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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:13 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Parking Authority

I'm in agreement with what you suggest...let the parking authority do it...as much as a love to hate them

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:26 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: KENNEY GOES POSTAL PARKING. GIVE US YOUR OPINION

I oppose the proposal to enforce L and I / Street Department regulations by the Parking Authority.

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:27 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: parking authority

If the Parking Authority were only going after GROSS violations, it's enforcement would be welcome. But, based on past experience, I can envision the enforcement officers going nuts by issuing citations for minor infractions such as putting trash out 30 minutes early, etc., etc. Enforcement of regulations for minor violations could turn this City into hell.

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:36 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: expanded responsibilities for PPA

Great idea! Needs a punishment for failure to do the job properly and reward for doing it properly.

At the very least, warning people who are out of compliance (e.g. restaurants illegally blocking sidewalks, people riding bicycles on sidewalks).=

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:40 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: parking authority

The parking authority is atrocity.

They have no respect for residents or for the complexities of Center City living. For instance they will harass me if I am unloading in front of my building. How else does one get packages out of their car and into their house. Also because most of these PPA people are not "local" (to Center City) they seem to have a chip on their shoulder and they view us as a "cash cow". The appeals process at PPA is a bad joke. I did it once – never again – a waste of time.

Parking Authority is a form of harassment – they are contrary to the quality of life that they would be charged with enforcing. I would recommend that before taking additional roles on (in Center City) that enforcement be equal throughout the city, let them "prey on the rest of the populace" first before giving them additional opportunity to feast upon our carcasses. Let them Harass People in Germantown, Tioga, Hunting Park, Point Breeze, the Far Southwest areas of Philly as they do our community. I say NO, and if this is Kenny's first official action, I regret voting for him.

On another note, It would be interesting to see the breakdown on PPA revenues from our neighborhood versus other parts of the city. We already carry a staggering tax burden.

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:46 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: I'm in favor kinney PPA as watchdog proposal

Snow infractions etc

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:54 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Use of parking authority

Empower them for a two year trial. Renew if successful, don't if they are not or modify their enforcement policies.

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 5:56 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Re: Quality of Life

Seems to me that it would be easier to at least start with folks who are not paid by any agency-- residents. Now that we have become accustomed to picking up after dogs & not smoking in public places, why stop there? Perhaps it's time for some new lessons: Picking up trash from their sidewalks whether it was left there by them or not. Bringing in their trash containers sometime during trash day. Learning how to put out trash so that it stays inside the containers. Having contractors clean up their own & neighbors' properties at the end of each day, or doing it themselves. Not

installing barriers around street tree gardens which prevent parking at what is otherwise a legal space. Not parking in the middle of a 2-car space. Not allowing children to draw with chalk on sidewalks, steps, houses, or at parks. And I could go on. Couldn't we all?

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 7:27 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: eyes & ears of the community

Is there anything wrong with reporting a problem that ones sees eg trash dumped on the street or a bad pothole.

As a citizen I do this, but a parking authority person might also see it and report. It is not part of their job, but it would be added eyes on a problem in the community.

I'm not sure how Kenny see this, I don't think it should be part of their job description for which they are held accountable.

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 7:45 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Kenney's "IDEA"

Hi,

Absolutely NO!

I have never understood why the PPA is run by the State, and as such, denies a lot of revenue to the City. But, as they say, "that's politics"!

I don't know why the PPA should be in real estate, and why they apparently are involved with taxis.

I understand SEPTA, as it serves a region. But, why should our suburban neighbors have control of their parking?

I have found City services have markedly decreased since I/we became full-time residents more than 50 years ago! The Streets Department used to clean-up after trash collection. In the fall they would clean up the leaves and droppings of the Gingko trees. Now, resident's (or paid CCD employees) do it and, if your lucky, and put the material in the right bags, they MAY pick them up for a limited time! Whether they are then truly recycled is questionable.

It is my understanding that the Streets Department is responsible for finding/getting corrected (by owners) sidewalk problems.

The southeast corner of 20th & Chestnut seems to have been ignored for as long as I can remember. It is a real hazard!

OK, not enough staff to do the job! Is the staff they have "out there" or ensconced at a desk/computer somewhere?

Maybe City agencies should produce a periodic report of "WHAT" we are getting for our taxes, except that would probably require MORE taxes!

A Democrat, I did NOT vote for Kenney, who was proud of his many (too long!) years on Council! There are obviously some people who make a career/life on the public dole! This latest "idea" may make me think of voting Republican in November!

Regards,

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From:

Sent: Friday, June 12, 2015 9:43 PM

To: centercityresidents@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Parking Authority powers

I really appreciate what you say about the problems with the Parking Authority, you are right. Buttt . . .

They are in the right places to do some real good, and as you said in serious numbers. I have long wished that they could issue citations for failure to remove snow from sidewalks as per ordinance - this is one of my pet peeves.

Another pet peeve is people who do not put their trash out properly (and hence it scatters in the wind, or by sloppy pickers).

If, as suggested, we were to give them an additional revenue source (I assume they would get a cut of the citation), then would we be in a position to push for some needed reforms?

Cheers,

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From:

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 9:32 AM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Kenney's proposal

The city has an overall unkempt look, owners who manage their properties remotely don't have the remote idea of how to take care of them and don't abide by the rules. Weeds, trash, broken sidewalks, dead trees and vegetation litter visually and can even harm us physically. Broken and rotting dispensing news paper boxes, sitting in many corners of the city, are areas where trash just collects and they just look horrible and disheveled. Those companies should be responsible for their upkeep. Residents of Center City should demand decorum in every sense to bring pride to our living places. All owners should be accountable be it willingly or by force, therefore I stand for whatever change would make that happen and move in a more positive direction.

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 9:43 AM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Parking Authotiy vs L&I/Street Dept enforcement

Why pick and choose which agency....let them both do the task as they come across violators....and add spitting and harassing homeless to their list too!

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From:

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 9:52 AM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Parking authority - tickets for other things

I would like some agency - parking authority would be fine - to ticket violators of the snow removal ordinance. It can be very dangerous walking in center city in the winter. That is a much more serious problem to me than littering. I know people who have fallen on an icy sidewalk and broken a bone!

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From:

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 1:17 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: PPA expanded duties

Not a bad idea. Call it the Department of Order, as in Germany. Might include moving traffic violations, as well.

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From:

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2015 5:25 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Parking Authority Mandate

I don't claim to know the legal ramifications but expanding the PA's mandate has been my feeling since last winter. When a landlord on Walnut Street thinks that lacking a tenant means he does not have to clean the snow till he gets one, I think the camera ready, electronic ticket enforcers, would loose no time to issue the summons.

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From:

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 8:46 AM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: PPA enforcing quality of life infractions

Why not? People committing infractions should be caught and fined. With 250 more people in enforcement, quality of life can only improve.

Why not both agencies do it. It's not an either/or situation.

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From:

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 11:15 AM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Parking Authority -proposed new authorities

I like the idea of the Parking Authority's issuing quality of life citations. At this point, no one is doing it. The Parking Authority employees are out on the street. They should only be issuing legal citations, so how would people be justified in complaining?
I would like quality of life citations to be given!

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From:

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 2:47 PM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Kenney Proposal

Its about time. They are on the streets. Winter time lack of shoveling or even salt by homeowners and developers and apartment house owners. A great idea.

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From:

Sent: Monday, June 15, 2015 8:07 PM

To: Center City Residents' Association

Subject: Kinney Parking Auth????

Yes the PA absolutely stinks, but they are an effective enforcement arm of government. utter likes them apparently b/c of the revenue they generate for the city. Too bad Nutter and Ramsey won't enforce the traffic and motor vehicle laws! Imagine the revenue from speeding, running lights and stop sign, one way street violations etc

We have multiple overstaffed, city agencies that are required to perform the other enforcement issues raised by Kinney.

Maybe if he becomes Mayor he can get them off their dead ends!

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From:

Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 9:14 AM

To: centercity@centercityresidents.org

Subject: Re: CCRA Weekly Newsletter

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on Jim Kenney's proposal. As always, the devil is in the details. You've laid out the pros and cons very well. I think I'd be in favor of this arrangement if certain conditions could be built into the arrangement. I've listed a few of these below.

- A time-limited pilot - maybe 3-5 years
- A fair and effective venue for people to challenge or appeal citations
- Assurance that the fines collected would go to the city, not just to patronage employees - requires creating a formula for setting the fines so that they are fair and manageable, cover the PA costs, but provide sufficient revenue to make the service worthwhile
- Use a scale for infractions that fit residential neighborhood socioeconomic conditions, with potentially escalating fines for repeated infractions - and help to resolve issues that pose unreasonable burdens on residents

Coordinate with L&I to develop a method to enforce permitting for constructions - beyond simply levying a fine that might be considered a cost-effective alternative to obtaining a valid permit.