

GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 4, 2009. Fumo Family Library.



Minutes

1. The candidates for office introduced themselves.
2. Since our last meeting **weekly recycling** has been initiated city-wide and the **3-1-1 system** is operational. 3-1-1 is the number to call for all non-emergencies or to request information about City services. For more information, visit <http://www.phila.gov/311/>.
3. Susan Gould has continued to be involved with the effort to keep all the libraries open including the **Fumo Library**. Anyone who wants to be more active with the cause can contact Susan at gouldsu@yahoo.com.
4. Kim Massare reminds everyone of the **Mayor's Splash Fund**, which is calling on citizens to make any donation –large or small – to help keep public pools open this summer. Todd Schwartz notes that the donations go to the United Way so if enough money is not raised to open the pools your donation will be redistributed at their discretion. For more information, visit <http://phillysummerfund.org/>.
5. **Townwatch** update by Carter Liotta: The 3rd & 4th police districts are attempting to unite all the local townwatch groups and focus their efforts on the areas where they are most needed. Also there will be a focus on vehicular and/or daytime townwatch patrols. Townwatch encourages all residents to leave their porch lights on at night. There have been multiple daytime burglaries on Porter St. from 10th to 13th Sts. The District recommends leaving your radio on when you are not home as a deterrent to this type of crime.
6. Kim encourages the group to make an effort to **support our local businesses** in these tough economic times. Kim has begun to assemble a list of local businesses. The goal is to establish a list of local businesses and businesses owned by our residents that LoMo can promote. Rachel Lipton updates the group regarding the former **10th St. Café**. The restaurant has been rented for a 1-yr lease.
7. **Mastery Charter School** is holding a career day on Friday, May 8th, 2009. Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact Matt Reher, Internship Coordinator, at 267-236-0036 or e-mail matt.reher@masterycharter.org.
8. **Philly Spring Clean-Up** will be Sat. 4/4/2009. The City is selecting ten projects city-wide. LoMo is submitting a proposal for a beautification project at Southern. There may or may not be some City funding for the selected projects. Home Depot provides grants for such projects but significant advanced notice is typically required.
9. **Neighborhood Cleanups** will be more focused events and will involve residents and more than just litter pickup. A sign-in sheet is passed around to nominate your block. Contact Todd at tschwart@hotmail.com for more information or to nominate your block for a clean-up this year.
10. **The Philadelphia More Beautiful Block Captain Rally** will be held Friday 3/14/2009 at the Convention Center from 9:30am to 2pm. This event is free and offers a lot of valuable information.

11. LoMo will be participating in **Spring into Your Park**, an annual event sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Department of Recreation, and Fairmount Park, on Sat., 4/18/2009, by having a cleanup of Weinberg Park at 6th & Jackson Sts. Free t-shirts and food will be provided for volunteers.
12. There will be 2 **TreeVitalize plantings** this year. This statewide initiative aims to increase tree cover in southeastern Pennsylvania and offers free trees to residents who qualify. The first planting will be Sat., 5/2/2009. Applications for the fall tree planting (date TBD) are due Monday, 3/30/2009. For more information, e-mail lomophilly@yahoo.com.
13. LoMo would like to hold a **flea market** to raise funds. A sign-in sheet is passed around for help with planning the event. For more information or to get involved, e-mail lomophilly@yahoo.com.
14. LoMo thanks **Will Shuey** for all of his hard work to move the organization towards **non-profit status**.
15. The attendees unanimously approve the slate of candidates for LoMo's 2009 Board.
 - President-Kim Massare
 - Vice-President-Todd Schwatz
 - Secretary-Hugh Quigley
 - Treasurer-Carter Liotta
 - Executive At-Large-Colleen McDonough
 - At-Large-Heidi Lengel, Rachel Lipton, Stephanie Odell, Susan Gould, Sara Meriman, Anthony Santaniello
16. Open Floor
 - Anthony would like to take an inventory of the areas parking violations and use as a starting point to **formulate solutions to the parking problems in our neighborhood**. E-mail Anthony.Santaniello@phila.gov for more information. A resident suggests painted parking spots as a strategy to alleviate wasted parking spaces. The group agrees the abuse of handicapped parking is a major contributor to the overall parking problem. Not so funny: PPA is still issuing tickets for street cleaning. Parking for the subway is also a problem. There are commuter lots at Broad & Pattison and Broad & Federal. Colleen notes that while everyone is always focused on addressing the daytime parking problems, it is obvious that the real problem is parking at night.
 - A resident asks if anyone has any new information regarding the **Brush Factory**. Rachel Lipton will investigate the ownership of the Brush Factory.
 - LoMo is not aware of the fate of the torn-up basketball courts at **Marconi Plaza**. The courts are technically outside of our area and if LoMo was to take an official position, the first step would be to speak with SPCCA.
 - Heidi will serve as a contact with the **Mural Arts Program**, which is celebrating its 25th birthday this year.
 - March 5th was **Philadelphia Blue Day** in support of the PPD.