



MECKLENBURG COUNTY

- Air Quality Commission -

Monday, May 20, 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, May 20, 2019, 11:30 a.m. in the Ed Woods Conference Room, at 2145 Suttle Avenue, Charlotte, NC.

Air Quality Commission Members Present

Marcus Hackler Brian Magi Gordon Miller Aaron Levy Terry Lansdell
Fern Paterson Rosa Mustafa

Air Quality Commission Members Absent

Peter McGrath Jamie Watts Jeff Baker

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Staff Present

Leslie Rhodes Ieshishua Pierce Megan Green Jason Rayfield Chuck Greco
Sarah Fortner Kileigh Welshofer

Guests

Calvin Cupini, Clean Air Carolina Ron Ross, Northwood Estates Community

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Marcus Hackler called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Hackler opened the floor for the approval of the April AQC meeting minutes.

Action Taken:

Motion: A motion was made to approve the April 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.

Vice Chair Hackler, 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
INX International Ink Company	10820 Withers Cover Park Drive, Charlotte, NC 28278	Open Public Comment
Rutland Group, Inc.	10021 Rodney Street, Pineville, NC 28134	Open Public Comment

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

B. General Comments to the Commission

None

4. Updates and Presentations

Vice Chair Hackler opened the floor to receive announcements.

A. Announcements

State Periodic Review of Rules Update

The AQC members were informed that the Group 5 Rules (Risk Management Program, Recordkeeping, and Source Testing Rules) are open for a public comment period that will run through June 14th. It was stated that there are 23 sites in Mecklenburg County that fall under the 112r Risk Management Program. Group 6 Rules will be the last of the State Periodic Review of Rules.

AQ Personnel

Megan Green, Mobile Source Program Manager, introduced Sarah Fortner as the new Environmental Specialist in the Mobile Source Program.

Volkswagen Settlement Funding Update

The AQC members were informed that the opening application period for Phase 1 funding projects has been delayed. NCDEQ may start accepting applications for the funding in Summer/Fall 2019.

Clean Commute Challenge

The AQC members were given a promotional flyer that detailed the next clean commute challenge. The 2019 Clean Commute Challenge will run from June 1st through June 30th. Anyone who records at least 5 clean commutes will be eligible for the grand prize drawing (Carolina Panthers football tickets); there will also be weekly prizes. Registration for the Clean Commute Challenge can be completed at www.Way2GoCLT.com.

[Written handout: Clean Commute Challenge Promotional Flyer]

B. Historic West End Clean Air Corridor

Leslie Rhodes, Air Quality Director, provided an update on the activities associated with the Historic West End Clean Air Corridor project. Leslie welcomed Calvin Cupini from Clean Air Carolina and Ron Ross from Northwood Estates Community to the meeting. The AQC members were informed that Ron and Calvin presented the Historic West End Report, which was shared with the AQC members at the February AQC meeting, with the BOCC at the May 7th BOCC meeting. Upon request of the BOCC, the Air Quality staff were asked to provide a cost for an air monitor in the Historic West End, to be present to the BOCC on May 14th. Leslie informed the AQC members that MCAQ staff is currently in position of relocating the Montclair PM2.5 monitoring station that was shutdown at the end of March due to construction of a new school building at the site. There is some discussion to relocate this monitor to the Historic West End. Leslie is working to coordinate a meeting with Ron, Calvin, the Residents, Air Monitoring staff, and Commissioner Vilma Leake to gather input on possible locations for the air monitor. Staff will present research that has been completed on site location by staff. It was stated that any site locations will have to be reviewed and approved by the State and EPA.

Leslie also informed the AQC members that at the May 7th BOCC meeting, Ron requested a meeting with the Quarry located within the Historic West End. MCAQ staff is prepared to work in setting up a date with the Quarry to have a discussion with the Residents. There was some discussion from the AQC members on this topic.

Megan Green provided the AQC members with an update on the education outreach campaign. Sarah Fortner has been working on some preliminary research to help address the concerns about burning trash within the community. A smaller group has been informed to gather research information to help with the outreach campaign. Megan will keep the AQC members updated on this outreach campaign.

C. Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Public Hearing

Jason provided the AQC members with an update on the Charlotte Pipe and Foundry public hearing that was held regarding the renewal of the air quality permit on May 8th. Fern Paterson recused herself from the discussion due to Charlotte Pipe and Foundry being a client of her law firm. There were 16 attendees and 8 speakers at the public hearing. The hearing records were opened for comment through May 10th and staff received 6 additional comments via email. MCAQ staff is working on the Hearing Officer's Report and response to comments documents. The permit and Hearing Officer's Report are due to the EPA by June 24th. There was some discussion from the AQC members and staff on this agenda item. A copy of the hearing report will be provided to the AQC members once available.

D. Presentation of AQC Annual Report to BOCC

Vice Chair Hackler provided the AQC members with a summary of the presentation given by him and Chair Peter McGrath of the AQC Annual Report delivered to the BOCC at the May 7th BOCC meeting. Vice Chair Hackler stated that the report was received very well by the BOCC.

Vice Chair Hackler informed the AQC members of Commissioner Vilma Leake concerns in the Brookhill Community. Leslie provided the AQC members with an update on what MCAQ staff has done to address Commissioner Leake's concerns. Vice Chair Hackler informed the AQC members that Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi, Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Director, sent an email to the BOCC in response to the concerns discussed at the May 7th BOCC meeting. The email provided an overview of the Air Quality staff efforts to research and address issues in the west charlotte area. A copy of the email will be sent out to the AQC members.

5. Future Agenda Item

Terry Lansdell asked MCAQ staff to give a presentation at a future AQC meeting on the following topics:

- MCAQ's visible emissions and odor complaint response procedures; and,
- Land use changes with regard to Air Quality permits

6. Ozone 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 65 ppb. There have been no exceedance days in Mecklenburg County or in the region year to date.

[Written handout: Ozone Season Update (dated May 20, 2019)]

7. Next Meeting

June 24, 2019

8. Adjournment

12:37 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.