

Waste Management

October 12, 2022

10:00am-11:00am

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Opening Discussion

- a. 14 attendees; 7 Camden residents/businesses
- b. Discussion topic: Review flier (on following page) intended for distribution at Home Depots and similar locations and [website](#) which the flier links to
 - Add more fine information- minimum along with maximum fine
 - QR code sustainability- will it work at all time?
 - Color scheme... could be used to message better
 - less wording
 - Add more contact information- CCI email, office phone number
 - DEP and Camden County Phone Numbers
 - Camera photo of someone illegally dumping at bottom left instead of hands in handcuffs
 - Update website with same photo
 - Add to map- Riverfront Recycling, EMR and other facilities that may be missing

II. Hot Topics

- a. Ongoing issue sites:
 - Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
 - Waste classification of the bigger piles; timeline is to get rid of these piles by Fall of 2023 then remediation/ env. assessment of remaining property
 - a. Continuum of solicitations for big pile, segregating northern lot from southern lot because they are so big
 - CRA awarding for removal on two smaller lots; will be awarded for contract start date in Q1 2023
 - Community meeting later this year to talk about what's going on and provide schedule for what is going on and get their feedback
 - a. Tentative meeting, will meet before soil is moved
 - Block 1 lot 1: CRA/City, NJDEP
 - Owner non-cooperative
 - Frank will reach out to enforcement folks to see when NJDEP will act
 - TPL working with county to understand how to preserve space for public access
 - a. Found that a colleague is friends with this person's attorney
 - Gov alerts: long term platform for reporting dumping and other nuisances to the City/County

III. Zero Waste

- a. Current Issues:
 - Plastic Bag Ban

- Cramer Hill/East Camden could use more bags
 - Monitoring of waste streams to see if there is waste in them(Covanta, DPW): Is the ban effective, aka seeing less bags in waste streams?
 - a. Covanta has noticed an anecdotal decrease in bags, no data on this
 - Heard from businesses: issues with stealing related to people having to bring their own bags
- b. Key Next Steps**
- Need to blast messaging that you need to use a reusable bag 10-50 times to make it more sustainable than filmy plastic (varies): flier

IV. Illegal Dumping

- a. Current Issues**
- DPW Update
 - Federal and Westfield issue; placing a camera there would help
 - Might need more “no dumping” signs: 3rd and Byron, 7th St. big city lot
 - 28th and Federal camera successful in preventing illegal dumping
- b. Key Next Steps**
- Create “No Dumping” design for CLHI billboard in North Camden
 - Look into who owns the 27th St. and Federal St. Billboard for another touch point
 - Get special presentation from Mayor and others on \$500k grant to fund cameras, maybe CCI should be briefed on that plan/ provide feedback
 - Funded by the \$500,000 that went to Camden County PD

V. Waste Collection

- a. Current Issues**
- Staffing issues; a lot of trash and not enough people cleaning... getting more qualified people to work
 - Camden strong workforce seasonal employees; will be starting this month; transportation issues, had to rent vans to get them out to sites
 - Temporary for now, 6 months
 - CCP + Rutgers Honors College park maintenance:
 - 8 parks in the fall semester, and surrounding areas
 - CSSD and DPW helping assist with materials and logistics
 - Let jade know if anyone is looking for internships; these students will have networking opportunities in return for their service hours
 - a. contact Jade Lopez: jlopez@camdencpinc.com
- b. Key Next Steps**

VI. Additional Information/Resources

- a.** CCI Summit moving to Spring 2023
- b.** In-person end of year CCI celebration 12/14

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

ILLEGAL DUMPING IS A HARMING OUR COMMUNITY

Illegal dumping of construction materials harms Camden Neighborhoods physically and economically. The Government spends millions of dollars each year cleaning up illegally dumped waste. Below are three major ways Illegal Dumping has an impact on us and our environment:



1 IMPACT ON AIR

The Illegal Dumping of construction debris can cause air pollution in our community.



2 IMPACT ON OUR WATER

Run-off from Dumpsites contains chemicals and other hazardous material that can contaminate wells, creeks, and surface water. These chemicals can contaminate water quality for aquatic life and drinking water.



3 IMPACT ON HUMANS

Illegal dumping also harms human health when its toxic components, such as mercury, lead, barium, and others, enter the human organs and nervous system by inhalation.



ILLEGAL DUMPING FINES

If caught dumping waste materials illegally, you will pay a fine of up to \$10,000 and a mandatory suspension of your driver's license for a minimum of 6 months.

SCAN FOR LEGAL WASTE DISPOSAL PLACES



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