



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

- *Air Quality Commission* -

Monday, February 25, 2019, 11:30 a.m.
Ed Woods Conference Room
Fourth Floor, 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, February 25, 2019, 11:30 a.m. in the Ed Woods Conference Room, at 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Peter McGrath	Marcus Hackler	Terry Lansdell	Brian Magi	Gordon Miller
Fern Paterson	DeAndrea Salvador	Jamie Watts		

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Jeff Baker	Rosa Mustafa	Aaron Levy
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Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes	Ieshishua Pierce	Megan Green	Jason Rayfield	Chuck Greco
Kileigh Welshofer	Aaron Matijow			

Guest

Calvin Cupini, Clean Air Carolina	Ronald Ross, Clean Air Carolina AirKeepers
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1. Call to Order

Chair Peter McGrath called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair McGrath opened the floor for the approval of the January AQC meeting minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the January AQC meeting minutes as written.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Marcus Hackler.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously

3. Public Comments to the Air Quality Commission (AQC)

Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

Members of the public wishing to speak during the meeting should sign in with the Air Quality Commission secretary prior to the meeting.

A. Air Quality Permit Reviews

Public comment on the proposed permits will be received at this time. The Air Quality Commission opens public comment for air quality permit reviews per Mecklenburg County Air Pollution Ordinance, Regulation 1.5213 – “Action on Application; Issuance of Permit”. Inclusion on the AQC agenda does not imply or infer any action or opinion by the AQC or its members regarding any permit.

Chair McGrath, opened the public comment period for the facilities below, providing notice of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality’s intent to issue/modify their air quality permit(s):

Facility Name	Facility Address	Action Type
Magellan Terminals-Charlotte II Terminal	7924 Mt. Holly Road, Charlotte, NC 28214	Open Public Comment
7-Eleven # 35573	1920 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205	Open Public Comment
Oakhill Deli and Grill	3709 Oakdale Road, Charlotte, NC 28216	Open Public Comment
Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Company	1335 S. Clarkson St., Charlotte, NC 28208	Alternative Notice
Blythe Brothers Asphalt Co. LLC North Plant	9501 Old Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC 28269	Information Only
Trane U.S., Inc.	4500 Morris Field Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208	Information Only

Jason Rayfield, Permitting & Enforcement Program Manager, was available to answer questions. The AQC members were informed that the Charlotte Pipe & Foundry Company permit renewal notice has been published on the MCAQ’s website and the Charlotte Observer. There is a 30-day public comment period for the renewal of the current operating permit. The EPA has 45 days to review.

B. General Comments to the Commission

Chair McGrath opened the floor to receive general comments from the public. Ronald Ross from Clean Air Carolina AirKeepers and Calvin Cupini from Clean Air Carolina spoke concerning the air quality along the Beatties Ford Corridor. Mr. Ross informed the AQC members and MCAQ staff that he was the President of the Northwood Estates Neighborhood along the Beatties Ford Corridor. He stated that there is a heavy industrial concentration along the corridor and over the past two years several neighborhoods along with Clean Air Carolina have completed air monitoring in the area. There are some concerns about air quality and environmental justice from the citizens in the neighborhoods. There is an initiative to improve air quality along the Beatties Ford Road Corridor. Mr. Ross informed the AQC members that there will be sessions held for community awareness in March to help advocate and train residents on clean air. Mr. Ross highlighted the Clearing the Air In the Historic West End report that provided recommendations for a Clean Air Corridor. Calvin Cupini was called upon to discuss more on the Historic West End AirKeepers and Clean Air Carolina report.

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, informed the AQC members that MCAQ staff had met with June Blotnick from Clean Air Carolina to discuss the report. Leslie thanked Mr. Ross and Mr. Cupini for attending the meeting and informed them that Air Quality staff is looking forward to working with them in the future.

[Written handout: Clearing the Air in the Historic West End report]

4. Request for AQC Endorsement of the FY20 Budget

Leslie provided the AQC members with a handout of the FY20 budget for the Air Quality program. The AQC members were informed that the MCAQ proposed budget has already been included in the LUESA budget request submitted to the Board of County Commissioners. There was some discussion about the gas tax increase in the FY20 budget. Leslie explained the increase reflected pulling from the gas tax reserve and not a potential increase in the gas tax revenue received. The following development concepts were highlight:

- Projected reduction in fee revenue due to Title V renewal schedule
- Expenses reduced by eliminating vacant 30 hr/week position
- Non-recurring capital expenditures include a replacement ozone standard and dynamic calibrator

There was a motion made to endorse the FY20 budget for Mecklenburg County Air Quality.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to endorse the FY20 budget for Mecklenburg County Air Quality.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Marcus Hackler.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

[Written handout: Fiscal Year 2019 Budget]

5. Updates and Presentations

Chair McGrath opened the floor to receive announcements.

A. Announcements

Volkswagen Settlement Funding Update

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, provided an update to the AQC members of a conference call that discussed the Phase 1 application period. The open call for applications will run for 90 days and should start within the next month. One of the target fleet sectors for Phase 1 funding is electric school buses. The AQC members were informed that PJ McKenzie worked with Thomas Built Buses to organize an event here in Charlotte that provided the opportunity for local school districts to learn more about electric school buses. The AQC members were informed that Jennifer Fickler is currently working on the vehicle inventory for Mecklenburg County Fleet to find projects to submit an application.

DERA Funding Application

Mobile Source staff are currently working on an application that will be submitted requesting \$500,000 of DERA funding for GRADE projects that will not be restricted to one specific fleet sector.

P&E Personnel Update

Jason announced that Aaron Matijow has been promoted to Air Quality Supervisor within the Permitting & Enforcement Group.

Compliance Workshop

The AQC members were informed that MCAQ's spring compliance workshop is scheduled for April 10th at Suttle Avenue. The compliance workshop will focus on Emission Inventories and GovOnline, a new electronic reporting application, will be rolled out to permitted sites.

Brookhill Community Update

Leslie updated the AQC members on the information gathered from Commissioner Vilma Leake on her concerns about the Brookhill Community. Since the January AQC meeting, Leslie and Jason did a drive-through of the area to see if they were able to identify concerns from an air quality stand point. They were able to identify two businesses, a pet crematory and a transmission shop that have been reviewed to see if they may need an air permit.

Leslie was able to have a phone conversation with Commissioner Leake to discuss her concerns about the Brookhill Community. Commissioner Leake expressed a concern for the abandoned cars parked on Tryon Street as well as kerosene tanks (fuel oil) above ground tanks used for home heating oil. MCAQ staff has reached out to the City of Charlotte to receive additional information for both concerns. Leslie would like to work with Rosa Mustafa to get information to the community on how to help address the concerns.

B. AQC Annual Report

A draft copy of the 2018 Annual Report was emailed to the AQC members for review and the AQC members were asked to provide specific wording revisions to Megan in writing. There was some discussion and feedback provided on the annual report. Megan will check with Jeff Francis to get the historical data on the ozone for the annual report. Megan will update the membership page and the picture for SOER.

[Written handout: 2018 AQC Annual Report (draft)]

C. UDO Gasoline Station Information

Terry Lansdell at the January AQC meeting highlighted that the siting language in the City of Charlotte's Unified Development Ordinance draft speaks to the design of the facility with setback requirements for pumps and he asked staff to consider clarifications to include Stage 1 venting locations as well. Leslie provided an update on the research that staff has done to find out more about this request. Staff reached out to the City to find out more about the setback requirements. The setback requirements are part of the Transit Oriented Development Regulations. The setback line is the minimum dimension a structure may be located measured from a curb line, lot line, or other point set by the Ordinance. Leslie informed the AQC members that staff will not submit comments concerning the setback requirements for the UDO.

6. Next Meeting

March 25, 2019

Leslie informed the AQC members that Ms. Shalinda Williams who has been appointed the AQC has a conflict with her schedule that will not allow her to attend the meetings. There was some discussion among the AQC members concerning the scheduled meeting time and it was agreed upon that the regular scheduled time of 11:30 a.m. was more convenient for everyone. Leslie will inform Ms. Williams of the AQC members decision to leave the meeting time as scheduled.

7. Adjournment

12:45 p.m.

Mecklenburg County will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities. Mecklenburg County will make reasonable accommodations in all programs to enable participation by an individual with a disability who meets essential eligibility requirements. Mecklenburg County programs will be available in an integrated setting for each individual. If accommodations are necessary for participation in any program or services, participants are encouraged to notify staff.