

Meeting: **Monday, January 28, 2013 Meeting, 7:30 p.m. - 101 Cooper St. 2nd Floor**
7:00 PM- Food and drinks from Market Street Pizza
7:32 PM- Meeting convened

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order and Introductions
 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting were distributed by email and approved.
 3. Treasurer's Report – Sandy Newhall
 - a. Collection of voluntary contributions: \$33.16 expense, \$40.00 collected.
 - b. Monthly Report: Current account balance: \$35,850.38. Beginning of 2012, balance was \$1,234.; Total receipts: \$36,850; Expenses: \$2,234.
 4. Communications
 - a. Others included below
 5. Old Business:
 - a. Street Lights/ PSEG Update: PSEG resumed restoring street lights, post hurricane Sandy. Over 300 lights repaired. Finished waterfront promenade. Pearl Street lights being partially repaired under Tiger grant. 100 block of South Third Street P.O. Issued by the City. Report any lights on PSEG website, include number on light post. Ask if possible to shield light directed in front of homes?
 - b. Cooper-Grant Rain Barrel Cistern in Community Garden: Part of Camden SMART Initiative program. Ordering parts now, installation late February/early March. Rain barrel capacity is 500gal.
 - c. Creating a Cooper-Grant 501c3: Bryon has completed the application to the extent possible. Will review with CFP's attorney's as to completeness. Question asked as to why former CG CDC with 501c3 status was allowed to lapse. Bryon recalled that decision was made to not maintain it due to inactivity and costs associated with maintaining it. March 26th, developer's fee received.
 - d. RiverLine Security Issues: Jonathan explained that entrance to city on 7th street was cleared and appears that folks came in on RiverLine and continued up to North Camden for drug activity. Neighbors observed activity and alert city, NJ Transit, Cooper's Ferry. City secured Radio Lofts building. Undercover stings by NJ Transit thru December; 15-20 arrests. Capt landolli planning to attend February CGNA meeting to hear issues and answer questions. If neighbors notice any issues, important to speak up and info can be shared anonymously, through the DCCB (www.camdendccb.com).
 6. New Business
 - a. Development Committee Report –
 - i. Bill Hoag stepping down. Looking for volunteer to chair the committee.
 - ii. Meets the second Thursday of the month at 8pm at the Victor.
 - iii. New neighborhood plan – CFP has interest in organizing a plan for the waterfront. CG combined with Central Waterfront census district. CGNA meeting with CFP to get list of stakeholders together to get involved.
 - iv. CG Homes Phase 1 closeout – Missing a Do Not Enter sign to close-out punchlist
 - v. Phase 2 environmental remediation – Jonathan explains history of site and decision to do full environmental clean-up. RFP went out in September, bids came in around \$1.1 million. CRA has \$900k currently banked. CRA looking for cost-cutting measures. Frank recounted history of removing contaminated soils after buildings were removed.
 - b. CGNA Achievements of 2012 – Jonathan reviewed achievements of 2012.

- c. **CGNA Goals for 2013 –**
 - i. Invite the NJ Tree Foundation do a rain barrel workshop in CG.
 - ii. Parking lines on the street?
 - iii. Camden Board of Education building – discuss how they could be more sustainable, be a leader in leading by example, both in their building on Front Street, and other practices.

- d. **Camden Children's Garden –** Been an active organization for awhile at the NJ Aquarium. In the recent past, the Aquarium transferred to a privately-run entity, but Children's Garden was kept separately-run by grass-roots organization, Camden City Garden Club. Education, seedling program, multiple outreach functions. State funding to the Garden cut in 2010, but Garden survived by finding grants and other means of support. Recently, State notified Garden that they must evacuate most of the property by March 31. No plans have been shared as to what property will actually be used for. Herschend family runs Aquarium. Not clear who owns the property. Garden Club is mounting an effort to discuss what to do/how to respond. Community action meeting on Feb 4th at 4:30pm.

- e. **Cooper River Distillers –** on Fourth Street between Market and Federal. James Yoakam, distiller present at meeting. Making rum, whiskey and fruit brandies. Will be sold/distributed locally. Got federally licensed. State license in process. Zoning variance meeting on Monday, 2/4 at 5:30 at City Hall.

- f. **Rutgers-Camden Alumni Assoc. Board of Directors –** Frank appointed to board over the summer. Board could be a good ally for CGNA in various initiatives/issues.

7. Announcements

- a. 2013 Zone 1 parking passes are now available for residents at the Camden Parking Authority. - Free for residents, need utility bill, and car needs to be registered at your address in Camden. Generally, meters enforced 8am-5pm, but need to check with the Parking Authority, as there are exceptions.
- b. Want neighborhood updates/announcements via email? Please e-mail secretary@coopergrant.org with your name and address
- c. Next CGNA Meeting – Monday February 25th at 7:30 p.m. - 101 Cooper St.
- d. Street Sweeping Signs in Cooper-Grant Wednesdays and Fridays

8. Adjournment – at 9:20pm