

CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION OF NEIGHBORHOODS (CAN)

City of Cambridge

City Council Special Meeting

Monday, March 29, 2021

Virtual Meeting

7:00 pm

Submitted by Alison Kennedy

7 – 8 PM

Closed meeting to discuss appointment (assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, performance, jurisdiction, performance) agenda until 8:00 pm.

Garbage

Complaints called in about the garbage services provided by Chesapeake Waste. In terms of safety, the Mayor and Managing Director of Public Works will meet with Chesapeake Waste to renegotiate a contract to meet the city needs. They will report back during City Council meeting on April 12, 2021.

Recycling Center on Leonards Lane

This center is being used as a dumping site for non-recyclables. There is no maintenance of the site and many complaints. The site will be closed on April 1, 2021 by Dorchester County because there was no written agreement found between the city and the recycling company, Republic. They are also closing it because of the environmental impact and safety issues it is causing due to lack of maintenance. The council discussed options:

1. The city is not ready to do recycling in the city [as a service to homeowners].
2. The council will see if the County is willing to have a discussion about establishing a contract with Republic or another recycling service.
3. Mayor, City Manager and council can talk about other options at the 4/12 meeting.

Scooter Service in Cambridge

Bird Rides, Inc will provide scooter service in town. There was a discussion about location for charging the scooters because their engines are electric.

The company's policy is to engage a local "Fleet Manager", who is responsible for picking up the units, wherever they are and getting them charged. A Fleet Manager has been identified in Cambridge. There will be a fleet of 50 scooters that will be left at various high traffic areas such as the marina, in town, etc. The service will be handled through an app. The scooters are GPS trackable, go 15 MPH and only operate within a

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certain radius. Helmets are not provided. The scooter will be subject to fines/citations as a bike would be. Five cents on every ride goes towards public things (ex: bike lanes). The city is not supposed to be liable for any problems with the scooter service.

Baltimore uses the service successfully and serves as a model for Cambridge.

Bird Rides, Inc has never had a municipal partner in the past. The company expressed they were not ready to make a partnership with the city at this time. However, they are open to discussing partnerships in the future.

The Council will try to get a rep from Bird Rides Inc and the Fleet Manager to join a discussion at the meeting on 4/12/21. The Council will stay on top of things to see how things are working.