



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

- *Air Quality Commission* -

The virtual AQC meeting was held using [WebEx](#) on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order

Chair Peter McGrath called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. Chair McGrath reminded everyone of the guidelines for the virtual meeting before asking for a roll call of the meeting attendees.

Roll Call of the virtual meeting attendees:

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Peter McGrath	Gordon Miller	Aaron Levy	Brian Magi	Marcus Hackler
Rosa Mustafa	Jamie Watts	Fern Paterson		

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Terry Lansdell

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes	Ieshishua Pierce	Megan Green	Jason Rayfield	Chuck Greco	Danielle Jones
Kelly Grass	Tori Jercich	Suzanne Hollenbeck	Ivonne Hernandez	Sheldon Turner	

Guests:

Scott Curry, City of Charlotte (Active Transportation Coordinator)

Pamela Escobar, Mecklenburg County Public Information (Public Information Officer)

Erin Stanforth, Mecklenburg County Manager's Office (Sustainability and Resilience Manager)

Lorne Mills, Industrial Container Services, LLC (Charlotte)

Other unidentified callers

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair McGrath asked for a motion 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 Jamie Watts.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously by a roll call vote.

3. Charlotte Moves Task Force

Megan recognized Scott Curry, Active Transportation Coordinator, from the City of Charlotte to give a presentation on the Charlotte Moves Strategic Mobility Plan. A brief overview was given on the Charlotte Moves Task Force that was formed to recommend to the Charlotte City Council a strategy to address mobility and transportation issues in the Charlotte area.

The following five purposes were given for the Charlotte Moves Strategic Mobility Plan:

- Implement the 2040 Comprehensive Plan
- Align efforts
- Update & Combine CDOT Plans
- Respond to a Changing World

- Set New Goals

Scott shared a slide of the Charlotte Moves vision statement that is from the 2040 Charlotte Future Comprehensive Plan and covers the work of the Task Force & the development of the Strategic Mobility Plan. The Engagement Plan focused around five pillars:

- Coordination with Recent / Ongoing Plans
- Mayor's Task Force
- Equity Focus Groups
- Public Survey
- Biannual Transportation Survey

Scott highlighted the Mayor's Task Force final recommendation:

1. Invest in Mobility to meet our changing needs:

The Task Force proposes a \$4-6B (local funding) *mobility investment program* designed to achieve the vision of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan for "safe and equitable" mobility (Overall program is \$8-12B).

2. Align our mobility investment with related initiatives

The Task Force proposes an intentional commitment to aligning our *mobility investment program* with the goals and strategies of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and priorities of affordable housing and upward mobility.

3. Commit the resources to achieve the vision.

The Task Force proposes a "single source" funding strategy for the *mobility investment program* that funds implementation within a 10-year period financed over 30-years. The Task Force understands that details of the financing will be worked out in a financing plan which considers other city priorities during the program timeframe. *Therefore, the Task Force recommends, "One Cent for Mobility" referendum for Fall 2021.*

The AQC members were informed that the Mayor's Task Force Recommendations full report is available on the website by searching "Charlotte Moves Task Force." There was some information provided on the Transformational Mobility Network and Funding Strategy. It was stated that the One Cent for Mobility sales tax would not apply to groceries or medications. A slide was shared that compared Charlotte's taxed & fees with the 10 largest cities in North Carolina which showed Charlotte has the lowest combine tax and fees compared to the other cities. Next steps include Coordination of Strategic Mobility Plan with public review draft of Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan and "One Cent for Mobility" Referendum.

[Written handout: Charlotte Moves Strategic Mobility Plan (PowerPoint Presentation)]

4. 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 contact the Air Quality Commission secretary at 704-609-9484 or AQC@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting so they can be recognized during the public comment time.

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 (MCAQ) intent to issue/modify their air quality permit(s):

Facility Name	Facility Address	Action Type
Sherwin Williams	10300 Claude Freeman Dr., Charlotte, NC 28262	Open Public Comment
7-Eleven # 35559	6401 Old Statesville Road, Charlotte, NC 28269	Open Public Comment
7-Eleven # 35564	105 S Polk Street, Pineville, NC 28134	Open Public Comment
Industrial Container Services -NC, LLC (Charlotte)	2900 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28208	Alternative Notice

Jason Rayfield, Permitting & Enforcement Program Manager, was available to answer questions.

The AQC members were informed that the Industrial Container Service permit was a Title V permit renewal application with no equipment changes or emission increases. The public notice for this site was published in the Charlotte Observer and posted on the Air Quality website.

B. General Comments to the Commission

None

4. Updates and Presentations

Chair McGrath asked if there were any announcements from the AQC members and MCAQ staff.

A. Announcements

DeAndrea Salvador

Chair McGrath announced that former AQC member, DeAndrea Salvador has been sworn in as a State Senator and will be a valuable addition in the North Carolina State Senate.

FY22 Budget Priorities Update

Chair McGrath informed the AQC members that an opportunity has been presented for him to speak on the AQC’s priority recommendations for the FY22 budget submitted to the County Manager in December. Chair McGrath plans to attend one of the budget workshops in February or early March to discuss the priority recommendations. Leslie provided the schedule for the County’s FY22 budget submittal and informed the AQC members that staff will present the FY22 Air Quality budget at the February AQC meeting.

Webinar featuring AQC members

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, that staff would like to host a webinar featuring the AQC. The webinar layout would be an overview of AQX activities as well as Q&A . Once the

date has been identified staff will be reaching out to AQC members for volunteers to help with the webinar.

Breathing Room update

The AQC members that staff has initiated a meeting with County Commissioner who serves on the Metropolitan Transit Commission to discuss the Transit Expansion strategy.

Update on Operations

MCAQ staff is continuing to conduct compliance reviews for Title V and Synthetic Minor sites to include off-site surveillance visits and electronic record reviews. There are still ongoing in person inspections for Stage 1 sites and asbestos NESHAP demolition sites since these are conducted outdoors.

P&E Outreach Improvement Project Update

The AQC members were updated on the Targeted Industry Outreach FY21 Improvement Project effort. The first informational newsletter went out to stationary source contacts on December 22nd providing updates from staff and will be followed by the Airwaves newsletter in March and a second informational newsletter in May or June.

Air Monitoring Update

Chuck Greco, Interim Program Manager, informed the AQC members that staff is currently working on completing the stay at home analysis for the 2020 ozone season.

New Sustainability Manager

Erin Stanforth, Mecklenburg County Manager's Office (Sustainability and Resilience Manager), introduced herself to the AQC members.

B. Second Near-Road Monitoring Station

Suzanne Hollenbeck, Senior Air Monitoring Specialist, was introduced to give an update on the second near-road monitoring station. A presentation was given providing background information on the NO₂ near road monitoring requirements. In 2017 the Charlotte region population was estimated to be greater than 2.5 million triggering the federal requirement for a second NO₂ near road monitoring station. MCAQ staff has identified 3 potential sites based on siting requirement located along I-85 between exit 39 and 40 as well as exit 40 and 41. Information was provided for the monitoring instrumentation and shelter. MCAQ staff would like to have the monitoring station up and running by July 1, 2022. Here are the process and next steps:

- Agreement between NCDOT and MCAQ for property use
- Site Visits from EPA
- Develop site plan and submit for permitting
- Site Preparation and installation of fence, utilities, etc.

- Purchase and install monitoring shelter
- Purchase, install and calibrate equipment

[Written handout: 2nd NO2 Near Road Site (Update on Near Road Monitoring Site) PowerPoint Presentation]

C. 2020 Annual AQC Report Planning

In preparation of the 2020 AQC annual report AQC members volunteered for specific topics to draft articles for the report. The timeline was provided for the annual report and the AQC members were informed that a follow-up email would be sent to include the guidelines for the draft articles, the 2020 AQC summary meeting minutes and topic assignments.

Gordon Millers exits the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

D. Director's Remarks
Teleworking update

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, informed the AQC members that MCAQ staff will continue teleworking until the beginning of April. Staff will keep the AQC members updated of any changes.

Note of thanks

Leslie asked the AQC members to help her thank Chuck Greco for serving as Interim Air Monitoring Program Manager. It was stated that Danielle Jones has been hired as the new Air Monitoring Program Manager and will be formally introduced at the February AQC meeting.

5. Next Meeting

February 22, 2021 (virtual meeting)

6. Adjournment

12:49 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.