



MECKLENBURG COUNTY - Air Quality Commission -

The virtual AQC meeting was held using [WebEx](#) on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Garrison Scruggs

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Ieshishua Pierce Leslie Rhodes Megan Green Jason Rayfield Danielle Jones Aaron Matijow
Ivonne Hernandez Chuck Greco Tori Jercich Sheldon Turner Kelly Grass Tyler Vanhoy

Guest:

Neil Burke, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Travis Johnson, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Judy Dellert-O'Keef, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

1. Call to Order

Chair Peter McGrath called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

Roll Call of the Air Quality Commission Members

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Peter McGrath Gordon Miller Brian Magi Marcus Hackler Lisa Hooker Terry Lansdell
Aaron Levy Fern Paterson Rosa Mustafa Janet Garner-Mullins

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair McGrath asked for a motion for the approval of the May AQC meeting minutes.

Action Taken:

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

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Aaron Levy.

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

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

Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

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
Harris Teeter Fuel # 472 – Davis Lake	8421 Davis Lake Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28278	Open Public Comment
SteelFab, Inc.	8623 Old Dowd Road, Charlotte, NC 28214	Open Public Comment
Charlotte East Terminal	7401 Old Mount Holly Road, Charlotte, NC 28214	Alternative Notice
Concrete Supply Co., LLC - South	400 Minuet Lane, Charlotte, NC 28217	Information Only
D.H. Griffin Wrecking Co.	11205 Reames Road, Charlotte, NC 28269	Information Only
MacLeod Construction, Inc. - North Pointe Business	4304 Northpointe Industry Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28216	Information Only

Jason Rayfield, Permitting & Enforcement Program Manager, was available to answer questions. Terry Lansdell asked some questions about the Concrete Supply Co. site and compliance actions with the facility. Jason stated the site is in compliance and provided information on the most recent dust complaint. Terry asked about the inspection history and compliance timeline for the site. Jason informed Terry that he will have to lookup this information, however, he informed Terry that a site investigation was done earlier this year. Chair McGrath asked Jason to provide the inspection history and compliance timeline information to the AQC.

B. General Comments to the Commission

None

4. Request for AQC Action on Establishment of Hearing Panel

Chair McGrath stated the AQC needs to appoint a panel of 3 or 5 members to represent the Commission in an upcoming administrative hearing regarding a penalty assessment. Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, informed the AQC members that the administrative hearing will be for Novem Industries and asked Jason to provide the address for the site. The tentative date for the administrative hearing will be August 3rd at Suttle Avenue starting at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. Peter McGrath, Marcus Hackler, Terry Lansdell, Rosa Mustafa and Janet Garner-Mullins volunteered to serve on the hearing panel.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to appoint the hearing panel to represent the Air Quality Commission at the administrative hearing.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Terry Lansdell.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

5. Updates and Presentations

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

A. Announcements

AQ Personnel

Danielle Jones, Monitoring Program Manager, introduced Tyler Vanhoy as the new Environmental Specialist in the Monitoring Program.

Spring Compliance Workshop

Jason provide an update on the Spring Compliance Workshop that was held virtually via WebEx on May 25th and 26th. It was stated that the virtual AQ101 workshop was a success based on feedback from attendees.

Mobile Source Update

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, informed the AQC members of some recent updates to WebEx and stated that staff will troubleshoot some logistic issues from the update after today's meeting.

NACo Awards

Megan informed the AQC members that MCAQ has received two National Association of Counties (NACo) achievement awards for Breathing Room and GovOnline that was submitted by Tori Jercich and Ivonne Hernandez. It was stated that local Medic also received an achievement award for an idle reduction project where MCAQ staff helped secure grant funding that paid for projects.

MCAQ Staff Return to Office update

Leslie informed the AQC members that the Suttle Avenue building will reopen and staff will transition to the County's Stage 2 phased in return to work starting July 1st. The phased in return to work will continue through July and August with everyone returning to the office in September. Terry Lansdell asked if the July AQC meeting would be an in-person meeting which opened discussion for the return to in-person meeting agenda item. There was a suggestion and motion made to change the order of the agenda items to allow the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan agenda item to be discussed first.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to change the order of the agenda items moving the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan before the Discuss Return to In-Person Meetings agenda item.

Made: The motion was made by Gordon Miller and seconded by Fern Paterson.

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously.

B. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Megan introduced Neil Burke, Travis Johnson and Judy Dellert-O'Keef, staff from Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) to discuss the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Travis Johnson provided an overview of the CRTPO's including the purpose and responsibility which conducts transportation planning activities, coordinate with regional agencies and engage the public, allocate federal transportation funds to eligible projects and maintain plans and programs in compliance with federal regulations. The MTP is a long-range plan that establishes goals, objectives, and transportation priorities over the next 20+ years. The MTP

considers all modes of surface transportation, must be fiscally constrained and is updated a minimum of every 4 years. Mr. Johnson highlighted some key components of the MTP.

Rosa Mustafa leaves the meeting at 12:06 pm.

Neil Burke discussed the project ranking process breaking down the two tier criteria; Tier 1 evaluate the need and Tier 2 measure the sustainability. Mr. Burke highlighted fiscally constrained roadway projects providing the schedule for project list approval, active transportation corridors and transit agency coordination before discussing air quality conformity and the role it plays in the MTP.

Transportation conformity is required by the Clean Air Act. Intended to ensure that federal funds are allocated to projects consistent with (“conforming to”) air quality goals established in State Implementation Plan (SIP). MTP adoption will include an air quality conformity finding.

Rosa Mustafa rejoins the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Mr. Burke paused to take questions from AQC members on topics discussed thus far in the presentation before handling the presentation over to Judy.

- Rosa Mustafa asked if this project would address some of the congestion and constant idling on the I-85 corridor between Brookshire and Sugar Creek. Neil informed Rosa that the City of Charlotte has submitted several interchange improvement projects along the I-85 corridor to address the congestion at those interchanges and to make sure cars can continue to move through the area without idling.
- Rosa asked a follow-up question about the Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis only running in September and October. Neil informed Rosa that once the project list has been adopted they will do a more detailed EJ analysis to determine the degree of impact on EJ sensitive communities.
- Brian Magi asked what happens if the assessment or analysis shows that land is being lost to EJ sensitive areas. Neil discussed the public engagement being proactive to provide outreach during public comment period and provided an update on the EJ planning during the plan.
- Rev. Janet Garner-Mullins asked a question if there are EJ organizations working as partners within the community to provide outreach. Neil highlighted what efforts had been completed by the communication department to address the answer to this question.
- Terry Lansdell requested a link to be sent concerning the weighed voting structure for the CRTPO. It was stated that Megan would send out the link to the AQC members.
- Brian Magi asked a question if there were direct communication with York County concerning the MTP. Neil provided a response to this question.

Judy Dellert-O’Keef , Public Engagement Planner, showed a short video on project investments to the AQC members before discussing the phases of engagement and project schedule. The current

public comment period will close on July 14th. A website link was provide on how to provide input on the draft plan.

[Written handout: 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan-draft (PowerPoint Presentation)]

C. Discuss Return to In- Person Meetings

Chair McGrath begin the discussion on holding future meeting virtually or a hybrid approach starting in July. Chair McGrath asked Leslie if it was possible to have July AQC meeting in-person. Leslie informed the AQC members that there is an option to have an in-person meeting, however, a hybrid approach with video and in-person meeting is not an option for the July meeting. There are some video and audio issues that will need to be addressed in the conference room as well as some consistency within LUESA advisory boards policy for in-person/hybrid meetings. It was agreed upon to move forward with a virtual meeting for July and discuss topic again at a later meeting.

D. Photochemical Assessment Monitoring System Overview

This agenda item was tabled to the July AQC meeting.

E. Ozone Update

Danielle provided the AQC members with an ozone update. So far in 2021, there have not been any exceedance days in Mecklenburg County and only one in the region. The current ozone compliance value is 65 ppb.

[Written handout: Ozone Season Update (dated June 28, 2021)]

6. Next Meeting

July 26, 2021 (virtual meeting)

7. Adjournment

12:59 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.