

# COOPER GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Meeting: **Monday, May 23, 2011**  
**Victor Lofts, 1 Market St. Camden, NJ**  
**7:00 PM-** Food and drinks from Friends Café  
**7:30 PM-** Meeting starts

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order and Introductions 7:33pm About 30 people throughout the meeting.
  2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting –No comments, approved.
  3. Treasurer's Report – Shawn:
    - a) Collection of voluntary contributions – \$50 collected tonight  
Cooper-Grant Home and Garden Tour, \$500 collected, expenses unknown. Will provide a report next month.  
Balance: \$1,348.00  
Food Expense for tonight's meeting: \$55.00
  4. Communications
    - a) Included below
    - b) City Council Reps were at the meeting: Frank Moran - Council President, Marilyn Torres, Louis Lopez - 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Rep. They are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall. Office is always open, come visit them. 856-757-7115 Norma Ruiz, Office secretary.
  5. Old Business:
    - a. New boundaries by-laws amendment vote: ***“Cooper-Grant” is defined as the area contained within the following boundaries: North – the Ben Franklin Bridge; East - Friends Avenue (extended) south to Cooper Street, extending east to the West side of Fourth Street; South - the south side of Market Street; West: the Delaware River.*** Bryon gives brief on why this change is being pursued. 5 minutes for comments. Bryon draws a map. Here to vote on above language. Need 2/3 majority vote. Motion to amend the by-laws Votes: 27 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions
    - b. Cooper Commons Phase II project vote: ***Revote on number units and the arrangement for new homes on the ABC Barrel Factory Lot. There are 4 options to consider.***  
Bryon goes over 4 development options. Had a vote last month 10-8 for 10 units (Option 1) over 12 units (Option 2), now re-voting so that all options are clear. Must have a decision tonight to submit ASAP. Pennrose and CRA are waiting on our decision. Questions about senior friendly? Handicap accessible? Not at this time. Bryon holds vote: Option 4 - 21 votes, Option 3 - 0 votes, Option 2 - 0 votes, Option 1 - 2 votes. Option 5 verbally presented 18 foot wide rows on front, Shawn's idea. Choice funding concerns with limited number of units. Option 4 is the choice of the majority of the group with 2 three-story twins on 2<sup>nd</sup> St, 4 row-style, 23ft wide, two-story units on Front St. and 2-18 ft row-style three-story units on Penn St.
    - c. Cooper-Grant clean-up event: Andrew Adams gave clean-up event brief. About 20 people volunteered their time. It would be helpful in the future if everyone would please clean your tree pits and sidewalk of weeds, debris and trash on a regular basis. Absentee owners are an issue. Renters, etc do not take care of properties. If you see issues please Contact Iraida Afanador from Director City Code Enforcement: (856) 757-7200
    - d. Cooper-Grant Home & Garden Tour was May 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 - 12pm to 5pm starting at the Walt Whitman Arts Center. Shawn said \$500 collected. Approx. 50 people came out. Timing could be better next year. Want to do it again. Good media coverage this year. Consider the Mill Hill Garden tour in two weeks. Located in Trenton.
  6. New Business

- a) **Matt Brener from GreensGrow:** Matt is the Program Director of Farmer's Market in Kensington on an old Brownfield site. Not a grant driven business, small profit, nonprofit supported by community. State's Department of Community Affairs gave Greensgrow \$50k grant to set up in the city. Most went to the Reinvestment Fund to bring a supermarket to the city. Want to put farmer's markets at multiple locations: Transit, Virtua, Lourdes and four more locations to be decided. The four others will be based on a mobile produce truck. Also approaching Cooper-Grant to pilot a CSA option. (Community Supported Agriculture) \$35 per week for a box fresh local produce. Will accept food stamps and other subsidizations from state and federal government. Some food is organic, not all organics. Check out the website for more information on how the CSA works in Philadelphia. Not in conjunction with Camden City Garden Club, which also sells fresh produce. This is a 3 year business plan to be sustainable in 3 years.
- b) **Development Committee Report:** Covered under old business.
- c) **Rutgers update:** Still waiting on word about neighborhood access to library, tennis courts and gym.
- d) 301 Market St. residents asked about parking situation. Is 1 parking space per unit a requirement? Yes, but can get a variance.

7. Announcements

- a. Want neighborhood updates/announcements via email? Please email [secretary@coopergrant.org](mailto:secretary@coopergrant.org) with your name and address
- b. WWAC Tuesday night.
- c. Next CGNA Meeting - Monday June 27, 2011
  - i. Other options, 301 Market space.
  - ii. WWAC after construction which will start in June
  - iii. Victor conference room.
  - iv. Rotation about 40 ppl tonight.
- d. Inclusive process, get a flyer and an email.

8. Adjournment

**The area served by CGNA is from Cooper Street (south side) to the Ben Franklin Bridge, and from Friends Avenue (extended) to Delaware Avenue.**

**For more information, call Bryon Yoder, President of CGNA: (610) 462-2909**

**\*\*\*This is our 30<sup>th</sup> year as an organization\*\*\***

**Cannot attend CGNA Meeting?**

**Want updates, meeting minutes and agendas?**

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