

2026-03-30 Lakeside Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday March 30th

Time: 4:00 EST

Location: zoom

In Attendance

Committee members: Cece, Chris, Philip, Isabelle (late - sorry), Jan
University: Michelle Ruggia, Shawn Copeland
ACC (American Campus Committees): Lo Nieves
Residents: NA

Social Events Updates

- Gym event
 - low-ish attendance (4-6pm might be a difficult time for students, but was chosen based on Campus Rec availability)
 - Protein shakes were stolen from the upper cabinet in the kitchen (in the future the Committee will use a locked storage area)
 - Instructional posters for exercises using the new equipment will be posted in gym
- Upcoming Grad student appreciation week event next week.
 - Apr. 7th, at 6pm, food will be catered from Chipotle
 - Philip will email Lo with requests (ACC providing plates/napkins)
 - Lakeside will also have a string of events for Grad Student Appreciation

Garden Updates

- Fence updates
 - Fence repairs will take place in the next 2 weeks (focused on the back of the fence by the shed).
 - The committee also put in a request for further netting to keep bunnies out of the garden.
- Updates on Garden from Clément
 - Plot assignment complete.
 - Working on a buddy program.
 - Garden kickoff event will be held in the next 2 weeks.
- This weekend: plawking!

- Event advertised via email (from Shawn)
- Lo will bring some granola bars from Costco, and Clément will be in charge of putting leftover granola bars in the Committee storage closet.
- Encourage participants to bring their own water!

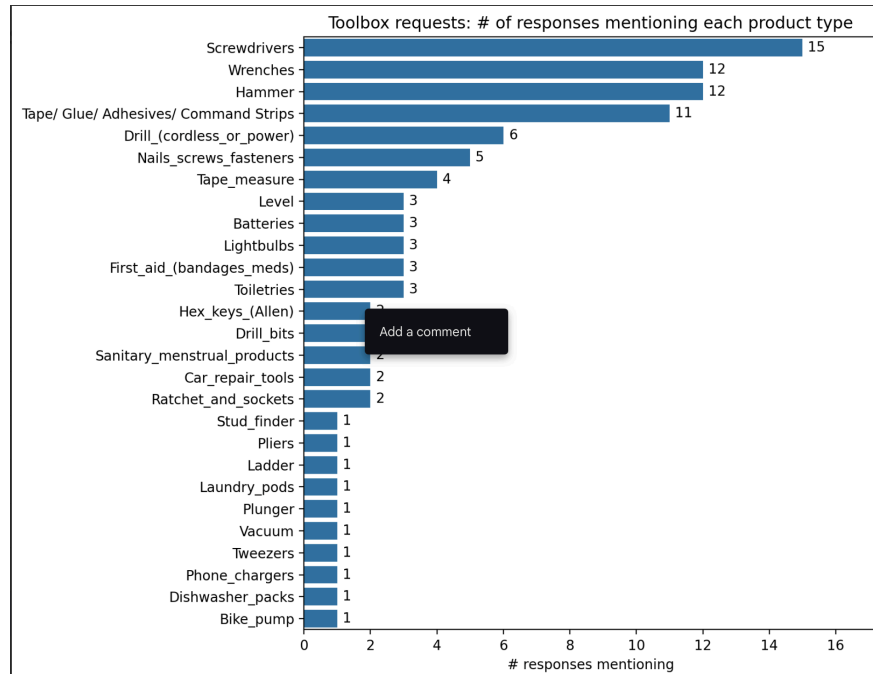
External Relations (In Absentia)

- Yiyang completed the analysis for the survey (n = 137, representative of Lakeside demographics w.r.t year of study), uploaded some jupyter notebooks containing analysis to the Committee's Google Drive.
- Survey: Main Insights for Gym (see also, report as part of Tigerwell grant (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OfZ8ZZeZwy0eq9cc07hsx-P6CMaHZ1g_gXOKpprsv0/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.2cj6oershnr):
 - People really want free weights (28/44 free response comments); **it is worth looking into the feasibility of free weights again.**
 - Jan: The survey didn't mention free weights, but people are bringing it up regularly. Emphasized that the community has really asked for this. We wonder if, because Meadows had free weights, it might be reconsidered bringing free weights to Lakeside.
 - From Michelle: that request was denied in the past, and it will continue to be a no.
 - Some people are upset that there are less cardio machines and the gym is busier now. This was a trade-off that was made clear to residents, and in the the original poll, most people accepted the trade-off (perhaps driving relatively small amount of such feedback). However, the trade-off actually implemented was larger than proposed (in Jan's proposed layout, there were more machines. **Why did we not follow the layout/ can we add more machines?**)
 - The previous equipment has been donated. The committee was given the list of new equipment and the items leaving.
 - Instructional sheets/classes are always welcome, not the top ask, but an easy improvement to make.
 - Philip: Allie from Campus Rec is willing to come back
 - Instructional sheets will be hung up soon.
 - **For ACC: There were 1-2 comments on the gym not being well ventilated enough.**
 - Lo: Residents cannot control AC but AC should be running, if not please notify the front office.
- Survey: Main Insights for Vending Machines
 - General moderate support: less than majority support/ strongly support any machine type (shelf stable snacks, sandwich/salad, beverages), but more than majority support for every type when including neutrals. The most popular "worst outcome" is no machine.

- Strongest support for shelf stable packaged snacks.
- Main comments expressing opposition: (1) Environmental sustainability; (2) Food waste (for non-shelf stable snacks); (3) Health (against unhealthy soft drinks, snacks).

Vending machine with healthy and sustainably produced snacks probably the best case.

- Yiyiing will try to raise this in GDAB meeting.
- Survey: Main Insights for Toolbox:
 - This is a very popular idea but people are rightly skeptical about how to implement it properly. (69% support/ strongly support, 30% neutral for a toolbox in general; versus 48% support/ strongly support, 40% neutral for the idea of a tool vending machine).
 - Most requested tools (classified by Claude)



- **Greening Move Out/ Goodwill Donations in the Summer:** the GSG Facilities Officer is coordinating Greening Move Out and Goodwill donations this year (happening around move out in June) and they are trying to confirm locations by mid-April. He is asking what are our preferred locations for donation boxes + the greening move out tent.
 - **Greening Move Out:** Weather is likely to be unpredictable. At the same time, it is critical to the purpose of this program to have usable donations, so it is very important to have a sheltered space for this rather than an outdoor tent. **Proposal: grill area, cordon off a space so it is not obstructing exit, and shut down access to the grill area for 1 week to prevent fire hazards.**
 - From Lo: the grill area is not feasible because it's utilized (reserved for events, etc.), and blocking exits in that area would be a big problem. Lo suggests using tents or scheduling more frequent pick-up.

- **Goodwill box location:** Perhaps one of the study rooms, or outside the admin office like last year, since there should be less demand for use in the summer (this would be in late June).
 - Lo: Outside the admin office is fine as long as we're keeping an eye on it.

HVAC Updates

- Update on the ongoing panel replacements?
 - Lo: Moving along nicely; but staff has been giving people one-week notice and then each week someone has cancelled the appointment on the day of. The problem with this is that the vendor is already on site for a limited time and since other residents have not been notified, the vendor is unable to do any repairs. This is causing delays! And we can't afford delays with the bigger repairs coming up with the HVAC. Day-of canceling is really not an option.
 - Committee will help communicate this to residents.
 - Possibly put a penalty? Move that person to end of the queue if they cancel.
- Do we have a timeline for HVAC replacements?
 - No parts yet.

Budget

- Discussion about where the money is from TigerWell Grant / when it will appear in account. Conclusion: the money is being moved where needed.

Open Floor for Questions

- No residents on the call.

Anonymous Feedback

- High-five to Shawn for helping out some SPIA kids, and for retrieving packages!
- Pet policy: why do they have to be on the first floor?
 - Michelle: it's a municipality policy because of egress.
 - Lo: it's also for the pets to go outside through the individual doors rather than through the shared hallways (as courtesy to other residents).
 - Animals approved as service animals through the office of disability services are able to be housed in any apt at Lakeside. You can send an email to thepoint@princeton.edu for help with the process.
- Consistent complaints about package theft.
 - Reminders to use Frist or the Lakeside main office.
- Pot holes at end of Hibben Magie Rd.
 - Lo says TBD on any repairs.

- Reporting faucet problem in mens restroom.
 - Lo will put in service request.
- Water fountain repairs?
 - New one has been ordered and when it arrives it will be installed.
- When will portapotty be removed from Lakeside garage?
 - Lo: it was not installed by Lakeside. It's there bc of panel work on the top floor, so when that wraps up it will be removed.
- Parking garage updates?
 - Lo: will ask for a timeline, but Lakeside is not overseeing this.
- When will trailer be moved?
 - The trailers are holding the panels for the HVAC repairs, so they will be staying until project is complete.
- PSA from a resident: standing water is breeding ground for mosquitos. Too many planters are left empty without plants. Please store pots upside down to prevent standing water.
- PSA from residents: Proper trash disposal is a big problem. People are still leaving trash outside the cans on the sidewalk rather than in dumpsters. And trash juice (ugh) is in the elevators.
 - Committee has already tried putting up posters. We all agree we need to do a more concentrated effort to get residents to improve trash disposal.
 - It is considered a quality of life problem.
 - Trash can also be hazardous for wildlife and pets!

Action Items

- Philip will send April events to Lo to share in Lakeside newsletter.
- Philip will hang instructional posters in the gym.
- Philip preparing for Chipotle night; Chris will pick up the food.
- Lo will buy granola bars for plawking.
- Clément will coordinate plawking event and upcoming garden event.
- Cece will draft communication about canceling maintenance orders and about PSA for trash.

Next Meeting

- Next Town Hall is April 27 at 4 pm