

Air Quality

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11:00am-12:00pm

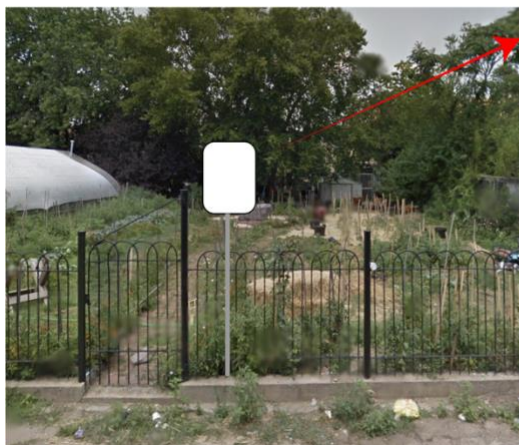
Zoom



Notes

I. Welcome and Opening Discussion

- a. 17 attendees; 6 Camden residents/businesses
- b. Jeanne Herb: Rutgers MACH in Camden-Camden County-Gloucester
 - Looking to embed a collaborative of researchers (science, engineers, economics, etc.) into Camden neighborhoods to understand:
 - Land use
 - Housing
 - Extreme weather events
 - Development/ redevelopment
 - Etc. w/ DEI lens
 - Want to focus in on neighborhoods with upcoming decisions
 - 5 years of funding, looking to assess impacts of above topics
- c. Discussion topic: one approach to re-energize use of NJDEP/ [Purple Air Monitoring](#) sites and encourage residents to report odors: "Learn what they are stations" around the monitors with QR code to learn more, phone number, etc. (mock up of this idea is below)
 - Make a hidden landing page on the CCI website accessible by the QR code on the sign and on a button found on the air page (not in the navigation panel of the website)
 - Need a resource with more emphasis on what AQI means for each person
 - Add warn DEP and other resident facing information to this new page



II. Hot Topics

- a. Ongoing issue sites:
 - Yaffa & Sons Property – Soil Pile: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
 - No updates on legal activities

- City/state/ county MOU executed so investigations will start soon
- Block 1 lot 1: CRA/City, NJDEP updates
 - No new updates
- b. Open Permits:
 - Camden Iron & Metal: Front & Pine Streets (Umbrella facility is EMR)
 - In review
 - GP Gypsum permit
 - 5 year permit withdrawn
 - Covanta updates: dust management plan shouldn't be shared yet just because it could change
 - More info found on: <https://info.covanta.com/camden-green-initiative>
 - [\(Links to baghouse, other presentations\)](#)

III. Air Quality

- a. NJDEP Air/Odor Complaint Report
 - James S. Scarvalli: Manager, NJDEP Southern Regional Office Air Compliance & Enforcement
 - 1 was an anonymous complaint regarding idling trucks and dust – this was investigated during routine waterfront surveillance without verification.
 - a. Spoke to person at EMR who said that they could put out a water truck for road dust
 - 1 was a person complaining garbage piling up on her neighbor's residence – complainant was informed to contact local/county HD. DAE does not enforcement authority on private residences.
 - Camden City waterfront south surveillance was conducted three times since the last meeting without any actionable observations.
 - a. Timing: can be any time of the day, idea is to do it at random times of day (during work hours: 7 am-5pm)
 - b. NJDEP will go back to the log to understand when recent monitoring occurred
 - Surveillance will be picking back up in the coming months
- b. CFET:
 - August 24th: Informational workshop on alternatives for trash to steam incinerators.
 - 2 more weeks left in youth program
 - 11-12:30 farmer's market at the Sacred Heart School
- c. Current Issues
 - EMR Fire 2/28/22: community meeting
 - Higher ups hoping to make reporting, response, announcement, and meeting all at once; they secure a date, CCI will be first to know
 - a. Date: likely before the end of the year
 - Why do question responses have to happen at the same time as the meeting?
 - a. Want the meeting to be productive
 - Community questions:

- a. Not sure which ones were already answered; what Stacey can do is share at the next meeting about what has already been answered verbally. None responded to in text.

- d. Key next steps

IV. Traffic Management

- a. Current Issues
- b. Key Next Steps

V. Additional Information/Resources

- a. CCI Summit: submit keynote, theme, or other ideas to mfrankil@camdencpinc.com
- b. The [EJ Rule proposal](#) is open to public comment. Submit comments [here](#).

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Next Meeting: CCI Air Quality Working Group Meeting, October 12th at 11 am
NO SEPTEMBER MEETING