

Lakeside Committee Meeting – October 28, 2025

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

Notes taken by: Sophia Koval

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**

- Sophia Koval
- Christopher Branner-Augmon
- Yiying Tan
- Momin Ghaffar
- Narelle Gilchrist
- Christian Kragh Jespersen
- Emily Lobb

- **University:**

- Michelle Ruggia (Housing)

- **ACC (American Campus Committees)**

- Loydes Nieves (ACC)

- **Residents:**

- Elijah Gallimore-Repole
- Clement Herman
- Philip Raftopoulos
- Josephine
- Kaleigh Remick
- Silvia Trinczek
- Cece
- Christina Shatford
- Isabelle DeSisto
- Christopher Catalano
- was not able to record all people on the call

Agenda

1. **Gym update**

- Tigerwell grant status, \$3000 approved for gym equipment and associated costs
- Feedback on grant application said that evidence of strong support from residents was compelling!

- Suggestions: collaborate with campus rec or someone in the community who can teach people how to use the new equipment, set up a buddy system for residents to teach each other how to use new equipment, keep some records of use/resident feedback
- Yiyiing recommends launch event as a social, people can gauge interest on buddy program
- Michelle: Lo has a quote for the moving costs for the equipment, we will have to work together on figuring out if the grant covers it all and if not where we will get the money. Only movers approved by the university can be used. She will email the committee separately about this.
- Lo: We're trying to identify where we can save. We engaged with a local group to donate the old equipment, we need to figure out how to move that equipment to the organization.

2. HVAC replacement update

- Lo: No big updates, conversations have continued and the major stakeholders are all in the conversation

3. External relations

- GSG assembly is forming committees, will be joining a working group
 - Yiyiing planning to work on rules committee, want housing delegates to have a voice or voting power on the assembly

4. Garden update

- A pole on the fence broke in the last week, next coordinator will have to get that fixed
- New garden coordinator should coordinate garden clean up in mid-November

5. Other follow ups

- **Intercoms**
 - Lo: Meeting with vendor and OIT tomorrow, might be able to send email with residents to register themselves, you can opt yourself in and it makes it easier to register
- **Light on path**
 - Michelle: Pinged them again, went through higher ups, last word is it's with the electric shop

6. Open forum

- Isabelle: Housing priority, can you clarify the policy and will it be maintained?
 - Michelle: Priority for the elected person isn't changing in Lakeside. The change: roommates have to align with normal pull-in process for roommates, you can only pull in current G1, G2, G3 students. Committee members will submit their preferences and submit, will be given offers during pre-draw.

7. Anonymous feedback form

- Gym has been hot, >72 degrees, poor air circulation in there, battery of scale is low
 - The temperature was addressed since someone directly emailed ACC, should be fixed now (email ACC if it is still hot)
 - Scale was provided by the committee, it's not maintained by ACC
 - Chris will buy some batteries
- Door in common area that doesn't close properly and the voice prompt goes on

- We're aware of this issue, it requires a big renovation on the door. No immediate solution to that, a long term capital project.
 - Sophia: Can we turn off the voice prompt?
 - Lo: I wish. I will ask DPS since they have some new leadership
- Move out procedures - itemized damage invoices are not sent initially and residents need to request this, charges are issued months after move out
 - Michelle: Direct student to us to look at individual situation. Some charges had to be reprocessed so that's why charges were late. Lo has worked with her team to try to start sending out damage invoices as part of normal communications, residents should receive those much sooner from now on. We have to return the security deposits within 30 days and the property assessments happen sometime in that period.
- When will dumpster on Lemonick court be removed?
 - Lo: Within next 2 weeks, finalizing some internal cleanup
- Water shutoff scheduled for last week, but the water never actually shut off. Did the repairs take place?
 - Lo: Repair did happen, didn't take as long as anticipated, so the resident might have not tried to use water during the more brief shutoff window.
- Question about leaf blowing, asking why it happens so often and why gas powered leaf blowers are used. Concerns about environmental impact of leaf blowing, potential growth of algal blooms in the lake
 - Lo: Princeton has a leaf blowing ordinance that we have to follow, that dictates our standards around leaf blowing. Princeton allows leaf blowing Oct 1-Dec 15th, stops outside of that. Our landscapers are only on the property Tuesdays, Lo will confirm that those are the only days leaf blowing is happening.

8. Statements from election candidates

- There were no residents on the call who has not already voted in the online election. Therefore, the election results were already final, and no statements were read

9. Opportunity for residents on the call who have not yet voted to vote

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Congrats to our new 2025-2026 committee!

Chair - Sophia Koval
 Vice Chair - Isabelle DeSisto
 Secretary - Cecelia Ramsey
 Treasurer - Christopher Branner-Augmon
 Social Chair - Silvia Trinczek
 Webmaster - Jan Ertl
 Garden Coordinator - Clément Herman
 External Relations Chair - Yiying Tan

Next town hall: TBD, new committee needs to decide