

Environmental Protection Commission Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MECKLENBURG COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

November 26, 2001

The regular monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg County Environmental Protection Commission was held on Monday, November 26, 2001, in the Ed Woods Training Center in the Hal Marshall Center, 700 North Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

Members Present: Christy Kluesner
Pat Owens, Vice Chair
Todd Hayes
Brian Pace
Kris Knudsen
Dr. Markey

Members Absent: Tom Pizzo
William Pugh
Steve Weber

Also in Attendance: John Barry, Mecklenburg County

Department of Environmental

Protection (MCDEP)

Don Willard, MCDEP

Joan Liu, MCDEP

Jane Griffith, MCDEP

Craig Miller, MCDEP

Rusty Rozzelle, MCDEP

I. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Weber was not in attendance. Vice-Chairman Pat Owens called the regular November 26, 2001 meeting of the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) to order at 5:40 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.

Caraustar Custom Packaging Group Inc. – 538 South Turner, Charlotte, NC

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools/Craig Avenue Staging Facility – 3901 and 3902 Craig Ave., Charlotte, NC

McGraw, Inc. – 11205 Reames Road, Charlotte, NC

University of North Carolina at Charlotte – 9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223

U.S. Airways, Inc. – 5020 Hangar Road, Charlotte, NC (public comment period to begin prior to 11/26/01)

Vulcan Construction Materials LP – 14115 Albemarle Rd., Charlotte, NC

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities:

None

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

None

B: Action Required: Information Only

BASF Corporation – 4330 Chesapeake Drive, Charlotte, NC 28216

INX International Ink Company – 3200 Cullman Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28206

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 October 22, 2001 Meeting

A motion was made by Kris Knudsen and seconded by Christy Kluesner. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Comments from Director of Environmental Protection

Don Willard and Craig Miller presented copies of and gave a brief discussion of three outreach activities of the Department. These included “Air Waves,” “The Tipping Post” and “The Outfall.”

VI. Comments from Chairman

None.

VII. Water Quality Update

Rusty Rozzelle gave a brief presentation to the Commission relative to water quality concerns resulting from three land disturbing activities on land draining to Lake Wylie. The three projects include the I-485 Project, the Pappas Project and The Palisades. He distributed a GIS map outlining each of the projects with a brief description of each project along with concerns. The Commission accepted the report.

VIII. BREATHE Update

Pat Owens and Kris Knudsen said that the BREATHE committee had discussed health and economic impacts of good air quality vs. bad air quality. They reported that there had been two meeting in the last month and that they were still in a learning phase. They said that the County Attorney, Marvin Bethune, had reported that he believed Mecklenburg County has authority over all sources of emissions within Mecklenburg County including automobiles. They concluded by saying there would be two meetings in December and that the committee is still on track for their 180 day report out.

IX. Direction of EPC

There was a continued and protracted discussion about the direction that the EPC should take. Dr. Markey asked if there were any moves toward reorganizing any citizens boards. John Barry said that he was not familiar with anything at this time, but that could become a reality during the next year.

Pat Owens questioned as to how best to give the towns better input and/or representation on the EPC. During the discussion, several scenarios were discussed including enlarging the EPC with representation from each incorporated area, and having a specified representative from the northern towns, the southern towns and the city.

Pat Owens also said that there didn't seem to be an integrated approach to all environmental recommendations since there were several boards dealing with air, water and solid waste. He floated the idea of an annual interdisciplinary meeting with other boards, but nothing was decided.

Dr. Markey said he wanted more time to study the situation. The matter was continued until the January meeting.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Other Business

The Commission was reminded that they had 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 January 28, 2002, in the Ed Woods Training Room of the Hal Marshall County Services Center.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Barry, Ph.D., Secretary