

Meeting: Monday, August 22, 2022 Call to order 7:05 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 and ending balance for August was \$30,475.03. CGNA received a check for \$6K from M&M which represents half of the past due balance. A motion was made to write a check for \$500.00 to the IDEA Center to fund a CGNA sponsored Arts event. Motion was approved with no abstentions.

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. No CCPD officers present.
- c. Neighbor reports some petty crime happening in the neighborhood (planters taken, bicycle theft). Police presence appreciated.
- d. Parental parking for student pick-up is creating a blind spot on the corner of Cooper and Broadway. Jonathan S suggested contacting reps about the situation.
- e. Rash of catalytic converter thefts. One neighbor caught thieves in action but they fled. Ben S mentioned that hybrids are considered easy targets by thieves and that there are anti-theft shields available to protect the converters.
- f. Be aware that large concerts may result in increased tailgating and traffic.
- g. There has been weekend drag racing on Market to Delaware with as many as 50 vehicles involved.

5. Old Business

- a. Former Campbell's Field [Agreement](#): There is supposed to be public access from dawn to dusk to the track with the baseball field and tennis courts being off limits. However, residents have reported having limited access to public areas. This park, which has Green Acres funding, is a community park and residents are welcome to attend games. If anyone is experiencing issues with access, contact CGNA or RU at 856-225-2470 for assistance.
- b. Purple Air Monitor Crowdsourced Project <https://map.purpleair.com/> > Looking for sites in Bergen, North Camden, Parkside. Continuing to seek additional locations. Purple Air Monitor's URLs can track and show national and state released air monitoring data.
- c. Cooper-Grant Phase 2 Fall Tree Planting Project Linden and Points Streets > NJ Tree Foundation: Meredith Pichini canvassed Linden & Point but acquired no sign-ups. Currently have five but need additional five to justify fall planting. (Twenty-four trees were planted in the spring). October 8th is the target date for the fall planting. Ben S mentioned 4 or 5 pits but in order for plantings to occur, the stumps must have been removed. If wires are present smaller trees are planted and the larger ones in pits with no wires. NJTF can ask EMR for assistance if needed, but currently none is required.

6. New Business

- a. RCA Pier Phase 2 Update - Camden Community Partnership – Need information.
- b. Development Committee Report
 - 1 ABC Barrel Lot – CRA Board approved resolution to accept the Michaels Corporation as the redeveloper for the ABC Barrel Factory Lot project. Construction is scheduled to begin in May of 2023 and project should be completed within 18-24 months. Michaels is using private funds and developer. No current estimate for cost of homes. CRA to provide a monthly update.
 - 2 M&M Partnership Update @ The Pierre building (<https://hestaliving.com/thepierre/>): M&M has reimbursed CGNA \$6K which is half of funds due. No current information regarding the balance due.

- c. Arts Committee Report (Cynthia Primas/IDEA Center) 2nd Annual Johnson Park Music and Arts Festival/CGNA Block Party October 1st > CGNA Block Party will be held in conjunction with the IDEA Center's Arts and Music Festival. CGNA will need a release & liability insurance and plans to combine process. Also, CGNA needs signatures for street closing permit.
- d. CSSD: Ray Romano discussed his department's tree pruning and removal throughout Cooper, Market and Broadway. So far, 189 trees have been pruned and 137 dead trees were removed. Sixty new trees were planted throughout the downtown area. CSSD is using the services of a certified arborist and is keeping Meredith Pichini in the loop to prevent sidewalk damage. Meredith recommends the types of trees that are suitable to plant.
- e. EMR has agreed to put trash cans out that fit the current bag size being used that are similar (or match) the existing black ones.

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 > September 26th, 2022**, at 7:00 PM

8. Adjournment - 8:12 pm

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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