

Meeting: **Monday, February 26, 2018, City Invincible/Waterfront Lab, 121 Market St**
6:45 PM – Food and Drinks from Friends Cafe
7:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Introductions
 - a. 7:06pm
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Beginning balance in February: \$29,640.65
 - b. Expenditures for food in January: \$40.31
 - c. Deposit from last meeting: \$38.00
 - d. Result: \$29,638.34
 - e. Filed form 990
 - i. Shared with M&M
 - ii. Estimated bill \$200.00 for accountant to file the 990
 - f. Food for tonight: \$41.53
 - i. \$18.00 collected from tonight's donations.
4. Neighborhood Safety and Security
 - a. Rutgers Good Neighbor meeting
 - i. Hoping to continue the conversation openly between police departments.
 - b. Any recent issues?
 - i. Sgt. Watkins from CCPD will be promoted to Lt. assigned to Lt. Giannini's jurisdiction. Lt. Giannini will be promoted to Captain, congratulations!!
 - ii. Excited to meet everyone and make relationships.
 - iii. Lifelong Camden resident.
 - iv. Almost certain that Lt. Giannini's phone will be passed down to him.
 - v. Try to make a connection between Ron Trivinia and Sgt. Watkins.
 - vi. Email: watkins17@camdencountypd.org
 - vii. Challenges:
 - (1) Quality of life issues here while balancing the other issues throughout the city.
 - (2) What does the relationship between RUPD and CCPD look like to maintain this balance?
 - (a) Open lines of communication.
 - (b) Communication path needs to be maintained.
 - (c) Lt. Giannini looking to have an instrumental transition.
 - viii. Recent:
 - (1) Robbery of 69 year old woman at 3rd and Market, possibly around 10:30pm. Was assaulted upon trying to defend herself. Description of male very basic.
 - (a) Walk at highly lit areas
 - (b) Try not to defend too much, avoid injury.
 - (2) Looking to have bike patrols depending on weather and personnel.
 - (a) Working their way from Broadway corridor?
 - (i) Based off of the crime plan/real time crime reporting. If there is an increase in crime predicted, there will be an increase of bike patrol and patrol in general.
 - (3) Are there hotspots we can focus on to avoid dispersion of crime? Is there something that the community can participate in?
 - (a) North Camden crimes seem to be staying in North Camden. Crime in North Camden almost at an all time low.
 - (b) Just reporting any issues.
 - (4) CVS parking lot has active drug activity... is it allowed? How can we address it?
 - (a) Sgt. Watkins platoon speaks for his platoon when he says it is not accepted during their shifts.
 - (b) After promotion, he will be able to be more vigilant.
 - (c) The line encourages gravitation.

- (d) Pres. Latko has talked to management of CVS: The effect is that CVS feels that they have given up. Open latest, close earliest in area; due to demographic, that's what they feel they need to do. Affecting quality of life of businesses and residents here.
- (e) Are there ways to work with Ruben (or active manager) to create solutions?
- ix. 24hr Tipline: 856-757-7042

5. Old Business

- a. Cooper Street Interpretive Committee mtg – Cooper Street festival
 - i. Looking for possible grants to fund projects on Cooper Street.
 - (1) Fairs
 - (2) Looking to do a one-time event
 - (a) Opening the doors to Rutgers on Cooper Street to liven up the street.
 - (b) Opening some houses.
 - (i) Writer's House
 - ii. Cooper Ferry started it, head of MARCH (Mid-Atlantic Research Center for the Humanities located at 325 Cooper Street) now spearheading this initiative.
 - iii. Meet about every month, Ben thinks meetings are open.
 - iv. Shawn wrote a letter asking for ideas.
 - v. Graham Alexander potentially transitioning to Camden, could open door to much history of recorded sound in Camden.
 - vi. September timeframe for redoing Cooper Street, making it more usable... basically 7th-4th streets.
 - (1) American Water coming in around the same time (900 employees, with about a 400 car garage) as when construction starts.
 - (a) What do we do?? John attends CIA meetings (Community Improvement Agreement). Liberty Property Trust has these meetings. Invited someone to talk about the options for transportation for the employees and speak with us about what it will look like at next month's meeting. Prep questions!

6. New Business

- a. 320 N. 2nd Street
 - i. Did talk to Ian: We will work with him to discuss
 - ii. Pastor of church was asked by Mayor about fence, turning into the conversation about the park and the construction of the park.
 - iii. A dog park is a no go based off of neighbor feedback.
 - iv. Cooper's Ferry gave the OK for the mural as long as CRA and church are OK with it.
 - (1) Needs to include the values of the church (but also the neighborhood).
 - (2) Pastor wants to chat with Vedra as well in order to determine the best option.
 - (3) Think about the unintended consequences
 - (a) i.e. picnic tables could lead to public drinking and loitering.
 - (4) Options may include:
 - (a) adopt the lot
 - (b) raised beds
 - (c) game court
 - (d) art box
 - (e) sculptures
 - v. Mural piece
 - (1) Camden Art Gardens program, Connect the Lots and Rutgers.
 - (2) Has to be visible for some time
 - (3) CRA approval
 - (4) No development planned
 - (5) Planned with a contracted, professional artist.
 - (6) Two lots need to be identified to apply.
 - (7) Cost \$15,000 over 15 workshops.
 - vi. If we had a dog park, where would we put it?
 - (1) Cooper Poynt park
 - (2) Baseball field
 - (3) DRPA land tracks by the bridge
- b. Parking ordinance discussion
 - i. Open conversation about parking

- (1) expanding zone 1
 - ii. Some neighbors say people are skating laws at 1 hour parking.
 - (1) Do we remove 1 hour ordinance where there are homes, and leave the other?
 - (a) Need to do a community poll
 - c. Arts Committee Report
 - i. Camden Night Gardens
 - (1) May 18th
 - (2) Camden Waterfront
 - (3) March 1 is deadline for artists (Camden residents or relatives)
 - ii. Liberty Property Trust/Rutgers funded school arts
 - (1) students putting screens on the fences that represent their visions.
 - d. Development Committee Report
 - i. M&M Partnership @ The Pierre building
 - (1) Sidewalk issue has been discussed. Need to fix infrastructure prior to fixing sidewalk.
 - ii. Liberty Property Trust waterfront updates
 - (1) They do not run the parking garage building.
 - (2) 11 stories on top of the 7 story parking structure.
 - (3) NFI and Michael's building
 - (4) Housing is moving forward. Dranoff not involved. 180 apartments in an L shape at Cooper and Delaware.
 - (5) New hotel plan under new footprint is at the end of Penn Street. Working on buildings surrounding.
 - (a) 1.5 years left.
 - (6) Bike ramp closed for 14 months now. North side is open now.
 - iii. ABC Barrel Factory lot
 - (1) No update.
 - iv. Tree Planting:
 - (1) Saturday, May 5th in the morning.
 - (2) Some money from Green Way Grants
 - (3) About 15-20 trees needed.
 - e. Other Updates
 - i. NJ Transit approved pedestrian gateway bridge walk across MLK, ADA compliant.
 - ii. 3rd phase of medical building coming. Demolishing began. Broad and MLK
 - iii. School of Business rendering in a recent pamphlet: impressive looking, perhaps announcement soon.
 - iv. Methadone new site? Perhaps in remediation.
 - v. Bikeshare is coming:
 - (1) Agency from RU New Brunswick
 - (2) Dockless bikes
 - (3) 20-30 bikes to start
 - (4) Early as May
 - (5) Dollar an hour; need the app and a credit card to do it.
 - vi. 50% off tickets for Symphony in C for May 17th at Gordon Theater
7. Announcements (See the CGNA calendar for more updates)
- a. Third Thursday: March 15, 2018 at 8 pm in the Caruso Room at the Victor
 - b. Pizza and Poetry February 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Slice of New York, 120 N. 3rd Street
 - c. Virtua Farmer's Market: Tuesdays 1-3pm at Roosevelt Plaza Park
 - d. Street cleaning the first full week of the month
 - e. Seeking volunteers for the Arts, Development Committees and other projects. Contact Secretary if interested.
 - f. Next CGNA Meeting will be held March 26, 2018 at 7pm City Invincible/Waterfront Labs, 121 Market Street
8. Adjournment
- a. 8:49pm

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 Jonathan Latko President of CGNA: (267) 278-4625
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