

Waste Management

December 8, 2021

10:00am-11:00am

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- 9 attendees; 8 Camden residents/businesses

II. Hot Topics

a. Plastics Ban:

- Met with Camden County Clean Communities Camden County Coordinator; he will be organizing bag giveaways which will include Camden City
- To do: Meet with Keith of DPW to discuss the municipal allocation of Clean Communities money including funding for re-usable bags and coordination with retailers on the plastics ban

III. 2021 Waste Management Working Group Work Plan

a. Revisit 2021 [Waste Management Working Group Action Plan](#): progress, reorientation, edits to actions

b. CCI feedback generally:

- Involve more schools and businesses -> reach out to organizations such as the Haddon Ave. Business Association
- Utilize text updates like Connect the Lots does
- Have CCI attend neighborhood meetings and give short presentations on the meetings, purpose, how to get involved, etc. & bring resident concerns back to CCI working groups
- Meet on site (ex: illegal dumping sites, rain garden projects, etc.); better for improving visibility, bringing the issues to life, getting resident feedback
- Need "to-do's" or "small wins" as tangible items to realize the successes of CCI
- We should have dynamic and interactive maps which document all of CCI's work, tracking project progress
- We could have CCI working group champions (one for each working group) who would keep their eye on the working plan, keep missy accountable
- We could have CCI ambassadors (youth or otherwise) for each neighborhood

c. Notes on 2021 Waste Management work plan:

- Need a waste management representative in the room; it is in their contract to do this
- Need to have a column for issue identification; this would serve as a log to hold the working group accountable
- There is a huge issue with illegal dumping: happening too often
 1. also, the issue of dumping on their own property (Yaffa, Atlantic, etc.)
 2. worth distinguishing these two in the work plan
- We should leverage tools we have
 1. Ex: state pays for app (recycle coach) that can be utilized more
- Want to get DPW representative in the CCI room

IV. 2022 Vision: Goals, Strategies, and Objectives

a. Goals for CCI generally

- To have more community input; we could lean on community leaders to bring issues to the forefront (ambassadors/champions)
- To have more awareness and visibility for the CCI
- To establish a committee (like shade tree committee)
- To build out a google like map of areas of concern
- To get on the city's radar more so that they can share CCI information when they are out of options for solutions for residents

b. Resources CCI wide:

- Eco Charter School, Board of Education
- Rutgers Camden office of civic engagement (do they have an environmental contingency?), Civic Scholars
 1. Align CCI's community efforts with classes
 2. Leverage business school too
- Community groups like Save our Waterfront, PBCIB, etc.
- 76ers

V. 2022 Waste Management Working Group Work Plan

a. Goals for Waste Management Working Group

- For CCI Waste to be more intertwined with DPW
- To have friendly competition between neighborhoods for most communicative neighborhood as it relates to waste, cleanest neighborhood too?
 1. Have city hall discuss the project
 2. tangible: could track % of residences with recycling buckets out
- To advocate for drones, use that imagery to measure certain things like locations of illegal dumping
 1. Involve Hopeworks
 2. Could also measure flooding
- lobby for city to mandate CCI goals are incorporated into neighborhood plans... will then lead to community groups participating more
 1. * for those not mandated by city, reach out directly to CLHI, SJCS, etc.

b. Issue Identification:

- include public trash cans in infrastructure/ road projects
- Glitter project in Philly as a pilot: make sure folks get paid for their work
- Need better communication with DPW, ask them to report piles as they come across

c. Resource Identification:

- Potentially whoever handles waste management at Rutgers? Camden County Community College?
- Old DCCB map as a template for revamped interactive map
 1. Map found here: <https://www.camdendccb.com/map/>
 2. Form is here: <https://www.camdendccb.com/create-dccb-submission/>
 3. Issues with this map: not extremely user friendly, not used much
- CSSD
- AmeriCorps: Center for Family Services; hire folks for support on CCI projects

1. They had an initiative to leverage community service folks to clean up waste, pandemic may have stopped it

VI. Additional Information/Resources

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Next Meeting: CCI Waste Management Working Group Meeting, January 12th at 10 am