

Waste Management

October 13, 2021
10:00am-11:00am
Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 11 attendees; 9 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

- a. Yaffa & Sons Property (624-644 Chestnut St.) soil pile
- b. Lot 1, Block 1 dumping site
 - 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: any policy movement on categorizing illegal dumping?
 1. Treat soil differently?
 2. Case by case scheme right now. Not just in Camden but other places throughout the state... realizing amount of similar soil situations happening throughout the state
 3. EJ director and Olivia Glenn will be looped in so that it's not just the legal team... need to do more
- c. Camera Systems (GovDesigns + Gridless)
 - Trailer systems are expensive
 - Large scale interventions don't mean that dumping isn't happening elsewhere
 - Trail cameras could be an affordable option moving forwards
 - How can people locally dump soil?
 1. One option: [CleanEarth](#)

III. Zero Waste

- a. Current Issues:
 - Plastics Ban
 1. Mobile food unit: farmers market gives out re-usable bags
 2. Cousin's could do a giveaway
 3. Schools
 4. DPW purchases recycling bins.. maybe they can put that funding towards reusable bags
 5. Philadelphia has a concise and clear page for messaging about the ban: <https://www.phila.gov/programs/plastic-bag-ban/>
 - a. NJ Business council -> promote their website
 6. Restaurants in Camden with Uber/ Door Dash/ Grubhub target deliveries to Camden
 7. Ask Camden county
- 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)

- Follow up with NJ Business Council about their capacity to support giveaways
- Look into capacity of Cousin's, schools, DPW, the county, and restaurants to giveaway re-usable bags

IV. Illegal Dumping

a. Current Issues

- [A New View](#) Events
 - A New View Camden Exhibition (Stedman Gallery at 3rd and Pearl St.) open Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm through December 11th
 - Need some press going out about how these are the last days of this art installation
 - a. Phoenix fest staying
 - b. Cat moving to Farnham park
- Interviewing residents for UMich Project sites

b. Key Next Steps

- Illegal Dumping intervention toolkit for local community groups
 1. Need to better understand which techniques are working best based on the space
 2. Catalogue of interventions- like a playbook
 3. Could be an intern project

V. Waste Collection

a. Current Issues

- E-Waste Program updates: looking to set up
 1. E waste recycling in Philadelphia
 2. Heart of Camden container... have dates residents can come with e-waste
- Event this Saturday (10/16): sustainability day
 1. Shredding trucks
 2. E-waste truck
 3. Small employment fair
 4. 10-1 pm Saturday @ Farnham Park
 5. Reach out to Alissa wilds
 6. Unused prescription drugs mail in for proper disposal
- How to revamp the Green Ambassador program?

b. Key Next Steps

- Tap into Mayor Carstarphen's [Camden Strong Initiative](#) with waste removal materials
 1. Need funding for city-wide mailer (\$5000)
 - a. How/ who/ to fundraise
 2. City does not currently send anything city-wide
 3. Partnering with CCMUA to send it out with water bills could be an option
 4. Powercorp could distribute resources
 5. Billboard outside of city hall can use to spread the word about waste collection
 - a. North Camden and east Camden billboards also

VI. Additional Information/Resources

- a. Environmental Summit 2021: November 23rd
 - Send nominations for Environmental Heroes to mfrankil@camdencpinc.com
 - [Individuals, organizations, and businesses](#)

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Next Meeting: CCI Waste Management Working Group Meeting, November 17th at 10 am