

COOPER GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting

Reported by Bryon Yoder

Attendance: 14

01. Meeting was called to order by the President, Paul Miller at 7:37 pm
02. Previous meeting minutes
 - Secretary did not attend the November meeting. Paul Miller advised that he would issue minutes from that meeting.
03. Treasurer's Report
 - No treasurer's report. Voluntary contributions of \$56 were collected at this meeting.
04. Communications
 - No formal communications were sent or received.
05. Development committee
 - Carol Dann reported via email from Jim Harveson @ CRA that the groundwater test results came back with no exceedances and that their consultant recommended requesting a No Further Action letter from DEP on the groundwater.
06. Cooper-Grant Commons Project
 - Some homeowners are receiving notices of delinquent tax payments from the City. Paul spoke with the City Tax office and was informed that since the project has a PILOT tax agreement, payments need to be sent to the attention of the PILOT program coordinator, whose name is listed on the tax bill and NOT sent to the office to no one's attention. This also means that mortgage companies are not able to make electronic payments. The city's tax reporting service will report an incorrect tax amount. Paul also advised that any payments made directly to the city by mortgage companies will be refunded to the mortgage co.
07. Neighborhood Security
 - Paul reported the arrival of a radical black supremacist church on Cooper St. (Israelite Church of God in Christ). Residents are reminded to report any suspicious activity/harrassment to authorities or the DCCB.
 - Camden PD is re-starting their neighborhood watch program. CGNA will be seeking volunteers to participate.
 - CPD is also implementing new technology/vehicles as a part of their Eye in the Sky program to further enhance security/enforcement.
 - Report any issues on the www.camdendccb.org website.
08. Residential Parking Program Changes
 - The CPA has advised they will accept requests for changes to the residential parking program. Suggestions made at the meeting: 1. Eliminate the 1-hr grace period. 2. Offer two visitor passes per address. 3. Extend permits to tenant residents.
09. Property Tax Reassessment
 - Some residents have reported receiving a tax re-assessment letter from the city. Paul will follow-up with the city on dates for re-assessment.

10. Downtown Signage Plan

- Jake from Cooper's Ferry Development and a rep from MERJ presented their plans to expand the downtown signage program. Jake will distribute drawings to the neighborhood via email. A motion was made and approved to issue a letter of support for the signage program.
- As Jake was in attendance, residents asked whether trees would be installed in the empty tree pits on Front Street. Jake said he would look into it.

11. Announcements

- Events are continuing at the Walt Whitman Center. Residents are encouraged to attend and support.

12. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Victor.

13. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.