakeside town hall: December 11th at 4 p.m. on Zoom!