

Meeting: Monday, June 27th, 2022 Call to order 7:08 PM

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Were distributed via email to the distribution list. Motion to accept approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance for June was \$34,954.82. There were two checks, one for \$950 to Jonathan Latko for the NRTC grant app admin fee and one for \$1318.00 to Bryon Yoder for the NRTC grant app admin fee and reimbursement for state filings on behalf CGNA and the Coop Grant LLC with M&M . Leaving an ending balance of \$32,686.82. Motion to approve annual D/O Insurance payment for up to \$1200.

4. Neighborhood Safety and Security

- a. Any current issues? You must call 911 and get a report number for an incident be officially reported.
- b. Officer Nunez & Sergeant Nieves in attendance. Reported number of issues with catalytic converter theft in the city. Officers are working 9p-2a to be on the lookout. Higher instances in East & South Camden. If you hear a car idling or the sound of a grounding wheel, call CCPD, do not engage with suspect(s).
- c. Neighbor reports some petty crime happening in the neighborhood (planters taken, bicycle theft). Police presence appreciated.
- d. Moped stolen from a neighbor, getaway car caught on video. PD advised to have neighbor contact CCPD detective in charge of case with lead info.
- e. A neighbor drove down 3rd Street south of MLK, considerable trash and debris noted. Area was queue for San Juan Bautista procession, CSSD had been tasked with cleanup. Joe Myers will contact CSSD to follow-up.
- f. Three properties on 115, 117, 119 Penn St (rentals) continuously leave trash cans out. Becomes target. Need code enforcement to come out.

5. Old Business

- a. Former Campbell's Field [Agreement](#): CCPD is tasked with monitoring for security, but not opening/closing gates. City Administrator was contacted. Gates are being opened daily M-F, but not weekends at this point. Neighborhood would like weekend access. Typical city park access is dawn to dusk. Neighbor asked about RU tennis court access. RU says courts not open to public access, but neighbor encouraged to contact RU to get access. 856-225-2470.
- b. Purple Air Monitor Crowdsourced Project <https://map.purpleair.com/> > Looking for sites in Bergen, North Camden, Parkside. Continuing to seek additional locations. Recently a fire in pine barrens, winds shifted, air quality impact noted.

6. New Business

- A. Cooper-Grant Neighborhood Association call for community volunteers to get involved **The CGNA Board is turning over, need additional stakeholders to lead the organization Email president@coopergrant.org if interested.**
- B. Park Presentation: Camden Community Partnership – RCA Pier extension, looking to extend walkway to the “dog bone”, former abandoned tram project foundation. Joe will share renderings. Camden signage component. Fishing amenity may also be included. Jonathan reported street lamps on Water St in front of the hotel and north the bridge are out. Neighbor reported increasing dog waste along waterfront. Suggest dog curbing bags/signage.
- C. Cooper-Grant Phase 2 Fall Tree Planting Project Linden and Points Streets > NJ Tree Foundation: Meredith Pichini presenting, advised 24 trees planted last time, looking to do a 2nd planting this fall on Linden & Point Streets. Asking for volunteers to canvas over the next couple weeks to confirm tree pits & plan tree species. Oct 8th tentatively planned to do planting. Trees will be paid for via a grant.

- D. Arts Committee Report (Cynthia Primas/IDEA Center) > September Arts Festival: Ms. Primas reported their mission utilizing arts as a mechanism for bringing peace & hope to contribute to quality of life in the neighborhood. Encourage neighbors to support programs. Looking at September 24th to hold another arts/music festival in Johnson Park. Did story telling last year, Buddhist exhibit SGI may come. Thursdays on Market Street, students are out playing music and showcasing work. CGNA sponsoring recent event covering costs totaling \$550. Bread & Roses Foundation funding can be used. Motion made to fund \$550 approved.
- E. Planning Committee (Grants: NRTC, Cooper Foundation)
 - a. Bread & Roses Update / Phase 2 of Grant/ End of Grant Report: Ben highlighted report from Montel, researching records, last year's arts festival/block party, use of Green Acres funds. Second grant report is due back to foundation.
 - b. Jonathan wrote to Brad Harrington if plan would be accepted, no response yet.
- F. Development Committee Report
 - a. ABC Barrel Lot – Development Chair Cheryl Chandler: Olivette Simpson provided update that a response to the RFP was submitted and CRA is vetting it. Expect an update in July 2022.
 - b. M&M Partnership Update @ The Pierre building (<https://hestaliving.com/thepierre/>): CGNA provided some documentation required to maintain the annual requirements.
 - c. Hudson Valley Property Group Opportunity: Northgate Tower proposed to be renovated. Developer is looking for a partner. Reach out to Jonathan if you know of an organization that may have capacity and be interested.
- G. CSSD: Ray reported crews recently cleaned around the Walter Rand Transportation Ctr. Planning regular schedule for sidewalk power washing. Looking to expand to Market Street if possible. Suggestion to remove dead trees. Ray will have update next month on tree maintenance. Hanging baskets at Roosevelt Plaza Park are well received and thriving. Request made to provide trash cans along Broadway between Stevens & Benson. Board mtg will be held virtually, go to www.camdencssd.com for link.

7. Announcements

- a. Trash and recycling collection on Wednesdays
- b. Pizza & Poetry this week at Slice of New York
- c. 2022 Zone 1 Online Parking Registration www.camdenparking.net
- d. Next CGNA Meeting **Monday > July 25th, 2022**, at 7:00 PM

8. Adjournment - 8:33pm

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, e-mail CGNA Board at info@coopergrant.org

This is our 40th year as an organization **Cannot attend the CGNA Meeting?**

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