



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

- *Air Quality Commission* -

Monday, March 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, March 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	Rosa Mustafa	Jamie Watts	Jeff Baker	Aaron Levy

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

DeAndrea Salvador

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes	Ieshishua Pierce	Megan Green	Aaron Matijow	Chuck Greco
Evan Shaw				

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 February AQC meeting minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the February 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 (MCAQ) intent to issue/modify their air quality permit(s):

Facility Name	Facility Address	Action Type
7-Eleven # 38721	3750 E. Independence Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28205	Open Public Comment
Arjobex America, Inc.	1901 Westlake Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273	Open Public Comment
Genpak Headquarters / Packaging Manufacturing Plant	10601 Westlake Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273	Open Public Comment
Pineville Quarry	10526 Old Nations Ford Road, Charlotte NC 28273	Open Public Comment
SteelFab, Inc.	8629 Old Down Road, Charlotte, NC 28214	Open Public Comment
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	9201 University City Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28233	Open Public Comment
Vulcan – Portable Equipment	11020 David Taylor Drive, Suite 400, Charlotte, NC 28262	Open Public Comment
Gerdau Long Steel North America – Charlotte Mill	6601 Lakeview Road, Charlotte, NC 28269	Alternative Notice
Transcontinental Matthews	700 Crestdale Road, Matthews, NC 28105	Alternative Notice
Cintas Corporation	11000 Westlake Drive, Charlotte NC 28273	Information Only
Toddsville Operations Center	610 Toddsville Road, Charlotte, NC 28214	Information Only

Chuck Greco, Air Quality Supervisor, was available to answer questions. Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, informed the AQC members that MCAQ has received one request for a public hearing concerning the Charlotte Pipe Title V Permit Renewal that was on the February AQC agenda. MCAQ staff is reviewing the request and will report back to the AQC at the April meeting.

Terry Lansdell arrives at 11:47 a.m.

B. General Comments to the Commission

None

Rosa Mustafa arrives at 11:49 a.m.

4. Request for AQC Action on AQC Annual Report

A draft copy of the 2018 Annual Report was emailed to the AQC members for review. Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, provided the AQC members with an update on the revisions made to the 2018 Annual Report per the feedback given at the February AQC meeting. The AQC members were informed that the report was sent to the County’s Editorial Board for review and the suggestions given from the Board has already been incorporate in the revised draft report. It was noted that two AQC members needed to submit a headshot for the final report.

There was a motion made to approve the 2018 Annual Report and the authorization of Chair and Vice Chair to present at the May 7, 2019 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the 2018 Annual Report contingent upon adding the two headshots and the authorization of Chair and Vice Chair to present at the May 7, 2019 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

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

Vote: The motion was adopted unanimously
[Written handout: 2018 AQC Annual Report (draft)]

5. Updates and Presentations

Chair McGrath opened the floor to receive announcements.

A. Announcements

Ozone Season Update

The AQC members were given a handout that provided an ozone season update. The ozone season update showed a current ozone compliance value of 63 ppb. There have been no exceedance days in Mecklenburg County or in the region year to date.

[Written handout: Ozone Season Update (dated March 25, 2019)]

Brookhill Community Update

Leslie Rhodes updated the AQC members on the efforts to address Commissioner Vilma Leake's 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 tanks for home heating oil. Leslie has communicated with the City of Charlotte Code Enforcement to discuss the concerns. It was stated that the City of Charlotte Code Enforcement is currently inspecting all units at Brookhill, which includes checking for carbon monoxide detectors. It was also stated that the City of Charlotte Code Enforcement will send someone from staff out to observe the abandoned cars to determine violations and report back to MCAQ. Leslie will provide a report to the Environmental Leadership Committee at the April meeting.

Compliance Workshop

The AQC members were reminded that the MCAQ 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.

State Periodic Review of Rules Update

The AQC members were informed that the Group 4 Rules (NC Fugitive Dust, NC Odor, and NC Open Burning Rules) public comment period has ended. It was stated that the State has re-opened public comment for 2 of the rules to address errors in the previously posted document. The State is expected to open public comment period for Group 5 Rules on April 15th.

Charlotte Area Air Awareness Business Coalition Spring Training Event

The AQC members will receive an email invitation for the Charlotte Area Air Awareness Business Coalition Spring Training Event that will be held on April 9th. This training will showcase outreach services that the Air Awareness Program offers as well as preview the 2019 Clean Commute Challenge.

B. Historic West End Clean Air Corridor

Leslie Rhodes provided a brief overview from the February AQC meeting where Mr. Ronald Ross from Clean Air Carolina AirKeepers and Mr. Calvin Cupini from Clean Air Carolina provided comments concerning the air quality along the Beatties Ford Corridor. Residents in Historic West End have partnered with Clean Air Carolina to gain support for creation of a Clean Air Corridor in their community. It was stated that Megan Green is lead on this initiative for Air Quality staff.

Several AQC members and staff have been involved in supporting this effort and provided an update from advocacy training sessions over the past few weeks. Dr. Aaron Levy provided an overview of the session that he was able to attend that discussed the health impacts. Attendees were able to have an open discussion concerning health issues within the community and share concerns about industry along the corridor. It was stated that there is a strong educational awareness from the community concerning the health impact of ozone and PM2.5. Over the past two years several neighborhoods along with Clean Air Carolina have completed air monitoring in the area. There are several residents that have located Purple Air monitors in the area and a desire from the community to have a permanent monitor.

Dr. Brian Magi gave a presentation to discuss his work with the Purple Air sensor. Dr. Magi provided information on the benefits and limitations of the sensor as well as the quality of the sensor data. His presentation included a map showing live Purple Air AQI data at different times throughout the day and the results from a two-year collocation study.

Ms. Rosa Mustafa, Ms. DeAndrea Salvador and Megan will attend the final Advocacy Training session in Historic West End on Tuesday, March 26th. Megan agreed with Dr. Levy that West End community have a high degree of interest in air pollution and are knowledgeable concerning the City and County resources. Megan shared some of the concerns from residents discussed at the sessions with one of them being neighbors that burn trash within the community. It was stated that there will be a smaller group formed to help shape an educational outreach campaign to help address this concern within the community.

6. Next Meeting
April 22, 2019

7. Adjournment

12:57 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.