Notes from the Lowell Community Relations Council Meeting
Prepared by Lowell School
April 11, 2023, 6:30 pm
By Zoom call

In Attendance

- Paula Edwards
- Wendell Hughes
- Chris Ginter (Lowell)
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Edmund Atkins
- Cynthiana Lightfoot
- Laurice Redhead

Old Business

- Kalmia Creek project has been approved by HPRB and CFA and is still in the permitting process with DCRA.
- No advancements have been pursued on the Fraser site.

Lowell Update

- **Regarding Lowell's on-campus programs:**
  - The 100th day of school, a milestone long celebrated at Lowell passed on 2/22.
  - Lowell athletics joined a conference for the first time, for basketball. Boys won the conference tournament and girls were runners-up.
  - Spring athletics has begun for track & field, baseball, and lacrosse. Athletes from Kindergarten through 8th grade are participating.
  - Admissions season concluded in March
    - All outgoing 8th grade students received placements
    - Enrollment remains strong, anticipating approximately 330 students for 2023-2024
  - STEAMFest was a tremendous success, showcasing a wide array of the project-based learning we practice. Projects were enjoyed by students, parents, grandfriends, newly accepted families, and neighbors.
  - 8th grade students gave 3 highly acclaimed performances of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* complete with a musical score written by our music department.
  - Grandguests were invited to their first on-campus Grandguests Day in some while. As always, it was a joyous day. Grandguests really love coming to school!
  - Lowell's summer camp attendance will be near our capacity of 400. Programs offered will be quite similar to those which have traditionally been offered.
  - Lowell has a plan in place to deter late-night basketball players, should they take up the practice during the summer.
  - Other than the creek project, Lowell has no construction that will be underway during the summer.

Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

- Lowell will communicate with families about not using neighborhood alleys, per Lowell's agreement not to use them.

New Business

- Neighbors reported an increase in evening and weekend visitors to campus, playing basketball and soccer, and socializing.
- ANC Commissioner Paula Edwards shared that, at the request of this group, she is working to improve safety and traffic flow at the 17th and Kalmia intersection.

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Upcoming dates of interest

Fete (auction)	April 29
5th grade moving forward ceremony	June 7
End of year picnic	June 8
8th grade graduation	June 9
Summer camp session 1 begins	June 20
Summer camp session 2 begins	July 10
Summer last call camp begins	July 31
Gearing-up begins	August 28
Open House	September 5
First day of school	September 6
All School picnic	September 8

Upcoming meeting dates

- July 11, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- April 9, 2024