

COOPER-GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting: **Monday, February 27, 2012**
Victor Lofts Media Room, 1 Market St. Camden, NJ
(Main entrance at corner of Market St)
7:00 PM- Food and drinks from Market Gourmet in the Victor
7:30 PM- Meeting starts

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order and Introductions 7:33pm 16 people to start the meeting
 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – no comments, all approved
 3. Treasurer's Report – Sonia Rivera
 - a. Collection of voluntary contributions -
 - b. Monthly Report \$1187.42 9 dollar deposit, \$40 dollars in food Jonathan submitted a receipt, \$55.87 for website annual charges \$60 dollars collected.
 4. Communications
 - a. Other included below
 - b. Letter to Pennrose regarding developer's fee – Close to receiving a large portion of developer's fee this week, Bryon Yoder, spoke with Tim Henkel on Friday Feb 24th.
 5. Old Business:
 - a. Camden Empowerment Corporation updates from Frank Fulbrook
Legislation created the organization in 1996 Clinton-Gore Community Development Block Grant, \$100M between Camden and Philly (\$21m for Camden). Camden created the CEZC. Current director is not accepting the courts order to seat Frank Fulbrook, Jonathan Latko and two others who were appointed by Mayor Redd and confirmed by City Council. The decision is under appeal.
 - b. Cooper-Grant Security / City Police - www.Camdendccb.org is a good way to post quality of life issues. 335-337Point St continues to be an issue.
Party Sunday Night – Broken Light, Trash etc... Rutgers and the City were notified and will follow up.
 - c. Street Lights/ PSEG Update other issues –In two months Jonathan Latko and Bill Hoag have forward over 100 problem lights of which 75 lights have been fixed.
 - d. **By-Laws Update** (copies handed out at the beginning of the meeting.)
 - a. 2nd Reading, review of proposed revision
 - b. Call for vote at March monthly meeting
 - c. (Need to post the exact wording in the next agenda)
31st year as an organization
 - d. Motion to vote in March Meeting, all approved.
 6. New Business
 - a. Beth McMillan /– Greensgrow CSA Introduction (Flyer)
 - i. 1st City Supported Agriculture ran by Greensgrow in Camden.
 - ii. Last year 7 neighborhoods, this year 9 neighborhood
 - iii. Group acts as a food hub in Kensington, now trying Camden Markets, Camden CSA as a way to reach the population.
 - iv. Goal of 50 members for this year, Had 10 last year.
 - v. 5-7 veggies, 2-3 fruits, 1 protein, each week
 - vi. 24 weeks (\$775) \$32week full share/ 13 weeks half share (\$435)
\$33.45 per week 3 installments, cash/check/ credit card online.
 - vii. Penn and Friends St. (Thursdays 3-7pm)
 - viii. www.greensgrow.org Due ASAP
 - ix. Mobile Market – At Cooper-Grant/Waterfront South Farmers Market
 1. Respond Bakery/ Artists etc. are invited to these locations.
 2. LittleYellowtruck on twitter
 - x. May 10th 1st Farmer's Market, May24th is the 1st CSA / November 10th is last day.
 - b. Jessica Franzini – NJ Tree Foundation
 - i. 2 flyers handed out, Try to connect with residents to plant large trees

- ii. Over 4,402 trees planted in the city in the past 9 years.
 - iii. July Camden Tree Keepers Workshops (4 of them) to become a Certified Tree Keeper of Camden are hosted each summer.
 - iv. Spring season, 500lb trees are donated, volunteers needed to plant, 8-10 trees currently needed in Cooper-Grant, April or May planting event for C-G is possible, will know a final date by the end of the week, will take place on a Saturday 9am-12pm, Mafco provides mulch, free trees, if you want one in your yard please let Jonathan Latko know.
 - v. Camden Smart Initiative, storm water runoff management
 - vi. 3 more years of rain gardens funding a possibility for (Phase II Park)
 - c. Development Committee report – Bill Hoag
 - i. 2nd Thursday of each month in Victor Lofts
 - ii. Phase I closeout this week, Civil Engineering Punchlist Closeout
 - iii. Phase II DEP RAWP, accepted by the state, Civil Engineer is preparing a bid package start working late summer. THIS IS GREAT NEWS.
 - iv. 120 Linden Abandoned Property, planning on rehabbing property to sell to a homeowner.
 - v. Long Range Goals, Will update in few months, looking for neighborhood input.
 - d. Fundraising Events for 2012
 - i. Riversharks Game, Artists Row, 3rd Thursday, Music Events, Movie nights, BBQ's, Waterfront South, Sell water at Large waterfront events, Black and White Film Festival, Holiday Event Next December, Popcorn, Cotton Candy Machine, Charity Events etc
7. Announcements
- a. Want neighborhood updates/announcements via email? Please e-mail secretary@coopergrant.org with your name and address
 - b. Next CGNA Meeting - Monday March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Location: Victor Lofts
 - c. Frank – Last week South Korean Broadcasting crew, our economy is hurting cut police and library.
 - d. Camden County Library April 3rd Tentative Opening 5th and Penn ST.
8. Adjournment 9:20pm

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 31st year as an organization*****

Cannot attend CGNA Meeting?

Want updates, meeting minutes and agendas?

To get on the email list:

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