Lowell School Community Relations Council
October 7, 2010 Meeting

Present: Doug Odom, Joe McQueeney of Lowell School and 6 members from the community.

Meeting time: 7:05 pm to 7:55 pm

Traffic management report:

Lowell has implemented police officers to help with traffic at the exit in the morning and at the entrance in the afternoon.

Lowell has added staff to Kalmia and 17th street during the arrival and dismissal period.

Lowell has not received any notices of violations from the community to date.

Lowell has notified registered neighbors by email of events that may impact parking. However, Lowell missed sending notice about one evening event on Sept 23rd where parents had to use surrounding streets for parking.

Lowell has initiated a Safe Routes to School planning process with DDOT.

Lowell will participate in International Walk to School Day in October and Bike to Work Day in the Spring 2011.

Lowell's expansion plans

Final vote of approval of Lowell's zoning application was received on September 27th. This approval differed from the application only in the size of the parking garage/play field. The structure was modified to increase the distance between the neighboring property and the play field. The final recorded order should be available in the next month or two and will be posted on Lowell's website when received.

The next steps include detailed planning for fundraising, financing, and construction with the goal of starting construction on the first phase by summer 2013.

Construction management was discussed and it was agreed that Lowell will review the construction management plan with the community council prior to starting construction on the expansion.

Community Relations Council business

Upcoming events:

Wonder's childcare to use Lowell parking on Monday October 11th when school is closed. (Pool is open to the community this day)

Admission tours on Tuesday mornings from October 12th weekly into early January.

Annual Bazaar on Saturday the 23rd from 11-3

Private party on Kalmia to use Lowell parking lot on Wednesday evening October 20th

Weekend events are scheduled nearly every Saturday for the next 6 weeks. Renters are instructed that they are to use on-site parking; they are advised of the parking capacity in advance.

Other business:

A community member offered to provide car seat fitting instruction. This was noted and will be passed on to the appropriate Lowell staff.

A community member noted that the sidewalk adjacent to the Parkside parking lot was not repaired or cleaned up by the city following the August storm that left much damage in its wake.

Next meeting: January 2011 - Specific Date TBD