

Meeting: **Monday, July 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. - The Victor, 1 Market Street, Caruso Room**  
**6:45 PM-** Food and drinks from Friends Cafe  
**7:06 PM-** Meeting starts

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order and Introductions – 16 in attendance.
  2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting were distributed via email by secretary Bryon Yoder and approved.
  3. Treasurer's Report
    - a. Collection of voluntary contributions
    - b. Monthly Report – Beginning balance of \$35,457.85. Deductions included \$24 check to Frank Fulbrook for refreshments at previous meeting, \$25 for NJ Business Registration, \$40 for food last month, ending balance of \$35,442.85. Deposit of \$74 from last meeting's contributions. \$60.83 paid out for refreshments at tonight's meeting. \$70. collected at tonight's meeting.
  4. Communications
    - a. Rutgers PD letter of support – Jonathan explained background for letter. Letter approved at previous meeting.
    - b. Others included below
  5. Old Business:
    - a. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual CGNA Block Party – Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from noon-6pm, 100 block of Linden Street. Sandy Newhall shared will have “potluck” style with burgers/hotdogs and water/soda provided by CGNA. Rutgers athletic field will be open. Possible neighborhood art mural activity. All are invited.
    - b. Upcoming CGNA meeting locations – Meetings have been held at various locations over the years. Currently the Victor suits meeting needs the best. Bill Hoag advised that the Victor had offered the Caruso room for the summer. Bill offered to request meeting in the Caruso room indefinitely every month. Other Victor residents encouraged to reach out to Victor management.
    - c. CGNA Night at the Riversharks – Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Cooper's Ferry box.
    - d. Neighborhood Flags/Banners – Mr. William Butler designed the banner and Jonathan presented a full-size mock-up. Goal is to identify the neighborhood, historic district, community. Approx. \$120-150 each for a two-sided vinyl banner mounted with brackets, looking at around 25 banners throughout the neighborhood. Suggestion made to add CGNA website address at the bottom and add image to CGNA website.
  6. New Business
    - a. Development Committee Report – Bryon gave an update on various projects. Phase 1 Cooper-Grant homes completion, meeting with city officials on 7/24 to close-out. Phase 2 working with CRA and Brownfield Redevelopment to explore options to bring project within budget, or identify additional funds. Possibly look into requesting an earmark of funds to bridge gap in funding. 120 Linden rehabilitation activity continues. Meetings will start meeting the second Thursdays of the month at 7:30 in the Victor Cabinet room.
    - b. Report on meetings with City officials
      - i. Guest Speaker – Sgt Peter Rogers from Camden County Metro Police – Cancelled.
      - ii. Meeting with Sgt Peter Rogers and some neighbors occurred. Neighbors expressed that Cooper-Grant doesn't receive active patrol, as other neighborhoods do. Shared quality of life crimes such as theft, car-break-

ins, vandalism, etc. Neighbors need to report such crimes in order to shed light on need for more police resources. PD promised more patrols in the neighborhood at special events. Jonathan shared PD non-emergency number for reporting events. Two levels of reporting and non-emergency levels don't result in immediate presence of an officer.

- iii. Parking Authority meeting – discussed shooting on waterfront. Occurred on lots for Cirque that should be closed after events. August has been an active month for car break-ins. Suggest requesting more patrols during August. Neighbors urged to report crimes, attend Camden County Board of Freeholders. October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting in Pennsauken, November 21<sup>st</sup> in Camden at 7pm
- iv. Pearl Street cameras not installed. Pulled by federal government as not relevant/required. Push to have one installed in Phase 2.
- c. Upcoming events happening downtown
  - i. “Live” Art for Animals – A Benefit for Dogs and Cats, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 5-8:30
- d. Patco station at City Hall will have elevators installed at new station/plaza.
- e. Victor monthly Book Club meets every second Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Victor Caruso room.
- f. DRPA approved installation of security cameras and safety call buttons on the Ben Franklin Bridge walkways. Ramp design has not been finalized. Residents should still write the DRPA to express opinions.

7. Announcements

- a. Want neighborhood updates/announcements via email? Please e-mail [secretary@coopergrant.org](mailto:secretary@coopergrant.org) with your name and address
- b. Next CGNA Meeting – Monday August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. - The Victor, 1 Market St.
- c. Street Sweeping Signs/Parking restrictions in Cooper-Grant Wednesdays and Fridays
- d. Soccer Sundays at the Rutgers Fields, every Sunday from 4-6pm.
- e. Community garden still has spots available!
- f. Three dead trees in neighborhood reported for replacement.

8. Adjournment – at 8:28pm