



**Board Meeting, November 8, 2006 @ 6:00 pm
Lowell City Hall**

Present: Board Members, Mari Stone, Dan Edwards, Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Jim Pfaller, and Leslie Stougaard.

Guests;
Dave Pasquale, City of Lowell

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of October meeting approved.

LARA Treasurers Report

Balance as of 11-08-06 is \$ 16575.30. Motion passed to approve the monthly report and payment of \$96.37 to Voyages for Chamber event.

Old Business

The December 13 meeting will include a community open house to look at the high school route options. Al will work on marking optional route at Lowell High School to give community a preview of the route.

New Business

Terms of Office. Currently the LARA agreement has members serving 2 year terms, with 4 ½ years maximum continuous service. Current terms expire January 2007. Passed motion to request governing bodies to amend the agreement to delete term limit.

Passed motion to start terms January 1st and elect officers biennially in January meeting.

Development Committee (Dan, Mari, Leslie and Jennifer)

Dan presented recommendation for Recognition of Donations.

Suggested formation of an Advisory Committee consisting of local resource people who could help with special issues, such as school, medical or technical issues. Advisory Committee would not be members of LARA and would not need to attend monthly meetings.

LARA received grant from Look Fund. Grant to be publicized at December open house.

LARA has received a Tax ID number for donations. Jennifer will provide information on the State's Solicitation Permit application.

Applications for funds from the Safe Routes to School program need to be nominated by a school. Cherry Creek Elementary would be nominator for Foreman Road route to Cooper Woodland Preserve.

Marketing Committee (Betsy, Tamara, Jennifer and Eric)

LARA hosted the Chamber After Hours on October 12 at NCTA office.

Attended lunch meeting at Lowell Senior Neighbors on November 1.

Easements

Lowell School Easements

Route option 2A/B will be marked for December meeting.

Alden Nash West

Steve Hanson has requested copy of sanitary sewer easement from Township.

Wege property easement

Al marked up aerial view with recommended route revision from Foreman Road to Alden Nash, crossing stream/wetland at existing culvert location and following sanitary sewer easement to the west. Mari will set up meeting with Wege to review this option.

Foreman Road easements

Al to review cross section options to discuss with Kent County Road Commission.

Fairground Connection to Stony Lakeside Park

No action.

Other

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The foregoing constitutes my understanding of matters discussed and conclusions reached. Please review and share your additions or corrections at our next board meeting on **Wednesday December 13, 2006 at 6 pm, Lowell High School.**

Respectfully submitted,
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Commonly used acronyms;

Landscape Architects & Planners (LAP)
Lowell Area Recreation Authority (LARA)
Lowell Area Schools (LAS)