

COOPER-GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Meeting: Monday July 23rd at 7:30 p.m. 301 Market St. 3rd and Market St.
7:00 PM- Food and drinks – Slice of NY on 3rd St.

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Sent via email –
Food was \$50 not \$60 for last month. Minutes approved after that change.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. Collection of voluntary contributions
Pizza \$40 paid by Bryon Yoder - \$40 collected.
- b. Monthly Report - \$35,119.33 balance,
Donation from VOA \$600.00 for Block Party

4. Communications

- a. Other included below
- b. Letter from Mayor Dana Redd – July 26th Peace in the Streets Concert/Event at Robert Johnson Park 6pm at 8th and Thurman St.

5. Old Business:

- a. Cooper-Grant Security / City Police
 - a. DCCB Roundtable this Wednesday night at the Cathedral July 25th 6:30pm
 - b. CGNA Board Meeting with Mayor Redd tomorrow at 2:30pm.
 - c. Issues with 119 North 3rd St. and 331 Front St.
 - d. Front Penn and Linden – Cars broken into, glass knocked out. About a dozen.
- b. Street Lights/ PSEG Update – Bill Hoag
 - a. North 3rd St from Market to Federal – Pearl Street near River still need to be addressed.
- c. Greensgrow CSA – Thursdays 3-7pm Friends and Penn St. intersection – There was a comment that people's impression is the veggies were brown and wilting, suggest to keep stuff in coolers.
- d. Riversharks Fundraising Report – 15 tickets – \$75 raised.
- e. **Cooper-Grant Block Party** planning – **Sunday Sept 2nd 1-7pm 100 Block of Penn St./Johnson Park** – planning budget/fundraising and activities - Looking for volunteers. Frank will sponsor DJ, exploring a few food options, Taco Al Pastor 1 spit, Homemade smoked BBQ by Mr. Chandler, Dogs, Hamburgers, Need to fundraise.... Someone suggested a Bounce Castle for the event? Face painting
- f. Frank was reappointed to CEZ board so the lawsuit continues against the current board leadership.

6. New Business

- a. Development Committee Report – Did not meet in July
- b. Creating a Cooper-Grant 501c3 – We are a NJ Non-profit but we are not Federal Non-profit. Currently our development fee from Phase I is taxable. CGNA is in talks to apply for some NRTC (grants) to improve on quality of life issues in Cooper-Grant. If you have any expertise in creating a non-profit please get involved, there could be great benefit for the neighborhood and we need help.
- c. Camden Smart – Water conservation presentation by Jeremiah
 - i. Water Resource Conservation Project out of Rutgers New Brunswick
 - ii. Combined water /sewer system in the city – Too much rain water overflows untreated into our street and streams. Camden, like older east coast cities, have similar issues. We have limited capital funds to rebuild aging system.
 - iii. Water Conservation and rain water diversion are our least expensive options – we average 40inches of rain per year in NJ and residents sometimes use from 100 to 200 gallons per day.

- iv. There is a Campbell's Soup Grant to fund a rain harvest system in the city, site to be determined.
 - v. Camden Smart will Pilot 4 rain barrel workshops next spring
 - vi. Water Conservation Kits were donated by United Water and offered to all meeting attendees who sign a conservation pledge.
www.camdensmart.com Pledge was distributed in our CCMUA bill this quarter.
- d. Sustainable Camden Initiative – A group of volunteers leading conservation efforts in the City of Camden. Working toward an August 1st Deadline.
7. Announcements
- a. There is an effort to get a non-partisan election for City of Camden Mayor and Council on the ballot as a referendum for the city. Sign the petition if you support this effort.
 - b. Dept of Ed is having public meetings about Camden Urban Hope Act – 6-8pm 4 days in a row starting tonight. Wednesday's meeting is at Pyne Point Middle.
 - c. Friday August 10th 7pm to 1am at the FOP Hall on 11th and Federal. Camden Jam, yes we can. Effort to get people out to register as voters.
 - d. Want neighborhood updates/announcements via email? Please e-mail secretary@coopergrant.org with your name and address
 - e. Next CGNA Meeting – Monday August 27th at 7:30 p.m. 301 Market St. 3rd
8. Adjournment - 8:46pm Motion to Adjourn.

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:**

**Email Jonathan Latko: secretary@coopergrant.org
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