

Waste Management

February 9, 2021

10:00am-11:00am

Zoom

Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. 17 attendees; 13 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

a. Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile

- Mayor Carstarphen and commissioner La Tourette met to discuss how DEP can assist mayor and local partners for planning resolutions to the site
- Background:
 - 1. Need to be permitted to handle solid waste (this owner was/is not, 2 years of violations at least)
 - 2. DEP and the County both regulate solid waste movement in NJ
- Contamination:
 - 1. DEP and American Water have collected some preliminary data
 - 2. So far only low levels of contamination- similar to “historic fill” seen throughout Camden- have been found
 - a. It was limited sampling; DEP wants to sample more
 - 3. If acute levels of contaminants are found, both NJDEP and EPA can take actions to remove the threat more immediately
- The solution will have to be multi-faceted approach
 - 1. Owner has said that he does not have the financial resources to carry out some of the potential solutions
 - a. The clean-up of the site is unfortunately a long-term task
 - i. Ex: Camden Labs took 5 years from dumping site to park; we know less about this site than Camden labs
 - b. Cost recovery is long term; DEP believes there will be more short-term funding coming in to play
 - c. CRA is conducting redevelopment planning in the area
 - d. EPA is also evaluating the site

b. Block 1 lot 1

- No owner response to DEP this month

c. Questions, comments, or continuing thoughts on last month’s special presentations:

- [Sustainability Ordinance](#), how it is used by the planning board (Dr. Williams, Director of Planning for Camden City)
 - 1. One day draft our suggestions
 - a. **To do**: look specifically at what pieces of the ordinance go with each working group
- **Glitter Program**, an [app](#) that allows people to #1 report litter and #2 get paid to pick it up (Morgan Berman, Founder and CEO of [MilkCrate](#))
 - a. Wondering if on a neighborhood basis, Camden could have an “adopt a neighborhood” program that models this

- b. Not sure about crowd sourced nature of that app

III. Zero Waste

a. Current Issues:

- Plastics Ban: how to prepare residents, businesses for May 1 deadline
 1. Prepared a resources flier for the City's L&I unit to distribute
 2. Healthy Corner Store Network's sustainability training (1/25/22)
 3. What else?
 - a. Any retail facing organizations with contact to retailers, looking for ideas
 - b. Explore reaching out to Haddon Ave. business organization and other similar groups throughout the city
- Enforcement: Camden County Division of Environmental and Consumer Health would be doing the checks; 50 or so stores will be checked starting May through June

b. Key Next Steps

- Follow Philadelphia's venture with their plastics ban (especially look into how Bodegas and similar establishments are getting support if at all)
- Check in with Camden County Division of Environmental and Consumer Health to discuss ban roll out and communications

IV. Illegal Dumping

a. Current Issues

- DPW Update:
 1. Steel bins placed on every bus stop on Federal, Broadway, and River Rd. This has been reducing litter; people are using them.
 2. Waste management contract mandates that they are picked up Monday and Friday
- 28th and federal has become a dump spot
- Camera vandalized on Chestnut St.; where camera had been, illegal dumping stopped
- Decoy cameras might be working; we need to check on them more to say for certain

b. Key Next Steps

- Illegal Dumping intervention toolkit for local community groups

V. Waste Collection

a. Current Issues

b. Key Next Steps

- Tap into Mayor's [Camden Strong Initiative](#) with waste removal materials

VI. 2022 Waste Management Working Group Work Plan

a. 2022 [Waste Management Working Group Work Plan Progress Report](#): shortfalls, accomplishments, and a path forward

- Illegal dumping toolkit: outside of meeting task
 1. Potentially we can synthesize this information with a Rutgers/ Rowan class
- E-waste: Heart of Camden + Covanta drive which would be in the Heart of Camden parking lot
 1. Need to circle back with supplier about a rebate system which would depend on weight

2. CCSD interested in this program
- ALL CCI MEMBERS: Fill out this [Form](#)

VII. Additional Information/Resources

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Next Meeting: CCI Waste Management Working Group Meeting, March 9th at 10 am