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Commissioner and Chair

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

Date and time: June 22, 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
Santiago Mueckay, Policy Analyst (notes)
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.
Steven Changaris, Regional Manager, National Waste & Recycling Association
Kendall Christiansen, Executive Director, NYRWM
Nino Tristani, COO, GPB Waste NY, LLC
Michele Van Orden, General Counsel, Cardella Trucking Co. Inc.

Not present

David Biderman, Executive Director, SWANA
Thomas Toscano, CFO/CLO, Mr. T Carting Corp.
Andy Moss, Government Affairs Manager, Waste Connections

BIC agenda items:

- 1) Meeting with City Hall regarding safety in the industry
 - a. City Hall is concerned about recent traffic fatalities caused by trade waste vehicles. They want to know what can be done to reduce traffic fatalities.
 - b. City Hall asked BIC to think of initiatives to help improve safety in the industry.
 - c. BIC requested the industry's thoughts on new safety initiatives.
 - d. Possibility of creating a safety video in partnership with other City agencies to increase awareness for pedestrians and truck drivers.

- e. A follow-up meeting with City Hall will take place in September.
 - f. There was a discussion regarding safety initiatives, including the slow-down-to-get-around law, Action Carting Environmental Services Inc.'s radio advertisement regarding safety, online safety certifications for drivers and helpers, and other educational programs.
 - g. BIC will look into certain DOT statistics and share what it can with the group.
- 2) Safety Symposium
- a. BIC is looking for a venue for the Third Safety Symposium.
 - b. BIC will speak with DSNY about their spaces at Fresh Kills, or Randall's island.
 - c. A suggestion was made to create a sponsorship program by the industry in order to fund the Safety Symposium.
 - d. Sal will also look into using the Brooklyn Army Terminal as another venue option.
- 3) Decals FAQ
- a. The deadline to distribute decals is August 1, 2017. BIC will post an FAQ document on its website that will hopefully answer common questions about the decals.
- 4) Food Waste Fair
- a. The NYC Food Waste Fair will take place at the Brooklyn Expo Center on July 25.
 - b. BIC is on the planning committee. Commissioner Brownell will give opening remarks, and BIC will also run a workshop.
 - c. There are many opportunities to be involved, including vendor booths, volunteer options, and the chance to be a workshop facilitator.
- 5) Customer Register Data
- a. BIC is currently analyzing the most recent customer register data.
 - b. BIC plans talk to each licensee that submitted customer register data to help the licensee improve the quality of the data.

Non-BIC TWAB member issues:

- 6) BIC Safety Advisory Email Blast
- a. BIC put out an advisory to the trade waste industry to remind drivers that people are out and about during the summer and the drivers must exercise caution.
 - b. Kendall Christiansen (KC) made a point that he did not think that it was necessary to mention both fatal incidents on the email blast that was sent to the entire industry.
- 7) Commercial Recycling Workshop
- a. A workshop has been planned for July 17th by DSNY to learn about enforcement of the new recycling law which will take effect on August 1st.
- 8) NYRWM trip to California
- a. Members of NYRWM took a trip to California to learn about their waste and recycling processing facilities.
 - b. KC mentioned the possibility of doing a presentation at a future TWAB meeting regarding what they learned during their trip.

- c. According to KC, California's waste and recycling facilities are years ahead of East Coast technology.
- 9) Timetable for the rate cap review
 - a. September 28, 2017 is the last date that BIC can provide notice to the public about the public hearing.
 - b. The public hearing must take place before October 31, 2017.
 - c. BIC will then review the public's comments.
- 10) Recent industry attacks
- 11) The TWAB discussed the content of a new website rolled out by the group "Transform Don't Trash New York City Coalition."
- 12) Cardboard theft
 - a. The issue of cardboard theft was raised.
 - b. Ron Bergamini mentioned that the only way to stop it from happening is to figure out where it is going.
- 13) The next TWAB meeting will be held on July 27, 2017.