

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting – December 11, 2023

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

Notes taken by: Isabelle Chen

Attendance:

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

 - **University:**
 - N/A

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

 - **Residents:**
 - Jan Ertl
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Agenda

Book Club update

- We are going to hold our book clubs this year in February, April, and June, and will send out a poll with book suggestions from residents. We will send out a decision in January, to give people enough time to find and read the books before our first meeting in February.

Garden update

- Still in the process of getting the big pile of dirt removed from near the 151 Taylor Court roundabout.

Social events

- Sneha will start planning things next semester, but will be joining Gloria for the holiday cookie event and wrapping event.

External relations

- Sophia, Allison, Gloria, and Alana from GSG had a meeting with TPS about parking and traffic around Lakeside.
 - For the Lakeside garage: we discussed getting some mirrors for the corners between levels, to improve visibility. The representatives from TPS were very open to the suggestion, and Sophia will follow up with them in writing about this. They also discussed other possibilities, like writing “Slow Down” in glittery paint, which was not accepted due to maintenance issues and potential wear-and-tear. However, we may put a high-visibility sign at the entrance of the garage with a reminder such as “slow down” and “be careful around the corners.” The lighting in the garage has been much improved, so thank you to Gloria for that!
 - For concerns regarding speeding around Lakeside: speed bumps in Lakeside may not be doable, as it poses potential problems for snow removal and emergency vehicle access. So, we will try to do more in terms of enforcement, instead, including reminders not to speed.
 - Gloria followed up with people about the 5K Tiger Trot road closure discussed last week; this was apparently something that the township police did, and didn’t notify Princeton campus public safety, who then would have told Lakeside. So the ball was dropped on the town’s end, and they’ll make sure this doesn’t happen again.
 - Safety at the roundabout and crosswalk right outside Lakeside: there’s not too much structurally that can be done right now, but we may be able to improve the lighting around it, so at least things/people are more visible at night.
 - Overall, Sophia will keep following up with TPS about all of these points.

Resident feedback from the anonymous form

- Someone writes that there’s a group that uses the Lakeside study rooms to play games, and are at times quite noisy, even when the common room is free and available. Can we do anything about this?
 - We could put a more specific sign up in those rooms. For now, it says the rooms are first-come-first-served, and with a limit of four hours. We can add a notice to remind people to be respectful of others in the space, as it’s a designated study area.
- A resident is very concerned about the parking situation, and how lots of cars often block the temporary parking spaces.
 - Sophia: there are two avenues for solutions: putting up more signs and better enforcing regulations, and then also reminding residents to be more community-oriented in not occupying those temporary spaces for too long. In terms of the first, there are signs, and people are getting fined, so those policies are indeed being enforced, including on weekends (we have received some

complaints from those who have been ticketed). For the latter, we can put a reminder on the website or send it out via email.

- Is it possible to install motion sensors for the lights in the garage, because keeping them on all the time isn't ecologically friendly.
 - The new lights are not motion-sensored because we actually do want to keep them active, since the garage is large and the sensor coverage might not reach certain areas, so this could be a safety concern for nights especially. However, we have them on the lowest possible wattage.
- A resident says, thank you to Gloria for changing your email format from images to text! Would it be possible for Anne to do so as well?
 - They might be referring to the electric bills that Anne sends, which are sent from a different email system and fixed as images, but we can still look into having that changed.

Open Forum

- Gloria says, in response to a resident request, we have placed a water kettle in the Commons next to the Keurig. Residents are still responsible for bringing their own cups.
- Also, she has added a football to our sports equipment box! Anyone who would like the padlock code can email Isabelle at lakesidecomm@princeton.edu
- Jan: in Lakeside Commons B, there are only two chairs in front of the TV, which might make it hard for people to host movie nights and other large events. Perhaps a seating arrangement with couches (like on the other side of the room) might be better there?
 - Gloria: The chairs that were originally there were removed for cleaning, but we can see if we can get a different layout in that half of the commons. In any case, we are looking into replacements, so the current setup with the two chairs will not be permanent.