

Air Quality

October 13, 2021

11:00am-12:00pm

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 14 attendees; 9 Camden residents/businesses

II. Special Presentation

a. Randi Orlow: [NJ Neighborhood Sun](#)

- New legislation adopted in 2019 to mitigate climate change which included incentivizing solar energy
 - Senator singleton's bill: clean energy equity act www.njshines.org
- Not third party energy, not rooftop solar
- Idea is so that EVERYONE can participate in energy revolution (no installation)
 - Share of a solar farm, like a CSA
- Details on this NJ Neighborhood Sun project:
 - New 3.1 megawatt solar farm in Delanco which can provide household energy to about 800 residents
 - No upfront fees, no cancellation fee
 - Contract long enough for 20 years
 - 90-95% of usage covered by solar so PSE&G bill drops
 - 10-20% less on your bill guaranteed for low to moderate income folks
- Working to get a consolidated bill so there is just one bill as opposed to a lower PSE&G bill followed by a NJ Neighborhood Sun bill
 - Not sure when this can become a reality
 - With the two bill system: equals 10-20% less
- Want to partner with community orgs to spread the word. NJ Neighborhood Sun can make donations to community groups who help them sign up residents to the project
 - Email Randi Orlow (randi@neighborhoodsun.solar) for more information on this
- Questions
 - Shares... Shares of the company like a co-owner?
 - a. No. Share of the farm not a share of the company (share of the output precisely)
 - Would you have to drop other members ever?
 - a. Would stop subscribing people if the farm reaches capacity
 - b. Can take your share with you if you move in the same area
 - Charge based on a fraction of PSE&G rate?
 - a. Yes, if PSE&G rate go up or down, you still get 10-% off that new rate... written in a contract

- 1 bill system?
 - a. BPU is working on it. Critical to expansion of this program, not create any barriers
 - b. Solar companies and utilities got together to discuss 1 bill system
 - c. Utility companies open to 1 bill system; there are logistical issues
- Solar farms always on brownfield?
 - a. Could provide a host fee for folks such as farmers where those solar farms are developed
 - b. Dual use solar farms enable a farmer to grow under the canopy of panels

III. Hot Topics

- a. Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile
- b. Block 1 lot 1
 - Meeting with the AG; active movement in the judicial sense
 - Need to think about messaging
 - A lot of information going through the process privately; want new news by the end of the year
 - Question: Why is this an air issue?
 - Can't open windows. Fugitive particulates and odor
 - Are there any short term solutions?
 - Nothing has been done yet
- c. Newer waste pile brought to city's attention on Atlantic Avenue

IV. Air Quality

- a. NJDEP Air/Odor Complaint Report
- b. Current Issues
 - Covanta Update
 - EQT Swedish company purchasing Covanta
 - Baghouse process: procurement completed
 - [Camden Iron & Metal](#): Air Pollution Control Permit Construction of New Source Application, Front & Pine Streets, New Facility
 - Continue to send questions to mfrankil@camdenpinc.com on the Camden Iron and Metal permit; we will be sure to find their answers
 - How to make the DEP hotline more accessible?
 - Not much movement. A lot of back and forth trying to get information needed
 - a. When there is a good draft permit, NJDEP can share with the community
 - b. Status to report next meeting
- c. Opportunities
 - Potential Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Projects
 - New bureau chief for southern New Jersey has been picked
 - EPA Air Pollution Monitoring [Funding](#) (American Rescue Plan, Fall 2021)
- d. Key Next Steps

- V. Traffic Management**
 - a. Current Issues
 - b. Key Next Steps
- VI. Additional Information/Resources**
 - a. Environmental Summit 2021: November 23rd

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Next Meeting: CCI Air Quality Working Group Meeting, November 17th at 11 am