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Commissioner and Chair

***Minutes of a Meeting of the
Trade Waste Advisory Board***

Date and time: September 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
Location: New York City Business Integrity Commission,
100 Church St., 20th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10007

Attendees:

Business Integrity Commission

Daniel Brownell, Commissioner and Chair
Noah Genel, Deputy Commissioner of Legal Affairs and General Counsel
John Curry, Assistant Commissioner of Legal Affairs
Salvador Arrona, Director of Policy
David Mandell, Deputy General Counsel for Regulatory Enforcement
Elise Ryan, Senior Legal Analyst (notes)

Industry

Ron Bergamini, CEO, Action Carting Environmental Services, Inc.
John DiNardi, Secretary and Treasurer, D&D Carting Co. Inc.
Michele Van Orden, General Counsel, Cardella Trucking Co. Inc.
Thomas Toscano, CFO/CLO, Mr. T Carting Corp.
Steven Changaris, Regional Manager, NWRA
Kendall Christiansen, Executive Director, New Yorkers for Responsible Waste Management
Andy Moss, Government Affairs Manager, Waste Connections (by phone)
Nino Tristani, COO, GPB Waste NY, LLC (by phone)

Discussion Items

1. Recycling: Market for Recyclables
 - a. Cardboard Challenges

Members of the industry advised that the industry is “shaken up” because the price of cardboard is falling dramatically and the quality specs for the sale of cardboard have gone up.
 - b. Glass Challenges
 - i. Recycling facilities and landfills do not accept glass or separate it.
 - ii. Mr. Toscano stated that his company started to send out a truck to exclusively service restaurants and bars because they generate the most glass.

- iii. Mr. Christiansen informed that DSNY has a 20-year contract to dispose of glass at SIMS, then SIMS stockpiles the glass in New Jersey. Where DSNY has an outlet for glass, private carters do not.
 - iv. A fraction of glass can be reused and sold as aggregate for road construction, but quality is a concern for engineers. An even smaller fraction of glass can be sold back to the glass market. The rest is waste.
 - v. Glass is not an environmental or economic winner. Facilities are not up to grade to be able to meet the new standards. Glass is heavy, costs money to transport, and it makes things that you can recycle considerably less valuable.
 - vi. There is not a “glass solution” on the horizon, but the industry will continue to recycle what they can.
 - vii. BIC offered to put the Industry in touch with the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability to discuss further.
2. Third Safety Symposium
 - a. Event will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 100 Church Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room.
 - b. Three Panels: (1) Sharing the Road: Bikes/Pedestrians/Private Carters Dialogue; (2) Case Study: Lessons Learned from a Crash Involving a Waste Collection Vehicle; and (3) Qualities of a Good Neighbor: Private Carting Industry Partnerships with the Community.
 - c. BIC will send notice to the industry with finalized information about the panels.
 3. 3rd Quarter Customer Register Deadline
 - a. Customer Register is due on October 31, 2017.
 - b. BIC is sending out a Commission Directive regarding the customer register to remind all licensees of the customer register due date.
 4. Decals
 - a. Decals are now available at BIC.
 - b. BIC has made a decal template available for licensees so that they can fill out the form and print the decals themselves.
 5. New Commercial Recycling Rules
 - a. Mr. Brownell would like to hear from licensees about customers who refuse to comply with new recycling laws.
 - b. Mr. Bergamini commented that most customers are in compliance.
 - c. Members of the industry commented that penalties for noncompliant waste generators are not substantial enough.
 6. Rate Cap
 - a. Notice for a public hearing on the rate cap was published in the City Record on September 19, 2017.
 - b. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at 100 Church St., 2nd Floor.
 - c. BIC requests that members who want to comment on the rate cap provide BIC with their company’s rate cap analysis in writing.

- d. Mr. Toscano stated that for many carters, a quandary exists regarding re-investing in their business – like purchasing trucks that meet new emission standards – when many carters fear that they may no longer be in business due to the implementation of zone waste collection/franchising.
7. Slow Down to Get Around Stickers
- a. BIC provided one sticker to each member, and encouraged them to put the stickers on their trucks.
 - b. More stickers will be available to purchase from BIC.
8. Side Guard Incentive Program
- a. Mr. Moss asked about the status of the side guard rebate program.
 - b. Mr. Arrona stated that he is meeting with DCAS and will provide an update when further information is available.