

COOPER GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting: **Monday, August 22nd, 2011**
Security Trust Building Apartments, 301 Market St. Camden, NJ
(Main entrance at corner of Market and 3rd St)
7:00 PM- Food and drinks Friends Café after Labor Day 11am-10pm hours
7:30 PM- Meeting starts

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order and Introductions 7:35pm 13 ppl to start the meeting, raining out.
 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting all approved
 3. Treasurer's Report – Shawn not present
 - a) Collection of voluntary contributions – Food from Friends Café cost \$60 for sodas and the wraps. \$49 Collected by Erica Latko
 - b) Monthly Report – Bryon mentioned the block party budget of \$1500.00
Frank – Money Order for police street closure. \$28.00 receipt submitted by Frank for reimbursement.
 4. Communications
 - a) Included below
 5. Old Business:
 - a. Block Party Saturday September 10th 12:30pm-7:00pm
100 block of Penn St. and Johnson Park
The goal is to raise \$1,500.00 to meet the budget of the block party.
Approved \$250 from the treasury to be spent, all other money must be fundraised.
10:30am – 11:30am clean up for block party.
If you wish to donate contact Jonathan at secretary@coopergrant.org or donate online at www.coopergrant.org Thank you for your support.
Burgers, dogs, soda, water, taco provided, please bring a side dish.
Frank is fundraising for the DJ Danny Montez, cost of \$650.00
 - b. Rutgers Update Security Meeting > Jonathan Latko met with Captain Dianan and Mike Sepanic of Rutgers. Continuing to call Rutgers is the best for local issues. If it is an emergency call 911.
One neighbore questioned if the new Rutgers housing being worked on after hours?
Need to follow up with those in charge to find out about work hours at the site.
Jonathan followed up: there was utility work for two weeks that must be completed at night given the Riverline activity during the day.
 - c. Camden Empowerment Corporation Vacant Seats >
Jonathan Latko and Frank Fulbrook appointed by the mayor for the CEZC. Not sure if the CEZC will recognize the appointments.
 6. New Business
 - a. Development committee report:
 - Bryon Yoder has a site walk through on Monday with Pennrose on Phase I close out.
 - Bryon Yoder speaks on Phase II Cooper-Commons (10 homes) meeting with Pennrose. The homes must be subsidized or the project is not feasible. The 2011 Choice funding grant maxes out at \$50k per home, with a max cost per unit to build to \$250k. Current cost models are near \$350k per home given the infrastructure needs. It is decided to defer the 2011 round of funding because the deadline is so close and the project is not shovel ready. We have about \$1m deficit in the current project. Site development is estimated to be about \$600k.
 - Other funding ideas: Cooper's Ferry found money for Phase I, maybe we reach out to Cooper's Ferry when the time is right. Green Acres Funding for the park? Other funds in the City, including the CRA.
 - Environmental Clean-up plan meeting is happening this week. We have \$900k in grants for cleanup now do not know final cost yet.

- Bill is trying to get Dranoff update on the Radio Lofts.
- North 2nd St streetscape should be done by the end of October.
- North 3rd St. is next project to push for but will need more funding because there is more infrastructure that needs to be upgraded.
- 120 Linden St.: Jonathan Latko contacted Vince Basara's Office who said to contact Pat Keating. Our property was submitted June 28th 2011. #13 of the submission of that day.

Parking: Reach out to Louis Lopez for parking issues for Cooper St. residents, policing and abandoned property.

- b. Property Taxes and Assessments
Property Tax bills are out. Time period to appeal for next year is Jan 1 through May 1st 2012. If you are disabled or senior contact the mayor's office now for information and help. You can only appeal your value of your property not your tax amount.
- c. Ji Yung – said she is helping with stray cats and dogs. There is no longer animal control with the city. Keep an eye out for animals in need.
- d. Frank Fulbrook – Last Thursday North 2nd and Penn St. trees were ripped apart 205/207 Penn St. With the students returning there seems to be more property damage. Keep an eye out and call Rutgers cops if there is an issue like this.

7. Announcements

- a. Block party Sept 10th 2011.
- b. Want neighborhood updates/announcements via email? Please email secretary@coopergrant.org with your name and address
- c. Next CGNA Meeting - Monday September 26th, 2011 301 Market St Security Trust Apartments
- d. If you want to get involved with the Block Party Planning Committee please email secretary@coopergrant.org

8. Adjournment 8:51pm

The area served by CGNA: "Cooper-Grant" is defined as the area contained within the following boundaries: Northern Boundary – 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; Western Boundary: the Delaware River.

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

*****This is our 30th year as an organization*****

Cannot attend CGNA Meeting?

Want updates, meeting minutes and agendas?

To get on the email list:

Email Jonathan Latko: secretary@coopergrant.org

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