

Air Quality

July 14, 2021

11:00am-12:00pm

Zoom



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Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 11 attendees; 4 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

a. Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile

- A lot of press recently; press conference with the Mayor last week
- Trying to set a precedent. EVERYBODY is trying to join the coordinated effort on this
- DEP sent air and solid waste enforcement officers to do their investigations; their results led to [AG asking court to mandate cleanup](#)
- Messaging: need more folks to call DEP hotline
- Need residents to call the hotline continually
 - Higher levels of complaints can lead to additional attention from the state

b. [Camden Iron & Metal](#): Air Pollution Control Permit Construction of New Source Application, Front & Pine Streets, New Facility

- Meeting with DEP at the end of the month (CCP and CFET) again in the Fall
- Send any questions related to the above linked permit to Missy or Meishka... Updates to come at August's Air Working Group meeting

III. Air Quality

a. NJDEP Air/Odor Complaint Report

- Since June 1: Three reports. Two on June 15th and one on June 22nd (one concerning the Yaffa site)
- 9 odor/ particulate surveys since June 1. No violations found.

b. Current Issues

- Potential [SEP Projects](#) (Supplemental Environmental Projects): enforcement options to resolve situations where penalties are involved
 - Administrative consent order. Some of what would be paid for penalty money could go to SEP projects
 - Ideas for projects? Examples: EV charging stations, solar panels at schools or other public entities, tree plantings, community park location (needs to have correlation with air pollution)
 - Give suggestions to Mary Toogood
- Rutgers Nursing + Urban Promise grant to fund air monitoring updates
 - Updates will come in the Fall
- EPA Air Pollution Monitoring Funding (American Rescue Plan)

- Can get more air monitors in the city. If we want to craft proposal on the fall, talk to DEP to figure out what air monitoring plan could look like
- c. Key Next Steps
 - Talk to Luis Lim of the DEP to talk about a proposal for air monitoring funds

IV. Environmental Justice

- a. Current Issues
 - East Camden NRTC 2021: Green Rail Buffer conceptual plan between CCP and SJCS. RFP going out this month. Hire in august/September. Just for conceptual plan. No funding for construction/ actual design yet.
 - Conrail rail yard: large amount of diesel trains
 - Green rail buffer project aims to improve air quality
- b. Key Next Steps

V. Traffic Management

- a. Current Issues
 - Camden County Port Access Truck Route Project
 - Just starting to think about community engagement
 - Public meeting July 28th @ 6 pm. Zoom meeting info:
 - a. Meeting ID: 871 9103 4795
 - b. Passcode: 414631
 - c. Or, dial in: +1 301 715 8592
 - Overview: Camden County got local freight infrastructure funding to improve port roads
 - a. 4 road segments: Atlantic Ave., south 2nd, Broadway, and Ferry
 - b. Separating stormwater from sewer and running separate line, road reconstruction, new sidewalks, bumpouts, ramps, new signals
 - c. Improve truck routes so trucks stay on their route and don't cut through neighborhoods
 - d. Money for design and only a little for construction... hopeful more money will come through
 - e. Air pollution data collection in later phases of the plan
 - Q&A:
 - a. South Front St. not included but does certainly contribute to particulate emissions; will inquire if it can be added
- b. Key Next Steps
 - Determine best public figure to champion traffic management issues
 - Identify pertinent information and key stakeholders relevant to truck route issues to have neighborhood level discussion

VI. Additional Information/Resources

- a. EVs

- Tracking electric charging capabilities of the city? Not as of now. Only three EV charging stations known
 - Rowan/ CC College off of Cooper Ave., one @ Suburu, and one @ Resintech in east Camden
 - Could Rutgers be interested?
 - a. Dig around Drivegreen.nj.gov or reach out to Paul Romano for submitting applications for these projects
 - i. @drivecleannj on instagram
- [Charing at street light locations](#)? Happening around the country
- b. NJ Tree Foundation working with the Port Authority to replace trees
 - Tree keepers: 2 upcoming events
 - Virtual workshop about tree maintenance on Tues July 20th at noon
 - July 24th 9-11 maintenance portion... free tools at Cooper Poynt Park

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Next Meeting: CCI Community Meeting, August 11th at 11 am