

Waste Management

May 10, 2023

10:00am-11:00am

Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Opening Question: If you came to the summit, what was one thing you enjoyed and one thing you'd change
 - If you didn't make the summit: What prevented you from going?
- Enjoyed:
 - a. Resource sharing
 - b. Plant giveaways
 - c. The space worked
 - d. Student presentations and awards
 - e. State officials giving their perspective on EJ and how Camden is improving
 - f. Nice topics of conversation
 - g. Nice to have high ranking officials and students on the other end
- Change:
 - a. Consider having the students go first to make sure they have energy around them
 - b. Must have audience Q&A next time
 - c. Have break out session so the audience can have more intimate conversations
 - d. Tight area for the vendors- consider different set up or location
 - e. Have youth in the beginning of the program side by side with the leadership
 - f. Can have specific subjects rather than broad "love your earth" platform
 - If Camden is going to be a platform, need to use platform
 - g. Having working groups to open us discuss these topics
- Couldn't attend:
 - a. Facebook feed not working
 - b. Didn't hear about it in time

II. Opening Discussion

- a. [EPA recycling grant](#): HOC and CCP applied, awaiting notification of funding/ denial
 - April notification, will hear in fall months
 - Recycling education in WFS as a showcase neighborhood and expansions throughout to other neighborhoods
 - Pamphlet
 - Neighborhood ambassadors to hold recycling education meetings
 - Social media as a tool for education
 - Community clean ups
 - CCSD on Broadway
 - New street trash and recycling cans
- b. 2019 Food Bill: CCSD out of compliance; CCMUA could be a solution with biodigestors
- c. Terracycle collection bin centers in Camden: where?
 - Mighty Writers
 - Could weave into the EPA grant
 - Refilling consumer products?

- LOOP- separate business
- Libraries
- School district- Quincy Smith
- Ferry Ave. library: look into it being staffed
- Tom Martin's brick and mortar book store/library

d. A New View Camden: helping increase its impact

- Fireworks is working on a strategic plan to engage unhoused people to do a site assessment
- Documenting with disposable cameras to document unsafe areas
- Partner with the city to vitalize lots with art
 - Can do, just need to get city approval for lot usage
 - Can reach out to Bloomberg for potential funding
- Public commons... once you remediate spaces need to do something
- Artists are looking for opportunities to learning through hands on engagement on projects
 - Projects meant to degrade into the environment over time as an ephemeral space
- Alternative: adopt a lot system
 - Talk to the city
 - Examples of other cities leasing vacant lots to artists groups

III. Today's Focus: Expert Conversation on Illegal Dumping with Orlando Munoz

- Orlando could not make it

IV. Secondary Focus: Start the conversation around an illegal dumping toolkit

a. Determine:

- Need to get away from "just contact Keith"
- Who are the offenders of illegal dumping?
- It is an economic issue
 - Can we incentivize NOT illegal dumping?
- Can the city sponsor a program for social media contests:
 - Submit photos of #camdenstrong and the winner gets a block party
- WFS- trash begins and ends on 676
 - Nothing around Holtec, then tons beyond up on Broadway
- If we could have resolved pollution with education, would have been done by now
 - Need to think outside the box
 - a. Incentives and deterrents
- Sign campaigns? Need to explain what the situation is and what the
- Who is this document for?
 - Community groups
 - a. Need more institutional involvement
 - b. Groups like Camden Fireworks
- Now there is the "My Camden NJ" app

- Crime number?
 - How to monitor illegal dumping? How/why/when does city move the cameras
- Who to consult aside from those discussed already (Orlando, CCPD, peer cities [ex: Newark], construction/waste companies [ex: Hargrove])?
- What format should this document take?
 - 10 pager

V. Additional Information/Resources

- a. Thank you to all who participated in and supported the 2023 Camden Environmental Summit; please complete the feedback survey [linked here](#)
 - And check out the summit recap video linked [here!](#)

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Next Meeting: All Working Group Meeting, June 7th 1 pm- 2:30 pm in person Rutgers Camden Campus Center (326 Penn St. 08102)