

Meeting: Monday, September 26, 2022 Call to order 7:03 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, after a correction, was approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance for September was \$30,475.03. A check was written for \$500.00 to the IDEA Center to fund a CGNA sponsored Arts event and the ending balance was \$29,975.03.

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. The Victor has reported the theft of several catalytic converters. Converters have been stolen from trucks and buses too. There had been a rash of catalytic converter thefts and it was mentioned that hybrids are considered easy targets by thieves. The good news is that there are anti-theft shields available to protect the converters from theft.
- d. Neighbors report seeing motorcycle activity on the pedestrian paths along the waterfront. Activities such as this are very dangerous for visitors to area.
- e. There are two dozen street lamps out. If you have any that are out, get the number of the lamp and alert PSE&G.
- f. If you think your home has lead-based paint, it must be remediated by 2024. Grant funds were available at one time through the Single Family Home Remediation Grant Program. It is unknown if funds are still available. (Not sure if this should be included.)

5. Old Business

- a. Update Campbell's/Rutgers Field Progress: 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. The current posted hours are from 7-2 pm. Questions were raised regarding access after 2 pm. The hours the field has been open continually shift, making access to the facility more difficult to residents. This park, which has Green Acres funding, is supposed to be a community asset owned by the city a community park and residents are welcome to attend games. If anyone is experiencing issues with access, contact CGNA or RU at 856-225-2740 for assistance. This issue will be discussed during Adrian's upcoming meeting with Rutgers's Chancellor.
- b. Linden and Point Street Tree Planting Project > NJ Tree Foundation: Meredith Pichini confirmed approvals for 11 tree plantings. The event will be held on October 8th at 103 Linden Street. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 8:30 in order to begin planting. On October 15th, there will be a tree planting and ceremony at Cooper Plaza to celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Urban Airshed Reforestation Project The event is from 9 am -12 noon and all are welcome. Ray Romano/CSSD is partnering with the NJTF to get more resources to plant more trees in the downtown area. Jonathan mentioned the 3-4 years it took to get the trees replaced that were destroyed because an ash borer infestation and hopes they can do better. Sonia asked about the relocation of the Belgian blocks removed during tree plantings. She mentioned that they were supposed to be moved to the community garden but most have not and no one seems to know where.

6. New Business

- a. 2nd Annual Johnson Park Music and Arts Festival/CGNA Block Party> October 1st 12-5 pm. EMR has offered parking spaces for vendors and entertainers. Section for parking will be cordoned off and Stacy Pierce/EMR will direct cars. Chairs and a tent was offered by Jonathan L. who also would negotiate a price for a Mr. Softie truck. CGNA will support the IDEA Center to cover the additional expense of adding CGNA to their insurance. The rain date was October 8th.

- b. Public Trash Cans>CGNA in Discussion with DCCB/CGNA Partnership - CSSD wants uniform trash cans in the downtown area and is making an investment in the downtown areas but not residential. EMR will confirm commitment of 4 new cans at a minimum. Ray will show examples of the cans which can cost about \$1,700.00 w/o branding or tops and about \$2,000.00 with both but neither include installation costs. Ray had also mentioned that CSSD might replace the parts of existing cans that are bolted into the ground. CSSD wants to phase the silver mesh cans requested by residents and pointed out that CSSD does not handle the overflow from those trash cans. Possible locations for the cans included Cooper & Front, Point & Linden, Penn & Linden and Front & Delaware. Trash cans would be installed in the spring of 2023. Jonathan mentioned that CGNA could pay for one or two cans. Ben asked about who has responsibility for refilling the dog excrement dispensers. Ray said that he would check it out and get back to us.
- c. Development Committee Report
 - i ABC Barrel Factory Lot Update - CRA Board approved the Michaels Group as the Redeveloper>The CRA reports that they are currently working through the terms of agreement with the Michaels Group.
 - ii M&M Partnership Update @ The Pierre building (<https://hestaliving.com/thepierre/>). Bryon submitted the 2020/2021 financial reports for our Pierre apartment partnership to M&M.
 - 1 Unable to find a non-profit to prepare taxes
 - 2 State will allow submission of financial statements on Excel spreadsheets
- d. Arts Committee Report (Cynthia Primas/IDEA Center)/2nd Annual Johnson Park Music and Arts Festival. CGNA plans to work with the IDEA Center to get an art exhibit at the Pierre Building. CGNA will need a release & liability insurance and plans to combine process. Also, CGNA needed signatures for street closing permit.

7. Announcements

- a. Trash and recycling collection on Wednesdays
- b. Rutgers-Camden Community Fields Access: 856-225-2740
- c. 2022 Zone 1 Online Parking Registration www.camdenparking.net
- d. Next CGNA Meeting **Monday > October 24th, 2022**, at 7:00 PM

8. Adjournment - 8:16 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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