

## Waste Management

November 17, 2021

10:00am-11:00am

Zoom



## Notes

### I. Welcome and Introductions

- 8 attendees; 4 Camden residents/businesses

### II. Hot Topics

#### a. Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile

- Response from property owner; they have retained council
- Judge determines what's next with news coming early December

#### b. Block 1 lot 1

- No response to the lawsuit filed yet
- This issue is on the judiciary side now, out of NJDEP hands

#### c. Camera Systems: New system set up at 28<sup>th</sup> and Adams Ave. (Gridless Power)

- This live feed camera can be made publicly available if desired
- Automatic alert to DPW and the Police when dumping occurs

### III. Zero Waste

#### a. Current Issues:

- Plastics Ban
  1. NJ Business Council and Clean Communities: "hoping to establish business partnerships where something like that may be possible. Local clean communities programs (county/municipal) can also use their CCC grant funds to purchase bags and give them away locally through the litter abatement."
  2. [brian.constantino@camdencounty.com](mailto:brian.constantino@camdencounty.com): clean communities coordinator for Camden County -> reached out and waiting for a response to meet
- Covanta does food distributions that give out bags
  1. Once a month at 7 different schools (100 families each site)
  2. [Wholesome Riches](#) -> works with the city

#### 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)
  1. [This article](#) reports that many Philadelphia businesses are not in compliance. Enforcement technically starts in April; many warnings have been given by the Dept. of Licenses and Inspections
- Look into capacity of Cousin's, schools, DPW, the county, churches, Kroc center, and restaurants to giveaway re-usable bags
- Produce a flier to give out with food donations by Wholesome Riches
- Connect again with the Healthy Corner Store Network to present on the plastics ban for the benefit of Bodega owners
  1. Have a bag distribution flow set up beforehand

### IV. Illegal Dumping

#### a. Current Issues

- [A New View](#) Events

- Stedman Gallery: *A New View* Exhibition now through December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Stedman Gallery: Camden is... LIVE, a panel discussion tomorrow, November 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm
- Most public art installations de-installing, Phoenix Festival staying, Invincible Cat moving to Farnham park
- Interventions for UMich Project sites throughout Camden
- b. Key Next Steps**
  - Illegal Dumping intervention toolkit for local community groups (2022 workplan)
    1. Interns: CCP? Rutgers?
    2. Delaware River Ambassador
    3. Hopeworks
    4. NJDEP looking to increase internship opportunities

## **V. Waste Collection**

- a. Current Issues**
- b. Key Next Steps**

- Tap into Mayor's [Camden Strong Initiative](#) with waste removal materials
  1. Covanta interested in funding for years to come and will be following up next year
  2. Need funding for city-wide mailer (\$5000) -> How/ who/ to fundraise
  3. City does not currently send anything city-wide; partnering with CCMUA to send it out with water bills could be an option
  4. PowerCorps 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
      - i. Jackie Santiago a good contact for billboards in East Camden

## **VI. Additional Information/Resources**

- a.** Revisit 2021 [Waste Management Working Group Action Plan](#): progress, reorientation, edits to actions
- b.** Environmental Summit 2021: November 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Follow CCI's [Facebook](#) and share posts
  - For those who attended, please fill out the feedback survey [here](#)
- c.** Armando: moving to office of enforcement policy

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*Next Meeting: CCI Waste Management Working Group Meeting, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*