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

In Attendance

- Jose Burgos (Lowell)
- Joan Buhrman (Lowell)
- Chris Ginter (Lowell)
- Sheldon Gay (Lowell)
- Cynthia Francisco (Lowell)
- Sharon Giles
- Columbus Giles
- Edmund Atkins
- Cynthiana Lightfoot
- Laurice Redhead

Old Business

- Kalmia Creek project has been fully permitted and construction has been underway for one week. Weather permitting, it is expected that there is about 3 more weeks of work before completion.
- No advancements have been pursued on the Fraser site.

Lowell Update

- **Regarding Lowell's on-campus programs:**
  - Spring athletics concluded in early May after successful seasons for track and field, baseball, and girls' lacrosse. One of our track athletes was city champion in the 400 meters (1:02).
  - Middle school students experienced their capstone trips in mid-May. 6th grade went to the Eastern Shore for 3 nights. 7th grade went to Alabama and Georgia. 8th grade went to Costa Rica for 7 nights.
  - Lowell graduated 36 8th grade students on June 9.
  - Roughly 350 campers began Camp session 1 on June 20. Camp session 2 began yesterday with about 390 campers. A small sample of our camp offerings include theater, horsemanship, woodworking and welding, service-learning, aquatics, go-karts, summer school, leadership, yoga, and lots of outdoor time.
  - Camp session 3, the last-call minicamp, will take place the week of July31- Aug. 4
  - Employees gearing up for the opening of the 23-24 school year will begin returning to campus in mid-August. All employees will be on campus regularly beginning on August 28.
  - A Lowell employee received a call on their personal mobile phone, threatening violence. After coming to campus to investigate, the MPD determined that the call was a hoax.

Traffic/Neighborhood Agreement

- Carpool traffic has been challenging for the first few days of each camp session. Lowell has a large team working to keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently. Without forgetting obligations set out in the Neighborhood Cooperation Agreement Lowell is focusing traffic efforts on-campus, it having been proven that training and experience, together with strategic planning and scheduling, will mitigate virtually all carpool traffic impact on the neighborhood.
- Lowell continues to struggle to find legally authorized traffic control officers but will continue to seek them.

No **New Business** was introduced.

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Upcoming dates of interest

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
Fall athletics begins	September 11
Book Fair	November 4-5
Winter athletics begins	November 8
Thanksgiving break	November 22-26
Winter break	December 16-January 1

Upcoming meeting dates

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