



# MECKLENBURG COUNTY

## - *Air Quality Commission* -

Monday, March 28, 2022, 11:30 a.m.  
Hal Marshall Conference Room  
Fourth Floor, 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC

The monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Air Quality Commission was held Monday, March 28, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the Hal Marshall Conference Room, at 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC. The meeting was also broadcast virtually on WebEx.

### **Air Quality Commission Members Present**

\*In-Person(I)      Virtual (V)  
Gordon Miller (I)      Rosa Mustafa (I)      Karl Welke(I)      Lisa Hooker (I)      Billy Powers (V)  
Fern Paterson (I)      Jamie Watts (I)      Brian Magi (V)      Marcus Hackler (V)      Janet Garner-Mullins (V)

### **Air Quality Commission Members Absent**

Peter McGrath      Aaron Levy

### **Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present**

Leslie Rhodes      Ieshishua Pierce      Megan Green      Jason Rayfield      Aaron Matijow  
Ivonne Hernandez      Sheldon Turner

### **Guest**

Leslie Young, General Public

#### **1. Call to Order**

Neither the Chair nor Vice Chair were able to attend the meeting in-person so Gordon Miller volunteered to lead the meeting. Gordon Miller called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. without a quorum present.

Fern arrives at 11:33 a.m.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the February AQC summary minutes has been tabled to the April AQC meeting due to a quorum not being present in-person.

Dr. Karl Welke arrives at 11:34 a.m.

#### **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.

Gordon Miller, 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
Hendrick Honda	8901 South Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28210	Open Public Comment
Queens Market	1339 W Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte, NC 28262	Open Public Comment

Jason Rayfield, Permitting Manager, was available to answer questions.

**B. General Comments to the Commission**

None

Dr. Brian Magi joins virtually at 11:35 a.m.

**4. Updates and Presentations**

Gordon Miller opened the floor to receive announcements from the AQC members and MCAQ staff.

**A. Announcements**

**Network Plan Addendum Public Comment Period**

Gordon Miller reminded the AQC members that the Addendum to the 2021-2022 Air Quality Annual Monitoring Plan is open for public comment through April 21, 2022.

**Air Quality Learning Station Ribbon Cutting Event**

Megan Green, Mobile Sources Manager, informed the AQC members that over the next few weeks they will receive an invitation for the AQ Learning Station ribbon cutting event that will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at First Ward Park, more details to come.

**Airwaves newsletter**

Jason informed the AQC members that the annual airwaves compliance newsletter was issued on March 9<sup>th</sup>. This year’s newsletter featured an interview with AQC member, Billy Powers that allows the audience to learn more about the AQC; Jason thanked Mr. Powers for helping with this article.

**American Rescue Plan Act Funding**

Danielle Jones, Monitoring Manager, informed the AQC members that MCAQ has received \$82,600 from ARPA funding that will be used to help with continuous PM monitoring that will transfer filter-based monitoring to continuous monitoring.

**B. AQC Annual Report**

A draft copy of the 2021 Annual Report was emailed to the AQC members for review. Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, highlighted the timeline for the AQC annual report and asked that the AQC members send comments to Ieshishua Pierce by April 8<sup>th</sup>. The AQC members were asked if anyone would be interested in designing the front cover of the report. The following feedback was suggested for edits to the annual report:

- Removal of the last sentence in the Photochemical Assessment Monitoring System (PAMS) article

- Combining the 2021-2022 annual monitoring network plan & addendum to the 2021-2022 annual monitoring network plan article located on page 5-6 with the second near-road monitoring station article due to redundant information.
- Dr. Brian Magi will consolidate the analysis of ozone concentrations during pandemic and analysis of ozone concentrations during pandemic articles.
- Jamie Watt will add details about the distance of NC monitoring sites from the New Indy facility for the New Indy odor complaints article.

**Timeline for Report**

**February 28** - Assign articles at February Meeting

March 14– Deadline for submitting draft content to MCAQ

**March 28**– Review Draft Report (send March 21 or with AQC agenda) and provide feedback

**April 25**– Review Final Report (send April 18 or with AQC agenda); Vote to approve

May 18-- BOCC presentation

[Written handout: 2021 Annual Report (draft)]

**C. GRADE MWSBE Outreach**

At the February AQC meeting, Chair McGrath provided the AQC members with an update from the GRADE grant selection meeting highlighting a challenge that the selection committee were having receiving projects from Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprises (MWSBE) to address questions from the February meeting, Mobile Sources staff provided a report of GRADE outreach activities to MWSBE's. The AQC members were provided a handout that highlighted building a database of MWSBEs contacts with specificity GRADE and outreach activities during the 2020 and 2021 call for projects. Megan Green informed the AQC members that the next call for project is expected to be summer 2022 and that staff should know by May how much funding will be available after working through the contract process for current projects received from the December call for projects.

[Written handout: GRADE MWSBE outreach efforts]

**D. Ozone Season Update**

Danielle Jones provided the AQC members with an ozone update. The ozone season started March 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through October 31<sup>st</sup>. So far in 2022, there have not been any exceedance days in Mecklenburg County or in the region. The current ozone compliance value is 60 ppb. It was stated that the Air Quality Index (AQI) forecast has shown four moderate-yellow days for ozone so far in March.

[Written handout: Ozone Season Update (dated March 28, 2022)]

**5. Next Meeting**

April 25, 2022 (in-person w/ virtual meeting option)

**6. Adjournment**

12:35 p.m.

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