



MECKLENBURG COUNTY - *Air Quality Commission* -

Monday, January 28, 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, January 28, 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
Rosa Mustafa	Fern Paterson	DeAndrea Salvador		

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Jeff Baker	Jamie Watts	Aaron Levy
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Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes	Ieshishua Pierce	Megan Green	Jason Rayfield	Chuck Greco
Kileigh Welshofer	Evan Shaw			

1. Call to Order

Chair Peter McGrath called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

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

Action Taken:

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

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Rosa Mustafa.

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
QuikTrip 1010	1134 N Graham Street, Charlotte, NC 28206	Open Public Comment
ABRA Auto Body & Glass – South Blvd 6106	8601 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28273	Information Only
DyStar, LP	8309 Wilkinson Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28214	Information Only
Red Clay Industries	10306 Industrial Drive, Pineville, NC 28134	Information Only

Jason Rayfield, Permitting & Enforcement Program Manager, was available to answer questions. Fern Paterson asked a question concerning the DyStar LP facility reclassification from Title V to Synthetic Minor class. Terry Lansdell provided comments not specifically related to the QuikTrip 1010 permit application but the language in the City of Charlotte’s Unified Development Ordinance draft consideration for siting gas stations. Terry highlighted that the siting language speaks to the design of the facility with set back requirements for pumps; however, he asked staff to consider clarifications to include Stage 1 venting locations as well. Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, informed Terry that MCAQ accepts the comments and will review them. MCAQ staff will address at the next AQC meeting.

B. General Comments to the Commission
None

4. Updates and Presentations

Chair McGrath opened the floor to receive announcements.

A. Announcements

AQ Personnel

Kileigh Welshofer introduced herself to the AQC members. She is the new Environmental Specialist in the Air Monitoring Section.

State Periodic Review of Rules Update

Jason informed the AQC members that the MCAPCO revisions were adopted by the BOCC at their December 18th BOCC meeting. The AQC members were informed that the Group 4 Rules (NC Fugitive Dust, NC Odor, and NC Open Burning Rules) are open for a public comment period that runs through February 15, 2019. There are two public hearings scheduled.

Volkswagen Settlement Funding Update

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, provided the AQC members with an update on the Volkswagen Settlement Funding. It was previously stated that NCDEQ would open a call for Phase 1 funding projects in Fall 2018; this has been revised to Winter 2019. The Mobile Source Staff are working to identify competitive projects for this region.

Breathing Room Update

The AQC members were informed that MCAQ staff will be participating in the Livable Meck Engagement Café in February for the final input session. The next step will be finalizing a Path Forward. It was stated that there is an Opportunity for Technical Assistance and that MCAQ has asked the EPA for help on quantifying emission reductions for 3 Breathing Room strategies that overlaps; greenway expansion, transit expansion and complete streets development.

BOCC Meeting Update

Chair McGrath provided an update from the December 18th BOCC meeting for the public hearing on MCAPCO revisions where Commissioner Susan Harden requested someone from the AQC to attend. Chair McGrath informed the AQC members of Commissioner Vilma Leake comments about air quality sources in the Brookhill Community.

Leslie informed the AQC members that MCAQ staff has reached out through the County's BOCC Liaison follow up on the concerns and to gain additional details from Commissioner Leake in order to investigate. There was some discussion among the AQC members and it was agreed upon to allow staff to gather more information on Commissioner Leake's concerns and provide recommendations back to the AQC members at a future meeting.

Leslie informed the AQC members that the ability to E-notice Title V permit renewals on MCAQ's Website was adopted in the MCAPCO revisions at the December 18th meeting. The Air Quality Director has taken the AQC members' concerns about the public notice being published on the website only into consideration and has made the decision to publish an abbreviated public notice linking to the E-notice on MCAQ's website in the Charlotte Observer as well.

B. AQC Annual Report to BOCC

The AQC members were asked to provide feedback via email on what they would like the BOCC to know that the AQC did in 2018. Megan provided the AQC members with a list of topics received and there was some discussion among them concerning the format of the Annual Report. It was agreed upon by the AQC members that there should be a written report given to the BOCC as well as a five-minute PowerPoint Presentation that highlights some topics from the written report. The AQC members also agreed upon MCAQ Staff drafting a report for review and discussion at the February meeting. The AQC members were informed that the original timeline provided at the December AQC meeting will be adjusted.

C. FY20 Budget

Leslie informed the AQC members that the County is currently working on the FY20 budget. The BOCC has already reached out to the AQC for preliminary budget input. The AQC members were informed that the FY20 LUESA budget is due to the County Manager's Office by February 13th. Leslie is currently reviewing the AQ budget which will be included in the LUESA budget. A draft copy of the budget will be presented at the February meeting for the AQC endorsement.

5. Other Business

Government Shutdown Effect on Air Quality

Chair McGrath asked Leslie to provide an update on how the Government shutdown has affected the local Air Quality program. It was stated that there has been some delay with the 103 grant funds but no financial burden to the Air Quality program yet. The Ozone Primary Standard must be verified before start of the Ozone Season. A temporary measure has been taken to get our standards verified with the State standards. Jeff Francis, Air Monitoring Program Manager will travel to Athens, Ga to get the Ozone Primary Standard Verified. It was noted that the shutdown does affect Title V permit processing which requires a 45-day review by the EPA for permits; there has been no effect for any Title V permits locally. Leslie informed the AQC members of the process that the State has implemented to address this issue during the shutdown and it was stated that MCAQ will operate under the same process.

Clean Energy

Rosa Mustafa informed the AQC members of a meeting that she attended where there was some discussion on the Sustainable and Resilient Resolution that the Charlotte City Council passed that pledged Charlotte to 100% clean and renewable energy. There has been some outside discussion regarding closing the timeline from 2050 to 2030 if possible.

6. Next Meeting

February 25, 2019

7. Adjournment

12:36 p.m.

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