Notes from the Lowell Community Relations Council Meeting
Prepared by Lowell School
April 9, 2019, 6:30 pm
Lowell School Berkeley Library

In attendance

- Wendell Hughes
- Chris Ginter (Lowell)
- Lizzie Sadoff
- Jessica Rosenbaum
- Samira Farmer
- Naima Jefferson
- John Folger
- Richard Ruggieri
- Tom Hutton
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles

Fraser site

- Lowell is working with its lender on some paperwork necessary to wrap-up the permit process. Bids on the construction work have been solicited. A question was asked about whether the proposed changes to this site would reduce the number of on-campus parking spaces. Answer: yes, there will be a small reduction in parking spaces. Another question was asked about where people would park during construction. Lowell will formulate a plan for alternative parking as it did during Parkside construction once timeline for construction is known.

Play structure on front field

- Permit has been issued and installation completed.

Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

- A lengthy conversation was had about traffic and parking in the neighborhood, specifically on Kalmia Road and on 17th Street.
    - Attendees who are part of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association shared efforts that they have undertaken to reduce and/or slow down traffic on Kalmia Road.
    - Lowell shared the initiatives it has undertaken to reduce employee and family vehicles on campus and to reduce the impact of its carpool line upon the neighborhood.
    - Many observations were made about 17th Street, including the potential hazards of excessive speed, the blind hump near Lowell's entrance, erosion on the west (Rock Creek Park) side of the road, and parking on the east side of the road.
    - A number of attendees observed that the majority of vehicles on both Kalmia and 17th are cutting through our neighborhood.
    - Attendees shared additional ideas for reducing traffic including working with Waze and seeking a Circulator bus stop.
- A neighbor observed that waste removal vehicles have on occasion arrived on Lowell's campus extremely early in the morning. Lowell agreed to take

steps to ensure that its waste is not being collected until a reasonable time of day.

1626 Kalmia Road

- Construction on the single-family home owned by Lowell is nearing completion and the property should be on the rental market shortly.

New business

- No new business was introduced

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Upcoming dates of interest

Auction	April 27, 6:00 pm
Arts celebration	May 19
Farewell party for Outgoing head of School	June 1, afternoon
5th grade Moving Forward Ceremony	June 4, 1:30 pm
End of year picnic	June 6, 5:00 pm
Graduation	June 7, 9:00 am
Camp session 1 begins (3 weeks)	June 17
Camp session 2 begins (3 weeks)	July 8
Camp session 3 begins (1 week)	July 29
Parent/student open house	September 3
First day of school	September 4

Upcoming meeting dates

- July 9, 2019
- October 8, 2019
- January 7, 2020
- April 7, 2020