

Waste Management

July 14, 2021

10:00am-11:00am

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 9 attendees; 3 Camden residents/businesses

II. Special Presentations

a. "Mobile Security Trailers" -- Michael Irwin and Sharlene Nauta-West, GovDesigns

- Details
 1. The camera is manufactured by Liveview Technologies
 2. Self-contained so do not need power or wifi (works off of cellular and solar)
 3. Users can access video through phone app or online
 4. 360 degree camera (OMNI): surveillance
 5. D3 security unit: security system (2 side cameras sensing heat that alarms when there are people)
 6. Easy integration with VMS
 7. Claim: cost savings for DPW/ City of Camden have already paid for the cost of the cameras
- Success story: at the D3 unit at 28th and Adams the grass grew back, no more large item dumping in the past two month
- Q&A:
 1. Movement detection only at night? Users can set a schedule for when to operate motion detection, if you only want to be notified for humans not cars (can even tell between cat or human)
 2. How does the alarm sound work? 2-way speaker so you can hear what's on site too; from a smartphone users can speak down to it or have an automated message.
 - a. In residential areas, recommend automated lights not sounds
 3. Who is monitoring them currently? City of Camden (they haven't logged in too much to respond to notifications)
 4. Rented/ purchase? Can do either. Vast majority do an annual contract. If you purchase, could be an issue if technology changes and would have to pay to repair it. Both of those would be covered under annual contract scenario. Costs: D3 starts at \$2,895/ month... can have some flexibility depending on # of units rented, etc.
 5. Permanent options? Can do pole mount option
 6. Have you found that dumping resumes after moving? Unsure, Camden is just now moving them and will replace with more hidden cameras
 7. Cameras also being used in Wildwood and Hammonton, although for a different purpose (security)

III. Hot Topics

a. Yaffa & Sons Property (624-644 Chestnut St.) 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
 1. More state resources can be in the mix by having more people call
- Immediate concerns about contamination for health, combined sewer system, pests, etc.

b. Lot 1, Block 1 dumping site

- No updates from DEP due to all hands on deck for the Yaffa site

IV. Zero Waste

a. Takeaways from special presentations on the upcoming plastics ban:

- Janet Robertson, [NJ Business Action Center](#); JoAnn Gemenden, [NJ Clean Communities](#)
 1. Using Clean Communities to pay for cameras? Clean Communities money currently used for miscellaneous things like trash cans

b. Current Issues:

- Adopt-A-Drain: how to get residents to commit to adopting a drain
 1. Anti-littering campaign? Car trash cans
- Bodegas: upcoming plastics ban + Adopt-A-Drain + stormwater utility
 1. Need stream of Bodega outreach to make this connection, language barrier
 2. Haddon Ave. has a business association that could disseminate information
- Education plan for upcoming plastics ban
 1. Create a mailer
 2. Need to plan so retailers don't bulk buy plastic bags before the ban

c. [Maine is the first state to push cost of packaging on the manufacturers... important legislation to watch](#)

d. Key Next Steps

- Talk to director Walker about re-allocating some of the Clean Communities money
- Ask JoAnn about a mailer for the upcoming plastics ban and avenues to get free re-usable bags

V. Illegal Dumping

a. Current Issues

- [A New View](#) July Events
 - Words on Waste: July's session rescheduled for 7/15. Register [here](#).
 - I Paddle Camden Camden this Saturday, July 17th. Register [here](#).
- UMichigan Project to fund small interventions at notorious dump sites throughout Camden
 - Not enough info about how to legally get rid of waste
 - Pair with Camden strong to amplify this information
 - Camden newsletter to tell people this stuff?
 - a. Could use Clean Community money for this (brochure about trash collection, recycling, waste collection, mail out at the start of the year [email director Walker])

- Mayor Carstarphen launched the new [Camden Strong Initiative](#)
- b. Key Next Steps
 - Talk to director Walker about re-allocating some of the Clean Communities money
- VI. Waste Collection**
 - a. Current Issues
 - b. Key Next Steps
- VII. Additional Information/Resources**
 - a. PowerCorp actively recruiting for the fall
 - Planting rain gardens and conducting lot cleanups now

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Next Meeting: CCI Community Meeting, August 11th at 10 am