

Environmental Protection Commission Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MECKLENBURG COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

October 22, 2001

The regular monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Environmental Protection Commission was held on Monday, October 22, 2001, in the Ed Woods Training Center in the Hal Marshall Center, 700 North Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Members Present: Steve Weber, Chairman
Christy Kluesner
William Pugh
Pat Owens, Vice Chair
Todd Hayes
Brian Pace
Kris Knudsen

Members Absent: Tom Pizzo

Dr. Markey

Also in Attendance: John Barry, Mecklenburg County

Department of Environmental

Protection (MCDEP)

Don Willard, MCDEP

Joan Liu, MCDEP

Jane Griffith, MCDEP

Lisa Renstrom, Voices & Choices

I. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Weber called the regular October 22, 2001 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Air Quality Permit Reviews

Chairman Weber opened the public comment period for the facilities below, providing notice of the Department of Environmental Protection's intent to issue/modify their air quality permit(s)

A: Action Required: Open Public Comment Period

Unless otherwise noted, the public comment period for the permits below is fifteen days.

Aquasol Corporation – 316 College Street, Pineville, NC 28134

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

Quik Shoppe #2 – 5600 Brookshire Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28216

Transportation Facilities: Public comment period for the permits below is thirty days.

None

B: Action Required: Information Only

CCL Label, Inc. – 4000 Westinghouse Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28273

Convenience USA, E-Z Serve, #531 – 7008 Albemarle Road, Charlotte, NC 28227

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

Transportation Facilities: Public comment period for the permits below is thirty days.

None

Notification:

None

C: Action Required: Other Information

None

III. Solid Waste Permit Reviews

A: Action Required: Information Only - Permit Reissues

None

IV. Minutes from the September 24, 2001 Meeting

A motion was made by Kris Knudsen and seconded by Pat Owens. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Comments from Director of Environmental Protection

None.

VI. Comments from Chairman

None.

VII. Voices & Choices Presentation

Lisa Renstrom, representing Voices & Choices, said that V & C had been working since the 1998 Regional Environmental Summit to find regional solutions to regional issues. One Plan for the Region is a blueprint of the region's vision to retain our quality of life, e.g. preservation of our natural resources, collaborative, wise growth planning and getting the most out of our local economic opportunities. In support of this effort, local civic leaders across the Central Carolinas have been contacted concerning a Quality of Life Resolution in the local resolve to protect our quality of life.

She distributed three items to the member of the Commission. After discussion of the proposed "fill in the blank" generic resolution, Pat Owen suggested that the EPC approve the resolution in concept, with final approval being made after the final wording had been decided upon. William Pugh moved (seconded by Christy Kluesner) that:

The EPC recommend to the Board of Commissioners that they pass the resolution tailored to Mecklenburg County's actions in the past and those now being made to protect the environment of the region.

After further discussion it was decided that John Barry would forward to the EPC the revised wording of the resolution for comment, and that the EPC's comments would be considered in the final wording. With this having been said, the resolution passed unanimously.

VIII. BREATHE Update

Pat Owens said that the BREATHE committee is planning to meet twice per month with briefings from the State air quality planning staff, County Attorney Marvin Bethune and State Department of Transportation planning staff. He said that the plan was to meeting until January for information gathering, then after

January, begin discussions of options. He said that the committee will consider input from the State as well as tap into what other cities have done.

IX. Direction of EPC

Steve Weber stated that he would not be at the next meeting because of legal commitments. He said that the EPC should possibly address a restatement of its charter in an effort to make the Commission more proactive and by doing so, would possibly save some staff resources.

Pat Owens said that it seemed to him that most of the other advisory boards also concerned themselves with economic issues in addition to environmental issues.

After further discussion, the Department was requested to email copies of the EPC's charter for review.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Other Business

The Commission decided not to hold the December meeting because of the Holiday Season.

XII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 26, 2001, in the Ed Woods Training Room of the Hal Marshall County Services Center.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Barry, Ph.D., Secretary