

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting – June 20, 2024

Time and location: 3 p.m. EST, on Zoom

Notes taken by: Isabelle Chen

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**
 - Allison Tang
 - Isabelle Chen
 - Sophia Yoo
 - Christian Kragh Jespersen

 - **University:**
 - Michelle Ruggia
 - Amber Serrano

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

 - **Residents:**
 - Sophia Koval
 - Kush Maheshwari
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Agenda

Book Club update

- Sneha is currently traveling, but wanted to report that the next book club meeting is on for July. We still have to decide on a book and a date.

Garden update

- Things are going well! The hoses are thankfully not leaking this year!
- One plot has been reassigned due to lack of weeding/activity.
- Ellen Kellich just donated some zucchini plants (seedlings) to Allison, and she's trying to figure out a way to pass them on. Christian suggests that she write to the garden members, because there will surely be people interested.
- Side note: a new addition to the community garden this year: little blue edible flowers! Any residents are welcome to pick some, as well as the other herbs. There will be a little sign marking which plot is the communal one (closest to the front garden door, on the left).

Social events

- Next Monday, 6/24, 6-8 p.m.: party in Lakeside Commons! Catering from Romeo's Italian.
- Allison is also planning a crochet event in July (3rd week ish).

External relations

- Greening tents are up! Alana and Sophia put them up this past Tuesday. Alana will monitor how full things get; there are extra tents from the Sustainability Office if need be. Pickup is supposed to happen on June 28. Sophia asks: is anyone (residents or committee members) able to help with this? If so, please reach out to Alana Bernys.
- Remember: please be neat while leaving things under the tents! This will help with pickup, and will also make things easier for other residents to take.
- Also remember: if items are left around the buildings, please do not take them unless it is clear that they are up for donation! Especially around this time, many new people are moving in, and may not know that people often leave unwanted items outside mailrooms or on benches.
- Sophia suggests that we publicize the #lakeside channel on the GSG Slack. Many people don't know about it until they're referred to it for a specific question. Maybe when residents move in, we could point them to both the Lakeside Committee website and the #lakeside channel?
 - Michelle says that Housing is working on an information sheet for incoming students, which will have QR codes and information about the Lakeside and Lawrence Committees.
- Lastly, Sophia is retiring as External Relations Delegate. 😞 Thank you for all your amazing work!!
 - For the summer, we usually don't have town halls, but we should still fill this role. This means that the committee may have an additional meeting in July for a special election to find a new ERD.

Open forum

- Question from Sophia Koval about the garden. First, since the trellis event had to be postponed, are the trellises in the shed off-limits until then?
 - Yes, for now, but the event should be happening very soon.
- Other question: has anyone used the Lakeside grill before? Is it a gas grill? We think so, but Sophia emailed Anne about refilling the propane tank, and Anne said it was an electric grill.
 - Lo confirms that it is a gas grill, but the reason there's that confusion is because there's no propane tank—it's rather connected to a gas line that has to be switched on and off. So, for Sophia's upcoming event, they will be able to turn on the gas with the designated key.
- Question from Kush Maheshwari: he's been living in a townhouse which apparently has been a "pull-in" unit for several years, meaning that it hasn't been completely vacated and cleaned in a long time. Last year, they asked for the vent filter over the stove to be

changed, and were told that because it was a pull-in situation, maintenance couldn't do much.

- Lo's understanding is that when the unit is partially vacated, maintenance doesn't clean common areas because there are still residents and belongings occupying them.
 - Isabelle asks if it would be possible for residents to put in the request for the cleaning through maintenance anyway, in the same way they would request an air filter or lightbulb change? Lo says no, because cleaning is the responsibility of the residents.
 - Kush will email Michelle and Lo more information about the problem and they will try to resolve it.
- Michelle just sent out info about move-in and contract renewal, and would like to remind residents that they must re-submit proof of insurance and pet approval documents each year. (If you've already submitted a security deposit and are retaining your unit, you're not required to do anything.)
 - Request to level the sand in the volleyball court more regularly, and to purchase new materials for the court such as an adjustable net, antennas, and boundary lines. Isabelle can confirm that these requests have been made before (since summer 2023), but ultimately, the court was only leveled once.
 - Isabelle will give the resident Lo's email so they can be in touch directly.

Resident feedback from the anonymous form

- Getting notified about Lakeside maintenance and construction: sometimes the notice is very short. Could Lakeside tell residents at least a few days in advance of these projects?
 - Yes! Our usual guideline is three business days in advance, unless it's an emergency.
- Hot water seems to be getting hotter. When they run their dishwasher, it's scalding hot.
 - Christian's theory: people are gone for the summer, so there are fewer people using the hot water. In his experience, the water gets super hot at odd hours of the day, so it could simply be because there's less demand now.
 - They can feel free to submit a maintenance request if they'd like the staff to take a look at their dishwasher in particular.
- Can we increase the frequency that the compost bins are emptied? They attract a lot of bugs, particularly a couple weeks ago when the compost bin was filled with maggots.
 - Lo will check on the current schedule and see if we can increase the pickups. We do know that they're not usually emptied at the same time as the garbage and recycling, because it's a different organization that handles it.

Next town hall: at the start of the Fall semester. But, the committee will still be active and can be reached if any questions or issues arise. Have a great summer!