

## LoMo General Meeting

June 13, 2013

Fumo Library

Called to order 6:39PM by Meg Retz

16 people in attendance

### Update on funding for SPHS roof Garden

- \$27,350 through Projexity with donations still coming in by mail.
- Generation 3 Electric reached out to clients offering matching donations and owners and works were in attendance. Other major stakeholders: Principle Hackney, SPHS alumni, Roof Meadow Firm, and city partners in various departments.
- Planning committee will hold meetings this summer starting with three: June 24, 25, and 26. Everyone is asked to reach out to neighbors, businesses, and property owners etc. to insure full community involvement.
- Detailed planning will be on hold until school begins in fall.
- University of Penn graduate student who wrote Thesis on South Philadelphia green spaces may be working with us on planning
- Other garden events this summer:
  - ✓ Collaborative Story-telling at the garden; Wednesdays 10AM
  - ✓ Farm Stand on Jackson Street in front of the garden Wednesdays 4-7PM
  - ✓ Arboretum is moving along
  - ✓ Donors will be updated as progress is made

### Library Update

In honor of Library Month Fumo librarian Renee Pokorny addressed the meeting with information on summer activities at the Fumo Library.

- Children: toddler story time, puppets, family nights, summer reading programs, face painting
- Teens: Legos Club, crafts, and films
- Adults: Philadelphia Poets Journal Readings, (6/29/13 at 6:15PM), ESL language and civics classes, film fest.

### Committee Reports

#### Education

- New education page on LoMo web site (<http://lomophilly.wordpress.com/education/>)
- Working with Key School
- Movie Night and Supply Drive in August

- Growing enthusiasm among area civics in support of education

### **Environment**

- New chairperson AnneMarie Fasulo
- Good turnouts at street cleanings
- Arborist in the neighborhood to help care for new trees
- Growing interest in alley cleaning
- Al raised possibility of borrowing sidewalk vacuum from other civic in Fairmount

### **Fund Raising**

- Update on Roof Garden fund raising
- Existing grants being spent down and some not being replaced.
- Received \$2000 grant from Recycle Bank
- First mention of expanding fall flea market to include Tomato festival; plans are in their earliest stages
- Looking for someone to seek out new grants and write proposals

### **Public Safety**

- Chairman Al Girard has been attending Police District Advisory Council meetings
- National Night Out in August will find LoMo's Public Safety committee with a presence either in front of the library or in conjunction with Marconi. There will be an information table with registration available for bikes, children and sidewalk cams. There will also be a police officer present.

### **Outreach**

- Continues to plan and hold general meetings
- Happy hours are held quarterly

### **Zoning**

- No update but a reminder of the next committee meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Methodist. Main subject of the meeting will be a discussion of the plans to convert the neglected building next to Starbucks to a multi-unit apartment.

Brooke Allen from the Friends of Mifflin Square Park attended to express her interest in the SPHS Roof Garden project (along with a generous donation) and to invite members to Mifflin Square Park Saturday June 15th and 22<sup>nd</sup> for yoga in the park from 10-11AM