

LOWER MOYAMENSING CIVIC ASSOCIATION General Meeting

Wed., 10/7/2009, 6:30pm @Fumo Library

MINUTES

Introductions

Upcoming Events

10/12 Townwatch

10/17 Snyder Avenue Cleanup

10/24 Marconi Cleanup

10/30 Town Watch and Cocktail Fundraiser

11/4 Next General Meeting

11/11 Weatherization Workshop

11/21 Tree Planting (21 trees for our neighborhood, 150 total throughout South Philadelphia)

Transportation

Vice-President, Todd Schwartz, has organized a project to install seven bike racks this fall that were given to LoMo by the City of Philadelphia. The cost is approximately \$50/rack for bolts and installation. Please contact us if you can help with installation or would like to make a donation to support this project.

Clean/Green

All residents are encouraged to consider enrolling in the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's free Tree Tenders program which is coming up again in January. The more trained Tree Tenders we have in our neighborhood, the more greening we can accomplish! For more info, visit:

<http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/phlgreen/tree-training.html>.

Education

Hugh provided an Epiphany Eco Club update. The Club is now meeting 3-4 times a month and is working with Keep Philadelphia Beautiful to engage kids in grades 5-8 in designing an improvement project for their school, as well as learning important lessons about litter, recycling, and beautification.

Treasury

501c3 status has been approved by the federal government. Donations, materials, equipment, and some services are now tax-deductible. We are able to accept cash, checks, or money orders. Checks can be made payable to the Lower Moyamensing Civic Association and can be brought to any of our upcoming meetings or events, given to any of our board members, or mailed to 949 Wolf Street, Phila. PA 19148. Receipts will be issued for any donations made.

Focus Groups

The meeting attendees broke into discussion groups to brainstorm about the following topics: Flea Market Fundraiser, Water Department Project Sites, How to spread the work about LoMo/increase attendance at meetings and events, The Brush Factory, Trash/Litter in Sewers.

Flea Market

- Advertising-South Philly Review, Craigslist, Flyers, Philly Blog (Philly Speaks).
- Solicit sponsors like used bicycle shops.
- Have celebrity tables.
- Make it kid-friendly with face painting, Bubbles the Clown (see Library), etc. Any food may require health licenses.

LoMo Outreach

- Word of mouth

LoMo Outreach cont.

- Realtors-contact recently sold properties
- T-shirts (consider the expense), Buttons, Window decals, Facebook
- Flyers-proactive circulating at Churches, Schools, and other community bulletin boards.
- Block parties

Sewer Trash

- Education, Vigilante Labeling, and Wire mesh pilot program.

Brush Factory

- Locate, contact, and develop a positive relationship with the owner.
- Perform regular cleanups
- Window panels
- Short dumping signs and lighting in cove-contact Councilman DiCicco
- There is a pigeon dropping health hazard

Engine 49 Presentation

Lt. Beau Ray from Engine 49 made a Fire Prevention presentation in light of the recent deadly fire on the 2400 block of South Warnock St.

- If you call the Engine M-F after 9am they will come out and install smoke detectors. One smoke detector per floor is recommended including the basement.
- The Fire Department is also pushing for CO detectors in the bedroom and the basement. The cost is approximately forty dollars.
- The Fire Department highly recommends developing a home evacuation plan including a meeting spot outside of the home.

Question and Answer

- Medic 11 is still at Engine 49 operating 24-hours.
- We can help our local Engine and Medic by letting our politicians know we need their services because temporary closings, single day brownouts, layoffs, and closings are always a threat.
- Monitor the gauge on your fire extinguisher to see that it is operational.
- In case of a grease fire, smother with a lid, turn off the flame and remove from the active burner. Do not use water.
- The Engine performs two fire drills per year in April and October at all local schools. Kids can visit the Engine.
- Illegal fireworks are a police matter.

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 at 6:30pm at the Fumo Library.